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WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER ISSUE



Welcome to the last issue of 2021 and what an amazing year it's been in all sorts of ways. The CHART tagging programme has now come to an end and at going to press 700 Atlantic bluefin tuna have been tagged by the 15 boats. Nearly 1000 anglers have been on board those boats generating revenue, out of season, for the charter fleet. Another bonus is that mortality has been very low, much lower than expected. There is more on this on page 8 and 9 and we are now moving into the post CHART consultation process which will frame the fishery regulations for the 2022 programme whatever developments there are we'll keep you informed.

The Angling Trust

It's been a very busy year for the Angling Trust, particularly after passing of the Fisheries Act early in 2021. There are some barriers to accessing the funding which is supposed to be available to recreational anglers but the Trust is working hard behind the scenes to resolve these issues. We review this and all the other sea angling campaigns the Angling Trust has been working at on pages 10 and 11.

Festivals

There is a new boat angling festival and exhibition being launched in 2022 and this along with last year's launch of the Sea Angling Classic means that 2022 looks set to be a great year for angling festivals. In this issue we have a preview at all the major boat angling competitions and festivals happening next year.

Bait digging

There is a potentially explosive issue bring relating to bait digging brewing. Natural England have decided to advise IFCA's to stop, or at least license, extraction of some bait species. These include crabs, lugworm and ragworm. We are in the initial stages of this after various bait digging consultations in some IFCA

regions were carried out but it could effect every angler increasing the cost and reducing the potential supply of the bait we all use. Watch this space.

In this issue

Elsewhere in the issue we have a tale of a lone angler and a porbeagle, some advice on catching big bass, we look at wrasse fishing using soft plastics, how to get the best out of drift fishing, we visit Brixham and start a new series on estuary fishing and we review an exciting new angling boat, the Smart Fish 25. We've got all the usual features on Charter Boats, Your Catches and Tackle Talk.

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Finally, I'd like to wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and New Year. Let's hope the weather is kind and the fishing continues to improve.

Tight lines!

Tim Macpherson

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Garmin announces new GPSMAP 79s hand held mapping device

The GPSMAP 79s the latest handheld mapping device from Garmin and it provides anglers, boaters and kayakers with crucial safety functionality, plus basic mapping and waypoint tracking. Furthermore, the GPSMAP 79s can be used as a back-up for their main navigation system. Those looking to upgrade from a legacy GPS 78 series handheld will immediately find the following improvements.

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Raymarine have also launched **Lighthouse HVAR V3.16**, the latest software release for its Axiom Lighthouse 3 systems. Its new features include support for Ccloine Open Array Radar, split screen display of hardware based apps, Mercury nmeaine engine display improvements and sector blanking on quantum radars. More from Raymarine.com



Amazing prize table available for Cardiff Bay Cod Comp

The popular competition has a total amount of prizes valued at £4,500 with a first prize of £1000 plus a rod or reel second prize £300 plus a rod or reel third prize £200 plus a rod or reel with other prizes.

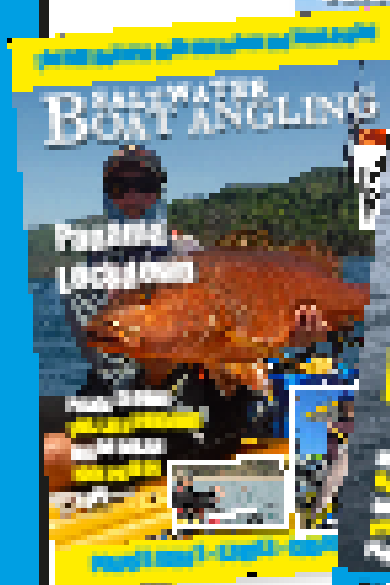
The event is usually held in December attracts 500, or so, anglers and is probably the biggest cod competition in South Wales.

For more information go to the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club website www.cbvc.co.uk/angling-section



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What would a recreational bluefin fishery look like?

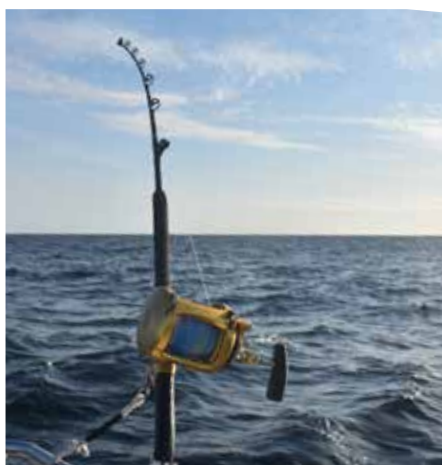
Tim Macpherson follows up his article from last month by looking at the hurdles we need to overcome to be able to open full recreational fishery.

Last month I reported on my own experiences fishing on the CHART tagging boats and suggested what might be next for the fishery in the UK. Following the end of the 2021 programme the follow on consultation period will begin and there is much work to do in securing a fully functioning recreational live catch and release fishery.

Suddenly every man and his dog is getting very excited about the prospects of this put we need to put the brakes on as much work needs to be done to get to the point of a Recreational live release fishery that can meet all the requirements that the various authorities will insist upon.

So, what would a full recreational live release fishery actually look like

There are a number of models in other countries to look at – already nine EU countries are running recreational fisheries plus there are others around the world. A “Recreational Fishery” must be authorised by the Quota Holding ICCAT Member State to operate and has certain reporting obligations to ICCAT. This must be identified in an



annual fishing plan. Each quota holding member, (CPC), can regulate fishing by issuing authorisations to vessels. In practice this has meant a license of some sort being issued.

Following on from this each country is obliged to provide to ICCAT information about weights of each bluefin caught and records of any mortalities which are then counted against the CPC's quota. The UK would need to set aside some of its 48.4Tonnes of Quota to account

for possible mortality in a recreational fishery. Bluefin Tuna UK estimate that 20 tonnes of that annual allowance would be more than enough to facilitate a large scale recreational live release bluefin fishery across all of the UK. The low levels of mortality in the 2021 CHART programme support these estimates.

The nature, and scale, of existing recreational fisheries varies significantly and many run alongside commercial fisheries. One example, Canada, sees around 10% of the 500 tonne quota allocated to the recreational fishery. In the US 25% of the quota is allocated to the recreational fishery – although how this works is complicated by a complex system of geographical allocations and other criteria.

Denmark and Norway both operate a ‘twin track’ approach with a combination of a science fishery and a recreational fishery. They vary a bit between the two countries but the principle is similar. It's effectively a catch and release tagging fishery and a recreational

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fishery that allows some retained fish alongside catch and release.

How we would fashion a UK recreational fishery is still under discussion, with the Angling Trust leading the way in working with the Bluefin Tuna UK campaign, charter skippers and others to fashion a model which could be the basis of a proposal for future years.

Discussions are getting underway now about the possibility and nature of any CHART program that might operate in English waters in 2022. (Separate discussions will be taking place in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland between stakeholders and their own fisheries authorities). That discussion should include the scale of any future programmes, the extent of monitoring and reporting obligations, as well as if/how DEFRA et al will agree to include private recreational boat owners in any such program. Until they address this issue the growth of unauthorised recreational fishing for bluefin will continue

However, there is an argument to push for a larger number of CHART boats, and to then license a small number of recreational boats alongside the CHART programme but subject to the same stringent training and reporting to which the CHART boats are subjected to. Following this there is the question of "privateers" (private recreational boats) and how those are adequately controlled.

The Vision

There are a number of ideas circulating about how the fishery might look, it's probably a bit early to go into any

details, especially as the post CHART consultation hasn't started. The views of the skippers involved will be crucial and since the fifteen involved are a kind of elite having learned the hard way through sweat, trial and error and their view should be central to how we go forward. The Angling Trust and the Bluefin Tuna UK campaign will help with this process once the consultation is under way.

Summary

In summary the question is:

Why should we have a recreational fishery at all?

It is a fundamental principle that recreational anglers should be permitted to fish for a species unless there are compelling reasons to prohibit that. In the case of bluefin tuna, in the UK, I don't believe there is. So far, the CHART programme has demonstrated clearly that:

Bluefin are here in numbers,

A recreational live release fishery is viable.

Skippers and anglers are capable of good CPUE rates and welfare outcomes.

The fishery is an optimal, sustainable use of a natural capital asset. There IS demand for such a fishery from anglers.

Based on what I've seen I believe we can create the most prestigious game fishery for bluefin tuna in the world. So, let's get on and do it!



A few numbers from the programme as it stands.

- **15 Charter boats have been engaged in the CHART programme**
- **More than 700 fish caught tagged and released**
- **Over 1000 anglers have been out fishing for bluefin tuna**
- **400 Bluefin trips have taken place between August 15th and November 15th**
- **Average spend of anglers is estimated at £1000 per trip including charter boat fees**
- **That's an potential economic boost of nearly £750K out of the normal holiday season.**
- **300 hours of fishing effort per week.**

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THE ANGLING TRUST - 2021 in Review



After 2020 was dominated by the Covid pandemic and the ongoing passage of the Fisheries bill through parliament 2021 has proved to be a much more varied year with the Angling Trust campaigning on a number of fronts.

Bluefin Tuna

One of the most prominent (and one we have covered extensively in this magazine) is the campaign to persuade DEFRA to run a CHART tagging programme for bluefin tuna. The campaign is ongoing and the next stage of this starts now....see page 8.

Fisheries Bill

Moving on from that the Fisheries Bill was passed into law and apparently enshrined recreational sea angling's position as a stakeholder on the future management of our marine environ-

ment. There is much work to do here and we still feel that DEFRA is deferring far too much to commercial interests but considering where we were a couple of years ago we can be pleased we are at least in the room. Following on from this is the opportunity presented by funding for sea angling being available through what's the FASS funding scheme.

So far this has proved to be quite difficult to access effectively – partly due to the inflexibility of the Marine Management Organisation but despite this there is no doubt we are making serious progress and in 2022 this will become more evident.

Shark Hub

Anglers and scientists, together as equals, for sharks. Through combining the knowledge and skills of recreational shark anglers and marine researchers the Angling Trust is now working as a team to achieve a number of shared objectives and to improve both the protection and management of UK shark species.

It advocates the importance of knowledge and data gathered by the recreational angling community, provide anglers with the best resources and information on shark biology, ecology and conservation, advise on the ongoing review of shark angling and

handling best practice and engage with and make the sport and shark science more accessible to, a diverse range of people to improve participation, including those from vulnerable communities and disadvantaged socio-economic groups.

Creating this hub allows us to better understand the distribution, abundance, ecology and movement patterns of UK shark species. This will lead to providing evidence to relevant management bodies to reduce the overexploitation of sharks and we will be able to generate public education and awareness of UK sharks and the value of recreational shark anglers to shark conservation.

It is a very exciting initiative and more can be found here <https://anglingtrust.net/sea/shark-hub-uk/>

Relationships with IFCA's

The Angling Trust has been working hard on its ongoing relationship with the 10 IFCA's around the country. Firstly by helping in the recruitment of anglers onto IFCA committees (with varying degrees of success), by setting up angling liaison groups connecting anglers with IFCA officials, and by holding regular high level meetings between Angling Trust officials and the Association of IFCA's.

Anglers Forums

One of the biggest successes in the ongoing relationships with IFCA's has been the Angling Trust regional (virtual) forums which have been running all year and involves IFCA Officers taking questions from anglers and also other subjects, such as sharks, tuna and various bylaws in process. These Forums will continue to run in 2022 and act as great ways of communicating to anglers what is happening in angling politics and campaigning.

Highly Protected Marine Areas

The ongoing consultation process involving Highly Protected Marine Areas is reaching a crucial phase with DEFRA due to announce some 5 pilot areas. These are likely to involve no take zones





and could prove to be very explosive – particularly if they are inshore and affect places where recreational angling is a big part of the local activities. The Angling Trust is leading the way in holding DEFRA to account while the consultation process is ongoing but it has proved to be a difficult balancing act between the desire for conservation and the need for restrictions in these areas. This is ongoing and will develop further in 2022

Participation

The Angling Trust held a number of angling participation events in 2021. Northney Marina was the venue for the first of these in July where two events were held alongside the Sea Angling Classic - a new sea angling competition launched in the summer. The Sussex Marine region also ran two of its long-established Family Fishing Days at Shoreham Port in Sussex. These events attracted hundreds of people young and old to learn about how to get into angling and will continue in 2022.

Mullet Masterclasses

The Angling Trust teamed up with the National Mullet Club at Northney Marina alongside the Sea Angling Classic to hold another of their highly successful and very popular Mullet Masterclasses. Members of the Mullet Club carried out tutorial sessions on how to target and catch the 'grey ghost', as it is often known.

Dover Admiralty Pier

One very successful (so far) campaign was the one to reverse a decision made

by the Dover Harbour Board to ban angling on the Admiralty Pier. Angling returned October as part of a pilot project agreed between the Dover Sea Angling Association (DSAA), the Angling Trust and Dover Harbour Board.

After a meeting in September, a number of the issues and concerns raised by the Dover Harbour Board were successfully resolved. While extra security measures will be introduced to meet the legitimate concerns of the Harbour Board, a pilot involving up to 70 anglers has been set up. Should this prove to be a success, then the details of how the pier can be reopened for angling will then be agreed between the DSAA and the Dover Harbour Board.

The Marine Advisory Group

The Angling Trust has had a long-standing group of volunteers advising it on a variety of sea angling issues from the local to the supra national.

This group has now been formalised into a new body, the Marine Advisory Group which will continue and enhance this vital function. It's very important to the Trust that they listen to grassroots anglers and their concerns and empowers them to take relevant action or start campaigns where appropriate. One of the functions of this committee will be to set up sub groups containing volunteers with the relevant experience and interest to action these campaigns. The group is open to anyone who has the expertise, experience and the time to get involved in all the issues which are relevant to sea anglers.

More on this committee and other Angling trust sea angling campaigns and activity can be found here <https://anglingtrust.net/sea/sea-campaigns/>.

