

SHARK ANGLING CLUB of GREAT BRITAIN

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1964

The year showed a considerable improvement over 1963 in all respects, particularly the weather. There were, indeed, few days in which shark boats were confined to harbour owing to bad weather and the season extended well into a mild and sunny October.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the year was the killing of three Mako sharks, each of which exceeded in weight the previous British record (428½ lb.). Mr. S. G. Miller started the ball rolling with his 435 lb. Mako, to be followed by a 476 lb. Mako caught by Mr. W. J. Rodgers, a new British Record. Even after all this excitement Mr. F. H. Cook caught the runner-up to the new British Record with a 449 lb. Mako.

The total of sharks caught during 1964 from boats operating from Looe was 2,752, compared with 1,864 in 1963 and 2,345 in 1962.

The total number of shark boat expeditions during the season amounted to 1,588 and the average number of sharks caught per expedition was 1.73. This means that any one "going sharking" had a very good chance of catching one, or at least of seeing one caught.

Membership

As a result of a greater number of qualifying catches, the intake of new members increased this year to 155, qualifying from ports along the southern coast and islands as shown in the following list:—

Looe	104	Shanklin	1
Falmouth	23	Newquay	1
Mevagissey	7	Teignmouth	1
Salcombe	5	Newton Ferrers	1
Penzance	5	St. Peter's Port, C.I.	1
Brixham	3	Exmouth	1
Bournemouth	2		

The total number of members now stands at 942.

Officers

The following members were appointed to the Committee at the last Annual General Meeting held on the 16th October, 1964, at the Public Hall, Looe:—Messrs. E. T. Barnes, J. Butters, T. Clark, B. Dingle, P. Heathman, J. S. Horrex, F. Prynne and E. C. Were. As President of the Club, Brig. J. A. L. Caunter becomes ex-officio a member of the Committee. At the first meeting of the new Committee Mr. E. T. Barnes was appointed Chairman and Mr. E. C. Were Vice-Chairman.

S.A.C.G.B. Headquarters and Office

The Headquarters and Offices of the Club were moved on 25th March, 1964, to the Jolly Sailor Inn, West Looe, where the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Hon. Deputy Secretary and Mrs. N. Clemens are in attendance and will be delighted to see and welcome members visiting the district. The telephone number is Looe 2642 (not to be confused with that of the Jolly Sailor Inn which has an entirely separate number).

Festival, 1965

The Fifth British International Shark and Deep Sea Angling Festival will be held at Looe this year from Friday, 1st October, to the following Friday, 8th October, inclusive. Although arrangements and regulations are as yet only in the preliminary stage, the following information is available but should be regarded as tentative:—

Bottom Fishing (3 days) : 3rd–5th October inclusive.

Conger Fishing (1 day) : 6th October.

Shark Fishing (2 days) : 7th and 8th October.

Further details may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Rogerson) at the Jolly Sailor Inn, West Looe.

Annual Dinner and Dance

Over 170 members and guests attended the Annual Dinner and Dance at the Hannafore Point Hotel on Friday, 16th October. During the occasion the Club's Prizes and Trophies were presented by the President. For the first time in this country at a function of this magnitude, smoked shark appeared as an item on the menu and was served with slices of lemon and brown bread and butter. Many of those present said it was delicious, others were not quite so sure and some could not bring themselves to try it.

“ At Homes ”

Every Wednesday evening during the Season the President and Committee held an “ At Home ” at the Hannafore Point Hotel to welcome members and friends visiting Looe. Some of these occasions were very successful and well attended and it is intended to continue them during 1965 when it is hoped that more members will know about them and take the opportunity of meeting officers of their Club. The Publicity Committee has been authorised by the Executive Committee to instal in the Resident's Bar at the Hannafore Point Hotel display boards recording notable catches and photographs showing the catching and weighing of outstanding fish. Similar photographs will also be displayed in both bars of the Jolly Sailor Inn.

