

Craig Harris Stochastics Method by Big E

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Today's Trade - 5 method -

Smaller candles... but ... The 5 ema was still heading up, the green line & yellow dots were heading up as well on the tdi and the stochs line heading up so I figured the odds were in my favor. Good for 83 pips... 1 hour chart...



2scoops...

Yellow line on the tdi isn't that important to me personally.

Generally... the best trades (long example) is when green is above red, yellow and 50 lines and then enter... and vice versa. (tdi)

With experience, knowledge, skill and confidence you'll be able to make money on a trade when others fail and lose money on the same trade... because they don't read the signs like you do or have your skill level. Same info with different results.

If you needed brain surgery... would you want a doctor who skipped classes here and there, never did his study and homework, etc. Of course not.

Traders throw 300-1,000 bucks in an account and after reading a few things can't understand why they are losing money when they trade... but the trader next to them who put in the necessary time to learn to trade is making money hand over fist...

Hope that helps...

Mili ...

Pairs on my main screen I monitor.

e/u, g/u, e/j, u/c, a/j, a/u, e/g, u/j

Sorry... didn't post above:





This morning when Cini... traded on the E/U he made a killing... congrats again...

Something I shared with him... when trading the longer time frames...

if a candle wick pulls back 5 pips... I exit the trade. Why, because on higher time frames when the wick pulls back it's often 15-30 pips or more.

I can exit at a 5 pip pull back and keep the other 10-25 pips for myself. And if the trade continues ... the pips I kept are more than it's cost to re-enter. On the longer timeframes I might enter and exit each candle thats long... even if their side by side candles.

If you do this every month you'll earn a hundred or more pips you get to keep. It adds up fast.

This always works... especially on longer candles... Just a tip...

2 scoops,

When you first enter a trade many candles have a small wick... the trade is working... but as the candles get larger and larger the wicks normally get longer and longer... we give the dealer back a lot of pips.

This is not a rule !!! but rather something I discovered years ago and it's made me a lot of additional pips over the years.

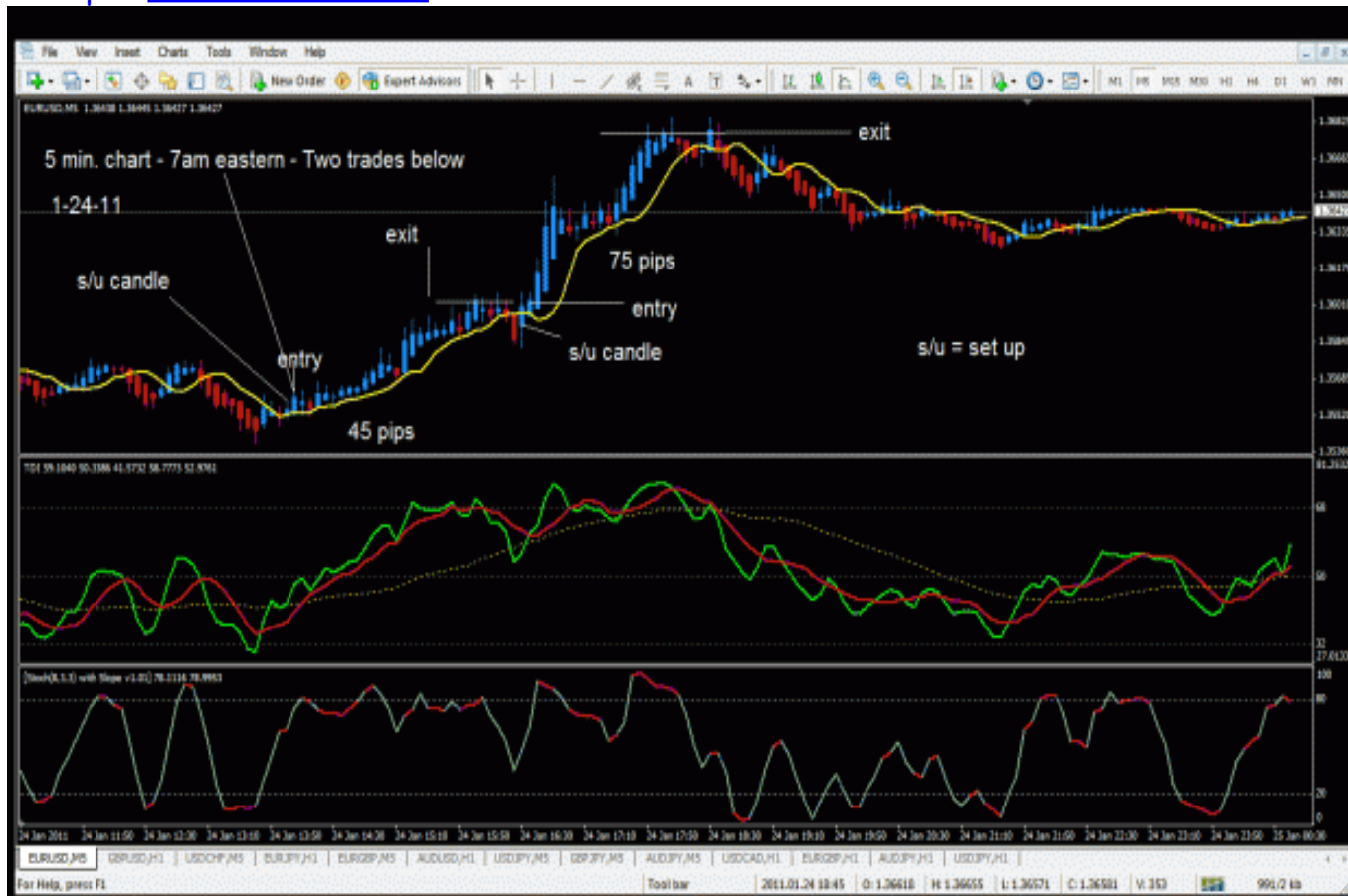
Again - go back in the charts on the time frame you normally trade. Using the cross hair... check the wicks on longer candles. If you would have exited when the wick came back 5 pips... would you have made money and saved pips? This isn't rocket science... just an observation on my part.

Quick question about your 5 pip tip:

When you say you exit a trade if the wick moves against you by 5 pips, is this only just after you've entered the trade. I couldn't exit unless I was already in a trade. How long do you follow this rule for in a trade e.g. if your 10-15 pips up in a trade and it moves back 5 pips do you exit? Usually but I see what PA is saying. It normally doesn't happen at the beginning of a trade... you got to stay sharp when in each trade. at what point do you relax this rule?

Hope this helps...

I know that a lot of you trade the 5 minute chart. Here is this mornings 5 minute chart as an example: 7am Eastern Time



Chims...

I almost always have the tdi & stoch on all my charts regardless of the method being used.

However, it's not necessary on the 5 method for me. It gives people more confidence when they have it on their charts it seems.... and it's a good confirmation to the current PA and possible trade.

2scoops,

Your questions:

When you exit when it moves back 5 pips and then consider re-entry later in the move when PA is moving the right way again, do you re-enter on the same candle? Or do you mainly wait for the next candle to form? Also would there be a point in the move where you wouldn't consider re-entry even if PA was going the right way, e.g. if your are over 5 candles into the move?

1. I never re-enter on the candle I just exited on. I'll wait for the next candle and then refer to the TDI & Stochs for what its reading. If they look strong I'll usually re-enter... unless I see consolidation forming on PA.

2. After 5 candles ... again I'd refer to the tdi & stochs to make my decision.

Big E

Just turned on my computer - 11:10 am pacific time. I noticed the set up last night and entered the trade... went to bed... Now \$553 profit.



1 hour chart. Take a look at this chart and the area highlighted... Note the smaller candle before the blue box. It only pulled back 5 pips but the highlighted candles pulled back 11 pips & 13 pips.

If I would have exited +5 pip pullback I would have kept an extra 10-13 pips total... minus the re-entry spread... It really adds up over the year...



15 minute chart - Note PA in the blue box and on the tdi. Dont enter a trade when PA looks this way and the tdi looks pretty flat... The tdi would have told me to stay out... go check another pair for a possible set-up and better entry...



Nice large candle with a 13 pip pull back...



Out of the 8 charts I monitor it **IS NOT UNUSUAL** to have 4-6 good trade set ups going on at the same time between the London Open and 10am Pacific time (-8). Check different timeframes too on your charts.

It's quick if you'll set up your charts on each time frame and put it in your PROFILES... top left on toolbar. Works great.

For those who don't know how to set up your chart page... as an example: Delete (X) all the charts on your screen. Now I clicked the 8 pairs I monitor and just let them stack up on the page. Now go to WINDOWS on your toolbar and click VERTICALLY. now I have all 8 charts evenly spaced on one page. I make all charts 15 minute as an example... then I go up to the profiles on the tool bar and copy it there... then I go back and change all the charts to 1 hour...go to Profiles again and copy it... and do the same on all timeframes I want to monitor, etc.

So when I open my MT4 platform... I just go to Profiles and click on my chosen timeframe.. I check them out... then I go to profiles again and select another timeframe. This way I can check out 30 charts in about 5 minutes looking for a trade set up.

Bill,

Just looking at the tdi would have been enough to keep me out.

Again... I suggest going back in old charts where the tdi is rather flat and look up at the chart so it's easy to recognize possible problems.

Nothing in the Forex is 100% ALL THE TIME... TAKES JUDGEMENT, STUDY AND EXPERIENCE..

Only pointing it out... just my way only...

I prefer 12-2 and 4-6 green line on the tdi if possible...

Big Jim...

Thanks buddy

Lets say as an example I exit a trade on candle # 5 because it's a large candle that is pulling back over 5 pips on the wick. Instead of just re-entering... I'll check out the tdi & stochs for a good angle (12-2 or 4-6 if possible) and make sure I'm not sitting on the 32 or 68 lines on the tdi. If I am... I probably won't re-enter because I know a reversal is coming soon.

Before entering a trade it's important to have a solid set up candle. Glance at the tdi & stochs to see that the angle up or down is sufficient so it gives you a heads up guestimate that you have momentum.

2scoops,

Your questions:

But are there any other factors you consider?

Do you check the trend/tdi/stochs status of Higher/Lower timeframes before you trade

Pivot points

Support and Resistance areas from higher timeframes

Do you look at where we are in todays daily range

Average daily range

the tokyo channel

trend lines (I noticed you drew one on a recent chart you posted)

fib levels and big numbers

break of fractals

Do you consider volume?

Answer: No

Sorry... a lot of it is just experience and a lot of studying old charts. I hope to start posting video charts within 30 days to better explain what I see and how I interpret it which should help more.

Last nights trade...

Stretched the rules a bit and entered early - 4 hour chart - The trade is still active - The trade has been going about 12 hours but were in the green... It's only up 18 pips but thats \$180 with 1 full lot traded.



Look at this beautiful trade for last night... Long trade - Started about midnight Pacific time (-8) - JPY pairs are usually pretty good - again the best trades are normally between midnight and 10am Pacific time - check out the tdi... green over 50 line, over red and yellow lines. Stochs was no help...

Marked chart - note tdi reading and position... EUR/JPY



Another great trade - Entry @ 11pm Pacific - GBP/JPY - again on tdi... green above 50, red & yellow. Long trade.



GBP/JPY - Repeated trades at the London Open



I've explained this before... but...

I went to compassfx.com and downloaded their [free Synergy System](#). It gave me the template with the HA Candles plus the TDI. I then removed their two yellow lines on the chart... and put back on the chart my 5 moving average...ema, shift 2 or 3 and Typical. That's how I made it...

A/U - Also note TDI & Stochs hooking over... Last nights trade ...



Example of tdi & Stochs going opposite directions...



Android,

Your Question:

So can you tell me what is the average pips to hunt in 1hour TF and what is the SL?

On the pair you like to trade... use that chart and the cross hair and measure how many pips an average candle runs on your 1 hour chart.

I've stated many times before that I don't often use a S/L, however if the trade looks a little

shakey I might set a S/L between 20-40 pips on the 1 or 4 hour charts.

When I enter a trade I don't think about a loss... only about how much I'll make. The only time I'd use a S/L too is if I'm not monitoring the trade... like the 4 hour chart over night.

