

# How to fish - the Eddystone way

There are some interesting new Eddystone products on the market this year. Here's how to use them and what species you can expect to catch.



## EDDYJELLY

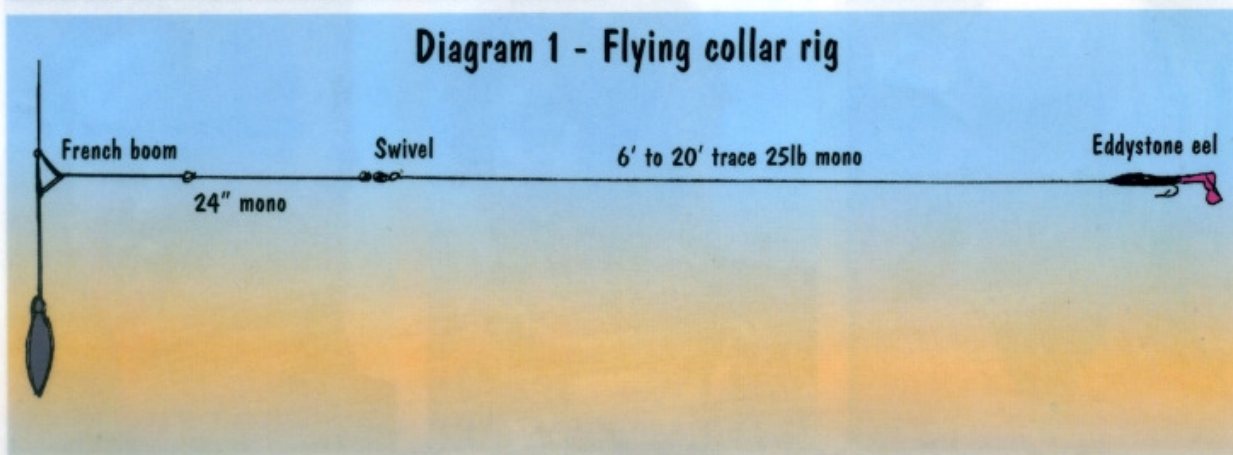
### EDDY JELLY

The revolutionary artificial jelly sandeel is one of the new products from Eddystone. These brilliant soft lures are made from a newly developed durable plastic jelly and swim and feel like the real thing with their super action tail. They are made in two sizes, large, 180mm (7") and small 90mm (3.5"). RRP, bag of three large are £3.49. For the same price you get 10 small ones.

### DIAGRAM 1

For the large EddyJelly you can use the Flying collar rig. This is a trace of 25lb mono, between six and 20 feet long, depending on the clarity of the water and strength of the tide, fitted to a French boom, with a swivel a couple of feet

Diagram 1 - Flying collar rig



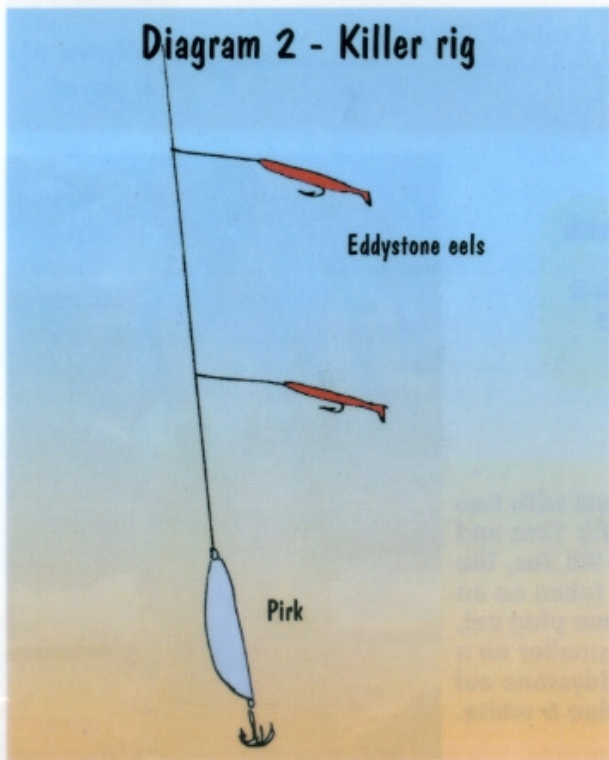
from the end of the boom to prevent the trace twisting. The lure is lowered to the bottom and wound back up as the boat drifts over or near a wreck or reef. The pollack, coalfish or cod will take the lure as it passes, sometimes hitting it straight away but often following it some way off the bottom before grabbing it and diving back to the bottom. You need to put a hook on the end of the trace as these lures slide onto the hook like a lugworm. They don't come with their own hook, as the Eddystone eel does, so make sure the hook is a decent 4/0 or even 5/0 if the fish are running to double figures.



