

APRIL NEWS UPDATE

Hi Folks, April has been a pretty quiet month here in Extremadura for Catch Carp Spain, with it being the Easter holidays, we took some time off with family and friends.

Having said that, we did manage two sessions on our favourite private area on Orellana. The water had really started to warm up, so was optimistic about getting into some good fish. The first session I spent there was for four nights and although the session started slow with plenty of fish showing but not picking up the baits, by the end of the session had managed to put a cracking 43lb Orellana common on the bank along with one other smaller fish. Had also lost a couple of fish in the very heavy weed that we have here at this time of year which is growing from bottom to top. Alex Perrin from Mainline Baits in Spain also joined me for a night on this session as we were both planning to fish the same area the following week. He brought with him some of the new Mainline baits to pre-bait the area for the next week's session. On my arrival the following week it was plain to see from the start of the session that the fish were turning on to spawning mode. This as you can imagine made for extremely difficult fishing conditions, but nonetheless turned out to be one of the most enjoyable four days I've spent on the lake. Did manage to put four fish on the bank, with the best being a 30lb Orellana common, but the real story of the session was some of the monster carp that myself and Alex were able to observe close up from the boat. Usually in this area, with it being crystal clear water, as soon as you go out in the boat the fish would spook and disappear, never giving you a chance to look at them.

This time as the fish had started to spawn, we were able to drift up and down the weed beds where this was taking place, and far from spooking the fish, they were quite happy for the boat to be there and on many occasions we actually had groups of fish following the boat. The number and size of fish that we saw was unbelievable. Although from the boat it's not easy to put an accurate weight on these fish, there were many fish at over 4 feet in length and one fish in particular which was at least 5 feet long. We must have seen over a hundred fish just in the small bay we were fishing, but all around this area in the other small bays we could see the same thing happening.

So apart from the sunburn from having been out in the boat all the time, it was great to see up close how many cracking monster carp are in the area. Now can't wait for them to finish spawning so that we and our clients can get out there and put them on the bank.