If I wake up I'll check the chart fast, move the S/L up to break even or better and go back to sleep. I'll then check it when I get up.

It's not right or wrong... It's just my style of trading...

Android,

Dean Malone from compassfx.com recommends:

Long Trade on TDI - Green over 50 line, over red & yellow lines.

Short Trade - Vise Versa

This works a high percentage of the time... for me...

When your home turn on your 1 hour chart(s) and just take a glance once an hour looking for set ups... I have a electronic kitchen timer that I set to go off every 50 to 60 minutes to remind me to look...

It's pretty simple...

Last thing - Go back 3-6 months in your favorite pairs looking for profitabe trades long & short. Now look at the TDI under each succesful trade and learn what to look for... whats the TDI doing at the time... you'll build confidence.

Android,

All time frames are great to trade the 5 method on. I just don't want to sit in front of a fast chart anymore... I get bored easily anymore.

bigjim,

1st candle to cross the 5 ema and close is the set up candle... if 2nd candle opens the same color it's the entry candle... check your tdi also.

This is the safest method...

If I have an earlier entry it's due to my experience using the 5 method and tdi readings... As you gain experience you may enter a little earlier too on some trades..

Remember the odds are on your side that the HA Candles will go 3-8 candles on the reversals...

qprfc...

I have years of studying charts and PA.

What I look for if I'm on the chart to exit:

If the wick on the top candle has withdrawn 5+ pips I exit.

Is the last candle weak... no momentum to speak of... I exit

If the green line is starting to go flat or hooking over.

Lots of experience!

You ask: do you exit by fibs s/r or a set profit target.

Don't really use any of those for exits...

Android,

I was unaware that there were false signals when it was green over yellow over red in that order. I'll check it out today studying old charts. Thanks.

You also know that there is nothing in the forex that happens a hundred percent of the time. We just have to go when the odds are in our favor is about the best we can hope for.

The 8 pairs I trade are back about 4-5 pages. Many of the wierd pairs have great PA for trades too... and they are not listed.

Many traders don't want to trade pairs that have a 6-8 pip spread. You can easily trade them on the 1 & 4 hour time frames because of the greater return of pips... but I don't trade them on the lower time frames.

Big E

2scoops,

Your Question:

You've mentioned not trading during consolidation, what methods do you use to determine whether conditions are right for you to start trading on a pair. Do you look at the todays daily range, if your trading M15 do you look at the 1HR and look at the size of the candles.

Answer: NO

I look at the yellow line to the left of my cross hair and mt TDI... is it running pretty flat? I look for a curve up or down on the 5 ema and/or green on the TDI for best results...

Study older charts... I can't express how important that is for your success...

Any more most of my trading is on 1 & 4 hour charts

Big E

Another 5 method trade... simple and straight forward... 2/1/11



And another - so simple -



Multiple entries - See TDI



5 Minute Chart - See TDI...



This is a trade I normally wouldn't have taken so I took it on a Demo account. Look how many hours it took to make a profit... This was entered up by the 68 line on the TDI... and the entry candles were very small... just luck it made a profit...



2/3/11 - Perfect entry candle - great TDI 50 line...



2scoops...

I know it's hard to trade when your working full time and especially where you live....

What I'd do is set 1 hour or 2 aside to trade on the lower time frames... unless your like me who hates sitting in front of the monitor. You need to study some old charts in that specific time range and find some charts that generally move at that specific times... and trade those

charts...

During the London Session - About half the time the set ups don't start until the market has been open a couple of hours.

Your going to have to find those charts that generally move during the time you trade in.

I'd still look for set ups on the 4 hour charts you could enter before going to work. Use a S/L for sure and a T/P if thats your style...

Any other suggestions guys? Lets help 2scoops out here... ??????????????????

Johnami...

Well, well, well... there is no easy answer unfortunately... This is how I personally see it...

HA Candles average 3-8 candles per an average swing..I try to enter no later than candle 3 if possible to keep the odds in my favor... each additional candle after #3 your odds go down...

However... I'll study the PA, look back at previous hi's or low's and see how close I am, look at my TDI green line angle (12-2 & 4-6), red & yellow lines for angle and if it looks strong... I might consider entering... it's a personal decision which comes from experience trading the 5 method...

Look back in old charts where you would have had to enter on candle #4 or #5 and what was their success ratio...

So simple... 5 method... on all time frames



15 minute chart -



For those who only have 1 or 2 hours a day to trade... use the 5 minute chart... You'll lose or B/E here and there but your winning % will be high... such a simple method ! Vertical lines mark the entry candles...



Littlebunny,

If you'll go to compassfx.com you'll find his training videos ARCHIVE where he has gazillions by subject title. It's a great training resource.

I traded for a couple of weeks on a demo account with just the TDI indicator showing. Went back and calculated pips won to pips lost and the wins was a large percentage... that's why I'm so strong on the TDI signals.

However NeoRio and a few others disagree... Great living in a free country!

2scoops,

Usually I don't use a S/L on 5 & 15 and 1 hour charts if I'm actually monitoring the trade in progress. On the 4 hour chart I'll often use the hi or low of the previous candle. These are general rules for me and my style.

Each trade is different so those rules can be manipulated to fit what's happening on PA.

As you know... each trader creates a method and style that fits their own personality.

Hey Gang... I traded on the 15 minute chart today... using only the TDI indicator with SS and PA hidden. I depended on red/green crosses, hooking over lines, etc. Just how I initially learned and studied the TDI for many years.

I don't know why some have so much difficulty with it. This is the straight scoop. I didn't count the pip total but it was a bunch.

Some trades were taken early and some exits were early too but without PA showing this was my educated guesstimate... and it is the truth...



2scoops...

How can I explain this so it makes understanding it easier....

Remember first that this is not a rule or cast in concrete... it's my personal understanding of the market...

On the 5,15 & 60 minute charts **when I 1st enter the trade** if it drops back 5-6 pips... I figure I didn't judge my entry too well so I exit the trade so as to not take a bigger loss.... my timing was off. I'd rather take a moment to check out PA,TDI & stochs again and then re-enter when I feel it's the right timing... that's all.

I use to use a SL and let it draw back 15-25 pips hoping it would turn back to my expected direction. Some times it did and other times it didn't.

When it stopped me out I'd be pissed off. I wondered how in the world could I lose less money. Then I tried bailing out at 5-6 pip loss and re-enter again. I tried this method and found it saved me money doing it. (Hairbrain idea)

Once I started trading full lots a 15 pip loss was \$150 loss. Too much for my blood.

I've had 3-4 times I made a picture of a chart showing the actual entry line, came to this thread... wrote about it and put the chart here and then went back to the chart and in that short amount of time... and it's dropped back 10 to 15 pips costing me \$120 - \$150 in profit. No more! Now I close the trade first, take the picture and show you where I entered and exited and post it.

Just trying to keep more of my pips earned.

Does everyone understand now?

Don't trade during news releases... it can kill you.

Johnami'''

Your Question:

Using the "5 method" on the 5 or 15 minute time frame, my understanding is that there is no other moving average used? I think I remember BigE saying that he uses the 233 only with the 21/233 method. My question is, what would be a good moving avg to keep on track when trading the 5 on the 5m and 15m time frames? Any feedback appreciated!

When trading the 5 method I only use the 5 ema... if I'm trading the 21/233 for multiple entries I only use the 21/233 lines as outlined.

I personally don't add any other m/a lines. Some do and some don't... it's your choice and what works for you. If I did use one on the 5 method I'd probably use the 21 ema. Why? Because when PA cycles... it normally cycles to the 21 line and bounces off the 21 line... if it broke thru I'd exit the trade expecting a reversal coming soon.

Only use Stochs between the 20 & 80 lines for entries or trade direction. Doing trades above the 80 or below the 20 lines will kill your account generally.

Today's trades - 15 min. A/U Chart - TDI Only

All trades were taken using only the TDI - TDI crosses... PA was closed during trading. All wins... no losses. Started at 5am pacific time to 5pm.



Chews,

When I trade only the TDI without using PA.. I enter on the lines crossing with angle and exit on the peaks & valleys of the TDI.

Furburr,

As you are looking at the TDI you'll see the peaks & valleys by when the green line changes.. tweaks from it's normal path... starting to hook over... changes. Maybe goes flat...

Vanaris,

Your Question:

Hi Big E, thanks for your explanation....You say that after you enter, if it drops back 5-6 pips, you are getting out...Now, my guess is, when let's say you BUY GBP/USD pair, just after entering you are in -5 pips loss (spread), and from here if it drops 5-6 pips you are out. Which means -10-11 pips. Am I getting it right? **Yes you are correct.**

And another question.... you are in a trade, say +15, then drops 5-6 pips....are you also out from the trade? How do you

manage this kind of situations?

I've done it both ways on a mini account... exited or use the 15 pips as a pad and let it play out... exiting at B/E if necessary. But when I'm trading full lots.. and I'm up 15 pips... and if it pulls back 5 pips... I exit. Why? I've still have a \$100 profit to protect... where as on a mini account it's only 10 bucks normally.

As I've said before... When I enter a trade I put up the close box on the left side of my screen so if I need to exit fast to protect profits... it's just a click away to exit the trade.

Furburr,

Again I recommend studying old charts with the TDI on it. Look at PA hi & lows... then look at the TDI to see what it looks like so you can learn to recognize the signals...

Android38,

Hey buddy. I know a lot of people who go to lower time frames to look for a better entry. It's just part of their trading routine. I know others that don't. I guess it's a matter of confidence... their style works for them.

If I trade a certain time frame... I almost always just use that time frame for entries and exits with the TDI... it works for me.

As you know when you switch to a different time frame all your lines change. If I'm trading X time frame and the line is close to 80 on stochs... I'll really double check the PA and TDI closely... as well as previous Hi's and Lows looking for how much room I've got left and make my best guesstimate for success.

Oh man... what a beautiful set up at 6am pacific time on this 4 hour chart... already great profit too ... sorry I wasn't on line to catch it. Anyone else get the trade? USD/CAD



The 4 Hr., USD/CAD trade is up to 91 pips profit now...

You can trade the 5 method without the *TDI* if it's a problem...

PA is HA Candles, PA crosses the yellow line and closes... enter on the next candle if it's the same color. When candles flatten out... exit. Stay in the trade as long as it doesn't cross back over the yellow line and close.

The TDI just gives me a lot more information for making my entries & exits decisions.

Bill... thank you for your vote of confidence.

It just doesn't get any easier than the 5 method. It's almost a no brainer I think. Like I said previously... when I trade it I feel like I'm going to the bank with a wheel barrow to make a withdrawal. I just don't know how much they are going to give me until I hit the charts.

I apologize to those having difficulty with this method. Certainly I've explained it from every angle plus posted gazillions of chart examples.

In my years of trading I have never found anything simpler... honestly.

Don't give up... keep studying the charts and trade on Demo until you build up your confidence. You won't be sorry you invested your time when it all clicks in your mind.

How can I help you?

Big E

galldg,

Your Question:

1. When you get the setup candle and you're happy with all you're indicators, do you pick a price to get in at or do you go in at market on the open of the next candle (same colour)? You mentioned timing your entries, i'm just curious how do you time your entries if you are just prepared to give it 5 pips risk initially?

2. Without over simplyfying things, is your exit strategy a 5 pip trailing stop? It's just that i noticed on many of the winning trades there was often a 5 pip pull back in the candle even though the price continued on trending.

1. At the opening of the second candle I enter a market order. Ya... sometimes it comes back on you but not too often... look at old charts to see what I mean... usually 3-8 candles per reversal...

2. No but you could. I'd probably get out at 5 pips hoping not to lose more....then re-enter would be my first choice. I generally trade the 1 & 4 hour charts so when a candle pulls back

it's usually 15 pips or more you give back... sometimes 30.

This is not a rule however... depending what I'm seeing on PA, TDI, Stochs, line angles... and if they all look strong I will enter on the second candle and as long as PA doesn't close below the yellow line, I'll stay the trade until it's yelling "get out"... therefore ignoring the 5 pip pullback rule. Depends on *how much brass you have...* how much your willing to bet on that trade.

Lukx,

Your Question:

eelfranz are you also on 1h moving sl to break even after 10 pips in profit?

