

A New Kind of Anchoring System – Introducing the Power-Pole with Drift Paddles

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Everyone fishes shallow water during the spring and fall; these seasons are known for windy days. One solution for that is to use chains, drift socks and/or anchor weights to hold the boat in place. While the above mentioned methods work; they're not that efficient or stealthy. In other words the fish know you're there; that's not good. My solution is let's do what the Bass Boys do; add a hydraulic anchoring system to my boat. It must work; I see hundreds and hundreds of bass boats with some kind of hydraulic anchoring system; I really don't think they're on there for the looks. I know what you're saying, "I don't need that". I said the same thing until I saw how swift, silent, and secure the Power-Pole Hydraulic anchoring system actually is.

One of the mind changing features I saw in action was a new accessory called a Drift Paddle. Wow, this feature made the Power-Pole move into deep water. No need for drift socks or those nasty log chains. With the Drift Paddle we now have a drift control. You can now change the bow angle from right to left or even sideways with a touch of a button. It's much more accurate angle and speed control than a drift sock. It slows the boat by up to 50%. At the end of your drift simply retract the Power-Pole and you're off to start another pass.

I've also discovered that the Drift Paddle allows you to dramatically shorten the turning radius of your boat so you can follow contour lines more tightly and work a zone more efficiently. The Drift Paddles are adjustable; seven quick-change positions at 30 degree increments allow the Drift Paddle to rotate a full 180 degrees. In some cases you may not need that kicker motor. In heavy wind it eliminates the rocking and gives you more stability; now your pole tips don't bounce while slow trolling in the wind. The hydraulic motor holds the necessary force to stabilize the boat. For the ultimate in boat control I use dual Power-Pole anchors and Drift Paddles.

Power-Pole has models that work in up to 10' of water. If you enjoy spider-rigging minnows and jigs over brush-piles, single-pole jig fishing in open water, or long line trolling on windy days; this one is for you. We know how hard it is to stop in the right place; the "sweet spot"; especially on a windy day. A hydraulic anchoring system like the power-pole with the drift paddle is the solution to your dilemma. The flexible spike makes the smallest impression in the lake floor extremely fast; it locks the boat into position without a sound. It has a 5 year warranty on all the hardware; it's built to last.

If you like spending your time fishing instead of wrestling with boat control then the answer is simple. If time is of the essence then why haggle over a few dollars. Leave those drift socks and chains at home and move up to real boat control. You'll be glad you did; just wait till that heavy wind day and you'll thank me later. **Bernard**