Weighing Site

Members who visited the site during the season will have noted certain improvements and additions to the amenities, notably a hut which protects members (and staff) in inclement weather, and a large 3ft. dia. dial recording the type of shark being weighed and its actual weight. This big dial, which can be read from 30 yards, has been much appreciated by the large crowds of visitors who gather round the site during the weighing procedure and who, over the season, must have taken hundreds of photographs and films.

The Publicity Committee, aware that the weighing site is in effect the shop window of the Club, have received permission from the Executive Committee to carry out further improvements during the coming year.

Club Ties

Owing to increased costs it has unfortunately been necessary to raise the price of Club Ties from 15s. 6d. to 17s. 6d. each. This applies to ties of all colours and designs. The price of bow-ties is not affected.

TROPHY WINNERS, 1964

Mitchell Hedges

Best Shark of the year

Winner: S. G. Miller, 435 lb. Mako

Alan Caunter

Best Shark by a Lady Member

Winner: Mrs. H. Eathorne, 142 lb. Blue

Runner-up: Mrs. H. Eathorne, 114 lb. Blue

Norman Lorraine

Best Blue Shark

Winner: R. G. Richardson-Hill, 184 lb. Blue

Runner-up: R. H. Ives, 157 lb. Blue

Sammy Porbeagle

Best Porbeagle

Winner: R. G. Richardson-Hill, 123 lb.

Martini Rossi

Best Thresher

No Award

Sercombe Oliver

Best Mako

Winner: S. G. Miller, 435 lb. Runner-up: M. Furness, 370 lb.

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Barbican (A. Orcutt Trophy)

Heaviest single-handed catch

Winner: R. H. Ives, 157 lb. Blue

1

R. C. Roberts

Best Qualifying Shark

Winner: F. N. Cook, 449 lb. Mako. Runner-up: W. Kern, 261 lb. Porbeagle

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S.A.C.G.B.

Member landing most Sharks of 100 lbs. or more

Joint Winners: R. G. Richardson-Hill and Mrs. H. Eathorne

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Venning

Most outstanding or unusual catch of the year

Winner: S. G. Miller, 435 lb. Mako

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Auger

First catch of 100 lbs. or over

Winner: F. G. Jessop, 112 lb. Blue (8.6.64)

1

Daphne Case

Best Shark caught in Looe waters by a local resident

Winner: Ivan Chaston, 75 lb. Blue

1

J. J. Holmes — Sussex

Best Shark caught by a Sussex resident

Winner: A. R. M. Visick, 101 lb. Blue

1

Micky Wonnal

For the runner-up of the Mitchell Hedges Trophy

Winner: M. Furness, 370 lb. Mako

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T. N. Foster

Heaviest Shark from a Port outside Great Britain

No Award

1

Leslie Andrews Light Tackle

Best on tackle of 50 lbs. breaking strain or under

Winner: S. James, 63½ lb. Blue on 16 lb. b/s. Runner-up: G. Tucker

2

W. K. Wileman — Midland Trophy (with replica)

Best by member living within 50 miles of Nuneaton

Winner : F. E. Jessop, 112 lb. Blue Runner-up : J. Wallbank, 90 lb. Blue

2

Phil Heathman

First Shark of 75 lbs. or over in a calendar year

Winner : R. G. Rule, 97 lb. Blue (31.5.64)

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OPEN CHALLENGE TROPHY

Marsden Sutcliffe

Best by any angler under 16 years of age

Winner : Stephen Kemp-King, 105 lb. Blue

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BOATMEN'S TROPHIES

Cock of the Fleet

Boat with largest number of Sharks

Winner : Renee — 269 Sharks

1

Looe Fishermen's Protection Association

Owner of boat winning Cock of the Fleet Trophy

Winner : I. Chaston

Runner-up : E. Williams

2

T. Clark

Highest average daily catch (40 trips to qualify)

