

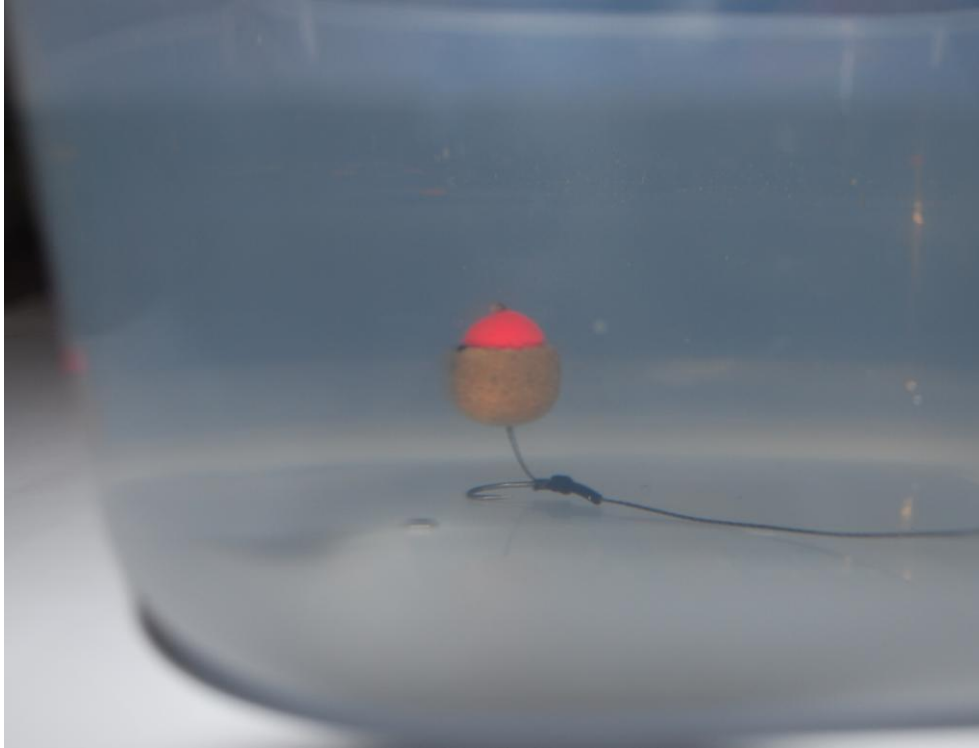
DEADLY COMBINATION



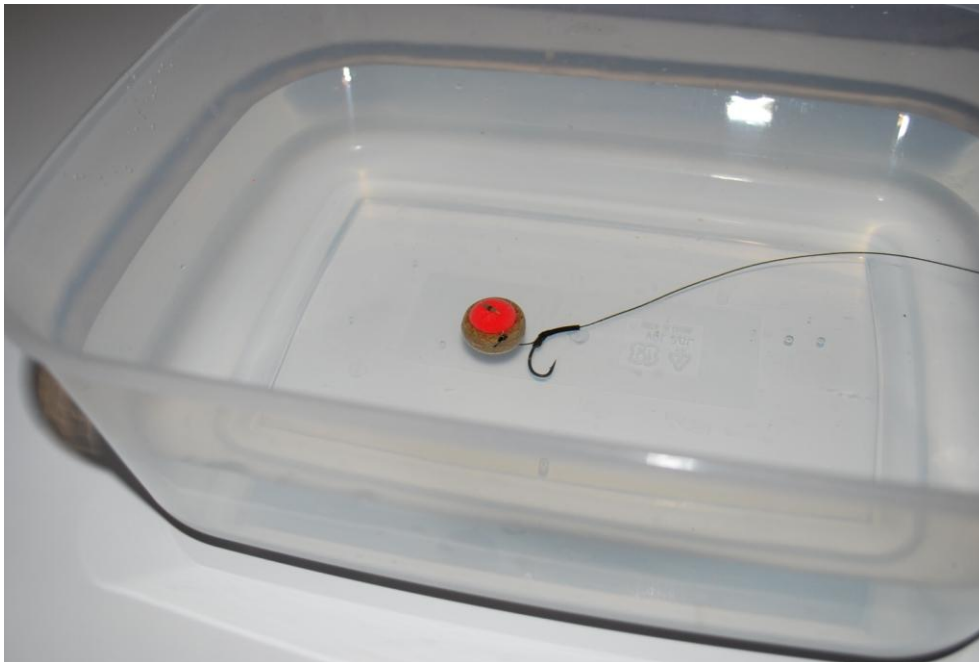
As the weather warms up and the days become longer, the banks of many lakes around the country start to become increasingly busy, with many different methods, baits and tactics being used by different anglers in the attempts to try and catch the resident carp. Its hard enough trying to trick each carp to the net, but for many anglers they have the added challenge of trying to out smart not just the carp, but the other anglers on the lake in order to catch their target carp. Little tweaks to your rigs, baits and methods will help give you that edge. Finding that deadly combination will give you a big advantage not just over the carp, but over the other anglers fishing.



A great method I started using last season and have been using this season to great success is instead of using two hookbaits as a snowman presentation, I've simply moulded two baits together so they form one hookbait. A lot of anglers use a snowman rig as they combine two baits together which has become a regular and popular method used, but one which the carp have seen many times before. I've found moulding your hookbaits together has given me that advantage on many lakes and there have been times where I've been able to catch carp where other anglers haven't. From experience I've found that CC Moore's 12mm red northern special pop-up with a 14mm N-gage XP bottom bait to be a very deadly combination and one which is worth trying to get that advantage amongst others on the bank. I must also note with the northern specials, CC Moore do an excellent booster liquid, which really does give each pop-up that little extra edge and one which is worth using. I find that adding a couple of drops to your pot of pop-ups the night before fishing rehydrates and re-energises each hookbait ready for fishing the next day, make sure you shake the pot well after you add the booster liquid to get full effect. Ok when moulding the hookbaits together all I do is carefully scrape out a hole into a 14mm bottom bait using your baiting needle so the smaller pop-up moulds into the hole and forms an acorn shape hook bait, note you may have to trim the pop-up down on one side to get a snug fit. An added bonus to these hook baits that must be mentioned is the hookbait becomes buoyantly balanced and is perfect when fishing with the KD rig as shown in the picture above or a blow back style rig.



Another great tip is when making or experimenting with rigs at home by using a bowl of water you can see how effective your rig presentation will sit and if any adjustments may be needed. Doing this will save you time on the bank which could be the difference in getting that all important bite. As you can see the bait sits perfect, critically balanced just above the bottom. I've found when fishing this rig using a PVA bag of crushed down boilies or a stick mix helps mask the hook and gives that extra boost of attraction.





This stunning carp was the biggest of a 4 fish haul on a busy day ticket water showing once again that this method is a real edge, with no one else managing to get amongst the fish due this session, A Deadly method with a big Edge.



Also this stunning tench a victim of this deadly hookbait showing it works not just for carp but other species too.

The proof is in the bait
Try them,
Catch them
and be lucky

Tight lines
Warren Fenn