



Fishing Report - Monday 9th October 2023

It been a reasonable week with favourable weather and the rod average has stayed static at 2.5.

We have seen a mixture of individual boats and group bookings out fishing this week.

Monday saw a few regular anglers, Mr Donaldson had a successful day catching 3 fishing on the eastern shoreline and fishtail creek. He caught using a floating line and a diawl bach. Nice to see some success using this method.

Tuesday was a great day for Mr Wood who likes to fish using the rudder. He caught 14 fish, all from the middle of the reservoir, many of the 14 fish weighed 2lbs plus.

Wednesday was recorded as a tough fishing day, a number of fish seen but catching them was tricky.

Thursday was a little easier and number of boats once again found success fishing the main basin. Phil Harding caught a beautiful 6lb 2oz rainbow, see it pictured below, this fish presented a stunning tail. This would have been an even better catch for Phil if it had been during the Autumn Open competition on Saturday....

Moving on to Saturday, we had 9 boats competing for a place on the honours board as 2023 Autumn Open winners. See the competition reports and results later in the report.

We have a busy week ahead with the Imperial Trophy match. We are fully booked for Tuesday & Wednesday for a practice and match day. Boats are currently available for the later part of the week



Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 2.5 with 105 fish caught by 42 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was 6lbs 2oz caught by Phil Harding

No recorded browns this week.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using black & green tadpole, minkie, diawl bach, black snake, pink snake, white cats whisker, cormorant, black booby.

Most anglers have fished on Di5 or Di7 some have found a slow retrieve being successful others have used the roll poly method moving line through the water at a fast pace.

Most boats have fished a drift from Dam wall to middle of the water or middle of the water to fishtail creek.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Dam Wall and Middle of the reservoir.

Autumn Open 2023 Competition.

This years Autumn open competition took place on Saturday. A number of our regular anglers competed against each other for a place on the Honours board. 9 boats left the jetty at 9am and the first boat returned after catching their 8 fish at 12.53pm. Simon Peck and Tony Smith were the first to return and gained a 3lb time bonus to make their final bag weight 20lb 8oz. Tony & Simon held the top position throughout the afternoon as they were the only pair to achieve 8 fish before the final hour of the competition.

Tony Smith also took the Biggest individual fish prize and the John Wilson Trophy. One of his 4 fish weighed in at 3lbs 3oz. This fish was only one ounce heavier than a fish caught by Phil Harding, the weigh team Tony & Jess took great care in weighing both fish to check the weights carefully.

Despite missing the Biggest fish award by 1 ounce, Phil Harding took the prize for the Heaviest individual bag with his 4 fish having a combined weight of 10lbs 10oz.

Most boats fished the middle of the water and drifted towards fishtail creek. Intermediate lines were widely used and many anglers retrieved their line quickly by using the roly poly method.

Thank you to all those who supported the competition and special thanks goes to Tony Higon for support in running the event, organising the prizes and supplying the delicious cake. It was also great to see Jess back on the jetty supporting the fisherman and helping with the weigh in and results.

See a round up of all the results below

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Winning Pair - Simon Peck & Tony Smith

Simon & Tony caught their 8 fish by 12.53pm this gave them a 3lb time bonus. Their total bag weight inc time bonus 20lbs 8oz.



Heaviest Individual Bag

Phil Harding - 10lbs 10oz



Winner of the John Wilson Trophy – Biggest Fish

Tony Smith - 3lbs 3oz

