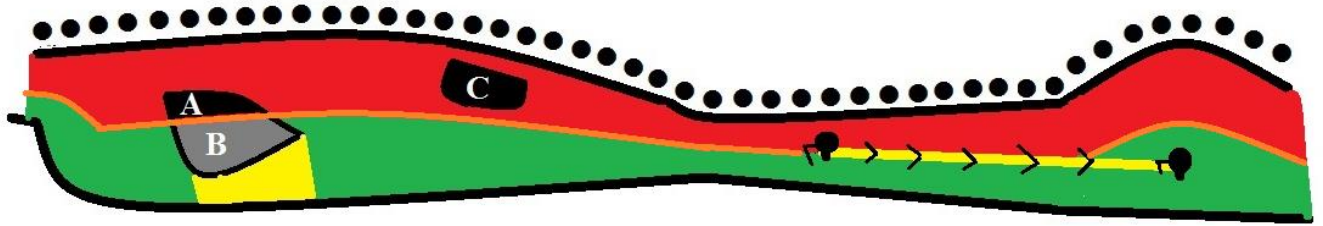


## Understanding how to fish when it is single-bank fishing only



The above picture shows it is single bank fishing only; this is indicated by dots similar to the PAA maps. This means you can cast into the entire river, but you **cannot** stand or wade beyond the imaginary centre of the river, shown here in orange.

The red area illustrates where you can stand and wade to fish both into the green or red area.

If you are pushing your luck and are right on the centre line, you should not turn to face the red section, as this will mean you are technically fishing from the opposite bank, so best to always keep a little distance from the imaginary centre line, as it can be hard to judge when deep wading, it is always much easier and accurate to judge from a distance on a high bank, so don't push your luck, just learn to cast further if needs be! .

The large island - illustrated here as A/B, shows that 'B', in grey, is beyond the imaginary centre line, so you **cannot** stand in that grey area of the island, the area shown in yellow may be unreachable to cast into from the imaginary line, so don't look at it - just in case there's a monster fish rising there! - In other words don't create temptation. If however a large island was owned by the opposite bank, then the centre line would be between the island and our bank, a good example of this on our water is on the River Lowther at Westmorland Holme Map 6.

The small island shown a 'C' however, is within the imaginary centre line, so you could stand on that island, or beyond the island if it was still within the imaginary centre line as shown here.

What you have to be careful of doing when wading along a river, is that the bank behind you may widen. This mistake is easily done when you are using the far bank as your distance for the centre line, demonstrated with the yellow line, so always be perceptive of the distance of the bank behind you.

Luckily most of our rivers are not as complicated as shown in the diagram. However, as we still occasionally receive complaints from other clubs and riparian owners of our members fishing on the totally wrong bank, the best advice I can give, is to please check your map before fishing!

If you are caught **blatantly** and **clearly** pushing the rules, apart from possibly losing your membership, the owner or club that control the water which you are poaching have the right to prosecute you for theft of fishing rights under the **Theft Act, 1968**.