



**July 2014**

Dear Federation members and patrons,

**Grenville Arms SAC Open fished on the 12th/13th July 2014**

1. Shane Hawken (Grenville SAC) Pollack, 06.14.00lb, 152%, £200 + £22 pool.
2. Ross Hawken (Grenville SAC) Thin Lipped Mullet, 02.06.00lb, 105% Tackle + £15 pool.
3. Pete Wilkins (Grenville SAC) Thornback Ray, 05.11.00lb, 102% Tackle + £7 pool.
4. Simon Toms (Truro City SAC) Bass, 04.15.05lb, 99% Tackle.
5. Pete Hersey (ECC Ports) SmoothHound, 07.04.12lb, 97% Tackle.
6. Jeff Wherry (unattached) SmoothHound, 07.02.00lb, 94% Tackle.
7. Sid Bennett (St Columb SAC) Shore Rockling, 00.11.03lb, 93% Tackle.
8. Derek Nuke (Tintagel SAC) L.S.D. 02.06.12lb, Tackle.

Shane Hawken also won the Grenville Arms SAC Club Trophy.

Entry was 48 Seniors, no Junior winners, 11 different species were brought to the scales.

**Carnhell Green SAC Open fished on the 19th/20th July 2014**

1. Simon Toms (Truro City SAC) Thornback Ray, 09.15.12lb, 117.45%, £250 + £20 pool
2. Gary Sicolo, (MBAS) Golden Grey Mullet, 01.12.17lb, 109.362%, £10 + £13 pool
3. Chris Shear (CAA) Thornback Ray, 09.00.00lb, 105.860%, Tackle +£7 pool
4. Andy Dolland (Carnhell Grn SAC) Gilthead Bream, 04.00.14lb, 101.546%, Tackle.
5. Robby Rule (Carnhell Grn SAC) SmoothHound, 06.15.05lb, 94.032%, Tackle.
6. Kevin Lenderyou (Mawnan SAC) S.E Ray, 06.15.05lb, 86.99%, Tackle.
7. Dave Rule, (Carnhell Grn SAC) L.S.D , 02.04.06lb, 86.565%, Tackle.
8. Kevin Lenderyou (Mawnan SAC) Dover Sole, 01.00.08lb, 82.627%, Tackle.

Entry was 45 Seniors and 2 Juniors.

No Juniors weighed fish.

## **CFSA Fish Returns**

On fish weighed with your Club Recorder in respect of returns for a Federation Competition, it would be beneficial if those fish were put on a separate monthly return stating what Competition the fish were entered for.

Please note, record fish or 100% fish which have been notified to the CFSA Recorder within the 24/48 hour period respectively still have to be included with the end of the month returns.

## **Shark, Tope and SmoothHound Weight Formula**

the girth is taken at the deepest point of the body and the length is measured from the nose to the fork of the tail.

For Tope, Shark and SmoothHound,

- 1. Measure the fishes girth in inches the square it.**
- 2. Multiply the arrived at figure by the fishes length, again in inches.**
- 3. Divide the final figure by 800 to achieve the weight of the fish in Imperial measurement.**

### **Example**

***Fishes girth = 26in***

***Fishes length = 55in***

***26 x 26 = 676***

***676 x 55 = 37180***

***37180 divided by 800 = 46.475lb***

The formula Can be used for the recording of Specimen fish only, the capture must have a witness.

The formula applies to both Boat and Shore Caught Fish, remember, Tope and Shark caught caught either from the Boat or the Shore must be returned unharmed.

## **R.S.A. Strategy meeting held at County Hall, Truro, Thureday 10th July 2014**

Attendance was 50 with representatives from R.S.A's throughout Cornwall but representatives from the CFSA Clubs only totalled 7 out of 26 Clubs.

I was most disappointed with the overall attendance as I continually hear moans and groans about netting , pots laid close and interfering with Shore Angling and a general lack of fish.

This was the meeting to attend and air your grievances and to let the Common Fisheries and Conservation Authority (CIFCA) know what the R.S.A's wantin particular i.e the banning of netting up to ten metre chart contour depth and all the Bass Nursery areas.

Mr John Munday, the President of Redruth AA, Chaired the meeting and representing CIRCA were Sam Davies, the Scientific Officer and Simon Cadman, the Enforcement Officer.