It's always a good idea to move your SL to B/E when your in 10-15 pips profit. I normally only use a S/L if I'm away from my computer otherwise I exit by my personal rule... 5 pips pullback.

Two trades...



Euro trade above was a late entry. Look to the left of the entry on both ... almost at the high of the last swing... each trade made about \$50 on 1 full lot. Entered both trades within minutes from each other. I normally don't trade this time of day... Asian session.

Honestly... one of the best ways to learn is by posting all charts to analyse the patterns... it's not intended to challenge your intelligence but to help you and others become a stronger trader.

Years ago I jumped Deans butt for breaking his rules for trading his Synergy System. He explained that the initial rules for a system is for new people trading that new system to insure their greatest chance for success. BUT as an experienced trader with that same system he might trade it a little differently because of his experience. That shut my mouth!

I'm a very experienced trader using my 5 method. I'm very aggressive in making my trades too.

If your new to the 5 method... stick to the rules... but realize when I post my chart it may be a little different than yours because of my experience and study. Learn from them but stick to the rules until you gain the experience and confidence to make any changes or becoming more aggressive.

Here is a trade that was missed on the E/U Daily Chart:

Already in profit... Note* The green line on the TDI has tweaked to the right... look at the pullback on PA. Just because you take a trade on a Daily chart doesn't mean you won't check back until tomorrow... Even if it only goes say 5-20 pips... it's still profit. On my full lot trades that's \$50-\$200 profit.



E/U Daily - Already 72 pips in profit...



Possible trade coming on AUD/CAD Daily chart... set up candle showing... better if red line hooked up...



Stevepatt,

The best thing to do for you is to take each Daily pair/time frame back as far as you can go and watch the relationship between PA and the TDI angles as you come to current.

I learn a lot from doing this and try to do it every day to keep my eye sharp.... like doing homework. Honestly this is what helped me to become a consistent profitable trader... and the blessings of the good Lord.

Don't ever stop doing this and each month your profits should grow.

Check out this 1 hour chart. **Look at the TDI:** The hook on the green is telling you to get out.. confirmed by the trade reaching the 32 line. 90% to exit trade and 10% chance it could be a bounce continuation... But as you look to the left bottom of the TDI you'll notice you have all ready reached the other lows too... click to enlarge... up to twice...



Still in this trade trying to squeeze the last dime out of it... currently \$517 profit...

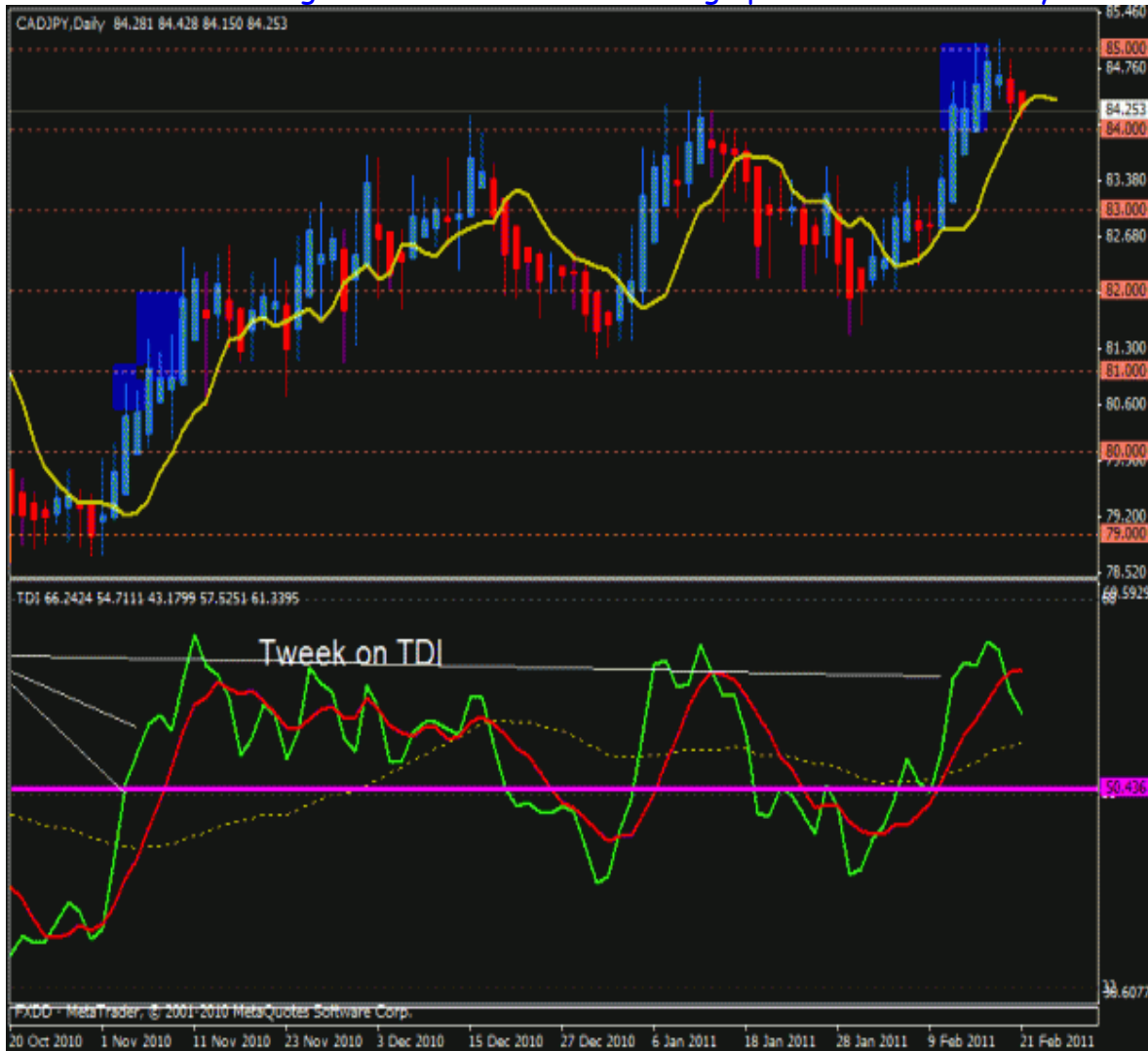


If a trend pulls back and then continues I like to enter on the second candle after consulting the TDI. That's the way I personally trade it. [See post #3603 above.](#)

This is strictly a learning chart...

Note what happens on PA when there is a small line tweek on the TDI. (Green Line)

Learn to read it's signals and always look at the lines closely... I recommend making the red and green lines on the TDI a double thickness... Even with a small tweek you will know the PA is going to pause, take a rest, consolidate... what ever you want to call it. Click the chart 2 times for max. enlargement. This chart is setting up for a trade in a day or two.



Something I need to clear up...

When I'm trading the HIGHER TIME FRAMES I do not exit if it draws back 10 pips. I only use that rule for charts 5 min.-15 minutes.

Even on higher timeframes I don't use a S/L when in front of the computer. If I'm going to bed I'm almost always in profit so I'll place the S/L at B/E + my spread...

Found a few posts I missed... sorry.

Android 38 - I glance at the yellow line for angle mostly. As an aggressive trader I often enter early. Safest is (long Ex.) green over red, over yellow and over the 50 line... I'm sorry but I don't get involved with others money or their money management.

Snarlyjack - If I'm not completely sure what the TDI shows me I'll take a quick peek at stochs.

Here are two trades I'm in... both are down but I think they will be in profit soon... sometimes you have to be patient and stay the trade.





Since you'll be trading Demo on the new charts... there is no stress or worry about losing real money... instead of just putting your one toe into the water and cringing... you'll be able to step into the trade guilt free... Demo trade...

Most newer traders would be panicking if they were in the red like the two charts above... why? Lack of experience mostly. Who ever told you that you would never have a loss lied to you. I have them here and there because we can't control the market... but when I do I tear the trade apart with a magnifying glass to determine why it didn't work. Please do the same.

Sometimes you'll lose a trade for no apparent reason other than the market went haywire... remember the market is always right... wonder who said that... not fair...

Many brokers are happy because the market drew back a little... took out the S/L's for there beer money fund and now continue as normal.

Snarly - J...

Thanks for stopping by buddy...

Your Question:

Have you found the ema 5 shift 3 to be more accurate than Dean Malone's channels of sma 5 hi and 5 lo?

More accurate? PA is PA regardless of the strategy. They are 2 totally different methods with different rules.

Have you thought of combining them or are they totally different entry/exit points?

I traded Deans method a couple months several years ago and I couldn't stand missing so many pips on every entry so I moved on.

I don't mix methods that are so different... different entry rules.

Just a question on which you feel is better the ema or the channel?

Deans method is fabulous for traders looking for more security because his method is conservative and it works too.

It doesn't fit my personality or trading style... aggressive. Therefore the 5 ema method.

Johnami,

The stochs is like comfort food... makes me feel more sure of my trade when it & the TDI agree... If they don't... I hesitate and take a closer look... smaller time frames, older PA, trend lines... things like that... just do more investigation before taking the trade...

Chart Preview -



This one should be ready to trade in 2 days if all looks good... write it down...



This one can't decide what to do at the moment...



Too soon to tell but I estimate this will be ready in 2-3 days. Check back for the set up... The orange dotted line is an indicator that marks the 00 lines on your chart...

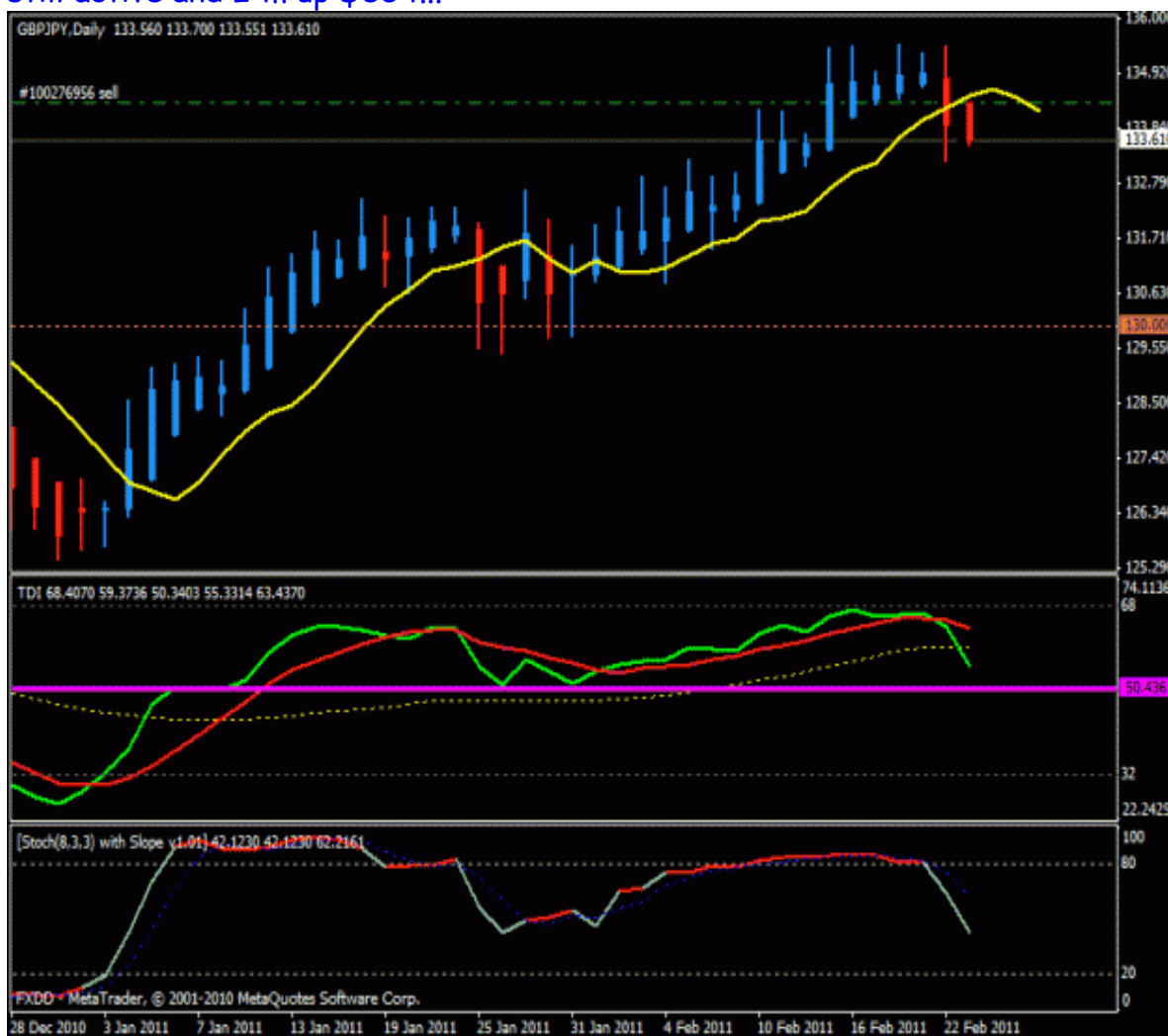


The only time I use a S/L is if I'm going to bed and the trade is still open. Often in profit I set the S/L to B/E + the spread on the 4 hour chart. I don't use a S/L when trading the Daily... my entries are very careful. I don't use T/P's.

