



## Fishing Report – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

We are pleased to report that the weather has been more favourable this week with calmer conditions. The rod average has increased a little to 3.5.

Wednesday and Friday were the best days with some boats catching into double figures. Many anglers were fishing on floating lines with black or red & black buzzers. The more settled conditions and an increase in natural fly life seems to be encouraging more fish to the top 4ft of water. Many have fished by drifting from the bank into deeper water, bringing the line in a slow retrieve. Depending on the wind directions; Sheepwash bank, Middle Wood and Upperfield bay have been great areas for this method.

Over the Bank Holiday weekend it was great to see Corbyn out fishing with his grandfather. Corbyn has never fly fished from a boat before and caught 2 lovely rainbows. They fished near to the Osprey Towers on Montana's and snakes. You can see from the picture below how proud he is with his catch, we hope to see him back out on the water again soon. Well done, Corbyn

This coming week we look forward to welcoming a small group for the English Disabled Fly Fishers. We also have St Oswald Lodge & Fly Fishers' Lodge competing for the St Oswald Plate Competition. We still have boats available to book for this week including Sat 6th May.



### Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **3.5** with 143 fish caught by 41 anglers.

### Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 4lbs 8oz caught by Andrew Clough off Sheepwash on a floating line using a buzzer. We had two 3lb browns caught by Mr Scragg and Mr Robinson, both 3lbs again off Sheepwash on Floating line and buzzer and the other using intermediate line and a Humongous fly.

### Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using mostly intermediate and floating lines. Most boats have fished the many of the bays or close into the shore. Casting towards the bank / shallows and drifting away into slightly deeper water on a slow retrieve has worked well. The most successful flies were red & black buzzers, nymphs, hothead damsels, humongous, blobs and black fritz.

### Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Sheepwash, Dam wall, Tower bank, North end, Osprey towers, Middle wood, Brown Ale Bay, Fishtail Creek and Millfield's.

### **Casting Tuition for Beginners**

These are ideal for someone who wants to get into fly fishing or just have a go at casting. All fly fishing equipment is included in the price of the session. The session is based on land as the aim is to concentrate on the art of casting a fly rod before you before using your new found skills to go out on the water to catch some fish.

The next dates for these sessions are  
Sunday 14th May  
Friday 26th May  
( more dates are advertised on the website )

The cost is £45 per person, minimum age 12 years. Booking is essential as places are limited, click the button below for dates and bookings.

### **Autumn Open Competition**

Date announcement for the Autumn Open - Sat 7th October 2023

This is a known pairs competition with prizes for the winning pair, heaviest overall bag and biggest individual fish, the cost is £76 per pair. We currently have 6 boats left so don't miss out on taking part in our friendly, enjoyable competition.

You can find more information on past competition and booking information via the following link.

[Autumn Open Information](#)

### **Fishing Reports**

Our weekly fishing reports will be emailed out to those on our mailing list and will be available to view on our website: <http://www.carsingtonwater.com/Fishing-Reports.html>.

If you would like to be on our email mailing list then please let us have your details.

[http://www.carsingtonwater.com/contact-us/info\\_2.html](http://www.carsingtonwater.com/contact-us/info_2.html)

You can also help us with our reports by filling in the fishing catch return forms and putting them in the returns box by the warden's office, plus any pictures are always useful.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the 2023 season.  
Don't forget to book your boat in advance to avoid disappointment.