There are many more challenges facing sea anglers in 2022 including issues over bait digging as well as ongoing issues so it promises to be a very busy year for the Angling Trust Marine division. If you want to get involved then please email stuart.singleton-white@anglingtrust.net for more information.



Your Catches

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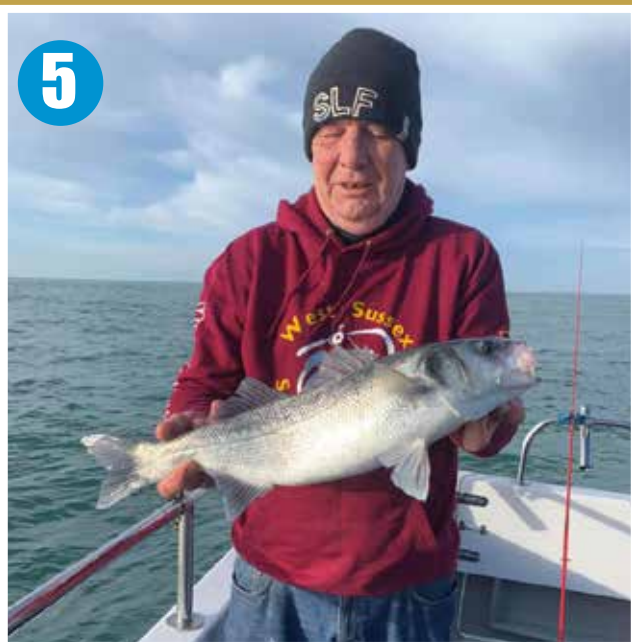
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Your Catches



1. **Simon Clark** from Shoreham with a **smoothhound** caught on black lug!
2. **Mark Fairhurst** with a cracking **conger eel** from his own Eastbourne based boat.
3. **Vernon Allen** with a 11lb **bullhuss** caught on Teddie Boy frm Minehead.
4. A super **blonde ray** caught on Anchorman Charters - a boat based at Penarth Docks in South Wales.
5. 8lb 4oz bass for **Arthur Mahoney** on kelley's Hero III.
6. A fine **pollack** caught on Size Matters, Kevin Mckie's boat based in Pwhelli.
7. **Martyn Kemp** from East Hasting SAC bagged this cracking **cod** on a slow jig.
8. **Tony Petras** caught this magnificent 14lb **pollack** on Alan Beddows Warrior 175, Walrus fishing on wrecks off Littlehampton. The fish fought all the way to the boat in 220' of water.
9. A welcome **cod** caught on BF1 skippered by Robin Howard from Brighton.
- 10 **Alex Bliss** caught his first **Undulate ray** on Kelley's Hero 3 from Langstone.

If you want to show off your latest memorable catch then email a picture to editor@saltwaterboatangling.co.uk



TARGETING THE BIG BASS

With more and more big bass being landed along the south coast *Tim Macpherson* gives some tips on catching monster bass.



For many boat anglers landing a monster bass is top of their wish list – and that’s taking into account bluefin tuna. Superbly formed predators these handsome fish are masters of their environment, ambush pack hunters that hit prey fast and hard.

TARGETING LOCATIONS

As with all predators to find the specimen bass the first thing to do is locate what they are feeding on and when they appear. Bass are generally catholic feeders but they will concentrate on different prey species in specific areas – particularly when that prey is present in abundance. Wrecks, reefs and in particular banks which are situated in fast currents tend to be the first places specimen bass hunters will target. That means anywhere that creates an environment where bait fish have to struggle in the current. Depending on how a structure lies there will be a stage of the tide where, as the flow picks, up creates turbulence – and bass do react to the strength of tides. Many spots will only do this if the tide is flowing hard and most will be either ebb or flood dependant.

This makes perfect sense when one area may have the perfect hunting conditions on a strong ebb tide, and be completely unsuitable on a weaker flood. Generally, bass will only be feeding in those areas for that (short) period of time. They can switch on and off with the tidal flow. One minute they’re going berserk the next...nothing. The important thing is it’s not just about finding the right area, but being there

exactly when the fish are.

EXPLORATORY

This requires exploratory work and when you find what seems like a promising mark Then try it at all stages of a tide. You might get one blank drift (or trip) after another but if you persevere you will likely hit them, if they are there of course. Patience and persistence will reward the effort. Often, you’ll see bass on your electronics but very often they’ll be quite elusive and so don’t give up if there is nothing up on screen. In general bass feed near the bottom but



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will be drawn into mid water by prey species balling up above them – particular over reefs and wrecks so keep an eye on the whole water column to locate their hit zone is.

TECHNIQUES AND TACKLE

The best and most productive technique for bass is drifting over marks. It keeps you covering a wide area and you're not dependant on bringing the fish to the boat (more about drift fishing later in this issue). As for tackle set ups you can generally go light with 12lb class rods or similar being ideal and I prefer fixed spool reels but multipliers are fine and are better if your using sidewinders or similar. It's about your personal preference – there is no right and wrong about it. For the end tackle an in-line bead with small strong swivel attached is all that is needed to carry the weight. A five-or-six-foot trace of twenty to twenty-five-pound fluorocarbon finishing with a strong 2/0 hook works well. This set up can be fished with lures, live or dead baits. The main thing is to keep everything simple and to a minimum. I tend to just use a three-way swivel and a small lead – it's not a flowing trace which many people prefer and when fishing live-baits three way works with the rod works as a strike lever when a bass hits at speed. Either was do not be tempted to but too much on the rig, a) you don't need it and b) its less gear to lose when fishing over reefs and wrecks.

THE DRIFT

So you've found a mark which you think is promising start your drift a good few hundred yards up-tide. Do a couple of test trips before putting your bait down to work out the speed and direction of the drift. It can make quite a difference. The when you're happy take a measured drop and depending on the depth and strength of the tide you will need a weight just heavy enough to take your bait or lure down quickly enough to hit the bottom without a bow in the line forming. It is not good practice to go too heavy. Remember, just enough weight and no more than is necessary is key.

Any more than is required only adds an unnatural look to the presentation. Once you hit the bottom take a turn or two and keep in contact with the sea bed by bumping the weight occasionally depending on the nature of the bottom. Getting this wrong can result in tackle loss, especially if the ground is broken but most bass will be likely very near the bottom.

LIVE-BAIT IS BEST

In reality nothing quite beats a live-bait. If you can catch what the bass are naturally feeding on, and present it in that form, then you will catch fish. When a bass shoal is feeding hard the fish compete with each other to grab the bait and this is an optimum fishing time. This is often when the bigger fish can be picked up – as long as your tactics are right. I've noticed, the size of the bait will often dictate the size of the fish that hits it. Whilst fish generally, and bass in particular, will often hit baits far bigger than realistically targetable (and I've had bass taking mackerel the same size) if you persist with a bigger bait your chances of a bigger fish are increased. This may seem obvious but in practice a smaller bait or lure will probably see more fish hooked but the general size will be smaller. A caveat here is if the prey their feeding on is small then keep the bait small too. Fish sometime become programmed into only taking fish the size of the shoal they're hitting. The general rule is use a big bait to target a bigger bass.

One other thing I have noticed is some of the bigger fish tend to patrol the outskirts of a shoal. By setting the drift on the edge of the main mass on a sounder I have definitely picked up some better specimens.

WINTER BASS

On the south coast bass can now be caught all year round, although May through to October is when the most productive locations tend to fish the best (and of course current restrictions mean



AND THE LEGEND - JIM WHIPPY WITH A SUPER BASS CAUGHT ON AN EASTBOURNE WRECK



A BIG BASS CAUGHT IN THE SOLENT



A BASS CAUGHT ON AN ARTIFICIAL



A GOOD BASS CAUGHT WHILE DRIFTING WITH A FIISH MINNOW



A DECENT DOUBLE CAUGHT OFF THE SOUTH COAST



A SPECIMEN BASS CAUGHT BY CAROLYN FOWLER WHILE FISHING FROM LYMINGTON

had in Sussex – however quite often bigger fish are lurking under the shoals of smaller ones so if you can get a bait or lure underneath the main feeding frenzy you'll often pick up much bigger specimens than the ones busting the surface.

ROCKY HEADLANDS AND ESTUARIES

Some of the biggest bass I've had have been when using surface plugs or Savage Gear lures while slowly drifting along the edge of a rocky cliff face where submerged boulders are just under the surface– the Helford river is a good example of this where there are lots of big rocks under the surface and the bass lurk in the gully's and caves around these boulders. You have to know where the rocks will break the surface and be mindful of tides and swells – fishing this way on a kayak can be very productive because you can get in much closer to the places where they are lurking.

BASS REGULATIONS

The regulations have been changing regularly over the last few years from no fish per trip to one fish per trip and in 2022 were hoping it'll be up to three fish and over a nine-month season. Check your local IFCA (Inshore Fishery and Conservation Authority) or the Angling Trust for confirmation of what the regulations are.

With thanks to Wayne Comben for source material.



➔ they're effectively out of season between December and March. The approach of winter tends to bring a little change. This is a time when I've found more, big, solitary fish cruising open ground in search of an easy meal. Many anglers fishing for big winter cod will have picked up a bass now and again, but there are a few tips that will help you locate them with a little more precision.

Winter bass are a totally different proposition. If you want to pick out a big bass while fishing at anchor then there is one thing that will increase your chances more than most. Use gear with which you that can cast a reasonable distance. You need to use a bait you can cast as far down tide as possible. Whatever bait that is, be it

squid, cuttle or worm, if it can be deployed down-and once it has settled on the bottom give it five minutes, disengage the spool, lift the rod and let the bait move and settle down-tide again. Repeat this until you feel the bait has gone back as far as you dare and reel in and repeat. This technique is one of the most successful at anchor methods and if you have the ability to be proactive rather than sit back and watch static baits it is definitely worth doing.

BASS BUSTS

I've often chased flocks of birds around which are feeding on bait fish in a frenzy. These fish don't tend to be the bigger specimens and are generally in one-year class (at least that's the experience I've

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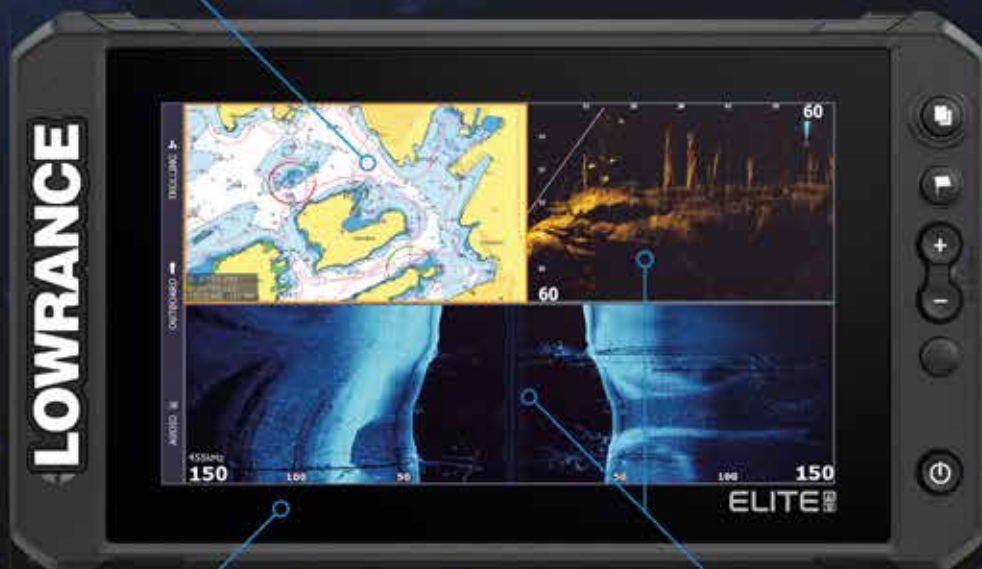
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CHARTER BOAT REPORTS

Sussex: Eastbourne

Manx Belle: John Little

Still lots of summer fish coming to the boats. Bass are being caught in numbers, pollack are on the inshore wrecks and bullhuss, gurnards and even wrasse are coming off the reefs. One thing we still aren't catching is big plaice of 3lb or more. we used to get these regularly but not any more - there are however plenty of small ones but no monsters.

In 2023 The European Federation of Boat Anglers have chosen Manx Belle to host English Boat Championship and The Fire Service have also decided to have their national comp, beach and boat, in September 2022

John Little:
07932 746812



Sussex: Littlehampton

Spirit of Arun: Martin Donald

Spirit of Arun have been running a year long bass competition and as you can imagine the leaderboard has been changing regularly. a recent trip brought some real crackers plus there were a couple of pollack in the mix too. So far Louis Saunders is in the lead with 11lb 2oz and 2nd is Luke Tickle with one of 11lb...

Check out www.spritofarun.com or their Facebook page.



Sussex: Brighton

Sea Breeze 3

Still lots of excellent pollack and bass coming to the boats during October. we're now looking out for some decent cod as we head into winter.

**Contact: 01273 585372 Mobile:
07850 707572 www.seabreeze3.co.uk charter@seabreeze3.co.uk**



Hampshire: Langstone

Kelleys Hero III:

Plenty of cod seem to be coming up in the solent at the moment.

Here is one (pictured right) which as caught on first drop.

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CHARTER BOAT REPORTS

Devon: Dartmouth

Outlaw Charters

We experienced a very good day's fishing in the Channel on Outlaw recently. All our Anglers caught well, with a notable fish from Ross Andrews with a 19lb+ pollack

Harry White had 16lb pollack and Alan Edwards (Ashprington) enjoyed his bass fishing with a couple of nice fish for his efforts.

07891 498023

owen@outlawcharters.co.uk

www.outlawcharters.co.uk



Dorset: Poole

Ocean Runner: Ryan Jones

We had an epic day on the bass recently! A great quality of fish with Darren having the biggest tipping the scales to 12lb.10oz a new personal best for him and a new boat record for Ocean Runner.