It's difficult to trade the 4 hour and go to bed. Many times you were up 50-70 pips and while you were sleeping it reversed and you end up at B/E. If your entry is correct on the Daily chart... rarely does it come back to entry within that 24 hour candle.

It's safest to use a S/L on all timeframes. T/P's are a personal choice based on your experience.

I made a trade this morning on the G/J Daily chart... entered early relying on experience... It's still active and I'm up \$854...



Sorry... I've been out all day. My charts updated 1 hour ago...

the BUT means you make the decision to trade or not... this is not a trade service...

Daily Charts Only: 5 method

G/U... probable entry tomorrow

U/CHF... beautiful runs, will probably turn Thursday.

U/CAD... ready for long, BUT in downtrend , 1 hr. has reversed.

A/D... ready for short BUT close to last low, red flat on TDI.

U/J... late entry, BUT 1 hr. TDI has turned, red/green flat.

A/J... ready for short BUT 4 hr. sto flat, TDI reversal.

A/CAD...ready for short, BUT close to previous low, TDI bad

E/G... ready for long, BUT 4 hr. TDI green line down.

G/J... ready for short BUT 4 hr. TDI green reversal.

Your learning how to analyse. Pick your trade and do it on Demo to learn. Post your results tomorrow...

If before making a trade... say on the 4 hr. chart... and you check quick the 1 hr. chart... if your going long on the 4 hr. and the 1 hr. is hooking over to go short... you have to realize you may have a pause in PA or possible small pullback coming on your 4 hr. chart... if the 1 & 4 hr are heading the same direction then you have momentum going for you.

Please take some time each day to study old charts with the TDI. Look at successful set ups on PA and then look at the TDI to train your eye. What is one doing in relation to the other. You'll learn to spot trades...

You can scalp on all time frames but to kill boredom most who scalp trade the 1 & 5 min. charts. The 1 min. is very fast and can skin you alive until you get use to it. Demo trade until you get a feel for it. 5 method works there too.

Why is it important to mark your 00 lines (orange Dotted line) on your chart? Because there like magnets and PA tags those lines... see below... click 1 or 2 times to enlarge...



When studying old charts... put a vertical line on the entry candles on PA... or use your cross hair so you can easily study the relation between PA & the TDI TO LEARN what to look for...

2scoops,

I exit if green starts to curl and/or when green goes flat. PA alone is yelling exit on chart 31 just above.

2nd chart - Green on TDI is curling over and when red candle appears... exit.

2scoops... If you wait for color change on the Daily your going to have to wait 24hrs. or more... Look at your PA if TDI isn't giving you the info your looking for... Is PA candles going flat, consolidating, pulling back ? If so you can exit and re-enter if it continues... look for the easy solution ...

Michaelwen,

When learning any new method... follow the rules. Before entering trades make sure the lines are pointed in the direction you want to trade in... not flat. Be aware of the main trend... study old charts... trade Demo while learning...

Michaelwen,

When I'm online trading... I look at the 4 hour and daily charts for set ups. When I find one I look at the overall trend on different time frames to make sure they are going in the direction of my intended trade, I look to see the last hi or low and how close I am to the last... I look at my sheet of news announcements and their times, I look at my TDI and stochs for alignment ...then if I'm satisfied with what I see, I enter the trade. I'll come back every 10-20 minutes and check my Terminal box for it's progress... If I'm up 20-30 pips I'll set a S/L at B/E + my spread and just keep checking back now and then until I decide to exit the trade...

I'm off and online here and there all day. First thing I do is go up to PROFILES... select the my 5 minute set and 8 charts pop up... if no trades I go to 15 minute and 8 charts pop up... if no trades I go to 1 hour in my Profiles and 8 charts pop up, 4 hr & Daily. **That means I can look over 40 charts in 3 minutes or less. Do you know how to do that? You'll find trades. Follow the rules.**

I normally don't trade during the Asian session because it is slow... we want momentum in our charts when we're trading if possible. Look at old charts and discover the times during the day when momentum happens over and over and look for trades during those times each day.

bythepound,

You entered on the set up candle not waiting to see the color of the entry candle...

We look for a candle to cross the 5 ema and then close (set up candle), When the **next candle opens** being the same color as the set up candle... we enter the trade... check your TDI for confirmation...

Bill,

Knowing that the odds are in my favor that the swing will average 3-8 candles on the HA Candles... I enter as I stated above knowing if nothing else I'll profit on the entry candle or more. A 3rd entry candle on the 5 min or 15 min. chart might only be 3-10 pips while on a 4 hr. chart it is 20-40 pips normally... therefore room for profit.

As you know nothing is 100%... but the odds are high in my favor. My odds increase the higher timeframe I go...

Michaelwen,

Congratulations on your wins. As long as green continues up on the TDI I stay in the trade... Your exit worked too...

Lets say I see a trade set up on the 4 hr. chart... I'll look down at the 1 hour chart to see what it's doing before entering. I don't check all time frames below the 4 hour.... just one time frame below the chart I want to trade.

SnarlyJ...

I don't use the 89 sma. If a chart is bouncing back and forth over the 5 ema... it must be pretty flat. I'd look for another chart to trade.

Galldg,

Your Question:

1. When the PA closes below 5 EMA you look to the TDI for confirmation, the confirmation you are looking for is green below red (and yellow?) and a good angle on the green. Have I got it yet?
2. In your experience are you greatly reducing the probability taking the trade before it crosses the 50 line or do you find that a steep green TDI is a strong enough indicator.

#1... As a more experienced trader I'm looking for green under red when considering a short trade. I also look at the previous hi/lo and next lower time frame to see what it's doing. This is an **aggressive** trading style. A consecrative style would wait for green under red, yellow and the 50 line which is the safest...

#2... The aggressive style is looking to make more pips... sometimes it comes back to bite me but most of the time I prevail.

I'm posting a 4 hour chart below.. would you take this trade? I want you to analyse it and tell me what you see...



This is a different chart... post your analysis everyone... please.



2scoops,

That chart is trash... untradeable in that low of consolidation. We need to get you trading on the Daily chart. Trading the Asian session is tough to begin with... and only having an hour is worse. Start Demo trading Daily charts... same rules. You may only get 1 or 2 trades a week but they will run several days each and make a lot of pips. Make sure to use a S/L.

2scoops,

Below is a Daily chart. I marked the 8 trades that would have been taken. TDI is very important. Enter when green crosses red and exit when green crosses red or green fish hooks. Study the TDI. Any bad entries would have been nothing compared to the profit earned. It takes 24 hours to build each candle... so you have 24 hours to enter correctly and exit correctly...



On your post #3847 you have 3 red candles consolidating and your green TDI line is hooked up... I'd say it's time to exit that short trade.

2scoops,

Just at the time your broker updates the charts is the best time to place any trade on the Daily Chart..

Even during the day when I place an entry on the Daily chart I don't use a S/L... but I monitor the trade and when it moves up 20-30 pips I put in my S/L at B/E + the spread normally.

Most traders on the Daily chart who place a trade and walk away use a 75-100 pip S/L.

Ceebs,

You had a good set up....however:

1. You had about 20 candles of consolidation.
2. *I'd have been very weary of entering this trade.*
- 3 Chart and 5ema are in an uptrend.
4. Stoch is flat.
5. Sometimes the market wins... right?

Ian,

I hate losses... why? Because it's my fault... I didn't read the current market correctly. I always feel like I should have known better than to enter at that particular spot and I review it... why I did it. I'm tough on myself for screwing up.

I trade full lots: \$10 a pip. When I trade the higher time frames I will only allow a 10 pip or less pullback before exiting. I make every attempt possible to lose \$100 or less when I'm wrong as I monitor the trade...

Sometimes I just take bites out of the market... Example: Enter a trade and it goes up 17 pips but then starts to pull back 5 pips lets say. I'll exit and keep the \$120 profit and re-enter when it looks right...

Homework...

Glad to see your all busy trading, posting and making pips in most cases.

I want you to try this... post your charts and total your total profit and loss. Mark on your chart with a vertical line where you entered and exited each trade. Use the 15 minute E/U chart only. Figure a 2 pip spread.

Using the TDI only for entries and exit decisions. When green comes up and crosses red... enter a long. When green goes down over red... enter a short. Exit when green line goes flat, hooks over, or reverses. Ignore all other lines on the TDI. If any wick pulls back 5 pips... exit.

Trade at the times you normally trade when you know there is momentum normally. Just do 10-15 trades total... lets compare notes. Please post all results... review the rules above please.

I'll be back after mid week and we will discuss results...

Big E

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Vanaris,

Looks good. I'm just trying to show everyone how easy it is to make 20-40+ pips a day using these simple rules. I know most of you are trading the 5 & 15m TF because of time constraints or other obligations.

Just try it Demo everyone and see your results...

A few days ago I advised you to keep an eye on the JPY pairs... This trade was on the A/J 1 hour chart using the rules...



Better Chart markings... Exited where TDI flattened out... Another 5 Method Simple Trade...



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In the game again... 4 hour chart... each trade 1 full lot... one is +71 pips the other +60 pips...





atate,

You need to learn how to read PA and the TDI to determine exits. Look at this current 4h chart... Look left on the PA, Stoch sucks, TDI flat...



OK everyone... I want you to better understand and see what I see... On this 4h chart... Normally we want to enter on the second candle that crosses the 5 ema right? Well, that would be candle #4... I would have lost my edge and a large part of my odds for success knowing an average swing move 3-8 candles using HA Candles.

Look at the red verticle line... I'm half way up the Stocks on candle #2 and by #2 my TDI has already crossed going long. That is where I would have entered this trade... Open at 82.06 to buy.



4h chart... Entry and Re-entries on red vertical lines... STUDY THE TDI and Stochs positioning... it's the same on all charts and timeframes... I only see 1 real loss on the chart... high odds for success...



Seriously... how many pips a week would you like to earn consistently? Are you making 25 pips total, 40, 60... what? The more trades you take on the lower time frames the more losses you'll have... Your putting the odds in the Brokers favor... Why not wait for the perfect set up on the 1 or 4h chart. I made only 2 trades last week on the 4h chart and made over 150 pips. So what if your trading mini lots... two good set ups and like me you would have made good pips... Don't be so desperate or in a hurry to get into trades... good ones come along all the time... wait until it appears, then grab it.

This is so elementary... showing over and over where to enter, any chart, any timeframe when Green crosses red on the TDI... There are more trades here but I didn't mark them all... they should be obvious to anyone following this thread...



Guys,

I don't know what else to share... I've said it all a dozen times from different angles...

When I trade and am not at the computer I put the S/L at the last hi or low. I actively trade without a S/L as you know.... I got tired of getting stopped out... If I judged my entry poorly I'd rather exit and re-enter when it's better even if it's on the same candle...

What else can I do for you? You no I always help... Big E

John,

On the 4h chart showing the 1 loser... on a 5 Or 15 minute it would have been a loser but on the 4h chart you would have actually made about 30 pips...

Your S/L question... On your 5 & 15 minute charts... place your S/L 3-5 pips away from the previous hi or low on your chart. **You will rarely ever get stopped out that way so don't worry about how many pips away that is...** 5 & 15 m charts are for Gladiators because the brokers take most of those traders to the meat market as road kill... and that's why I prefer not trading those timeframes... I got tired of the horses dragging me from the arena...

