



January 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022 Shark Festival – Fully Booked!

29th, 30th June & 1st July 2022 – draw takes place on the evening of the 28th June – Looe Social Club, Top Bar

2022 AGM

Tuesday 28th June 2022 after draw – Looe Social Club, Top Bar

2022 Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation

29th October, Hannafore Point Hotel, Hannafore

CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2022!

A Happy New Year to you all!

2021 was a good year for sharks with 1231 sharks caught. Whilst this is slightly less than the previous year when 1311 were caught the number of qualifiers increased significantly from 86 to 144. I believe the total number would have been greater had it not been for the algae bloom through most of September, which had always been a good month. The number of porbeagles was well down on the previous year, 2 compared with 18. There were 2 threshers caught one on the Swallow skippered by Murray Collings and one on the Bee Cool skippered by Paul Woodman, it's always good to see these.

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2021's Festival was a great success with more participants than in previous years. As we had to secure boats from other ports.

The club is in a very healthy position both financially and membership we now have 396 members and our Lucky Run Club has 16 members with someone winning £80 each month.

During the last year the Committee have formed links with other interested parties namely the Angling Trust, Shark Trust, etc.

It just remains for me to thank the Committee for attending meetings and in particular Claire Kelly for all the work she does in what has been a difficult year for everyone.

I hope to catch up with many of you at the Festival!

Tight lines for 2022.

Bob Woodman - Chairman

Annual Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are now due and the committee have agreed to leave the annual subscription at £20.00 for 2022.

As previously, you will retain the membership number which you received last year. This number will remain with you throughout your membership with the club and it will never be reassigned to another member. This enables your record to be unique and improves the quality of our record keeping.

Chasing subscriptions takes up a considerable amount of administration time so we greatly appreciate you helping us by paying your subscriptions on time.

For those of you that have yet to pay, your membership subscriptions were due on 1st January, so they are now overdue.

To renew your subs online, visit the shop on our website at www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk or if you wish to pay by bank transfer, you can do so using the account details below.

Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

Sort Code: 30-95-08

Account Number: 00692083

Please remember to enter your FULL name as a reference, so that we can correctly identify and allocate your payment.

Alternatively, you can send cash or a cheque made payable to 'Shark Angling Club of Great Britain' to:

SACGB,
c/o Looe Social Club,
Mayoralty House,
Quay Road,
West Looe
PL13 2BU

You can also pay by **PayPal** to:
sacgbsecretary@gmail.com

Thank you.

CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE

Catch and Release Hoodies are probably our best seller. We keep stock of as many items as possible, but if we don't have your order in stock we will do our best to get it to you as soon as possible.

We are still able to obtain most items in 5XL/6XL sizes although these need to be ordered specially so they take a little longer.



Prices:

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| Hoodies | £25 |
| Sweatshirts | £20 |
| Polo Shirts | £15 |
| Catch & Release T Shirts | £15 |
| Baseball caps | £1 |
| Embroidered year patches | £5 |
| Metal Pin badges | £3 |
| (set of badges – one cloth/one metal) | £7 |
| Red Burgees | £25 |
| Blue Pennants | £17.50 |
| 120" Measuring Tape | £21 |

All these items are plus postage.

These and other goods can be ordered online at; www.sharkanglingclubofgreatbritain.org.uk.

Alternatively, you can place your order by email to sacgbsecretary@gmail.com, and transfer the money by BACS, paypal or you can write to us and include cash or a cheque made out to Shark Angling Club of Great Britain, to SACGB, c/o Looe Social Club, Mayoralty House, Quay Road, West Looe PL13 2BU

2021 Annual Dinner & Trophy Evening

The 67th Trophy Presentation for the club was held at the Hannafore Point Hotel, Hannafore on 23rd October 2021.



Simon Davidson – Winner of the Mitchell Hedges Trophy

2021 Trophy Winners

Mitchell Hedges Trophy – Simon Davidson
Mickey Wonnall Trophy – Mike Wallis
Norman Lorraine Trophy – Chris Evans
Sammy Porbeagle Trophy – Simon Davidson
Sercombe Oliver Thresher Trophy – Spencer Wright
Alan Caunter Trophy – Stephanie Jones
Surrey Trophy – Angela Spearing
Auger Trophy – Ross Needs
Venning Trophy – Simon Davidson
Barbican Trophy – Murray Collings
SACGB Trophy – Bill Whistance & Ian Harbage
Leslie Andrews Trophy – Paul Martin
R C Roberts Trophy – Kevin Finch
Daphne Case Trophy – Terri Steeper
W K Wileman Trophy – Simon Davidson
Carl Aldridge Trophy – Paul Martin
Ron Gibson Trophy – Brian Copeland
Derek Denne Trophy – Peter Overton
W F Crow Trophy – Chris Evans
Cornish Trophy – Terri Steeper
Gloucestershire Cup – Mike Wallis
Pearl Trophy – Bill Whistance
Glaisbasel Trophy – Steve Chivers
R J Day Trophy – R J Day
C C Bett Trophy – Ian King
Iris Memorial Trophy – Paul Martin
Sharky Martin Sheild – Ian King
K J Tapper Trophy – Simon Davidson
Mustad Trophy – Mike Wallis
SACGB Mustad Trophy – Spencer Wright
Brooks Elliot Trophy – Billy Evans
K A Bones Trophy – Lee Stock

