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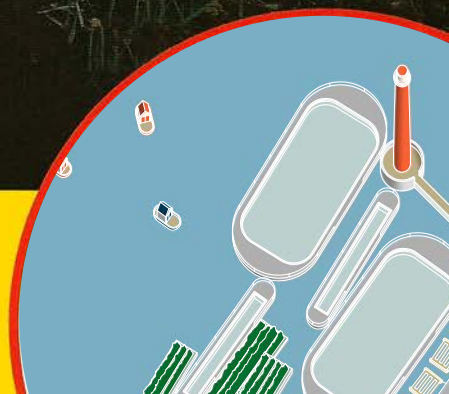
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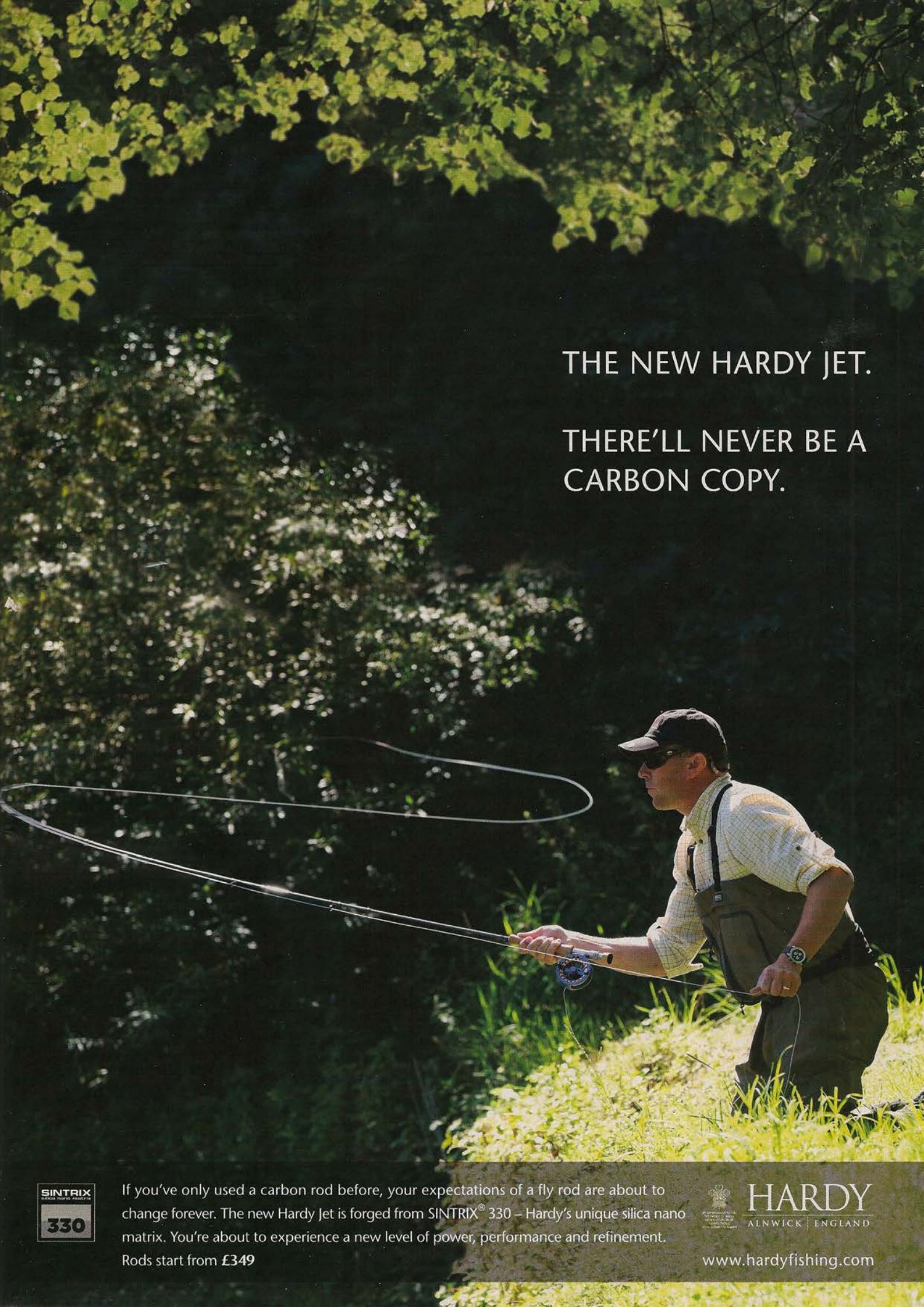
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An aerial photograph of the Langelinie Fishery in Copenhagen, Denmark. The image shows a large, modern fish processing facility with several long piers extending into the water. Numerous yellow buoys are visible in the water around the piers. The surrounding urban area is visible, with buildings and roads. The water is a deep blue color.

