

PRODUCT FOCUS

MOOR FAST price £39.95

Here is a pole to pick up buoys and dock cleats without having to lie down on deck or reach out risking falling overboard, *writes Elizabeth Wright.*

The telescopic pole extends to 6ft 6in (2m) and is made of glassfibre, so light it floats. At the end is a detachable head made of acetal plastic, which is unaffected by sunlight and salt water (Moor Fast gives a lifetime guarantee on the head).

There is a yellow 2m feeder line for your mooring line.

The head is a large U-shape hook; across the top is a gate designed to open both ways – to this gate the feeder line is attached at all times. You hook onto the ring of a buoy, and the gate opens and shuts behind the ring, then, on pulling back, the other side of the gate opens, hence pulling the feeder line through the ring. The first time we used this I lacked confidence in the gate and failed, but, trying again, it works every time. We found it easy to use in calm water catching a ring buoy but, when in 1ft (300mm) waves with



wind and a buoy with a handle, it proved very tricky and we resorted to the tried-and-tested lasso method.

It is easy to store with the telescope retracted, but wipe off any weed and mud first as with any telescopic pole. It can also be used on pontoons to guide a line around a cleat.

We tried this on a course with Team Sailing in the Solent.

CB says: no more lying down for buoys!

