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## CREATE THE ULTIMATE FISHING STATION, JUST LIKE TEAM ENGLAND STAR DES SHIPP, AS THE MATCH MAESTRO REVEALS HOW HE SETS UP HIS SEATBOX READY FOR COMPETITION FISHING

When Preston Innovations first started making seatboxes and complimentary OffBox items, I knew the development team understood match fishing. It's such an important thing, for me, to be able to fish effectively, comfortably and have everything I need close to hand. OffBox allows me to do this. In the Onbox range there are world class seatboxes – and in the Inbox range there's everything you need to load those boxes will all the tackle you could ever need – but if you can't setup your box as a fishing platform and base station, you're always going to have a tricky time on the bank.

The great thing about the majority of OffBox products is they could, if you wanted, be left on the box at all times. I tend to add and remove items as I need them, but if you've enough room in your van, you can load up your Shuttle quickly and be fishing almost straight away when you get to your peg.

What I love about OffBox is the versatility. The angle adjustments, height adjustments – the different spacer bars and angle blocks. It's the total solution.

That's what makes OffBox so unique and that's why I use it exclusively. It's so quick and easy to set up and it's built to last, which is why it's a market leader. I don't want to arrive at a lake to find one of my attachments in pieces, which is why Preston have worked so hard to get things as tough and robust as they can. That's reflected in the finished product, which is one of the single most important features of OffBox.

But like all seatbox attachments, you can only carry so much, and the items I've recommended here are only those that suit my fishing. It's a good starting point though, and if you're looking at becoming a more organised and efficient angler, you'd be a fool not to consider OffBox. Check out what I use, and over the following pages, look at what else is in the range that will suit your own angling.

Best of luck.

*Des Shipp*



The versatility of the Space Station XSII that I use with the Offbox system means I am always fishing at the top of my game. I'm organised and therefore I can be more effective in my fishing. I'm not wasting time adjusting my position, because I can get set up and keep my eyes on the float or quiver tip at all times.



### SUPER SIDE TRAY.

This is simple, sturdy and swivels to exactly where I want it. It's a separate tray to my Bait Waiter, so I can put down groundbait bowls and extra hookbait options.



### BAIT WAITER

I can adjust this really easily and pick up my feed bait without even looking. It's where I keep all my bait tubs for the session. Used with a Long Cross Arm it's raised up right next to my hands so I can fish more efficiently. I want to watch the water, not my bait table, after all.



### TELESCOPIC FEEDER ARM

The reasons for this are fairly obvious and I always have it on my left side. It's just easier when you're right handed like me. I rest the rod on my leg most of the time, though there are butt rests for anglers who prefer it. The adjustment on the feeder arm means I can angle the rod wherever I like. I like the quiver tip to be around 4 inches from the surface, as this keeps most of the line under the water and prevents false indications.



### PRO POLE SUPPORT.

When you want to be mega, mega accurate, this support system is ideal. In windy conditions when you want total control you simply have to have this support. It's fully adjustable, so you can set it exactly how you want to. This means you can fish comfortably in all conditions for the duration of a match or a day's fishing. It's strong, too, which is important when fishing a long pole. You don't want everything wobbling around, and this support is mega stable.



### ACCESSORY TOOL BAR.

I can have up to three keepnets from this item of Offbox, perfectly placed on the edge of my footplate for easy access to the keepnet openings. This means I don't have to get up off my box to put fish in the net. Because the accessory blocks are adjustable you can move the nets around to suit the situation and peg you're fishing. It's a brilliant bit of kit and one I couldn't do without. I highly recommended it.



### POLE SOCK / POLE GRIP.

These keep the pole at hand once you've unshipped, I use either of them, in any conditions. You have a lot of pole sections that need to stay nearby. This stops the pole rolling forward and getting damaged. I put one of these on a Long Cross Arm for more adjustment options. This is important when you have a roller set behind you, as you don't want to have to get off your box.



### SHORT BANKSTICKS.

I add these to all my keepnets so I can make use of the Accessory Tool Bar. Like all Offbox products, they give you loads of options with angular adjustments and height alterations. This is essential when unhooking fish and lowering them into the keepnets.



### TRIPOD ROOST KIT WITH SPACER BAR.

When fishing the pole, I find it's important to keep all my top kits close to hand. This is made easy by the OffBox Tripod Roost Kit. I use it in conjunction with a Spacer Bar to enable me to keep all my top kits safe. It also means I can keep them off the ground – therefore avoiding any bankside obstructions. This results in less tangles. I find always having the butt end of your top kits in the same place means you can fish more efficiently.