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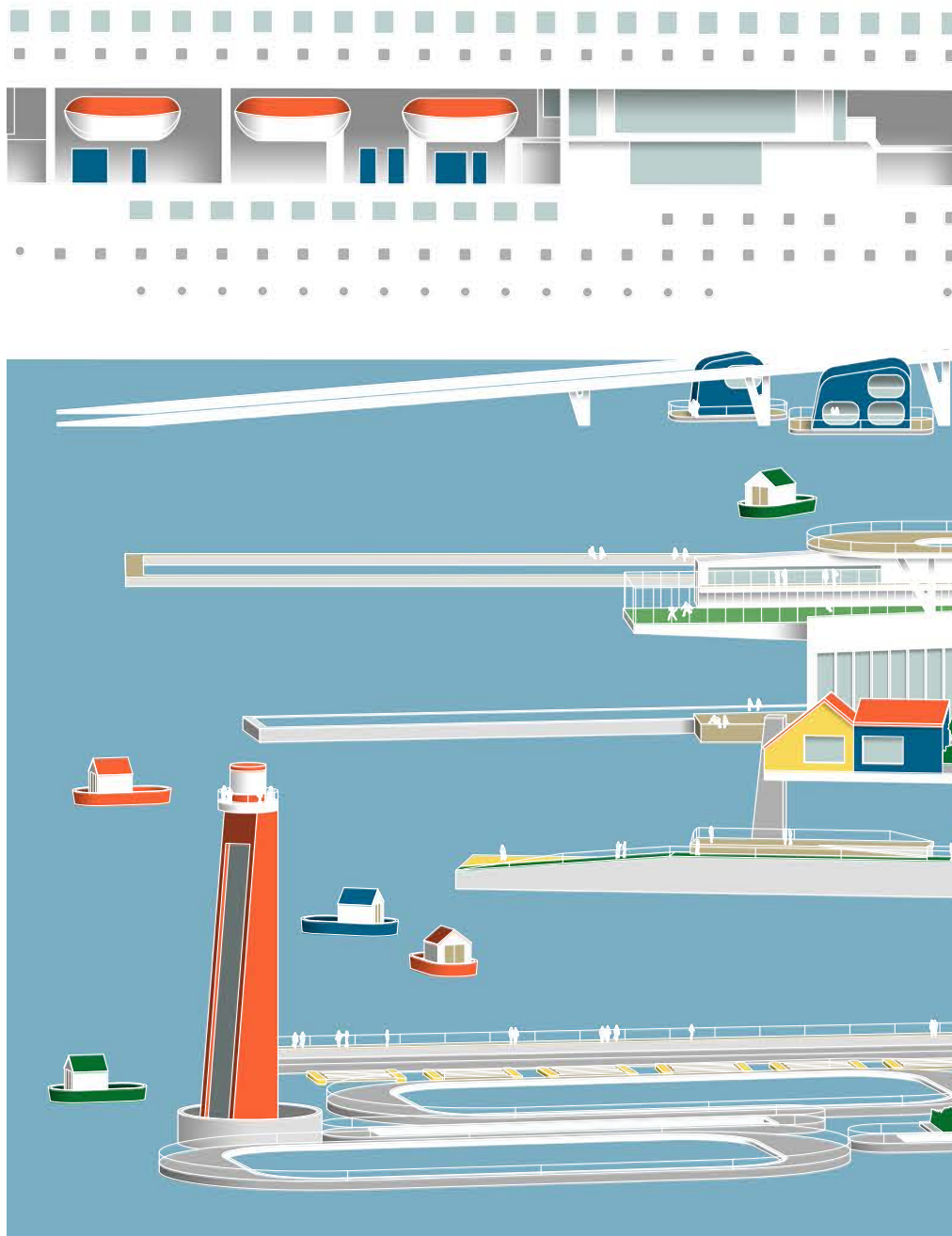
**A**s if there wasn't already enough reason to go to Denmark's capital city, its hotly anticipated port redevelopment is capturing the interests of fishermen / anglers across Europe. Usually fishermen / anglers find themselves enjoying the recreation miles away from cities, but the residents of Copenhagen and its visitors will always be in strolling distance from the local coastal fishery that looks set to have a plentiful supply of trout.