I love this thread and there's a lot of fabulous people here who read and help out and I really appreciate it. There have been a few causing some grief and I blocked and sent them down the road... we don't want or need their grief... right?

Vince... I'm glad your picking up tid bits along the way that work for you.

Snarly-J... Ever consider trying the 4h charts when you get ready for bed? Look for the set ups and place the trade... use a S/L. Practice on Demo. Go back on old charts and study where you could have made trades at your bed time. See what your odds would be. Dean Malone in his trade room usually makes 30-60 pips per day (3 hours) and trades your current trading schedule on the 15m charts too.

What else do you guys want me to talk about? I'm open for suggestions or requests.

What are your main problem areas when trying to trade. Maybe we can help you out there.

Let me and others help you become a more confident trader... without confidence you got nothin' in this biz...

My attitude is "I'm gonna win every trade I enter". I'm confident. Now and then I get my butt kicked but so what... I learn from it and move on. I see it like stepping into a gopher hole... I didn't see it... I get up and get going.

Every time I trade I image going to the bank with my wheel barrow. I know there going to pay me... I just don't know how much today. Throw your fear into the trash... walk away and don't look back. I tell the market in my minds eye "I refuse to be beaten... I'm smarter than you because I've figured out an easy system to whop your butt". Don't take any crap from the market... your better than it is... don't listen to the downer rumors and excuses... kick ass in your mind and your attitude towards the market... I'm fired up the more I type it. Hot damm. Got to get a bucket of water to splash my keyboard to cool it down.... brb...

Trading isn't difficult... over coming your fears is the problem in most cases. Decide in your mind to take control & kick bootie. Until you do that you will never be more than a minimum trader. Tell the market to go to hell... your here now... grab the horns... get some... b.... well you

know...

Fear in peoples lives destroys so many. There is nothing to fear in the market. Practice, practice, practice on DEMO. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO BUILD CONFIDENCE. I took a "year off" of live trading and just studied old charts building my confidence.... trading Demo Only. Now I have no fear to push the button... take the trade. Sometimes I exit too early and miss another 50 pips... so what... I'm on the prowl looking thru my charts looking for the next trade. If there is none... click off and check back later.

Develop the attitude "*You can't beat me sucker" I'm here to clean your clock.*" I'm serious. Make the market bow to you!

Big E

OK Gang... When you post charts make it ***EASY TO SEE*** where you entered the trade and EXACTLY where you exited "on the chart" if you want comments/help. Use bright colors, arrows, etc. No pdf's please.

If your trading the 5 minute chart move up to the 15 minute for trades. Lower timeframes are harder to trade, more radical moves and a lot of head fakes to fool you into entering a bad trade.

Try these modifications: Enter trades when green crosses red (not just touching but crossing), use the last hi/lo for your S/L. If your monitoring the trade exit when you have enough pips... I use an exit when the TDI goes flat, starts to hook over or a check mark reversal.

John,

Just look at the time frame below the chart you plan on trading. Just don't enter on a pullback on that chart. Otherwise you sound good to go. Congrats on your pips.

This 4h chart looks pretty good... I'm sure it will go up a little from here but look at the Daily charts... getting ready to go short pretty soon I think. Look at the white line on the TDI... current PA is there... things to consider... Stochs worthless, TDI going flat....





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 G/U Daily... P/A Stopped, Stoch is worthless, TDI is going flat for a possible reversal...



GBP/USD: 1.39647 1.39922 1.39745 1.39679

Depth(5,3) with Slope v(0.1) 39.89(1) 39.89(1) 52.5177

Trades Dynamic Index 46.5755 43.3868 49.6381 37.5965 36.3216

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The image displays a trading interface with two vertically stacked charts for the EUR/USD currency pair. The top chart is a candlestick price chart, showing price movements over time. A yellow moving average line is overlaid on the price. A vertical red line is drawn at the price level of 14190. The bottom chart is a volume chart, showing trading volume over time. It features green and red bars representing buy and sell volume. A blue shaded area highlights a specific volume peak. A horizontal pink line is drawn at the price level of 14190. The x-axis for both charts shows dates from March 2015 to March 2016. The y-axis for the top chart shows price levels from 14170 to 14190. The y-axis for the bottom chart shows volume levels from 0 to 10.





If you can't trade this you shouldn't be trading. Trade on Demo to build confidence... 1 hour charts... green crosses red on the TDI. Make sure green has **CROSSED** the red and enter at the beginning of the candle...



E/U, 1 hr chart, correct entry, 50+ pips gain



E/U 1hr chart trade... note TDI position & Stochs...



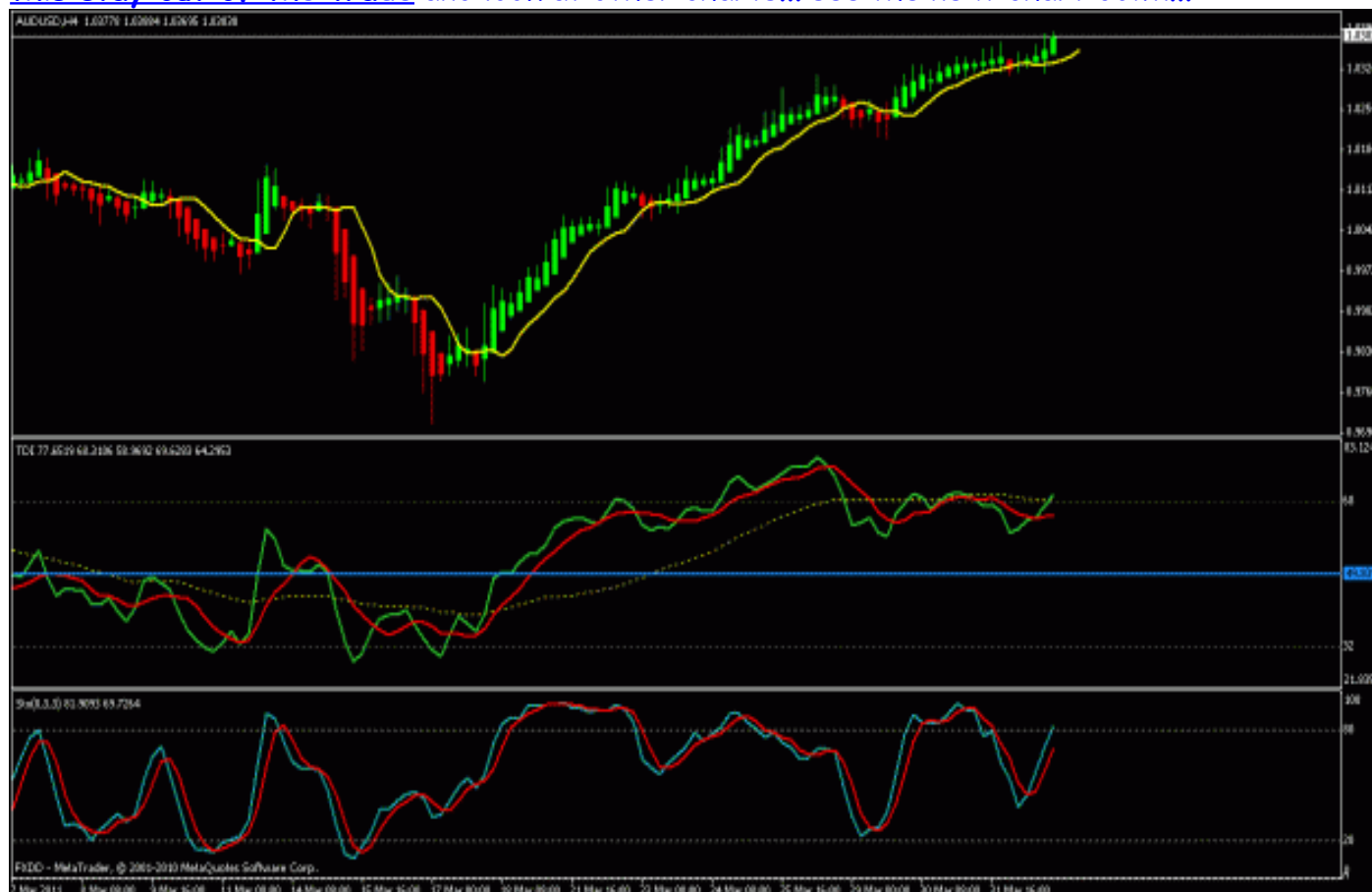
This is a good lesson chart... u/chf 1 hour... Note the short entry. It obviously took some time to develop. **I look at two things while the trade is in progress:** On P/A is the red candles continuing below the 5 ema and on the TDI is the green staying below the red on a short trade. If so I stay in the trade... if P/A crosses the 5 ema or Green crosses back over the red I'll exit and watch for a continuation to re-enter at a later time ...



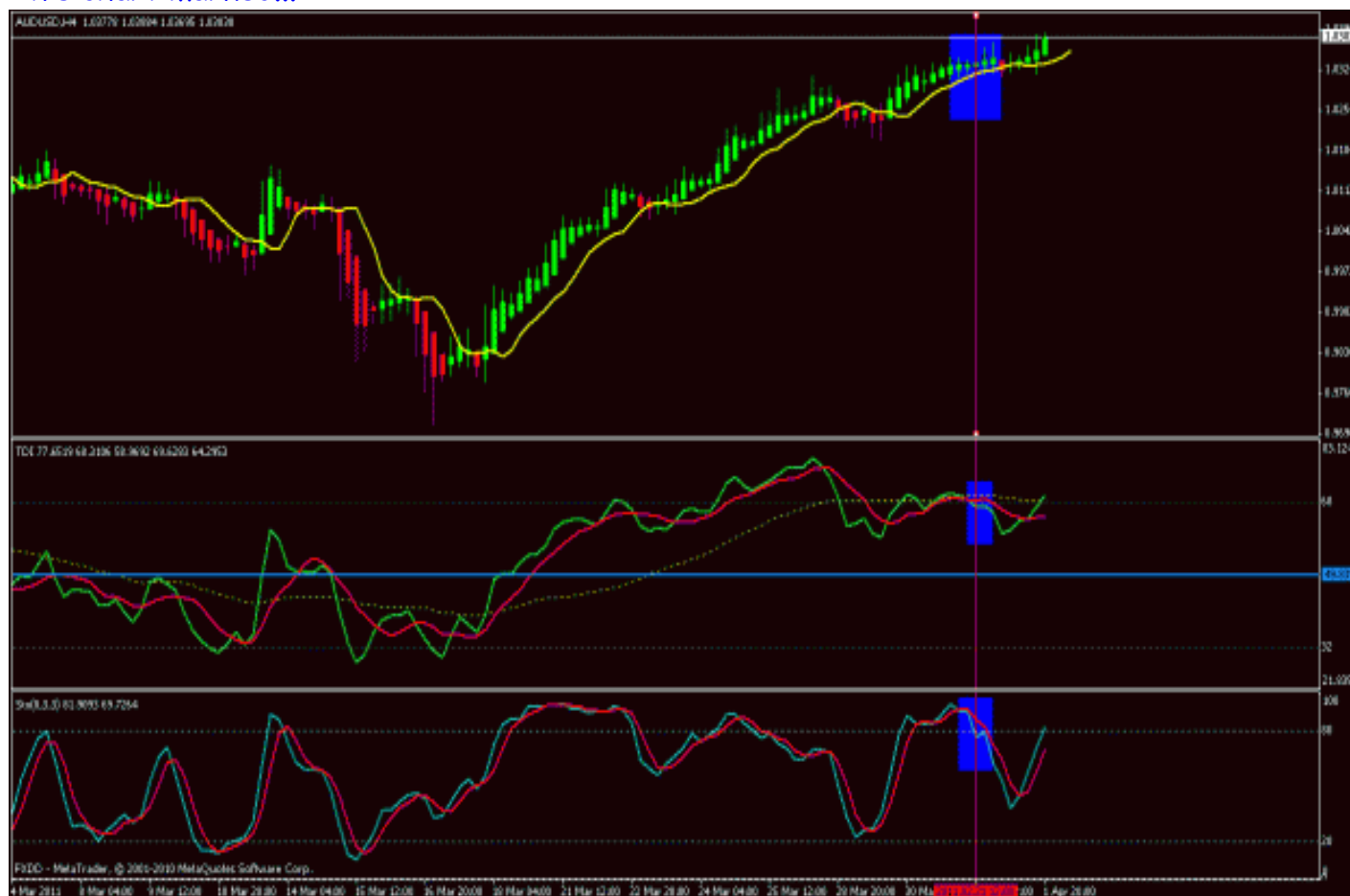
G/U 1hr chart... Perfect set up as per the rules... I like taking trades long off the TDI 32 line and short off the TDI 68 line.