Another angler also had a stonking bass at just over 11lb which was another personal best and a bonus thornback.

We finished off with some squid fishing which was also very productive. Great day with fantastic weather.

07732 302651

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<http://oceanrunnerfishing.co.uk/>



Dorset: Weymouth

Flamer IV: Colin Penny

John Tucker age 63 from Plymouth landed his Personal Best blonde ray weighing 24lb (pictured right) while drifting a bank aboard Flamer IV. John was using 15lb class tackle with a two hook flowing trace with Sakuma Stinger size 4/0 hooks baited with mackerel strips. The ray was returned alive.

Phil Harrison landed a 14lb 2oz pollack (below) while drifting an offshore wreck aboard Flamer IV. Phil was using 15lb class tackle with a flying collar rig and a white Red Gill lure.

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www.flamer4fishing.co.uk



Devon: Brixham

Spot on Charters : Ross Parham

As well as targeting bluefin tuna Ross also managed to get his clients on some other Devonian monsters. One was a stonking 28lb 2oz blonde ray caught by a regular Tom (top right). Not bad considering that he caught it while plaice fishing and on plaice tackle. On that day 13 different Species caught including: plaice, blonde ray, small eyed ray, dab, red gurnard, grey gurnard, tub gurnard, mackerel, scad, dogfish, bass, whiting, pouting.

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CHARTER BOAT REPORTS

Somerset: Minehead

The fishing in the Bristol Channel has remained superb through the early autumn months with all the summer species still being caught although the smoothhound are not around in such big numbers. Squid is now the go to bait if they are your target. The ray fishing continues to be excellent with the blondes reaching the high teens in weight and thornbacks and smalleyed's going into double figures. When the weather has allowed the boats have travelled west into the clear waters and have found bass, black bream and trigger fish. Bass have also appeared regularly in catches further up the Channel. With winter approaching cod will be the quarry for many, a few have shown up already with the best so far being a superb 16lb fish for regular angler Andy. Another winter fish worth trying for on the smaller tides when the deep water can be fished is the spur-dog, a fish that many say does not fight hard although it can be a day saver on an otherwise quiet day. These fish are regularly caught into the high teen weight wise and a near record fish is always as possibility. The boats a well booked over the coming months but there is still some availability, it is worth a phone call to try to get a trip to these fish rich waters.

Teddie Boy, skipper Michael-Webber Griffiths, 07894 536672, www.teddieboycharters.co.uk Osprey, skipper Steve Webber, 07967362132, www.ospreycharters.co.uk



Wales: Penarth

Anchorman Charters: David Bobbett

Dave Bobbett runs regular trips from Penarth into the Bristol Channel and targets all sorts of fishing but recently he's had some excellent ray fishing and here we see a selection of blonde rays which his anglers targeted on one trip.

Anchorman Charters
07974 101888
www.anchormancharters.co.uk/



Wales: Pwhelli

Size Matters: Kevin McKie

With poor weather the end of September a week away and relocating to the Menai Strait it was a while since we last set sail.

A good forecast saw us get out fishing early one morning from Port Dinorwic and we went off-shore to the wrecks. There were plenty of fish showing.

Slack water came and thankfully the odd fish still came aboard, a few wrecks and a run of tide later everyone started to remember how to catch fish and we set about filling the fish boxes. Lovely stamp of fish filling a few freezers for the coming winter.

Contact Kevin on 07999628511 or go to his Facebook page.



FESTIVALS 2022

There are a host of thriving boat competitions taking place across the UK and here Tim Macpherson looks at a few of the most prominent ones – in no particular order.

At Saltwater Boat Angling we've always believed that our sport angling benefits from the various competitions, festivals and fish-offs which take place around the country every year. We support, sponsor and fish in as many as we can. They're a great way for anglers to get together and swap stories and experiences.

We support and partner a lot of these events and certainly like competing in

them. Some have (sadly) come and gone over the years but we now have three really massive festivals happening in different parts of the country interspersed with some specialist events concentrating on single species.

They're almost all run by clubs and willing committees of volunteers as well as more commercially oriented organisations but all of them aim to bring anglers together and enjoy boat angling at its best as well as providing some spectacular prizes.

Here we concentrate on three of the most spectacular.....and name check a string of others.

THE POOLE SPECIES HUNT

VENUE: Poole

DATES: June 2022

Is now a well-established and popular match fished on all the charter boats based in Poole. The event is fished with teams of four and the main prize is usually around £1,000 in cash. The competition is great fun for all the anglers and, although it's taken very seriously, there is a brilliant atmosphere of camaraderie amongst the anglers.

Between twenty and thirty teams, comprising around ninety-six anglers, from all over the country, enter. Saltwater Boat Angling entered a team three years running and finished in the top ten every time. Lets hope after two Covid hit years its back in 2022.

For more details:

Contact the Poole Sea Angling Centre for more 07548 795744

SOUTHSEA ANGLING COMPETITION

DATE: July 2021

VENUE: Southsea on Hayling Island

The competition itself is catch, photo and release species event run from the Premier Marina at Southsea and with over 50 Species of fish to target in the Solent it's a great place for dedicated Species angler.



SOUTHSEA
WINNERS

ARIAL SHOT OF THE
OFF MULL OF GALLOWAY

MULL OF GALLOWAY SEA ANGLING FESTIVAL

VENUE: Drummore, Mull of Galloway Scotland

DATE: August 2022

The Mull of Galloway Sea Angling Festival is a relatively new event only launching in 2018 but in 2020 it was fished by over 50 boats across a lovely week in August week with the main event taking place on the Friday and Saturday. The event is a species hunt and, in the rich waters off the Mull, there are sixty or so that can be caught, from the humble goby right up to sharks and large tope. The Mull is also home to the well-established Drummore Tope Festival which is held in early July and organised by pretty much the same team of anglers. Both are based at the Clashwannon public house in Drummore.

Details on the MOGSAF Facebook page.

REEL MASTERS

VENUE: Weymouth

DATES: 30th September – 2nd October 2022

Created by Will Parkinson of Smart Fishing UK and Suzanne Coop MD of event company Big Custard the event is an angling orientated marine exhibition. The exhibition will have marine electronics, gadgets, fishing tackle and other sea angling related items. It is situated on the sea front at Weymouth with participation events and charter boats taking people out for short fishing trips.

There is also a prestigious Pro Team angling competition concentrating on a species hunting. There will be live event updates on a big screen so visitors can watch the competition, eat, drink, shop and listen to expert panel speakers. At the end of the day, you can watch the boats come in to the quayside.

The event is being partnered by a host of tackle companies and other angling organisations.



Contact details:

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THE ROSSLARE SMALL BOAT FESTIVAL

VENUE: Rosslare in Ireland

DATES: September 2022

Is a species hunting competition based in Kilmore Quay in South East Ireland, over the course of a week in September. The event has been running for well over thirty years and anglers trail their boats from all over the UK and Europe to take part. Saltwater Boat Angling took its own boat to the 2018 event. The crew with the most species over the course of the week wins. Fish are measured and photographed in the boats before being returned alive, apart from some nominated species. Along with the top prize for the most points there are prizes for the best three nominated fish plus extra prizes for heaviest fish, heaviest flat, longest bass and best overall specimen. 9. There are thirty or so boats which take part and, with sixty-plus species to go for, it is one of the best events of the year.

Unfortunately because of the Pandemic it has not been held since 2019 but we hope and expect this to return in 2022.

For more on the 2019 Festival go to the Rosslare Small Boat Festival Facebook Page.



ROSSLARE



THE SEA ANGLING CLASSIC

DATES: June 15th - 19th 2022

VENUE: Hayling Island and Portsmouth
 Launched in 2021 by Ross Honey from Angling Spirit, founder of the World Predator Classic and World Carp Classic the event attracted over 100 anglers on 30 boats fishing for 5 nominated species tope, bream, bass, rays and smoothounds. Each angler was required to record each catch using the Angling Live app specially constructed by Angling Spirit for all its competitions (which include the World Predator Classic, and World Carp Classic). Using this app meant that people could track what was being caught over the weekend using a live leader board.

The event was not just about fishing but was to encompass the whole environmental and educational package in which angling is always involved. Local schools were involved in a competition to design a poster and get involved in conservation work over the weekend, local wildlife groups and conservation organisations got involved in beach cleans, Portsmouth University were using the data collected by anglers as the basis for an academic study and of course the Angling Trust were in attendance running angling participation events. In addition to all this, local businesses got heavily involved both as sponsors and helping in the organisation and marketing because they could see the benefit of attracting hundreds of anglers to the area



during the busy summer months.

This year there is a spectacular prize table topped off by a £150,000 Extreme 745 Game King along with a high spec Mariner engine. The competition is split into two separate events one for charter boats and another exclusively for private boats.

It should be spectacular and we're expecting well over 200 anglers to take part. *More details about the competition and registering for entry go to www.seaanglingclassic.com*



GRANT STRICK ON DIGNITY

LITTLEHAMPTON BREAM FESTIVAL

VENUE: Littlehampton

DATES: May 2022

Littlehampton Bream Festival is a popular local open-angling event staged in Sussex and fished in the Kingmere. In 2019 it attracted over forty keen boat anglers with a variety of craft taking part from various locations including Littlehampton, Felpham and Bognor. This event has been postponed for the last two years because of the pandemic. It is organized by the Bognor Regis Amateur Angling Society.

For more details contact Mark Gillen on 07775 438 184 or email him at mrkgills@gmail.com

THAMES BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

VENUE: Queenborough Isle of Sheppey

DATES: June 2022

Sponsored by Navionics, which takes place in mid-summer (usually the 21st June) and is based at Queenborough on the Isle of Sheppey. Thirty boats fished the event in 2018. The rules are very simple, competitors fish for three primary species of fish: smooth-hounds, thornbacks and bass, all of which are found throughout the estuary. Each fish is measured (length for bass and hounds, width across the wings for thornbacks) and returned. The biggest for each species would then be marked as your entry. Winners were the biggest in each category and one for the overall cumulative length/width. Young James Slater and Mick Baldwin bagged the prizes at the 2018 event.

*For entry details contact Steve Harris,
fishingdentexcharters@gmail.com 07827255739*



THAMES BOAT
COMPETITION



SALCOMBE WINNERS

THE SALCOMBE SMALL BOATS FESTIVAL

VENUE: Littlehampton

DATES: May 2022

Organised by the Angling Trust, Wyvern region, it is based out of Salcombe Harbour. Proceeds from the event go to the Angling Trust Wyvern Region and the RNLI. The event was devised in 1978 by the Wyvern Division of the National Federation of Sea Anglers, the first to be formed (now part of the Angling Trust Marine Division). The concept of a small-craft competition, within a prescribed area, and with a minimum of two anglers in the boat, has proven to be remarkably popular. The event consistently draws competitors from the south coast, the Bristol Channel area, Somerset and south and west Wales among other places.

The 2021 the winner was James Trevett from the Honiton SAC (pictured left) who weighed in with a Small eyed ray of 11lb 10oz and a blonde of 20lb 12oz.



BRIXHAM

We highlight one of the busiest fishing ports in the UK.



West country plaice

Pirates, forts and fishing, Brixham has it all. It is one of my favourite places to go for a walk whether on a warm sunny summer's evening or a cold, windy winter's day with the spray from the sea blowing over the town's breakwater which stretches half a mile out to sea protecting the town and its huge fleet of fishing and pleasure boats. To the south of the town at the southernmost tip of Torbay, is Berry Head. A dis-used quarry which can be reached on foot from the car park at the Nature reserve and walking down a steep hill to the quarry floor. There is a platform where the barges used to tie up which now makes a good stable platform to fish from, along with the other rock marks at the base of the cliffs. Berry head also features the remains of a fort dating back to 1794 when the threat of a French invasion was imminent.

The Town

The town itself is not large with a population of some 17,000 but increasing hugely in the summer where it becomes a magnet for tourists. There are numerous holiday parks which can provide an excellent base for exploring the town's many beaches, historic sites and of course fishing, for which there is plenty whether from beach, rock or boat. The town is exceptionally busy over the May-Day Bank Holiday weekend each year when it is home to the town's Pirate Festival, which, this year because of the current Corona Virus crisis, has been cancelled.

Record Fish

Many National records have been caught from the area, most notably Vic Evans' boat caught Conger Eel of 133lbs 4oz caught in 1995. Vic was a well-known and respected charter boat skipper, operating his boat Sea Spray. He was in his final year as a charter skipper before retiring when he caught this impressive fish. He had two anglers on board and was fishing a wreck only 10 miles from shore when, with only half an hour of the day's fishing left, he baited a 6/0 hook with 3 mackerel. The fish bit quickly and only took 30 minutes to land and can now be seen mounted in a glass case in the clubroom of the Brixham Sea Angling Association. Other notable records from Brixham are the shore caught mackerel by M Kemp at Berry Head in 1982 weighing a magnificent 5lbs 11oz 4dr. Boat caught records include pouting by R Armstrong in 1969 weighing 5lbs 8oz, scad in 1978 by M Atkins weighing 3lb 5oz 3dr and more recently a golden grey mullet of 2lb 13oz 6dr caught in

1999 by John Case of Paignton.



Beautiful blonde



Brixham silver bar



One of those big rays

For the Visitor

Brixham is of course home to a large commercial fleet of crab and lobster potters to day trawlers and huge beam trawlers. The first records of trawling appear from the late 18th century. Some of these boats have been lovingly restored and can still be seen in and around the bay. Two of these are the Pilgrim BM45 and the Vigilance BM76, they look magnificent running in the wind in full sail. The town is home to a thriving fish market with over 40 species of fish regularly sold. The market has seen a regeneration in recent years with tours available and fish restaurants

on site. It is situated in the town centre by the inner harbour and local shops, cafes and pubs along with shacks offering seafood, sightseeing and mackerel fishing boat trips. During the summer on Monday and Thursday evenings the towns Brass Band can be heard playing at the old fish market right at the water's edge and very near to one of Brixham's main tourist attractions, a two thirds size replica of Francis Sir Drakes, Golden Hind.

