

SEA REPORTS

HASTINGS

HASTINGS ANGLING CENTRE OPEN 27TH DECEMBER 2011

57 anglers fished the match in very good conditions with a mild SW breeze a bit of swell and plenty of colour in the water. The whittings responded well and large numbers were caught with probably more just undersize than sizeable, giving some excellent bag weights. Flounders and bass were unexpectedly absent but some good dabs were had along with some dogfish, a few pout and a solitary codling. Overall winner was M Grossman with 40 whiting for 16lb exactly who picked up the £300 first prize. Akios 625CTM reels went to Ian Hopper for the heaviest flatfish a very fine dab of 15oz 5dr and to Steve Martin for a dogfish of 1lb 14oz. Junior winner Chris Ford did very well weighing in 32 fish for 12lb 11oz.



DUNGENESS

BEACH REPORT

What a fantastic winter so far, the weather has been great, plenty of dabs, whiting, flounder, dogfish and of course whiting! A sprinkling of codling should be with us through the winter to spring if we get the right weather.



This photo from Alex Veel of a 3lb 11oz codling he caught a few days ago he had with mixed bag of whiting dabs and dogfish has been typical of what's being caught at the moment from Dungeness, as the fish come in to feed on the sprat shoals that appear close to shore at this time of the year.

DUNGENESS ANGLING ASSOCIATION 2011 BEACH SERIES

Final placing for 2011 (best of 9 matches fished)

Matt Summerfield	610		
Mike Burke	580	Nick Hedges	40
Steve Foster	450	Len Norman	30
Wayne Beale	380	Matt Mckinnell	30
Steve Field	290	Terry Vine	30
Jeff Hymers	260	Steve Sargeant	30
Alan Rudkin	250	George King	20
Tony Hills	240	Dorian Partridge	10
Steve Harvey	200	Bob Simpson	10
Keith Johnson	170	Adrian Cornell	10
Paul Hodges	160	Adrian Watson	10
Graham King	160	Stuart Pearson	10
Dave Andrews	140	Dick Brisley	10
Roger Sugden	110	Bob Amys	10
David Cahill	60	Malcom Jones	10

BEACH OUTLOOK FOR FEBRUARY

The dab season has got off to great start and this should continue through February. Codling should stay with us as well as other winter species; it all depends on the weather. Top bait for this time of year with sprat shoals close inshore is lugworm tipped with sprat.

BOAT REPORT

Fantastic boat fishing to start the year



Recovering from major heart surgery our resident 'big fish' expert Steve Savage fishing from the Varne Boat Club got his year off to a great start with a fantastic brace of cod, the pair of went (left) 23lb and the right hand fish 28lb 8oz as part of the eight cod haul, they appeared to be full of roe! And no doubt full of sprats! The tide really pulled through creating ideal conditions. It's great to see Steve back into the 'big fish' ... you can't keep an old sea dog down!

Not to be out done, on the same day the VBC chairman 'big' John Ruffhead won the whiting sweep with an outstanding whiting weighing five pounds!



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At the time of writing this we are still catching plenty of small cod and codling on the boats. With everything a bit out of 'kilter' this year the cod should be late to spawn and this could run into February. The smaller cod should stay with us into the spring! The next main target is already beginning to show...thornback rays, these supplied some great fishing last year and this year should be even better. Next on our list 'wrecking' after the Pollack, like most years this will depend on the weather and water clarity.

Dungeness report courtesy of Tony Hills www.seagullfishingtackle.com