



MEMBERS NEWS LETTER *Winter* 2018/19

Chairmans Chat...

How time flies! It certainly doesn't feel like it was just over a year ago when I sat down to write my last "bit" for the newsletter. Last year I wrote at the start of September and I asked if the cod would turn up? Well, they didn't and as I write now, on the first day of December 2018 it looks like this winter is also going to be bleak on the cod front. We are not catching them from the beach, the boat anglers have seen less than a dozen this winter from the Dungeness and Rye Charter Boats and the netters aren't seeing them either. The cod are in numbers further west and further north so hopefully they will decide to follow the food to Dungeness again soon and inhabit the eastern channel.

On a plus note, the bass stocks are looking much better with lots and lots of 30cm-40cm fish on the beaches this year with plenty of better ones in between the schoolies. Great sport on light tackle! Keep an eye out for the latest regulations regarding catch and keep. Next year (2019) as we go to press, we will be allowed from 1 April to 31 October 2019 1 bass per day over 42cm but please keep checking before fishing next year for changes.

Moving on to Association news, there are a couple of major changes for next membership year (from the 1st April). Next year we will stop selling gate keys via the post however you will be able to purchase your own key for the 2019/20 season at Richardsons fish shop, The Pilot and Seagull Tackle.

The other major change is that membership for Seniors will increase from £5 per year to £10 per year. This is unfortunately necessary to help cover the costs of the beach cleaner which we co-fund with Shepway Council (£2000 per year) plus ensuring we have enough income to fund our junior section. We have monthly meets for juniors where we supply all tackle as required plus bait, waterproofs as required and beach shelters (previously funded by local authority grants and donations). Our junior section has been going from strength to strength and I must thank Terry and Alex who do the bulk of the work with our junior section.

2019-20 Membership Fees

Adults (over 16 yrs) £10 Juniors £Free
Join/Renew and purchase keys at
Richardsons Fish Shop, The Pilot and
Seagull Tackle.

Key outlets for "borrowing a key" McColl's (Taylor Road), Micks and Dens Tackle at Hythe plus the above.

On the fishing front, I'm looking forward to 2019 and if we adapt with the seasons there are still plenty of fish to be caught.

March/April will see plaice at Dengemarsh and behind the power station (to the right of the boils is better than the point side). Ideally you want calm weather and clear water, but if it's rough and coloured the bass should be inshore so target them instead. May onwards should see the sole move inshore with increasing bass numbers plus the chance of a smooth hound to crab baits. If the water is clear, spinning for bass is becoming increasingly popular and is especially productive at dawn and dusk over high water. Cast slightly uptide, walk 10 paces downtide and retrieve your lure. Takes often come on the first few turns of the reel handle (I believe the splash of the lure landing attracts their attention) or just as your lure reaches the shingle. Watch out for signs of fish as well, it's surprising how many fish you see when you're watching the water instead of your rod tips!

Daylight fishing in the summer is always challenging if the water is clear and calm but if the water is coloured you will catch a lot more than if clear. If there is a good surf running, the shallower sections between the lifeboat station and the boats or the other side at Dengemarsh and Galloways will see more bass. If targeting sole at night, west of the point has always been more productive than east. September onwards...well, you have to be an optimist to be a fisherman. Hopefully this time next year you'll be reading all about the return of the cod! Very best wishes and tight lines for 2019.



**DUNGENESS ANGLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Friday 17th May 2019 @ 7.30 pm Venue : Dungeness Lifeboat Station.
Agenda on the website Events Page

Keys

Membership Fees 2019
Adults £10 Juniors
(16 and under) Free

2019/20 Keys: Keys can no longer be purchased via the post. Keys can be purchased in person for £10 at Richardsons Fish Shop, The Pilot Inn and Seagull Tackle. You must present a current membership card when purchasing a key.

Camper Vans

Camper Vans on the EA Road
A few of our members stay for a night or two in their camper vans while fishing. Unfortunately, the non fishing camper van community has been taking advantage of

our cheap membership and have been using the EA road parking as a cheap camp site. We have been asked to impose a 3 night maximum stay for camper vans with no return within 24 hours.

Membership & Locks

"The membership year and lock change"
To bring everything together, our new membership year, financial year and EA

gate lock change will now all start/take place on the 1st April and shall run through to the 31st March.

New Bass regulations

BASS Regulations update as we go to press: For recreational fisheries, including from shore: a bag limit of one fish per day from 1 April to 31 October 2019

CAN YOU HELP

Do you have some spare time that you could offer to help support the club?

We are looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer to help with the following: Managing our e-mail database/ emailing our members, recording basic accounts and financial details. Systems are already in place and some previous experience of a similar setting would be helpful but not essential, basic computer ability is all that is required. We have between 4 and 6 meetings per year as required.

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DAA Match update

Our members match series are friendly events, only £5 to enter and a good excuse to get out of the house and go fishing! It's surprising how excited you can get about catching a few whiting and dogfish!

Here are the match dates for the 2019 members league. There are a couple of new features for next year. When you fish your first match, there will be a one off £5 league entry fee on top of the normal match fee. These £5 league entry fees will be accrued throughout the year to form a prize pool paid out to the league winner, 2nd and 3rd. Pay out will be 50%, 30% and 20% respectively.

EXCITING NEWS!!!!

The top 10 place anglers will be eligible to fish the grand final club championship match which will be pegged at Littlestone on Sunday 15th December 2019, fishing 1030-1430 (HW 1.29pm 7.6m). Also eligible will be the top 10 anglers from the Veterans league so there will be a maximum of 20 anglers participating. This match will be free to enter and the club will fund the prizemoney 1st £100, 2nd £60, 3rd £40. The winner will also be named DAA club Champion and will receive the new Champions trophy which they may retain for 1 year.

