

ANGLING TRUST



SPECIMEN FISH AWARD SCHEME 2011 - RULES

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS. This competition is open to Members and Members of Affiliated Clubs, provided in both cases that at the time of the capture of the fish their current subscription or affiliation fees have been paid.

2. DURATION The Competition is an annual one. It opens on 1st Dec. in each year and closes on 30th Nov. of the following year.

3. TWO SECTIONS The competition is divided into two sections. Section B is for fish caught from boats. Section S is for fish caught from the shore, piers, harbour walls or breakwaters.

4. SPECIMEN FISH The minimum size of a specimen fish of each species in each section shall be decided, and may be varied, by the Angling Trust Marine Committee from time to time. Any variation made by the Marine Committee shall be notified to each affiliated club individually and reasonable notice shall be given before it comes into effect. No fish below the minimum specimen size is eligible for this competition. The sizes at present in force are set out in the Schedule hereto.

5. LIMIT OF WATERS Only fish caught in the coastal waters of England (including the Channel Islands), Scotland, Wales and Ireland are eligible. [See also Rule 9 (v)]. A boat angling trip is normally of one day or 24 hrs duration, but if in the course of a trip, whether it be of one day or more, the boat puts into a port which is situated geographically in a different Specimen Area, then that port becomes the port of departure for the remainder of the fishing trip and the specimen weights of that port will be implemented. If for whatever reason the boat puts into a foreign port for which there are no Specimen Area Weights, then the Specimen Weights of the original port of departure will apply.

6. WEIGHING *To Qualify for the Principal Awards and Certificates of Merit-*

- All fish must be weighed on land on scales, steelyards or spring balances.
- All weighing must be certified in writing by an official of a recognised Angling Club, and two witnesses.
- All weighing equipment must carry a current certificate of test.

Failure to comply with any of these requirements will render the registration null and void. Certificates of Test are obtainable from the Department of Weights and Measures. A copy of this certificate must be sent to the Hon. Fish Recorder with a club or association's first registration made in any one year. All weighing equipment must be tested every 5 years and carry a current certificate of test.

However in the interests of conservation, the weight in lbs of the species Tope and Shark, may be calculated using the following formula - $Girth \times Girth \times Length$ divided by 800. all measurements should be taken in ins. The girth is measured at widest part of the fish, and the length, for the purposes of these formulae only, from tip of nose to the fork in the tail. Tables of the formula are available on request from the Angling Trust, as is a formula for calculating the weight of the common skate.

Weighing at Sea -In addition, provided the registration form so indicates, fish weighed at sea will be accepted, but any certificates awarded will clearly indicate that the weight of the fish was estimated and the fish returned alive to the sea.

7. REGISTRATION A Declaration in the form set out in the Schedule hereto must be filled in and signed by the captor and given by him to the Hon. Secretary of his club, and the latter will send the Declaration together with the Registration particulars in the form also set out in the Schedule duly completed, to the Hon. Fish Recorder of the Angling Trust, or other Officer appointed for this purpose, within 30 days of the capture, except in the case of fish captured in the last fifteen days of NOVEMBER, when 14 days are allowed. Personal Members registrations should be sent direct to the AT Office – Strelley Hall, Nottingham, NG8 6PE. Further proof of capture, identification and/or weight may be asked for, and in its absence the registration may be refused.

8. FISHING RULES The following Angling Trust Marine Festival and Competition Rules No11 apply to this Competition and all competitors must abide by them:-

Rule B2,3 & S2 - as to tackle ***with the exception that not more than two rods with three single hooks or two pennel mounted baits between the two rods may be used. Only one pennel mounted bait is allowed on each rod and so constructed that the measurement between the eyes of the two hooks do not exceed :- 20cm for boat angling & 10 cm" for shore angling.***

9. AWARDS

(i) Awards are decided on a percentage system based on the amount by which a fish exceeds the minimum weight of a specimen fish in force at the time of its capture. The awards are in the form of Specimen Certificates, and are issued to the captors club at the end of each year

(ii) No individual shall receive more than 1 Certificate for the same fish.

