



January 2024 NEWSLETTER The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024 Shark Festival – price £500

10th, 11th & 12th July 2024 – draw takes place on the evening of the 9th July – Looe Social Club, Top Bar – only one place left!

2023 AGM

Tuesday 9th July 2023 before draw – Looe Social Club, Top Bar

2024 Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation

26th October, Hannaford Point Hotel, Hannaford

CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2024!

2022/3 has been a good year for sharks with 1005 sharks caught.

This is a great improvement on the previous year when 531 were caught the number of qualifiers has also increased from 83 to 97.

Also this year the porbeagles have returned with 27 being caught. 1 thresher was caught during the festival but had to be discounted, the fish was badly wrapped and the angler needed assistance to board it.

Notable fish for the year was a porbeagle estimated weight 405lb. by Billy Whistance. And another porbeagle estimated weight 350lb. by Ross Needs. Steve Costic caught a blue shark estimated weight 135lb. and Victoria Baldwin caught a blue shark estimated weight 114lb at the Ladies Festival.

Some interesting data collated by Pete Davis revealed that most of the qualifiers were caught

early in the season, and of the fish caught less than 50 were males.

This year once again we have seen the arrival of Blue Fin Tuna in our waters. 2 of our local boats, Swallow and Sowenna, have been licensed to catch, tag and release these magnificent fish. Boats from other ports have also been licensed to target them and have enjoyed great success.

This years Festival was a great success with more participants than in previous years. Spaces will be limited for the coming year. So if you are thinking about taking part don't delay.

The club is in a very healthy position both financially and membership, we now have 445 members.

We wish you all the best for the forthcoming season. Tight lines!

Bob Woodman - Chairman

Annual Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are now due and the committee have agreed to leave the annual subscription at £20.00 for 2024.

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.

You can also pay by sumup [Shark Angling Club of Great Britain \(sumupstore.com\)](http://Shark Angling Club of Great Britain (sumupstore.com)) and

PayPal to: sacgbsecretary@gmail.com

Unfortunately, we are no longer accepting cheques or cash due to the bank in Looe closing.

Thank you.

CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE

Hoodies are probably our best seller but due to rising costs, these will no longer show the full 'Catch and Release' print on the back.

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:

Hoodies	£45
Sweatshirts	£40
Polo Shirts	£20
T Shirts	£15
Baseball caps	£10
Embroidered year patches	£5
Metal Pin badges	£3
(set of badges – one cloth/one metal)	£7
Red Burgees	£25
Blue Pennants	£17.50
Ties	£10
120" Measuring Tape	£21
Stickers	£2.75

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 or paypal to sacgbsecretary@gmail.com

2023 Annual Dinner & Trophy Evening

The 69th Trophy Presentation, our 70th Anniversary! was held at the Hannafore Point Hotel, Hannafore on 28th October 2023.

The Chairman made the following speech:

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 2023 Presentation Evening. I would like to welcome our guest for the evening, Mr. Simon Thomas, our resident marine biologist whose knowledge has been a great asset to our club. This years Festival was a great success with more participants than in previous years. As we had to secure boats from other ports spaces will be limited for the coming year. So if you are thinking about taking part don't delay.

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 you will join me in thanking the Hannafore Point for the superb meal that we have had tonight.



William Whistance

Winner of the Mitchell Hedges Trophy 2023

2023 Trophy Winners

Anglers:

Mitchell Hedges Trophy – William Whistance
Mickey Wonnall Trophy – Spencer Wright
Norman Lorraine Trophy – Victoria Baldwin
Sammy Porbeagle Trophy – William Whistance
Sercombe Oliver Thresher Trophy – Spencer Wright
Alan Caunter Trophy – Victoria Baldwin

Daphne Case Trophy – Victoria Baldwin
 Carl Aldridge Trophy – Dave Gorrington
 Cornish Trophy – Victoria Baldwin
 Welsh Trophy – Andrew Baker
 Venning Trophy – William Whistance
 Barbican Trophy – Spencer Wright
 Leslie Andrews Trophy – Steve Chivers
 R C Roberts Trophy – Deklan Marlow
 W K Wileman Trophy – Andy Smith
 Ron Gibson Trophy – Brian Copeland
 Hampshire Trophy – Spencer Wright
 Pearl Trophy – William Whistance
 Glaisbasel Trophy – Steve Chivers
 Iris Memorial Trophy – Dave Gorrington
 SACGB Trophy – William Whistance
 Sharky Martin Sheild – William Whistance
 K J Tapper Trophy – William Whistance
 Mustad Trophy – Mark Jones
 SACGB Mustad Trophy – Spencer Wright

British Measured and Released:

Steve Chivers – Blue 90lb – 16lb line
 Phoebe Chivers – Blue 85lb – 50lb line
 Dave Keen – Blue 80lb – 50lb line

Skippers:

Chairman's Trophy – Dan Margetts
 Fred & Betty Reid Trophy – Pete Davis
 Dusty Miller Trophy – Murray Collings
 Cock of the Fleet – Murray Collings
 Fisherman's Protection – Murray Collings



Dave Gorrington



Phoebe Chivers



Victoria Baldwin



Steve Chivers



Spencer Wright



Andy Smith

See more at:

[GALLERY | Shark Angling Club Of Great Britain](#)

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 2024. (except for claims for the Iris Memorial Trophy which is 8th October cut off) Claim forms can be downloaded/filled in on our website.

