

Swedish XXX success in Croatia

My friend Micke Svensson and I decided to go to Croatia in the spring. We were set on going in April, but a friend of ours who fishes there a lot persuaded us to go in May instead - to get more action.

Our local friend - Truli - has fished Lake Zajarki for 12 years, so any advice he had was worth considering! Some carp fishing celebrities, as it were, have failed miserably down the years after claiming that they need no advice

Truli suggested that we fish a gravel bar some 90 metres out in the lake. The depth was 10 metres around the bar, and 6 on the top.

Over-baiting was impossible according to Truli, so we packed 80 kilos of boilies and 30 kilos of pellets, backed up with 150 kilos of maize (bought in Croatia). No boats were allowed - so we had to spod it all.... which was very hard work!

Micke had the best start, on Odyssey-XXX. The first fish were 14.9k – 15.7kg – 10.0kg and finally a 23.2kg kilo (50lb+) mirror. My first was a 17.3kg fish, and after a few smaller fish it was my turn to catch a 20-kilo fish, at 22.2kg. "

The first couple of days we had rain at times, not a lot of sun and cold nights, but the weather improved each day.

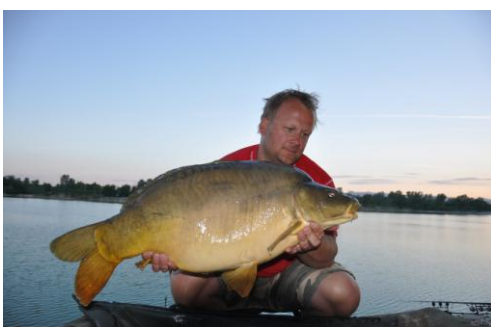
Baiting up was hard work. Early in the mornings we put our spod-rods to work and put out buckets full of boilies, maize and pellets. Then we put out newly dipped baits and then the norm was quick takes! During the day we continued spodding 10-20 spods per hour. Sometimes we had takes before we had time to put the rods back after casting!

Micke continued catching, and landed a 54lb carp. We decided to increase the amount of bait, and put out 20kilos of boilies + 15 kilos of maize and pellets all at once. Almost instantly the action picked up! Carp of 15, 16, 17, 21 and 19 kilos and no small carp were landed in quick time.

My last fish of the trip was a 53lb carp! We were both extremely satisfied!

Here are some of the fish we caught:





In total we landed 68 carp, the biggest 24.6 – 24.2 – 23.2 – 22.2 – 21.2 – 20.6 kilos! Merely 22 of the carp were smaller than 10 kilos.

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