

Yes.

I'm an experienced skipper of the 'Two Mudweight' method. Been doing it for an age on hire boats and still do, we have two mudweights onboard 'B.A' too.

I'll herewith describe the lot as best as I can, You already know some of this otherwise you wouldn't have asked for a second mudweight so bear with it for those that don't have a scooby doo.

Problem 1) - You can't moor to the bank for whatever reason but there really is a TV programme you want to watch. Mudweighting will result in the boat swinging around and the aerial losing the signal strength

Problem 2) - You want to mudweight on a Broad for fishing, putting ground bait down and hitting the same spot with your tackle, mudweighting will result in the boat swing around and losing your target area

Problem 3) - You want or have to mudweight out on a Broad for whatever reason but the wx forecast gives increasing wind strength overnight, thereby the risk of dragging, more so on some broads and/or areas of certain Broad's with hard bottoms (Barton is a good example)

Solution 1) and 2) - find your chosen spot and brief your crew. You need one crew member on the foc'sle and one crew member on the stern. Secure mudweight ropes at their very end to the cleats. Come slowly head into wind and then stop. Deploy fwd mudweight only, then go very slowly astern. Once the fwd mudweight rope has weight on it disengage astern propulsion and immediatly instruct the stern mudweight crew member to throw the aft mudweight as far out as he/she can dead astern. Shut down engine and let the boat settle down, then adjust the slack out of both Fwd and Aft mudwieght ropes equally. You should then be held into wind and steady for the night enabling a sort of acceptable tv picture and excellent target fishing.

Solution 3) - find your chosen spot and brief your crew. You need ideally two crew members on the foc'sle but one will suffice. Secure mudweight ropes at their very end to the cleats. Come slowly head into wind and then stop. Deploy both fwd mudweight at around 30 odd degrees to each other then go very slowly astern to set them. Once both ropes have equal weight on them disengage astern propulsion, shut down engine and let the boat settle down, then adjust out some of the slack out of both Fwd ropes equally to minimise the swinging circle. You should then be held into wind and steady for the night on two mudweights enabling a confident nights sleep. This method is to be avoided in any sort of very strong wind/gale though

Hope this helps and well done you for having the nounce to have a go at it.

Problems - None that can see if followed correctly and crew know what is expected of them. Obvious dangers to avoid are not securing end of mudweight ropes before deploying, crew slipping if incorrect footwear, aft rope fouling prop if propulsion not disenged before deployment and aged crew members suffering a back problem. Oh and remember in the morning to lift the aft mudweight before engaging propulsion. Other problems for the fishermen amongst you is line hooking the damn mudweight ropes - really annoying that is so pay attention to their location.

Edited cos I missed the last bit and the spelling could have been better - Now there is a surprise eh?

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