



SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Summer 2013 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Despite the national coverage of the landslides earlier this year, Looe was open for business this summer and we have enjoyed good weather and excellent fishing. We have recorded a total of 583 sharks caught and released here since the beginning of the season.

Sharks have featured regularly in the media this summer with a big blue spotted by a diver off Newquay. The annual Great White (this year in Falmouth) and of course, the first Shortfin Mako caught and released in the U.K. since 1972 – in Milford Haven.

Closer to home, four Porbeagles have been caught and released by Looe boats this year and a further three in commercial nets – none of them were of notable size but this is an interesting sign for the future.

On the 26th July a Blue shark of 112 inches estimated to be over 160lbs was caught by Aaron Schonz of Portsmouth aboard Phil Staes boat VITAL SPARK , launched from Looe. The shark was measured, tagged and released by Phil, quite an achievement in a 16ft boat!.

The Shark festival this year was our most successful to date, with 31 anglers taking part, 62 sharks were caught and released over the 3 days. The 3 winning sharks were all in excess of 100lbs. The results will follow later in this newsletter.



Phil Staes with the Shark on his lap.



Aaron Schonz releasing the Shark

The Annual Dinner/Dance presentation evening will be held at the **Hannaford Point Hotel on Saturday 12th October 2013, 7-30pm** for **8pm**. The cost of the tickets will be £21 each.

The hotel is doing a special rate for Bed & Breakfast for anyone wishing to stay over. Please contact the hotel direct on 01503 263273 to make a reservation.

Dates for your 2014 Diary.

2 day Reef Competition

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May 2014

Shark Festival

Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th & Friday 11th July 2014

The AGM will take place on Thursday 10th July at Looe Lifeboat Station at 8pm.

Results of the 2013 Shark festival

1st Dave Clarke

2nd John Lock

3rd Richard Nethersole

Most Sharks caught went to John Lock with a total of 6.

The winning skipper of the biggest fish was Patrick Davis on Carrie Jane and the skipper with most sharks caught was Dave Bond of the Mystique 11 with a total of 15.



Dave Clarke winner of the Shark Festival receiving his trophy

The 2 day reef competition held in June was a success, the results are as follows:-

1st Steve Taylor

2nd Richard Turner

3rd Chris Benning

Heaviest Conger David Marshall

Heaviest Ling Richard Turner

Heaviest Pollack Chris Smith.

The proceeds of the fish weighed on Looe fish market totaling £103-20 was donated to Looe Lifeboat.

As you will see from the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2012 the club has made a loss the first time since 1994. This is mainly due to a poor summer weather wise and an increased wage bill. See profit & loss account below.

The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain Profit and Loss Account 2012

Income

Sales	£11,025	
Cost of Sales	<u>£4,256</u>	
Gross Profit		£6,769
Interest	£20	
Subscriptions	£2,685	
Festivals	£12,243	
Booking Com	£10,382	
		<u>£25,330</u>
		£32,099

Expenditure

Festivals	£15,023
Administration	£11,679
Establishment	£8,840
Financial	£690
Depreciation	£308
	<u>£36,540</u>

NET LOSS FOR YEAR (£4,441)