Chairman's Trophy – Murray Collings
Fred & Betty Reid Trophy – Pete Davis
Dusty Miller Trophy – Murray Collings
Cock of the Fleet – Dan Margetts
T Clark Trophy – Dan Margetts
G Kingerey Trophy – Phil Curtis
Mustad Skippers Trophy – Phil Curtis

British Measured and Released Record – Steve Chivers

For the current season - don't forget, you have to submit a Claim form to be considered for a Trophy and provide photographic or video evidence, within 4 weeks of the catch.

Final Claims MUST be received by midnight on 30th September 2022. (except for claims for the Iris Memorial Trophy which is 8th October cut off) Claim forms can be downloaded/filled in on our website.

The Chairman read the following speech at the Presentation Evening:

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the 2021 Presentation Evening.

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It now just remains for me to thank the Committee and in particular Claire Kelly, and in the background – her husband Alan, for all the time and effort they have given in the last year, and I am sure that you will join me in thanking the Hannaford Point for the superb meal that we have had tonight.

Before I go, I would like to read you a poem, written by our founder, Brigadier Caunter:

The Shark Angling Song
By Brig. J. A. L. Caunter

*Let us try for a shark,
On a good fishing mark,
Or drift with the wind and tide
With the fishes as bait
And much patience wait
And 'Rubby-Dubby' alongside*

*Chorus
Lets drift with the rub,
Drift with the dub,
Drift with the Rubby-Dubby,
Ho, Ho,*

*When the reel screams out shrill
You will feel a great thrill
For now the fight will begin
'til the trace is to hand
The sport will be grand
The best of it ends in a win*

*With a shark in the boat
And now one near the float*

*And a tumbly sea all around
Let us hope for the best
And no lengthy rest
As we cover good sharking ground*

*Under Club burgee, high,
Let's see six pennant fly,
On the course that's homeward bound
With our thanks for the day
Encoure, we shall say
For more of the sport we have found*

This was followed by a welcoming speech from President Ian King, who also presented the trophies to this year's winners. Unfortunately, Simon & Tracy Thomas who were this year's guests of honour were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

NOTABLE SHARKS

In 2021 notable sharks were recorded from the start of the season, as follows;

Blue Shark

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| Ian Harbage | 3 x 100lb |
| Dave Stone | 100lb |
| Kevin Tapper | 100lb |

Porbeagle Shark

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| Ross Needs | 280lb visual est |
| Ross Needs | 170lb visual est |

2022 SHARK FESTIVAL

The dates have been set for the 2022 Shark Festival. They are the 29th, 30th June & 1st July with the draw evening taking place on the 28th June.

At time of going to print the festival is full with 47 anglers and 12 boats booked.

Please note that final payment for the festival is due on, or before, end February 2022.

The Festival format will be the same as usual with winners being decided on points score except for the most sharks prize.

First prize: the angler with the largest shark (points score)

Second prize: the angler with the second largest shark (points score)

Third prize: the angler with the third largest shark (points score)

Most sharks: the angler who catches the most sharks over the 3 days

Most cumulative points: the angler with the most cumulative points over the three days

Optional daily pool: The angler who catches the largest shark (in points score) each day, and who has contributed to the pool, will take the money

Skipper of the boat with the largest shark (points score)

Skipper of the boat catching the most sharks over the 3 days

The entry fee for the 2022 Festival remains at £450 per person. There is currently a waiting list in place for spaces to the Festival.

A note from Danny Vokins regarding Porbeagles:

Hi Danny Vokins here,

Well, this maybe the last time I and a lot of dedicated shark anglers will be able to fish for Porbeagle if the Shark Trust get their way and get the Porbeagle onto the Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Country Act.

If it gets through then fishing for them is out of the question with an unlimited fine & 6 months prison sentence, as for all of the angling clubs that fish for them, they will also be at risk. The main reason for this proposal is that they say the Porbeagle is sought after for their meat and finning and sport. They also say this is resulting in a crash of numbers making the Porbeagle critically endangered and on the IUCN red list of threatened species in 2006. I would like to see some sort of evidence of finning and Porbeagle meat going to market in the UK. As for sport fishing providing anglers keep to the SACGB best practice codes and respect the fish they catch, you only have to look at the Bluefin tuna programme to see what a success this was.

