Angling Trust – Marine - Wyvern Region Open Shore Slapton, South Devon, On the 7th Jan 2024.

The South West's first major event in 2024 attracted 139 anglers, along with 27 teams to the South Hams to fish the annual Angling Trust Wyvern Open Festival, with some competitors traveling from South Wales, Deal & the Isle of White, the weather conditions on the day saw a fresh north easterly backing easterly wind, Small Eyed Ray, Dab, garfish, whiting & dogfish were caught during the event, 68 competitors returned to the scales with fish to record. The results were announced within half an hour of the close of scales at the Festival Headquarters at the Stokeley Farm Shop.

The main sponsor was Julian Shambrook of Anyfish Anywhere Ltd, a major fishing tackle manufacturer, based in Torquay. All of the sponsors for the day were thanked for their continuing support each year, also a big thank you to Stokeley for their hospitality & providing an excellent venue.

The worthy winner, of the event was Malcolm Stote from Lymington (pictured right collecting his prize from Jullian Shambrook on the left). Malcom recorded a Small Eyed Ray of 9.5lb & a Whiting of 0.975lb giving him a total of (170.56%), he was presented with the top prize of £200 cash and the Brixham Bowl, other tackle prizes to the value of £800 were awarded down to 12^{th} place, these were announced by the Chairman of the Wyvern Region Alex Parker and presented by Julian Shambrook.

The Region promotes the Angling Trust "Take Five" anti litter campaign and encourages all anglers to leave the beaches cleaner than they found them.



We would like to thank a local Whelk boat who we are in contact with leading up to the event, they normally set their pots just off Slapton beach, he is always accommodating for this competition by pushing his pots out further so as not to interfere with the event.

The first Twelve Places are as follows:-

First : Malcolm Stote	£200 Lymington	Brixham Bow Whiting		975 lb			
		Small Eyed Ra	ay 9,5	50 lb Total: 170.56 %			
Second	Pick of the Prize table & Bideford Cup						
Shaun Moore	Cardiff SAC	S E Ray 5.75 lb					
		Whiting	1.33 lb``	Total: 152.56 %			

Third John Johnson	Pick of the Prize table & West CoastAppledore Cup 0.775lb						
	& Watchet	Whiting	1.005 lb				
				Total: 144.50 %			
Fourth Bobby Drew	Pick of the Prize table & Sidmouth Cup Teignmouth S.A.S. Whiting 1.275 lb						
		L.S.D.	1.320 lb	Total: 137.80 %			
Fifth Jeff Fisk	Pick of the Prize table Bournemouth						
	& District	Whiting	1.290 lb				
		L.S.D.	1.220 lb	Total: 134.80 %			
Sixth Adam Slack	Pick of the Prize ta Teignmouth S.A.S.		1.890 lb				
				Total: 126.00 %			
Seventh	Pick of the Prize table						
Dean Francis	West Bay SAC	Whiting	0.905 lb				
		L.S.D.	1.520 lb	Total: 121.13 %			
Eighth David Nicholls	Pick of the Prize table Blackdown S.A.C. Whiting 0.925 lb						
		Garfish.	0.675 lb	Total: 115.67 %			
Ninth Joe Walton	Pick of the Prize table Teignmouth S.A.S. Whiting 1.505 lb						
				Total: 100.33 %			
Tenth Nick Fox	Pick of the Prize ta Honiton S.A.C.	ible Whiting	1.495 lb				
				Total: 99.67 %			
Eleventh	Pick of the Prize ta						
Tom Travers	Honiton SAC	Whiting	1.440 lb				
				Total: 96.00 %			
Twelfth Tim Rowe	Pick of the Prize ta Unattached	able Whiting	1.435 lb				
				Total: 95.67 %			

Thirteenth	Pick of the Prize table				
Lee Knight	Honiton SAC	Whiting	0.805 lb		
		L.S.D.	1.040 lb	Total: 95.27 %	

Best TeamTeam Shield: (Team of four anglers, best fish by each angler)Team:Chesil League Team

Till Hall Jeff Frisk Malcolm Stote Dave Lane

Total 361.89%.

Pool (best individual species)

- 1/ 50% Adam Slack Teignmouth S.A.S 126%
- 2/ 30% Malcolm Stone Lymington 105.56%
- 3/ 20% Joe Walton Teignmouth S.A.S 100.33%

