



The sky's the limit

The new Sonik NCT beach rods are simply out of this world, according to staff writer PAUL FENECH, who recently took them for a test drive and was simply blown away

It normally takes something really extraordinary for me to get excited about fishing tackle, but my eyes lit up when Northumberland tackle firm Sonik fast-tracked me a couple of its brand new NCT beach rods, due for release in December.

The moment that your eyes fall on a beach rod can tell you a lot. If it's not good cosmetically, your brain immediately lets you know that this is not the rod for you. On the other hand, if two pieces of

carbon immediately draw you into swooning and getting the urge to join them together, it is a good bet that it will be a winner.

At first glance the Sonik NCT (that stands for Nano Carbon Technology) beach rods look the business, and after being the first to test this range of SK3 and SK4 rods before they were launched, I was excited.

Nano carbon isn't particularly new to angling, especially in the fly-fishing world, but Sonik doesn't seem to be afraid to move forward into the 21st Century in terms of sea

Paul says:

If you're a tournament caster, then you've been waiting for the NCT rods to arrive. Being lightweight with power and strength, they deliver an awesome performance and in the right hands are going to shine on the casting field.

Anglers will enjoy the bite detection as well as the handling, which is superb, and this coming winter will see me enjoying beaching cod with them. Well done Sonik - at last a powerful, lightweight beach rod that is very easy to master. The NCT beach rods will be available to buy from December.

rod manufacture. In fact the company appears to have embraced this new technology. That is certainly proven with the birth of its two new beach rods.

Because Nano carbon is a resin that enables a rod to be lighter and stronger but able to deliver much more power, I couldn't wait to fix a reel on one and see just how far I could flex it.

There are two models and both are made in two-piece equal sections and measure 14ft. One is rated to cast 5oz and the other 6oz. They look absolutely stunning and the finish is exceptional, with an almost red wine colour blending with burnt orange on the livery. Ten lightweight guides line the blank, with Japanese shrink-wrap on the butt section and the ever-present adjustable Sonik screw winch fitting.

Looks are one thing, though, but performance is another so I attached a high-performance multiplier reel to each rod.

First to be put to the test was the

6oz rod. I couldn't get over how super-light these rods were, and wondered if they would be up to accommodating a powerful pendulum swing.

Wrong! They accommodated it very well and with a high back swing and then a very powerful pull-and-punch, the rod compressed, pulled the load and then launched my sinker towards the horizon.

As the reel opened up and revved its way to top speed, the rod recovered immediately with absolutely no wobble. The rod didn't bite back - and don't worry if you slightly mistime a cast, there won't be too much fuss caused.

Next up was the 5oz version, with exactly the same results. Hit after hit saw my sinker rising high and long with no complaints from either rod. They are simply superb and very easy to handle. They're both very impressive and the next six or so casts saw me really getting the feel of them and hitting some huge distances. **SA**

The NCT rods carry 10 lightweight guides



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PRICE:	£259.99 and £279.99
SECTIONS:	Two equal
LENGTH:	14ft
WEIGHT:	23oz
GUIDES:	Ten lightweight
RATING:	5oz and 6oz
BUTT DIAMETER:	25mm
BAG:	Yes

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■ The Sonik NCT beach rods will be available from December, so to find your nearest dealer log on to the Sonik website at: www.soniksports.com or tel: 01670 796910 Email: sales@soniksports.com