

WILEY X SEALS THE DEAL

For most anglers, polarised sunglasses are a good start, but nowadays, that simply isn't enough. Dust, wind, rain and peripheral light can damage not only your on-the-water experience, but also your eyes too. Wiley X has a patented system that really does seal the deal.

Most anglers who have been around long enough will tell you fishing is all about three things: location, location and location. Figuring out where the fish are is all about experience and your eyes – probably your most important tool whenever you head out for a day's fishing. Whether it's spotting fish or areas that might hold fish, protecting your eyes from UV rays, reading your fishfinder or ensuring you can concentrate on a float for long periods, keeping your eyes healthy and free from fatigue is a key advantage when fishing.

Wiley X is known around the world for offering eyewear that is not only highly technical in terms of its polarising ability, but can also protect your eyes from fatigue and

damage, particularly due to the many key innovations it has brought to the eyewear market. The patented Facial Cavity Seal, a removable gasket that blocks out wind, rain, dust particles, pollen and, perhaps most importantly, peripheral light is one of the features that makes Wiley X stand out from the crowd.

Fine dust and pollen, as well as wind, can cause long-term eye irritation, such as Dry Eye Syndrome. Rain and peripheral light can also diminish optical clarity. Wiley X has patented its removable soft foam Facial Cavity Seal which blocks out even the finest irritants and peripheral light, protecting the eyes and allowing its polarised lenses to perform at peak levels.

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Control series of eyewear (including the models WX Titan, WX Wave, WX Sleek, WX Echo, WX Gravity, WX Tide WX Enzo, Airrage and EFTTEX award-winning model WX Boss) that Wiley X produces and with all of those models the gasket can be removed. This ability to take the gasket seal out of the eyewear means that you can keep it scrupulously clean, and also replace it if it ever gets damaged. Along with all of the safety and performance benefits it also accomplishes one other very important task, it adds to the comfort levels you experience. With a soft seal around your eyes, the comfort is increased and the fatigue levels reduced, giving you the best of both worlds. So much in fact, that Wiley X continues to improve their patented gaskets to make it as functional and robust as possible, while having the highest level of comfort.

Last year, after ICAST in Orlando, Chris Leibbrandt, TTW's editor, took the opportunity to try and achieve a life ambition, to catch an American largemouth bass. Little



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did he know that this would involve a 50mph dash across the Butler Lake chain. He tells the tale: "I have been lucky enough to be wearing prescription Wiley X polarised sunglasses for a couple of years. I've had to wear glasses since I was a kid, and in the past had to put up with clip-on styles, which are okay, but not the real answer. Like many of us who have discovered Wiley X prescription eyewear, it's a delight to be able to wear the coolest of styles without sacrificing being able to tie knots and see what we're doing.

"After an hour and only a couple of tentative bites, I was just happy to be bass fishing around the lily pads, but our guide had other ideas. Being a bit of a sedate Englishman used to 5mph speed limits on the

water I wasn't expecting the high-octane blast across the lake system. The Facial Cavity Seal worked great, easily putting up with 50mph-plus wind and spray that could easily have been a problem with other eyewear. It might not look like much, but it certainly does a big job.

"Not only did the eyewear and the seal make that journey a real blast, they helped me to land my first ever bass, a fish I'm looking forward to beating come summer 2018!"

Wiley X's American outdoor director Ray Hill told TTW: "The Facial Cavity Seal is a great example of the technology that we implement into our eyewear that makes them perfect for anglers. Wearing regular sunglasses in windy conditions will only protect your eyes



Chris at 50+mph

up to a point. When spending a full day in intense sun, along with these other elements, your eyes will fatigue and can even start to water.

"Believe me, from experience, you will not only be protected against these type of elements, but by using our patented Facial Cavity Seal it will also enhance the polarisation by some 15 per cent because it eliminates the annoying and distracting peripheral light. This added performance advantage gives you what you need to capture your next big catch." ■



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