Mr Munday informed those present that when he began fishing in 1962, the minimum size for all fish caught by Seniors was 8oz and Juniors 6oz; all fish were kept and weighed in and the first of the species to be absent in any number was the Red Bream. ( I personally can confirm this as my father and me used to catch loads of them on the Lizard ) He went on to say that we all now fish to minimum weights of all species of fish but the R.S.A's has considerably improved along with the comercialmen with their fish finders, bigger and better boats and the advent of the Gill net.

The R.S.A's want bigger and plentiful fish and I hope that CIFCA Officers present this evening will understand that we are serious in our intentions to achieve this.

Sam Davis then addressed the meeting and pointed out 2 x 4 posters in different parts of the chamber, each poster with a title on them which read,

1. What we need in a RSA Strategy is
2. Better information and data
3. Better engagement by
4. A Healthy RSA sector looks like

All present were invited with the issued sticky tabs to put their questions and issues on each poster.

She then spoke on the issues which had been attached to the posters, the main issue being netting of Bass nursery areas, which the RSA wants a ban on.

Cornwall as a sport fishing venue if fish were plentiful as in Southern Ireland, bringing much needed revenue.

No TAE Zones and bag limits to conserve fish stocks.

All CIFCA minutes of meetings will be posted on the CIFCA website.

She also would be prepared to come to club meetings to explain the process of bringing in new and updating existing byelaws which takes time due to the different groups and factions involved who have to be consulted before any action takes place.

She invited questions from those present and the Truro Harbourmaster said that he was against netting in the Fal Bass nursery area, a lot of which was undertaken at night by criminals from Plymouth, who also target Mullet and Gilthead Bream. He added that all netting should be completely banned leaving no grey areas for anyone to exploit in all Bass nursery areas.

A contention issue was the sizes of fish permitted to be retained throughout the CIFCA area which were well below the minimum weights of the CFSA. These sizes were adopted by the IFCA in 2002 and had not been reviewed since.

Mr Malcolm Gilbert, the CFSA Conservation Officer, had just returned from the Eastern Seaboard in the USA where not many years ago the Striped Black Bass was near to extinction. Strict laws had been put in place to make it a hook and line only fishery with a two fish bag limit and a closed season with fish being allowed to spawn twice. Commercial fishermen are permitted to take fish above 34 inches minimum and RSA's are permitted to take fish about 28 inches. Commercial fishermen are only permitted to land 15 fish on a Monday and 15 fish on a Thursday.

Consequently the sport fishery now provides work for hundreds of people and is worth 4.7 billion dollars in a short season and the Striped Black Bass is now thriving in numbers, this is the way forward.

A new CIFCA Committee and Chief Fishery Officer will be elected in 2015 and those present expressed a need for a fairer representation of the RSA on the Committee.

Sam Davis informed those present that all the questions and issues on the posters would be photographed thus giving the CIFCA a broad specification on the RSA's requirements for the future strategy. A Report on this meeting would be issued during the first week of August and another meeting will be arranged for early October.

My personal conclusion is that the RSA presence and their strong beliefs on the necessary actions to be taken as soon as possible to preserve fish stocks has made CIFCA realise that there is a stakeholder other than the commercial sector which could provide a more lucrative sustainable revenue for the seas around Cornwall.

### **Newlyn Harbour**

Further to my article in the June Shockleader the situation at the Harbour regarding Recreational Sea Anglers (RSA's) fishing activities has been resolved by Mr Mike Delbridge, the Chairman of the MBAS, as a result of his recent meeting with the Harbourmaster, Mr Rob Parsons.

In accordance with the Harbours bye-laws, fishing is not permitted from the pontoons or the South Pier (Which has been closed for many years)

Fishing for all RSA's is permissible from the North Pier and the Old Quay and its foreshore when tidal conditions permit.

The daily cost of £1 or an annual fee of £10 for a 12 month permit to fish the harbour is payable at the Harbour Commissioners Office.

As a result of the meeting the MBAS has reinstated with the Harbourmaster a concession which was agreed in the 1970's that the MBAS Junior and Senior members on production of their club rule and fixture book have permission to fish the harbour without paying.