Fishing

For the travelling angler the Breakwater Car park has a slipway where you can

launch your own boat for a fee with ample parking for your car and trailer. From here you can explore the inshore waters fishing for everything from mullet in the harbour to mackerel, bass, wrasse and congers around the inshore reefs and wrecks in the summer.

Winter whiting and odd cod also make an appearance. I remember one occasion a few years ago fishing with Barry Sokell the British shore caught flounder record holder on a small open boat just a short way from shore he landed whilst whiting fishing two mackerel on the same drop of 2lb 14oz and 2lbs 10oz.



A TALE OF PORBEAGLES

Shark angling is under threat – there are forces at work who would seek to blame anglers for the problems in the shark populations in European waters. As we all know anglers take great care to look after ALL the fish they catch (even the ones we want to eat) but when it comes to sharks we take particular care.

The Angling Trust recently teamed up with scientists and the Shark Club of Great Britain to provide more accessible data about the movements of these fish and one of the shark anglers involved in this, Isle of Wight based Alan Deeming, writes here about his recent experiences fishing for them in the background of what seems to be an INCREASE in shark encounters during last summer.

“Just to show that the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna fishing isn't the only good big game sport that has been enjoyed this summer it seems to be true that porbeagle fishing went ballistic here during the calm weather window earlier in the autumn. Typical of my luck that an unavoidable commitments meant that

I missed some of the days at the start of the period and was unable to get out until the end of the first week.

When I did go out, and got fishing, I experienced the awesome sight of a very large porbeagle up on the surface attacking my float. I immediately adjusted the depth of my gear and quickly reattached the bait (mackerel) just a couple of feet below the float. The porgie took it immediately but as it did the enormous fish rolled in the line and departed.

I carried on fishing (obviously) and bit later on I managed to hook another very large one, which fought very hard and took 35 minutes

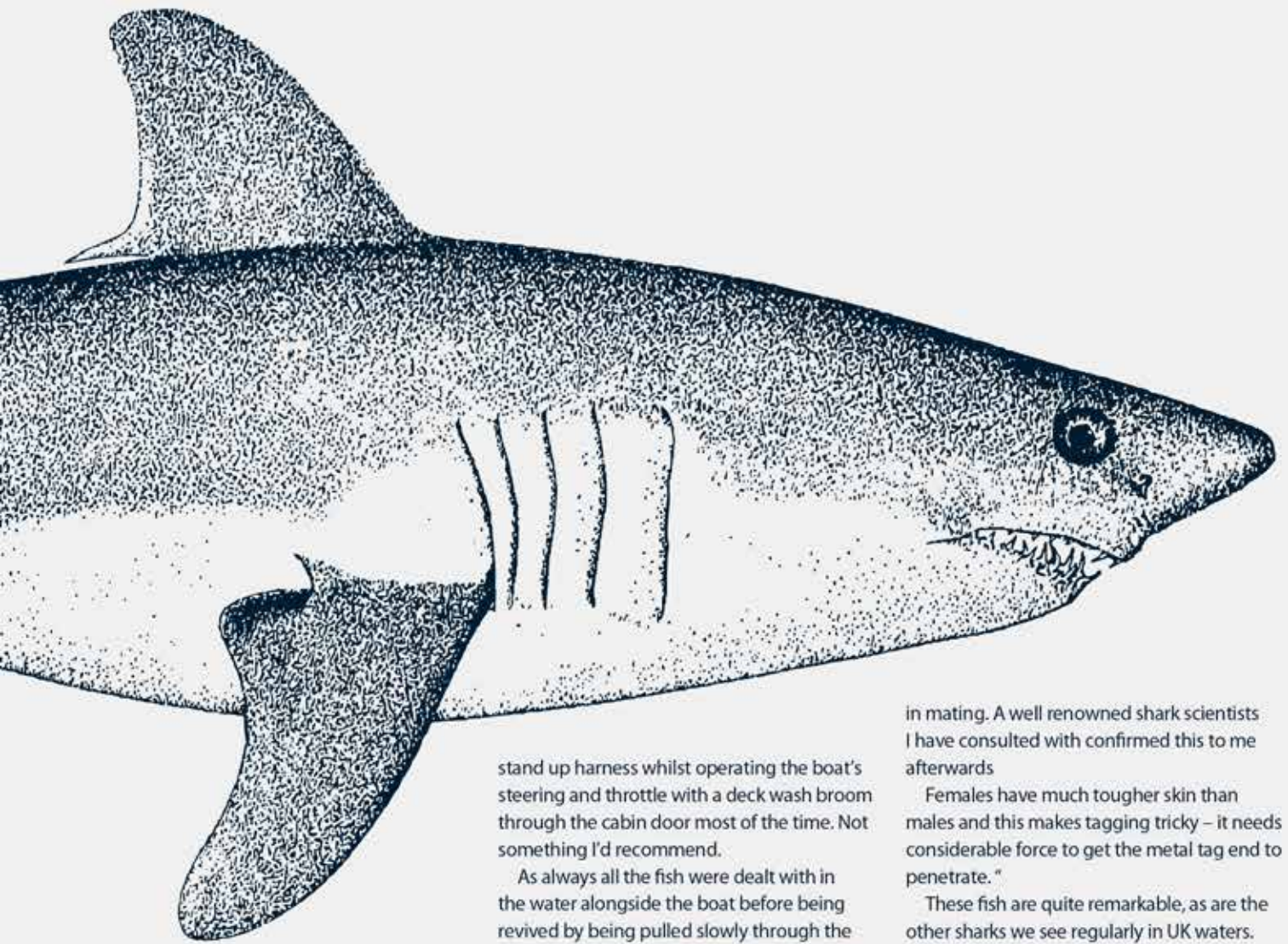
to get to the boat. I couldn't believe it – it looked about 300lbs although, sadly, I didn't have a chance to tag it. As I was moving to do this the double leader promptly broke above the wind-on leader where it had been chaffing on the fish's fins during the fight.

I was somewhat despondent by this point, as you could imagine but fished doggedly on until a little while later I hooked into an even bigger one of about 350lbs which went ballistic and took me 45 minutes to bring to the side of the boat where I managed to tag and photographed it. Later on I discovered a fellow club boat had five on the same day.

On the following day I rushed out to have another go and see if I could top the previous monster. Yet again a large porbeagle attacked my float and this time took the bait.

After what was a relatively short fight, it bit through my 400lb nylon mono wind-on leader... more frustration. Fortunately, I had another take shortly after and enjoyed what was a phenomenal fight lasting about 50 minutes. The fish was





somewhere between between 400 and 450lbs. During the fight I got the wind-on leader on the reel twice before the fish powered off again before I finally got it secured alongside the boat.

This all happened with me on board on my own fighting each of the fish using a


stand up harness whilst operating the boat's steering and throttle with a deck wash broom through the cabin door most of the time. Not something I'd recommend.

As always all the fish were dealt with in the water alongside the boat before being revived by being pulled slowly through the water with the boat in gear on tick over to get oxygen across their gills before being released unharmed and swimming off strongly.

All the fish that I got to the boat were females and they did not seem to have any evidence of scarring that one would perhaps associate with mating behaviour – so it is unlikely they were either in pup or involved

in mating. A well renowned shark scientists I have consulted with confirmed this to me afterwards

Females have much tougher skin than males and this makes tagging tricky – it needs considerable force to get the metal tag end to penetrate. "

These fish are quite remarkable, as are the other sharks we see regularly in UK waters. This summer has seen a glut of sightings (and catching) of threshers, porbeagles and blues between dover and Cornwall and up the Irish Sea. With large numbers of tope and smoothound also in evidence and an increase in spurdog in UK waters suggest elasmobranch numbers may be recovering. Let's hope it continues." 



On the Drift



Tim Macpherson explains a few of the basics for mastering this common boat fishing technique.

There are, of course, just two basic ways we fish from boats, anchoring and drifting. In this article we are looking at some of the basics of drifting. For many boat anglers fishing on a moving boat is the preferred starting point, particularly when trying out new ground and, in general, we can break it down into two techniques: Dragging a bait along the seabed, for bottom-feeding fish such as turbot and working a bait or lure off the bottom, fishing for pollack or bass.

Working a bait or lure

For this we generally fish on a wreck or rock/reef mark mainly for pollack, bass or cod.

Straight down

The thing to understand is tide strength has very little, or nothing, to do with weight choice. Sounds unlikely but this is because (without other influences) whatever the speed of the tide, your boat is moving at the same speed. So, your line should go straight down whatever size of weight you use. Of course, sometimes our lines do stream away from the boat, even though they are well up above the seabed but this is because of other factors, which will be explained later.

All things being equal, while drifting, your boat is moving along at the same speed as the column of water beneath you and your bait is going straight down. Because of this, there are three factors affecting the choice of weight.

1.Speed of descent

How quickly do you need your bait to descend? The heavier or more streamlined the weight, the faster it will go down.

2.Your tackle and line.

Different tackle combinations have

different sensitivities and so a heavier weight may be needed in order to allow you to feel the tackle hitting the seabed, so that you know when to begin your retrieve.

3.The depth of water.

The deeper you are fishing the more difficult it is to feel your gear hitting the seabed so you may want to increase your weight size.

In reality this is only relevant when the seabed is more than 80m and, again,



depends on the sensitivity of your gear.

Line streaming

So, the influence of the tide on your tackle should be negligible because we are moving with the column of water that we are fishing in. So, what is it that, in practice, will make lines stream away from the boat? There are two influencing factors.

Differential tide movement

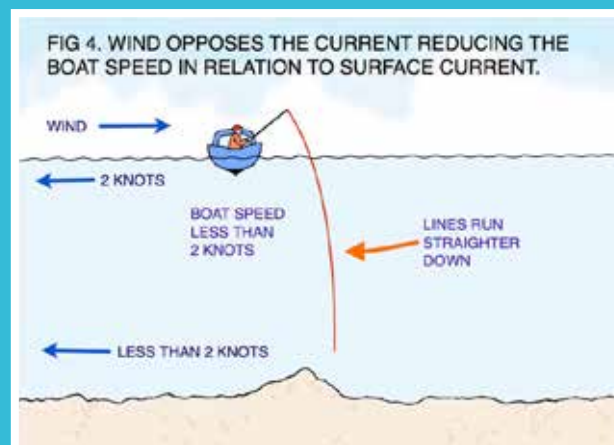
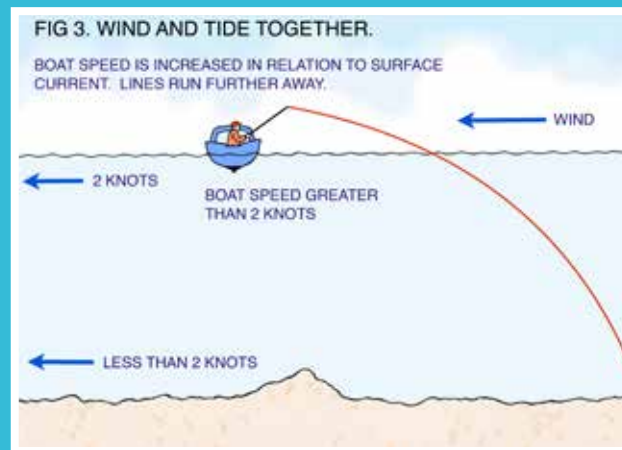
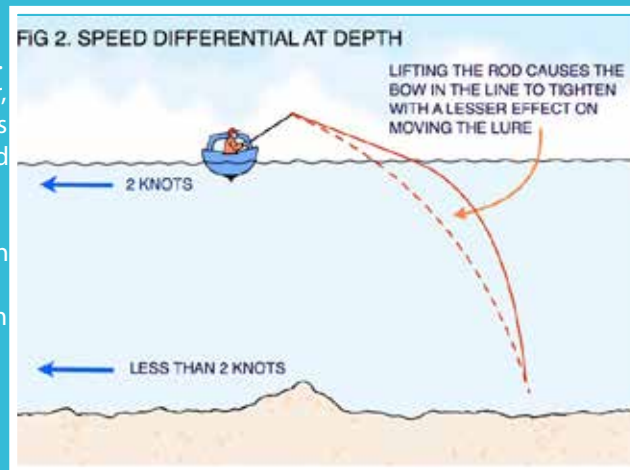
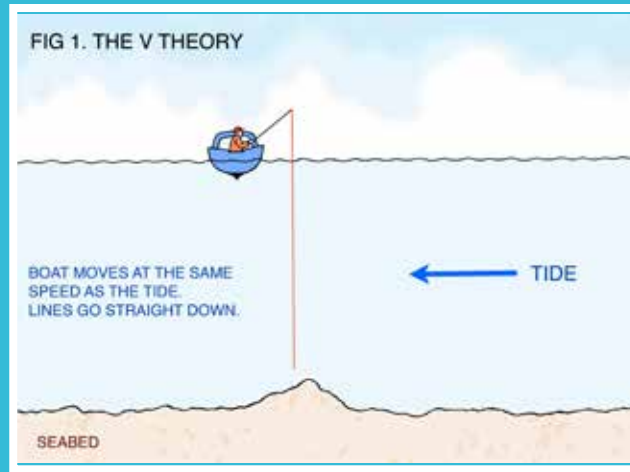
The speed of tide at the surface is greater than the speed of tide near the seabed. On small tides, the difference is negligible and without other influences, your weight will still go straight down. As the current increases however, the differential in speed increases and your tackle will be influenced by the slower current near the seabed. This means as your lead descends the drag will increase in relation to the boat and this will cause your lines to run away from the boat.