Members Match dates (all ages)

Date....Fishing times....Tide....Format

Sunday 13th Jan.

1pm – 5pm HW 3pm 6.3m Rover

Sunday 27th Jan.

130pm – 530pm HW 330pm 6.9m Rover

Sunday 10th Feb:

WDC 11am-4pm Rover

Sunday Feb 17th

2pm-6pm LW 4pm Rover

Sunday March 24th

11am-3pm HW 1pm 7.8m Power Station

Sunday April 7th 11am-3pm HW 1pm 7.4m Power Station

Sunday 21st April 11am-3pm HW 1pm 7.9m Power Station

Saturday May 18th

7pm-11pm LW 7pm Rover

Sunday 9th June

2pm-6pm HW 420pm 7m Rover

Sat 20th July 7pm-11pm LW 915pm 1.5m Boards to Power station

Sun 25th August

5pm-9pm HW 652pm 6m Rover

Sun 29th September

10am-2pm HW 1200 8.3m Littlestone

Sunday 6th Oct

4pm-8pm HW 530pm 6.2m Rover

Sunday 20th Oct 1pm-5pm HW 315pm 6.9m Rover

Sun Nov 10th

2pm-6pm LW430pm 1.6m Rover

Sun 24th Nov

2pm-6pm LW 4pm Rover

Sunday 1st December

12 lunchtime -4pm HW 150pm Boats to Boards

Club Final Sun 15th Dec 1030am-230pm hw 1230 7.6m Littlestone Pegged SAMF chart measure and release.

Rover boundrys will be confirmed a week before each match. All matches are catch, measure and release.

DAA Veterans 2019

DAA veterans is a friendly setup for members over 60 years of age who want to fish in a relaxed match atmosphere.

We fish at Littlestone wall on a wednesday afternoon or evening because of the easy access and good parking.

Its a one rod ,3 hook setup,we measure and release all fish.

The overall winner of the series of matches wins a DAA hoody

with their name embrodered on the front.Any DAA member who fills the age requirement can fish ,so why not come along and cast a line and enjoy a chat at the same time

Any information needed

Contact. Terry on 07866514138 or tony hills @seagull tackle

DATE	START	FINNISH	H T
JANUARY 16	5.00 pm	8.00 pm	6.37pm
FEBRUARY 13	2.30 pm	5.30 pm	4.05pm
MARCH 27	2.00 pm	5.00 pm	3.20pm
APRIL 24	1.30 pm	4.30 pm	3.07pm
MAY 29	7.00 pm	10.00 pm	8.20pm
JUNE 12	6.15 pm	9.15 pm	7.50pm
JULY 10	4.30 pm	7.30 pm	6.00pm
AUGUST	SUMMER BREAK		
SEPTEMBER 4	1.45 pm	4.45 pm	3.15 pm
SEPTEMBER 25	7.45 pm	10.45 pm	9.12 pm
OCTOBER 23	6.15 pm	9.15 pm	7.50 pm
NOVEMBER 20	3.30 pm	6.30 pm	5.03 pm
DECEMBER 18	1.45 pm	4.45 pm	3.10 pm

DAA Junior Club

About the DAA Juniors:

The DAA Juniors are currently looked after by Terry Carpenter and Alex Whittlesea.

We are a sub section of the DAA running monthly meets for anyone aged 16 or under who wish to go beach fishing. We cater for the complete novice to those who simply require a responsible adult nearby!

Everything is provided free of charge. Rods, reels, bait, rigs etc.

The Fishing

What a year it has been for our merry band of young anglers.

A cold winter followed by a hot dry summer with constant high pressure made for some very difficult fishing.

The winter season provided the usual Whiting and the very rare capture of a Cod (well, tommy cod!) Spring catches saw the Whiting thin out and the return of the Bass. Sport was good with numbers of

small fish caught. A few better fish were landed and, much to the disappointment of those catching

them, were released back into the sea as per current regulations.

Summer fishing was very poor and many struggled to catch, though at no point did any of the juniors

show signs of giving up.

As we now move into Autumn and then winter the juniors are looking forwards to the possibility of catching a big Bass, or maybe, just maybe, a Cod.

So, if you would like to bring your Daughter or Son along to try sea fishing, please contact Terry on

07866 514138 or Alex on 07748 373012

Up to date DAA news events, competition and match results to keep up to date on the latest news,

events and competition results go to our new Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DungenessAnglingAssociation/> and go to the "posts" page. For information on how to purchase a key and other good things, details can be found on our web site at: [Http://www.dungenessangling.co.uk/](http://www.dungenessangling.co.uk/)

Dates for 2019 are detailed below

Date....Book in....Fish

Saturday 23rd February

11:15 to 11:45 12 to 15:00

Sunday 10th March

10:45 to 11:15 11:30 to 14:30

Sunday 21st April

10:45 to 11:45 11:30 to 14:30

Sunday 19th May

09:45 to 10:15 10:30 to 13:30

Sunday 16th June

08:45 to 09:15 09:30 to 12:30

Sunday 21st July

12:15 to 12:45 13:00 to 16:00

Sunday 18th August

11:15 to 11:45 12:00 to 15:00

Sunday 15th September

10:15 to 10:45 11:00 to 14:00

Saturday 19th October

12:15 to 12:45 13:00 to 16:00

Sunday 17th November

11:15 to 11:45 12:00 to 15:00

*****Christmas Meet*****

Sunday 15th December

10:15 to 10:45 11:00 to 14:00

Meet back at the Pilot at 14:30 for lunch and prize giving

