

## Something New for the Spider-Riggers

By Bernard Williams, Magnolia Crappie Club

Every now and then something really diverse and amazing comes along for fishermen that can be beneficial to the normal everyday fisherman. What I'm referring to is a invention from Driftmasters called the "Crappie Stalker". Normally I don't get too excited by rod-holders but this is different. I don't recommend a product that I wouldn't use in myself, just wasn't raised like that. I use the Stalkers and I fully endorse these to all my spider-rigging friends. If you are truly a committed slow-troller and don't have a set, you're missing the boat so to speak.



The scheme is somewhat simple. It's like a rod-holder on steroids. When we first started using rod-holders, they had to be mounted on the side of the boat, isolated and individually. Then the concept changed to a T-Bar for adjustment, with up to four holders mounted on a T-Bar and the T-Bar mounted to the floor. I thought this was great until a fish hit one of the rods while you had you weren't looking, all four rods would shake. Or if you moved one rod, the other three would shake and spook the fish.

I'm thinking; it's got to be a better way. Then I made a modification myself, I changed the single T-Bar to a double T-Bar. I had much more stability but less flexibility and the



same thing occurred when a fish hit while you weren't looking. It seems that I wasn't the only one with this problem. 7-times national champions Ronnie Capps and Steve Coleman encountered the same problem.

Then along comes David Banyard from Driftmasters with a solution. Go back to the original rod-holder mount but this time make the rod-holder independent, flexible and movable.

David's idea was to isolate each rod-holder, thus eliminating rod movement. Now adjusting one rod doesn't cause the others to move, wow! This just what the doctor ordered.

### The Stalker Facts:

- All your holders are isolated and independent of each other.
- Each holder is mounted on its own T-Bar allowing unlimited adjustment in any direction.
- Each holder can be folded down, especially the rod-holder behind the trolling motor.
- Each holder mounts individually so total customization of your fishing platform is achieved.

Another important feature of the isolated holders, taller persons can have their holders mounted moved further to the front for more leg room. My partner is a bigger guy than me; he needs more leg room than I do, so I moved his side further to the front of the boat than my side. Now everyone is happy and comfortable.

If you are serious about slow trolling, this is a product you need to try. We all know, the less fish you spook the more bites you get, thus more fish are caught. Give David a call (803 473-4927); ask for the T-275-H Crappie Stalker System, it's reasonable prices for the components included and they come with a lifetime warranty, now you can't beat that no way, shape, form, or fashion. **BW**