Keeping in touch with the seabed

So, to continue to keep in touch with the seabed, which is necessary for cod fishing, you need to let a little more line out each time you drop back. For those familiar with bouncing a lure for cod, you will recall that on the bigger tides the lines are soon running away from the boat at angles greater than 45°. This will affect catch rates so, the obvious thing to do, is increase weights. Initially, this will work and you'll feel the bump along the seabed however, it won't stop the lines running away from the boat.

Line bow

What happens is the greater cross-section of a larger weight increases drag and adds to the problem because the line runs out in a bow. When you lift your rod, most of that effort just tightens up the bow and moves your lure very little. You'll probably end up running line away from the boat at a shallow angle and are more likely to snag the seabed even though you think you are lifting your lure well clear of the it with each lift of the



rod when, actually, it is hardly moving.

Change technique

In a strong tide the answer is to change your technique, not your weight. Once your line approaches an angle close to 40°, either retrieve completely and start again, or change from bouncing to the drop and retrieve twenty turns.

Wind

Any wind will affect your boat and, depending on its direction, will either slow the boat or increase its speed in relation to the speed of the tide at the surface. Since what you lower into the water will be influenced by the speed of the water around it, your tackle will travel at a different speed to your boat and so will again pay out away from the boat. There is nothing you can do about this. Increasing weight size will not solve the problem, but may add to it.

Wind and tide

If the wind and tide are in the same direction then problems are doubled. If you have a wind against tide situation, then they might just cancel each other out. For instance, if the wind slows the speed of the boat to somewhere near the speed of the tide at the seabed, then lines will appear to go straight down and normal coddling techniques will be productive.

The right timing

In practice, some boat skippers will, on big tide days when the wind is blowing, alter the timings of the fishing to fish the six hours of tide that opposes the wind. As for weight choice, assuming a mid-channel average depth of around 60m, an 8oz weight will suffice. When conditions make the fishing on the drift challenging, change technique, not weight. The choice of weight shape should always be a long bomb because they have a small cross-section from above and below resulting in a fast descent and a low drag retrieve. In general, the most effective



Drifting with Baits

way to catch most flatfish, gurnards and other species is to drag and bait along the bottom. You can cover far more ground and because plaice, in particular, respond to a moving bait it proves far more effective

In terms of boat fishing skills, drifting with a bait along the seabed should be one of the easiest types of fishing we do. Providing you put your end tackle and bait on the seabed and prevent line paying out from your reel, all that can possibly happen as the boat moves in the tide, is that you drag your bait along. However, wide tide and other factors will come into play and it's crucial that we compensate for this accordingly. Plaice seem to prefer a (surface) drift speed of a round 1 knot but it does vary.

Increasing your chances

Once on the seabed, your tackle will want to stay where it fell. The only thing that will move it, apart from severe weather and currents, is you as you are carried down tide in your boat. But there are factors which affect the size and shape of weight you might choose. These include, depth of water, size of

bait, speed of the drift, the nature of the seabed (flat or undulating) and what side of the boat are you fishing on.

1. Depth

As depth increases, so does an angler's ability to feel his tackle reaching the seabed. Weight size therefore needs to increase with depth in order to maintain a positive feel.

2. Size of bait

Most natural baits, worm or fish strips, tend to have neutral buoyancy. If just placed in the water column, they will sink very slowly so we use weights to take them down faster. The larger the bait the heavier the weight we need to get it to the seabed quickly and to keep it there.

3. Speed of drift

If the boat is drifting fast, then you may need to increase weight size to keep your bait on the bottom. Imagine you are fishing from the shore or spinning a lure. As you retrieve your bait or lure, it rises as it comes towards you. It doesn't stay at the

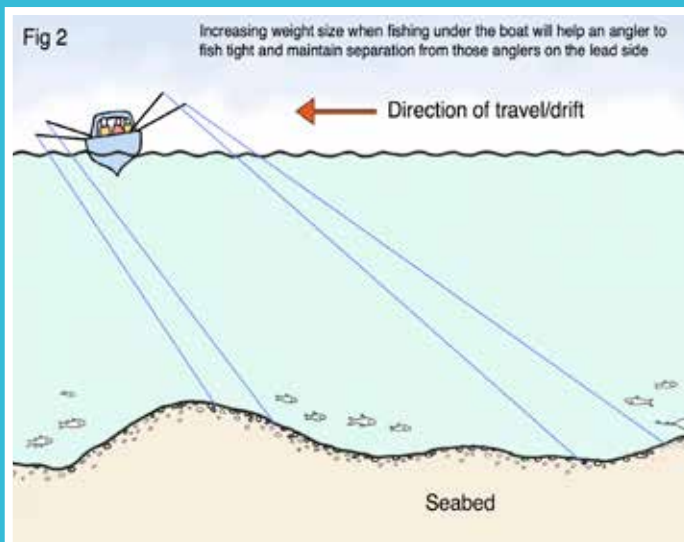
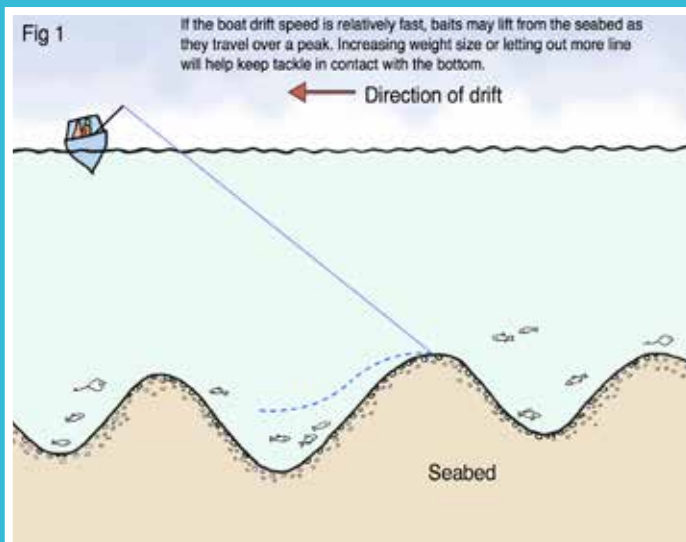
same depth from the start of the retrieve. Dragging a bait along will have the same effect as a gentle retrieve and may lift it from the seabed if your weight is too light.

4 The seabed

Once on a flat seabed, with enough weight to hold it down, to compensate for depth and speed of drift etc then there is nothing which will lift it from



the seabed. An undulating seabed however, one with peaks and troughs, adds a new condition where the tackle is pulled over a peak, it may not follow the downward contours of the next trough. Instead it may lift and be sus-



pended for a period off the bottom (see figure one). This can be overcome by either increasing weight size, or better, by letting more line out. The latter may not be possible if you're fishing under the boat.

5. Angler's position in the boat

When you drift with a bait on the bottom, the lines will always run out in the direction from where the boat is travelling from. In an ideal world, an angler would choose to fish on the side of the boat facing the direction of travel. Unfortunately, on a charter boat, there is rarely enough room for all the anglers to be fishing on the lead side.

Some anglers will need to fish on the opposite side of the boat where lines will need to pass under the boat as they drag their baits along.

Those anglers fishing under the boat are technically the leading anglers in terms of travel, since it is their baits that will cover the ground first. However, it is the other side which are leading because it is those anglers that



dictate the success of the drift, they have the freedom to fish as far away from the boat as they like without the risk of running into anglers' tackle on the opposite side of the boat. Those under the boat are restricted by how much line they can pay out

because of the proximity of lines on the lead side. The lead side have a duty to fish away from the boat at a distance to give those anglers fishing under the boat freedom to react to a bite by spooling line. Those anglers fishing under the boat fish with a tight line. Increasing your weight size when fishing under the boat helps in fishing tight and maintaining separation from the lead side anglers (see fig two).

Weight shapes

Weight shapes for dragging a bait along the bottom should ideally be something that doesn't roll. A round weight or a weight with round edges may roll laterally into your neighbour's swim and contribute to a possible unnecessary tangle.

My personal choice is for a bopedo type lead that has defined edges to prevent roll. Many anglers also favour the watchlead shape. These flat leads won't roll and the knobbly bottom and top are supposed to kick up sand and shingle acting as an attractant for a waiting fish.

Using cameras

When plaice fishing, I have tried many different leads, torpedo, flat, star-shaped and watch leads. It's difficult to accurately log relative success, so I used a camera attached to a spreader to see if I could spot any difference in behaviour.

The results were clear – watch leads puff up a lot more of the sand and shingle and this, in turn, attracts more fish and their behavior is more decisive as they are clearly stimulated by the activity.



WRASSE ON SOFT PLASTIC LURES



Ballan wrasse are often one of the first fish we catch, they're reliable and very often extremely hard fighting especially on lures and artificials.

Wrasse are widespread around our coast, the brightly-coloured ballan wrasse is both obliging and easily fished for. These beautiful fish can be found living on all kinds of structures, wrecks, reefs, pier pilings and rocks and are distributed all around the coast. They're a this tough fighting fish has, in recent years, become a valued sporting fish rather than just by-catch that are tolerated and sometimes treated as a nuisance. These days there are many more anglers specifically targeting these colourful mollusc-crunchers with light tackle and artificial lures rather than heavy gear and bait.

There will be wrasse somewhere on your stretch of coast, where there are rocky outcrops or headlands not that far away where wrasse will have taken up station and can be fished for.

With the advent of specialist lure rods formed with modern, light but powerful blanks and coupled with fine, strong braid and spinning reels with smooth, reliable drags, the way we fish has changed out of all recognition over the last twenty years ago. This sort of fishing huge fun and the beauty is you don't need a big boat or even have to go far. There will be wrasse somewhere on your stretch of coast, where there are rocky outcrops or headlands not that far away where wrasse will have taken up station and can be fished for.

Some areas are better than others There are specific areas in the UK where anglers deliberately target them – particularly the West Country from



Dorset to Cornwall. The Isles of Scilly are a real hot-spots for big ballans. By big we aren't referring to 1lb juveniles, we means 5lbs-plus, with 3lbbers being fairly commonplace. One of the big problems that has affected the ballan wrasse in the last few years, is their commercial interest, being caught alive and translocated to the fish farms in Scottish sea lochs. This has been very lucrative, with live fish being worth many hundreds of times more than dead ones.

The shallower the better

That said, there are still plenty of really good fish to be had off any of the major headlands from Portland Bill westwards. For the small-boat angler, they are great sport because you don't need to go far to find them. Water up to about 15m deep is favourite, which is why they are so commonly caught by anglers fishing for bass and pollack with lead-headed lures. In shallower water, they can be

caught on small plugs, but it is difficult to get a deep diving plug down to them in more than about 20 feet of water. The lead-headed lure is by far the most effective method.

Formidable fighters

A big ballan wrasse is a formidable fighter, they have a huge tail, powerful muscles to drive it and scales like armour plating, so they are not afraid to dive into nasty, snaggy rocks or thick kelp in a bid to get away. If you're using lure tactics for ballan wrasse you shouldn't go under-gunned, or you'll lose a lot of fish. A rod, capable of casting up to about 40g is ideal and will give good sport with smaller fish while still having the power to best a big one. A balanced reel, loaded with good-quality, 25lb breaking strain, fine-diameter, braid will provide the best combination of strength and feel. It's also worth attaching a few feet of



30lb fluorocarbon to the end of the braid with an FG knot.

FG knot

If you don't know how to tie the FG which isn't, strictly speaking, a knot but a series of wraps then you really should because you are missing out on a tremendous way of joining braid to mono. The FG is stronger than either of the two lines providing they are similarly matched in strength. The reason is the load is not confined to any single point but spread over an area of the mono about 1.5cms long. The finished join is hardly thicker than the mono so it runs through modern, small rod eyes easily and makes life so much easier.

To the end of the fluorocarbon attach a size 1 (Surefit) snap, they are strong, secure and will go through any size hook eye from about a size 4 upwards and make changing lures so easy and quick. The fine wire doesn't affect the action of even small lures. Having your lure attached directly to the end of the line allows you to work the lure with far more finesse and delicacy than if it were hanging from a weighted rig. Using a stiff, but light rod and fine braid you can feel every contour of the seabed. You can tell if you are on sand or gravel, for instance, rock or weed and can react so much faster to any approach by a fish. Feeling the lure along and close to the bottom is how you need to fish for ballan wrasse.

Wrasse will hug rock faces and walls, but generally they are fairly close to the bottom and you need to stay in the taking zone for as long as possible. That is why you have to match the size of the leaded hook you use to the conditions you are in. You need enough weight to be able to fish without any slack line occurring, whatsoever. If the line loses tension then you have no idea where your lure is, or what it is doing. Constant contact is the secret to success.

Predatory fish

Wrasse are more predatory than many people give them credit for. Yes, they eat crabs, worms and prawns, but they also devour small fish and sandeels with relish. One of their less-popular traits, though, is the disabling of their fishy prey by biting off their tail, this same tactic leads to many missed bites and ruined paddle-tail lures. One way round it, is to use a worm-style lure, or to fit a stinger hook on a short length

of fluorocarbon attached to the main eye and with the hook stuck in the tail of the lure, the soft fluorocarbon allows the tail to work just the same, but with a nasty surprise awaiting any ballan that tries to nip the tail off first! It is very frustrating to have the tail of a Fiish Black Minnow nipped off and not make contact with the perpetrator! They seem particularly partial to Fiiish minnows s watch out for that.

All-year-round fish

Ballan wrasse can be found throughout the year, especially in the West Country, but the big fish are caught from late summer through to about Christmas, maybe into the New Year in the western regions. By mid-winter they have slowed down and worm or crab baits are more successful than lures. Artificial lures seem to work better when the water is warmer.

Some notable hot-spots for catching really big ballans are: Portland Bill, Kimmeridge, Worbarrow, Berry Head, The Mewstone off Plymouth, Rame Head, Dodman, Lizard area, Lands End and Sennen and The Isles of Scilly. The Channel Isles are famed for big wrasse and I am sure a double-figure will feature soon, the current record was caught in Jersey and stands at 9lb 7oz. Hartland Point and Pembrokeshire are all known for their big wrasse, too.