Good training chart.... Signal on TDI is short but looking at P/A... I don't think so! If you see this stay out of the trade and look at other charts... see the next chart down...



This chart marked...



The image displays three vertically stacked panels sharing a common x-axis representing time from May 2011 to April 2012.

- Top Panel:** Shows the USD/CAD price as red and green candlesticks. A yellow moving average line follows the price trend. Annotations include "Entry" pointing to a specific point on the moving average and "add another lot to the trade" pointing to a later point. A horizontal line marks a "60 pip trade".
- Middle Panel:** Displays the Average Directional Index (ADX) indicator with multiple colored lines (red, green, blue). A blue shaded rectangular area highlights a period of interest.
- Bottom Panel:** Shows the Relative Strength Index (RSI) indicator with two overlapping lines (red and teal).

A vertical red dashed line is present across all three panels at approximately the same time point.

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Hey Guys,

I've shared the Conserative rules for the 5 ema method as well as my personal more aggressive rules. The previous training charts show the more aggressive trading.

I don't pay much attention to news when trading the 4 hr or Daily charts. On the 5 & 15m charts it can kill you however.

If I've got a strong set up on the TDI when close to the 32 or 68 lines... I'll take the trade and scalp the 4hr for 20-40 pips while monitoring the trade... I've seen it go 80-100 pips sometimes...

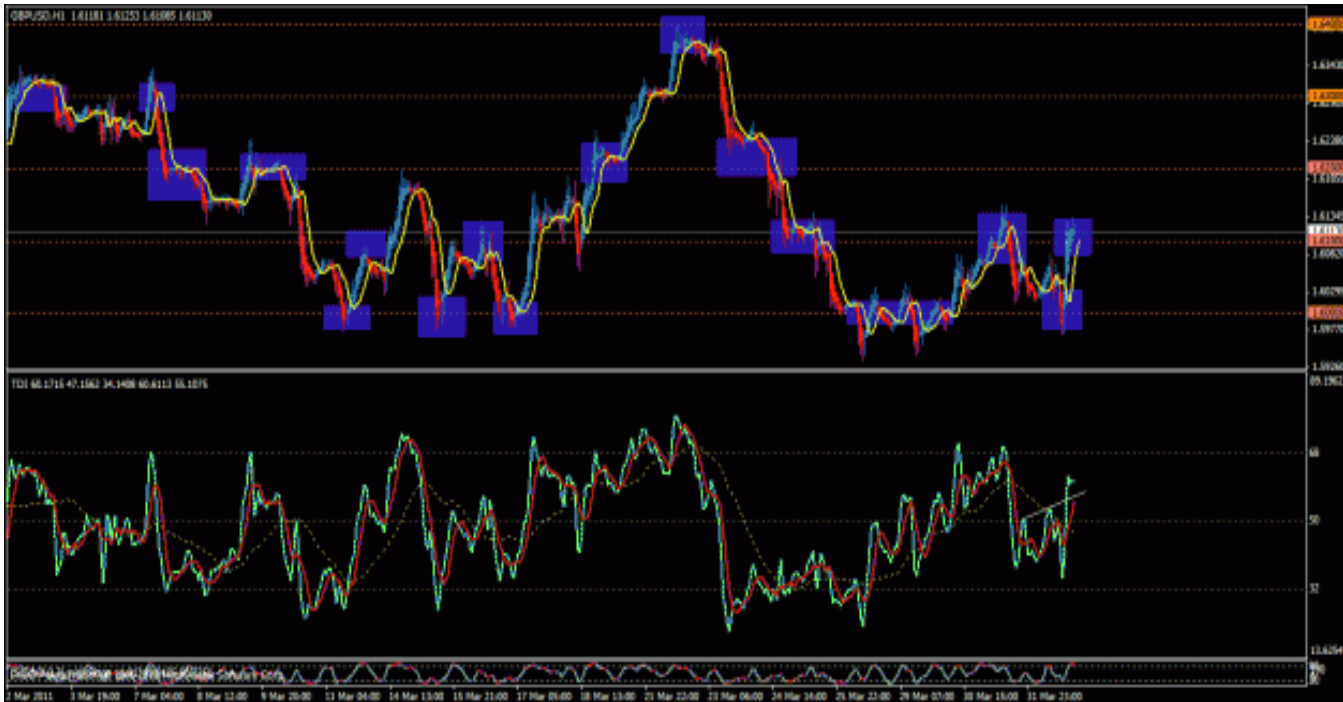
On the more aggressive style... I like to just trade the chart I'm on rather than dropping one timeframe for entries which is more conservative.

Remember... 80+% of the time HA Candles move 3-8 candles per swing (depending on the time of day and which session). If I'm entering on candle 1 or 2 I'm expecting some pips to fall... you should too. If you don't like HA Candles then trades the Japanese candles. They will screw up your emotions and decisions though... You're the man/woman, it's your money... do what you want. When the bleeding stops you can come back to the HA group.... honest.

I keep telling you that the market is there for the taking. Make your daily withdrawal... don't be

afraid. When your afraid you make more mistakes and bad decisions... Just slap the crap out of it and fill your wheel-barrow up with pips...

Notice how PA is attracted to the 100 lines...



Fabius/johnsund,

I just trade what I see on the chart/TDI. If they don't line up I go to a different chart... no big deal.

Knowing the odds say each swing on the HA Candles run 3-8 candles gives me a lot of confidence. Now and then I take a hit... so what... that's trading... but the odds are still in my favor...

I study any losing trades to avoid the same thing in the future...

Forex Trading is easy...

Susan,

Wow... kind of a tuff question.... big diff between 1hr & 4hr charts.

During the day time: If I'm in a 1 or 4 hr trade I monitor the trade by glancing at the active chart ever now and then... every 5 - 15 or 30 min. When I'm up 30-40 pips I usually drop in a S/L at break even + the spread and don't check back for an hour or so....

At Night: I only look at the 4hr charts. If there is a set up I'll take the trade, place a S/L at the last hi or lo and go to bed. I check it again in the morning when I get up. If I wake up during the night I'll take a peek usually... moving my S/L up to lock in profit and then check it again when I wake up.

Remember I'm expecting a 3-8 candle move. I like to enter on candle 1 or 2 of a reversal if my green has **CROSSED** the red on the TDI. I don't like to enter on candle 4 or more unless it's to add a second lot to the current trade... This is my aggressive style...

Practice this on a 4hr Demo trade.

doaman,

Re-entries are more a part of the 21/233 method (page 202).

However... Take a look at the TDI green line as it moves up or down against the red line. Often it arcs away from red and then comes back to red and arcs away again.... This is on the 5 method.

On the 21/233 the PA arcs away from the 21 ema and then returns to the 21 line and then arcs away again until it finally comes back to cross the 21 ema or red TDI line on the 5 method.

Re-entries happen when the arc comes back to the line and then arcs again. Your adding lots to the original active trade...

I woke at 2:15am this morning. My 4 hr charts update at 2, 6, & 10. So I thought I'd take a peek. Well.... I entered 3 trades on the 4hr charts. All three are still active. Two are up \$539 and the other is down \$-36... It's 9:44am right now so I'll wait until 10 for the new candle and decide to ride the trade or exit.... again, look at the position where the vertical line crosses the TDI for your signal... Come on gang... how tough can this be... I wake up and am very sleepy at 2:15am... check out the charts and three TDI's are giving a signal as discussed a gazillion times... I jumped in and went back to sleep... you can too...





Marked this chart... Green over red on the TDI.



Training Chart...

Showing where the initial entry would have been (bounce off the red line on the TDI) and the original exit (where the TDI went flat). I might have exited 6 candles earlier where the TDI first went flat. Then I show two different areas of re-entry. I would have exited both of those trades when I saw the TDI go flat, hook over or check mark reversal... easy to determine exits on any chart. Entries are always when green CROSSES red on the TDI... Over 80% chance of success...



I went back to page 202 where I introduced the 5 method and the 21/233 method and read forward. I have made a lot of live trades since that time and I find it interesting how I started out sharing a very conservative 5 method to how I now trade the more aggressive way I do. What I discovered was that I gained many pips and yet I didn't increase my losses so why not be more aggressive...

I know a lot of you are afraid to trade the 4hr charts...why?... cuz someone sold you a bag of crap about your S/L being too far away... 50-80 pips, etc. In your mind you're thinking I can't afford that... like chicken little running in circles... get a grip gang. Seriously now... Look back at any 4hr chart where there was a reversal where you would have entered a trade using the 5 method. If you had entered the trade on the 4hr chart... and put your S/L at the last swing hi or low... even 100 pips away... how many times has it come back to hit your S/L in the next couple of candles? I can't find one example of that happening anywhere... not one....

So the larger S/L really means nothing except if the sun don't rise and the chickens don't lay... it would save your account but I've never seen that happen on a 4hr chart.... probably has once ever 1,000 trades.

What I'm getting at is don't be afraid to enter a 4hr trade at night if you're going to bed if the TDI gives you a set up. At least try it on Demo. I'm telling you that once you start trading 4hr and Daily charts you'll fall in love with them and the pips you make... You'll wonder why you ever traded on the lower timeframes.... That's where the dealers steal the most money from

traders who don't know better...

I'm retired but suppose I was a working stiff from an 8am-5pm job. I entered at night (took 4 minutes) and went to bed... didn't have to watch , no nail biting , no pulling hair out , you get the idea... just sweet dreams . Before going to work you close the trades... simple, clean and easy. Practice on Demo to build your confidence... it's free and you know everyone loves free things. I've been there... step out of your comfort zone...

No excuses... get off your poor me pity party and just do it... forget the excuses if you want to become a more successful trader... if not, just take a nap and call it a day.

JD,

I just happen to wake up at that time (2:15am) and looked at the charts/TDI and placed the 3 trades off my 2 o'clock candle. I normally check the 10 o'clock candle at night and go to bed then. Euro doesn't open until 11pm my time. If I enter I wan't to be on the candle when green CROSSES red and don't want to be late unless it's a re-entry on a bounce of green off of red on the TDI. Even if you only caught a couple trades during the week you would make great pips...

Atate49,

I'm usually only on the charts at late night or early morning... so I only catch 2-3 candles a day. On that chart it was an obvious up trend... but when I caught green Crossing red... I took the trade... remember I'm expecting a 3-8 candle move too.

Training Chart....

Note that both these 5 method entries were over the 68 line on the TDI and both went positive over 100 pips profit each...



Trading Chart....

Another 5 method trade on the G/J over the 68 line on the TDI.



Training Chart...

2 Trades above the 68 line on the TDI...



Training Charts...



Training Chart... It's 8am here and I won't take any 4hr trade at this time...



Training Chart...



Training Chart... 8:15am here... I don't take 4hr trades this time of day...



Training Chart... 8:23am. I don't trade the 4hr chart this time of day...



Training Chart...



Michaelwen,

When the candle closes I check the TDI if I'm online. If the green is now flat, fish hooked over or check mark reversal... I'll exit the trade. Otherwise I stay in the trade for more pips...

Wally,

You can trade the 1 or 4 hr. charts any time of day. I'm on the West Coast in the Pacific Time Zone (-8).

I don't usually trade during the day because I don't want to be tied up and generally momentum is less/slower.... however bythepound trades during the day and does quite well. 🍊👍

If I don't feel good or don't feel like trading.... I stay off the charts. That's when I tend to make mistakes because I'm not 100%.

I don't take an average down position... If the market goes against me via the TDI... I exit.

Because of medical problems I don't sleep restfully at night so I try to catch a nap or two to recharge my batteries during the day...

Wally, Post 4154

You entered too early. Note the green is just touching the red TDI line... it hasn't crossed. Big mistake...

