

The Super Rig.

In another thread Simon mentioned a rig and cast doubts upon the claimer's claims to inventing it. Now I agree with Simon here – he's too aggressive not to agree with! I think that the rig you refer to with a boilie cut in half and set up back to back is the known as the "Cheek to cheek" rig and was invented by a Camborne angler who came across the idea whilst practicing some form of sexual perversion on a visit to Redruth.

I first read about it in "Crafty" where its virtues were extolled and it was rated as number 4 in the list of "Top Ten Wizard Wheezes to bank a Crafty Day Ticket 50". I think it was on page 69 between "Seven colours to dye your boilies" and "A Beginners Guide to Advanced Rig Design". If I recollect correctly it stated that the different shape completely bamboozled the carp who succumbed to the extent that it was difficult to keep two rods in the water for any period of time. If I'm honest I didn't find this to be quite the case at T or anywhere else I tried it although I did catch one at Polgreen stock pond. It may have been a 50 but I didn't weigh it as it was foul hooked.

The thinking behind this super advanced, Celtic inspired rig was that by cutting the boilie in half you got an area, on each bait, which was not sealed and therefore let out a mouth watering array of attractors that any day ticket whacker would be totally unable to resist. The area of this region, for a boilie of radius "x" would be πx^2 if π stands for "pi". However, if you were to shave the entire skin off the boilie the ARSE, (Area of Relevant Scented Emissions), would be $2\pi x^2$, which would be twice as much. However this did not allow for the CRAP, (Curved Region of Aromatic Perfumery), or the original curved surface area which remained sealed.

It was obvious that the bigger the boilie you cut in half the bigger the ARSE and CRAP would become proving conclusively that big baits = big fish. With this in mind I tried cutting a strawberry flavoured football in half but shape retention was an issue.

I can remember getting quite excited, no let's be brutally honest here as I am amongst friends, aroused or stimulated might be better words, in a purely piscatorial sense I hasten to add, at the thought of catching a 50 from Smugglers or Penvose or Mawgan Porth with this new wizard wheeze. If I could catch a 50 using this then what would happen if I cut two boilies of different flavours in half and mounted them, (again in a purely piscatorial sense), on a hair in the aforementioned manner? I started to get on a run here and phoned up The Polmassick Stallion who suggested I needed to get a bigger landing net and asked if I had considered using boilies of different sizes, (flash b*st*rd had obviously read a few more magazines than me). I thought if I used different smells, different sizes and different colours, (didn't mention the latter to IW, got to keep some edges to yourself), I might even catch a 70. That night I dreamed of using 4 or 5 half baits of different smells, sizes, colours, ethnic beliefs and sexual persuasions on a single hair and after the missus had p*ss*d on 'em and banking a four hundred and twenty eight pounder!! I awoke in a cold sweat and thought, shit, Ian is right, I will have to get a bigger landing net and how would you weigh such a leviathan? I would have to get Tony and Westy to lift the scales and sling - assuming someone had scales big enough to weigh the monster. What would happen if Westy was out to sea? Then I realised I wouldn't be able to hold it out at arms

length for the photos and even if I could would anyone know it was me behind the carp? Would that mean I would not be able to claim a new record as there would be no photographic evidence of me with the fish and then I'd get no sponsorship.

This my friends is where it all came crashing down. Catching a monster is a piece of p*ss. Weighing the b*gg*r is the problem.

A frustrated Gert.