BALLAN WRASSE

There are over six hundred species of wrasse around the world. Most are small fish but some – such as the comically named humphead wrasse (found only in the Pacific and Indian Oceans) – can grow to eight feet in length. There are six species of wrasse which are of interest to the UK sea angler: the ballan, cuckoo, corkwing, ballions, rock cook, and goldsinny (the latter four are regarded as mini-species). All species live in rocky areas and are adapted to feed on shellfish and crustaceans. They also tend to live in relatively shallow water and are rarely found offshore. Wrasse also have a highly unusual life cycle.

The Ballan Wrasse

Scientific name: *Labrus bergylta*

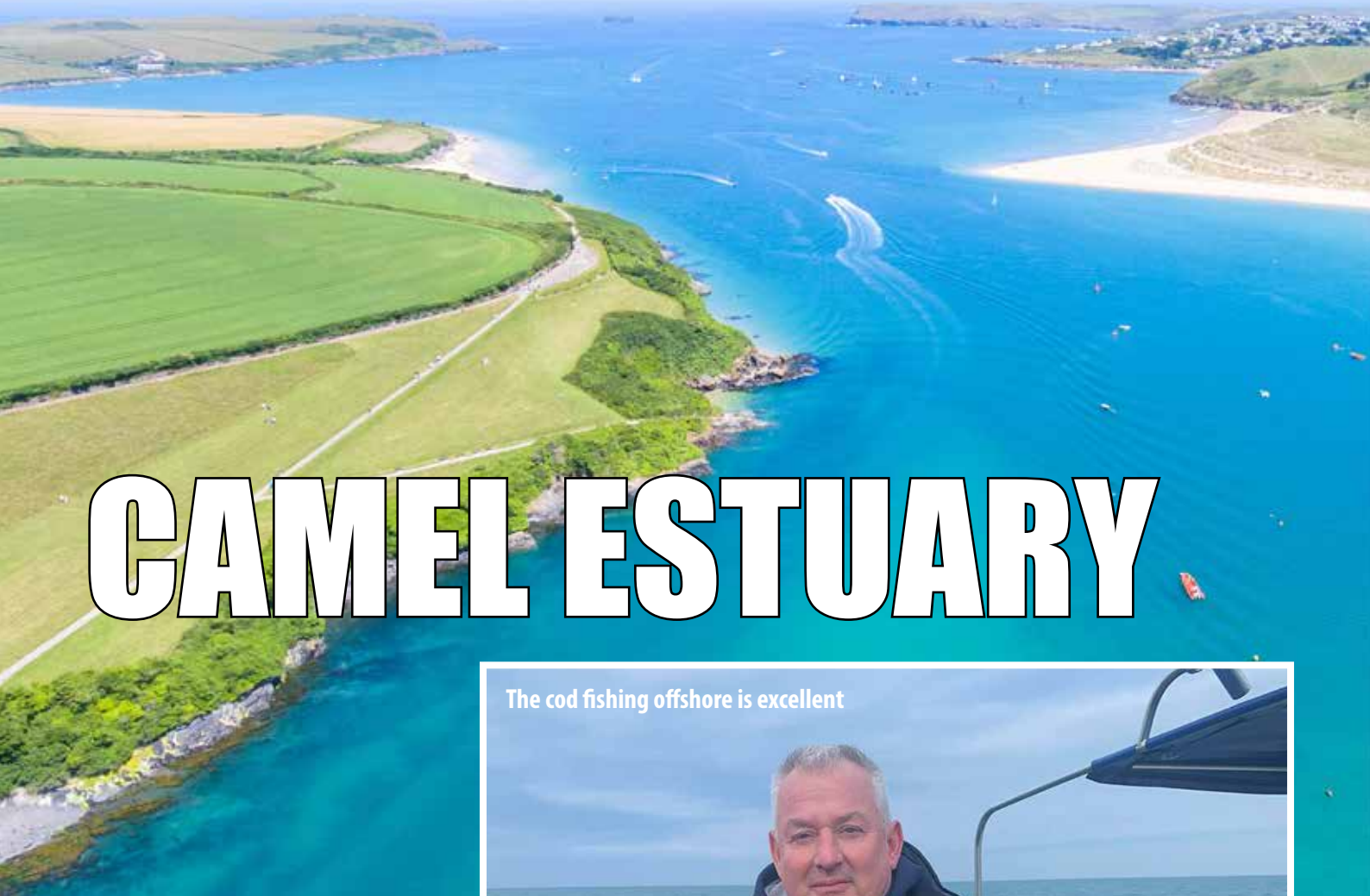
Can grow to 10lbs, typical size is around 2lb

Record fish 9lb 7oz caught by Tony Heart in Jersey

Distribution: Fairly common in rocky inshore coastal areas all around the UK, although highest concentration (and biggest specimens) found in the south and south west of England.

Wrasse is a well-built fish with a broad body and large colourful scales. A single, long dorsal fin that extends all of the way along the back and rounded tail fin. Colour ranges from brown/reddish to dark green, with light spots and a paler belly – very dependant on the environment they reside in. The mouth is small and lips are prominent with powerful peg teeth and jaws. Their thick lips and sharp front teeth are adapted to pull shellfish from the sides of rocks, and they have powerful teeth located further back in their throat to crunch through the shells and get to the flesh inside. They will also feed on crustaceans and can easily consume hardback crabs and small lobsters. Ballan wrasse will come into shallow water and will feed on shellfish attached to submerged cliff faces and inshore rocks. Wrasse also prefer areas where there is heavy kelp and seaweed cover.

CORNISH ESTUARY FISHING



CAMEL ESTUARY

A mile wide

The Camel Estuary is a mile-wide geological ria, a deep valley that has been drowned by post-glacial rising sea levels. At low tide mud and sandbanks are exposed and the reed-beds and salt-marsh flats teem with wading birds. Small creeks and tributary rivers link with the hinterland, which takes in secluded farms, quiet combs and wind-swept hilltops, with long distance views down the estuary to the sea. The azure waters of this special part of Cornwall's Atlantic north coast are popular with a variety of watersports enthusiasts. The estuary is flanked by Padstow on the west and the upmarket Rock to the east, as it snakes its way south beyond Wadebridge.

Doom bar

Past this point is Daymer bay, Gun point and then the treacherous Doom Bar – a sand bar stretching into the estuary from the lifeboat station at Hawkers cove. It has claimed many lives over the years and was the scene of a recent well

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The cod fishing offshore is excellent



publicized motorboat tragedy.

The estuary if of course tidal and relatively shallow but has a number of beautiful beaches with miles of sand exposed at low tide.

From Hawkers cove it opens up into Padstow bay which runs from Stepper point to Pentire Point. About 2 miles offshore is Newland with Rainer rocks.

The Fishing

Being a nursery area for bass does restrict the angling opportunities - as the tide fills in across the sand bars, millions of sand eels become active and this is what brings in shoals of mackerel and also bass and other predators. This is what makes it attractive both for the bass and fishermen. Many years ago, and before the entire



plaice can be bagged drifting over the sandbars right up to the old quarry which makes up part of the Camel Trail. Flounder also feature here in the winter. Gilthead bream come into the estuary in numbers going as far up as the old quarry feeding on lugworm, crabs and anything else they can find. The estuary is also full of mullet and of course sea trout and salmon run up the river in numbers too.

Hazards

Fishing inside the estuary has its hazards and most boat angling is restricted to the winter. Because of the restrictions most anglers tend to take their boats offshore and fish the reefs and wrecks beyond the river mouth.

In the summer there is a lot of boat traffic, the two Padstow speedboats and the Jubilee Queen, plus sailing boats, windsurfers and private pleasure craft make fishing inside the estuary very restricted.

The tides and currents in the estuary are treacherous if not respected and the Doom Bar is a very dangerous barrier across the estuary, particularly as the tide is dropping.

Launching and landing

Launching small boats and kayaks

The Rock sailing and waterski club has a public slipway where you can launch your boat on to the estuary. It is of course tidal so there is roughly a 6-hour window to launch and land. It is possible to drive down onto the sand to launch and retrieve, which does make it easy, however there is usually sizable queue and once you have launched, parking your car and trailer can be a problem and may require a long walk back to the boat.

Padstow harbor also has a steep, slipway which is also tidal. Fees for launching are between £4.50 and £6.50 a day and in such a busy popular town parking is a massive problem and potentially expensive.

There are numerous places along the estuary to launch a kayak, starting at Rock, round to Daymer bay and Polzeath. On the west side at Padstow.

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John dory's a increasingly common

estuary was designated I was shown by a well-known local angler and tackle dealer, Reg Whybrow, just how to catch bass in the estuary. In fact, I was amazed to discover at the time that very few people spent time doing it. The locals had quite rightly kept this little secret to themselves, I felt privileged to be let in on it.

We used to start out in the bay and by drifting on the incoming tide, cover both the Doom bar and the sands of Daymer bay. In those days (well over 20 years ago) the restrictions started at a green buoy just inside the bar. We did also drift right up to Padstow and beyond, using spinners and artificials but they weren't nearly as effective as our little friends the "ammodytidae".

Other species

So now any fishing that is done from a boat inside the estuary cannot include fishing for bass, or anything else with sand-eels, but there are plenty of other fish to catch including pollack around the rocks of Trebetherick Point. Large



Emma Kate



Optimus Prime

HELFORD RIVER



Like a lot of Cornish estuaries, the Helford has an atmosphere all of its own and is surely one of the most beautiful. Woods of ancient oak line the banks of the creeks creating a unique and very peaceful atmosphere.

The fishing can be excellent most of the year and is of course ruled by the tidal flows. This area is delightful and un-spoilt, stretching from the outer edge of Falmouth Bay up to Gweek, home of the famous seal sanctuary.

In the broad lower reaches, open fields run down to a rocky shore, dotted with little beaches. On the north bank the beautiful valley gardens of Glendurgan and Trebah lead down to Durgan village and Polwigwidden Cove, which is famous for its part in

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Gilthead from Powehereval

the D-day embarkation.

Offshore

The fishing starts at a point about three miles offshore at a rock mark named Rosemullion. So called because you have to line up a house on Rosemullion head on the north side and another mark on the south side. The area is small and either drifting or anchored can produce big wrasse, pollack and bass. South of the riv-

er mouth are a couple of excellent winter whiting and cod marks. The famous, and very dangerous Manacles lie a few miles to the south.

Rock marks

Before getting into the estuary proper there are excellent rock marks with Mawnan Shear on the north and Dennis Head, Gillan and Men Aver beach on the south. All can be excellent



Bass from the mouth of the Helford

south, large populations of rays have been regularly spotted by divers and caught by patient anglers willing to anchored in the middle of the estuary. Patient, because of the traffic levels in the river, you quite often have to move.

Creeks

Once past the narrows, where all the boats are moored and fishing is not advised, you come to the up-river creeks and marks. These are where the bass, mullet, bream and gilthead shoal up, feeding on crabs and worms

mackerel using a fly rod. Quite often small fry will be herded under the rockier parts of the shoreline under the trees by mackerel, and bass will patrol along these areas. Once people start to move around the river after breakfast, these shoals disperse.

Launching

The estuary is a great fishing venue and relatively under-fished. Bait collection is best done under the guidance of a knowledgeable local who know the creeks, mud banks and sand bars where bait can be collected.

Launching facilities are limited but there is a slipway at Port Navas, which is only usable three hours either side of high tide. Helford Passage also has a slipway but only for boats that can be managed by hand.

Many people launch at Mylor in the Fal and travel across the five mile stretch of water between the mouth of the Fal and the Helford, then hire a mooring from <http://www.helfordrivermoorings.co.uk>

The Helford river boats company (<http://helford-river-boats.co.uk>) hire out boats for recreational use as well.

Tackle shops

There is a dearth of tackle shops in Cornwall, west of Falmouth, although there is the Art of Fishing in Wade-bridge, having moved from Falmouth.

Charter Boats

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Port Navas Creek

for lure fishing for big solitary bass using with plugs and lures, although extreme care needs to be taken as some of the rocks are very near the surface. When fishing on a dropping tide boats have run aground.

Inside the estuary between Durgan on the north and Boshanan on the

as the tide fills in the muddy creeks. Polweheveral is a particular favourite with anglers, right up to Scott's Quay.

