

Fish Recorder Report 2021

2021 was a quiet year for specimen fish with only 43 being recorded in the book. That said, there were some lovely fish caught but I'll come back to that later.

Firstly, though if you are a new member reading this and are wondering what it's all about. All you need to do is catch a fish equating to or above the weights on the enclosed list. It's easy to get someone who wasn't fishing with you or not a family member to weigh it and record it in the specimen book. You may weigh in as many different species on any one day as you like, and you never know, you may end up with the best fish of the year and walk away with a ton of cups and trophies at our annual prizegiving. The Ubique cup is open to any angling member, all you need to do is go fishing 100 miles or more away from the club, catch a nice big fish and get it weighed. Forms are available upon request.

As you all know we didn't record fish during 2020 due to the stay-at-home advice during the pandemic. Once 2021 opened for all I really think that the plaice had other ideas and decided to remain home because only ONE plaice was weighed in all year, weighing 3lb. It wasn't the only species either, the cod stayed home too, with only ONE of those captured weighing 13lb 5oz.

Throughout 20/21 we did manage to continue the junior coaching sessions on the beach, the weather wasn't very kind most weeks, but the kids stuck with it. They've learnt to cast and bait, and some can repair the eyes on a fishing rod too. Although there were no specimens weighed in, all fish were measured with most being a good size. So well done to them all. Some of our juniors are hoping to get afloat in the coming months and our plan for 2022 is to have a family day to promote junior angling and the club.

Notable fish of the year are firstly a massive congratulations to Glynn Shoesmith for taking a new club record for his 7lb 2oz Smooth-hound. Trevor Piper for his huge Common Skate captured in Scotland weighing 219lb and also to Alastair Rosenschein, a new member who had the best specimen of the year with his Thornback of 14lb 15oz. Oh and let's not forget Richard Edwards who managed to land a 7lb specimen bass, he tried so hard. To find out more fishy tales of 2021 our Annual Prize-giving is on Friday 25th March, so please come along and support each other, and I know you will all give a warm welcome the junior anglers too.

I wish you all good luck for 2022 and you never know I may even catch a fish too.

Nicola