



BOAT OUTLOOK FOR NOVEMBER

It has been more summer than winter so far...but this month should show us how good this cod will be! Loads of other species still about...but most anglers are just thinking cod.

Best Baits

Big baits for big fish! Cuttlefish is popular so is big white squid...but all baits can work...but make sure it is well 'wound up' with elastic cotton...to slow down the attack from the dreaded whiting.

Hastings

courtesy of Hastings Angling Centre
The last few weeks have been quite windy with limited opportunities to get afloat. Fishing has been good when boats could get out with plenty of black bream to 3.5lb being caught. The channel is full of mackerel but the windy weather has mainly kept them out to see and few have come off the beach. Very few cod being caught as yet but the ones about have been of good size to 17lb.

On the beach the sole are still about in good numbers along with undersize bass and on calmer days plaice and the usual whiting horde. Few good bass have been reported and no codlings.

Prospects for November. This should be the best autumn month for cod both from the beach and boat. Let us hope they oblige. Still good bass fishing on the beach particularly in the evenings after a good blow. Some of the best bass of the year often are caught late autumn.

The South Coast Beach Championship is on Saturday 9th December, £500 first prize. Details and entries call Hastings Angling Centre 01424 432178.

Hastings and St Leonards Angling Association open beach match for the Hollingsworth Cup.

The first match of the autumn/winter series was fished on Saturday 23rd September. A full turnout of 30 anglers enjoyed good weather with a light southerly and very mild conditions. Despite the sea clearing out somewhat over high tide the fish were biting and some good bags were weighed in. Whittings, plaice, flounders, soles and some dogfish all featured.

Top angler was Ben Arnold catching 15 fish for 7lb 12oz fishing on peg 16 at the bottom of the angling club. Heaviest fish today was landed by Ian Hopper with an lesser spotted dogfish of 1lb 4oz

Winner Ben Arnold 7lb 12oz

A section

- 1st - Ian Hopper - 6 lb 12oz
- 2nd - Keith Erridge - 4lb 7oz

B section

- 1st - David Wood-Brignall - 2lb 15oz
- 2nd - Kevin Galloway - 2lb 14oz



Winner - Ben Arnold

C section

- 1st - Saul Page - 6lb 9oz
- 2nd - Dave Mewburn 5lb 9oz

Top 3 club members for the Hollingsworth Cup

- 1st - Saul Page - 6lb 9oz
- 2nd - Paul Tiltman - 3lb 12oz
- 3rd - Ralph Crosby - 3lb 10oz



Saul Page - 6lb 9oz



Soles

Hastings & St Leonards SAA Open Beach match for the Coronation Cup

This match was fished on Saturday 7th October with a very strong but mild south westerly wind kicking up a big sea, combined with a very big 8m tide several anglers got caught out by the big swells sweeping up onto the top of the beach, a few got wet and some beach shelters were wrecked. Fishing in these conditions was very hard especially near the harbour arm where the water was particularly turbulent, the stiff wind reduced casting distance markedly. Many very good anglers blanked.

Winner fishing from the end peg at the harbour section was Paul Stevens with 11 fish for 5 lb 3oz, with four soles, 6 pout and a whiting he also had the heaviest fish a sole of 1lb.

Winner Paul Stevens 5lb 3oz

A Section

- 1st Ralph Crosby 1lb 11oz
- 2nd Rex Palmer 1lb 8oz

B Section

- 1st Colin Pickard 1lb 6oz
- 2nd Tim Relf 1lb 5oz

C Section

- 1st Dave Mewburn 3lb 14oz
- 2nd Phil Lee 2lb 12oz

Heaviest fish P Stevens 1lb sole

Coronation Cup for best club member Colin Crosby 2lb 0oz



Winner - Paul Stevens 5lb 3oz



Dave Mewburn 3lb 14oz



Joe Plumstead