Cruise Copenhagen is a new project set to redevelop Copenhagen's port, which entails some interesting fishing initiatives that stem from a sensible drive for sustainability.

## Commercial fishery with a twist

The first initiative will act to bolster the commercial sales of what is already Denmark's main fish export - rainbow trout. Under the scheme, rainbow trout are to be farmed in fresh water pools until they reach a juvenile weight of between 600-1000g at which point the fish are transferred into saltwater pools during March and April. They are fattened up in the fresh water for the following 6 or 7 months until they've grown to somewhere between 2 and 4kg when they are harvested sometime between October and December. The rainbow trout is then sold commercially. The rainbow trout's roe will also be cold as caviar. This may all sound old hat and fairly obvious to those familiar with the methods employed in the commercial farming of fish, but there is an interesting twist that makes where they are farmed novel.

The pools the rainbow trout are grown in sit secured on rails during the winter. Secured



*“It rather turns the traditional relationship between boat and fishing on its head.”*



Fishing boats moor up on Langelinie's beach pontoons

because these pools are quite unlike any other manmade fishery pools. These pools are actually concrete barges. That's right, growing fish on a boat. It rather turns the traditional relationship between boat and fishing on its head.

## More than just an unusual 'fishing boat'

It might sound as though a concrete barge has little chance on staying afloat - but much of the barge is hollowed to make these the most buoyant of fish farms. The freshwater fish pools are smaller barges as befits the relatively small size of a young trout - and the freshwater pools are larger to give the adults freedom of space. These fish are essentially grown on boats - something few of us could have envisaged happening but there is reason to this seemingly strange idea.



These barges are not just for growing fish - the architect who planned the scheme had practical and efficient ideas in mind, she was concerned not to waste space. Indeed - the space on the barges would be dead space and unused whenever there were no fish inhabiting them. So what are they to be used for when fish aren't swimming around it? Well the plan certainly isn't for the residents of Copenhagen to use these pools for slightly fishy smelling recreational fishing. The freshwater pools, which housed the juvenile trout over the winter are drained and cleaned. They are then 'fitted out' to take on entirely new roles - one will be a pop-up cafe and another a pop-up performance space. 'Pop-up' because these are barges let's not forget - they can be sailed around the port before they serve the public and literally pop-up where they please. To add to this small fleet of pop-ups, will be a bathing pontoon that we are assured will also have received a good cleaning before the public take a dip.

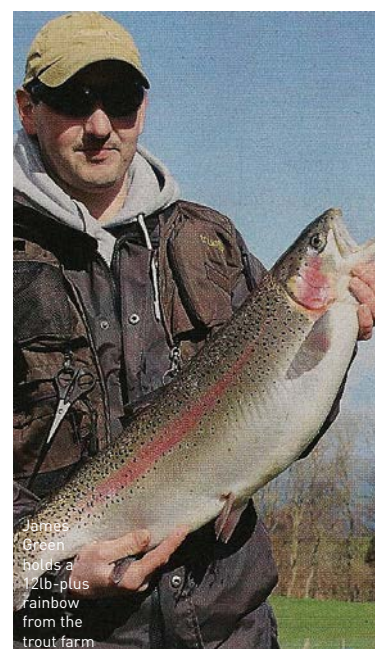
The bigger saltwater pools used in the summer for bigger trout, also do not stand still during the winter months. The pools are frozen over and sailed over to the sports pier of the new development, where they are transformed from fishing pools into competitive ice hockey rinks and curling rinks to be used by professional athletes.