I Don't take a big draw down... If it comes back 8-10 pips then exit and look for a re-entry...

It will start to click soon... hang in there on your Demo chart and we will get you there. We have a lot of good and helpful folks on this thread...

I'm posting more training charts... 1hr charts... check them out...
some show an individual losing trade but most signals are profitable. It's 3pm here and the
charts are current...



A/J Daily chart trade... \$9,340 folks... You can too...



Johnnyspips...

As I've said many times: When the TDI goes flat, fish hooks over or does a check mark reversal... I exit immediately. I've also stated many times that I always look for re-entries if the trend continues.

Training Chart - A/J 4hr



A/U 4hr trades... Again... it doesn't get any simpler than this...



Johnnypips,

Entry looks good off the TDI bounce.

On Daily charts: It's best to enter when your broker updates once a day and get in at the beginning of the new candle (if you have a signal)... other wise you set yourself up for the draw back on your entry candle. Keep that in mind while trading the Daily charts.

Current Live Trade...

Up \$39 at this point...



Susan,

Sorry I missed or didn't answer your question.

When the TDI green/red are moving towards the 68/32 lines... don't panic. Just become more aware that your TDI signals will be showing an exit pretty soon. I've recently posted some charts where green was over 68 and yet moved another 100+ pips long. I've posted a million charts showing TDI entries... it's simple/easy, never changes and is good on all time frames...

Dean Malone takes trades when the green crosses the 50 line because it is safest and most conservative. I found I missed entering a lot of trades when I did that so I started entering when green crosses red.

Night Trades: You just have to look at your new 4hr candles when they appear. If they don't give you the set up your looking for... just go to bed. 2-3 times a week there will be a solid set up and take it then... be patient and not so itchy to be in a trade all the time. Wait for the best set ups and you'll make lots of pips.

Entries... see post #4188.

michaelwen,

My personal style is to exit the trade if I see the TDI green go flat, hook over or check reversal.... usually at the beginning of a new candle.

This is another reason I don't trade during the day. Both charts have been in play about 7 hrs on the 4hr charts... little momentum... I entered about 10am this morning... 5pm now.



Dan,

You can always wait until the PA crosses the 5 ema line, then check your TDI and decide then... (on your chart just above).

Trades & set ups... FF must be to busy right now. I've got 5 more charts but it won't load them now...



E/U 4hr... Hummm... using a different computer works printing the charts... so what does that mean?



This chart gives us all the signs of a good re-entry... but... We're at 20 on the Stochs, 32 on the TDI... It might go another candle but I wouldn't enter at this time....



At this time this 4hr chart is looking pretty tired... I'd wait for a current entry. Note all the vertical lines marking older entries and re-entries off of bounces...



Hummmm... U/J 4hr.... Look at PA top right on the chart... pretty flat. This chart is in an up trend but notice how small the red reversal candles are... I wouldn't have taken any of those shorts for that reason. Look at how many successful trades you've seen in these charts and bang!!! One head fake to take a few pips from you. Do you understand how this 5 method puts the odds high in your favor?



Looks like a possible set up... what do you think?



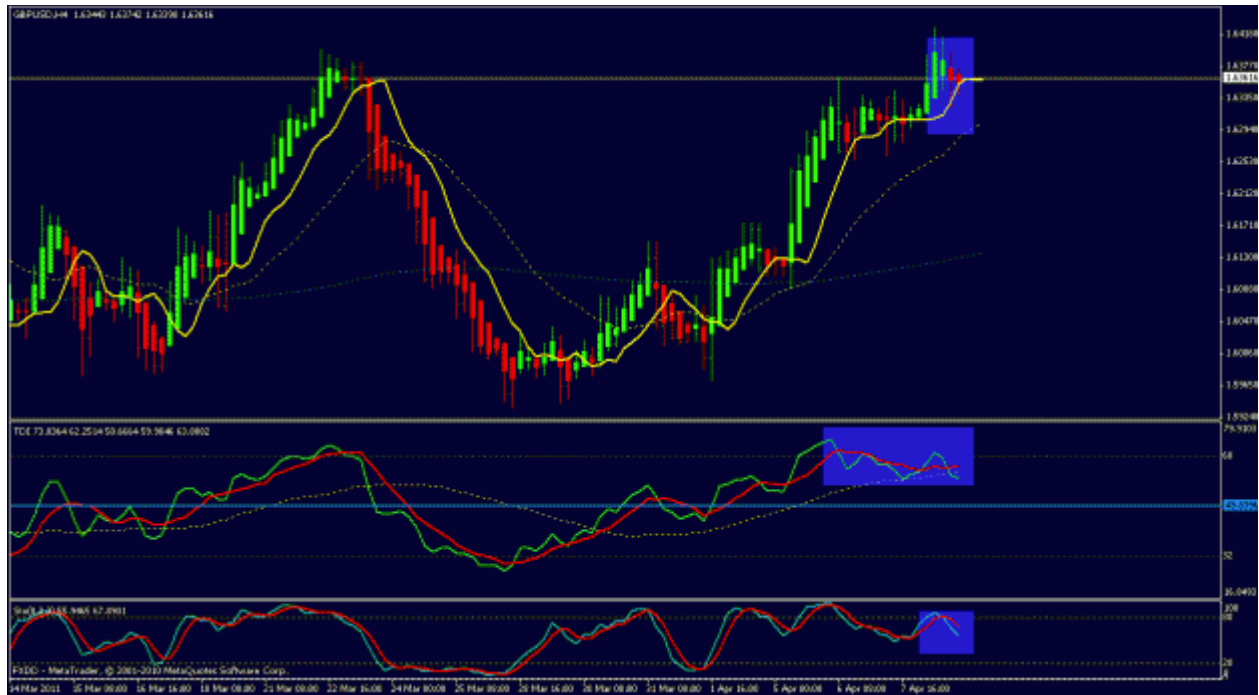
Is this one getting ready to go short? Nice up trend on this chart but I don't like trading such short candles... makes me unsure of the decisions I have to make... definitely a chart to watch while your in the trade...



Is this one ready to trade....



G/U 4hr... Are we going south or will this turn around. Green TDI doesn't give me what I want to know at this time...



You all know I don't trade during the day... however, every morning when I wake up I look at the 4hr charts for changes (6am) I then mark up my charts as to what I would have done if I was trading. Tonight at dinner time I checked back... all 8 charts I monitor would have given me 50-80 pips each... had I actually traded them.... Life's good and trading the 5 ema is easy....

bigjim1958,

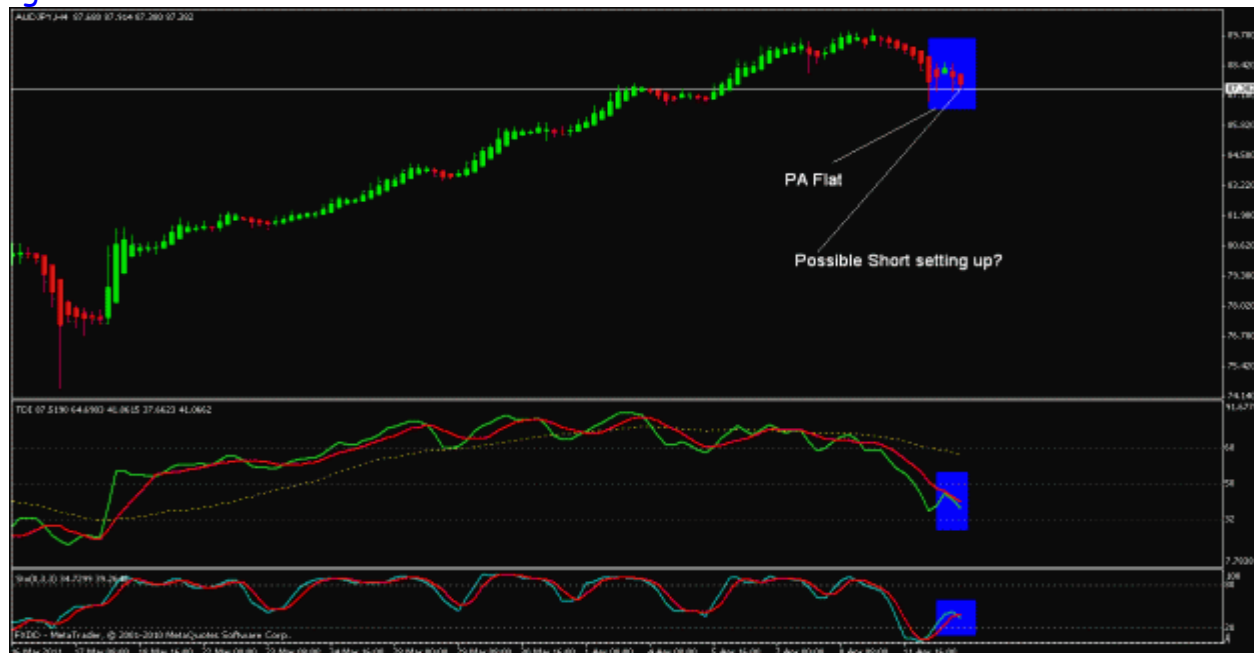
Hey big guy. Evidently you haven't studied the charts I have been posting... showing where to re-enter trades...

In the chart you posted... note how PA dropped away from the 5 ema and arched back to the 5 ema and dropped again... When it starts to drop away... that is where you re-enter (also check your TDI for confirmation).

Go back and study my old charts where I discuss re-entries.

Also: "Also, do you ever take partial profits and move s/l to BE". **YES I DO...**

Training Charts....







Training Chart... Possible bounce trade - TDI - Green bouncing off red going short).



Notice in the charts above the Stoch lags behind the TDI signals in several cases... pay attention to any small differences when looking at a chart and before entering a trade.

Small differences should be like a flashing light telling you to take another look... or wait on your entry...

Like: Is PA resting (no momentum), Is TDI close to the 68 going long or 32 when going short, is the Stochs confirming an entry, etc...

Antny,

Crossing and letting the candle close is the most conservative way. Your using PA as your trigger with the TDI.

I personally prefer the more aggressive approach using the TDI... When green crosses red... all things looking good... I'll often enter the trade...

Training Chart - Look at the TDI for entry signals... green crosses red...



Take any chart and check where the green crosses red on the TDI for entries...



For those who are new:

I went to www.compassfx.com and downloaded their free TDI Indicator and put it into my indicator file.

On the Chart: I copied the Synergy Template at www.compassfx.com

I then removed everything off the TDI but the green and red... and saved it.

The Synergy Template gives you the HA Candles on it. I then **removed** the two yellow lines above and below PA. I then added my own moving average set to: 5, ema, shift 3, exponential, typical price... and saved it.

I then brought up a chart and added the Template, added the TDI red & green indicator... and saved it.

Now I had a complete Template I could put on any chart. This works on all timeframes... any chart. I've taught you what to look for on the TDI for entries... study the charts already posted.

I don't trade charts under 1hr because lower than that there are too many false signals or head fakes. However, Dean Malone trades the 15 min charts and normally makes 50 pips or more per day. He usually starts trading at 8am EST for 2-3 hours.

I don't like to trade during the day because the PA is more jerky... I trade the 4hr charts. I check my 8 pairs (as posted) at 1am Eastern time and 5am eastern time. Those times are 10pm and 2am for me. I don't monitor the trades... I go to sleep. I get plenty of signals and the market is generally smoother... and I make more pips during those hours.

I expect each trade to move 3-8 candles. I like to enter on candles 1 or 2 only unless it's a bounce or re-entry trade.

When I'm in a trade and I see the TDI green line go flat, hook over or do a check reversal... before exiting I like to look at PA in relation to the 5 ema line. If PA still looks strong I'll consider staying in the trade but monitor it from that point on. If I see PA reversing I'll usually exit.

Maybe one of you will post your Template for others to download into their Templates file.

It's pretty cut and dried and produces lots of pips.

Training Chart....

This chart is maxed out for size. I want you to note the three main areas on PA where it rested...

Look at the TDI where green went flat several times (arrows)... normally an exit signal...

But look at the distance from PA to the 5 ema line and the distance from the green/red lines on the TDI... looks pretty strong since neither is coming back to cross over... Keep this in mind as you look at your charts... and sometimes you'll be able to squeeze the last pip out of a trade instead of jumping in and out over and over... just something to pay attention too...

