



THE SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

*******PRESS RELEASE*******

NEW BRITISH MEASURED AND RELEASED RECORD

The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain has gone through many changes over the decades, and none more so important than the changes to their policy regarding Catch and Release. The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain has promoted the policy of Catch and Release since 1994, and there have been no reported sharks being killed by anglers, for the purpose of weighing a shark, for many years now.

The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain has been very proud to be part of a number of research tagging schemes, including the tagging scheme that they are currently part of, operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a department of the US Government.

In continued promotion and support of Catch and Release, the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain has now introduced a new British Measured and Released Record list, as of **1ST JUNE 2017**. The existing current British record list will remain in place, but running a long side this will be the New record List.

To claim a British Measured and Released Record, the shark must be caught, measured and released alive. The anglers of Britain have shown their passion for Shark Angling, but also their passion for the conservation of these incredible creatures, and this new Record List gives anglers an opportunity to claim a British Record, whilst maintaining and adhering to the catch and release policy promoted by the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain.

Please see below for the full criteria and qualification rules regarding claiming a British Measured and Released Record.

British Measured and Released Record – Claim Criteria

The British record for any species of shark shall be that existing on the opening day of the Shark Angling Club's season (Currently 01ST October).

Any member wishing to claim either a World or British record must apply to the Secretary within fourteen days of the capture of the fish for the appropriate World or British record declaration form.



All claims for a **British Measured And Released Record** must be accompanied by the following:

- (a) A clear photograph of the shark, in profile, along with a measuring tape or another easily visible measuring device showing the length (Tip of the nose to the fork of the tail).
- (b) A clear photograph showing the Girth of the shark, along with a measuring tape or another easily visible measuring device showing the girth measurement.
- (c) 27.69 Metres (30 yards) of line and 1 metre (3 ft) of trace and the hook used in the catch. Where double line is used, 4.62 metres (5 yards) from the double line must be included in the yardage. If less than 5 yards was doubled, the entire double line must be included in the yardage for catches in classes of less than 24kg (50lb test). Double this amount for catches in line classes 24kg (50lb) test or more. The sample must be in one piece.
- (d) A SACGB Declaration form, completed fully and accurately.
- (e) Measurements and details needed:

SHARK	A) Length from tip of nose to fork of tail
	B) Girth, taken from around the body at the dorsal fin, but excluding the fin.
ROD AND REEL:	Details of the make and size of reel and Rod
LINE	Make and quoted breaking strain

The Shark must be caught, measured and released, alive.

The Record will be calculated by combining the length and girth of the Shark, in inches.

Declaration and claim forms are available from the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain. These are available to download from the website:

www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk, or by contacting the SACGB on following telephone number: 07470 046 522; or via email: sharkclublooe@gmail.com

Any queries regarding this press release should be directed to the SACGB via email.