Mr Delbridge hopes to secure a position on the harbour users committee thus ensuring representation of all RSA's is present.

Please remember that when fishing the harbour it is imperative that upon conclusion of your fishing activities **ALL** litter etc should be taken home for you to dispose of and this applies to **ALL** fishing marks throughout the County.

In no circumstances should any fires or barbeques be lit in any of the harbour areas, the pier itself has Gas storage and fuel pipes along its length and if a major incident arose because of the RSA's foolish actions then a future ban I am sure would be imposed.

Over the years the RSA's have lost several convenient places to park to fish certain marks. Noise disturbance, litter, and abuse have all contributed through the inconsiderate actions of a few to make these marks very inaccessible.

Please treat the marks, Landowners and the general public with respect to ensure that all RSA fishing activities can be continued for the future.

### **CFSA Fish of the Month Final ( Shore) - Sept 21st**

Please ensure your entries for the above competition are with the CFSA Recorder by the 31st August

### **CFSA Fish of the Month ( Boat ) - Sept 1st/30th**

Please ensure your entries for the above competition are with the CFSA Recorder by the 20th August.

### **CFSA Open cash back Boat Festival - 1st/31st October**

Please ensure your entries are with the CFSA Recorder by the 17th September, payment by cheque should be sent to the CFSA Treasurer at the same time . Details of all the preceding competitions may be found in the competition booklet.

### **CFSA General Meeting 2014**

This will be held at the St Dennis Working Mans Club on Friday 17th October with a 7.30pm start.

Proceeding the meeting the presentation of prizes for the Junior Boat and Shore Festival will take place, please come and support the Federations Junior members.

### **CFSA Specimen Fish Meeting**

This will be held late October or early November so will all clubs who wish to put proposals forward for consideration at this meeting do so as soon as possible, forwarding them to the CFSA Recorder .

The Meeting will incorporate the annual checking of clubs scales against the CFSA weights.

### **CFSA Diary Dates 2014**

21st September - FOM Final (Shore)  
1st/30th September - FOM Final (Boat)  
17th October - General Meeting, St Dennis Working Mans Club  
25th/26th October - K.J.Holman 2nd leg  
1st/31st October - Open Cash Back Boat Festival.  
23rd November - WMN Final.  
6th/7th December - Xmas Shore Competition.

### **Club Diary Dates 2014**

24th August - Geevor & District Open  
15th Aug/7th Sept - Mounts Bay AS Festival  
6th/7th September - Camborne AA Open Bass Championship  
13th/14th - Tintagel SAC Open  
27th/28th September - St Columb SAC Open Bass Championship  
11th/12th Oct - Tintagel Bass Competition  
26 Oct - MBAS Open Competition  
20th/21st Dec - Mawnan Flounder Competition.

Until the next Shockleader, happy and safe fishing  
Regards



*Ralph*

# WEST CORNWALL ANGLING

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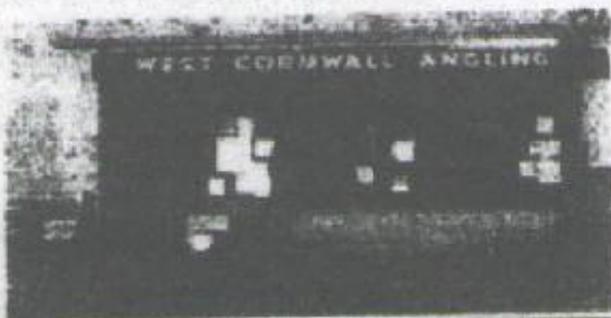
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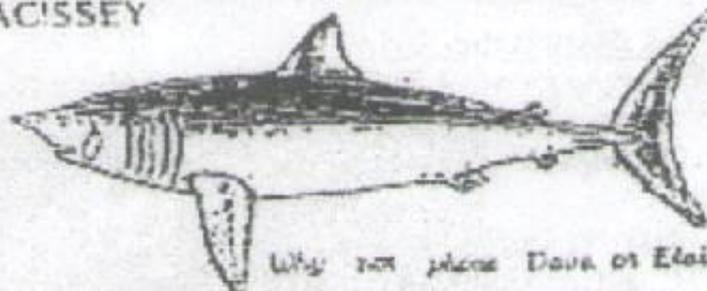
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