Also note that the Stochs is worthless *outside* the 80/20 lines...

If you had stayed in this trades it was worth 111 pips...



Adong,

To go back further in your charts... go to a higher timeframe... like Daily or weekly. Mine goes back over 10 years... and remember this method works on all timeframes.....

The key to understanding is studying old charts to build your confidence in the TDI Crossover/entries... burn it in your mind.

Pay attention to previous swings (# of candles) and your current support and resistance levels.

After a while your eye/brain knows what to look for and it becomes quite natural and fast...

Lower timeframes require constant monitoring (5/15/30/1hr)... otherwise you may get sacked and lose your pips..

That's why I prefer to trade the 4 hr charts and above and I don't generally have to monitor the trade... makes me pips while I sleep... News doesn't normally effect the higher timeframes either...

Hope this helps...

Training Chart...

Why would any trader want to trade a chart that looks like this... It's not flat but pretty pittyful... 9 pip channel.... look for another chart to trade at a higher timeframe...



Location,

On my 24" monitor your printing almost blew me off my chair... lol.

Entries look beautiful. I would have been tempted to enter the 2nd trade one candle earlier...why?... looking to the left at the previous short runs which ran quite a few candles...lol However you were trading Daily charts. I always prefer to enter on candle 1 or 2 if possible since it averages 3-8 candle runs...

This is not a moving average crossover method... you'll find those on the charts. I depend about 80% on the signal from the TDI and then look at what else is on the chart and Stochs... TDI is an Osc..

I've ground this method down for 2 years+ and it just gets better... any timeframe... just study the charts I've posted to build confidence and you'll be stylin' in no time at all. Congrats on those trades too...

Two of my favorite trades are going short up by the 68 line or long at the 32 line... it's just

easy money...

The key for entries is the TDI green crossing red... not PA crossing the 5 ema for the most aggressive method.

The only time I enter a trade after candle #2 is if the red line bounces off the green for a continuance... see previous charts posted...

Hard Earned...

Welcome aboard...

The ability to trade longer term charts releases so much stress when trading as long as you have confidence in your method...

If your trading the more aggressive method... only enter on candle 1 or 2... unless you enter on the bounce of green off of red...

I encourage everyone to Demo Trade the method to build confidence and study the charts posted... it's pretty cut and dried... don't make it more complicated... HA

PA/5ema/TDI/Stochs is all you need. I've traded off the TDI many times with no PA showing and have been successful over and over.

Steve patt...

Good point and some people trade using divergence. I don't personally because it's like everything in FX... nothing works 100% of the time and that goes for divergence too... I just try to keep it as simple as possible for success.... and my way is not necessarily the only way...

Thanks for postin' buddy....

Training Chart....

I marked this chart for entries with the vertical lines. I didn't mark all the winning trades as you can see. There are 2 possible losses as I marked. This is on a 15 minute chart... I don't trade these low timeframes but many do... set ups on TDI where green crosses red or green bounces off red...



Training Chart -

Entries - A/J 15 minute chart... Look for the set up on the TDI where green crosses red for entries...



2scoops...

On the Conserative method you would wait for PA to cross the 5 ema but that cuts down your odds for success... because it's usually the 3rd or 4th candle in the move before that happens and we normally only get a 3-8 candle move...

The more aggressive and my style is to enter as soon as you see green crossing red on the TDI.
This happens normally on candle 1 or 2 placing the odds in my favor...

One of the purposes of this thread is to teach traders to trade the higher timeframes... there is nothing to be afraid of. Many of you have finally converted and wonder why you didn't do it earlier... less problems on the 4hr and a lot more pips profit... just make a proper entry like on Chew's chart (TDI) and many more that I've posted...

When learning a new trading method you've got to give it 6-12 weeks. You have to start feeling comfortable with your decisions. It takes that long to build confidence... If your not willing to devote that much time then why even start it... just move on.

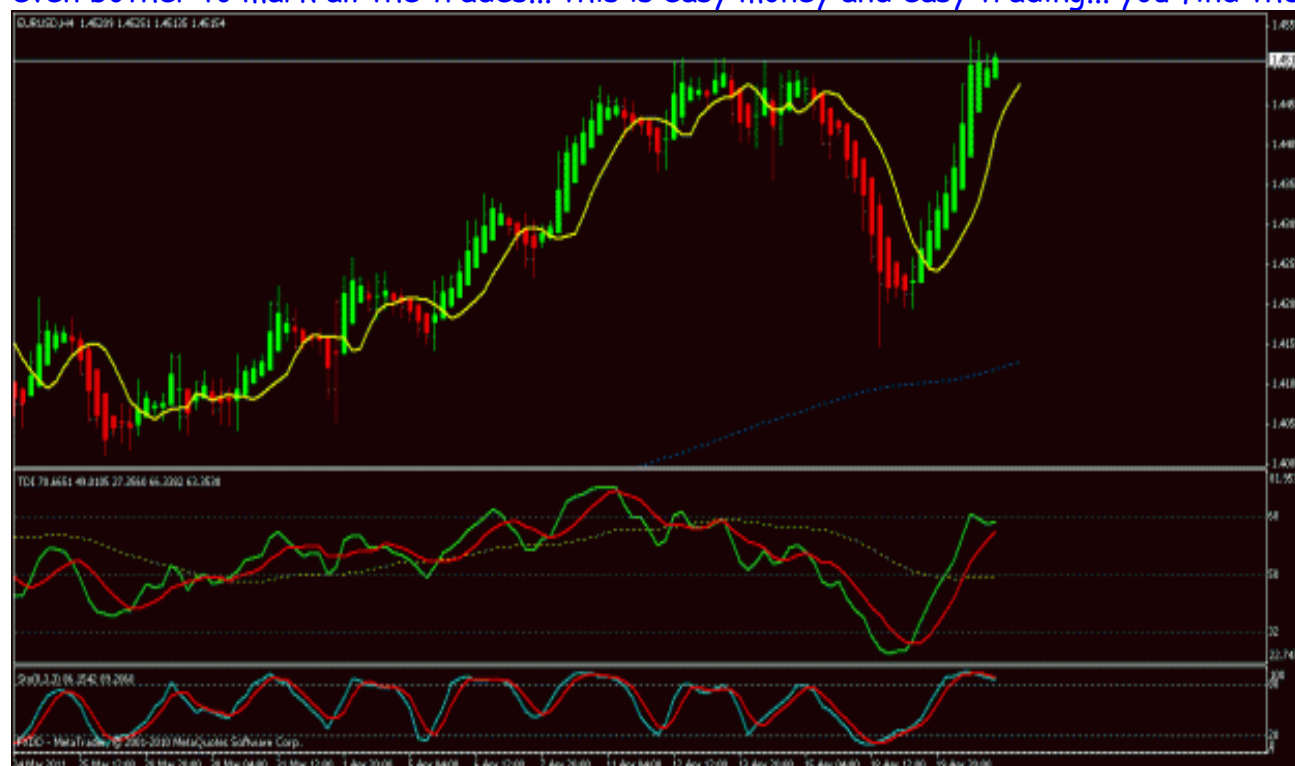
You must know I consider all of you as friends and associates and I would not knowingly mislead any of you. I just want to help by giving back and being your backstop in the game... coaching you to more and more success... Your success helps me grow and I thank you. I'll never ask you for anything other than your best effort so please ask questions or arrange a phone call from me for help... I certainly don't know all the answers but I'll share what I know and understand for your greatest success...

BJ1,

When I fire up my puter the first thing I do is bring up my charts page and glance at all the pairs. Since I trade the 4hr charts I do that when a new candle is about to appear... usually 10pm my time (Pacific Time). I look for trades that set up (green over/under red) at 10pm. If I see an entry I'll take the trade and go to bed. My "ALARM" goes off again about 1:50am just before the next candles appears for my time zone. When it's 2am I look for any new set up and if so I'll take the trade and go to bed. Takes only 8-10 minutes total. When the ALARM goes off at 6am (9am Eastern) we have another new candle. Normally I'll close all trades and go back to sleep... It's very easy and profitable... I don't trade day charts normally.

If you will do this before going to bed you eliminate the stress watching it go up then pullback, etc. Let the method and chart do it's work while you get zzzzzzzzzzzzzzz's... oh so sweet... simple...

Look at the E/U 4hr chart... If you had traded it you could have retired in Disneyland... I didn't even bother to mark all the trades... this is easy money and easy trading... you find the entries...



U/CHF 4hr chart... what a beautiful chart... so many easy entries . Begin to appreciate the charts and what they are showing you... where is my wheelbarrow? I think Chews borrowed it... he must be a neighbor...



Remember that PA likes to go back to old hi's and low's... so if your late to enter... look to the left for previous supp/Res levels because that's probably where it's heading before it pauses/rests... Just always remember that if you don't get in on candle 1 or 2 (green crosses red)... your taking a bigger chance and your odds for success are lower... and make sure you monitor the trade in progress while moving your S/L up...

A/U 4hr is scratching it's head thinking about going short... keep an eye on it... See the TDI...



Momma Mia... all I can see in this 4hr chart are DOLLAR SIGNS. It would be so fine if we had the strength and desire... alertness to trade charts like this 24/5... if so I'd have you bring your own bucket of ribs and my valet would park your sports cars out front...

It's thinking... remember what I said a few posts back about PA going back to previous levels. It's trying to make a decision... bounce/continuation or a reversal... look at the TDI...

Hey Chews... bring my wheelborrow back and buy your own buddy... I got mine gold plated using the 5 method...



Well... while the cat is away the mice do play I see...

Where are all these extra indicators coming from? This is a powerful simple system that works just like I've shown you. I remember posts where I was told that it just had to be more complicated... but it's not. Any additional templates or indicators will influence your decision making..

On the TDI I enter when green crosses red after checking out the PA, hi/lo, Stoch and then make my decision...

One chart above had 40 hours in a small channel but the TDI was pointing up a little from the 32 line... Personally I saw flashing yellow lites on the PA. Right or wrong I would'nt have entered at that time... I'd find a cleaner chart... There are lots of trades always so if you miss one... so what. Bet on the safer charts.

The reason I want you to enter when green first crosses red or when it bounces is because that's when you have momentum normally... better odds in your favor.

If you select the right chart and crossing you won't settle for 10 pips profit unless your neighbor is out front giving out free gold bars. I've taken a few like that while I was learning.

Any of you want to take over this thread? Let me know and I'll leave quietly... You got ideas... PM me and don't just tack them to the thread please... it starts to confuse others trying to learn.

That's my two cents for today...

2scoops asked:

Am I right in saying you advise setting your SL a few pips above/below the high or low of the previous swing. **Yes** on the lower time frames (5min-1hr) otherwise on the 4hr IF I USE ONE which I don't normally do I would put it above/below the last candle. That's not a rule _ just my preference.

Monitor the trade on the formation of each 4HR candle, if there is any "hook/flattening" of the TDI strongly consider exiting. **Yes**

If you cannot monitor each 4HR candle move your SL up to BE... **Yes**...and set a 50 pip TSL. **Humm... I don't** personally use Take Profit levels to shoot for but that sounds reasonable...

I know your all totally dedicated to fx research... Has anyone noticed on a 4hr chart... candles made as small as you can that it tends to cycle every 8-12 weeks with previous PA levels being re-visited? Found this while looking at the E/U chart. Put your crosshair on it and check it out...

What's that mean? Look for areas of major turns and look at those previous areas as targets \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Alex.... Welcome aboard buddy. Keep it simple... When green crosses red... enter at the beginning of that candle. Make sure it's candle #1 or 2... otherwise pass and find another trade *unless it's a bounce trade. Always look left* to make sure your not trading into a close supp/res level. You know the exit rule from the previous post... hope you trade the 4hr chart and make gobbs of pips... Big E

Adong,

Currently I don't use a trailing stop on any of my trades. I certainly wouldn't on a 15min chart... but that's just me.

When I traded the 15min charts... After placing the trade the first thing I'd do is open it up and click "close the trade". A box would pop up on the left side of my screen. If the trade started pulling back on me I'd click Exit The Trade. It's fast and you'll save pips.

If you can... try moving up to 30 min or 1hr charts using the same entry/exit rules... When you get use to it then move up to the 4hr charts.