Winner : R. Vinnicombe, 3.17

Runner-up : I. Chaston, 3.06

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PLAQUES

Best Shark of the Month

October, 1963 ...	J. P. Heydeman (Holland)
June, 1964	S. G. Miller
July	R. H. Ives
August	C. Capel
September	Mrs. H. Eathorne
October	W. E. Elliott

THE SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Emblems Account for the year ended 31st December, 1964

1963		1964	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
821	16 8	770	8 10
396	2 3	690	15 5
243	5 4
£1461 4 3		758	13 4
		535	3 4
		Sales	
		Stock, 31st December, 1964	
		£1294 16 8	

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1964

1963		1964	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
9	9 0	243	5 4
30	15 3	425	5 0
10	10 6	885	11 6
86	16 3	60	1 4
£1294 16 8		INCOME	
		Profit on Emblems brought down	
		Entrance Fees	
		Subscriptions	
		Interest	
		£1294 16 8	
EXPENDITURE			
50	15 0	82	9 0
15	0 0	52	5 8
62	10 0	4	10 0
6	10 0	11	2 3
16	17 6	21	8 9
182	0 0	185	0 0
130	14 9	15	10 0
117	10 9	139	5 2
150	3 6	146	19 4
92	19 3	129	13 3
16	14 9	145	10 0
412	10 0	5	0 0
50	4 10	550	0 0
21	4 8	86	18 4
71	5 0	18	13 6
39	12 2	9	13 3
£1294 16 8		61	12 8

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1964

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1963		1963	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
3866 11 3	3866 11 3	Office Furniture—	61 10 10
Capital—	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	As at 31st Dec., 1963 ...	22 0 0
	61 12 8		
	3928 3 11	Less Depreciation ...	83 10 10
24 19 0	Sundry Creditors—		20 0 0
Accountancy ...	9 9 0	Weighting Fixtures—	
Printing and Stationery	6 5 0	As at 31st Dec., 1963 ...	29 10 0
Subscriptions in Advance	66 16 1	Since Added ...	99 12 10
25 0 0	Mitchell Hedges Cash Award ...	Less Depreciation ...	129 2 10
	25 0 0		32 5 8
		Trophies	96 17 2
		Abbey National Building Society	606 0 0
			1669 14 9
		Prizes	1715 18 11
		Emblems	546 2 1
		Stationery	83 5 0
		Sundry Debtors	536 3 4
		Cash in Hand	12 0 0
		Bankers	631 8 4
			51 12 3
			24 18 6
			299 5 11
£3979 14 2	£4035 14 0		£4035 14 0

THOS. CLARK, Hon. Sec./Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain,
 I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in accordance with the books and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at the 31st December, 1964, and the Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1964.

1st January, 1965.
 G. W. PILLAR,
 Chartered Accountant.

