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**2016/17
Handbook**





Welcome to Baywater Anglers.

We hope that you enjoy your time with the club and look forward to seeing you at events. Don't forget to look up information on the club, including current schedules, on

www.seafishing4fun.org

Rules for Younger Anglers

	
You can...	You should not ...
... vote on club proposals.	... vote if you do not understand what the adults are talking about.
... be a member of the club but only if you pay your subs first.	... weigh in any fish caught before you paid your subs.
... only, if you are eleven or under, be a member if your whole family joins.	... go fishing on your own. Always have an adult with you.
... only weigh in fish for junior awards if you are under sixteen.	... weigh in fish for junior awards after your sixteenth birthday.
... only qualify for two annual prizes.	... weigh in fish caught outside of South Devon waters.
... float fish, spin, troll, leger, pole fish and fly fish.	... feather or use sink and draw methods.
... use up to three hooks between two rods.	... use more than one treble hook, which counts as three hooks.
... if you are under nine, have an adult help you with casting.	... let that adult cast you further out than other children casting for themselves.
... have help with landing a fish.	... have help with striking, hooking and playing a fish.
... if you please, do your best to act in a sensible and polite manner.	... behave really badly. The club will take action if you do.
... only weigh in fish with people using club recognised scales.	... weigh in fish anywhere else.
... have deferred entry if you pay your subs after April.	... do this without talking to Martyn Green first of all.

Aims

- 1) To enjoy the sport of sea angling in a friendly atmosphere and to promote the sport in a way that makes such enjoyment accessible to others.
- 2) To encourage people to fish in a manner that takes conservation firmly into account and discourages cruelty in the treatment of fish or disregard for the marine environment.
- 3) To organise competitions, challenges and events that promote the sport and help to develop both the social and angling sides of the club.
- 4) To operate in a democratic manner that takes everybody's views into account.
- 5) To organise fund raising events that support club activities and purchase additional resources to benefit all members.
- 6) In a spirit of friendly competition, to maintain records of fish captures in junior, senior and ladies sections, making them available to members upon request.
- 7) To ensure that members may enjoy their time with the club without any fear of harassment, bullying or intimidation. Further to ensure that activities are carried out in a safe manner and location that minimises the likelihood of harm to any club member or member of the public that may be present at a club event.

Background

Baywater Anglers is a relatively young club (we are in our eighteenth year) with, we like to believe, a refreshingly different way of doing things. **Every** member, for example, has a say in what we do, be they eight or eighty, and all dealings on behalf of the club are held open for public inspection, including accounts, letters etc. There are no closed committee meetings and **everybody's** feelings, views and ideas are taken into account. We try to do our best for all members, with the following offering perhaps a flavour of what the club is about:

Specimen Award Scheme

We believe that the capture of an exceptional fish is something to celebrate, so we run a specimen award scheme, with quality medals awarded for **all** specimen fish that are caught.

Training Programme

Many of our anglers are fairly new to the sport but we have an Angling Trust qualified coach - Martyn Green - who is a tri-discipline coach. At each of our events, you can approach him for help with any aspect of fishing and he will do his best to put you on the right lines. In addition, Martyn will be rolling out the new Angling Trust CAST (Core Angling Skills and Techniques) certificates that will, upon completion, enable anglers to target the Level 1 Angling Trust qualification on their way to becoming a professional coach.

We are also lucky enough to have some accomplished anglers who do their best to help with problems. There is a nice, supportive atmosphere with friendly people ready and willing to help people progress in the sport.

Prizes

Prizes are awarded every year for the best fish weighed into the club. (Only two prizes per angler, one for each of his or her best two fish.) We do not give trophies but last year, for example, we awarded over £1000 worth of tackle prizes to our lucky winners.

Insurance

As members of the Angling Trust, we automatically receive public liability cover to a maximum of £10 000 000, more than enough, we hope, to cover any accidents that may befall the public!

Discount

Discount is currently offered at several tackle shops upon production of a valid membership card. These include Tidal Tackle (Torquay), Brixham Bait & Tackle and Euro Angling (Torquay). **Please note**, however, that discount may be subject to a minimum purchase or exceptions. Please enquire in each store for details.

Blanket permission for club members to fish the River Dart from the Railway Bridge, Totnes, to the sea.

This stretch of water is controlled by the Environment Agency and requires special permission to fish. We have been granted such permission, using rod and line only, subject to certain conditions. These are that we can only use float or leger tackle and sea baits (except for sandeels, which are banned by DEFRA) and that we must return all fish caught to the water (with the exception of sizeable mullet and flounders). Technically, we can retain any sizeable bass but we feel that this goes against the spirit of a bass nursery area. We would therefore urge all members to please return all bass that they catch. Fly fishing and spinning are not allowed under any circumstances.

Loan Equipment

Thanks to Sports 4 All and Active Devon awards we have been able to invest in several pieces of equipment for our members to borrow. These include good quality fishing outfits (available at club events) for use from either shore or boat and lifejackets that any club member may borrow on demand. There are also two family tents that are available for members to borrow. We have also, thanks to Devon Community Foundation, been able to purchase some excellent fly tying kits, rods and reels for any club member to use free of charge.

Events

The club organises open and club only competitions, organised boat trips, tackling a variety of species, and a number of social events, which have included casting events, camping weekends at Woodlands and holidays at other campsites, barbecues and ten pin bowling. We have been lucky enough to attract major sponsorship for some of our open competitions while half of the club profits are routinely spent on tackle prizes to be awarded to club members through our prize scheme and at club only events.

Rules

1) Policies of the club will be decided through open meetings which everyone is encouraged to attend. Some members may, with our gratitude and subject to the approval of those members present, wish to undertake special duties, for example membership, social events, correspondence and finances, reporting back to the club and holding all dealings open to public inspection.

2) All members shall pay a subscription to the club, which reserves the right to defer or refuse any application which members feel warrants careful or further consideration. Subscriptions shall be due on 1st July of each year, with the previous year ending on 30th June. **Please note** that fish for weighing in may not be accepted unless subs have been paid in advance or, under special circumstances and subject to approval by the membership, not later than on the day of capture itself.

Because of safety issues, Baywater Anglers will not accept **independent** membership applications from children of primary school age. They are quite welcome to join as part of a family membership but not on their own. The reason for this is to ensure their safety at waterside events, to which they must be accompanied by a responsible adult. With parental involvement, it is also our hope that they will subsequently have more opportunities to practice and develop their skills. At the time of writing subscriptions stand at:

Senior Member	£10	Junior Member (12 - 15)	£3
Family Membership	£15	<i>(2 adults + children of 15 and under)</i>	
Husband and Wife/Partner	£15	Student or unemployed (16-18)	£5

Please note that fish for weighing in may not be accepted unless subs have been paid in advance or, under special circumstances and subject to approval by the membership, not later than on the day of capture itself.

3) Juniors are defined as those members being under 16 years of age. After their sixteenth birthday, any fish that they catch are treated as senior entries into all club awards or competitions.

4) The club **does not** purchase trophies for its members but operates instead an award and specimen medal scheme for exceptional fish. Half of all the profits from each year are used towards the purchase of prizes that celebrate the best fish caught by club members.

5) To qualify for prizes or awards, fish entered by Baywater Anglers must be caught in South Devon. Where the fish are taken on boat, the deciding factor will be the port from which the boat leaves, with the exception of boats travelling to the channel islands, which will not be admissible. All fish caught over a wreck or five miles out from the shore will count as wreck caught fish.

