

SHARK ANGLING CLUB

OF

GREAT BRITAIN

FINAL REPORT FOR 1954-55

At the end of the Club's year, there were 187 members, of whom over 80 qualified for membership this year. (The raising of the qualifying weight to 75 lb. obviously did not deter those who had set their minds on becoming members.)

One thousand, one hundred and fifty sharks were recorded in the season. Amongst these were Mrs. Hetty Eathorne's magnificent porbeage of 352 lb. (the Club has taken steps to try and claim this as a British record); Mr. H. Whiddett's British record-breaking "blue" of 180 lb., for which he also won the "Le Guillon" Prize Reel. The 1953 British record for "blues," 122 lb., was beaten no less than seven times by: R. Daniel 131 lb., R. C. Hiam 130 lb., Dr. Hales 124 lb., G. E. Shaw 138 lb., Mrs. Eathorne 132½ lb., T. Penton 124 lb.; and, of course, H. Whiddett 180 lb.

It is certain that several hundred sharks were landed at Looe this season which through various reasons were not declared. It would be reasonable to estimate the total number of sharks caught at Looe this season as being in the region of 1,400. This is a lot of "shark," and we wonder what will happen in the coming season.

CLUB RULE BOOK

As promised, a new Rule Book in a detachable folder was produced and issued to all members. It is felt that excepting for the occasional loop hole that might be brought to light by something unusual occurring, the Club's rules are very sound and fair.

We do not think any member is without a Rule Book, Membership Card and Lapel Pin. Any member, if any, who is without can, by notifying the Hon. Secretary, be issued immediately with same.

Lapel Badges	...	...	3/9
Blazer	..	...	50/-
Ties	...	...	25/-
Shark Tie Pins	...	...	50/-
(100 lb. Shark or over)			
Burgee Tie Pins	...	...	80/-
Car Badges	...	...	60/-
Burgees	...	...	35/-

Can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on October 16th, and was well attended by a representative body of members.

Many things were discussed, and it was generally agreed that the Club was running along to the members' satisfaction.

ANNUAL DINNER

Sixty-eight members and friends sat down to what was described as the best annual dinner yet. The food was excellent, the wine flowed, and our magnificent array of trophies was well shared out, and also well filled up.

The President, F. A. Mitchell Hedges, and his daughter, Miss Le Guillon, received the members and guests; their presence, charm and wit greatly added to the success of the evening.

Loyal greetings to Her Majesty were sent from the Club and the following telegram was received from Buckingham Palace :

"The Chairman, S.A.C.G.B. (Looe).

Please convey to the President and members of the S.A.C.G.B. assembled this evening on the occasion of their third annual dinner the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal message of good wishes."

Private Secretary.

GENERAL

This summer, unlike 1954, was as the majority will remember from boyhood days, "a real English summer," sun from morn to night, "flat seas," the real thing. Members took full advantage of this weather, and it is not surprising that such a notable and large number of shark was landed. Again, as in 1954, some difficulty was encountered in finding enough boats for everyone; this will always be, and the only solution the Club can give is for members to book well in advance. There is an increasing number of beginners trying the sport, and although we want these people to "Have a Go," it is up to the members to "Get in First." The following boats will be available for hire this coming season and now is the time to book up:

"Paula," W. Butters, East Looe.

"Claire," C. Butters, Barbican, East Looe.

"Atlantis," B. Dingle, East Looe.

"Maxie," R. Barnes, West Looe.

"Lady Betty," A. Dingle, West Looe.

"Blossom," J. Dingle, West Looe.

"May Queen," C. Tamblyn, East Looe.

"Silver Spray," E. Williams, Barbican, East Looe.

"Sea Bird," East Looe.

New boat, not yet named, P. Case, Hannafore, Looe.

The Hon. Secretary will supply addresses of these boats if required, although the above will find the owners.

The Club approached the White Fish Authority re the commercial use of sharks; they said that, although there was no use at the moment, they had it under consideration.

