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2 egg mix

This recipe is simple and had a good bite response on it's very first outing including a 22 pounder from the Chicago River. I use the small 13 ounce coffee can and the measurements don't have to be exact.

- 1/2 coffee can of cooked feed corn that has been ground in a food processor*
- 1/2 coffee can of Frosted Oat Cereal that has been powdered in a food processor
- 1/6 coffee can of semolina flour
- 2 eggs
- enough water or milk to make paste (1 or 2 tablespoons)
- 4 tablespoons of canola oil

Mix all ingredients together to make a thick paste, but solid enough to handle. Let the dough ball rest for around 10 to 15 minutes. Add a little more moisture if you need it. If dough is too wet add the flour - cornmeal mixture to stiffen it up. Roll into sausages and then into balls and boil for around 4 minutes. Spray over with flavor and dry over night or prepare flavor bath (small amount of flavor, sweetener, and color with enough water to cover the baits) and soak over night.

* Be careful with the food processor, already burned up one.

Tommy Riley, CCC Editor

Birdseed Boilie Mix

This has also caught on the river. I tipped the boilie with corn and popped it up. It actually is like a particle boilie and it had a lot action even on the first outing.

- 1/2 coffee can* of cooked feed corn ground in a food processor
- 1/2 coffee can of Frosted Oat Puffs ground in a food processor
- 1/4 coffee can of birdseed Ground to a flour
- 1/2 cup of powdered milk
- 1/6 coffee can of semolina flour
- 2 eggs
- enough water or milk to make a paste (1 or 2 tablespoons)
- 4 tablespoons of canola oil

Mix all ingredients together to make a thick paste, but solid enough to handle. Let the dough ball rest for around 10 to 15 minutes. Add a little more moisture if you need it. If dough is too wet add the flour to stiffen it up. Roll into sausages and with a boilie roller, roll into balls and boil for around 4 minutes. They may not float when done. Air dry on a screen rack. Spray over with flavor or prepare flavor bath (small amount of flavor, sweetener and color) and soak over night. My favorite flavor bath for this one is: Richworth's aniseed, Hutchinson's intense sweet and yellow food color with enough water to cover the baits. *I use the small, 13 ounce coffee can and my measurements are never exact.

Tommy Riley, CCC Editor

River Boilie Mix

This simple basic recipe works well in rivers or lakes and is simple and easy to make. It is easy to add more or less flavor. I like strawberry or almost any fruti flavor, the flavors can be Koolaide, cake flavors or even specailly made European style carp bait flavors.

Equal parts corn meal, semolina and soy flour Enough eggs to make it into a dough

Any bait flavor including Koolaide, cake flavors or carp bait flavors, just enough to be able to smell it in the dough

A little artificial sweetner like Equal

A few drops of food coloring

1/4 tablespoon of vegetable oil for each egg

Mix eggs, flavor, sweetner and food coloring. Add premixed flour to make a stiff dough. Let sit for 10 - 15 minutes. Roll into sausages and roll into balls or flatten to about 1/2 inch thick and cut into cubes. Boil for about 1 - 2 minutes depending on how big the balls are, about 2 minutes for 20mm boilies, less for smaller ones. Remember to write down everything in your recipe!! If you catch a BFC you will want to be able to recreate your bait again!!

Jack Blackford

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Hi m8, here is how i'm making boilies witch by the way are catching some fish, that proof it should not be a so bad way to make something pretty good tasting and cheap (final price around 4 to 6 Euro/Kilo depending on additive). If you not believing me, too bad and keep giving money to all the bait company Star....t Ro....n etc. if your boilies cost some 10Euro/Kg then you rather buy them directly at least you'll spend more time fishing,:)

How to make boilies?

That's like making a cake, you prepare on one side <u>liquids</u> and separately the flours(<u>mix</u>), then you put all this together to get <u>the paste</u> that you'll <u>put in ball</u>. once <u>cook</u> and <u>dry</u> you can used or <u>stock</u> them.

You can find a short and well describe "boilie making how-to" on catchmorecarp web site

Liquids

Start with a large bowl, resistant enough cos later on you 'll give it some hard time!

