



# Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group



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The fishing has picked up and now enters in to the summer season. The mackerel are being caught at Dover and will no doubt be within the reach of beach anglers very soon, weather permitting. The current sea temperature is around twelve degrees centigrade. It is nice to see some great smoothhounds being caught, especially at Dover where a number of double figure fish have been taken. The bass numbers are improving and the dreaded 'May rot' seems to be fading which will improve the conditions for shore anglers. The marks around Sheppey and North Kent have been doing very well with some great thornback and smoothhound catches. Any time now a surprise stingray may be popping up along the Herne Bay beaches!

## Medway report

Fishing beginning to improve in the river with numbers of bass increasing although nothing above a couple of pounds but encouraging. Flounders and eels still showing. Ragworm and maddies being best bait. Some mullet have been sighted in the marinas but catching them is something else! Seals have been sighted sun bathing opposite Roman Way which would indicate an increased fish population in the river. Local shops for your tackle and bait are Medway Tackle Supplies (now at Twydall) 01634 475260, Anglers Den 01634 852180, Rod and Line 01634 880770.



## Deal report courtesy of Dave Chamberlain

Most of the May Weed has dispersed by now, although it has not been as bad as other years. With the clearer water, mackerel are showing on Deal Pier along with scad and a few garfish. Night tides on the pier have been producing smooth hounds on crab and some of the fish are of a good size. Thornback rays are still being caught from the lower deck on herring and bluey baits along with pollack, wrasse and pouting around the pier piles. It is worth noting that the Dover Council gives a prize to the angler who catches the largest fish from Deal pier each month. However, the fish must be reported and weighed by the pier attendant. All night pier session this month is on June 9th. A small number of bass are moving in on the beaches, while the best time to catch is after dark.

Channel Angling at the pier entrance can provide your tackle and bait. Call Fred Leach on 01304 373104.

## Sheppey report courtesy of Sheppey Angling

Good numbers of smoothhounds and thornbacks being caught along with bass to 5lbs, good sized flounders and eels. The whole of the north coast from Sheerness to Leysdown fishing well. The hounds are wanting a crab bait and fish baits for the rays. The flounders appear to be taking pretty much anything put in front of them! The good news is that the 'May Rot' has pretty much gone now improving the fishing no end.

Contact Sheppey Angling for your tackle and bait on 01795 661089 / 07902 092595.



## North Kent report

The hounds have arrived and fish to double figures have been caught. Still plenty of thornbacks around as well as bass, whiting and flatfish. Anywhere from Reculver to Herne Bay worth a try as well as Seasalter and the Swale for school bass and flounders.

Absolute Tackle at Herne Common stock a great range of quality fresh and frozen baits and tackle. Call 01227 636724 / 07809 330854.



## Dover report

The Admiralty Pier appears to be the place for good numbers of hounds to double figures along with thornbacks. The mackerel are showing as well as dabs, plaice, dogfish, whiting and bass. Some bass being caught from Shakespeare beach but fish close in and don't cast more than 10 - 20 yards. Samphire Hoe should now be worth a try with float gear for pollack, garfish, wrasse, bass and mackerel.



Channel Angling at Dover can provide all your tackle and bait. Remember that Channel Angling are an authorised stockist of Zziplex! Call 01304 203742.



## Thanet report courtesy of Fishermans Corner

Thanet is now showing good numbers of bass from most venues. The East pier, Western Undercliff and all promenades fishing well with easy parking and free to fish. Worm baits are working well, either ragworm, blow lug or black lug. Few unusual species have also come up, dover sole, small turbot and smoothhounds, which occasionally show. Fisherman's Corner a short walk from the East pier has a great selection of fresh and frozen bait's. Call us on 01843 582174



## Hythe report

The fishing has been improving now the 'May rot' is slowly clearing. A few early mackerel but none in any numbers. This should change as the weather enters summer mode. Thornbacks and hounds from the beaches along with dogfish, pouting, plaice and a few good sized whiting. Bass to be had but they are very close in! Might be worth getting down to the beach with the lure rod where sunrise and sunset coincides with high water.



Your top local shops for tackle and bait are Dens Tackle 01303 267053 and Best Buddies 01303 253881.