



Sea Reports

Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group



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It's been a bit of a scratching month around the coast during the past few weeks, although things are certainly improving. A variety of fish have been caught, both summer and winter species! The current sea temperature is still around seventeen degrees, not bath water, but, still relatively warm. This has meant that the mackerel have still been around but the forthcoming Autumn gales will stir things up and push them offshore. October is generally an excellent month for the larger bass and well worth a try for, especially on the Admiralty Pier. There was talk on social media during September about anglers being allowed to retain bass from 1st October. It must be pointed out that these were recommendations only and the retention of bass has yet to be ratified. So, it is still 'catch and release' until further notice. No doubt we are all hoping for a run of cod in the coming weeks! A number of codling have been caught most coming from Sussex shore marks. Let's hope we see some this year as last year's cod were a bit thin on the ground, to say the least! Don't forget to join our Sponsor's Facebook group for the latest news and gossip in the region.

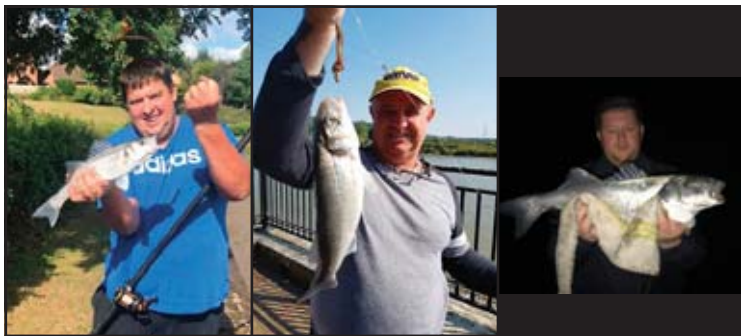
Thames report *courtesy of Wayne May*

Thames estuary has been back on form this month, especially on the charter boats. Plenty of bass have been caught on most tides, sizeable ones too, ranging from a couple of pounds to a few 8 and 9 pounders. Thornback rays are still present in numbers, dogfish are also in high numbers, taking every bait that's offered. This past week has also seen the return of the whiting in the estuary and river. Gravesend has also picked up, producing flounders, the odd bass and pin whiting on both day and night tides. St Clements reach, Greenhithe and Asda Greenhithe, are fishing exceptionally well with a few decent bass being caught and school bass in numbers on most tides. Flounders are being caught on flapping rigs baited with ragworm, evening through the night to sunrise proving to be the best time to fish. Swapping over to lugworm and squid will land you plenty of pin whiting, which arrived earlier this week.



Medway report *from Daniel Terry and Tom Barfoot*

Daniel reports from Allhallows: "Nice session at Allhallows with Andy Cross again for bass and flounders. We started at 10.30 and the tide was already at shore. My first few chucks were pretty quiet on lug and rag out at distance so I moved closer in and had a nice chunky flounder at 28cm followed by a 24cm bass. Andy started off pretty quiet from first his first casts but towards high he had a slack liner producing a 37cm bass to christen his new rod quickly



followed by a 27cm on the next chuck instantly. Rest of session went pretty dead and crabby over high and the ebb was full of weed. Great day out and some nice lug and rag from Medway Tackle Supplies."

Tom reports: "I've had many sessions down the river targeting my favourite species eels! Fishing marks such as Halling and Peter's village have been successful for me catching eels and school bass on light gear has been fantastic. Anglers that have been fishing this month have been having some great sessions at Allhallows where some cracking size flounders are still being caught along with the bass and eels. This is a brilliant mark to fish. Lug and rag cocktails have been working a treat! Good luck if you are out."

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Sheppey report *courtesy of Sheppey Angling*

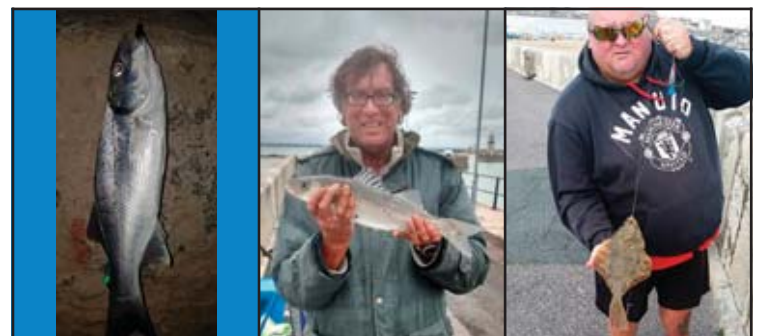
Fishing has shown a marked improvement recently. A number of codling have been reported at Bartons Point and the Garrison. Local boats, charter and commercial, have also found some out in the Estuary. Not huge numbers but encouraging nonetheless. Plenty of whiting after dark and still some rays. The bass are still showing in good numbers but the flatfish have been rather more elusive. Sheppey Angling has the Kent Classic forms in store for this prestigious competition taking place on the 11 November. This Open match costs £20 to enter and there are optional pools available on the day including a Pairs entry. Please order your bait well in advance as demand will be high!



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Thanet report *courtesy of Fishermens Corner*

The warm weather and often clear water has made the fishing challenging in the shallower Thanet marks. Still eels, flatfish, scad and the odd mackerel being caught. The lure anglers are still finding fish and a few mullet around as well. Although the fishing has been hard through the peak of the Summer, it is now starting to switch back on. Dogfish are now moving back in and anglers are also finding bass, more flatfish and still a few mackerel. Chris Harman pictured with a nice school bass and Darren with a lovely sized flounder. Fisherman's Corner tackle shop is situated 2 minutes from the pier and is well stocked with quality baits and tackle 01843 582174.



Deal report *courtesy of David Chamberlain*

The whiting shoals normally arrive throughout October and provide the beach and pier anglers plenty action. Although they are despised by some, at least they bring movement to the rod tip and some sport for the angler. Later in the month, and into November, the larger whiting appear; feeding on the sprats and herring. It is well worthwhile keeping some of these and

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