



# Sea Reports

## Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group



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Fishing has been very spasmodic around our region's coastline during the past few weeks. Current sea temperatures are around seventeen degrees centigrade and continue to rise. It has been interesting to see reports of many anglers turning to lure and fly fishing and as well as providing a different style of fishing some nice catches have been made. Water clarity has improved and most May weed has dispersed and cleared. We were all hoping for a mackerel bonanza but this has failed to happen. The fish have been very hard to find for the shore angler, one day they are there, the next day they are gone. I am fully expecting to see them arrive within casting distance during August as they are only just offshore! So close yet so far away, unless you have a boat!

### THAMES REPORT COURTESY OF WAYNE MAY

down this year, a few reaching double figures, in deeper water off the shipping channel. A few tope have been caught and landed and some of the charter boats now offering trips targeting the tope. Up river, the fishing has slowed with only a few flounder, some soles, eels and school bass being caught at Erith and Greenhithe. Swanscombe and Gravesend are fairing a little better producing a few eels, soles and small bass. After speaking to a few anglers that have fished the Thames for half a century, the recent hot weather has affected the fishing, but, onwards and upwards and hope the next few weeks produce a few more fish in the river!



Fishermens Corner on 01843 582174 can supply all your tackle and bait requirements and give up to date top local advice.

### DEAL REPORT COURTESY OF DAVID CHAMBERLAIN

Unfortunately Deal pier was closed for most of July because of issues with the contractors who were resurfacing the top deck and also laying of gas mains for the café. The sea temperature has warmed up with the prolonged high pressure and sunshine; although the easterly winds have kept the colour in the water. This has encouraged a plague of spider crabs, which have been pouncing on the anglers' baits as soon as it hits the water. However, the smooth hounds have moved in and are thinning out the crab population. In recent beach matches, bags of hounds have been topping 30lb in the weigh and release format matches. As soon as the sea clears, it is expected that the shoals of mackerel will arrive to be caught from the pier and beach. Darkness will be the time to try for soles from all of the beaches of Deal and



### Medway report COURTESY OF DANIEL TERRY

I have had a number of sessions in the Rochester area of late and recently fished a few hours over high using rag from Medway Tackle Supplies I had a fair few decent bites but nothing decent hooked and ended up with 2 small eels. Another trip there for an evening tide resulted in 2 pout, a healthy sized at 34cm and 2 eels, 1 bootlace and a decent short but pretty fat eel. The sun has been pretty vicious in the heat and I'm pretty burnt! Other catch reports have included some nice bass further up river with some nice sized eels and one or two soles. Plenty of mullet seen but none caught!



Your local tackle and bait shops are Medway Tackle Supplies 01634 570470 and Anglers Den 01634 852180.

### SHEPPEY REPORT COURTESY OF SHEPPEY ANGLING AND JASON KEEN

The local boats have been doing well with the bass, rays and hounds offshore. Along the coast, day tides have been quiet, but, those anglers fishing the deeper water marks at night, especially around Garrison Point, have been rewarded with some nice smoothhounds, rays and good bass. Some nice bass from the Swale through the deeper channels. Few rays showing at Warden and Eastchurch gap School bass at Minster and Leysdown with some nice flounders showing too. Baits are bluey for rays and rag for bass and flounder and small crab baits also working well.

Sheppey Angling can provide all your quality fresh and frozen bait and tackle. Call Mick on 01795 661089.

### THANET REPORT COURTESY OF JON VAUGHAN AT FISHERMENS' CORNER

The Summer months are always harder as the sea temperature is high and the dogfish move out in to deeper water. Local anglers are still finding fish both on lures and baits. It's always worth trying different techniques like float fishing and using pop ups as fish, like bass, scad and mackerel, will be higher in the water feeding where it's clear, ragworm is a top bait for this. A few bass, soles and flounders from the pier here at Ramsgate.



Walmer and the favourite bait being ragworm. Deal Pier will hopefully be open for an all night session on August 12th, however, it is worthwhile giving the pier attendant a phone call on 01304 363815.

Your local tackle and bait shop is Channel Angling by the pier entrance 01304 373104.

### DOVER REPORT

COURTESY OF CHANNEL ANGLING

The pier has produced some lovely smoothhounds and rays along with dogfish, pouting, wrasse and some plaice. The mackerel have been present, one of the few marks to produce them consistently. The Hoe is producing a few mackerel, wrasse, pollack and some garfish.

Channel Angling can provide all your tackle and bait requirements on 01304 203742.



### HYTHE REPORT

Some nice soles being caught along with other flatfish, dogfish and small bass. A few mackerel, although rather hit and miss.