## Recreational fishing pools

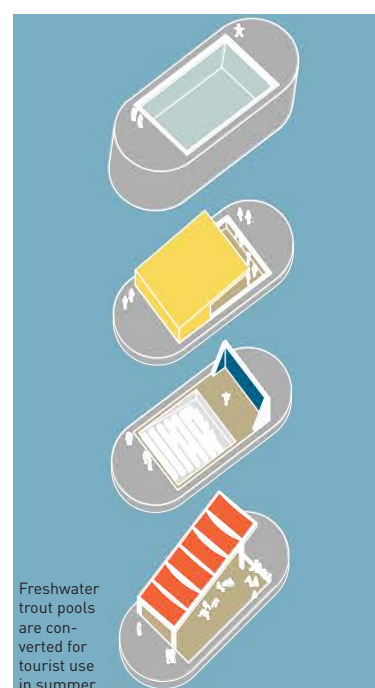
Situated in the Waterside Park on Pier 3 at Langelinie Port will be what Trout Fisherman readers will be glad to read: a place to fish! The re-development affords the experienced fishermen and beginners alike the opportunity to mix tourism with trout fishing. Those rainbow trout that were not large enough for commercial sale are transferred into recreational fishing pools. Entry to this urban fishing resort will be pay per hour - and you need not worry about the potential impracticalities of squeezing your fishing



Dai Davies took a 15lb rainbow in the Øresund



James Green holds a 12lb-plus rainbow from the trout farm

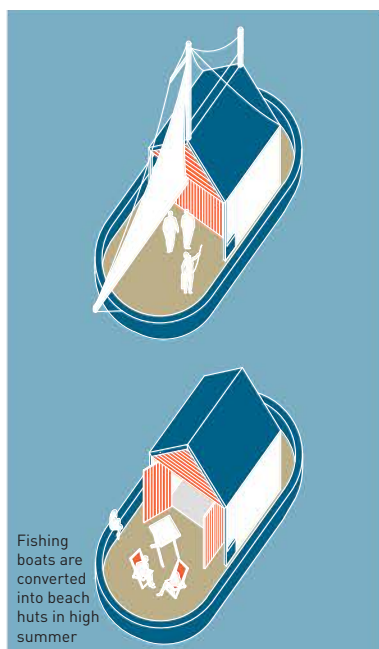


Freshwater trout pools are converted for tourist use in summer





Recreational fishing pools on the waterside park pier



Fishing boats are converted into beach huts in high summer

rods into your hand-luggage on the way over since there will be a generous range of equipment to hire that is sure to satisfy even the most seasoned fisherman. There is little to stop residents and tourists from giving it a go without straying too far from comfort, with it situated so near to the heart of Copenhagen.

## Sea trout fishing

The fishing experience does not stop there. For those wanting to try something a little bit different, rather than fishing for fish that live on a boat, you can undertake the more orthodox of fishing practices: fishing on a boat for fish that live in the sea. There is the option to hire fishing boats on the Oresund, which are being built as part of the Cruise Copenhagen scheme - in fact, these will only be available during off-peak season for cruising (late summer to early winter). The touring fisherman will be able to do fishing in these boats and catch local sea trout in and around the areas surrounding the port - an excellent place to experience views of the city while enjoying the pleasure of fishing and the open sea.

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Continuing on the theme of no wasted space, these boats are not wasted during the cruise season. In peak cruise season, during high summer, these fishing boats are moved up on Langelinie’s artificial beach pontoons and easily converted into beach huts for cruisers and visitors to the port.

## Mussel farm

The fishing appeal stretches further, since the programme includes the introduction of a mussel farm, where Blue Mussels will be rope-grown using the ‘raft method’. This involves a wooden raft framework with dropper rope that go 6-10m into the sea - the mussels grow on these ropes and eventually harvested. Interested? If you visit Copenhagen, you’ll have the option to tour this farm to see this method in practice and, if you go at the right time, sample the fresh mussels.

Not only does this serve those after fresh mussels in Copenhagen but also benefits the local environment, as the feeding mussels will reduce eutrophication of the water discharged from the nearby sewage plant.

## Fish Copenhagen?

The Cruise Copenhagen fishing programme is full of reassuring initiative and contributes to the ever-increasing widespread concern to be ethical. Reassuring, particularly to us folk so concerned with fish. The scheme represents more than a tourist break for the fisherman, it represents a political statement of sustainability and an accessible route into fishing itself. By bring fishing to the people of the city, the fishing audience in Copenhagen looks set to expand - Copenhagen is surely leading by example. How long will we wait for a coastal town in the UK to follow suit?



