



Sea Reports

Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group



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We are delighted to welcome MEDWAY AND KENT SEA FISHING GROUP as our new Sea Reports sponsor. This friendly local Facebook forum welcomes all the region's sea anglers to share their gossip, reports and catch photos. Please take a look and join up today!

Many thanks to our previous sponsor for their valued support and contribution to this section over the past few months.

We certainly have experienced a remarkably cold start to our Spring season. The videos of the sea freezing on the North Kent shoreline were amazing! Once the cold weather had passed, photos were taken of the huge quantity of dead marine life washed up on to the beaches around Thanet. Jon Vaughan, at Fishermens Corner, told me that the bulk was starfish, but, there was also an amount of crab as well. Concerns are now on the availability of the Spring peeler crab, which is much sought after by the bass and smoothound anglers. At the time of writing, the forecast is for the winds to go around to the south / south west direction so hopefully this will allow the sea temperature to recover gradually. Current water temperature is between six and seven degrees. Jon also remarked that the flounder fishing has failed to live up to expectations this year.

Poor old Mother Nature doesn't know where she is at the moment!

THAMES REPORT *COURTESY OF WAYNE MAY*

It has been lean times in the Estuary and River Thames recently due to conditions. I have spoken to some of the charter boats this week fishing in the estuary and they have landed minimal amounts of fish and some choosing not to venture out at all! Due to the sudden drop in water temperatures and the recent snowfall, the fish appeared to have stopped feeding and moved further out. Further up the Thames at Greenhithe and Erith, a few small whiting are being caught with the occasional flatie. A multitude of rigs are being tried along with regular bait changes, but, all efforts seem to be struggling to catch any recordable fish. Hopefully, next month we will have more to report and the catch rate picks up. Until then tight lines, Wayne.



NORTH KENT REPORT *COURTESY OF JON PRIMETT*

With temperatures continuing to stay low, followed by an arctic blast as "The Beast from the East" took hold, fishing on the North Kent coast has remained poor with only the bravest of souls heading out. A handful of whiting and dabs have been caught over the past couple of weeks, but, as yet the much anticipated run of Thornback Rays has yet to begin. As water temperatures recover over the next couple of weeks, we should hopefully see the first rays, in any numbers, move in to marks around Herne Bay and Reculver with the 100-steps area being a favourite spot to snare an early season fish. Seasalter has continued to show a few flounders, and the latest Kent Flounder League match was won by Trevor Cousens.

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THANET REPORT *COURTESY OF THE FISHERMENS CORNER*

Thanet anglers fishing Ramsgate's East Pier are still finding a few dabs, flounders, rockling and pin whiting. There have also been a few scorpion fish appearing along the pier as well. The pier offers comfortable free fishing, car access and is a great venue for junior anglers and anglers with limited mobility. Top baits are still common lug and fresh or frozen black lugworm. **Fishermens Corner is ideally placed at Ramsgate Harbour in Kent Place 01843 582174 and is able to supply all your tackle and bait needs.**

Medway report *COURTESY OF DANIEL TERRY*

Understandably fishing in the river has been quiet recently due to the wretched weather! However, there are signs of improvement with a number of flounders and whiting showing. April should see the bass and eels moving in to the Medway.

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

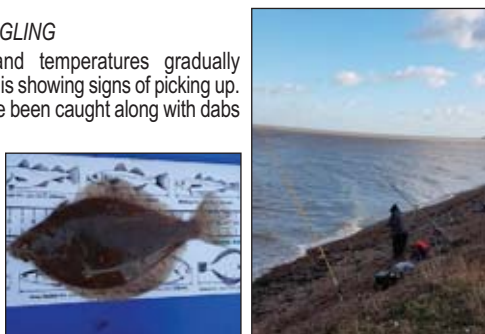


SHEPPEY REPORT

COURTESY OF SHEPPEY ANGLING

With conditions improving and temperatures gradually recovering, fishing on the island is showing signs of picking up. Flounders and a few plaice have been caught along with dabs and some small bass. The rays will be coming closer inshore during April and favoured marks will be Leysdown, Warden Bay, Eastchurch and the Gap.

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



DEAL REPORT *COURTESY OF DAVID CHAMBERLAIN*

The 'Beast from the East' and Storm Emma has certainly set the angling back somewhat. Arctic conditions have chilled the sea temperatures down to a critical 4c and the inshore

