



# Sea Reports

# Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group



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I do hope that you have taken the time to join up with our Sea Reports sponsor - Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group - and got involved posting your catch reports, news or just having a bit of 'fishy' gossip! They are a very friendly local group who will make you most welcome!

Thankfully, the weather has improved giving rise to better fishing around our coastline. Most notably has been the catches of thornbacks and plaice and over the past few days, numbers of smoothhounds are beginning to come close to take advantage of the Spring crab moult. Please remember that if you gather your own peeler crabs, please replace any rocks to their original position. The current sea temperature is just over 8 degrees in the Thames Estuary and just over 9 degrees off the South coast. Certainly an improvement on a few weeks ago!

## THAMES REPORT COURTESY OF WAYNE MAY

Its been quiet out there over the last month, but finally, the Thames Estuary is starting to pick up. Water temperatures are still a bit on the low side and the sea a lot calmer leading to the rays arriving in small numbers at the end of March. As we proceed into April, more and more are being landed and a couple of double figure fish reports are coming in.

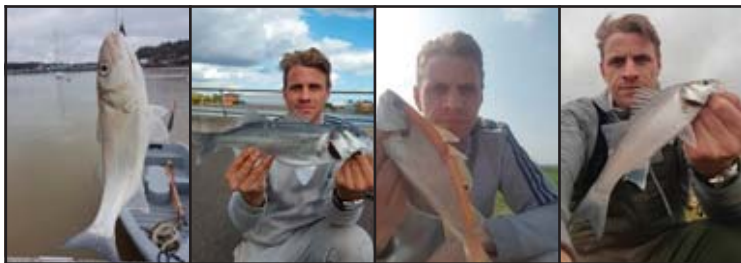
The Thames itself has also been on the quiet side, with weeks passing and not a lot of anglers trying their luck. St. Clements reach and Greenhithe producing a few whiting and recently a couple of nice flounders were landed. It's time to dust off the rods as Spring is here and the fishing picks up as the water temperature rises; the bass and sole will soon be upon us! Until next month, tight lines all!



## Medway report COURTESY OF DANIEL TERRY

Fished 2 hours in and a few hours out from along Rochester using fresh blow lug and rag ...huge amounts of weed, wood, branches flowing down the river. It made it a struggle at first but it calmed over high water. I went without a bite until the crabs started just after high. However, I had 4 little bass, one after the other, then a better 29cm fish. The bass bites slowed but I also had 2 pouting and 1 whiting towards packing up on the ebb. All fish took lug and left rag untouched. All in all, a nice day and good to see the river getting better now it's warmed up. I was using some lovely lug from Medway Tackle Supplies at Gillingham.

Local tackle shops for your tackle and bait are Anglers Den, Gillingham (near Aldi) 01634 852180 and Medway Tackle Supplies, Canterbury Street, Gillingham 01634 570470.



## SHEPPEY REPORT

COURTESY OF JASON KEEN

As mentioned in last month's issue, the predicted ray invasion has happened! With the weather now settled and improving, the rays have moved in on the Island with some nice fish showing at Bartons Point and the Green car park at Leysdown. Minster has also seen some nice fish landed. Other species caught have included dabs, flounders, whiting and some small bass.



Contact Mick Yates at Sheppey Angling for all your bait and tackle needs on 01795 661089.

## NORTH KENT REPORT COURTESY OF JON PRIMETT

It's been all about the rays! Lots of rays being caught at present, with some very nice fish landed. Marks at Kings Hall and Reculver doing well.

Dabs and some bass have also been landed. This month will see the smoothhounds arrive! With a huge improvement in the weather and temperatures rising, all is looking very good!

Absolute Tackle at Herne Common can supply all your fresh and frozen baits and have a wide range of tackle available. Call them on 01227 636724 / 07809 330854.



## THANET REPORT COURTESY OF THE FISHERMENS CORNER

A mixed bag for anglers fishing Ramsgate's East Pier. The dogfish have now started to show and there are still dabs, whiting and some nice flounders also being caught. Local angler Chris Harman also had a small smooth hound and there have been reports of others being caught along the pier. Worm baits are still working well and also squid and sand eels.

Local tackle shop Fisherman's Corner is located 2 minutes from the East pier and have a wide selection of fresh/frozen bait and tackle 01843 582174.



## DEAL REPORT COURTESY OF DAVID CHAMBERLAIN

Good news for anglers who fish Deal Pier, Dover District Council has now included a 'Fish-of-the-month' prize. This award will be two free combined day/night tickets to the value of £22. The rules are that the fish must be weighed and witnessed by the pier attendant who will then record the weight. If, at the end of the month, the fish has not been beaten, then he/she will