### ORIGINAL EDDYSTONE

FIRETAILS

The original Eddystone Eel was launched in 1973. This lure has taken 10 World records to date including bass, pollack, coalfish and ling and is still a favourite with wreck anglers. Works particularly well in strong tides and deep water. Made from special soft but tough plastic and fitted with the finest quality hooks. New to the range are the Firetails that have black bodies with bright red, yellow or green tails. These combinations of colours are known to work well. They are made in the no 3, 190mm size eel. Another new colour for this year, also in the popular 190mm size are the mackerel stripe.



### DIAGRAM 2

Traditionally the Eddystone Eel is fished on the flying collar rig but it can be fished on a short trace above a pirk. This was known as the Killer rig in the late seventies when some massive catches of pollack and cod were landed on it. Nowadays anglers prefer the skill and excitement of playing one fish at a time on lighter and more sporting tackle.

### RANGE

The Eddystone Eel is made in six sizes starting with a tiny 70mm with a 1/0 Aberdeen hook going right up to the massive 270mm, complete with an 8/0 O'Shaunessy. RRP is 50p for the smallest eel running up to £2.99 for the biggest.

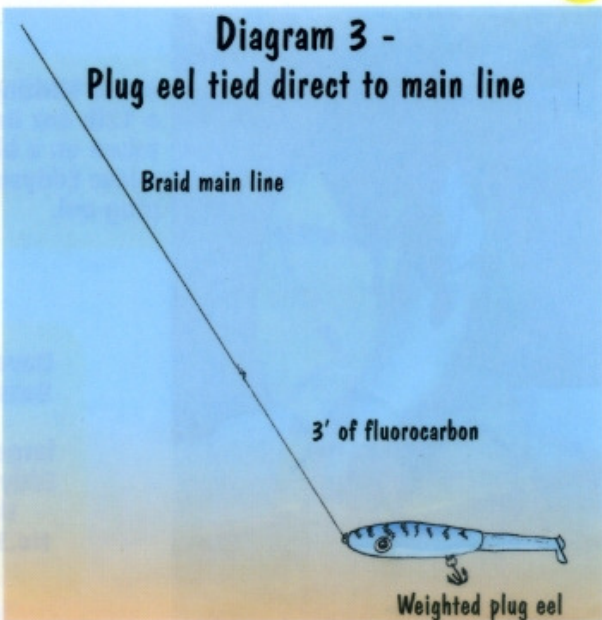


### AWARD WINNER

PLUG EELS

The most exciting of the new products is the Plug Eel, a floating deep diver. This lure won 'The Best New Lure' at last years European Fishing Tackle Exhibition in Amsterdam. The Plug Eel will stay afloat until retrieved when it will dive down to where the fish are but will re-surface as the line is slackened. Things move fast in the angling world and since this original concept came out a new weighted version has been developed. The weighted Plug Eel can now be cast from the boat making it a revolutionary style of pirk for uptiding or trolling for bass, pollack and game fish.

RRP for the weighted Plug Eel are, large £8.99, small £5.99. The original Floating Deep Divers are, large £7.99 and small £5.99.



### DIAGRAM 3

The weighted Plug Eels are best tied direct to the main line and work well using a fixed spool reel loaded with braid on a soft action rod. Cast the Plug eel around the boat over a reef or rocky area to attract a range of fish such as bass, pollack, codling, garfish and mackerel.