Plenty of publicity has been given to Shark Angling, and what with television, newspapers and magazines, the S.A.C.G.B. has certainly made itself known throughout the country.

BRITISH RECORDS

As previously stated, an effort has been made to clarify the position of whether or not fish caught in Southern Ireland stand as British Records. The Club drafted a letter to all the fishing magazines and, what with a movement already afoot by certain people, it might well be that these fish caught in Southern Ireland since 1922 will not be eligible for British records. It might be then that Mrs. Eathorne's 352 lb. Porbeagle and Mr. Whiddett's 180 lb. Blue Shark will give the S.A.C.G.B. both British records.

CLUB BADGES

Many members have already purchased the Club's official car badge, lapel badges and tie pins. What with the Club blazer, badge and tie, we hope that members will make themselves known in various towns, etc., by seeing these badges on other members, they probably have not already met.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS

It has been decided to move the H.Q. into the centre of Looe, nearer the boats, and the Club has been fortunate in obtaining the Salutation Inn for its H.Q. This has always been the unofficial H.Q., and most members eventually find their way there during the course of their stay in Looe. (More big sharks have been "On" and got away in the "Sal" than anywhere in Great Britain!) With an excellent committee room upstairs, which members can use during the summer months for a quiet drink and talk, it is felt that having the H.Q. close to the boats will soon prove an asset.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1956

The Club has adopted the "Banker's Order" system, and these forms will be made available to members. Again it is felt that many will prefer to pay this way. Of course members can, as in the past, just send along their cheque if they wish.

Notable Fish List, 1954-55

PORBEAGLE SHARKS

<i>Caught by</i>	<i>Weight in lb.</i>	<i>Place</i>
Mrs. Hetty Eathorne	352	Looe

BLUE SHARKS

<i>Caught by</i>	<i>Weight in lb.</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Caught by</i>	<i>Weight in lb.</i>	<i>Place</i>
H. Whiddett	180	Looe	Mrs. Case	113	Looe
G. E. Shaw	138	Looe	Miss Oliver	112	Looe
Mrs. Eathorne	132½	Looe	J. K. Plumpton	112	Looe
R. Daniel	131	Looe	D. C. Wilson	110½	Looe
R. C. Hiam	130	Looe	L. J. Duxbury	110	Looe
D. R. Hales	124	Looe	Dr. N. S. R. Lorraine	110	Looe
T. Penton	124	Looe	Mrs. Case	109½	Looe
A. W. Roxton	122	Looe	P. Case	109	Looe
F. Price	120	Looe	Mrs. P. Sutcliffe	108	Looe
Mrs. Case	119	Looe	R. C. Roberts	108	Looe
W. T. Rhodes	118	Looe	H. Cartmell	108	Looe
Dr. N. S. R. Lorraine	118	Looe	C. F. Cooper	108	Looe
C. Yarde	117	Looe	Hon. David Fielding	108	Looe
J. Venables	116	Looe	S. H. Tee	105	Looe
J. Randall	115	Looe	Dr. Mulligan	105	Looe
Mrs. Case	115	Looe	Mrs. Eathorne	105	Looe