NOTABLE SHARKS

In 2023 notable sharks were recorded from the start of the season, as follows;

Porbeagle Shark – Sam Narbett 350lb St Ives

2024 SHARK FESTIVAL

The dates have been set for the 2024 Shark Festival. They are the 10th, 11th & 12th July with the draw evening taking place on the 9th June.

At time of going to print the festival has only one space remaining.

Please note that final payment for the festival is due by 28th February.

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 festivals three days.

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

Team Trophy: the team of two anglers with the most points over the whole festivals 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 festivals three days

**Our new feature for the Newsletter is
Committee Member, Carl Aldridge's**

Member Spotlight

This Month the spotlight is on

Ken Horsfield

Many of you would have met or seen Ken during the club's annual festival week here in Looe.

Ken is best known in recent times by catching Blue Sharks on Retro Shark gear, the most noticeable and famous item being his Hardy Fortuna reel.

In fact members can compete yearly for the KEN HORSFIELD TROPHY on Retro day, a event usually held the same week as the festival. But there's more to Ken than his Fortuna reel.



Ken caught his first fish, a 8" Trout in May 1957 at the tender age of 5 and hasn't looked back since.

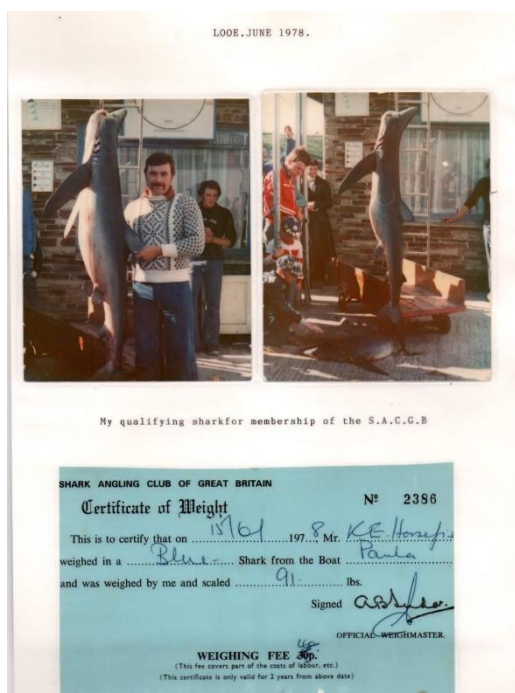
His Shark angling journey didn't start until July 1974 after the press reports of Shark angling in Looe and surrounding areas, he found it hard to resist.

Ken caught not one but two Sharks on his first attempt with Mally Toms on the Ella. And so another Shark angler was born, making 2024 his 50th year as a Shark angler. Ken later qualified for the shark club with a 91lb Blue in June 1978.



Ken's achievements didn't end there. He was awarded the British line class record for 8lb in August 1988 for a 60lb Blue and he followed that up the following year with the British line class record in the 30lb class for a 134.5lb Blue. This Blue Shark remains Ken's personal best to this day. Ken was no stranger to Shark's further afield with 660lb Tiger Shark taken from Kenya, to his credit.

Ken has also been credited to third place twice in the club's shark festival's 1993 and 2003.



Ken, the SACGB committee and members salute you sir. Keep shaking that bag.

Carl Aldridge.

MAKO!: A HISTORY OF ENCOUNTERS IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

Written by Ian Harbage and published by Watersmeet Publications.



This highly entertaining book; a combination of historical analysis and captivating storytelling, is a comprehensive collection of the capture of 97 shortfin mako sharks from around the British Isles from the 1950s, to the present day.

It also includes a variety of enthralling mako related encounters that are sure to fire the enthusiasm of anglers, featuring some of the most well-known names from British sharking history, including Robin Vinnicombe, Trevor Housby, Brigadier Caunter and many, many more.

A product of over forty years of research by the author, it serves as an excellent reference guide to one of the rarest, and most coveted big game fish.

The tremendous adventures within also make it an excellent bedside companion for anyone with an interest in sharks, the rich history of angling and big game fishing, light-hearted anecdotes about the one's that got away - told by the author and

some of the legendary characters of British sharking history.

Due for general sale from March 2024 (official date TBC), early orders can be reserved from the 1st of February 2024 by contacting the publisher. Copies bought during the early ordering phase will be signed at no extra cost. Signed copies purchased after the general release date will cost an additional £5 above the standard copy price.

There is a big demand for this book already, so reserve your copy now and don't miss out on a hugely enjoyable book that is historically important and an essential addition to any angling library.

****** A deposit of £25 is required to formally reserve a copy. For more information, contact Lee Armishaw at Watersmeet Publications, either through the Watersmeet Publications Facebook page or by email at watersmeetpublications@outlook.com

Other Stuff

SACGB Lucky Run Club Lottery

Winners 2023:

January	D Smith winning £80
February	K Tapper winning £80
March	W Whistance winning £80
April	I Sutherland winning £80
May	P Davis winning £70
June	T Field winning £80
July	D O'Malley winning £85

August	D O'Malley winning £85
September	K Tapper winning £90
October	I Harbage winning £90
November	D Stone winning £90

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:
Outlaw006

And Finally:

A Happy New Year to everyone.

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

Tight Lines!

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