

**SHARK ANGLING CLUB  
OF GREAT BRITAIN**



**Report for January and February,  
1956**

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

## **BRITISH RECORDS**

At last the British Record Fish Commission have decided not to recognise fish caught in Southern Irish Waters. This clears the air, and now Mrs. H. Eathorne's Porbeagle of 352lbs. becomes the British Record. Incidentally, this fish has also been recognised as the Ladies' World Record.

Some have said: "Well, why argue; let us beat the Irish Record of 365lbs." That is one way of looking at it. The other is that: "Eire is not British; how can they hold British records?"

## **BRITISH RECORD HOLDERS**

A proposition was put to the last Annual General Meeting that these folk be elected Honorary Members of the Club. This was voted on, and defeated by 40 votes to 25.

It was also proposed that those Members who have held British Records since the Formation of the Club be awarded a special prize; this was carried. So far, the Committee has decided on a Special Burgee for each, which will be the existing Club Burgee with "British Record Holder" added. Something in the way of a trophy has not yet been decided.

## **F. A. MITCHELL-HEDGES, THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Mitchell-Hedges has given the Club a magnificent new Trophy, to be won outright by the First Member to land a Blue Shark of 250lbs.

The Boatman concerned in the capture of this fish will also receive £25 from Mr. Mitchell-Hedges.

## **THE VENNING TROPHY**

Messrs. D. Venning & Son Ltd., the Owners of the Club H.Q., "The Salutation Inn," have also presented a fine Silver Cup, to be competed for annually by Members. Rules of competition for this cup have not yet been decided.

## **RECORDING OF FISH**

Owing to an unknown reason, a Declaration Form by Mr. L. J. Duxbury, of Ashford, Middlesex, for a Blue Shark of 122lbs., caught on July 19, 1955, was not handed to the Hon. Secretary. Naturally, this fish was not shown in the List of Notable Fish in the last Final Report. This opportunity is taken of recording this 122lbs. Shark, and offering apologies to Mr. Duxbury.

It is emphasised that it is the Member's responsibility to fill out Declaration Forms at either of the Tackle Shops in Looe.

## SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF TORBAY

This Club was formed late in 1955, and intends to start Shark Fishing this year, 1956. Mr. J. Eathorne, of Brixham, a prominent member of the S.A.C.G.B., has been elected President, and the Club applied and has become affiliated to the S.A.C.G.B.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

At the last Annual General Meeting, it was proposed that the 1956 Annual General Meeting and Dinner be held in either London or Leicester. This was overwhelmingly defeated in favour of this function being held in Looe.

Accordingly, the Committee have made arrangements for the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving to be held at the Hannafore Point Hotel, on Friday, October 12, 1956.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club's H.Q., The Salutation Inn, on the Afternoon of the Same Day.

### EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

At an Extraordinary General Meeting called for December 29, 1955, at the Club's H.Q., the following Propositions were voted on by Members present and by proxy:

**Proposition 1.**—Rule 16 (General Rules). "Club H.Q. This will be in Looe, in premises selected by the Committee."—The proposition was carried by 34 votes to 3 votes.

**Proposition 2.**—(Rule 5, General Rules). That the Qualifying Weight of Shark for Ladies be Raised to 75lbs.—This proposition was carried by 31 votes to 6 votes.

Members are asked to Amend their Rule Books accordingly.

The following Boats will be available for Shark Fishing this Coming Season:

"Maxie"	R. Barnes	Hannafore, Looe
"Claire"	C. Butters	Barbican, Looe
"Paula"	W. Butters	East Looe
"Lady Betty"	A. Dingle	West Looe
"Atlantis"	B. Dingle	East Looe
"Seabird"	"Nibs" Butters	East Looe
"May Queen"	C. Tamblyn	East Looe
"Blossom"	J. Dingle	West Looe
"Silver Spray"	E. Williams	Barbican, Looe
"Talisman"	P. Case	Hannafore, Looe

Members are again asked to Book their Boats Now.