



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020

SHIRLEY SEA ANGLING CLUB
SOUTHAMPTON



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Greetings to all Members and a huge welcome to new members, particularly our new junior members.

The committee would like to keep you up to date with what has been going on in this difficult year and how we hope to plan for the future. Luckily one of the sports able to continue has been fishing, but we have had to run the competitions strictly in line with Angling Trust Guidelines, which at times has been difficult, because we all like to compare our catches.

SHORE REPORT

However, the Club has pulled together and with your great support we have managed to run a Shore League, Knockout and Pairs which we hope to be able to complete in December. It has been disjointed having to deal with 2 Lockdowns but we have had 44 different members fish so far this year averaging over 20 per Competition, so we consider that a success bearing in mind the circumstances. A one off memorial trophy in honor of Bob Patterson will be presented for this year's Senior Shore Champion, Senior Shore Runner Up, Junior Shore Champion, Ladies Shore Champion, Knockout winner and cash prizes for the Pairs winners

Congratulations to Will Constance who managed to break the Club shore caught Blonde Ray record which has stood since 1972. Will's Ray was 4kg 139g measuring 53cm across the wings. Well done.

There is no doubt Covid 19 will have implications for the way we fish into next year. For this reason, we must ensure that the relevant guidelines are observed at all times particularly during the sign on and weigh in. We all have varying opinions about this virus but please bear in mind some members are more likely to be impacted than others and we owe it to them to ensure they can fish with peace of mind.

We would ask that you wear a mask just while signing on and at the end while handing in your record card, and observe the relevant social distancing and rules on groups. We also ask that you place the exact entry fee in an envelope with your name(s) and put it in a box provided by the Signing on Officer. At the end of the Competition please place your record card in the box provided. Once these restrictions are lifted, we should be able to enjoy a more relaxed and sociable weigh in.

We still hope to hold our final Competition of the year at Weston on Sunday 6th December subject to Covid restrictions lifting. We are not able to conduct the normal raffle as previously explained but the Club will be putting the Xmas Fayre fund into the prize pot allowing us to pay 7 places on the day. As members have contributed to the fund throughout the year, this match will be for members only so please no guests on this occasion.

Regretfully, we shall not be able to hold an Annual General Meeting this year where all members can express their views and vote for or against proposed changes. Therefore, if you have anything you wish to raise then please do so by writing to any Committee member by Sat 5 December 2020.

The following are proposed for next year: -

1. Run a full Championship and associated trophies with 13 Competitions counting the best 10 scores. This will include a Knockout and Pairs Competition.
2. No fishing allowed 30 minutes prior to the start of a competition.
3. Record cards to be signed off by another member confirming measurements have been witnessed and lone anglers must photo every fish against a measure showing whole fish from head to tail
4. Increase the Match Fee to £5 inclusive of £1 Heaviest Fish Pool.
5. Increase the number of cash prizes for each Competition to 5 places providing we have a minimum of 15 anglers. If we have 25 or more anglers then 6 places will be paid out. There will be a cap of £25 for winner. This will allow more people to have the chance of a cash prize. If less than 5 weigh in then funds to be split proportionally between them with no cap.
6. Only £5 to be taken from Match fees towards Xmas Fayre rather than 10% generally meaning a larger prize pot for Competitors.
7. Decrease the minimum size limit for Conger Eels to 80cm. At this size they are still a substantial fish converting to just under 1kg and will increase catches.

We have 13 planned fixtures and the signing on points and boundaries will be advertised on Facebook and the Club website prior to each match. The boundaries will also be shown on the Club board at the sign on. If in doubt please ask.

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| Saturday 9 th January 2021 | – Stokes Bay to Haslar Wall – 1600 to 2200 |
| Saturday 13 th February 2021 | – Hayling Island – 1830 to 0030 |
| Saturday 27 th March 2021 | – West Bexington – 1630 to 2230 |
| Saturday 24 th April 2021 | – Hordle – 1800 to 2400 |
| Saturday 8 th May 2021 | – Aldwick – 1800 to 2400 |
| Saturday 5 th June 2021 | – Hamble to Westfield Common – 1830 to 0030 |
| Saturday 3 rd July 2021 | – Warsash – 1700 to 2300 |
| Sunday 29 th August 2021 | – Hurst – 1400 to 2000 |
| Saturday 11 th September 2021 | – Ferrybridge to Chesil Cove – 1700 to 2300 |
| Saturday 2 nd October 2021 | – Highcliffe – 1700 to 2300 |
| Saturday 30 th October 2021 | – Lee on The Solent – 1700 to 2300 |
| Saturday 20 th November 2021 | – Sandbanks – 1700 to 2300 |
| Sunday 5 th December 2021 | – Weston to Netley – 0830 to 1430 |

SHALLOW BOATS

These are the proposed dates for 2021, with everyone starting from under the Itchen Bridge. We hope to run these competitions for Championship positions at the end of year.

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| Sun 17 th January 2021 | – 10.00 -16.00 | Sun 25 th July 2021 | – 10.00 -16.30 |
| Sun 14 th March 2021 | – 09.00 -15.00 | Sun 22 nd August 2021 | –09.30 -15.30 |
| Sun 11 th April 2021 | – 09.00 -15.00 | Sun 26 th Sept 2021 | –12.00 -18.00 |
| Sun 30 th May 2021 | – 12.00 -18.00 | Sun 24 th Oct 2021 | – 10.30 -16.30 |
| Sun 13 th June 2021 | – 11.30 -17.30 | Sun 7 th Nov 2021 | – 09.00 -15.00 |
| | | Sun 19 th Dec | – 08.30 -14.30 |

Shallow Boats has been a bit of a challenge, but we have run a few competitions between lockdowns. The November competition will be cancelled, but hopefully we will have the December competition on 20th December.

Slipway clean ups have taken place and thanks to members for coming along to help. We have also taken the opportunity to tidy up the compound and make a bit more space around member's boats. We do not want any rubbish left in the compound, please take everything home.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We will be issuing 2021 club competition books in the new year, along with your membership card. All paid up members for 2020 will have automatic free membership for 2021, but if anyone has a change of address or any contact details please let Carol Groves, Membership Secretary know.

As we cannot have the AGM, any member who feels that they can contribute to the running of the club are welcome to apply to come onto the committee, please contact Dave Neil by the end of the year. Meetings are normally held on the first Friday of each month, at Festival Hall, Merryoak.

A big THANK YOU to everyone, but especially the committee for the hard work put in this year to keep Shirley SAC running from strength to strength.

Cups and Trophies will need to be handed in by the end of the year, please return on the December competitions or drop off at Adey Groves, 52 Haig Road, SO50 8JN

Tide Tables are available to purchase from Gavin Pridy or chairman Dave Neil at £1.50 each.

Just when we thought we were going to get a Bingo evening, we were restricted on numbers again, so alas Bingo is still on hold. Likewise we have booked the hall for a social evening in March, but will have to go with guidelines to know if it can be held. We were hoping this would be a fitting memorial to Bob, and will keep you up to date in the New Year.

Deep Boat section is unlikely to be able to restart before April 2021, but members that would be interested in some deep boat fishing Richard Knight is our man and he is still in contact with Skippers.

Hope to see you all on the shore or in a boat in 2021, remember all information is kept up to date on the website or face book.

Stay safe, Tight Lines and Happy Christmas - Your Shirley SAC Committee