Copenhagen has a rich fishing heritage, evident at the historic Nyhavn canal in the city centre



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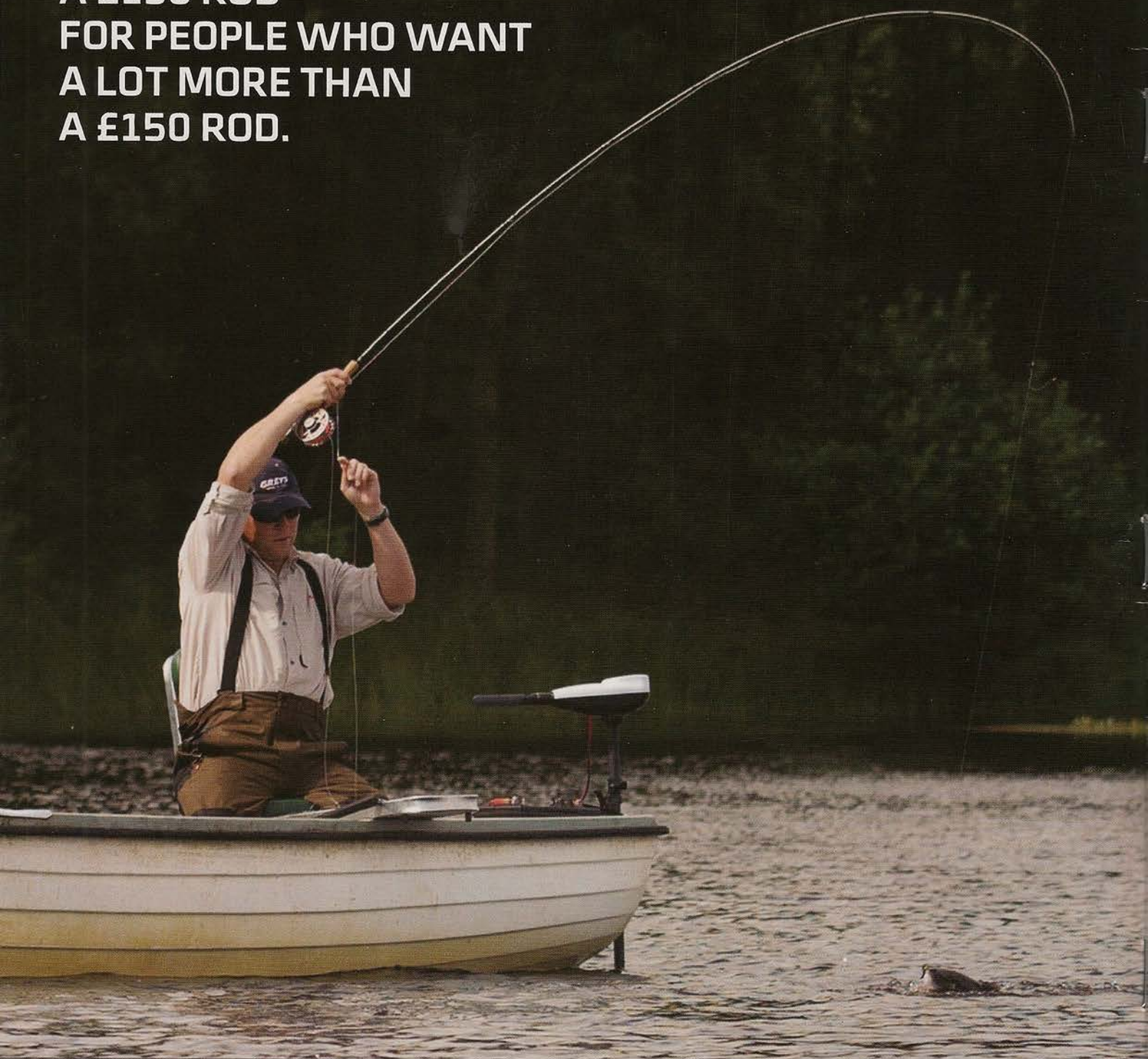


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