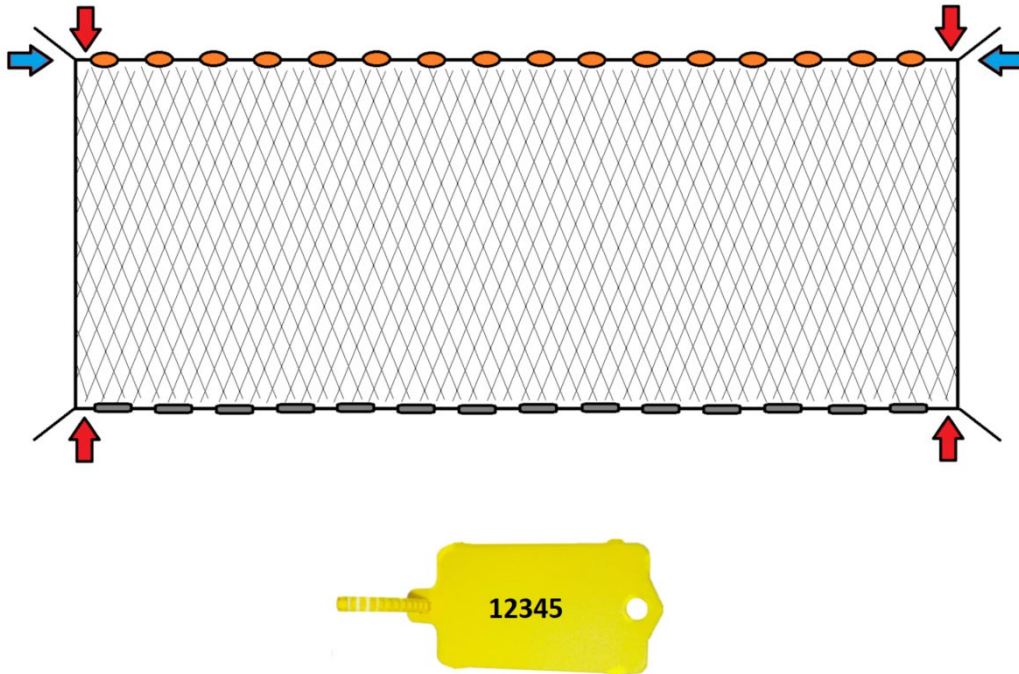


Aloha!

Before you use your lay net, you need to make sure that it is legally marked with your DAR-issued permit number. Here are the marking requirements:

1. Every net must have a total of four (4) tags, with one (1) placed at each corner of your net (see red arrows below for mandatory tagging locations).
2. Each tag must be clearly labeled with the last five (5) digits of your DAR-issued lay net permit number. Remember, your DAR lay net permit number should be the same for all nets you own.
3. In addition to the four (4) tags at each corner of the net, one (1) surface buoy must be attached to each end of the float line for a total of two (2) surface buoys per lay net (see blue arrows below for mandatory surface buoy attachment points). Surface buoys must:
 - a) legibly display the lay net permit number of the person using the lay net.
 - b) be marked with reflective tape.
 - c) be visible above the surface of the water.



DAR will no longer give out stamped metal tags, but don't worry you still have plenty of options to mark your nets. You can purchase plastic tags like the one pictured above, or you can make your own with plexiglass, white PVC pipe, or any other durable waterproof material available to you. Make sure that the material you use holds permanent marker ink or paint, and that the permit number is legible. We recommend writing your permit number on each tag at least twice in case one gets scratched off. Last, make sure that your tags are securely fastened to your net with sturdy zip ties, crimped monofilament, or durable cordage. Buoys can also be store-bought or homemade, but we ask that you not use any jug or container that previously held harsh chemicals, petroleum products, or any other substance that may be harmful to marine life.

Mahalo,

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