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Dear Mike and Geebee,

Those fins like Mike is using are NOT designed to use in a float tube despite them being sold by a company that makes and sells float tubes.

Fins like those are for diving where your feet trail behind you and you kick by fluttering your legs. They work great for swimming but not so great when your legs are working at an angle. That's why you feel strain or get tired.

I realize that the kicking stroke is different in a doughnut shaped tube but if anyone tries to use those swim/diver fins in a tube that you sit in you are going to have problems.

Even in a doughnut tube they wouldn't be very efficient for your natural position is to have your feet dangling and if you kick in those with your feet dangling the motion produced will be upward.

Bottom line, when you are in your tube and resting it should be relatively easy to have your fins parallel to the water's surface.

If you can't do that you won't move well when you try to move around. If you have to work to do that you will tire quickly too.

The Caddis fins are cheap but they work well for all types of tubes and kickboats, for the simple reason that you don't waste energy and effort with them.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