

# Pike Anglers Club of Great Britain



## Pike Drifter Float

This can be an absolutely deadly rig to use when pike fishing on a breezy day. It can be used with either dead or live-bait and will enable you to cover any feeding pike that are well out of casting range, as well as pike from areas of lakes and large still rivers and drains that are otherwise inaccessible to bank anglers.

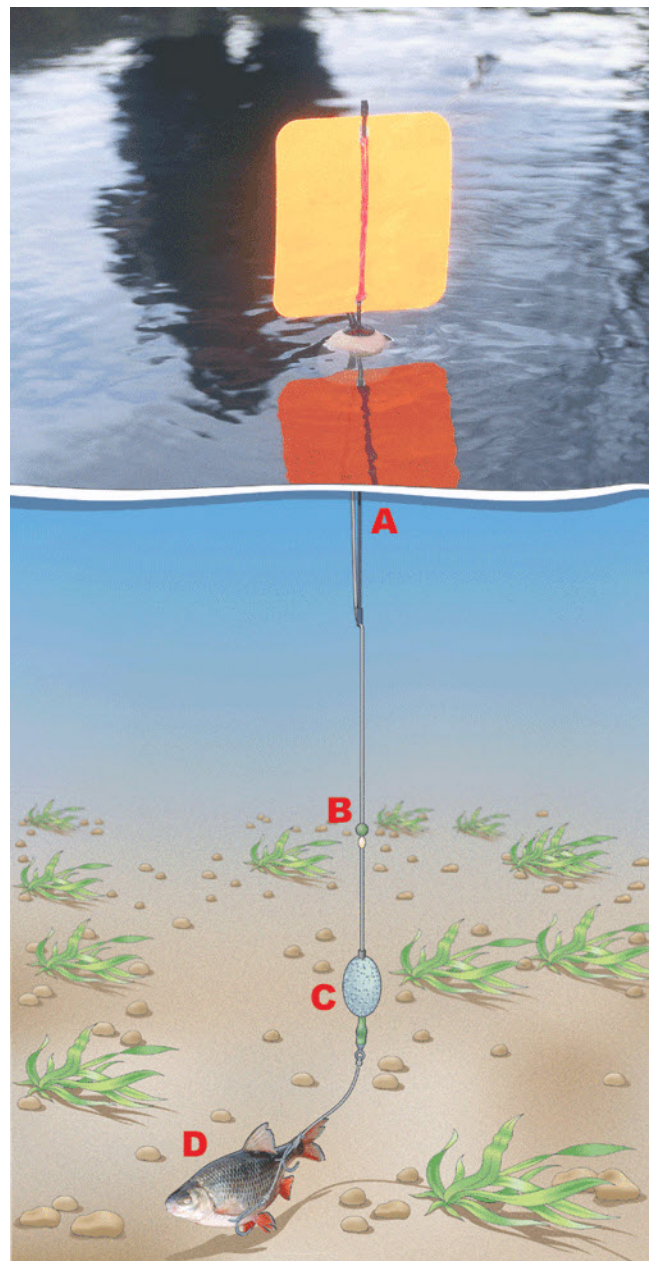
*Many manufacturers such as Fox, Middy and Eddie Turner sell Drifter floats that are perfect for the job..*

**A** Use a floating braided mainline when drifter float fishing. The braid should be a minimum 30lb breaking strain. Using braid ensures that you are in immediate contact with the rig upon the strike, even when fishing 100 yards from the bank. The float needs locking to the required depth by using a powergum stopknot followed by a bead. Don't cut the ends of the stopknot too short, otherwise the knot will catch in your top eye even when making a short initial cast.

**B** Place a bead under the drifter float to protect it from the weight further down the mainline.

**C** Use either a series of large SSG split shot or an Egg Sinker from any of the tackle manufacturers to cock the float. You will find Egg Sinkers in varying sizes to suit the size of the float body you wish to use, as well as to ensure that baits are fished at the depth you want.

**D** Whether you decide to use a live or a dead-bait, they both should be mounted upon a wire trace of a minimum of 28lbs breaking strain using either two sets of trebles or doubles, or a combination of both. When using a dead-bait, make sure you mount it in the same way as you would a live-bait, so that the fish hangs horizontally and not vertically (which looks unnatural). Finally - set your rig so that your bait is positioned well off the bottom and away from any bottom weed.



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