<i>Caught by</i>	<i>Weight in lb.</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Caught by</i>	<i>Weight in lb.</i>	<i>Place</i>
F. Lyde Caunter	105	Looe	W. Elliott	89	Looe
R. H. Ives	105	Looe	D. Bellingham	88	Looe
A. W. Shilling	104	Looe	W. E. Witcher	88	Looe
C. H. Inkster	104	Looe	J. F. Hopkins	88	Looe
R. C. Roberts	103	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	88	Looe
R. Foot	102	Looe	R. C. Roberts	87	Looe
J. Eathorne	102	Looe	F. Hopkins	87	Looe
M. Sutcliffe	102	Looe	Mrs. Case	87	Looe
Mrs. Eathorne	100	Looe	Mrs. Case	87	Looe
C. Palmer	100	Looe	L. E. Day	87	Looe
J. Sutherland	100	Looe	G. Ranson	86	Looe
Mrs. Case	99	Looe	G. Ranson	86	Looe
R. Roberts	98	Looe	J. Ghazilian	86	Looe
T. Clark	98	Looe	C. Palmer	86	Looe
V. Connor	98	Looe	W. Lenthall	86	Looe
T. Eathorne	97	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	86	Looe
H. H. Robinson	97	Looe	T. Grithiths	85	Looe
B. Cawne	97	Looe	C. S. Lloyd	85	Looe
J. P. Hope	96	Looe	A. Menzies Simpson	85	Looe
K. Irish	96	Looe	W. K. Wileman	85	Looe
S. J. Taylor	96	Looe	Mrs. P. Shaw	84	Looe
Mrs. Eathorne	95	Looe	H. J. Rogers	84	Looe
F. C. Cobbledick	95	Looe	R. A. Hales	84	Looe
P. Case	94	Looe	M. Sutcliffe	84	Looe
P. Case	94	Looe	E. Wall	83	Looe
E. C. Were	94	Looe	W. J. Roxton	83	Looe
F. Prynne	94	Looe	R. Clark	83	Looe
A. Whittle	94	Looe	G. Ranson	83	Looe
N. R. S. Hawkins	94	Looe	J. C. Woolcombe	82	Looe
A. L. Smith	94	Looe	Mrs. P. Sutcliffe	82	Looe
C. Palmer	93	Looe	Capt. H. Ford	82	Looe
C. Palmer	93	Looe	H. Dagnall	82	Looe
Mr. Cutner	93	Looe	P. Grant	82	Looe
Mrs. Eathorne	93	Looe	J. P. H. Clay	82	Looe
Mrs. Sutcliffe	92	Looe	W. Elliott	82	Looe
S. H. Tee	92	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	82	Looe
W. Elliott	92	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	82	Looe
F. Lyde Caunter	92	Looe	S. H. Tee	81	Looe
A. B. Knight	92	Looe	Mrs. Case	81	Looe
J. C. Cameron	92	Looe	D. A. Benbow	81	Looe
G. Marsden	91	Looe	E. W. Benbow	80	Looe
H. Hopkins	91	Looe	H. Cartmell	80	Looe
Brig. J. A. L. Caunter	91	Looe	Mrs. Case	80	Looe
Mrs. Case	91	Looe	P. Heathman	80	Looe
Mrs. Case	91	Looe	J. Eathorne	80	Looe
Mrs. Case	90	Looe	Dr. N. S. R. Lorraine	80	Looe
G. W. Berrey	90	Looe	Dr. N. S. R. Lorraine	80	Looe
P. G. Robinson	90	Looe	Dr. Morgan	80	Looe
R. C. Roberts	90	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	80	Looe
S. H. Tee	90	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	80	Looe
Dr. N. S. R. Lorraine	90	Looe	J. W. Mackintosh	80	Looe
Mr. Orcutt	90	Looe	Mrs. Case	79	Looe
F. Lyde Caunter	90	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	79	Looe
F. Lyde Caunter	90	Looe	C. F. Unwin	79	Looe
W. J. Roxton	90	Looe	A. Dawson	79	Looe
W. J. Roxton	90	Looe	J. Sutherland	79	Looe
S. J. Taylor	90	Looe	J. Symons	79	Looe
B. Dingle	90	Looe	L. T. Daniels	79	Looe
A. M. Goldingay	90	Looe	B. Venables	78½	Looe
R. C. Roberts	89	Looe	Mr. Townson	78	Looe

