

Holiday Carping



I have been a fisherman practically all my life, I started when I was 7 yrs old, fishing for dace, roach, perch and anything that came along. I progressed into carp fishing when I was 14 years old some 33 years ago.

The first waters I specifically targeted for carp were the Dartford lakes (Brooklands) which was kind of a carp mecca in those days with some famous carp anglers of old fishing this venue, such as the great Jack Hilton. I also fished alongside Martin Locke there and also at Horton Kirby and Sutton in Kent. Martin and I are good friends, although we don't see a lot of each other these days, as I now live in Gran Canaria and run a fishing business of my own but we still keep in touch.

Before myself and my family moved to Gran Canaria, I spent a great amount of time fishing in France and other countries in Europe, long before all those commercial lakes started popping up.

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The Orient and Lac de Der, both huge resevoirs, these were two of my favourites, Lac de Der was always good to me with fish to mid 40s and the Orient with many 30s and 40s and my biggest being a 52lb mirror, from the area which is now known as Bivvy City! I fished alongside Rod Hutchinson in the 90s on the Orient and also wrote an article, for his magazine Carp Scene, these are fond memories, I will never forget!

Moving back to good old England, I spent a lot of time in my latter years before Gran Canaria, fishing with one of my best friends Jon McAlister, who has done so well on the big fish front, well done mate!

My largest English fish being 'Two Tone' from Chichester a mid 40lb, we spent many happy hours there together. But my interest to fish abroad was all too much, not only the carp, but the weather and less stress and we spent a lot of time over the years having holidays and fishing on Gran Canaria, so we decided to move there!

There are so many lakes on this beautiful island with many different carp from 1lb to unknown weights! We started a carp fishing excursion and holiday company some 8 years ago and it has grown and developed into what is now in my opinion, the best carp fishing company on the island.

MAKING PLANS

I think many anglers planning a trip abroad particularly those preparing for their first visit often struggle with their preparation. They worry about their rigs, will their baits be up to the job and what about tactics?

In reality, if you can catch carp in England then you'll catch them abroad, there's no need to over complicate things, just use the rigs that you know will work. The only thing you might need to do is beef things up a bit if you're hoping to catch bigger carp than you usually catch at home. A quality 15lb mono should cope with most situations, the strong dependable abrasion resistant Nash Bullet mono that I always use will be more than up to the job. Hook link materials and hook choice is also crucial if you're hoping to track down and catch a monster.

We catch fish on a daily basis with lots of 20s and 30s and a few 40s which is more than enough to keep all my customers very happy. I've caught some cracking fish myself and have been lucky enough to catch what I believe to be the island record, a fantastic previously uncaught 55lb 2oz common from one of the many lakes on Gran Canaria, I know there are bigger fish swimming in these lakes because I have seen them with my own eyes!!

I have carp fished this island now for over 22 years and I have gained a huge amount of knowledge and experience of fishing the island's lakes and I think this is reflected well on our website, if you fancy a break of a different kind with very few people if any at all, why not take a look and maybe give us a call:



It's the same with bait, you don't want to be sat on an unknown water worrying about the effectiveness of your chosen boilie so again just take what works for you. Unless its an organised trip with most things supplied, it pays to take plenty of bait, a frozen boilie with a proven track record, one that is stable and can be relied upon not to go off is many anglers first choice. A good quality shelf life boilie will also give you some flexibility, if you don't use it all you can always bring it home. A proven pellet mixture is perfect for baiting up and priming spots and a few jars of prepared particles will also come in handy. There can't be many carp that won't eat sweet corn, a few tins of the magic yellow stuff will always produce a result if everything else has failed.

As for location, carp are carp the world over so just rely on your well practised skills and water craft, if you can find them and catch them in England you will do the same where ever you go.

The Canary Islands where I'm based is the place to come and experience carp fishing abroad. The beauty of this place is that the fish are mostly wild, bait wise you can feed them literally anything edible and they will eat the lot!

The rigs are kept very basic and simple, in fact the simpler the better!

Whatever your holiday fishing plans are for this year, do your planning and research thoroughly but remember it's a holiday so make sure you enjoy it!

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You can travel to Gran Canaria very cheaply these days with Ryanair, Monarch, Thomascook and all you need to bring is yourself as everything else is here waiting for you! Including the sun.....

- 1. 2. 3. A carp anglers paradise**
- 4. Dave with a 55lb monster common**
- 5. Nash Bait is our first choice**
- 6. But no carp can resist this!**
- 7. What more could you ask for?**
- 8. If you can catch in England, you'll catch them the world over**
- 9. Stunning carp and stunning scenery**