

# Baitboat Tips

Here are some top tips for using a baitboat that will help to get more fish on the bank.

1. When using pellet as feed, use a variety of types to give you a larger spread and make the carp less suspicious. If a baitboat is used frequently it is best to drop the hopper whilst the boat is on the move.
2. Keep topping up your swim just as you would if you were spodding. Keep feed going in will help you catch more.
3. If you are taking the boat to the far margins don't rush, slowly manoeuvre the boat to the required spot so that you avoid spooking any fish in shallow water.
4. Use small amounts of feed and hook baits on pressurised waters as this will ensure you get takes when others are blanking.
5. When using marker floats place these in the boat to help you pin point the right spots. Use up to three marker floats to help find these features. This often takes a couple of hours but it is time well invested.
6. Don't fish areas where you know the carp are not settling. A tethered carp is not worth it. For instance, if you get five runs and get snapped up it is poor angling. **Think Carp Care.**
7. Bait boat users often get a bad name due to anglers taking their boat into other people's swims. So try to be considerate to other anglers on the lake.
8. Don't use the bait runner on your reel to take your baited line out, as you will experience line twist.
9. Hold your rod when taking the bait boat out so you can feel the lead on the lake bed.
10. While holding your rod, when you reach the spot that you wish to drop the bait at, lift the rod to pay out some slack line. This will ensure that you drop the bait vertically. If you don't do this then the bait will fall in an arc, back towards you.
11. When using the Echo sounder try using it to find features as well, allowing the boat to move slowly as this will give you a more accurate picture of what lies beneath.
12. If you are using braid as your main line, never bring back the boat to you in the same direction as took it out. This will avoid any line tangling with propellers etc.
13. When you have dropped your bait in the desired spot bring the boat into open water and then set your swingers and then return the boat to the bankside. This will ensure that if you get a take before you get the boat back, you will know immediately.
14. A good method to work on is to always start with small amounts of bait and then you can increase the amount as and when you wish. If you start with large amounts then you cannot take it out.

*Great Fishing*

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