(iii) No individual shall receive more than 1 Certificate in each section for each species during the year.

(iv) (a) A Certificate of Merit will be awarded in each Section for the best Specimen Fish judged against the British Record (rod-caught) Fish Committee List as printed on the Angling Trust website www.anglingtrust.net

(b) The maximum of two Gold Certificates for senior and junior, per specie, per member, per section per club will be awarded provided that the fish are 50% above the current regional specimen size for the area of capture.

(c) The maximum of two Silver Certificates senior and junior, per specie, per member, per section per club will be awarded provided that the fish are 25% above the current regional specimen size for the area of capture.

(d) Where only one Gold or Silver Certificate has been awarded under sub-section (b) above, a bronze Specimen Certificate will be awarded for the next best Specimen Fish for senior and junior, per specie, per member, per section per club.

(e) However, if the criteria in sub-sections (b) and (c) is not met and therefore no Gold or Silver Certificates have been awarded then two Bronze Certificates for senior and junior, per specie, per member, per section per club will be awarded to the two best Specimen Fish that exceed the current Regional Specimen size for the area of capture.

(f) A duplicate Certificate may be awarded at the discretion of the Marine Committee in the event of a tie or ties.

(g) In the case of every award and in such other cases as the Officers of the Association shall decide, the claimant to a certificate or Special Award shall within 28 days of issue of a request for a statutory declaration send to the Hon. Fish Recorder of the AT such a declaration in an approved form, stating that the capture of the fish in respect of which the award or Certificate is claimed was by fair angling methods and that the rules of the competition at the time were observed in all respects. The declaration is to be sent in addition to and not in substitution for the Specimen Fish Registration Form.

(v) For the purpose of fish caught in the waters of Eire and Scotland by visiting Anglers (affiliated) two awards of Certificates is limited to one for each species overall. Club situated in Eire or Scotland – AT Area T Specimen Weights will be applicable in both countries.

(vi) The AT Marine Committee may, at its discretion, award Bronze Certificates for any exceptional fish not included in the list of Specimen Fish. These will be termed "Special Awards". Only the heaviest fish in both Section B and Section S of any specie so registered from all those received will be entitled to an award.

(vii) All captors of specimen fish accepted into the scheme have the option to purchase an appropriate engraved gilt, silvered, or bronze medal, or a sew on badge, to commemorate the capture.

(viii) Regional Sizes. For the purpose of Registration, applicable regional sizes are determined by the point of departure for a claim made under Section B (Boats) and shore fishing station or venue under Section S (Shore).

10. JUNIOR MEDAL COMPETITION

(i) All rules and Regional Specimen sizes appertaining to the AT Senior Specimen Fish Award Scheme will apply to the AT Junior Award Scheme and participation is open to Juniors of affiliated clubs and Junior Sea Angling clubs affiliated to the AT in their own right.

(ii) Juniors are defined as not having attained the age of 17 years as at the commencement of the current year's Competition, this commencement date being the 1st December of each year. A Junior who attains 16 years of age within the current year's Competition will be classed as a Junior for the purpose of further registrations to the end of that year's Competition which is the 30th November each year.

11. PRINCIPAL AWARDS

(i) The COBB CHALLENGE CUP is awarded for the best Specimen Fish caught in that year under Section B (Boats).

(ii) The COBB CHALLENGE FRUIT STAND is awarded for the best Specimen Fish caught in that year under Section S (Shore).

(iii) The EAST HASTINGS S.A.A. BASS CUP for the best Specimen Bass, Boat or Shore caught during the year.

(v) The SEAS ANGLING NEWS TROPHY For the greatest number of Certificates awarded to an affiliated club for the year.

12. ANGLING TRUST MARINE COMMITTEE All arrangements for the Specimen Fish Awards Scheme Competition are in the hands of the AT Marine Committee, whose decision on any point shall be final and binding on all parties.

13. COPYRIGHT These Rules, revised in January 2010, are the copyright of the Angling Trust and may not be reproduced whole or in part without its consent in writing.

