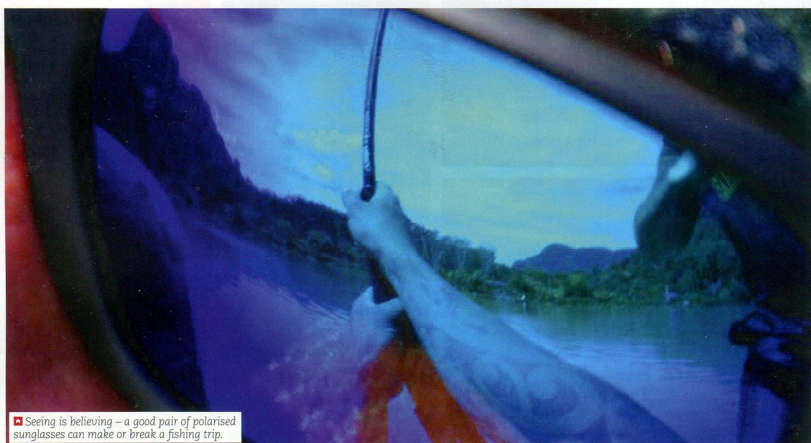


Spotlight on... Sunglasses & Eyewear

Fishing eyewear is no longer just an afterthought for serious anglers. Having the right eyewear that can improve your performance and looking good at the same time is an essential. Find out how you can capitalise on this need.



Seeing is believing – a good pair of polarised sunglasses can make or break a fishing trip.

There was a time, perhaps 10 or 15 years ago, when fishing sunglasses were viewed simply as an added cost that only the really geeky or specialist angler might use. Fly fishermen have probably been the most frequent users of polarised fishing sunglasses and many other anglers probably only even considered any kind of eyewear if it was a bright, sunny day. Things have moved on significantly since then – partly due to an increase in angler knowledge and pursuit of perfection, partly due to

the rise in sight fishing for predator species and partly due to the increase in availability of strong optical technology from a number of brands.

"Anglers all across the globe are paying much more attention to optimise their gear outside of just fishing tackle," explains Thomas Wæver, the European vice-president and outdoor director of one of those eyewear brands that has been pushing things

forward in fishing tackle – Wiley X.

IT'S NOT JUST FLY ANGLERS WHO RELY ON POLARISED SUNGLASSES

"There is an old saying in fishing that an hour in the right spot is better than 10 in the wrong spot. Having polarised fishing eyewear that will allow you to use the polarised filter 100 per cent, be able to find a frame that fits your head perfectly, use the right colour lens for the right conditions – either enhancing the colour contrast in and on the water

or simply work as sunglasses, is simply essential in modern fishing."

It's no longer just the fly anglers who rely on polarised sunglasses to benefit their sessions. European-style carp anglers are big users of polarised eyewear as they seek to spot carp feeding from vantage points such as trees. Predator anglers are big users of this kind of eyewear too, because spotting species such as pike vastly increases the ability to catch them because you can cast to them or tailor your retrieve to entice a bite.



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Combining contemporary styling with sports performance, the VisionGear Sportsman's Mirror glasses from Rapala offer anglers high-quality optics that also look good.

The glasses are lightweight and comfortable thanks to a rubber nose pad and non-slip end tips.

The lenses are mirror coated to eliminate glare and green mirror amber and blue mirror grey lens colour options are available to suit different light conditions.

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EDGE SUNGLASSES

Flying Fisherman's Edge sunglasses feature a semi-rimless frame combining lightweight comfort with stylish good looks to give you the edge against glare, on or off the water. The TR90 frame material provides a solid foundation with the durability anglers demand for unbeatable fishability, with non-slip nose and temple pads, and virtually shatterproof RhinoLenses for complete eye protection from flying hooks, lures, sinkers and more, and the AcuTint lens colouring system for crystal-clear polarised optics. The matte-black frame is available with amber or smoke AcuTint lenses.

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LenZ Optics has launched a series of handmade titanium and acetate frames featuring Zeiss lenses.

The Dee range, which comes fitted with OBE hinges of stainless steel, handcrafted acetate frames and Zeiss CR39 polarised lenses, is available in four models that will make you look like a million dollars when sight fishing that favourite venue of yours: Brown Tortoise frame, polarised brown/copper mirror; Shiny Black, polarised grey-blue mirror; Matte Havana/polarised brown; and Army Clear/polarised grey.

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DOCKSIDE SUNGLASSES

The Dockside's design is optimised to virtually eliminate distracting glare both in front of and behind the lens.

Crafted in Italy, the large eye wire and wide temples maximise coverage and eliminate side glare, while spring hinges act to provide a perfect fit every time. Designed around the largest ChromaPop lenses available, the unmatched clarity and enhanced colour are perfect for a whole manner of fishing situations.

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