

SpyderLoc Rod Holders – No Wrench Needed

Crappie fishermen listen up, found a new product that's amazingly simple to use and easy to adjust. A few days ago a friend of mine, Professional Bass and Crappie Fisherman Don Terry of Jackson introduced me to a new rod holder that needs no wrenches to make adjustments. The SpyderLoc Rod holder is flexible, versatile, and adjustable. The height can be raised up and down 3 or 4 levels or any height in between. The holders themselves can be turned left, right, up or down by loosening 1 or 2 knobs. I'm a Driftmaster Rod Holder man and just when I thought there was nothing that comes close, these pop up.



I interviewed the inventor, Gene Johnson of Madison, MS. Gene says, "I looked for rod holders and I couldn't find any that suited my taste. They were either too expensive and/or low quality, or just wouldn't do the things I wanted them to do. So I went out to my shop and made my own. The first time I took them out, a guy comes along and sees them and had to have 'em. I sold them and installed them on his boat at the dock. I go back to the shop and make another set, next time out another guy comes along and sees them and he buys them. The same scenario occurred at least 4 more times."

"Each time I made a set I would make an improvement. When I started pulling crankbaits and longlining, more adjustments were needed. They wouldn't stay in place; I came up with the teeth or grooves in the left, right, up and down adjustments. They were designed for spider-rigging and they lock. Thus the name SpyderLoc is derived from this technique," said Gene.

The left and right adjustments is done by loosening the bottom knob, the connections sit in grooved slots assuring that nothing moves once you set the position. To make up and down adjustment (12" – 20" height adjustment), just loosen the camlock at the top of the riser; to make small quick changes in your rod tips while out on the water, simply loosen the knob on the back of the cradle, make the adjustment, then re-tighten the knob.

The back and front of the holder is rubber coated, so there's no damage to your rod. The distance between the back and front of the holder is wide enough to place your reel inside, assuring that your rod will not get pulled into the lake. I've lost several rods to big gar and catfish.



The entire rack (24" crossbar) can be rotated left or right by loosening the center knob. The connection at this point has slotted grooves for small adjustments. The plate that the holders sit on can be adjusted up or down to 3 positions or anywhere in between. Now the kids can have the holders at a comfortable height. Don't worry about it rusting; it's made out of aluminum anodized metal.

Don says he chose SpyderLoc because he uses his boat for dual purposes. He fishes for both bass and crappie. "I don't want them on the boat when I'm bass fishing; they're in the way. I didn't want those

high-dollar holders all over my boat with no way to take them in and out. SpyderLoc holders can be removed very quickly; just unscrew the two thumb screws from the base plate, now they can be easily and stored away. You would've never knew I had them on the boat", said Don. "I like the fact that one mounting plate is screwed to the floor of the boat for each set of holders. The plate mounts flush to the carpet. I don't have to deface my Ranger boat", said Terry.

Don has four sets, two sets in the back for pulling crankbaits and longlining, two sets in the front for spider-rigging. "I'm on the water all the time, 150 to 180 days a year. I'm either bass fishing in tournaments or crappie fishing with my wife and son. My wife mans the poles in the back and she loves the SpyderLoc holders", says Don. According to Don, "She can quickly make adjustments in the rods when the wind picks up without touching a wrench. The sure lock adjustment with teeth means it's going to stay where I put them. We've had catfish on over 20 pounds and the holders did their job. They stay exactly where you put them, they don't move. My wife is not that tall, she lowers the holders to her comfort level without any help from me, and I love them for that aspect if nothing else."

According to Johnson, "SpyderLoc holders are selling like hotcakes. My friends on crappie.com order at least 5 or 6 sets a week. You can find them at several local stores around Jackson (R.J's Marine, Vans Sporting Goods, Duncan Marine and more to come)". They retail for \$129.95 per set and worth every penny. You can order them from their website at <http://www.millenniummarine.com/> or call Gene Johnson at (601) 750-3519, If you see him on the water he may have a set or two in the boat. SpyderLoc holders come with a 3 year warranty so you can rest at ease. These things are built to handle whatever you throw at them. **Bernard**