One of my favourite pastimes is getting out on the water at dawn on a summers day as the tide is coming in and fishing for bass, mullet and

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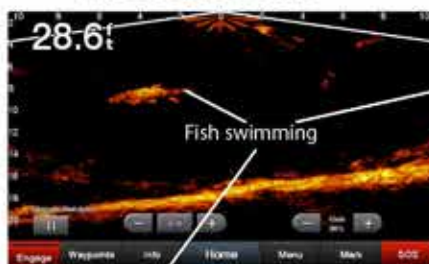
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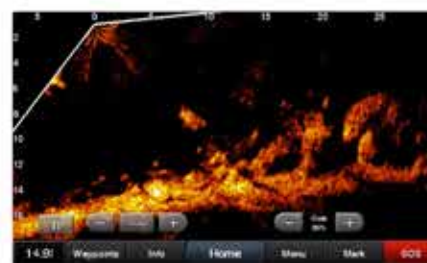
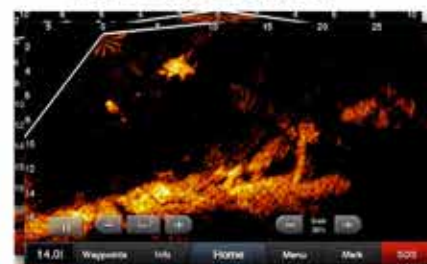
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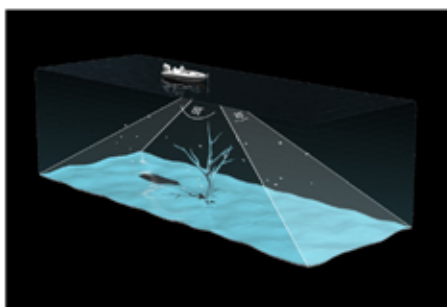
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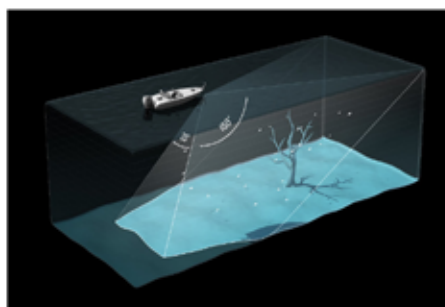
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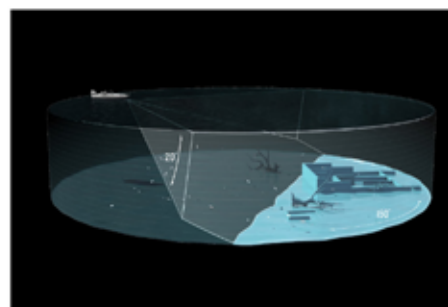
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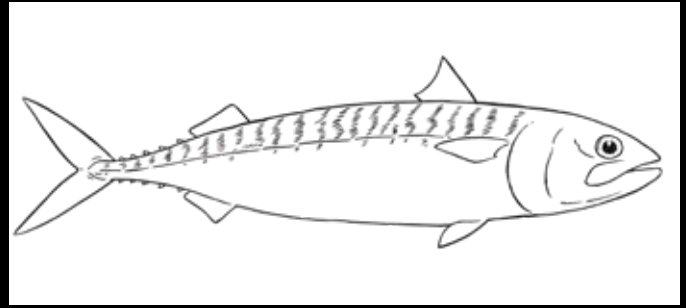
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MACKEREL



We look at how to use Mackerel as a match fishing bait.

After talking squid in last month's issue we're going to look at presenting another of the most commonly used baits in boat fishing – the mackerel. This bait is used around the country either frozen or freshly caught. Most anglers would agree that fresh is best though I do know a couple of anglers who maintain frozen, freshly caught mackerel is best for bass.

Fresh is firmer

Man top anglers swear by fresh mackerel as a top match bait, especially when presenting smaller baits rather than whole, or large sections of, fillets. This is mainly because the flesh is generally firmer and the small bait stays together better but is also because of the amount of juices that run out of fresh mackerel. Getting that juice to release into the water to attract fish is crucial and we will look at a technique for increasing the scent trail from a mackerel bait.

FIG01:

This shows a typical preparation for a mackerel bait. This would work well as a general bait but if you were timing for mini species fishing even smaller morsels would be preferable. On the right is the head with guts still attached alongside a fillet. This could be presented whole if targeting rays or bass but could also be divided into smaller baits, as has been done here to the fillet from the other side of the fish. On the left it is cut typically sized sections from the tail and flank sections that would be ideal for whiting in the winter or when general fishing (targeting whatever is under the boat) in the summer as a bait like this will attract big and small fish. Finally, in the centre are some small baits cut from the silver belly portion of the fillet.



Fig 1

The fillet is left at full thickness but in some cases, the fillet will be pared down with a very sharp knife. This results in firstly a thinner fillet which will present more naturally without masking the hook point, and secondly a section of flesh with no skin attached. We will return to this later.

FIG 02:

Sections cut from the belly of the mackerel make particularly effective baits for targeting smaller fish like gurnards and bream as they are naturally thin and the flesh is close textured and firm. The silver skin also potentially acts as a visual attractant in clear water conditions. Here they are cut as five baits from an average sized mackerel. For as natural presentation as possible, the hook should simply be passed through the bait once and allowed to hang from the bend of the hook.



Fig 2

FIG 03:

Moving to the other sections cut from the tail, these are again best hooked once to avoid spinning in the tide. If a bait spins, as well as being an unnatural presentation it also invites tangling of your traces and snoods. Bait elastic can also be used as shown. Not only does this help guarantee that the bait arrives on the seabed looking much as it did on the surface, but can also go some way to avoid having



Fig 3

the bait torn off by ravenous fish that can do an expert job of avoiding the hook. Here we've used both elastic for presentation and beads as additional visual attractors. If using the whole fillet, rather than a section, this should be mounted in the same manner.

FIG 04:

Returning to the section of fillet that was removed and has no skin attached. This makes a particularly effective bait in two ways. Firstly, on occasions when the fish are very shy biting and finicky, when the slightest bit of tough texture seems to spook them. And secondly, to ensure the maximum amount of juices being released to the scent trail, which can be particularly effective in dark or murky conditions.

There is also a third possibility when this may be the most effective bait which is when fishing for trigger fish. Many baits have been reeled in a where the skin has been left on the hook and all the meat eaten from it. Other species do this too and a flesh-only bait would hopefully induce a more positive bite. The problem with a flesh-only bait is mounting it on the hook in a way that it won't get torn off. Elastic helps but can cut through the flesh. The answer, as with delicate squid baits, is a bait spoon. The mackerel flesh is simply laid in the bait spoon and mummified with soft elastic.

FIG 05:

Keep wrapping the bait with elastic until it is completely supported along its entire length.

FIG 06:

The mummified flesh can then be removed from the bait spoon. The elastic will contract and the bait may look a bit odd shaped but you will already be able to see how much juice is starting to come to the surface.

FIG 07:

To mount the bait on a hook simply thread it on like a worm. Hopefully the law of averages says the hook will pass up the inside of most of the coils of elastic which should result in a securely mounted bait as shown. Once again, we've used bead attractors but the choice is yours as to what else you adorn the trace with. Hook choice is also yours but as we have seen in the past, Aberdeens have been used in this instance.

FI 08:

Finally, the head and guts of the mackerel. This is probably one of the oldest baits in the book but is as effective now as it ever was and will attract the likes of bass, rays, tope and conger amongst others. While many anglers would have the head with the guts exposed, some prefer to leave part of the fish's flank in place. This affords the guts some degree of protection from small fish and crabs but still allows that all important scent trail to be formed.



SMARTFISH 25



A cracking new angling boat has been brought to the UK Tim Macpherson gives us the low down.

I've been fortunate to see the development of this amazing new boat since it was first brought over to the UK by Smart Fish UK in 2020. It looks a bit like a navy assault boat rather than a fishing boat and I have to admit being a bit sceptical about whether it would suite angling.

The first trip I took in it with owner Will Parkinson was in some pretty crummy in November 2020. It was about a force 4-5 we were filming a series of videos with Navionics and Raymarine but despite this the boat performed amazingly in the rough seas around the Solent. It proved to be a very stable fishing platform even in that weather and similarly for filming purposes the cabin was roomy enough to move around in.

I've subsequently fished in it a few more times and it comfortably fits four anglers and all the various tackle

paraphernalia we all take on our trips. As for the ride its smooth enough even in rough weather and its manoeuvrability is amazing turning on a virtual sixpence.



We trailed it up to Scotland to fish in the Mull of Galloway Sea Angling Festival and, on a specially made Vancarls fill stainless steel trailer equipped with giro loading wheels. The whole 3tonnes of boat was a very easy to tow and even launching and landing (with an electric winch) was straightforward.

The Engine

The Suzuki engine fitted on the back is responsive and very powerful - I guess it should be as a state-of-the-art model – and the Smart Fish is used as a demonstration model for Suzuki and Raymarine amongst others.

The SmartFish25 is powered by the amazing DF300B the newest in the Suzuki flagship range of engines, hosting lean burn technology and the counter rotating double propeller set-up 4.8L V6 has a tremendous amount of torque and pushing the boat up

doubling up as a cutting board. There is also a lot of storage both in the cabin and around the deck.

The Smart Fish 25 is built entirely out of aluminium with a 6mm thick plate hull and 4 mm thick super structure, boat is 2.7 tons and on the trailer is 3.4tons

The flooring is an EVA Seadek which is very hard wearing, very comfortable on the feet and completely non-slip.

In the cabin she is fitted out with Shoxx seats from Allsalt Maritime and, wow, do they make a big difference when pounding through rough seas. The front seats are X8 pedestals with

The RV220 transducers are mounted just behind mid-ships to get the best quality IMG using the Realvision sounder. Also fitted is Quantum 2 radar which has now just been upgraded to the new Cyclone which works using doppler technologies.

Other items:

A Flir M232 thermal camera has been fitted which provides excellent vision at night it also runs augmented reality which does mean night fishing trips have been a regular for Will and his crew.

An Autopilot has been fitted along with 2 VHF radios and a Fusion sound



to 40 knots she will cruise at 30 - 32 knots and has a 200 mile range from a 300l fuel tank.

Smart Fish 25 is fitted with a variety of Railblaza rod holders, have fitted a wide variety of their products including track mounted caddies, camera mount and various other items which make for a very tidy boat.

Overall it has been fitted out to a very high spec with fishing in mind. Not only are the plenty of rod holders (twenty-two in all) but a baitwell has been fitted in at the stern with the lid

one 3200 high back as the helm seat and 3200 low back as the navigator seat. The rear seats are 6300 and have the added bonus of being able to lower them down to make more standing room if needed. check them out at SHOXS.com.

Electronics

As for electronics, the boat is fitted out with all the latest Raymarine electronics, with three 12" Axiom + screens. There are two in the cabin and one out on deck so there is visibility from anywhere on the boat.

system which means the guys can fish while rick 'n rolling!

Seat Controls

For ease of use when travelling at high speed or on rough water there are controls mounted in the seat armrests, in particular the RMK-10 and throttle.

Overall, the Smartfish 25 is an unbelievable boat and capable of going through seas that only a much larger boat could cope with doing Portsmouth to Cowes in a force 7 in 20

mins.

All in all it's a very capable boat very comfortable and with the heads big enough not just for storage. This forward area is compact although bulkhead could've been pushed back to create sleeping space. Berth for berths it is a very good boat for much longer trips than just inshore fishing. It's all ready to have outriggers fitted in case it can be used in future as a Bluefin boat in the West country.

The boat comes in at £90,000 so is pretty pricey for an angling boat BUT such is its versatility, power and is with every penny For more information or enquiries then go to Smart Fish UK's Facebook page.



Technical specification

- Hull: 6mm aluminium plate hull and 4mm thick superstructure
- Weight 2.7 tonnes / 3.4tonnes on a trailer
- Flooring: EVA SEADEK
- Seats:
- Front: 2 x Shoxs X8 pedestals with one 3200 high back as the helm seat and 3200 low back as the navigator seat.
- Rear: Shoxs 6300 (from Allsalt Maritime)
- Engine: Suzuki DF3008 with lean burn technology, 4.8l V6
- Counter rotating double propeller
- Fuel Tank 300 litres
- Range 200 miles
- Cruising speed 32 knots
- Electronics:
- 3 x Axiom 12'
- RV220 Transducers using RealVision Sounder mounted midships
- Radar: Quantum 2 upgraded to Cyclone with doppler technologies
- Flir M232 thermal cameras and 210ip that runs augmented reality
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CHOOSING THE BEST ANCHOR TYPE FOR YOUR BOAT

A very important piece of kit for all anglers with boats – *Tim Macpherson* looks at the options

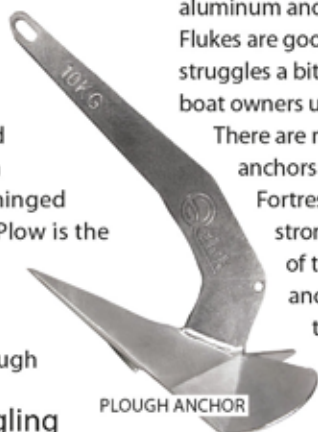
There is a wide variety of anchor type and many boat owners have their own preferences, many more just use the one that the boat comes with but are we all using the appropriate one for the task at hand. So, let's look at the options.

1. CLAW ANCHOR

Also, trademarked as the Bruce anchor, the anchor designed to keep North Sea Rigs in their place, this one works in most conditions but I've found they can slip in hard mud or clay. It is a very popular one. It was developed in the 70's and is an all-purpose grip and performs well in most substrates: mud, sand, grass, rock and even coral. Hard clay surfaces can make it difficult and the shape of the flukes makes it vulnerable to fouling in heavy grass. It often sets more easily because of its three-claw design. It has an awkward one piece design and has a low holding power per kilo. Although a relatively compact design, the only disadvantage of the Bruce-style of ground anchor is that it doesn't fold flat, and therefore may be difficult to stow if you're limited for space. If that is the case, other designs such as the Danforth (fluke) might be considered as alternatives.

2. PLOUGH ANCHOR

This is also called a Plow and Delta wing – which are both trademarks. These come in hinged and one piece designs. The Plow is the oldest design and is used more for deeper waters but has a low holding power. It gets its name from the plough



shape which digs in well and this anchor will reset itself if a change in pull trips it. The hinged version does make it more responsive to tide changes. Delta anchors are the standard choice for most manufacturers these days and has a holding power 50% more than the Claw or Bruce anchor. This one can struggle in rock substrate.

3. FLUKE ANCHOR

Also called the Danforth anchor – there are versions that are made from lightweight aluminum and come apart for easier storage. Flukes are good on sand and mud but struggles a bit on harder bottoms. Many boat owners use them as secondary anchors.

There are many similar lightweight fluke anchors on the market, including the Fortress, which is aluminum. In a strong current, the broad flukes of the Danforth and similar fluke anchors can make them sail through the water rather than sink to the bottom.

4. GRAPNEL ANCHOR

More popular with smaller boats and kayaks. They fold compactly and are easy to stow. The holding power comes from it hooking into another object like a rock. It has immense holding power when set correctly. This has made it difficult to retrieve sometimes but using an Alderney ring will mitigate this most of the time. Because they are often made from bendable steel or iron they are used as "sacrificial" anchors for rocky marks where the angler wants to do minimal damage to the rocks or corals.





angle on the rope to set the boat and anchor properly. Also, it might be worth marking the rope at 1-metre intervals so you can work the depth effectively.