NOTABLE FISH LIST, 1964

Blue Sharks

Richardson-Hill, R. G....	184 lb.	Eathorne, J.	108 lb.
Balayan, D.	159 "	Scott, A.	107 "
Ives, R. H.	157 "	Potter, B. S.	107 "
Wilkins, T.	146 "	Brown, C. J.	106 "
Penfound, D. C.	146 "	Garney, F.	106 "
Andrews, D.	146 "	Miss A. Marsh	106 "
Cawthray, R.	144 "	Whale, J.	106 "
Bicker, J.	142 "	Hare, E.	106 "
Mrs. H. Eathorne	142 "	Mrs. H. Eathorne	106 "
Westlake, M.	140 "	Winton, L.	105 "
Narsman, J.	140 "	Kemp-King, S.	105 "
Thistleton, D.	140 "	Dr. W. H. Blow	105 "
Homfray, C. O.	138 "	Ives, R. H.	105 "
Miss J. Spencer	138 "	Reckitt, R.	105 "
Smith, W. D.	136 "	Harcup, D. M.	105 "
Cole, W. E.	134 "	Barker, C. J.	104 "
Crewe, R. A.	129 "	Jackson, J.	104 "
Rowe, W.	128 "	Wilkins, T.	104 "
Tucker, D.	124 "	Parry, H. A.	103 "
Hardaker, A.	120 "	Eaton, E. L.	103 "
Lane, E. C.	120 "	Nottelman, J.	103 "
Westlake, W.	118 "	Jenner, J. E.	102 "
May, C.	118 "	Cheetham, K.	102 "
Hill, P. W.	117 "	Padfield, R. M.	102 "
Shipp, S. H.	117 "	Dr. W. H. Blow	102 "
Capt. Van Den Oever... ..	115 "	Robinson, D. G. F.	102 "
Winton, R. A.	115 "	Spurrier, W. F.	102 "
Dews, J.	115 "	Gierth, R.	102 "
Harrel, P. C.	115 "	Goodman, J. D.	102 "
Phillips, R.	114 "	Wade, W. J.	102 "
Cole, D. A.	114 "	Cobert, S.	101 "
Harvey, A.	114 "	Visick, M.	101 "
Mrs. H. Eathorne	114 "	Mrs. J. N. Cornelius	101 "
Stewart, G.	114 "	Wood, A. V.	101 "
Robinson, T. P.	114 "	Andrews, D.	101 "
Baker, G.	114 "	Hallam, J. E.	100 "
Stephens, J. P.	114 "	Gregory, H.	100 "
Williams, J. L.	113 "	Sharp, M.	100 "
Jessop, F. E.	112 "	Rogerson, H.	100 "
Richardson-Hill, R. G....	112 "	Yates, D.	100 "
Sanders, M.	111 "	Westlake, P.	100 "
Maddock, J.	111 "	Webster, P.	100 "
Armstrong, F. J.	110 "	Thorneloe, P.	100 "
Sexty, P. W.	110 "	Ashwell, D. G.	100 "
Smith, R.	110 "	Mr. Hobbins	100 "
Hughes, H. S.	110 "	Booth, E. G.	100 "
Thacker, L.	108 "		

Porbeagle Sharks

Kern, W.	261 lb.	Atkinson, G. D.	108 lb.
Thwaites, L. A.	125 "	Wyatt, R. E.	106 "
Richardson-Hill, R. G.	123 "		

Mako Sharks

Rodgers, W. J.	476 lb.	Furness, M.	370 lb.
Cook, F. H.	449 "	Capel, C.	278 "
Miller, S. G.	435 "	Stubbington, J. V.	240 "

CLUB BADGES AND EMBLEMS

The following items are in stock at the prices shown:—

	£	s.	d.
Club Blazer Badge	2	10	0
Club Tie—Blue, Green, Maroon		17	6
Club Tie—Plain Blue or Green with single Shark motif		17	6
Club Bow Tie—Blue, Green or Maroon		6	6
Club Self Tie Bows—Blue, Green or Maroon		15	6
Club Boat Burgee (Large)	2	5	0
Club Boat Burgee (Small)	2	2	6
Club Lapel Badges		3	9
Club Car Badge	3	15	0
Club Gold Shark Tie Pin (limited to members who have caught a Shark of 100 lbs. or over)	2	15	0
Club Gold and Enamel Burgee Tie Pin	4	10	0
Club Gold and Enamel Lapel Badge or Brooch	7	10	0
Club Button-hole Gold and Enamel Burgee Badge	5	10	0
Club Cap Badge	1	7	6
Club Scarf (Ladies Triangle), Design and colour as Ties	1	5	0
Club Engraved Varaflame Butane Lighter (Ronson)	4	0	0

To be obtained from:—

- The Club Hon. Secretary.
- J. Bray & Son, The Quay, East Looe.
- A. Smith, The Tackle Shop, East Looe.
- H. Hocking, Fish Bar, The Quay, East Looe.
- A. B. Harvey, 2 Market Strand, Falmouth.
- G. Crossley-Meates, Heyle, Helford Passage, Nr. Falmouth.