I personally keep my boat running when we have a shark on, we all know if you stop a shark swimming then you have a problem on your hands: a fish doing itself damage. We have records going back 40 plus years which tell me that the Porbeagle has made a

remarkable recovery over the last 6 years with good numbers coming from all ports around the country that fish for them. It seems to me they are using outdated data on this matter and to say they are endangered (seriously at a risk of extinction) which is completely ludicrous. We have been tagging sharks for last 30 years that includes Thresher Blue and Porbeagle and have obtained a great deal of knowledge on all of these species. From 1996 to 2006 we fished the Hurd Deep mainly for Blue shark where we caught hundreds and tagged & released for the National Marine Fisheries Service for their studies on migration routes and fish growth. Just one tagged fish caught from the Hurds on the 29/07/04 which was recaptured on the 20/03/05, 681 miles NE Cayenne French Guiana, travelling 3170 miles.

As for the Porbeagle we know that tagged fish have been recaptured in the North Biscay in winter months and return to the IOW waters in the spring early summer. This is just two examples from our database that we have required from tag and release, if we do not have the right to fish for this species then where are the marine biologist and scientists going to get their info from?

If this goes through, the next step will be the Thresher and Blue.

Then its game over.

Update on JNCC Review of Porbeagle and Common Blue Skate

The JNCC is reviewing Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act. During the evidence-gathering stage of this process, a proposal(s) was made to add further protections for both porbeagle shark and common blue skate.

The proposal is currently under stakeholder consultation, which closes on Sunday, 30th January 2022. Evidence submitted as part of this consultation will be considered and included within a series of final recommendations by the JNCC regarding the addition, retention, regrading or removal of species.

These recommendations will then be delivered to respective Ministers in England and Wales, who will decide whether they should be enshrined in law.

The Angling Trust has formed a sub-group with its Marine Advisory Group to respond to the consultation. It has been decided that the Trust will only respond regarding porbeagle as common blue skate are not commonly encountered by anglers in England and Wales. Through the response, the socio-economic

value of the fishery will be highlighted, alongside the scientific value anglers bring to the table and the great work that has been done to improve angler awareness of best-practice behaviour. We will be fighting for the future of fishing, and the fish anglers care so much about it.

Shark Hub UK – an independent organisation of which the Angling Trust is a member – will also be submitting a response drawing attention to the current science and the vital role anglers play in gathering that data.

The sad reality is that if this proposal were successful, much of the crucial science to further understanding this species would be impossible. It seems nonsensical that in the interests of conservation and science, the primary source of data to further those efforts would be prohibited from collecting that data.

Anglers and charter skippers may also respond to the consultation if they wish, and we will be releasing advice this week on how best to do this. The Angling Trust wants to extend its thanks to all anglers and charter skippers who have been supportive of its work on sharks over the last twelve months – without you; it would not be possible.

Nevin Hunter, Marine Regions Coordinator, said, “Anglers are committed conservationists, and these are species that can be best researched by us working closely with scientists catching and releasing them. As anglers, we enjoy catching such wonderful species, but we are part of the solution to their long-term survival, not the problem and can achieve this by working with scientists such as those within the Shark Hub’.

Dr. Simon Thomas, Shark Hub, said, “Although well-meaning, this proposal will offer no additional protection to porbeagle and risks undermining the research that anglers and scientists are working together on to understand better the species, which both ICCAT and ICES have recognised as being vital to their protection. Measures which may work in terrestrial environments don’t have the desired effect in the hidden world of our oceans.”

Other Stuff

SACGB Lucky Run Club Lottery

Winners 2021:

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| January | Kevin Tapper winning £75 |
| February | Carl Aldridge winning £75 |
| March | D J Smith winning £75 |
| April | Bob Woodman winning £75 |
| May | D J Smith winning £75 |
| June | Paul Martin winning £75 |
| July | Ken Horsfield winning £75 |
| August | Paul Martin winning £75 |
| September | Kevin Tapper winning £80 |
| October | Dave Stone winning £80 |
| November | Terry Field winning £80 |
| December | Murray Collings winning £80 |

If you would like to join and have a chance of winning a lump sum each month, download the form on the website and forward it to the secretary or fill in the new online form in the members area.

It’s as easy as that!!

All funds received are split in half. The monthly winner receiving one half as a cash sum, the other half goes to the club to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for members and hopefully, in the future, our own tagging scheme.

Facebook/Social Media

Thank you for your cooperation in not publishing ‘trophy’ photographs on either of the SACGB Facebook pages.

These pages are being monitored by Admin staff to try and ensure that any photos posted are suitable for publication and your help is greatly appreciated.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

One of the requirements of GDPR is to ensure that all contact data held is always current, so we would ask if your details do change, i.e. you move to a new house, change your mobile etc, or if you decide to change your contact preferences, and for example no longer wish to be contacted by phone, that you make the secretary aware. We also need to know if you decide to leave the club, so we can delete your record.

Password Reminder

The member area password for the website is:

psmith369

It celebrates Pat Smiths British Record 369lb Porbeagle caught aboard Alan Dingles Lady Betty.

And Finally:

A Happy New Year to everyone.

Let's hope for better weather this year with a busy season for skippers and anglers alike.

Tight Lines!

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