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Yeah my bad... I've been spiked by a balled up skate one too many times I guess...unless they're literally the only thing biting that day I'm usually not too thrilled when I pull one in. Sometimes they can keep a day from being a total bust though.

Seriously though, be careful getting them off the hook if you do catch any...they don't really have teeth and there's no barb like a stingray on their tails, but their backs have rows of spikes for armor. They tend to pull their wings into a ball like shape when they're out of the water to maximize the size of the armor. I take a glove along with me now, and usually just try to get them off with the pliers without grabbing them first.

Good news is that I've generally found on days when you catch skates you also catch Dogfish too...they're usually small in the surf but they're pretty cool and less of a pain to take off the hook. Plus you get to say you caught a shark.

You may need more than 4 oz's to hold bottom some days, but I don't like chucking that much weight...if I feel like I need more than that I just don't fish that day.