

# LA PETITE MARTINIERE

## RIG GUIDE & RULES



I know that most people don't like reading pages and pages of rules about what to do, so I will endeavour to keep this as short as possible and include some reasoning rather than just 'DO this' or 'DON'T do that'! I do ask however, that it is read and taken with the right intention and that is of protecting our fish and making your holiday a pleasurable experience for us all.

### TACKLE & EQUIPMENT

This may seem like 'stating the obvious' but it is not always the case, we therefore kindly remind you that all anglers' equipment must be in good condition. We provide all landing nets, unhooking mats, slings, water buckets and antiseptic, only these must be used while you are on site. The rest of your tackle should be clean, dry and in particular, to minimise the risk of any issues occurring during your stay, please check that all rods, reels and main line are in a suitable condition for fishing for carp before you come. Although not an exhaustive list, please make sure the following is true for your tackle and this should help avoid any problems on arrival.

- All guides (eyes) on all rods must be in good condition.
  - \* No damage to the legs, shoulder, inner ring or ceramic liner.
  - \* No loose guides or damage to the whipping of the guides.



- Reel seats must be a solid fit on the rod (no movement) and reels must fit correctly.
- Reel drag systems (bait runners and front drag) must be working correctly, with a smooth operation and SET UP correctly at all times.

- No braided main line is allowed and a MINIMUM of 18lb line is required for carp fishing.
  - \* Prologic mimicry is available on site in 1000m spools.
- All main line must be in good condition to prevent snap offs where reasonably possible. If it is deemed not to be, then you will be required to change it.



## RIG RULES & GUIDANCE

This is a subject that you could write a book on, with many 'opinions' on different aspects of rig safety, rig mechanics and fish care - if only it was as easy as having a set of standard rules for all venues..



No matter what views we all have, fishing safely and reducing the risk of damage (or even death) to the fish is of utmost importance. As it is 'our' lake, these are the rules we ask you to adhere to, and along with some guidance on what works well here, this should help you have a good holiday and stop us having sleepless nights.

### *LEADERS*

Where do we start... 'drop the lead' 'don't drop the lead'? To me, dropping the lead is only important in certain scenarios. Here, we have very few snags and no weed to contend with so it is not necessary to 'drop the lead' on every take. My view is, to be as safe as possible, should you snap off from a fish at the main line, only the hooklink (plus swivel) should be left with the fish until it can eject it - hopefully without causing any harm.



PB Products do a full range of products called the 'hit & run' system (as individual components or ready-made set ups) that allows this to happen. I believe the following are all available in the following of set ups, safety lead clip, helicopter and in-line.

If you cannot adapt your own set-up to work this way then we ask that you use this terminal tackle.

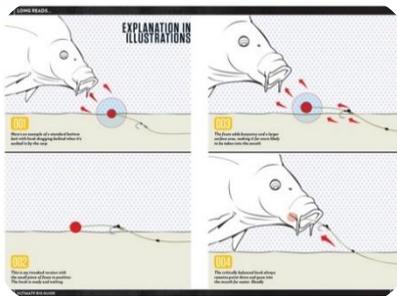
So, here are the rules around leader set ups:

- All rig components (if not the hit & run system) must be compatible with each other and work in a way so that only the hooklink remains with the fish if a snap off occurs.
- Rig tubing of at least 40cm must be used on main line if you are not using a leader set up.
- Helicopter rigs are allowed but **MUST** be checked by us before use.
- Chod rigs and zig rigs are **NOT** permitted due to the chances of foul hooking the fish in the fins or the belly.
- Surface fishing is not permitted due to no tubing or leader material to protect the fish from cuts from the thinness main line. This is why you must use lead free leaders or tubing.
- No lead core is permitted.

### *HOOKS & HOOKLINKS*

Another topic where certain situations can dictate the type of hook or hook pattern used. Here, with both hard areas and slightly silty areas (and no weed - just a few lily pads), bottom baits, wafers, pop-ups and combinations of these are all very effective but there is no need to over

complicate things so simple rigs are all that is required. I'm not going to put names to rigs that are or are not allowed so I will try to keep it in a simple format (and I'm not an expert on all rigs anyway).



The important thing is to try to 'nail' the fish in the correct place in the mouth so as to minimise any tearing caused during the fight then remove the hook without causing damage. Ideally it should be in the bottom lip where it is tough (and will cause the least damage), not too close to edge but not too far in. If you achieve this then the rig mechanics are working and the fish are confidently feeding on your bait (taken from a publication I found on iTunes and can highly recommend a read, 'The Ultimate Rig Guide').

So again, these are our rules for here and we would appreciate they are respected.

- Barbless or crushed micro barbed hooks ONLY.
- No long shank hooks (or long lengths of shrink tube to create a similar effect).
- Small amounts of shrink tube only, no long lengths to create large curves.
- No swivels attached to the hook, hooklink material only.
- Only particle and tiger nuts prepared on site may be used. No other nuts allowed and tiger nuts as a hook bait only.



These are a few close-ups of the rigs I have used myself and that work well here.

