

Fishing a Waggler

A step by step guide



STANDARD RIG FOR FISHING ON THE BOTTOM

Fast sinking shotted pattern

(For other rig variants, see over-leaf)



80% of shot to lock the float, 1 only above float

Attach float via a float adaptor



BB shot

No 6 shot

No 8 shot

Rig set-up

1. Choose float type & weight to easily reach the distance required



2. Set up rig as shown opposite
3. Use plummet to establish depths of swim
4. Set float depth to where you are fishing.
5. If you change where you fish, use plummet to reset float depth

Casting

Over-cast by 1 or 2 meters, bury rod tip, rapidly retrieve a few reel turns to completely bury line below the surface drift

Feeding

Fish will easily miss a single particle of food (your bait). You need other food items next to it on the bottom to attract fish! Can be maggots, ground-bait, small pellets, corn etc.

Throw out by hand if close in, use a catapult to get further out. MUST be accurately onto your fishing spot, over your bait. Feed TINY amounts till you can accurately bait the right spot



When very windy, see "Laying On" rig overleaf

SLOW SINKING BAITS

Shot all down line, "shirt button" style

To avoid tangles on the cast; Overhead, feather the line from the spool so the float lands first followed by the strung out shot.
Where overhead not possible go from the side. Have the rod parallel to the bank, hold the bottom shot and swing out 90 degrees letting go of the shot as you swing forward. Line will still need to be feathered so the float lands first

Two no 4 shot to lock float, no bigger

By placing no 6 or no 8 shot every 15-20cm down the line the bait will sink very slowly, at the same rate of the loose feed.

Start with the float set to the depth of the swim, if bites come "on the drop" then keep going shallower till you find the depth where the fish are



SLIDING WAGGLER

Good for very deep swims or if overhead branches restrict easy casting, as rig only a meter long. Also good for an underarm cast in a deep swim

Sliding stop knot 4lb line to stop float at desired depth. Leave ends of knot 25mm long.

MUST use float attachment with tiny eyed swivel so slides easily on line



For ease of casting, total length from no 4 shot to hook, only 1 meter long

Once cast out, open bale arm to let line run out

Float rests on no 4 shot

Bulk shot

No 6 shot

No 8 shot

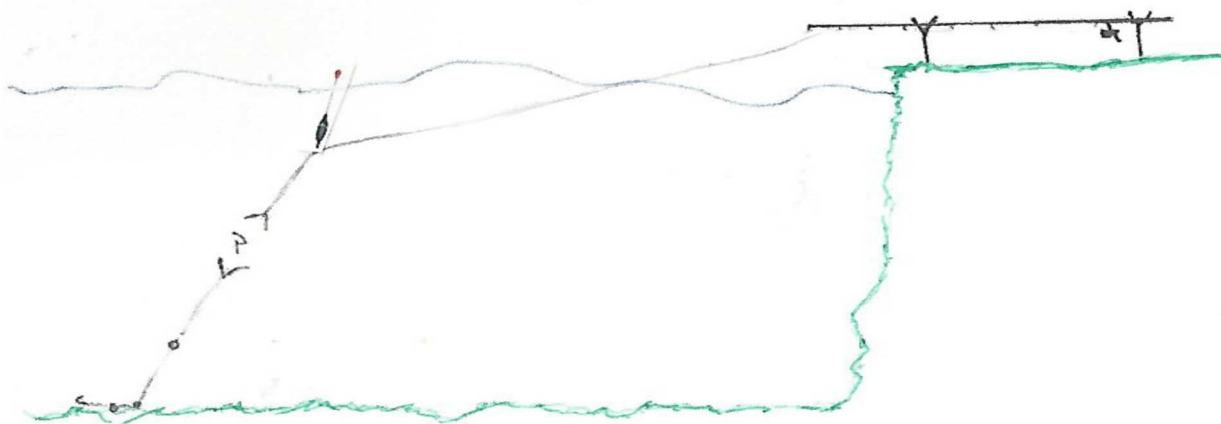
Either bottom shot can be used to "lay on" if desired



LAYING ON. FISH OVER-DEPTH TO COMBAT A HIGH WIND

i.e. set float at 220cm deep in 160cm water, or deeper if still gets dragged under

After casting out, place rod in rod rests, tighten up till only tip of float if showing. Bites often lift bites.



Two no 6 shot closely spaced, 4cm from hook BB shot above them.