



Fishing Report - Monday 8th April 2024

It's a shorter report this week due to the high winds over the weekend resulting in the boats being cancelled. The strong southerly gusts unfortunately gave us no area of shelter. Here's to hoping for a less blustery week ahead.

Monday started the week well, where we had numerous occupied boats. One of the pairs were Tony and his grandson Aston who ventured out for their second trip over the Easter weekend. Unfortunately, they had been one of very few boats that had blanked on the previous Saturday and came back with a change of tactics. What a difference 48 hours made!

Unfortunately Tony did manage to catch himself with his own fly, but Terry was on hand to assist with the extraction and first aid support. Aston continued to fish; as he was on a role catching 14 in all throughout the day. Tony managed another 9 bringing their boat total to 23.

Tuesday saw 13 boats out enjoying the dry sunny morning until the rain set in during the afternoon. There were lots of boats bringing double figures with floating lines and buzzers being the order of the day. Tower bank and Stones Island were the hotspots.

Wednesday turned once again bringing wind and rain, we had a few boats out with Mr Thompson & Hodgson bringing 23 between them, all fish averaging 2.5 – 3lbs. Frank & David had lots of success using sinking lines, due to the cloudy, choppy conditions.

Thursday was the calm before the storm. Cloud cover but calm conditions and only a short, sharp shower around lunch time. Our very own Terry & Tony combo fished all day and had great success. Whilst Tony fished a sinking line in the morning and stripped it back through the water it was Terry's top method which caught during the afternoon. They anchored near Sitch plantation and casted towards the bank, using a tequila booby on a dropper and hothead damsel on the tip. This resulted in an excellent return, with 14 fish to the boat in total.

Friday saw 3 boats out with regular anglers. They caught a couple of fish, but the wind got the better of them in the end. It was a tiring session battling against the gusts and keeping the boat stationary. Unfortunately, this weather set in for the weekend and resulted in no further fishing for the weekend.

Its under 2 weeks now until our Spring Open Competition on Sat 20th April. We have a few boats 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.

Terry's Top Tips

- Whilst sinking lines are producing for some anglers, **floating lines** and **sink tip lines** are producing more fish than their equivalent of a sinking line.
- Traditional or smaller flies are working well with **black pennell**, **viva**, **hot headed damsel** are being used a lot at the moment, especially when fishing just below the surface.
 - **Buzzers** have caught well around Sheepwash & snow island.



Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **6.61** with 251 fish caught by 38 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 4lb 5oz caught by Phil Harding he fished a Di5 with a snake and caught in Brown Ale Bay. Ed Seeley caught the only recorded brown of the week weighing 4lbs 7oz using a floating line and buzzers and fished near Tower bank..

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using a mix of lines from intermediate to floating lines stripping back quickly or on a slow retrieve. The most successful flies were hot head damsels, black & gold humungus, black, green & pink snakes, cormorants, nymphs and small black 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, Upperfield Bay, Sitch Plantation and stones island.

British Summer time

Now that the clocks have changed we are back to having boat booking option of
8.30am - 5.30pm
9.00am - 6pm

or morning session 8.30am - 2pm

Please choose your time when you book your boat online or over the phone.

All boats must be back to the jetty by 6pm.

(Do have some evening / later sessions planned for May, June and July see website for more details)

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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