

Dungeness Latest catch reports on www.seagullfishingtackle.com
Well hello 2018...and a happy new year to you all! Will 2018 be as good as 2017...well my guess would be yes, outside the cod (we know they are out there somewhere) I think we are in for a great year. More rays, gurnard, bream...and bass, we were 'knee deep' in 30 to 40cm bass in 2017...I can't see this changing. More dogfish on the 'cards' and the whiting plague will continue...interestingly whiting do eat whiting?

BEACH REPORT

It has been a very quiet winter so far, a bit self defeating, very few anglers going fishing, so very few fish being caught and reported this just puts other anglers off going. Social media is full of the 'glass half empty' brigade...but real fishermen go fishing and as always the fish are a bonus! But in spite of this we do get the odd report and the good news we are catching more dabs and flounder along with the whiting.

Here are a few of the December reports coming in to my site...

Can't beat a PB

Nice report from Alan Martin...better late than never...

"Afternoon Tony,

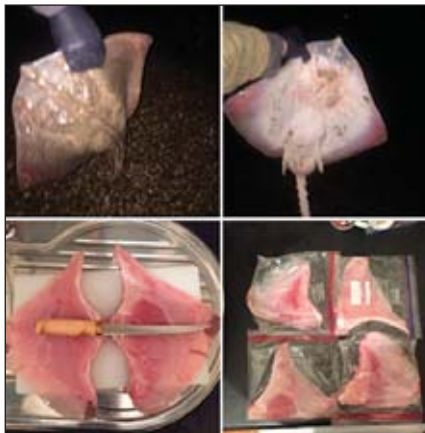
Apologies, I owe you a report. Sorry it's a bit late!

Evening all,

Just got back from a long afternoon and evening on the beach.

I had booked this afternoon off work, as the tides looked great. So come 2pm I found myself setting up on Dengemarsh for part 1 of the day's activities.

I was armed with plenty of bait, and after a quick set up both rods were sent seawards, well in search of anything to be honest!



A couple of hours passed down to low water with not even a sniff of a rattle on the rod tips! Dusk set in and I made sure I had some prime bass baits sent out. Dusk was quickly replaced by darkness and then came the whiting. After reeling in a few I checked my clock and it was time to pack up and head to my next venue for part 2 of the evening.

Now my second venue has appeared on here a few times, But due to the relatively scarce information on it I'm guessing it's one the locals may wish to keep to themselves. Anyway, it was my first time at the venue and I arrived in plenty of time to scout out the features before the tide really came in.

My target for the evening was skate and bass. With one rod fished at distance and one close in. It didn't take long before it was a whiting each cast, and my heart sank as I thought this is all it's going to be for the evening. But fortunately my distance rod started to pull and jolt about, with a tell tale hallmark of a ray bite.

After a moderately hard fight my target species was on the beach, yippee it was not a whiting! And even more happy to see it was fairly large. A quick weigh and it came in just under 11lbs, which beats my previous pb of 10lbs on the nose! So yes joy, target species and a pb!

I pressed on for another hour and half over high water but just the same old ting gracing the hooks, including a first for me being 3 greedy whiting impaled on one bait! Ridiculous.

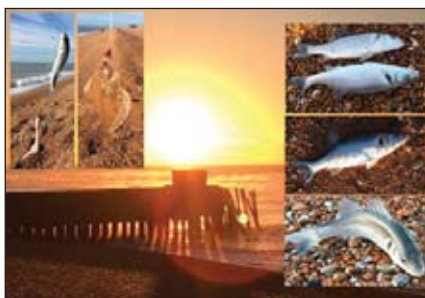
Anyway I thoroughly enjoyed the new venue, always great trying somewhere different. Even nicer to have the whole place to myself. I then made the drive back north and got to work on the wings in preparation for a few nice meals.

Until next time Alan"

Loads of bass

I had this report in from Darryl...

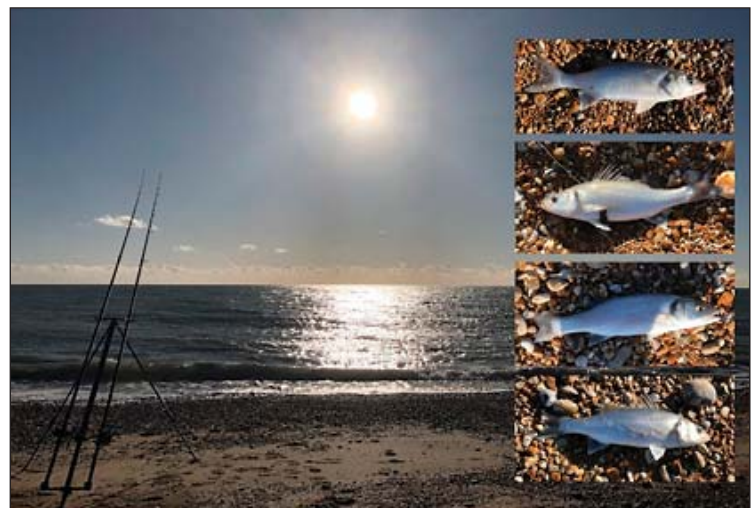
Lovely days fishing at Dengemarsh on Sunday, 9 bass in total biggest weighing 4lb also had a few dabs!! Thanks, Darry Nicholas"



If in doubt...try again...

had this report in from Brian Rees...

I fished Denge in the tail end of that blow on Thursday evening, big surf running, perfect really - but couldn't get past the whiting. Same for a lad from Tonbridge who kindly gave me his leftover bait. So I had another go in daylight on Friday, fishing really close to avoid the whiting, and it gave this bass a chance to find the bait. It hit so hard it took the rod out of the stand, so for a moment I thought it might be the big one. Never mind, one day. It was just short of 50cms and took a piece of clam. V best, Brian.



Plenty of bass...

I had this report in today from Colin Hemsworth...

"Hi Tony, Had a good session at Dengemarsh yesterday, arrived a few hours before high and in not too much time was into the bass. Overall had 8 all caught on fresh lug. Also had a dogfish and as night fell lots of whiting which were on the bait within seconds no matter very close in or at range. Will be back for another go soon. Thanks for the great bait, see you soon. Colin."

BEACH OUTLOOK JANUARY

We should see more dabs and flounder showing with a return of the dogfish...the big question will we see some late winter cod...if we get stormy weather...you never know!

Best Baits

Fresh or frozen lugworm combined with squid is still favourite but 'bluey' is great for the bigger predators and we could get more 'freebees' washed up after a storm, razor fish, queen cockle and sand gapers.

