



Fishing Report – Monday 8th May 2023

This week the warmer air temperatures and a slight increase in water temperatures have certainly helped bring fish higher up in the water.

Bank Holiday Monday was a quiet day for fishing with just a few boats out. Simon Artley caught 5 fish with many over 3lbs in weight. He fished Tower Bank and Sailing Club Point using grey and black buzzers, long leader on a slow retrieve.

Tuesday brought us some sunshine and calm conditions with Mr Bond and Mr Cleaver both catching the heaviest fish of the week. Sheepwash, Shiningford and Fishtail Creek being the most popular areas.

On Wednesday, we welcomed the English Disabled Fly Fishing Association. They reported a tough day with bright and breezy conditions. Whilst some of the anglers caught using blobs and snakes, the best results were from those fishing buzzers around Millfield's and the Dam wall.

The St Oswald's Plate match took place on Thursday with teams from St Oswald's and Fly Fishers Lodge competing for this year title.

The results of the match were:

- Fly Fisher's Lodge were awarded the St Oswalds Plate with Mark Lee & Darren Dolman catching a full 8 fish and a bag weight totalling 21lbs 7oz.
- Darren Dolman also took the Dave Bowen Memorial Plate after catching the heaviest overall rainbow weighing 3lbs 14oz.
- Bernie Mayer caught the heaviest overall bag at 11lbs 9oz.

Friday & Saturday saw many of a weekly anglers with some great catches from Harding & Wolstenholme and Tony & Aston Higton. Fishtail Creek and Stitch Plantation being the most popular areas.

On Sunday, The Errwood Fly Fishing Club visited for their boat fishing event. 18 anglers fished the competition with Darrin Podmore & Dave Plant taking the top spot. Tower Bank and Shiningford were the main areas and goldhead nymphs and hothead damsels were popular flies. Many fished intermediate and floating lines with long leader on a fast retrieve.

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **2.73** with 178 fish caught by 65 anglers.

Best Rainbow / Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 5lbs 8oz caught by Mr Bond in Fishtail Creek on a black and green tadpole.. The heaviest Brown was 5lbs 9oz caught by Mr Clever around Shiningford Basin on an intermediate line using a black & red buzzer.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using mostly intermediate and floating lines, using long leaders on a fast retrieve. 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, white minky, boobies, gold head nymph, hot head damsels, humongous, blobs and black fritz.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Shiningford, Fishtail creek, Tower bank, Hallwood, Osprey towers, 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 use 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

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.**