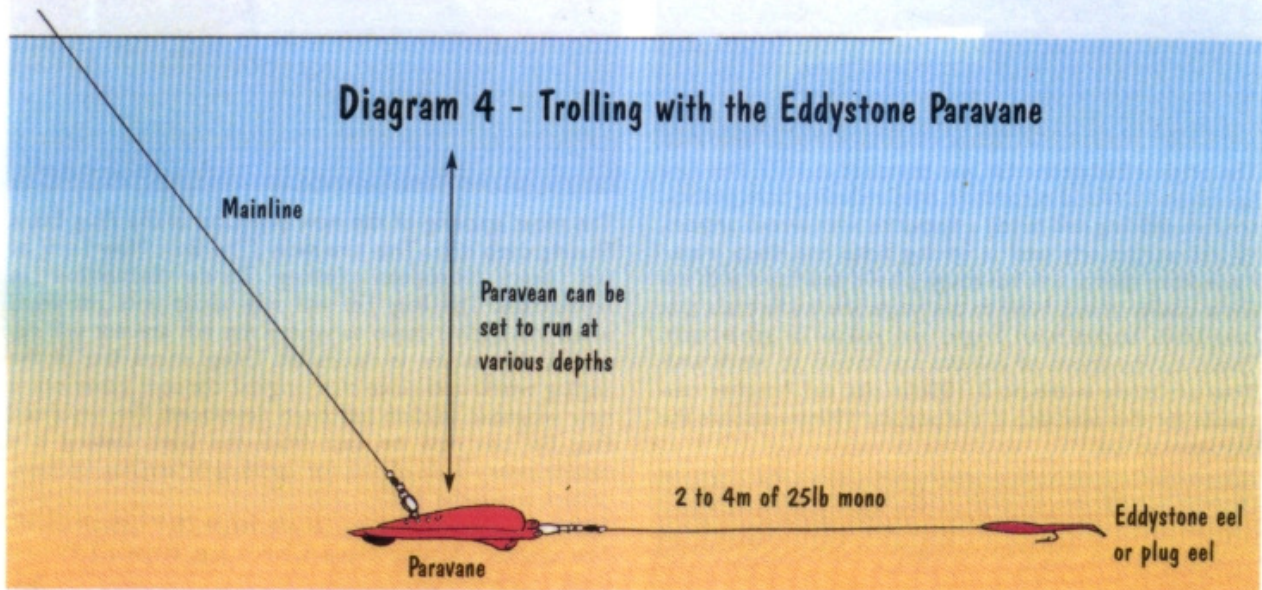


You could try trolling using the Eddystone Paravane. These light-weight, self-weighted trolling devices are made in

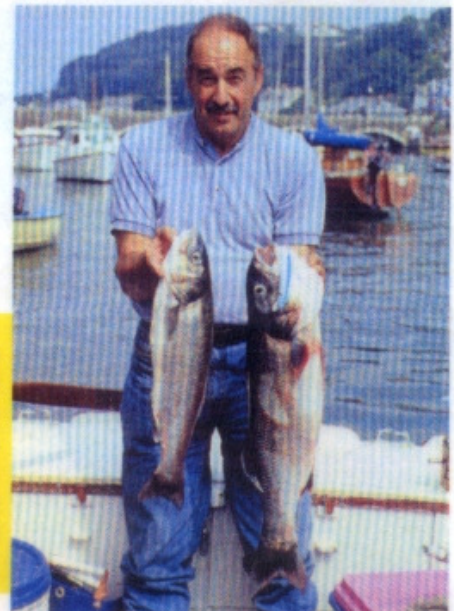
bright colours so they can be seen easily. They take the lure down to a pre-set depth and surface on catching a fish. They can be set to work on the port or starboard side. UK anglers could get a few surprises if they trolled a lure, using a paravane, when they go over reefs and rough ground. They may find the elusive bass are present all the time, even when baits on the bottom won't tempt them. RRP £6.99.

### DIAGRAM 4

You will need a trace of two to four metres attached to the rear of the paravane, that's the wide end, using 20lb to 25lb mono. The main line should always be stronger than the trace when trolling in case it snags something. Then you only lose the lure and not the rod and reel. There are full instructions on how to work the lure either side of the boat and at greater depths, supplied with each unit. It does recommend a towing line be used, this is a separate line between the mainline and the paravane but it should be perfectly OK to connect the main line direct to the paravane.



Marie Whiting with a 12lb 4oz Bass taken on a black & white Eddystone plug eel.



Dave Butt with two Bass 11lb 12oz and a 9lb 2oz, the largest taken on an Eddystone plug eel, the smaller on a No.3 Eddystone eel blue & white.