6) Fish entered for club awards must be caught using fair angling means and must not be foul-hooked. Fair angling means is defined as follows:

- Float-fishing, spinning, trolling, legering, pole-fishing and fly-fishing. (Neither feathering nor sink or draw methods count as fair angling methods. All fish so caught do **not** count towards records or awards.)
- No more than two rods may be used, with a maximum of three hooks shared between the two rods (**not** three on each rod). A treble hook counts as three hooks.
- Each entrant must cast and retrieve the tackle upon which a fish is hooked for themselves with the exception of anglers under the age of ten. They may receive adult assistance with casting, not reeling in fish, provided that the distance cast does not exceed the distance attained by other children casting for themselves. Any other exceptions to this can only be allowed after a meeting at which all members present have the right to vote upon the proposal.

All fish entered for prizes will be compared against Baywater Anglers specimen weights and will only be accepted if the angler's subscription is current and valid.

7) The club reserves the right to expel members whose conduct brings the club into disrepute, or whose actions threaten to spoil the friendly atmosphere that we have worked so hard to build.

8) Weighing-in

All fish entered for club prizes or awards must be weighed on either the club scales or certified scales held by other angling clubs or shops, e.g. a tackle shop or fishmongers. The weight must be witnessed by either a nominated person from the club, a senior representative of the shop or by an official of another angling club. You **must** notify Martyn Green as soon as possible with details please. At the time of writing fish below three pounds in weight may be weighed in at Tidal Tackle, Torquay or Brixham Bait and Tackle. Larger fish, as well as smaller ones, may be weighed in at either Euro Angling or with Martyn Green, 31 Collapark, Totnes (please telephone Totnes 863279 to arrange a convenient time).

9) Deferred Entry

Anglers who wish to join the club from April onwards shall be given the choice of a deferred entry. This means that they still pay a full subscription, but must decide whether they wish to compete for the awards being made in the year of joining, in which case they must then renew their subscription in July, or would prefer that any fish that they weigh in should be held over towards the awards in the new club year starting on 1st July. Whatever their decision they may, however, still compete for day prizes in competitions.

Deferred entry subscriptions are charged at the appropriate rate for the age the member will be on 1st July, the start of the new club year.

10) Matters Arising

Although it is our intention to keep the number of rules in the club to a minimum, we anticipate that there may be occasions when a matter arises that is not covered by the above. On such occasions the issue will be referred to the next club event, when the members present will be asked to vote on any action that needs to be taken with the decision confirmed by a simple majority.

Multiple Species Awards

In addition to the specimen medals that can be won at Baywater, we have recently introduced two embroidered badges that anglers may wish to collect. These are awarded for captors of specimen fish who have, over time, caught either five or ten different species.

Since it is pretty unlikely that a single angler is going to get all the necessary specimens in a single year, we have set up a record keeping system detailing the size and species of all specimen fish caught by Baywater members. Even if you take a break in a particular year, past fish are still kept on record so that, should you choose to rejoin, any specimens caught previously could still count towards an award.



We feel that the badges offer anglers something different and are proud of the way that they have turned out. (The cloth badges are very slightly different from our original drawings, which we have put on this page to give you an idea as to what they look like. On the actual badges, 'Baywater Anglers' has been increased in size and now curves up from the left of the number to just over the bass.)

Since we have also introduced specimen sizes for most coarse species, including rainbow and brown trout, we feel that Baywater members have a sporting chance at winning one, or both, of these handsome badges. Hopefully they will make a stylish addition to a smock or a coat!



Coarse and Game Fish Specimen Sizes

Bream, 4 Lbs. 0 ozs.

Crucian Carp, 2 Lbs. 0 ozs.

Grayling, 2 Lbs. 8 ozs.

Roach, 1 Lb. 8 ozs.

Trout (Brown) 8 lbs. 0 ozs

Barbel, 5 Lbs. 0 ozs.

Dace, 12 ozs.

Perch, 3 Lbs. 0 ozs.

Rudd 1 Lb. 8 ozs.

Trout (Rainbow) 8 lbs. 0 ozs

Carp, 15 Lbs. 0 ozs.

Eel, 2 Lbs. 8 ozs.

Pike, 15 Lbs. 0 ozs.

Tench, 3 Lbs. 12 ozs.

If you have any queries on the rules, or wish to make suggestions for new ones for the club to consider, then please feel free to contact me on (01803) 863279 or by email at Martyn.green1@tiscali.co.uk. Your proposals will then be put forward at an open meeting for members to discuss.

Records

At the time of writing the club records show the very young age of our club. I suspect many of these will change in the near future but, in the meantime, there is plenty of scope for people who might like to have a go at breaking existing records or setting a few of their own.

Senior Records (Shore)

Species	Name	Weight	Where and When Caught?
Bass	Chris Glassfield	2 - 10 - 8	Start Point (2007)
Black Bream	Martyn Green	0 - 9 - 8	Blackpool Sands (2005)
Bull Huss	Chris Glassfield	8 - 15 - 0	Start Point (2007)
Couch's Bream	Martyn Green	0 - 10 - 0	Blackpool Sands (2001)
Dab	Robin Main	0 - 13 - 0	Hopes Nose (2011)
Flounder	Martyn Green	1 - 13 - 0	Steamer Quay (2003)
Garfish	Martyn Green	2 - 4 - 8	Brixham Breakwater (2010)
Golden Grey Mullet	Martyn Green	1 - 10 - 8	Blackpool Sands (2007)
Grey Mullet (Thick)	Brian Gale	4 - 14 - 0	Riverside Walk (2010)
Grey Mullet (Thin)	Mike Hunt Brian Gale	2 - 5 - 0	Stoke Gabriel (2007) Stoke Gabriel (2009)
Gurnard (Red)	Martyn Green	0 - 8 - 0	Blackpool Sands (1999)
Gurnard (Tub)	Martyn Green	0 - 15 - 4	Beesands (2012)
Herring	Martyn Green	0 - 8 - 0	Brixham Breakwater (2010)
L. S. Dogfish	Brian Gale	2 - 14 - 0	Beesands (2007)
Mackerel	George Sheppard	2 - 12 - 8	Brixham Breakwater (2001)
Plaice	Colin Reeves	1 - 6 - 0	Beesands (2006)
Pollack	Martyn Green	2 - 12 - 8	Babbacombe Pier (2004)
Pouting	Martyn Green	1 - 2 - 0	Blackpool Sands (2004)
Red Mullet	Colin Reeves	0 - 12 - 10	Slapton Sands (2006)
Silver Eel	Martyn Green	1 - 9 - 0	Steamer Quay (1999)
3 Bearded Rockling	Tony Searle	2 - 12 - 8	Brixham Breakwater (2009)
Scad	Martyn Green	0 - 12 - 8	Brixham Breakwater (2003)
Shad (Allis)	Martyn Green	1 - 14 - 0	Teignmouth Back Beach (2005)
Whiting	Martyn Green	1 - 11 - 0	Beesands (2005)
Wrasse (Ballan)	Martyn Green	3 - 11 - 0	Hopes Nose (2003)

Another point to bear in mind is that we are very much into conservation. Many of the fish mentioned above have been caught at club events, weighed on portable scales and quickly returned to the water. I know of several fish that could have been records but the anglers chose to release, rather than kill, them.

Senior Records (Boat)

Species	Name	Weight	Where and When Caught?
Bass	Martyn Green	4 - 10 - 8	Kingswear (2002)
Cod	Martyn Green	25 - 8 - 0	Kingswear (1999)
Dab	Ed Orchard	0 - 11 - 0	Kingswear (2003)
Dogfish (LS)	Martyn Green	2 - 5 - 0	Kingswear (2014)
Garfish	Martyn Green	0 - 12 - 8	Brixham (2003)
Gurnard (Red)	Anthony Green	1 - 3 - 0	Kingswear (2015)
Gurnard (Tub)	Martyn Green	1 - 0 - 8	Kingswear (1999)
Mackerel	Barry Burton	1 - 13 - 0	Kingswear (2005)
Plaice	Lee Baker	4 - 1 - 0	Kingswear (1999)
Pollack	Martyn Green	11 - 8 - 8	Kingswear (2001)
Pout	Martyn Green	2 - 8 - 0	Kingswear (2001)
Scad	Anthony Green	0 - 15 - 0	Kingswear (2013)
Turbot	Martyn Green	2 - 5 - 0	Kingswear (2003)
Whiting	Martyn Green	1 - 7 - 8	Kingswear (2007)
Wrasse (Ballan)	Robin Main	3 - 13 - 4	Kingswear (2011)
Wrasse (Cuckoo)	Chris Glassfield	1 - 0 - 0	Kingswear (2004)

Junior Records (Shore)

Species	Name	Weight	Where Caught?
Bass	Chloe Hulme	2 - 2 - 0	Steamer Quay (2003)
Flounder	Chloe Hulme	1 - 9 - 0	Back Beach, Teignmouth (2003)
Garfish	David Guest	1 - 9 - 4	Hopes Nose (2001)
Grey Mullet (Thick)	Chloe Hulme	3 - 15 - 0	Meadfoot Beach (2005)
Grey Mullet (Thin)	Tiernan Baker	2 - 4 - 4	Steamer Quay (2009)
Herring	Phil Sheppard	0 - 7 - 14	Berryhead (2001)
L. S. Dogfish	Darren Aspinall	2 - 9 - 8	Beesands (2000)
Mackerel	Phil Sheppard	1 - 11 - 8	Brixham Breakwater (2001)
Plaice	Phil Sheppard	1 - 13 - 0	Shaldon Beach (2000)
Pollack	Nicholas Guest	1 - 10 - 0	Harldon Pier (2000)
Pouting	Craig Allen	0 - 9 - 8	Berryhead (2000)
3B Rockling	Luke Aspinall	0 - 4 - 0	Babbacombe Pier (2002)
Scad	Phil Sheppard	0 - 12 - 8	Brixham Breakwater (2001)
Silver Eel	Francesca Harvey	1 - 3 - 4	Steamer Quay (2005)
Ballan Wrasse	David Guest	4 - 9 - 0	Brixham Breakwater (2001)
Cuckoo Wrasse	Phil Sheppard	0 - 13 - 0	Brixham Breakwater (2001)
Whiting	James Young	1 - 2 - 8	Babbacombe Pier (2005)



Tidal Tackle is the largest tackle shop in Torquay, situated right on the harbour at 23 Victoria Parade. It offers a wide range of tackle and its owner, Simon Key, works hard to buy in stock at discount prices, making it highly competitive. He is also kind enough to offer Baywater Anglers members discount on purchases over £10 and helps the club with some events.



There is a limited amount of road parking just round the corner from the store and a car park just above the harbour. This gives pretty good access although wheelchair users should be aware that there is a short section of fairly steep slope from the car park to the harbour.

Inside the store there is plenty to choose from and enough room for wheelchair users to manoeuvre. The staff, who are both friendly and competent, are also on hand to help with any problems. Simon, for example, is an expert kayaker and is now also selling kayaks from the store at his usual rate of knockdown prices!

The shop boasts a wide range of rods to cater for all budgets, including Penn, Daiwa, Shakespeare, Masterline and many others.

Boat anglers wishing to purchase bait or other supplies can land at steps only a few yards away from the store, which is very useful, especially since there is such a lot of terminal tackle and rigs to choose from. In addition Tidal Tackle stocks fresh bait, including, on occasion, live prawns, and also has a substantial supply of frozen bait on hand to cope with most angling opportunities.



There is also a well stocked carp section, particularly since much of this range is transferable to the light tackle scene that is flourishing in Torbay. (For anglers wishing to explore this side of the bay Tidal Tackle can offer both advice and all the bits and pieces that you are likely to need.)

Anglers wishing to purchase stock by mail order can do so by either contacting the store direct - the address is 23 Victoria Parade, Torquay - by telephone on 01803 292080 or through the shop's website.

(The shop website can be found on <http://www.tidaltackle.co.uk/>)



Tidal Tackle has a wide selection of reels to choose from...

... and an impressive array of lures, terminal tackle, rigs, floats, accessories, line, including braid, torches, tackle boxes, nets and much, much more.



Junior Records (Boat)

Species	Name	Weight	Where Caught?
Bass	Phil Sheppard	2 – 4 – 8	Kingswear (2001)
Dab	Michael Head	1 - 1 - 12	Skerries (2012)
L. S. Dogfish	Chloe Hulme	1 – 11 – 0	Skerries (2003)
Garfish	Daniel Tyrer	2 – 1 – 0	Skerries (2001)
Gurnard Grey	Michael Head	0 - 10 - 0	Skerries (2012)
Gurnard (Red)	James Young	0 - 9 - 8	Kingswear (2004)
Mackerel	Francesca Harvey	1 – 10 – 8	Kingswear (2004)
Plaice	Michael Head	1 - 15 - 4	Skerries (2012)
Pollack	Darren Aspinall	11 – 3 – 0	Kingswear (2002)
Pouting	Darren Aspinall	1 – 12 – 6	Paignton (2000)
Scad	Phil Sheppard	0 – 10 – 0	Brixham (2002)
Whiting	Joel Orchard	1 - 7 - 0	Kingswear (2003)
Wrasse (Ballan)	Daniel Tyrer	3 - 6 - 0	Kingswear (2001)

Ladies Records (Shore)

Species	Name	Weight	Senior or Junior?	Where Caught?
Bass	Chloe Hulme	2 – 2 – 0	Junior	Steamer Quay (2003)
L. S. Dogfish	Rebecca Hayward	2 - 3 - 0	Junior	Babbacombe Pier (2000)
Flounder	Chloe Hulme	1 – 9 – 0	Junior	Back Beach, Teignmouth (2003)
Garfish	Nicky Przybylska	1 – 12 – 8	Senior	Hopes Nose (2010)
Mackerel	Jody Ahern	1 - 2 - 0	Junior	Babbacombe Pier (2000)
Mullet (Golden)	Rebecca Baker	1 - 1 - 0	Senior	Goodrington Promenade (2008)
Mullet (Thick)	Anne Sheppard	4 – 1 – 8	Senior	Blackpool Sands (2002)
Pollack	Yoshimi Taguchi	1 – 7 – 0	Senior	Start Point (2011)
Pouting	Pollyanna Miles	0 - 6 - 0	Junior	Goodrington (2000)
Red Mullet	Anita Allen	0 – 8 – 8	Senior	Beesands (2000)
Scad	Chloe Hulme	0 – 10 – 0	Junior	B. Breakwater (2003)
Silver Eel	Francesca Harvey	1 - 3 - 4	Junior	Steamer Quay (2005)
Whiting	Chloe Hulme	0 - 11 - 0	Junior	Babbacombe Pier (2003)
Ballan Wrasse	Rebecca Green	2 – 12 - 0	Senior	Brixham Breakwater (2001)

Brixham Bait & Tackle



Janet and Graham Dryer, owners of Brixham Bait & Tackle

In a very convenient place for Brixham boat anglers, situated right opposite the inner harbour, Brixham Bait & Tackle offers a wide range of gear for sea and coarse anglers with a small selection of tackle for fly. Service is friendly and helpful with the staff willing to put themselves out to accommodate their many customers.

This is particularly useful for disabled anglers since wheelchair access, though possible, is a little bit cramped. Parking, however, is a plus for wheelchair users since they can usually park right outside the store and then make use of the ramp to enter the premises.

As you can imagine, situated right next to the harbour, bait is a priority for the shop, particularly as it serves many customers who either own their own boats or who are going out on charter trips with the local fleet. Graham likes to open early, around 8.00 a.m., for these and other anglers, which can be very helpful for last minute decisions about bait.

Most of the major brands are stocked and there are plenty of special offers to tempt you as you browse through the goods on offer, including a wide range of fixed spool reels. All the bits and pieces necessary for making terminal rigs are stocked and there is also a selection of pre-tied rigs.



There are plenty of rods to choose from and, as you can imagine from a store so close to the harbour, a good range of multipliers to cope with fishing from both shore and boat.



A good range of fresh and frozen bait is available in store but be sure to check availability of baits such as peeler crabs or live prawns by telephoning 01803 853390 beforehand. This is especially important when there are local competitions or festivals being held.



For the carp enthusiast Graham, who is himself a keen coarse angler, holds a good range of carp fishing accessories, many of which are directly transferable into light tackle rigs for the sea.

The shop also boasts a good range of spinners and lures, including all the jellies necessary for a good day's pollacking. There are also plugs and flies on hand for bass and trout.



Ladies Records (Boat)

Species	Name	Weight	Sen/Junior	Where Caught?
Bass	Abigail Harvey	2 - 1 - 0	Junior	Kingswear (2004)
L. S. Dogfish	Chloe Hulme	1 - 11 - 0	Junior	Skerries (2003)
Mackerel	Francesca Harvey	1 - 10 - 8	Junior	Kingswear (2004)
Plaice	Chloe Hulme	1 - 4 - 8	Junior	Skerries (2004)
Pollack	Alice Young	2 - 1 - 8	Junior	Pinnacles (2004)
Scad	Rebecca Green	0 - 11 - 8	Senior	Brixham (1999)
Ballan Wrasse	Alice Young	2 - 7 - 0	Junior	Pinnacles (2004)

Coarse Records - Senior

Species	Name	Weight	Senior	Where Caught?
Common Carp	Martyn Green	16 - 10 - 0	Senior	12 Oaks Farm, Teigngrace (2009)
Crucian Carp	Rebecca Baker	2 - 5 - 8	Senior	12 Oaks Farm, Teigngrace (2009)
Ghost Carp	Martyn Green	7 - 5 - 4	Senior	Town Parks (2011)
Roach	Martyn Green	1 - 0 - 0	Senior	Trencreek Farm, Cornwall (2003)
Golden Tench	Martyn Green	4 - 8 - 0	Senior	Trevornick, Cornwall (2007)

Coarse Records - Junior

Species	Name	Weight	Junior	Where Caught?
Carp (Common)	Nimisha Baker	5 - 4 - 4	Junior	Town Parks (2010)
Roach	Tiernan Baker	0 - 8 - 0	Junior	Trencreek Farm (2009)
Common Eel	Tiernan Baker	2 - 8 - 8	Junior	12 Oaks Farm (2008)

Coarse Records - Ladies

Species	Name	Weight	Junior	Where Caught?
Carp (Common)	Nimisha Baker	5 - 4 - 4	Junior	Town Parks (2010)
Crucian Carp	Rebecca Baker	2 - 5 - 8	Senior	12 Oaks Farm, Teigngrace (2008)
Ghost Carp	Julie Green	5 - 6 - 8	Senior	Town Parks (2012)

Oddball Records – Unclassified and Game

(Game Fish only accepted if returned alive or upon production of a valid EA licence)

Species	Name	Weight	Sen/Junior	Where Caught?
Brown Trout	Martyn Green	2 - 13 - 6	Senior	Hatchlands (2009)
Sea Trout	Martyn Green	3 - 7 - 8	Senior	Hopes Nose (2009)
5 Bearded Rockling	Shelley Chubb	0 - 3 - 8	Junior	Torre Abbey (2003)
Dragonet	Chloe Hulme	0 - 3 - 0	Junior	Hopes Nose (2003)
Rainbow Trout	Martyn Green	11 - 9 - 8	Senior	Tavistock (2006)
Blue Trout	Martyn Green	1 - 12 - 0	Senior	Hatchlands (2011)

If you have caught a record fish and wish it to qualify you **must** make sure that you have followed the rules for the weighing in of fish. You must also notify Martyn Green on (01803) 863279.

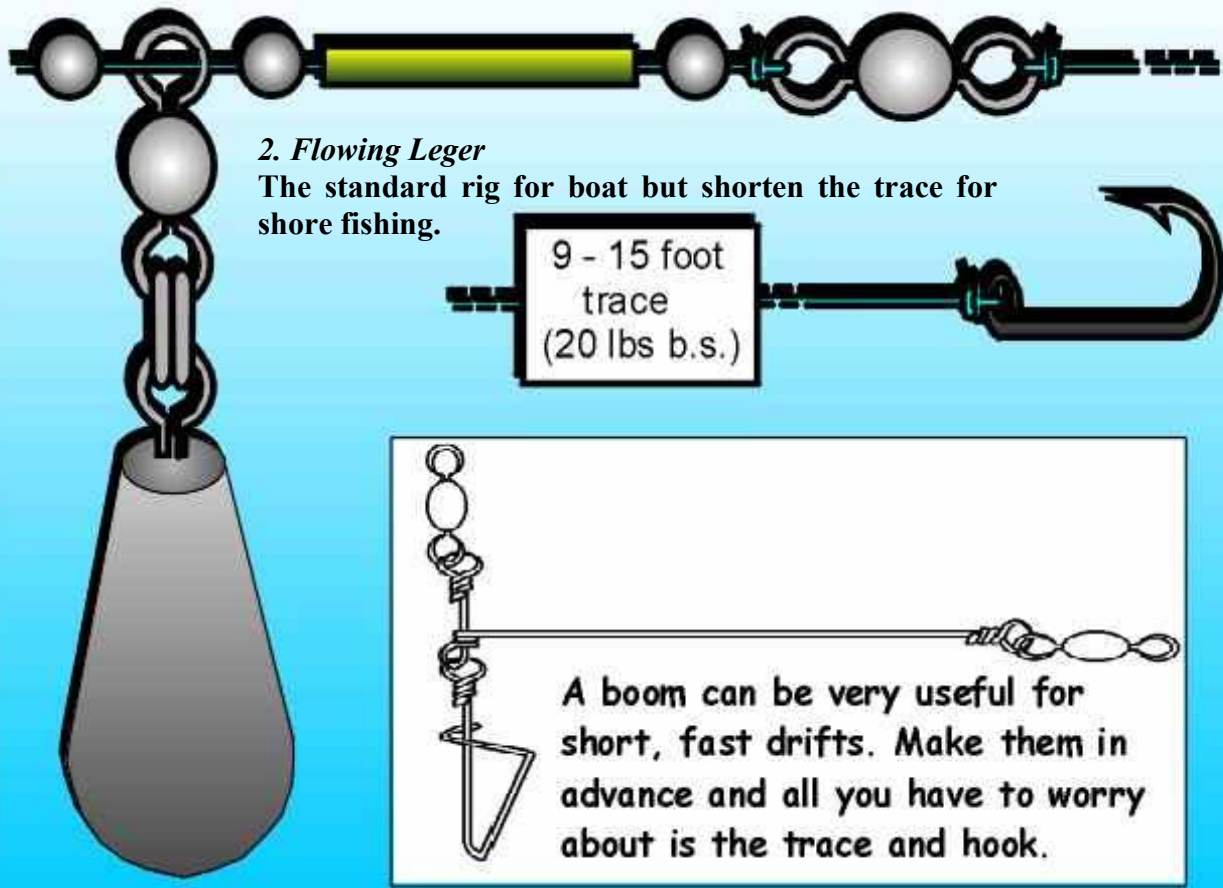
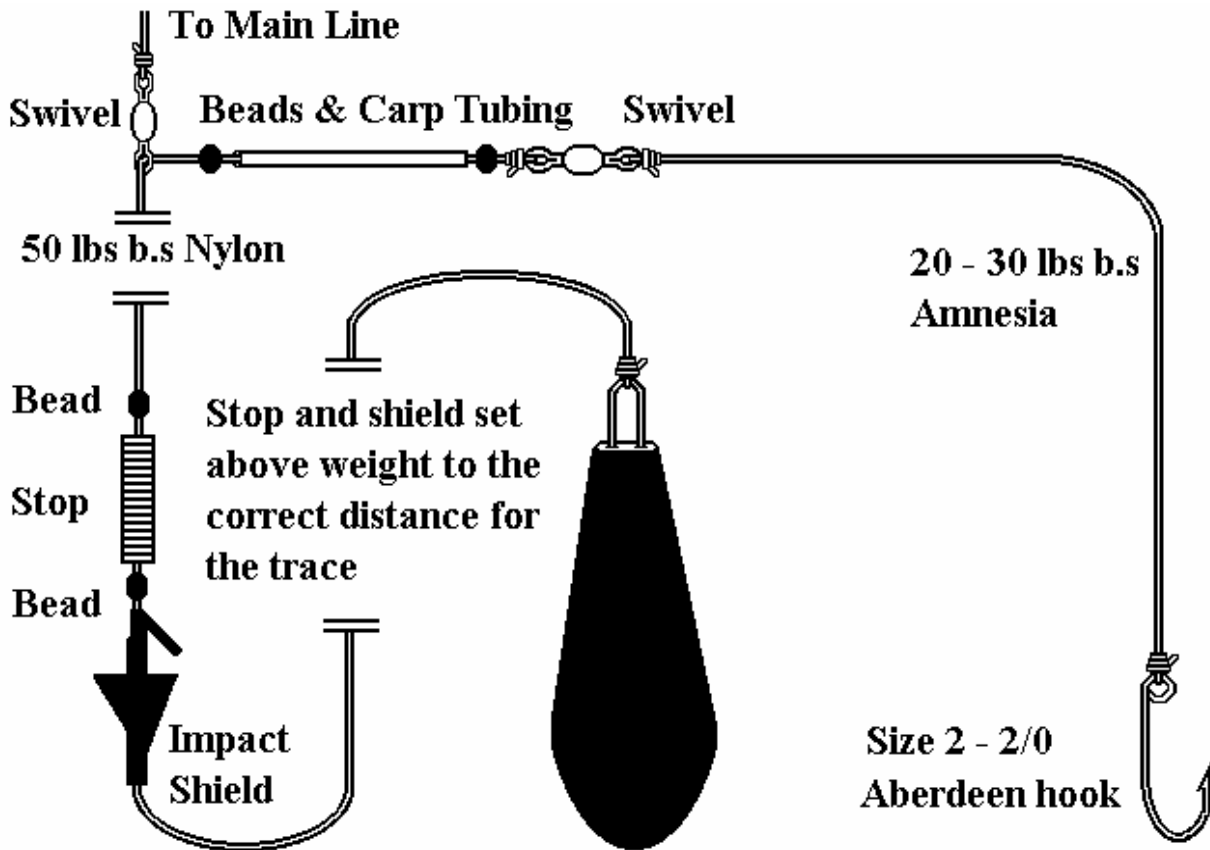
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Species	Minimum Size	Minimum Weight	Specimen Sizes		
	(Inches)	(Pounds)	Wreck	Boat	Shore
Allis or Twaite Shad	Accidental captures over 10" weighed only on catch and release basis.		2 - 04	2 - 04	2 - 04
Angler Fish	-	6 - 00	35 - 00	25 - 00	25 - 00
Bass	17	-	8 - 00	8 - 00	7 - 00
Black Bream	9.5	-	3 - 08	3 - 00	2 - 00
Gilthead Bream	15	-	6 - 00	4 - 12	3 - 08
Red Bream	10	-	3 - 12	3 - 00	1 - 00
Brill	14	-	6 - 00	5 - 00	2 - 00
Bull Huss	23	-	10 - 00	12 - 00	10 - 00
Coalfish	14	-	17 - 00	15 - 00	3 - 08
Cod	14	-	23 - 00	20 - 00	8 - 00
Conger	48	-	50 - 00	30 - 00	25 - 00
Dab	9.5	-	1 - 08	1 - 04	1 - 00
Flounder	10	-	2 - 08	2 - 08	2 - 08
Garfish	15	-	1 - 08	1 - 08	1 - 08
Red Gurnard	9	-	1 - 08	1 - 08	1 - 00
Grey Gurnard	11	-	1 - 04	1 - 04	1 - 00
Tub Gurnard	11	-	3 - 00	3 - 00	2 - 00
Herring	9	-	0 - 08	0 - 08	0 - 08
John Dory	13	-	4 - 08	4 - 08	1 - 00
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	18	-	3 - 00	3 - 00	2 - 08
Ling	28	-	23 - 00	20 - 00	4 - 08
Mackerel	12	-	2 - 00	2 - 00	1 - 08
Megrim	10	-	2 - 00	2 - 00	1 - 08
Monkfish	-	15 - 00	40 - 00	35 - 00	25 - 00
Golden Grey Mullet	13	-	2 - 00	2 - 00	2 - 00
Grey Mullet (Thick)	13	-	4 - 04	4 - 04	4 - 00
Grey Mullet (Thin)	13	-	3 - 08	3 - 08	3 - 08
Red Mullet	8	-	1 - 12	1 - 08	1 - 04
Plaice	11	-	4 - 00	3 - 08	2 - 08
Pollack	12	-	16 - 00	8 - 00	3 - 12
Pouting	10	-	3 - 00	3 - 00	1 - 08
Blonde Ray	16	All rays should be measured across the wings.	20 - 00	23 - 00	13 - 00
Cuckoo Ray	16		4 - 00	4 - 00	4 - 00
Sandy Ray	16		4 - 00	4 - 00	4 - 00
Small-eyed Ray	16		11 - 00	11 - 00	8 - 00
Spotted Ray	16		5 - 08	5 - 08	5 - 00
Sting Ray	16		25 - 00	25 - 00	20 - 00
Thornback Ray	16		13 - 00	13 - 00	10 - 00
Three Bearded Rockling	8	-	1 - 08	1 - 08	1 - 08
Scad	10	-	1 - 04	1 - 04	1 - 00
Blue Shark	-	55 - 00	80 - 00	80 - 00	40 - 00
Mako Shark	-	55 - 00	190 - 00	190 - 00	100 - 00
Porbeagle Shark	-	55 - 00	140 - 00	140 - 00	80 - 00
Thresher Shark	-	55 - 00	110 - 00	110 - 00	80 - 00
Silver Eel	15	-	2 - 08	2 - 08	2 - 08
Smooth-hound	20	-	15 - 00	15 - 00	8 - 00
Sole	10	-	1 - 08	1 - 08	1 - 12
Spurdog	23	-	10 - 00	10 - 00	8 - 00
Tope	-	20 - 00	35 - 00	35 - 00	25 - 00
Trigger Fish	12	-	3 - 00	3 - 00	2 - 08
Turbot	16	-	15 - 00	15 - 00	7 - 00
Weaver	8	-	0 - 12	0 - 12	0 - 12
Whiting	11	-	3 - 08	3 - 08	1 - 08
Ballan Wrasse	9	-	5 - 00	5 - 00	5 - 00
Cuckoo Wrasse	9	-	1 - 04	1 - 04	1 - 04

Basic Rigs

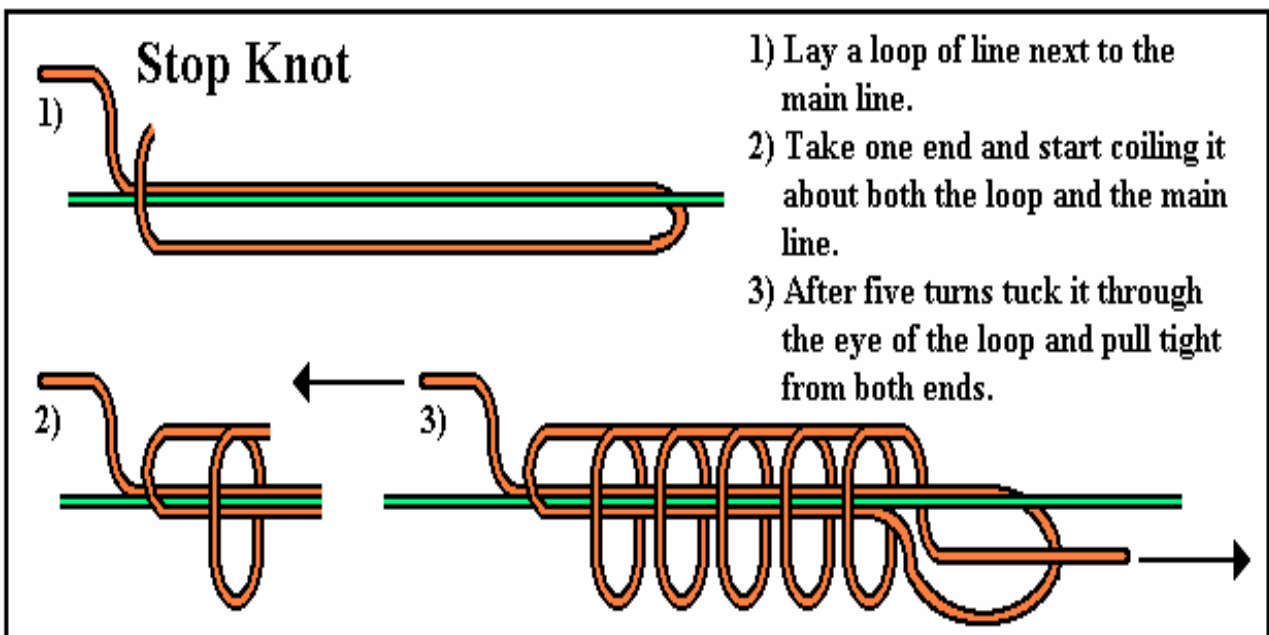
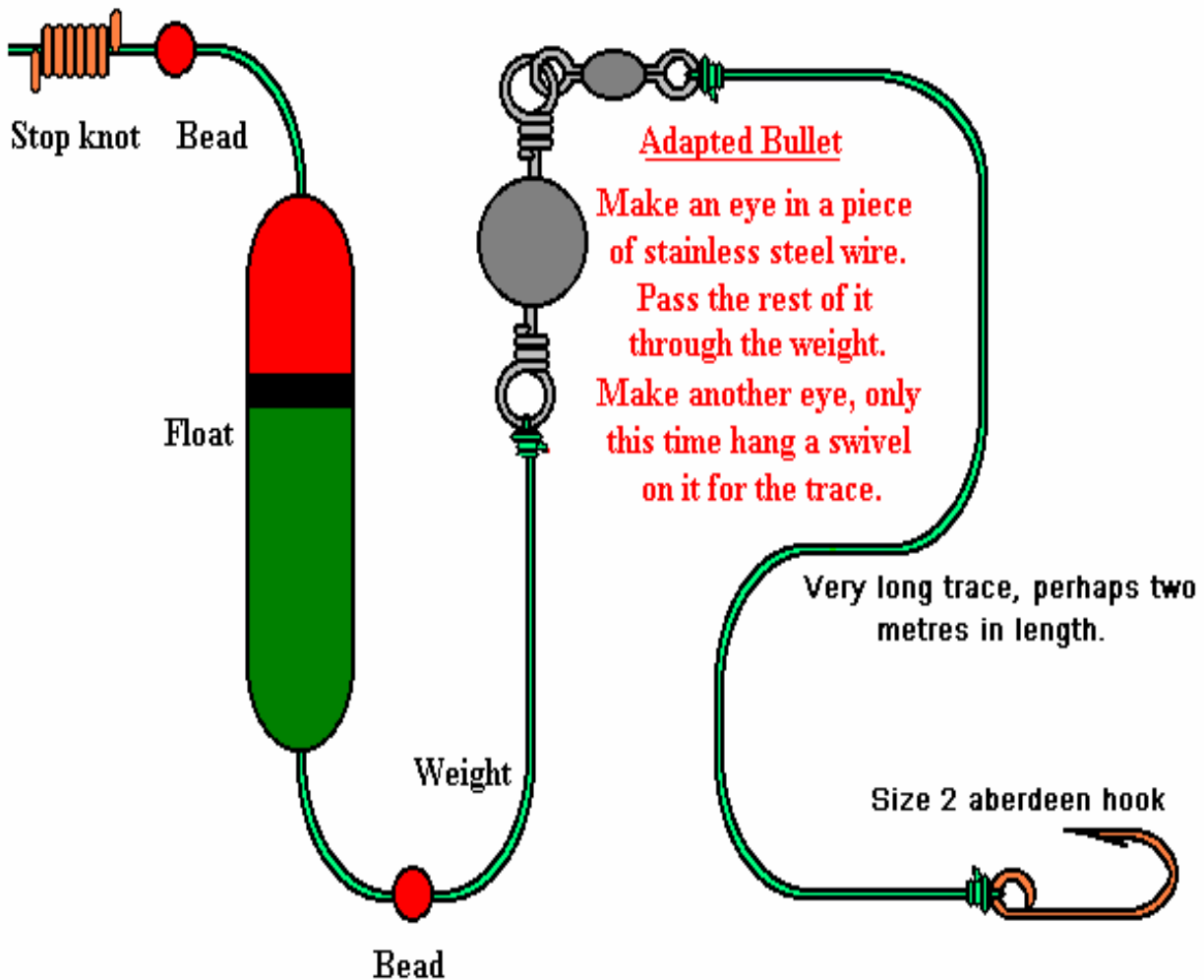
1. The Pulley Rig

A good rig for dogfish and larger bottom-dwelling (demersal) species. It is very useful at Babbacombe Pier, Hopes Nose and anywhere where big fish are possible.



3. Float Tackle

Probably the most widely used summer tackle in the bay, float tackle will account for sead, mackerel, pollack, bass, garfish and a variety of other, occasional species. It is simple to tie but can break quite easily after a bit of use. This is because of the metal edges in the drilled bullet, which rub and fray the line, making it weaker. A simple adaptation, which prevents this problem, is shown below.



Miscellaneous

Equipment

The club has a small amount of equipment that its members can either borrow or rent. These include:

Family tents - 2 comfortable tents, voluntary contribution suggested of £10 per holiday. (Tents take a lot of wear. This helps us to replace them when necessary.)

Lifejackets - 12 in various sizes, adult and child - Free

Carp rods and matching reels for light shore work - 18 - Free

Boat rods and matching multipliers for light inshore work - 3 - Free

Fly Rods and Matching reels for game or sea fishing - 10 - Free

Fly Tying Kits - 20 - Free

**Baywater Anglers
Code of Conduct for Younger Anglers**

	
Do ...	Don't ...
... try hard to be safe.	... wander off on your own.
... keep an eye on the weather.	... hold a rod in a lightning storm.
... keep an eye on the sea, especially if it starts getting rough.	... take chances when it is rough.
... make sure that your tackle is safe.	... cast without a shock leader when you are bottom fishing.
... share your fishing spot with others.	... try to squeeze in when there isn't enough room.
... try to cast straight.	... keep casting over other people's lines.
... leave your fishing spot clean and tidy.	... leave litter or bait lying around.
... handle fish carefully.	... let fish suffer.
... kill any fish for eating both quickly and humanely.	... keep undersized fish.
... get rid of your rubbish properly	... Leave line or unwanted tackle behind.
... enjoy the peace and quiet of your own fishing.	... be noisy.
... bring along enough bait	... try to scrounge bait off other people.
... be really, really careful with knives and hooks	... leave sharp objects lying around.
Wear a lifejacket when you are on a boat.	... go on a boat without a lifejacket.

Because we work with young people, both at club events and within primary schools, we are required to have a safeguarding policy. Such a policy is also essential for consideration in regard to grants for equipment.

Baywater Anglers - Safeguarding Policy

Background Information

Baywater Anglers is a sea angling club with the following aims:

- 1) To enjoy the sport of sea angling in a friendly atmosphere and to promote the sport in a way that makes such enjoyment accessible to others.
- 2) To encourage people to fish in a manner that takes conservation firmly into account and discourages cruelty in the treatment of fish or disregard for the marine environment.
- 3) To organise competitions, challenges and events that promote the sport and help to develop both the social and angling sides of the club.
- 4) To operate in a democratic manner that takes everybody's views into account.
- 5) To organise fund raising events that support club activities and purchase additional resources to benefit all members.
- 6) In a spirit of friendly competition, to maintain records of fish captures in junior, senior and ladies sections, making them available to members upon request.
- 7) To ensure that members may enjoy their time with the club without any fear of harassment, bullying or intimidation. Further to ensure that activities are carried out in a safe manner and location that minimises the likelihood of harm to any club member or member of the public that may be present at a club event.

These aims reflect our values, specifically...

...that the sea is a unique and wonderful resource to which all members of a seaside community should have access. In this respect, Baywater Anglers regards sea fishing as a traditional sport that not only encourages a love of nature but which also may become a fundamental part of peoples' lives, helping them both to enjoy their recreational time and manage the stress that is a part of adult life. We believe that anyone, regardless of age, colour or creed, should be able to enjoy the sport of sea fishing and that this enjoyment is made greater when shared in the company of others. It is also our belief that disabled people may benefit from time spent sea fishing and we will, accordingly, schedule a significant number of events that may be accessed by wheelchair users and others.

At Baywater Anglers, we believe in the sharing of knowledge and the promotion of interest in both the sport and the marine environment itself. We believe that this should be done in a friendly atmosphere in which members feel safe and free from intimidation or bullying. We also believe that respect for the environment and serious regard to conservation are both issues that should be given a high priority in the running of the club.

We believe that sea fishing is a sport that has contributed much to the local economy, to people's lives and to the history of our community. We wish to preserve this and to pass our knowledge and our love of sea angling on to the next generation, thereby helping to ensure the future of the sport. In this respect we will actively seek to promote angling activities that will help to raise the sport's profile and encourage not only interest but also public participation.

At Baywater Anglers, we believe in a club that is run in a democratic manner, where everybody, regardless of age or sex, has the right to vote on issues of importance to the club. All such issues will therefore be presented at open meetings or events, where the members present will vote on the necessary decisions. In the event of poor attendance – less than ten members – the matters being considered will be postponed for debate at a future event where there are sufficient members attending. We understand that some jobs need to be done for the club to be able to function – coordinator, secretary, fish recorder, clerk of the scales and treasurer – but these posts will carry no special voting privileges, just the gratitude of other club members for the volunteers undertaking such duties.

In order to develop both the angling and social sides of the club, we will endeavour to purchase equipment that enables both individuals and families to participate in club events. This may include safety equipment, such as lifejackets etc., or more expensive items such as tents for club camping trips.

Where possible, we will also try to obtain angling equipment for newcomers to the sport to be able to use, thereby enabling them to have a taste of angling before they go to the expense of purchasing their own tackle.

Child Protection

In relation to child protection issues, all correspondence should be marked for the attention of the child protection officer, currently Mrs Julie Green, 31 Collapark, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5LW. (Telephone enquiries can be answered at 07704 602180.) Both the club secretary and coordinator will be CRB checked as a matter of course.

Members of Baywater Anglers are fully aware of the issues involved in Child Protection and understand that the abuse of young people and children can take the form of physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect. We therefore want to ensure that both ourselves and any children and young people attending Baywater Anglers events will be safe. All adults employed to work with the club, such as AAPGAI (Advanced Association of Professional Game Angling Instructors) coaches, will therefore be checked for their suitability through the Criminal Records Bureau, as will any volunteer working upon a project related specifically to younger people.

If any child or young person comes forward with a disclosure, they will be able to make it to either the child protection officer or coordinator, both of whom will receive training in child protection issues. Similarly if any other adult members of Baywater Anglers receive a disclosure, they should inform, as soon as possible, either the child protection officer or coordinator, who will then inform the Social Services Team on 0845 6000388 immediately.

If a child tells an adult member that something has happened:-

Do	Don't
Allow the child to do the talking.	Postpone or delay the opportunity to listen.
Listen – take the child seriously.	Ask leading questions.
Tell the child that you believe them and that it is not their fault.	
Remain calm and caring.	Allow your own feelings (such as anger and pity) to surface.
Allow the child to finish.	Make false promises (that you will keep ‘the secret’, for example).
Record the conversation (disclosure) as soon as possible afterwards (it could be helpful to use the child’s own words where possible).	Interpret what you have been told, just record it.
Tell the child that you are going to contact Social Services/Police Child Protection team.	
Keep the disclosure in a secure place.	

We understand that it is **not** the duty of anyone receiving a disclosure to make a decision on whether abuse has actually taken place; they just record the details of concern and pass them on to the Social Services team.

Recruitment

Baywater Anglers will seek to recruit new members from all branches of local communities, providing new members with training and safe opportunities to participate in sea fishing. It is our intention to promote angling as a whole family sport which engages parents and children in quality time and purposeful activity.

While we recognise that young people are the future of sea angling, we believe that very young children, i.e. those still at primary school, **must** be accompanied to **waterside** activities by a parent or responsible adult. This is for two reasons. The first, and primary consideration, is the safety of the children, avoiding any situation where numbers of adults are insufficient to maintain a safe charge over the numbers of young people present, while the second is because we feel that, without parental involvement, they are less likely to be offered further opportunities to practice the skills that they need to develop. For this reason Baywater Anglers will not accept membership applications from solitary children of primary age. Instead they must form part of a family application.

Training

At Baywater Anglers, we have introduced the CAST training scheme with starter, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 certificates to mark the competency of anglers as their skills develop. Some club events will focus on training aspects of the scheme, with volunteer helpers to administer training, but there will also be social and recreational events where members are free to enjoy the company of their friends and family.

Some training events may call upon the services of external trainers. Where this is the case, such instructors will hold either an AAPGAI (Association of Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructors) qualification, which carries first aid and CRB requirements, or similar award with these same requirements. We will not be employing instructors without proof that their qualification carries a requirement for regular CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checks to establish their suitability for working with young people.

In relation to the initial and continuing assessments of angling skills, these will rest with the Coordinator, who is also the principal trainer, as will the administration of the scheme. However resources to help develop angling skills will be made available, sometimes at a small charge, to all members of the club or placed upon the club website at www.seafishing4fun.org.

Health and Safety at Club Events

At club events, all volunteer helpers have a duty to ensure the safety of all young people present, ensuring that they are not, or do not put themselves, at risk. All volunteer helpers will therefore be vigilant to the safety of young people, helping them to develop safe angling practices and guarding against dangers such as their being accosted by unknown members of the public. It will also be the duty of the coordinator, or designated deputy, to carry out a risk assessment before each event and, in particular, to examine the weather and sea conditions prior to an event so that a decision can be made as to whether or not it is safe to proceed. His, or her, decision, will be final and can be accessed on 07704602180.

Where a club event involves the hire of a charter boat, Baywater Anglers will only use professional, Department of Trade recognised skippers with all necessary qualifications and safety checks carried out on their vessels. We will, in addition, maintain a stock of child sized lifejackets to ensure that all junior members have access to correctly fitted lifesaving equipment in case of problems developing once the trip is underway. These will also be available for club members to use if they are invited out on trips by other friends.

At open events, club volunteers will be able to keep in contact via walkie talkies or mobile phones while a first aid kit will be kept with a designated person. Any person having a complaint against another, or wishing help for any reason, should make contact with a steward, who will be recognisable in dayglo safety vest marked with Baywater Anglers. These will deal with all minor issues but the leader of the event should be applied to in relation to larger issues. These may include all decisions in regard to resolving complaints or rendering assistance to wheelchair users or others.

In the event of antisocial behaviour leading to complaints, the event leader will, in the first case, use his or her own judgement as to the severity of the response. This will take into account the fact that Baywater Anglers is a friendly club which wants its members to enjoy each other's company. If it is a minor disagreement which can be sorted out amicably then so much the better. However, if the incident is more severe, for example with behaviour of a bullying nature or indeed any behaviour likely to bring the club into disrepute, then the leader will take immediate action to curtail the behaviour and collect evidence as to what actually happened, making notes as to exactly what took place. He, or she, will then inform the coordinator and, if child protection issues are involved, the designated contact for such matters. These will then decide upon a course of action, storing any notes on the incident and discussing the matter with outside agencies if appropriate.

At the next open meeting the cause of the concern will be raised with the members present, who will be asked to decide upon the expulsion, suspension or other disciplinary action to be taken. Baywater Anglers does, however, take bullying so seriously that anyone guilty of this offence will be expelled from the club without return of their subscription.

Access

Baywater Anglers believes strongly that disabled people should have the opportunity to fish, deliberately selecting safe and accessible marks for the majority of its events. We will also dedicate web space to articles designed to help disabled people to succeed in their fishing and to explore alternative approaches that will make their pursuit of the sport somewhat more comfortable. In addition, we will make representations to local authorities on issues that could affect their access to the sport, e.g. our recent discussions with Torbay Harbour staff as to the difficulties faced by wheelchair users as they made their way around the harbour.

Procedural and Safety Reviews

In regard to the safety of all its members, though particularly that of young people, Baywater Anglers will consult not only with adult members but also with younger members as to the safety procedures that they would like to see in place at club events. These matters will then be raised at an open club meeting and steps taken to ensure that, where practical or desirable, such measures are implemented and any policy documents reviewed and amended accordingly.

Code of Conduct

While we believe that Baywater Anglers members are nice people who look after each other and the environment, we would suggest the following as an appropriate code of conduct for individuals engaged in the sport of sea angling:

1. Think very carefully about your own safety and the safety of others around you. Let people know where and with whom you are going to fish, giving an approximate time of return.
2. Keep your eye on the sea state and what the weather is doing. Your safety may depend on it since the state of the sea can change dramatically in a very short space of time. Be aware that every year anglers die through being swept off rocks in isolated locations and do not put yourself at risk in this manner.
3. Check your tackle thoroughly to make sure that is safe to use. Shock leaders must be in use for all bottom fishing.
4. Be considerate, for example be prepared to share your fishing spot with others, making sure that there is enough room between you for all to fish comfortably.
5. Try not to cast over the person next to you. While miscasts do happen, it can be very annoying if this happens again and again.
6. Look after the environment, leaving it as clean, or cleaner, than when you first arrived.
7. Look after the fish that you catch, returning alive any that are undersized or humanely killing, at once, any that you intend to keep for eating.
8. Dispose of any broken or unwanted tackle properly. Fishing line, in particular, can represent a serious danger to wildlife and should be cut into very short lengths before being placed in a bin.
9. Enjoy the peace and quiet of your own fishing and respect the fact that others like peace and quiet too.
10. Make sure that you bring along enough bait for your whole fishing session. Approaching strangers for more if you run out is neither safe nor desirable.
11. Make sure that any knives, hooks or sharp objects are properly stored in your bag after use, well away from the curious hands of small children that may be nearby.
12. If fishing from a boat, make sure that you are properly equipped with a lifejacket and suitable clothing. Check that the boat owner has suitable safety equipment on board, including the correct pack of flares for the intended passage, backup form of propulsion, VHF radio etc.

Martyn Green, Coordinator

Emergency Procedures

The nature of the activities involved in angling mean the range of potential issues that may arise in an emergency could vary greatly. An emergency may only directly involve one participant, but remember that all coaches and volunteers have an equal responsibility in ensuring the safety of the rest of the group.

Medical Emergency

The event should have a designated first aid officer which, for all Baywater events, is Martyn. It is his responsibility to determine the severity of any incident and the most appropriate course of action. The priorities for deciding this are to:-

- Prevent further injury or deterioration.
- Secure the safety of the rest of the group.
- Seek qualified medical assistance as soon as possible.
- Contact the parent, guardian or supplied emergency contact.

Where it is not possible or it is considered inappropriate to move the injured person, the emergency services should be contacted directly. Be sure to provide clear information. Where access may be difficult this must be made clear. Always ensure that you are aware of the location of the nearest landline telephone as a mobile service may not be available. An accident report form (the book will be in Martyn's vehicle) should be completed as soon as possible after the event.

Other Emergencies

Other incidents that could arise during an angling event are:-

Drowning or immersion in water

Lightning storms and unexpected weather

Absconding or missing participants

Drowning or Immersion

Do NOT jump in after the victim. Your safety is paramount. Observe the following guidelines:-

Call for the emergency services.

Use a landing net handle or long branch to try to reach the victim.

For greater distances, use a throwing line or buoyancy aid.

If you must enter the water, hold on to someone on the bank.

In deeper water, take one end of the throwing line with you.

If the victim is panicking approach from behind; do not let them grab you or they will climb up you to get themselves out of the water.

If necessary, wait for the victim to start to lose consciousness before approaching.

Transfer the victim to the bank as quickly as possible and begin CPR if necessary.

Treat for hypothermia. Even in the summer this can be a real danger.

Lightning Storm and Unexpected Weather

Sudden, violent storms do occur. Lightning is a particular danger to anglers, although the warning signs are usually received well in advance.

Play it safe - evacuate the event until the danger has passed.

If you are caught out, immediately put down fishing rods and evacuate to a safe area.

Vehicles in car parks are as good as anywhere and also provide welcome shelter from any accompanying rain.

Do not waste time packing up equipment - it will still be there when the danger is over.

Missing Participants

Even where every precaution has been taken and where experienced and competent assistants are involved, this can still occasionally happen. This may be as a result of an accident, a dispute, distraction or boredom. Whatever the cause, where children are concerned, it is distressing to both coaches and participants until the missing person is found.

If a person is found to be missing:

- Stay calm but act promptly. Once you realise a participant is missing conduct a rapid search of the water perimeter.
- If the missing person is not found, one volunteer should gather the rest of the group while all other volunteers conduct a thorough search of the water perimeter.
- If still missing, extend this to the whole site, paying particular attention to any buildings or other structures.
- Now contact a parent or guardian. They may be able to give clues.
- Have one coach/volunteer drive around perimeter roads for a reasonable distance.
- If not found, inform the police and continue to search whilst you await their arrival.