

## MORE THAN A FROG IN THE THROAT .....

A fisherman was brought back to life after a Dover Sole came off its hook and slipped down his throat, blocking his airways with its gills.

The 28-year-old was joking around with friends at Boscombe in Dorset when he dangled the flat fish he had just caught above his mouth but it managed to wriggle free and slipped down his trachea, completely blocking his airways.



Paramedics rushed to the pier where the group were fishing to find the man unconscious, not breathing and going into cardiac arrest. The unnamed man was given constant CPR and after six attempts to removed the flat fish, paramedics managed to get him breathing again.

Medic Matt Harrison said: "I have never attended a more bizarre incident and don't think I ever will – but we're all so glad the patient has no lasting effects from his cardiac arrest, which could so easily have had such a tragic and devastating outcome."



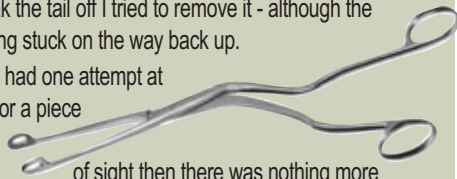
Despite attaching him to a ventilation machine, oxygen was still not entering his lungs and paramedics took six attempts to pull the fish from his throat by the tail. They said they were very concerned that if the fish broke up as they were trying to hook it out the patient would die.

"It was clear that we needed to get the fish out or this patient was not going to survive the short journey to Royal Bournemouth Hospital," added Mr Harrison.

"I used a laryngoscope to fully extend the mouth and throat and saw what appeared like an altered colour of tissue in his throat.

"Using a McGills forceps I was able to eventually dislodge the tip of the tail and very carefully, so as not to break the tail off I tried to remove it - although the fish's barbs and gills were getting stuck on the way back up.

"I was acutely aware that I only had one attempt at getting this right as if I lost grip or a piece broke off and it slid further out



of sight then there was nothing more that we could have done to retrieve the obstruction."

A spokesman for South Western Ambulance Service added: "Eventually after six attempts the fish came out in one piece and to our amazement it was a whole Dover Sole, measuring approx. 14cm in length."

Story courtesy of ITV News

## DOLPHIN ANGLING AT GRAVESEND TO CLOSE

**It is with great sadness to announce that after being a major part of the local angling scene, Dolphin Angling has announced that it will be closing.**

Graham East, who has run the business for many years, has decided to take his retirement and close the shop. Graham is well known amongst local anglers and thousands more who regularly read his angling column 'The Angling Line' in the Kent Messenger newspaper.

Graham has asked us to let everyone know that he will be holding a Closing Down sale beginning on Saturday 28 October 2017. The shop's final day of trading will be 26 November 2017.

During the sale period, Dolphin Angling will be offering a discount of 30% off all goods, excluding bait.

Dolphin Angling can be found at 11 – 13, Queen Street, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 2EQ. Tel: 01474 355440.

All of us at the Freshwater Informer wish Graham and his family a long and happy retirement and thank him for his tireless work promoting angling, not only in the Gravesend area, but, also so much further afield.

**Best wishes on your retirement Graham.**



## Could this be the end of fishing at Princes Parade, Hythe?

After many months of talk about redevelopment plans at Princes Parade, Hythe, a recent map has been released showing a proposed plan for building along the length of the much loved beach. It consists of a mixture of homes, leisure facilities and other amenities being built. The current road and promenade would be re routed, which would no doubt affect anglers' access to this length of beach. Nothing has been confirmed and there are a number of local action groups set up to fight this development.

Here are the details of the planning application with Shepway District Council:

**Reference:** Y17/1042/SH Alternative Reference: PP-06203485

**Application Received:** Wed 23 Aug 2017 Application Validated Tue 19 Sep 2017

**Address:** Princes Parade Promenade Princes Parade Hythe Kent

**Proposal:** Hybrid application for subsequent consent accompanied by an Environmental Statement for the development of land at Princes Parade, comprising an outline application (with all matters reserved) for up to 150 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), up to 1,270sqm of commercial uses including hotel use (Use Class C1), retail uses (Use Class A1) and / or restaurant/cafe uses (Use Class A3); hard and soft landscaped open spaces, including childrens play facilities, surface parking for

vehicles and bicycles, alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access and highway layout within and around the site, site levelling and groundworks, and all necessary supporting infrastructure and services. Full application for a 2,961sqm leisure centre (Use Class D2), including associated parking, open spaces and childrens play facility.

**Status:** Registered

**Let us hope that this hideous plan is dismissed, along with the plan to install parking meters along the entire length of the seafront and restrict parking to four hours!**

## NEW CLUB RECORD SET AT HYTHE!

by Wesley Shrubsole

"Hi Barry, I have just had a report come through from the Folkestone Sea Angling Club regarding their latest competition fished at Hythe. There were 25 thornback rays caught and five lost! Winner was Jacob Gainey with six rays for 30lbs, second spot went to Martyn Reid with seven rays for 29lbs and third place to Andy Gainey with five rays for 28lbs. What a set of catches! This went down as the greatest catch of rays in their one hundred year history! Well done to all anglers who took part in this record breaking event!"

Regards, Wesley