



Fishing Report - Monday 15th April 2024

It's been a busy week with social fishing with those practising ahead of the competitions in the Fastmail pairs on Saturday and then the TEFF qualifier on Sunday. We have also seen some young anglers on the water doing social and match fishing.

The rod average based on returns and competition results is 5.2, which appears to have dropped a little but isn't the full interpretation of the past week. Many anglers have not submitted returns as information has been kept under wraps ahead of the England qualifier (TEFF).

Following a breezy weekend with no boats being able to go out we opened again on Monday with calmer conditions. This started the journey for those practising ahead of the weekend. There were many returns of 10 plus fish with buzzers working the best.

Unfortunately, Tuesday & Wednesday saw the return of the high winds and just a couple of boats ventured out for the morning on Wednesday for the best part of the day. Conditions were still quite breezy and fishing conditions were tough. Fish were caught but only 2 or 3 per angler.

We were blessed by a change in conditions on Thursday and Friday giving lots of anglers the chance to get out and enjoy the good weather and excellent fishing. We were fully booked for both days with lots of anglers practising ahead of the weekend but also a number of anglers coming back to fish the water after a time away and even a number of junior anglers fishing with relatives. Thursday was certainly a day of pulling snakes and lures using Di3 and Di5 being the most productive. Those concentrating on smaller flies ahead of the TEFF had success but not as lucrative as those on the bigger fly patterns. We also had a lovely 5lb 5oz brown caught by Ric Saccone which went along with several large browns seen through the week. Terry Smith fished with his Grandson Arun who had a great day catching over 10 fish. Terry spent most of the day as Arun's ghillie helping him to cast out further and land the fish safely. See the picture below of the fish he caught.

Friday turned into another busy day. It was lovely to see Richard Grimes back out this season who fished with Mr Midgley. They caught well and Richard caught our heaviest recorded rainbow of the week at 5lbs 4oz using a minkie with fast sinking tip on the west bank. The brighter day and competition practice brought many anglers concentrating on their buzzer fishing techniques.

Saturday saw 15 boats compete in the Fastmail Pairs; Bruce was event organiser for the day as Phil was away at Rutland Water competing for Team Fulling Mill. Most boats caught their 8 fish and the first boat (James & Malcolm Hunter) returned to the jetty 11.10am less than 2 hours from the competition start time of 9.30am. They were quickly followed by Ian Buckley & Neil Gregory, 1 minute after at 11.11am. Ian & Neil did pip 1st place overall due to their total bag weight being 3lbs heavier. It was a great day of fishing sport and good to see junior pair competitors Harry & Matthew. Harry caught a fantastic brown which is pictured below.

See Full results on the Fastmail Facebook page

Sunday brought the TEFF Loch Style heat to Carsington Water. This match is fished to international rules and enables up to 15 anglers to go through to the final at Rutland Water in September. Lots of anglers caught between 6 – 13 fish. The rod average for the competition was 5 overall. It was great to see a number of our regular anglers qualifying. Those that didn't qualify do have a chance to fish another 2 heats later in the season.

See Full results on the TEFF Facebook page & website te-ff.org

Spring Open – Sat 20th April

Just a few days now until our Spring Open Competition on Sat 20th April. We have one boat left. It's a friendly competition fished between known pairs. If you are a regular angler to the water, then why not give it a go. You have the chance of getting your name on the highly prestigious honours board or winning a trophy for the heaviest overall bag or the John Wilson Trophy for the biggest fish.



Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **5.2** with 557 fish caught by 107 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 5lb 4oz caught by Richard Grimes he fished a fast sinking tip with a Minkie along the west bank.

Ric Saccone caught the only recorded brown of the week weighing 5lbs 5oz.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using a mix of lines from Di3 to Di7 using both a slow sink and fast retrieve. The most successful flies were hot head damsels, black, green & pink snakes, olive booby cormorants, nymphs and small black or red buzzers.

Top Spot

Fish have been caught towards the banks in the shallower water.

The most popular spots have been, Tower Bank, Brown Ale Bay, Shiningford creek and the back of the island's.

Our online booking system is live, see detail below on how to make your booking

All boats must be booked in advance.

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