ANGLING TRUST SPECIMEN WEIGHTS

K - TEESIDE, TYNESIDE, NORTHUMBERLAND

L - CUMBRIA, LANCASHIRE, & MERSEYSIDE

M - ISLE OF MAN

N - CHESHIRE, FLINT, CAERNARVON,

DENBY & ANGLESEY

P - MERIONETH & CARDIGAN



B = Boat S = Shore	Area K		Area L		Area M		Area N		Area P	
	B	S	B	S	B	S	B	S	B	S
ANGLER FISH	10	5	15	15	25	15	20	20	20	20
BASS	6	4	7	7	8	7	9	9	9	9
BREAM Black	1.5	1	2	1.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	2	2.5	2
BREAM Red	1.5	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
BREAM Gilthead	2	2	2	2	2	22	2	2	2	2
BRILL	3	1.5	3	1.5	4	2.5	4	2	4	2
BULL HUSS	10	5	13	11	12	6	13	8	14	8
CATFISH	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4
COALFISH	6	3	9	3	12	9	10	5	8	5
COD	16	10	15	10	22	10	15	10	15	10
DAB	1	1	1.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
EEL CONGER	16	10	25	15	30	25	25	20	25	15
FLOUNDER	1.5	1.5	2	1.75	1.75	1.75	2.3	2.25	2	2
GARFISH	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1.5	1
GURNARD Red	1.25	1	1.25	1	1.25	1	1.25	1	1.25	1
GURNARD Tub	1	1	5	2	3	3	5	5	5	5
HADDOCK	3	1	2	1	6	1	4	1	3	1
JOHN DORY	3	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	1
LS DOGFISH	2.5	2	3	2.5	3	2.5	3	2.5	3	2.5
LING	16	5	15	4	15	5	15	5	20	5
MACKEREL	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.25	1.75	2	1.5	2	1.5
MEGRIM	1.25	1.00	1	1	1.25	1.00	1.25	1.00	1.25	1.00
MONKFISH	10	8	30	15	25	15	35	25	40	25
MULLET (Thick Lipped)	3	3	3.5	4	5	5	4	4	4	4
MULLET (Golden Grey)	1.5	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
MULLET (Thin Lipped)	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
MULLET (Red)	1.5	1.25	1.5	1.25	1.5	1.25	1.5	1.25	1.5	1.25
PLAICE	3	2	2.5	2	4	3	3.5	2.5	3.5	2.5
POLLACK	7	7	9	5	12	7	9	5	10	5
POUTING	2.5	2	2	1	3	2	2.5	2	2.5	2
RAY (Blonde)	8	5	15	10	15	10	15	10	15	10
RAY (S E / Painted)	6	4	8	5	8	5	8	5	8	5
RAY (Spotted/Homelyn)	4.5	4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
RAY (Sting)	10	10	15	15	20	15	20	15	25	20
RAY (Thornback)	7	4	17	10	14	12	17	12	15	12
RAY (Undulate)	14	10	14	7	14	10	14	10	14	10
ROCKLING (3 Bearded)	1.5	1.25	1	1	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.75	1.5
SCAD	1.5	1	1.5	1	1	1	1.5	1	1.5	1
SHARK (Blue)	40		40		40		40		40	
SHARK (Mako)	40		40		40		40		40	
SHARK (Porbeagle)	40		80		80		80		80	
SHARK (Thresher)	40		40		40		40		40	
SILVER EEL	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
SMOOTHOUNDS (All)	10	5	10	8	15	10	13	10	13	10
SOLE	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	2	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
SPUR DOG	7	4	12	8	12	8	12	8	10	8
TOPE	30	15	35	30	35	30	35	30	40	30
TRIGGER FISH	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
TURBOT	8	4	8	4	15	5	15	7	10	7
WEEVER	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.5	0.75	0.75	1	1	1.5	1
WHITING	3	2	3	2	3.5	2	3	2	2.5	1
WRASSE (Ballan)	3	3	4	4	4	4	3.5	3.5	3	3
WRASSE (Corkwing)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
WRASSE (Cuckoo)	1.50	1.50	1	12oz	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25

