

WESTON-SUPER-MARE SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION

FISHING RULES

The Club follow the Rules and recommendations of the Angling Trust.

We hope you enjoy your fishing but above all Safety of you and others is paramount.

SAFETY

Safety Afloat:

Have on board:

Lifejackets for everyone.

Spare fuel

Two anchors.

Ample rope.

Oars or spare engine.

Compass.

First Aid Box.

VHF Radio.

Lights.

Flares.

Take care when casting.

Another person.

Before Sailing:

Check weather and tides.

Wear suitable clothing.

Tell someone your expected return time.

Do not overcrowd your boat.

Do not take chances.

Safety on Shore at Night:

Do not fish alone.

Take more than one light.

Rock Fishing:

Wear sensible footwear.

Take a rope.

Tell someone where you will be and your expected return time.

Be aware of rising tides, don't be cut off.

Take care when casting.

Always carry a First Aid Kit.

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999 AND ASK FOR THE COASTGUARDS

Boundaries:

The Shore boundaries are from Oldbury Power Station, in the north to Devon/Somerset border in the west.

The Boat boundaries are for boats launched from within the area between Oldbury Power Station and Devon/Somerset border.

Tackle:

In Club Matches and pleasure fishing, but not in Opens, 2 rods with a maximum of 4 hooks may be used with a treble counting as 3 hooks.

The following rule applies to the Weekend and Midweek leagues only. If 2 rods with 4 hooks are used 1 rod must be baited with fish baits only.

Alternatively for those who wish to comply with the Angling Trust Rules, anglers can use 2 rods with a maximum of 3 hooks. A treble counts as 3 hooks. This is the only maximum number of rods and hooks that you can use if a record claim is made. In Opens only 1 rod with up to 3 hooks can be used.

Casting:

Anglers must cast for their selves. Where this is not possible due to physical impairments permission for somebody else to cast for you must be obtained from the organiser of the event i.e. Chair Person or Secretary of the event.

When casting the angler must not wade out beyond hip depth providing he/she is wearing suitable waders. He/she must cast in a manner which is safe and does not endanger other people.

Retrieving:

In the unlikely event of the angler unable to retrieve/wind in their terminal tackle, permission for somebody else to do so must be obtained before the Match commences.

Landing of fish:

An angler may be assisted in landing of a fish by use of a gaff, landing or drop net.

Minimum sizes:

Any fish caught below the minimum size, as defined by the Angling Trust, must be returned to the water. Care should be taken in unhooking the fish and if this would harm the fish it is better to cut the line as near to the hook as possible before returning it to the sea. When fishing from a Pier, please lower the fish carefully into the water by using the landing nets that are available.

Specimen Sizes:

Where applicable, Club Trophies are to be judged against Angling Trust Specimen Sizes.

Cups & Trophies:

The Club have over 40 trophies that can be won. Some of them can be won for The best fish of a certain species & not necessarily a specimen fish. Make sure that you notify the Fish Recorder of any good fish landed.

Conservation:

The Club encourage all Members to act responsibly and return fish, not wanted for the table, to the sea. Fish that are returned should not be thrown or dropped from a great height but either lowered or placed in the sea. Simple measures like this may ensure that there will still be fish to catch in the future.

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GENERAL RULES

NAME & OBJECTIVES:

The Association will hereinafter be referred to as "The Club" and its objectives are to promote the sport of Sea Angling.

OFFICERS:

The Club will be governed by the following Officers and Committee:-

The President.

The Chair Person.

The Vice Chair Person.

The Hon Secretary.

The Hon Treasurer.

The Membership Secretary.

The Newsletter Editor.

The Boat League Secretary.

The Weekend Shore League Secretary.

The Mid Week Shore League Secretary.

The Junior League Secretary.

The Retired League Secretary.

The Shore Captain.

The Social Secretary.

The Press Officer.

The Cup Custodian.

The Fish Recorder.

A General Committee of up to 4 Members.

In addition Hon. Life Members, Vice Presidents. Hon. Members may be elected at the AGM.

Any Member wishing to hold an office in the Club or the Committee must have been a full Member for 1 calendar year.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

General Committee Meetings shall be held on a regular basis and true & accurate records of the Meeting shall be kept.

The Chair Person shall preside at all Meetings or in his absence, the Vice Chair Person. If neither is available, a Chair Person shall be elected from those present.

Emergency Meetings or Extra Ordinary General Meetings may be called by the Chair Person, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer.

A quorum shall consist of no less than a third of the Officers & Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to co-op Members.

If a Committee Member misses 3 consecutive Committee Meetings he/she will be asked for an explanation and if this is not satisfactory he/she **MAY** be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to create subcommittees to arrange special functions.

FINANCES:

The Club's financial year will run from 1st January until 31st December each year.

The Hon. Treasurer shall be responsible for banking of all monies received & for payment of accounts and to keep accurate records of all transactions.

Cheques to be signed by any two of the following Officers – the Chair Person, the Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Treasurer.

A Hon. Auditor will be appointed to check and approve the accounts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Officers, Committee, Life Members, Vice Presidents, Hon. Members & Auditors shall be elected at the AGM which should be held as early as possible in the New Year on a date decided by the Committee.

Notification of the AGM shall be given to all Members at least 1 month prior to the Meeting.

Proposed Rule Changes must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM. The Proposed change must be supported by 2 members. Proposition to be carried by majority of those voting.

The President and the Chair Person cannot vote on any proposition. The Chair Person would make a casting vote if there were a tie.

Subscriptions for the current year will be decided at the AGM.

Re-affiliation to the Bristol Channel Federation of Sea Anglers, Angling Trust and any other relative organisation will be decided at the AGM.

The Hon. Treasurer will provide a balance sheet of the Accounts. They must be audited as soon as possible after the Club's financial year.

MEMBERSHIP:

The current subscription must accompany all Membership Applications.

If in the opinion of the majority of the Committee granting of Membership would be detrimental to the Club, Membership can be refused without any reason being given.

Any Member, who has not paid their subscriptions 2 calendar months after they become due, shall be considered to be in arrears. They would not be allowed to use the Club or its facilities and not allowed in any Club event.

MISCONDUCT:

The Chair Person, Hon. Secretary or any of the Shore Secretaries have the authority to order the withdraw from any Club Function any Member who misconducts themselves and such Member shall be suspended from all Club Activities until summoned to meet the Committee at the earliest possible date.

The Committee have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any member in the opinion of the Committee render them unfit for Membership.

No Member shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled without first being summoned before the Committee and afforded full opportunity to give a defence, nor unless the majority of the Committee then present agree on the course of action.

Every Member so summoned shall receive at least 3 days notice in writing of the hearing and such notice will contain a statement of all charges brought against them.

GENERAL:

Officers & Committee Members cannot hold office in any other sea angling organisation other than the Bristol Channel Federation of Sea Anglers or the Angling Trust unless approved by the majority of the Officers & Committee.

Perpetual Trophies shall remain the property of the Club. Winners of such Trophies will hold the same for one year. Trophies must be returned to the Cup Custodian in the condition that they were received at least 6 weeks before the next presentation. The insurance of the Trophies will be the winner's responsibility while they are in their possession.

When a fish is entered for any Club award and if it is entered for a Specimen Medal Award with the Federation or Trust, it must be with our Club. If it is not it will not be eligible for any Club Award.

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