<i>Caught by</i>	<i>Weight in lb.</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Caught by</i>	<i>Weight in lb.</i>	<i>Place</i>
H. F. Sterning	78	Looe	Dr. Lewis	75	Looe
W. N. Bolt	78	Looe	P. Case	75	Looe
T. Penton	78	Looe	S. H. Tee	76	Looe
F. Lyde Caunter	78	Looe	J. Kuchmy	76	Looe
F. Lyde Caunter	78	Looe	T. Eathorne	76	Looe
Mrs. Case	78	Looe	Dr. H. S. R. Lorraine	76	Looe
W. Allaway	78	Looe	Miss Wilkins	75½	Looe
Mrs. Case	77	Looe	Mrs. Kuchmy	75	Looe
R. H. Cunliffe	77	Looe	F. Lyde Caunter	75	Looe
J. C. King	77	Looe	Mrs. Case	75	Looe
J. Sherlock	77	Looe	C. S. Lloyd	75	Looe
Mrs. Eathorne	77	Looe	S. H. Tee	75	Looe
P. H. Polkinghorne	76	Looe	Mrs. Eathorne	75	Looe
H. Walker	76	Looe	M. Hinton	75	Looe
Capt. J. R. L. Caunter	76	Looe			

Trophy Winners, 1954-55

F. A. MITCHELL HEDGES TROPHY—Best Shark.

Winner—H. Whiddett. *Runners-up*—Tankard, Mrs. Eathorne.

S.A.C.G.B. TROPHY—Most Sharks, 100 lb., of Season.

Joint Winners—Mrs. D. Case. Mrs. H. Eathorne.

NORMAN LORRAINE TROPHY—Best Blue Shark.

Winner—H. Whiddett. *Runners-up*—Tankard, G. E. Shaw.

PAT CASE TROPHY—Best Porbeagle Shark.

Winner—Mrs. H. Eathorne. *Runners-up*—Tankard, Mrs. D. Case.

R. C. ROBERTS TROPHY—Best Qualifying Shark.

Winner—R. Daniel. *Runners-up*—Tankard, R. C. Hiam.

BARBICAN TROPHY—Heaviest Shark Single Handed.

Winner—P. Case. *Runners-up*—Tankard, Brig. J. A. L. Caunter.

AUGER TROPHY—First 100 lb. Shark of Season.

Winner—F. Lyde Caunter. *Runners-up*—Tankard, Dr. Mulligan.

LOOE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTION ASS. TROPHY—

Boatman Landing Most Sharks of Season.

Winner—E. Williams, "Silver Spray."

Runners-up—Tankard, F. Prynne, "May Queen."

COCK O' FLEET TROPHY—
Boat Landing Largest Number of Sharks in Season.

Winner—"Silver Spray," E. Williams.

DAPHNE CASE TROPHY—Best Blue Shark by Looe Resident.

Winner—Mrs. D. Case. *Runners-up*—Tankard, P. Case.

ALAN CAUNTER TROPHY—Best Shark by Lady Member.

Winner—Mrs. H. Eathorne. *Runners-up*—Tankard, Mrs. D. Case.

JUNE PLAQUE—Best Shark in June.

Winner—P. Case.

JULY PLAQUE—Best Shark in July.

Winner—H. Whiddett.

AUGUST PLAQUE—Best Shark in August.

Winner—Mrs. Eathorne.

SEPTEMBER PLAQUE—Best Shark in September.

Winner—F. Price.

OCTOBER PLAQUE—Best Shark in October.

Winner—F. Lyde Caunter.

LE GUILLON PRIZE REEL—First Blue Shark of 150 lbs.

Winner—H. Whiddett.

GURNEY GRICE REEL—Best Shark for Month of June.

Winner—P. Case.

SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955

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I have examined the books and vouchers of the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain and checked them against the receipted accounts and Bank Sheets. From the check I have carried out and information supplied, as required, by the Treasurer I am satisfied that the above-written Statement shows the true financial position of the Club.

W. LLOYD WHITE
Hon. Auditor

The Club Trophies are valued in the sum of £480.

The Stock of Burgees, Blazer Badges, Pennants, Ties and Lapel Badges on hand amounts to £242 4s. 6d. at cost

D. P. CASE
Hon. Tre

15th October, 1955