- 1- Start by whipping the eggs till to get uniforms and bubbling stuff.
 6 to 10 eggs per kilos of mix, but you learn exactly how much by doing it.
- 2- Add now the flavors and over additive such as sweetener, appetite stimulator etc. ...

The seringue is at this step the best tools to peek precisely the 5 to 10 mil of flavors, using one seringue per flavor may also avoid some strange exotic taste:-)

I'm mainly using carpfoodconcept flavour and sweetners (lumps, neosweet).







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Fishing Bait

when the fish scientists have done all the work for you already?!

Commercial carp feeds, are a useful starting point as a guide to making your own nutritional and very effective homemade boilies.

I've analyzed the ingredients of commercial 'high protein carp feeds,' to show you the feeds ingredients and nutritional values. This information provides a practical easy guide to

designing and making 'balanced profile' food carp baits, and a clearer understanding of a carp bait ingredient and components: Wheat meal: (Binder) 70 % Carbohydrate, this has a very

- digestible protein content of 14 %, essential amino acids, trace elements, vitamins E, etc.
- Fishmeal: The bulk high protein provision; providing 65 to 86 % of the full carp dietary protein requirements with essential
- amino acids and essential fatty acids (Oils,) also. (Often milk derivatives such as casein, sodium or calcium) caseinate, and lactalbumin are used to provide high quality proteins in carp baits and even beef gelatin are all used,

frequently with fish and shellfish meals in carp baits.

- Maize Meal: (Binder) 80 % Carbohydrate content. Protein provided: In parts 8 % to 19 %. It also provides 8 of 10 carp requirement essential amino acids, minerals, traces etc. Canola: (Oilseed rape meal.) This provides oils high in omega 3 essential fatty acids, and is lower in saturated fats than any
- fats, than any other oil except olive oil. It is also an excellent energy source. Carp baits need an excellent energy source. Soybean meal: (Binder.) This meal provides 45 % carbohydrate, 45 % protein, 10 % fat, also 0.6 % phosphorus. (A carp essential mineral.) Soya is often used with semolina in

economical low protein carp baits.

fishing.

Total Protein: 38%.

 Amino acids: For a 'balanced amino acid profile.' Brilliant carp attractors in their own right and used extensively in modern commercial carp baits!

Salt: Sodium chloride is essential for life, especially in blood

- and cell functioning, digestive juice, highly regulated in the body. An amazing carp feeding trigger! Vitamins: carp essentials are especially C, B6, B12, A, D, E, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, folate (B9), pantothenic Acid.
- play this role in carp baits. Prebiotics: Unknown. However garlic and onion with the active component s-allyccysteine plus others, work very well

Immune stimulant: unknown, but spice oil extracts could

- in carp baits. For carp health and attraction these are brilliant carp additives in both oil and granular form! Bee propolis is: carp fishing in portugal also used in commercial carp feeds for this purpose. specimen carp/coarse fishing carp angling holidays and Palatability enhancer: Unknown, but yeast extract is a very common and effective and nutritional taste enhancer. Many taste enhancers and flavours have evolved especially for carp
- Low Carb & Fat-Free Recipes Lose Weight & Enjoy · Colourant: Unknown, but a carp attractive sweetener like Eating caramel is probably used. Edible dyes of any colour, even 'day -glo' are available today, for use in carp bait making!
- Spirulina: (Soluble Blue-green algae.) Very healthy! Protein content is 62 %, fats 7 % (mainly Gamma-linolenic acids.) It Designs
- stimulates the immune system with very high levels of beta-carotene (4 Milligram's per gram) plus other carotenes with important antioxidant effects. It provides polysaccharides which also have antioxidant effects too. Carp essential vitamins provided are: B12, thiamin, riboflavin, iron, and zinc. Spirulina is a very nutritious fish meal replacement or addition to your carp bait!) Importantly, the overall contents revealed for bait making purposes are:

Carbohydrate: 62%.

Calcium: (Not more than) 0.3 %. Feeds for use in water temperatures under 55 Fahrenheit or 13 Degree Celsius:

Phosphates: (Not less than) 0.7 %.

Fat: (Not less than 7 % within the ingredients.

 Total protein content: 30 % Added rice, peas and wheat germ for easy, digestible energy

 Wheat germ: Protein content: 28 %. (A very easy to digest protein.) Also provided are: 10 % fats (polyunsaturates,) vitamins B1, B9, niacin and minerals traces, selenium and zinc.

Other 'winter formula' feeds had a protein content of 28 %, and also addition of wheat germ with a reduced fish meal content so reducing the proteins and fat source.

 The cold water bait could based on these examples consist of: Total protein content: 29 %. Carbohydrate type food content: 71 %. (Including additional soluble fiber for increased digestible energy.)

receptors. However the above ratios have proven effective in carp baits in so many catches in so many differently designed

The author has many more fishing and bait 'edges' up his sleeve. Every single one can have a huge impact on catches. (Warning: This article is protected by copyright.) *** FOR MORE EXPERT FISHING IMPROVEMENT and EXPERT BAIT MAKING BOOKS SEE:

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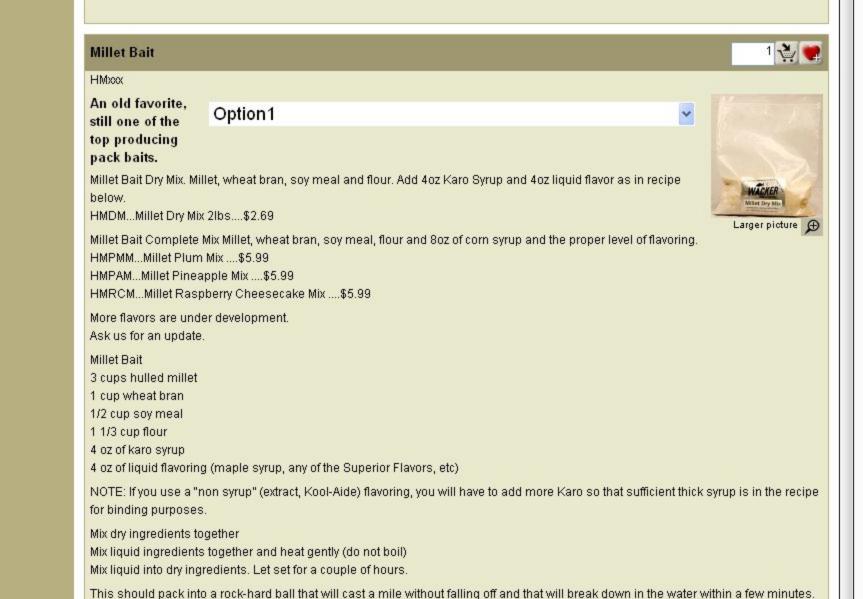
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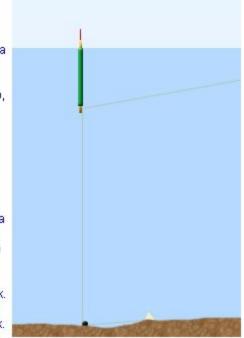
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Float fishing for carp

Float fishing is not often the first chosen method for carp anglers. It seems all to often these days that anglers arrive at a water, set up the usual bolt rigs, chuck them out into the middle of the lake and just sit there and wait for the bites to happen. Float fishing seems to be becoming a forgotten method. I have seen many a time when anglers are sitting waiting for a run, not even looking at the water and carp are moving around in the margins right under their rod tips, completely unnoticed. Younger anglers tend to be taught to ledger from their very first fishing trip, and never taught any other methods. I think this is a shame as there are many other ways to catch carp, and for me a day watching a float can be one of the most enjoyable, even when I blank, which is quite often I must add.

Float fishing memories

I can remember when I first started coarse fishing as if it were yesterday. I was about 12 years old and a neighbour had heard that I was keen to go. He was a few years older than me and was a member of a local club. He agreed to take me one evening after school. We were to visit a small lake on the clubs brickworks site, a series of half a dozen lakes which had been dug out during the brick making process, stocked with fish and run by the club. I hadn't yet got any tackle of my own, so borrowed a spare match rod and reel, which he set up for me and taught me to use. We fished a small bay completely surrounded by reeds and about 3-4 feet deep. The simple porcupine quill float rig was baited with single white maggot on about a number 14 hook. I was shown how to cast and had to get it right fairly quickly in that swim. I caught my first roach after about 10 minutes, and proceeded to catch several more roach, rudd and perch before dark. Had I not done so, then maybe I would not be fishing still today, but from that moment I became addicted to angling.



It was not very long before I managed to beg and borrow a few quid and buy myself the basic kit, which I needed to float fish, and I joined the same club that I had fished that evening. It was all very simplistic, a rod, a reel, a float, a packet of hooks, bait box and some shot. The rod was tied to the crossbar of my bike, everything else was in a carrier bag over one handlebar. Luxuries like tackle boxes and seats would come later. If it didn't fit in the bag, it wasn't needed.



After a few trips and talking to other anglers, I learnt that I could catch small carp, tench and bream on this float method, and I developed the skill until I was catching some reasonable sized fish.

The point - you can fish with very little tackle, it needn't cost the earth and you can catch fish. Sitting in the swim with just a carrier bag to lug around, watching one float and nothing else matters in the world is a far cry from the modern day carp angling scenario. I am not suggesting that we should all go carp fishing with this little tackle, but just sometimes it is nice to revisit those days when you didn't need a fork lift truck to shift your gear from the car to the swim. Float fishing can be fantastic fun. Not only do you need less tackle in the way of indicators, buzz bars, throwing sticks, and all the other paraphernalia we tend to lug around, but it can also be very productive. You are a lot freer to move around, and that means that you can approach a swim without any noise and fuss. Bait can be presented almost silently in front of feeding carp and you can sit and watch the float, able to detect even the slightest movement. More importantly, you are continually watching the water, waiting for a tell tale swirl or the knocking of carp in amongst the reeds or

lilies.

So why is it that most modern carp anglers don't bother to float fish? For years it was the main method of all coarse fishing. A float, weights, hook and bait attached directly to it. But anglers wanted to catch bigger fish, namely carp, and they soon wised up to angling pressure. New methods had to be found to outwit them and to tempt the larger carp to take a bait. Eventually, the hair rig was born, and then the bolt rig, a rig attached to a "non-movable" weight causing the carp to hook itself. Carp anglers never looked back, bigger specimens were being caught more regularly and gradually this method became the norm. Now however, the carp have wised up to this method and new rigs are continually being developed in order to keep up. What the carp may not have seen for a long time though is a simple float rig. Like the recent return to favour of monofilament traces, this can out fool some very large carp which have wised up to noisy anglers chucking several ounces of lead at them.

OK, so you want to give it a try. What are you going to need? Well for a start, a fairly light rod. You don't want to be striking a bite at close range with a 2-1½ lb test curve carp rod. At best your end tackle will disappear straight into the tree behind you, at worst you will rip the lips of a fish.

Rods

A match rod will handle the smaller carp but anything bigger will have you in difficulties. A reasonable ledgering rod or low test curve carp rod would be better. Reel wise, a smaller bait runner type reel or other good quality reel capable of holding a double figure fish will do the job. Unlike match fishing, although we are using float tackle, we stand a good chance of catching at least a double figure fish and so the line should be upgraded accordingly. Use too light a breaking strain and you will get broken up on the first carp. This is not just inconvenient, but not fair on the fish. Too heavy and you will find it hard to cast and control float tackle especially if it is windy. I would recommend at least an eight-pound line, more if you expect bigger carp into the high double figures or more.



Floats

The float is very much up to the individual angler and the weather condition you are dealing with. If it is a calm day and you are fishing close to the bank, then a small waggler or stick float will be perfect. I prefer a waggler attached at the bottom only so that I can sink the line between rod tip and float in case of wind drift. In windy conditions however, or if you need greater casting distance, a float which will take a bit more weight is called for. Again I prefer attaching it bottom only for the same reasons, but this is very much a matter of personal preference.

Weights

Weights are next and here I prefer to use a putty type weight so that I can get greater control over the amount I am using. Split shot are fine for smaller fish but do tend to weaken the line slightly and I won't take that risk. I am not going to go into a great amount of detail here about positioning of the weight as it would warrant its own article, but I like to keep the majority of the weight close to the hook so that I know when the bait is just on the bottom. If you are fishing deep water then some weight further up the line will give you greater presentation and control on casting.

Hook size will depend on your quarry and the bait being used, but I don't tend to go any smaller than a size 12 and no larger than a 6. I would also fish lighter in the winter but that again is personal preference.

Bait

And so on to bait. Anything that can be used on a bolt rig can be used for float fishing and that includes hair rigged boilies, but for float fishing I like to attach my bait directly to the hook, and provided you are not pestered by smaller species, then maggot, worm, luncheon meat, sweetcorn and all the usual smaller baits will work. The advantage of this type of fishing is that bait can be changed far more easily without causing too much commotion in the swim, so try a few different ones and see what works. If you are fishing close in then loose feeding small amounts of bait can work well, little and often being the rule. Very often this will attract the smaller species to start with, and that will in turn attract the carp.

Also remember that you are travelling light in order to be able to move around, and so you don't want to feed up the swim heavily and then decide to move on after half an hour.

The only other tackle you really must carry with you is a landing net, unhooking mat, maybe a pair of rod rests and a few spare hooks, floats and weights in your pockets. Also, a good pair of sunglasses can be a godsend when you are trying to watch a float in bright conditions, and they will also help you spot any fish moving around near the surface.

Float fishing methods

As for methods, there are to many for an article of this size, but I will explain my favourite, a method known as laying on. It is called this because the bait lays just on the surface. The float is attached bottom only and fished very slightly over depth, so that it will just sit upright when the line is pulled taught between the rod tip and the bottom weight. This causes the line to sink just under the surface, which prevents any surface drag. The rod can then be positioned so that the tip is just under the water's surface so that any wind resistance on the line is eliminated.

Using this method, if a fish moves off with the bait, the float will start to travel along the water's surface and then disappear. If however the fish picks the bait up and doesn't move off, the bottom weight will be lifted off of the bottom, and the float will pop up and lye flat on the surface. Only then when the fish does move off will the float disappear. This can be very exciting and indeed frustrating. Sometimes a float will lift up, not move for a while and then return to its original position without going under at all. You could strike on the lift, but often this results in a missed fish as the

fish is just sucking at the bait. Timing the strike just right is imperative and a bit of practice is needed. If the bait does start to move away across the surface, then that is the time to strike, in the opposite direction to that of the float.

I love this method of fishing and recommend it wholeheartedly. If you want to try something different, and something that might fool a few carp who are used to all of the methods being used around the rest of the lake, then give it a try. You won't be sorry.





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should be held so that the handles of the reel face upwards. The right hand should hold the rod close to the reel so that the thumb of the right hand rests on the rim of the spool of the reel.

Grip the tell-tale shot and allow the baited hook to

hang free of the hand

In describing this cast I am going to assume that the angler is using float tackle and as is common with this sort of set up has a tell-tale shot set around 4" to 9" from the hook.

For a right-handed angler he should in the first instance be stood facing either upstream or

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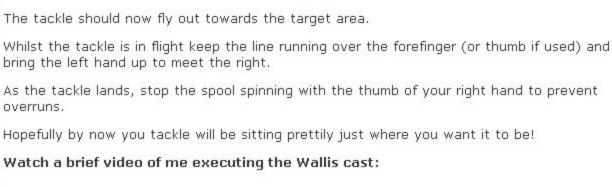


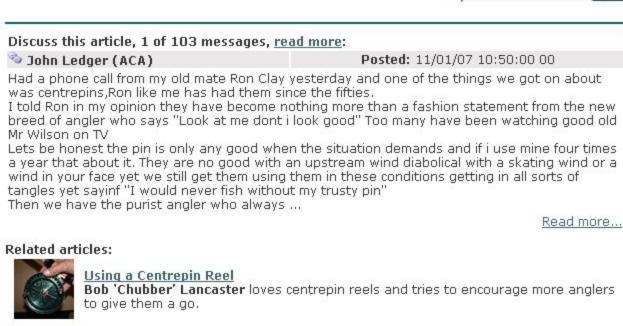
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All about centrepin reels, or 'pins, as we fondly call them I hear a lot from new and old FM members as to should they purchase a 'pin or not and also

there main uses. Are they as good as a fixed spool reel, and where should I use them and in what conditions. Well I believe that a 'pin in the right hands is every bit as good, if not better, than a fixed

spool reel any day of the week. And certainly much more fun. In the picture you will see a selection of 'pins I own , these range from true 'pins from the 60's to present day 'pins with bearings. Some 3.5 inches and some 4.5 inches. I own six

because, well I just like 'pins for a start, some appeal to me more than others, but they will all do the same job at the end of the day. Why six? Because it gives me a choice of lines from 2 lb up to 8 lb. I could buy spare spools but this would cost nearly as much as the reel itself. So I just buy a different reel. And sometimes I buy them just because they look pretty. Some have line guards and some don't, some are removable and some are fixed. Whatever you want in a reel it is there for the taking at the end of the day it's your choice. But do look carefully before you buy and choose a reel that suits you. The ones in the picture range in price from £60 to £275. Uses What type of fishing do I do with a centrepin? Any kind of fishing you want . Centrepins

were invented long , long before any fixed spool reel. The only reason fixed spool reels were invented was to make life easier for casting. As fishing grew there became a need to cast

long distances and this became quite hard with a centrepin . And so the fixed spool was born. And very fine too. But you can still do most things with a 'pin if you put your mind to it. And I think it is every bit worth the effort. And effort is what you are going to have to put in to get the best from yours. Mostly any kind of float fishing is possible. Trotting is most common. Using a stick float to trot, laying on, stretpegging and even legering is possible. And freelining for barbel is a classic. There are a few times when you won't want to use a 'pin, such as on very windy days. But even that's possible if fishing close to hand with a line guard fitted. Loading a pin with line

Well, for me, I put around 40 yds as I rarely trot a float any further. I just can't see it any

all to one side.

further away. As for how I load it on, well I just wind it on any old how. For the simple reason that no matter how I wind it on, after the first trot down of say 30 yds most of the line has come off the reel and all I do is wind it back on for the next cast. But doing this I don't stand there and make sure it's all going on one side or criss-cross pattern I just want

to get line back on the reel for the next cast and it goes as it goes. So what's the point in taking all that care in the first place? What I will say is that if you overload the reel and put too much line on, it will bed in and make trotting more difficult as the line won't pay out so easily. And also a point to mention is that after catching a big fish the line will almost certainly bed in, so you may have to for the first trot down pay out the line with your hands rather than just allowing the spool to revolve simply from the pull of the river. Next cast you'll be back to easy street. Oiling There has been a recent thread on the forum that discussed, amongst other things, oiling

centrepin reels and what type of oil should be used. Well, I have changed my mind

somewhat in what oil I use. I have always used Johnson's Baby Oil in the past with great

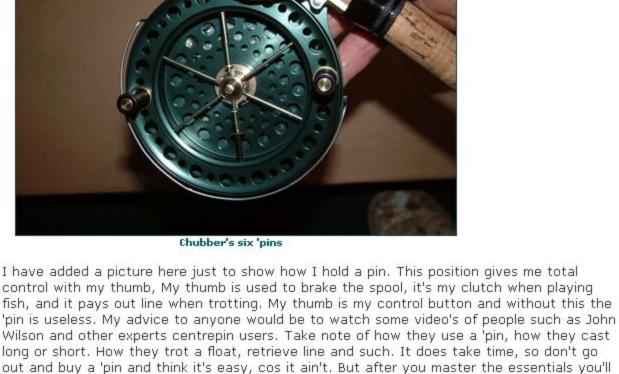
results, but due to this thread I now use what I consider to be the best and that is sewing

I oil it or not , then I would say yes, certainly you should . All moving metal parts need oil to run smoothly and prevent wear. Using a pin Well I can't teach to this. This is something that you only get from putting in time and

What I will say is, if you have a friend that is experienced with using a 'pin, then get him or

her to take you out and get you started. There are pro's that give lessons. Or you can do

what I did when I first started (struggled more like!) and picked it up as I went along.



and the like, but don't let these things put you off. Centrepin users have all been there and done that and bought the tee shirt, so don't worry if at first it all goes wrong. Just keep trying for a while and you'll find that it will all come together. When you first get your 'pin and you've loaded it with line and a large float with plenty of shot on it, find a place where you can practice, a field or even your garden; anywhere with some space. Practice short casts, what we call finger casting , where you just get your finger of your left hand just in front of the first eye of the rod and pull off line until your left arm is as far to the left as possible , do this with the ratchet on to start with, for this way

you will not suffer from overruns. Until, that is, your right thumb gets together with your brain and is in control. Both your hands have to work together in all cases when using a pin.

You'll probably find that on your first outing you will suffer overruns or birds' nests, tangles

just enough pressure to stop the reel flying away with you. Now take your rod and your left arm round to the left in a nice easy action and then throw the float out with a sweeping motion, pointing the rod at the target area and releasing the line at the same time. If you have it weighted correctly it should land where you aimed it. On most 'pins there is a clutch just like a fixed spool reel. On the front of the reel there is a little round wheel which you can rotate and put a tiny amount of pressure on the spool to slow it down. This is useful, for instance, when fishing in very fast flowing water. Myself though, I never use it, preferring to just use my thumb, but it does help when learning, or when fishing close in. It can stop most of those unwanted birds' nests. Many anglers, when they get their first 'pin, try to cast out a small, very light float and

expect it to go a long way. This is not going to happen. And that's why they end up in so many tangles and birds' nests. Like waggler fishing, to cast any distance you need weight.

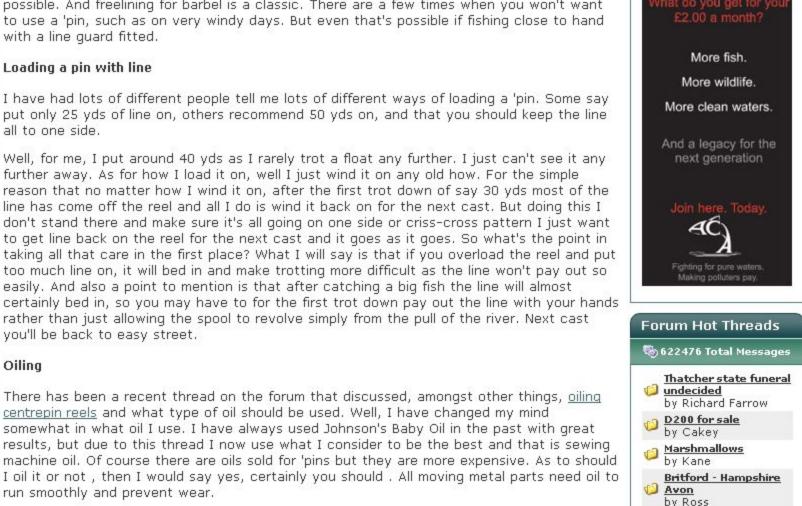
When you're pulling line from the reel your thumb wants to be resting lightly on the reel with

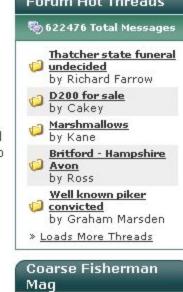
It is this weight that gives the momentum to pull line through the eyes of the rod. If there is no pull then the float goes nowhere and the line just keeps running off the reel. But if you add a nice chunky float and plenty of weight, that weight will pull the line off as fast as the reel is spinning. This applies to the Wallis cast of course. But really I could go on and on trying to get across this message, when all you really need is to get out with your 'pin and learn mostly from doing it. So many people have different ideas on what and what not to do and I do things my way as you should do yours. I am really no expert and won't pretend to be one. I still have a great deal to learn about 'pins and am learning all the time, but what I do know about them I am just trying to share with you. I dare say that this article will bring a great deal of discussion. It is not written to teach you in any way how to fish with a 'pin. It is merely an insight to

get you started. And I have only touched the surface of fishing with 'pins.

this are not people at all and are not worth knowing. The people that offer advice and a kind word, or simply just mind their own business and carry on and let you get on with it are true fishermen and women. I hope this has given food for thought and all those contemplating going out to buy a 'pin will benefit from this article and will encourage more people to try centrepin fishing. It is a lovely way to spend a day.

What I will say is that when you first go out with your 'pin it may go well, and it may not. Don't be put off if it doesn't go well and those around you snigger and make fun when they see you all in a tangle. Don't worry about people like this because people that behave like







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I have just started using a centrpin. We dont have any rivers down here in Cornwall but I use mine on small pools fishing no more than a couple of rod lengths out. I have one for carp a mordex merlin loaded with 6lb line and a Speedia that I use for smaller species with 3lb line I love the feel and control that I have over the line and the float.

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Long Trotting and the Centrepin Reel

Centrepins are very easy to use once you have mastered the basics and know when to use one and when not to use one. For example they are not very good at casting but long trotting doesn't normally need long casts, its strength lies in its simplicity and control of a bait as it travels through your swim and continues further downstream.

find that you can raise or lower a baits level in the water by just applying different amounts of thumb pressure on the side of the spool. You can lift the bait over shallow bars or over underwater snags or to a shoal of fish feeding higher in the water, etc, and let it go deeper when you are over deeper water in the same way.

For example, after a bit of practice you'll

You let the float pull line from the centrepin at the speed of the flow and are never out of control as you are when letting line spill off the spool on a fixed spool reel, and there is no snatching of line like you get when you engage the bale arm because there is no bale arm. And when you strike you just stop the spool with the thumb and strike with a long sideways sweep.



between the spool and your hand; you can instantly give line under pressure from the fish with no chance of the line breaking when the anti reverse is on as there is no anti reverse, your finger is the clutch and is instantly adjusted. Big fish are not normally a problem as thousands of barbel anglers will testify and the barbel is a powerful fighter as you know. However, there are disadvantages, like when a fish runs

Likewise playing a fish is great fun as you are in direct contact with the fish with no gears

that often and the advantages easily outweigh the disadvantages. When you are retrieving the float at the end of the trot you retrieve it by batting the edge of the spool; where you tap the spool with your other hand to speed up the spinning so that you can retrieve the line under speed.

towards you at high speed and you can't retrieve line fast enough. But that doesn't happen

And there are also techniques, such as the Wallis Cast (see Alan Roe demonstrate the technique in the video below), to help you cast approx 1 to 3 rod lengths. However Long trotting does not normally involve casting and you normally just lower your float into the water at the start of your trot.

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master where normal fishing is concerned, but long trotting is the domain of the Centrepin and I don't think it can be beaten in the hands of someone who knows how to use it properly. I do, however, occasionally use a centrepin for fun; and if you leger with it and put the ratchet on you also have a built-in bite alarm. I have a book called 'Roach' by Dave Stuart (part of the Osprey Angling Library set) which

I would not normally use a centrepin for anything else as the Fixed spool reel is easily the

mentions long trotting for roach using a tiny multiplier (Abu Record 2100) just for fun. I have the same multiplier and tried trotting with it after reading the book; it was great fun and did the job quite well. In the same book the author also describes long trotting with a closed face reel. However, neither can beat the centrepin at long trotting. **Buying a Centrepin**

When you choose a centrepin for the first time remember that the weight of the spool is

more important than the length of time it spins freely when you flick it with your finger, this may sound strange but with a heavier spool there is inertia to overcome before it starts to spin; you can start it going yourself but then it may spin too fast for a few seconds. And when the float slows in a slower current or your hook drags on the bottom for a few seconds the heavier spool carries on turning at the faster speed for a few moments as it slows down and your line will be developing slack bows for a few seconds. But with a light spool the initial inertia is hardly noticeable and if your float enters a slower current or your hook drags on the bottom the spool will slow with it. So your control will be that much better. So don't choose one because it spins forever, choose a fairly free spinning reel which has a light spool.

I recommend a centrepin for long trotting and one of my experienced fishing friends once said that he didn't realise what he was missing until he bit the bullet and actually bought



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