

Angling Trust – Marine - Wyvern Region

Open Shore Slapton, South Devon,

on 8th January 2017.

The South West's first major event in the 2017 attracted 128 anglers to the South Hams to fish the annual Angling Trust Wyvern Open Festival at the popular venue on Slapton Beach. The weather was good with a light offshore wind but the calm conditions resulted in fewer fish than normal being brought to the scales. However Slapton rarely disappoints and some very good fish, including a dab of 1.390 lbs which equated to specimen weight of 139%: a Thornback ray of 11.865lbs or 118.65%; a Spotted Ray of 4.525.lbs or 90.30% and good quality Dogfish and Mackerel caught during daylight and Whiting as usual in the last two hours. The results were announced within half an hour of the close of scales at 6.45 pm at the Festival Headquarters at the Church House Inn at Stokenham.

The main sponsor was Julian Shambrook of Anyfish Anywhere Ltd, a major fishing tackle manufacturer, based in Torquay and Tom Worthy of Plymouth Angling and these were thanked for their continued support as were the competitors many of who had travelled from Watchet, Bristol, Weymouth and beyond. Any money raised, less expenses, from the event will be invested in the work of the Region on behalf of sea all anglers. Thanks were also extended to the Church House Inn for their hospitality.

The worthy winner was local unattached angler John Pollard from Plymouth with a combination of a Lesser Spotted Dogfish and a Dab to total 194.50 % points. He was presented with the top prize of £200 cash and the Brixham Bowl. The other tackle prizes were valued at over £800 and were awarded down to 13th place, these were announced by the Chairman of the Wyvern Region Alex Parker, and Julian Shambrook of "Anyfish Anywhere" presented the prizes. All fish brought to the scales were returned or used for the table. The Division promotes the Angling Trust "Take Five" anti litter campaign and encourage all anglers to leave the beaches cleaner than they found them.

The organisers are grateful to the local fisherman who once again, removed his pots seaward to prevent any inconvenience or conflict with the anglers. This cooperation between the fishing sectors bodes well for the future as increasing pressure is brought to bear on all interests within the inshore fisheries.

The first Ten Places are as follows:-

First :	£200	Brixham Bowl			
John Pollard	Plymouth	Dab	1.390 lb	139.00	
		LS Dogfish	1.395 lb	55.80	Total: 194.80%
Second	Pick of the Prize table & Bideford Cup Cup				
Mark Barnett	Kingsbridge SAC	LS Dogfish	2.295 lb	91.80	
		Spotted Ray	4.515 lb	90.30	Total: 182.01%
Third	Pick of the Prize table & Sidmouth Cup				
Fred Ullah	Torquay	LS Dogfish	1.395 lb	55.80	
		TB Ray	11.865 lb	118.65	Total: 174.45%

Fourth	Pick of the Prize table & Bideford Cup				
Nikki Finnis	Teignmouth SAS	Mackerel	1.185 lb	79.00	
		Whiting	0.865lb	57.67	Total: 136.67%
Fifth	Pick of the Prize table				
Paul Curtis	Shepton Mallett	LS Dogfish	1.265 lb	50.60	
		Mackerel	0.960 lb	64.00	Total: 114.60%
Sixth	Pick of the Prize table				
Terry Hartnell	Honiton SAC	Mackerel	0.840 lb	56.00	
		Whiting	0.590lb	39.38	Total: 95.33%
Seventh	Pick of the Prize table				
Kayleigh Packman (JN).	Blackdown SAC	Mackerel	0.560 lb	37.33	
		Whiting	0.775 lb	51.67	Total: 89.00%
Eighth	Pick of the Prize table				
Mark Mossman	Watchet	Grey Gurnard	0.505 lb	40.66	
	& W.Somerset SAC	Mackerel	0.700 lb	46.67	Total: 87.33%
Ninth	Pick of the Prize table				
Nick Major	Ashburton	Mackerel	0.515 lb	34.33	
		Whiting	0.705 lb	47.00	Total: 81.33%
Tenth	Pick of the Prize table				
Julian Shambrook	Torquay	LS Dogfish	0.945 lb	37.80	
		Whiting	0.585lb	39.00	Total: 76.80%

Best Team Team Shield: (Team of four anglers, Best fish by each angler)

Team: Anyfish Anywhere. photograph attached lt to rt.

Derek Bristow; Marcus Ward; Julian Shambrook; Rob Marshall Total 171.80 %

Second Best Team: (Best Specimen fish, Team of four anglers)

Team: Weston S Mare SAC

John Lintern; Steve Sparks; Rachel Jarman; Wayne Jarman Total 116.61%

Pool (best individual species) 126 out of 128 entries @ £1 Total £126

1/ 50%	Jon Pollard , Plymouth`	Dab	1.390 lbs	139.00 %	£63.00
2/ 30%	Fred Ullah, Torquay	Thornback Ray	11.865 lbs	118.65 %	£37.80
3/ 20%	Mark Barnett, Kingsbridge	Spotted Ray	4.515 lbs	90.30 %	£25.20

Attached is a photograph of the winner John Pollard rt. being presented with his prize by Julian Shambrook lt. of Anyfish Anywhere, and the Team Shield winners

