

# Jon Arthur's **CASPER!**

*A bit of background info and how to fish the Casper, by the man behind these great little floats!*

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Jon in action with his trusty Casper pellet waggler!

## A VERY SPECIAL FLOAT!

The pellet waggler is a busy and exciting method when carp are up in the water. With so many people using conventional pellet wagglers it's increasingly hard to trick the fish. Even when they're really having it they'll take a pellet almost instantly, but won't go near a normal float as they're too long. This is where an ultra-short and bulbous model comes in.

I first came across this egg-shaped design many years ago and although lots of people discounted them I instantly saw their merits. The float is so short and compact that it doesn't dive at all. It also makes a unique fish-attracting splash.

I wasn't completely happy with them until I painted them all-white. It made sense as fish will investigate a big white blob on the surface in the hope that it's bread. Dangling a white wafter inches below the float can be really deadly, but they work equally well with standard pellets too.

My original floats were too big and I struggled to find smaller versions until I came across Pablo RWC Floats. Within a week I had a glistening set of all-white floats on my sidetray. I originally nicknamed them Ghost Wagglers, but renamed them Caspers, after Casper The Friendly Ghost!

The floats are at their best when the fish are high up in the water column. I attach them with a simple snaplink swivel, plus one float rubber above and three below so they don't slip. The link allows me to swap floats in seconds. Swapping between different sizes of Casper and a standard pellet waggler helps to keep bites coming.

My main line is usually either 4lb or 6lb Matrix Horizon X mono and the hooklength is anything from 0.16mm to 0.20mm Power Micron to a 16 or 14 Carp Riggers hook complete with a hair-rigged pellet band. A short 11ft Matrix

Horizon Pellet Waggler Rod and 3000 Horizon reel complete the setup.

Feed, feed again, cast, feed, wait 10 seconds, reel in, repeat! It's a very busy method but you have to keep feeding and casting. Sometimes they'll have a hook bait left hanging, but generally bites come within 10 seconds of impact.

A bag or two of 6mm or 8mm hard pellets are all that's required. I might step up to 11mm on big-carp waters.

Swirls are a surefire sign that carp are in the Casper catching zone. However, you also get days when the fish are in stealth mode and don't give away their presence.

I've used these floats at venues like Barston Lakes, Makins Fishery, Viaduct Fishery and

Boddington Reservoir with success. It's an eye opener when you start catching on it and many a time I've had people come straight up after a match wondering where they can get the floats from. They might look a bit crude but once you hook a fish on one you'll be hooked. They've helped me fool countless fish! ■



15cm to 30cm  
0.16mm to  
0.20mm  
hooklength

Strong size  
16 to 14 eyed  
hook

6mm to 11mm  
pellet or wafter  
hook bait

4lb to 6lb  
reel line

One rubber  
float stop  
above and  
three below  
the float

Quick-change  
snaplink swivel

2g to 6g Casper

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