

Angling Trust – Marine - Wyvern Region

Open Shore Slapton, South Devon,

On the 5th Jan 2025.

The South West’s first major event in 2025 attracted 104 anglers, along with 20 teams to the South Hams to fish the annual Angling Trust Wyvern Open Festival, with some competitors traveling from South Wales, Hastings & Bradford the weather conditions on the day saw a Strong to almost gale South Westerly with heavy rain, Small Eyed Ray, Bull Huss, Pouting, Whiting & Lesser spotted Dogfish were caught during the event, 56 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 Ben Bradstock from Honiton SAC, he recorded a L.S.D. of 2.095lb & a Whiting of 1.175lb giving him a total of (162.13%), he was presented with the top prize of £200 cash and the Brixham Bowl, other tackle prizes were awarded down to 13th 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.

The first Thirteen Places are as follows:-

First :	£200	Brixham Bowl		
Ben Bradstock	Honiton SAC	Whiting	1.175 lb	
		L.S.D.	2.095 lb	Total: 162.13%
Second:	Pick of the Prize table & Bideford Cup Cup			
Archie Sweetland	Honiton SAC	L.S.D.	2.135 lb	
		Whiting	1.13 lb`	Total: 160.73 %
Third	Pick of the Prize table & Appledore Cup			
Damien Close	Outcasts	L.S.D.	1.98 lb	
		Whiting	1.16 lb	Total: 156.53 %

Fourth	Pick of the Prize table & Sidmouth Cup			
James Madsen	Outcasts	L.S.D.	1.665 lb	
		Bull Huss	7.875 lb	
				Total: 145.35 %
Fifth	Pick of the Prize table			
Lee Hemmings	T.S.A.S.			
		Whiting	0.940 lb	
		S.E. Ray	7.3125. lb	Total: 143.92 %
Sixth	Pick of the Prize table			
Tom Stebbens	Kingsbridge			
		Whiting	0.960 lb	
		L.S.D.	1.830. lb	Total: 137.20 %
Seventh	Pick of the Prize table			
Dave Bowering	Caerau	Whiting	1.180 lb	
		L.S.D.	1.445 lb	Total: 136.47 %
Eighth	Pick of the Prize table			
Till Hall	Outcast	Whiting	1.075 lb	
		L.S.D.	1.585 lb	Total: 135.07 %
Ninth	Pick of the Prize table			
Jeff Fisk	Wareham	Whiting	0.860 lb	
		L.S.D.	1.900 lb	
				Total: 133.33 %
Tenth	Pick of the Prize table			
Dave Nicholls	Blackdown			
		Whiting	0.755 lb	
		L.S.D.	2.070 lb	Total: 133.13 %
Eleventh:	Pick of the Prize table			
Joe Walton	T.S.A.S.			
		Whiting	0.895 lb	
		L.S.D.	1.650. lb	Total: 125.67 %

Twelfth
Andy Kershaw

Pick of the Prize table
Bradford

Whiting 0.715 lb

L.S.D. 1.795. lb

Total: 119.47 %

Thirteenth
Joe Plumstead

Pick of the Prize table
Hastings

Whiting 1.005 lb

L.S.D. 1.275. lb

Total: 118.00 %

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

Team: Weston Outcast 1

James Madsen
Jason Brown
Damien Close
Till Hall

Total 290.22%.

Kindly donated by Steve Puckey from Plymouth, an additional 2 prizes were awarded for best Junior & second best junior.

These were awarded as follows:

Harvey Plumstead, Hastings, Whiting 49.07%

Chris Stokes, Weston Outcasts Whiting 43.33%



Winner Ben Bradstock



2nd place Archie Sweetland



3rd Place Damien Close



**Winning Team
James Madsen, Jason Brown,
Damien Close, Till Hall**