BOATS

The following Boats and Skippers are expected to be available in 1965 :—

Looe Shark Boats

ASTRA	*A. Clements, 16 Woodlands View, West Looe.
BLOSSOM	*J. Symonds, Chapel Ground, West Looe.
CLAIRE	R. Butters, 2 Elmhurst, Barbican Hill, East Looe.
ELLA	W. H. Hocking, Yardley House, Downderry.
IRENE	*R. Pengelly, St. Aubyns, Hannafore, West Looe.
LADY BETTY	*A. Dingle, 56 Sunrising Estate, East Looe.
MAXIE	*Rex Barnes, Bay View, West Looe.
MAY QUEEN	*I. Kitto, 1 Woodlands View, West Looe.
MOBY DICK	*D. Sammels, 2 Buller Flats, East Looe.
NAUTILUS	*Bert Dingle, Bodgara, Shutta, East Looe.
PAULA	*Jack Butters, Ivangor, East Looe.
RENEE	*W. I. Chaston, 6 Wesley Terrace, Shutta Road, East Looe.
SEA BIRD	*L. Butters, Lower Chapel Street, East Looe.
SILVER SPRAY	*E. Williams, Barbican, East Looe.
SKITTEN	I. Soady, The Court, Princes Street, West Looe.
POLARIS	*F. Prynne, Heathcote, The Downs, West Looe.

Looe Luggers

EILEEN	W. Toms, Gurwen, Fore Street, East Looe.
GUIDE ME	E. Pengelly, Riverside House, West Looe.
IR.I.S.	F. Pengelly, Upalong, East Looe.
OUR BOYS	W. Pengelly, Middle Market Street, East Looe.
OUR DADDY	A. J. Pengelly, Chapel Street, East Looe.

Falmouth Shark Boats

FATHOMER	G. Crossley Meates, Heyle, Helford Passage, Nr. Falmouth.
COMPASS ROSE	*F. Vinnicombe, West Winds, Mylor, Falmouth.
MOSS ROSE	*F. Vinnicombe, West Winds, Mylor, Falmouth.
GIRL CHRISTIAN	*F. Vinnicombe, West Winds, Mylor, Falmouth.
INTER NOS	*R. Vinnicombe, 11 Lemon Hill, Mylor, Falmouth.
SWORDFISH	C. Powell, 126 Dracaena Avenue, Falmouth.
VERA	Pat Bagnall, Tresillian, Church Road, Mylor Bridge, Falmouth.

Newquay Shark Boats

OCEAN BELLE	Geoff Morris, 27 Pentire Crescent, Newquay.
OCEAN RANGER	Hubert Morris, 39 Carminow Way, Newquay.

Newton Ferrers Shark Boats

LADY BETTY II	*R. H. Ives, Armadale, Court Road, Newton Ferrers.
SALT WIND	Paddy Inderwick, Yealm Oyster Fisheries, The Handyman, Newton Ferrers.

Penzance Shark Boats

ENTERPRISE F. Williams, 10 Custom House Court, Penzance.
THUNA F. Westren, Queen Street, Penzance.

Mevagissey Shark Boats

OUR JOHN } T. Wright, Mevagissey Shark Fishing Centre,
VALHALLA } Mevagissey.

Brixham Shark Boats

COMMANDER II *G. E. Dyer, Commander II, Brixham.
KOH-I-NOOR D. Stone, Castor Road, Brixham.

Polperro Shark Boat

WESTWARD *W. Cowan, Tre-Pol-Pen, Landaviddy Lane,
Polperro.

Exmouth Shark Boats

PIONEER *Ted Lane, Flat 2, 117 Salterton Road, Exmouth.
DONNA MARIA *Sid Jones, Trafalgar House, Exmouth.

Salcombe Shark Boats

LADY MARY *J. Hopkinson, Yacht Treble Chance, Salcombe.

* Member of the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain.