

Surface Fun

The suns out and the carp are cruising on the surface. Its floater time!

One thing I can say for certain, few of us try for carp on the surface as much as we perhaps should. I confess to being guilty of this myself, often spending time sat behind motionless bobbins when I could be off looking to sneak a carp off the top.

My kit includes a Korum Bait n Bits bag loaded with a Sonubaits Floater Pack and a few bags of 11m Oily Krill Floaters as well as the Korum terminal bits I'll need.



I have a preferred method of setting up my floater gear as follows. First slide on a Korum controller followed by a small rig sleeve, tie on a size 10 swivel. Slide the rig sleeve up and onto the swivel and then slide the controller over the rig sleeve as in the photo.



The sleeve holds the controller in place and makes for the perfect safe rig as should an accident occur everything can break away. To the other side of the swivel attach a 5ft length of Avid Carp 10lb Zig line, I've found this to be brilliant for surface fishing. Finally tie on a size 8 Korum specimen hook. To attach the Sonubaits Oozing floater hookbait I use a Korum Bait Band.



Attach a Bait Band to the shank of the hook.



Use a gated baiting needle to pull the bait band through your hookbait



The band will expand when released to hold the bait securely

There are times when one cast to a cruising carp can result in a take, other times the swim needs to be fed. I find it best to adopt a little and often feeding regime, you'll be amazed how quick a group of carp will mop up your floaters. As they get more confident so I increase the amount of feed until finally getting a bait in the water.



Over cast the feeding fish and draw the controller back into the feeding zone. The long hooklength gives separation between hookbait and controller which will hopefully give the carp the confidence to take the bait. I've lost count of the amount of times I've struck a bait out of a carps mouth, so now I tend to watch the controller rather than the hookbait. Its both an exhilarating and frustrating method of fishing that will get you hooked as you look to improve your skills. My latest evening's fun ended up with me having 3 commons between 10 and 15lb.

