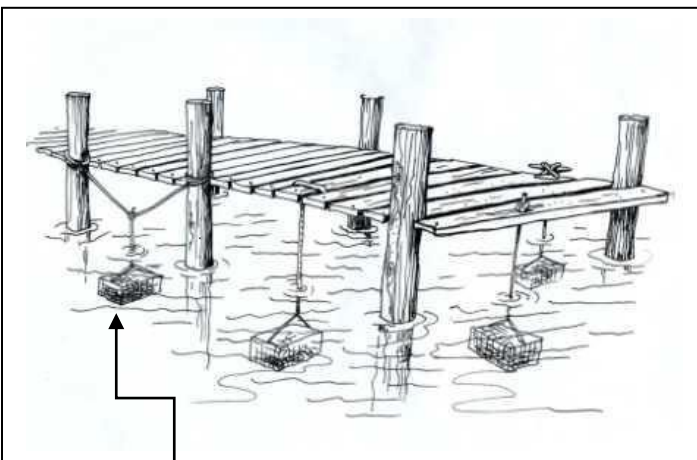
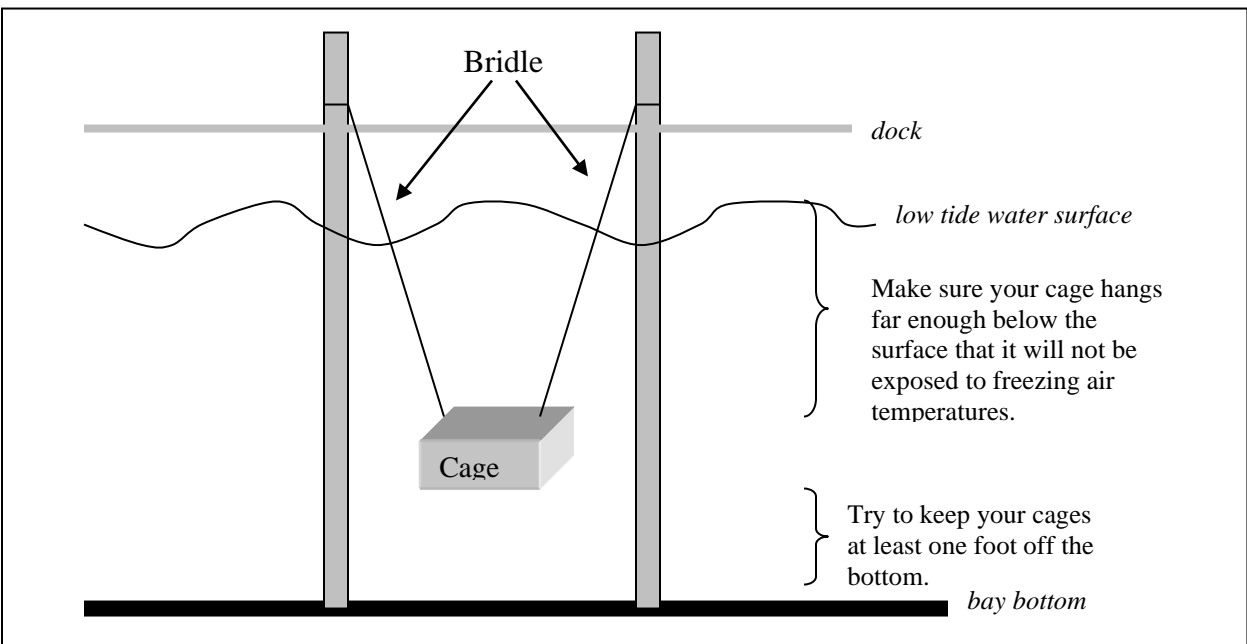


How to Hang Your Oyster Cages: Protect Your Oysters for The Winter

❖ FREEZING AIR KILLS OYSTERS!!!

Make sure your cages hang low enough in the water column that they will never be exposed to freezing air temperatures. (It is okay if they are occasionally exposed to air in the summer and fall when temperatures will not reach freezing), but it is usually easiest to just hang your cages lower and keep them at that height all year long, rather than move them up in the summer and down in the winter.

❖ Cages must be up off the bay bottom. Mud and sediment can smother the oysters.



Here are examples of how to fasten your cages to your dock!

*Most people use a bridle system: two lines, each going to a different piling. This helps keep the cages from swinging and hitting the pilings. Cage should not hit pilings. **Protects against strong wave action.***