

# Fishing Report - Week ending Sun 4th May 2025

We have a small drop in the rod average this week following a few very hot days towards the end of the week when the fish went into hiding from the warm, still, bright weather.

Monday to Wednesday fished really well with many anglers bringing 10 plus fish to the boat using buzzers, cormorants and black & green lures with floating lines. Millfields, Upperfields and Fishtail Creek have been the best areas. Tony & Terry ventured out on the hunt for another 7lb after last week's catch. Terry caught a 4lb plus rainbow from around Shinningford Bay, see picture below.

The weather on Thursday was fantastic but unfortunately affected the catch rate as the fish certainly seemed to go deep, had gorged on natural food and were not interested in taking flies - even the infamous pink snake...

Friday, despite still being bright, the fish seemed more interested and the buzzers and nymphs were back working. Lester & Nigel caught 22 fish between them, they fished a mixture of nymphs and buzzers on floating lines and chose Fishtail Creek and Sheepwash as their popular spots. Many other anglers caught their bag limit of 4 fish and lots of anglers commented on what a great day out they had had.

Over the weekend we have seen some anglers visiting the water for the first time. The weather conditions certainly changed with the winds increasing and changing direction from the North. The weather front brought much colder, cloudier and choppier conditions. There was certainly the need to take shelter on the eastern bank and in Fishtail Creek, luckily these being areas which have fished well early in the week. Mark Harrison & Ian Buckley had a great day with over 40 fish to the boat; they fished black & green patterns and buzzers on floating lines. Our other anglers caught but, in less quantity, and all recorded trying similar methods.

Sunday was another breezy, cool day with all bar one boat catching. It was great to see that Barry & Phil had caught fish this week - black pennel and floating lines being their most successful options.

It's looking like we have a good forecast for the week ahead. The winds are hopefully dropping and the air temperatures are moderately warm.

We have quite a busy week ahead with the PSUK Regional competition on Thursday and anglers practicing ahead of this match.

It's a must to book ahead so we can make sure we have a boat for you and its set up ready to go prior to your arrival.

#### **Late Night Fishing**

We have some late night fishing dates coming soon on Wednesday evenings. 7<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> June.

If you wish to fish into the evening until 8pm please make sure you book the later fishing time option or let us know at point of booking. We do not charge any extra for the boats on these days.

## **Jetty Times**

Now that the clocks have changed, we have fishing options of, 8.30 - 17.30, 9.00 - 18.00 or 8.30 - 14.00. Please make sure you choose a suitable time option when booking online.

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

All boats must be booked in advance.

Click here for prices and booking



Terry with a beautiful 4lbs plus rainbow from the Shinningford area

#### **Rod Average**

The rod average for this week was 4.57 with 192 fish caught by 42 anglers.

## **Best Rainbow/Brown**

The heaviest rainbows caught this week weighed 3lbs these were caught by Mr Smith and William Britull whilst fishing on the bung & buzzers.

Plus our very Terry who could but didn't record his beautiful 4lbs plus rainbow

#### **Methods & Flies**

The most popular line have been by far floating with many fish being caught much closer to the surface and a little further out from the banks. During the warm still days anglers have chosen to fish deeper down where the fish had moved to following the bright weather.

The most popular flies have been buzzers, black pennel, shipmans buzzer, nymphs, daiwl bach's, Montana, cormorants, hot head damsels and pink snakes.

## **Top Spot**

The most popular spots have been, all across the east bank especially within Fishtail creek, also Middle wood to Millfield's, Shinninford bay, stones and sailing club island.