ANCHOR TRIPS

There are various ways to trip an anchor, my favoured way is the traditional method of tying the chain to the top link or shackle on the

anchor using cable ties, or heavy mono. It needs to be strong enough to hold the anchor steady and just weak enough to allow the Alderney ring to do its job if the anchor becomes snagged tight into something.

Should the anchor become heavily snagged and difficult to retrieve, the cable ties will break, allowing the anchor to trip and be pulled out backwards, hopefully free of the snag. I tend to use three 5 millimetre width cable ties but it's useful to experiment with different configurations.

Light twine or, at a pinch, some heavy mono-filament fishing line can be used instead of cable ties, if preferred, and again, it's really a case of trial and error to see what works best for you. If you find that the anchor is tripping too easily, just gradually increase the number of cable ties, or turns of twine/mono, until it holds effectively.

One important tip: ensure there is a little slack in the chain between the crown and eye before attaching the trip mechanism in place, as this will allow the anchor to release more effectively.

5. KEDGE ANCHOR OR "THE FISHERMANS" ANCHOR

We've used one of these on our 17" Strikeliner for years and found it perfectly adequate for all substrates. It resembles the grapnel but has a foldaway bar which makes stowage easier. It also has tremendous holding power in most tides and currents.

There are few things worth considering when choosing an anchor; think about the predominant substrate you'll be anchoring in because as it shows above different anchors work better in different bottom geography. What conditions are you anchoring in? Are they strong tides and also how much storage space do you have to stow the anchor? How foldable is the anchor you choose?

CHAIN AND ROPE LENGTH

The chain and rope length must be far longer than any of the depths you are fishing in. So ideally it would be 7.5m of rope for every 1m of water you will be anchoring in and 12mm diameter rope for every 9 metres of boat. You'll need a good length of chain – some recommend 1m of chain for 1m of boat length twice the length of the boat. Attach the rope to the anchor using a shackle in between ideally your rope will have an eye and/or thimble spliced into one end to make attaching a shackle easy.

If too little rope is let out then as the tide rises you may experience some drag – which is a pain as you effectively drift away from your fishing spot and will have to re set. Ideally you want a 45%



LIFEJACKETS

We run the rule over this vital part of our safety equipment and highlight the different types of lifejacket and what is different about buoyancy aids. Love them or hate them they are there to do a very important job! But as the RNLI say (and I endorse) "Useless unless worn" So, there is a simple rule on my boat; no lifejacket no coming on board.

Buoyancy Aids (foam filled)

Really not suitable for saltwater fishing but could be handy on a kayak
The buoyancy aid in the picture is rated at 50/65 Newtons (N) (more about this later) with a wearers weight between 70-90kgs.

It does not have a crotch strap, light, spray hood or whistle. This device will not roll the wearer over so if unconscious may end up face down. It states inside "for those who can swim and are close to help"
Perfect for rivers but not really Saltwater.

Cost – from £20 upwards and very low maintenance costs (should still be regularly inspected though)

Regular Leisure Life Jacket (gas inflation)

Perfect for leisure saltwater fishing (although careful with hooks). They are lightweight to wear and comfy. Different types of lifejacket and the difference between them and buoyancy aids This one is rated at 150 Newtons – weight must be over 40Kg.

It does have a crotch strap, whistle and light but no spray hood (can be fitted). These should turn the wearer face up (if fitted correctly).

It states "Lifejackets only reduce the risk of drowning and is not a lifesaving guarantee"
"Never wear a Lifejacket without adjusting the fit".
These come in manual or automatic types – if you know you may get wet then a manual would be better – if you

are fairly sure you will keep dry than an automatic is a better option (some automatics can be converted into manual if you need to enter the water). They also come in Harness or non-Harness types. This means you can "clip on" to the boat - normally only good for slower boats.

Cost – from approx. £45

Commercial Lifejackets (gas inflation)
This is the big daddy of lifejackets coming in at a whopping 275 Newtons. Again, weight must be over 40Kgs. Whilst these would seem to be the perfect solution they don't come without issues, because they are 275N, it means the bladder (the part that inflates) is quite large, whilst this is good if you are in the water it can cause problems trying to get back in the boat. It is a dual cylinder so if one fails then the other one can be used, but of course adds weight to the jacket. This one comes with light, whistle and crotch strap

but no spray hood (can be fitted). This device should also 'right' the wearer. Cost – from approx. £240.

A big Favourite – (Spinlock Deckvest) (gas inflation)

As I'm on the water a lot I wanted something very comfortable and reliable and without a bulky weight. This one is rated at 150 Newtons. With a minimum weight of 50Kgs (I'm about 120Kgs and it will easily keep me afloat).

It has 2 thigh straps (far comfier than a crotch strap!), whistle, light, spray hood and rescue knife. These should right the wearer (if fitted correctly).

These are harness type and automatic, however a manual override kit can be fitted (I normally carry a manual lifejacket if I want to enter the water in a controlled manner).

Cost – approx. £160 there is a lite version available from £109

Newtons

Newtons is a measurement of force taken from Isaac Newton. The average person needs only 20-30 newtons of buoyancy to float (with or without clothes). This may not seem a lot but humans are quite buoyant! They must follow various rules to achieve this, so a lifejacket is a must. Taking this into account you can see that a 150N lifejacket will be perfect for the average (and over average) person.

Maintenance

Buoyancy aids – very little maintenance but must be washed after use and dried fully or will quickly get mouldy.

Inflatable lifejackets (please remember they are not lifejackets unless fully inflated) – should be sponged down with fresh clean water after use (to remove the salt etc) and then dried fully. Periodically check the tightness of the bottles.

Checking your lifejacket and buoyancy aid

You should carry out the following checks annually: automatic inflators and lights should be in date and ensure the bottle has not been used. These should all be visual and recording is recommended to remind you when rechecks are required.

The bladder also requires checking annually. To do this, open up the lifejacket and inflate gently (best to use a low-pressure pump but can be orally

Bouyancy aid



Inflated jacket



Spinlock



Spinlock Deckvest



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inflated) – then leave for 24 hours to make sure they don't deflate over this time. Then pack away carefully – they are a life saving device!

Or (as we have to do) send the lifejackets to a service centre and they will test and replace anything required then pack correctly (packing can be a nightmare) and issue a certificate to you.

Rearming

When your lifejacket goes off (inflates) either on purpose or accidentally it will need re arming. Depending on your planned fishing trip depends if you take a spare lifejacket or a re-arming kit.

Re-arming is quite an easy job to do (just the packing again!) so it's maybe worth carrying a spare re-arming kit with you. There is a good argument to get all the same lifejackets on your boat and only carry one type of arming kit.

Actuation (inflation) types

Paper/Pill type actuation: These will actuate when coming into contact with water. So be careful if stored in a wet locker or if using in rough sea with a lot of water coming onboard!

Hammer type: these are actuated on water pressure (hydrostatic) and will need to enter the water to a depth of approx. 10cm. Therefore, have an advantage on very wet days.

Fitting

Lifejackets must be fitted correctly. They must be comfortable for the wearer but functional. The correct fitting means the jacket should be fairly tight – recommended that the wearer can get their fist in between the fastener and body. Most people wear their lifejackets far too loose.

Summary

Please don't get hung up on Newtons – 150N is fine in most conditions. If you are spending days and days fishing offshore then get a spray hood (or if you can afford it)

Buy as best as you can afford with the sensible accessories. (never attached anything onto the lifejacket that shouldn't be attached).

Never wear a lifejacket under a coat! Look after your lifejacket and it will hopefully look after you.

I have not included floatation suits as these are quite specialist and in my view not as good as a separate Lifejacket.

THE BAIT SPOON

That underused item in our tackle boxes – the bait spoon is a very important way of making sure bait is presented in a way to attract fish.

Skinless

Using the bait spoon is pretty simple. In the example shown here fresh mackerel is the bait. This has been cut in a very standard way with the fillet removed and cut down into smaller sections. However, to highlight the additional advantage bait spoons give you with soft and delicate baits, the skin has been removed from the mackerel so that the hook is being baited with flesh alone. Mounting the bait on the hook in an effective manner would be a difficult enough task without the spoon, while to lash it in place with bait elastic would take care in the extreme, not to mention a lot of time. Not so with a bait spoon.

Be Prepared

By pre-cutting a number of baits, they can all be pre-whipped using the spoon and stored ready for use in a bait tray. This will not only result in better presentation but will also greatly improve the speed of your fishing as there will be far less downtime while baiting up.

If you intend to leave some of the bait below the hook, it may well be beneficial to only whip elastic around the portion that will be on the hook to preserve the action of the bait. Alternatively, in the case of baits like the aforementioned kipper, encasing the whole bait in elastic will result in bait far more robust and resistant to fish tearing into it without getting hooked. I hope this gives you some ideas regarding bait presentation.

Give it a try and I am sure you won't regret it and it might give you the edge.

1. Taking the spoon lay the bait in the hollow side of the spoon. The amount of bait is up to you but obviously will be limited by the size of the spoon.

2. Taking some good quality, soft and stretchy bait elastic, wrap the mackerel entirely, "cocooning" it to the spoon. There is no need to wrap with excessive force.

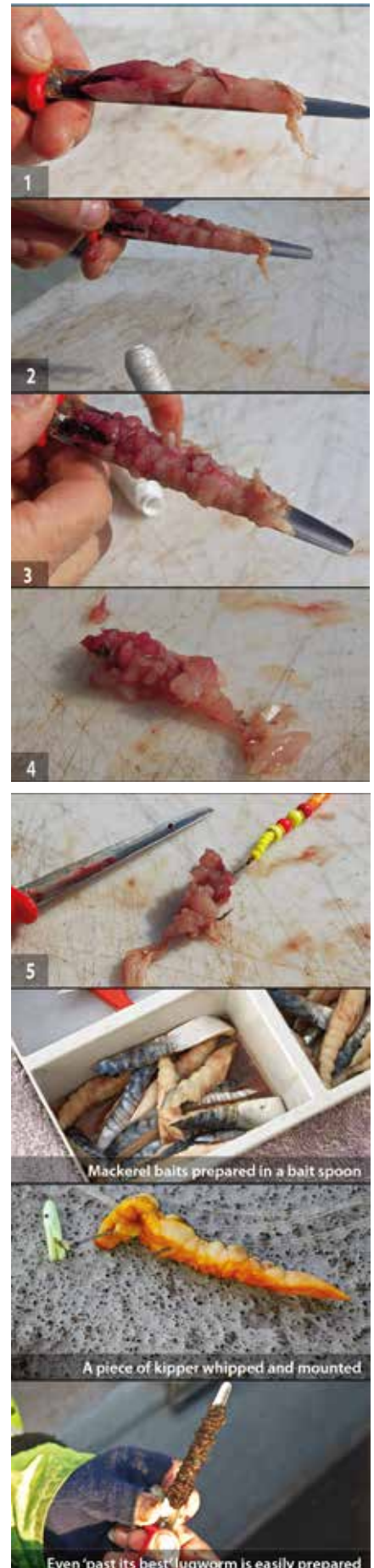
3. Continue wrapping until the bait is entirely supported.

4. The mackerel bait, along with its supporting network of elastic must now be removed from the spoon. This is why the spoon's blade has been made tapered, to facilitate the bait sliding on smoothly.

If, as in this case, the bait is soft, after getting it on the spoon it will contract and get smaller due to the pressure of the elastic. You will need to get used to this and adjust the size of your baits to allow for this.

5. The bait can now be slid onto a suitable hook, in much the same way a worm is threaded onto a hook. The resulting bait is tough enough to withstand casting and tidal pressure and the quality of presentation is hard to beat.

In this case we've used only mackerel but there would be nothing to stop you laying additional bait into the spoon to make cocktail baits. Baits that would otherwise be considered too soft to use effectively, such as smoked kipper or old, past their best, lugworm can be efficiently mounted using a bait spoon.



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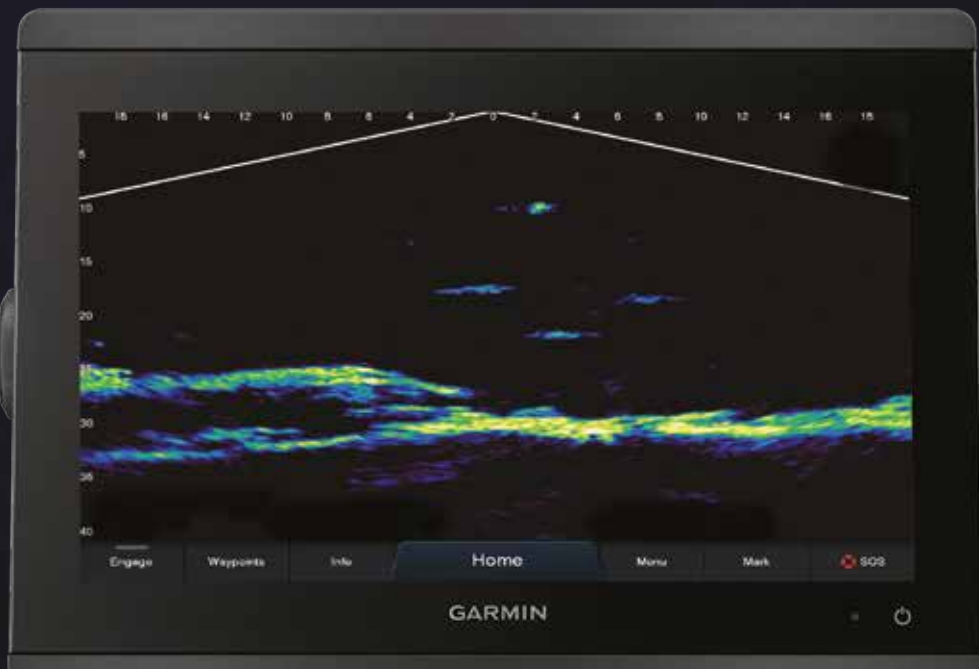
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