

RCSL National Open Shore Angling Championships 2010

Held at Aldeburgh, Suffolk on 27 November

Report

The RCSL NOSAC was held at Aldeburgh, Suffolk on 27 November and we fished the match from 12:00 till 18:00 with a 14:06 high tide. 12 anglers from RCSL around the country started the match that was also held in conjunction with the CSSC NOSAC.



We expected it would be cold but from the start a light north east breeze brought snow showers making the fishing uncomfortable especially for those without a beach shelter. Then the skies cleared and we had a couple of hours of lukewarm sunshine. Once the sun had gone down we shivered for two hours of darkness under a starry sky while watching lightning out at sea.

The fish were slow to bite and often when they were caught were under the 20cm size limit (we have changed it to 18cm for next year). It was hoped that the catch rate and size would pick up after darkness but after a somewhat spectacular sunset darkness came as a bit of an anti-climax as the bigger fish just didn't turn up.

Snags were also a problem at some pegs with several anglers losing a lot of tackle. By the time the competition ended the pebble beach, along with our shelters, had frozen solid (glad we had the RCSL standard issue ice axes at hand).



Despite the conditions an overall total of 3797cm of fish were caught and returned to the sea alive and most of the 29 anglers taking part in the both championships caught some fish, even if their fish were undersize.

RCSL NOSAC RESULTS

Longest fish



One codling showed up for Barry Davies who won the RCSL Longest Fish trophy with a fish measuring 42cm, nearly double the average caught on the day.



John Downing (left) was second and Graham Land (right) third both having caught whiting of 37cm and 34cm respectively.



Position	Cm	Species	Name		Peg	Area
1	42	Cod	Davies	Barry	10	Southern & South East (Ret)
2	37	Whiting	Downing	John	22	Southern & South East
3	34	Whiting	Land	Graham	7	North Wales
4	29	Whiting	Thomas	Adrian	16	North Wales
5	28	Whiting	Robertson	Ian	11	North Wales
6	26	Whiting	Saunders	Simon	1	Suffolk
6	26	Whiting	Gallagher	Peter	9	South
8	25	Whiting	Colquhoun	Iain	28	East Yorkshire
8	25	Dab	Bibby	Graham	8	Suffolk
10	24	Whiting	Hutchins	Dave	2	Midlands (Ret)
11	21	Whiting	Pearl	Geoff	13	Suffolk
12	0	n/a	Lovell	Roger	25	Midlands

RCSL NOSAC RESULTS

Longest Bag

Adrian Thomas (right) won the RCSL Longest Bag with a total length of 349cm of fish – a mixture of dabs and whiting.



Ian Robertson (above) was second with 293cm and Graham Land (right) also from North Wales was third with a total length of 245cm.



Many thanks to Roger Lovell, RCSL Angling Section Chairman, who was on hand to present the trophies to the RCSL winners.

Position	Score	Name		Peg	Area
1	349	Thomas	Adrian	16	North Wales
2	293	Robertson	Ian	11	North Wales
3	245	Land	Graham	7	North Wales
4	222	Davies	Barry	10	Southern & South East (Ret)
5	196	Saunders	Simon	1	Eastern
6	157	Downing	John	22	Southern & South East
7	92	Bibby	Graham	8	Eastern
8	85	Hutchins	Dave	2	Midlands (Ret)
9	73	Gallagher	Peter	9	Southern & South East
10	68	Colquhoun	Iain	28	East Yorkshire
11	42	Pearl	Geoff	13	Eastern
12	0	Lovell	Roger	25	Midlands

CSSC NOSAC RESULTS

Our 12 RCSL competitors in the CSSC NOSAC had a grand day picking up a splendid haul of 8 prizes between them.

Graham Land (RCSL North Wales) was one of 4 anglers who tied for first place in the **CSSC Longest Flatfish** competition with a Dab of 26cm.

Place	Flat	Name		Peg	Dept
1	26	Bradshaw	Martin	4	Prison Service
1	26	Land	Graham	7	RCSL Wales
1	26	Bowland	Jon	15	MOD
1	26	Moss	Steve	20	UKBA
5	25	Thomas	Adrian	16	RCSL Wales
5	25	Moore	Scott	14	Prison Service
5	25	Bibby	Graham	8	RCSL Suffolk
8	24	Langshaw	Ray	3	Broadmoor
8	24	Robertson	Ian	11	RCSL Wales
8	24	Ball	Steve	23	HASSRA NW
8	24	Turner	Alan	19	HASSRA NW
12	23	Davies	Barry	10	RCSL South (Ret)
13	21	Saunders	Simon	1	RCSL Suffolk
13	21	Colquhoun	Iain	28	RCSL Yorks
15	20	Robertson	Ashley	29	HASSRA NW
15	20	Whiteley	Paul	18	HASSRA Fylde
15	20	Hutchins	Dave	2	RCSL Midlands (Ret)
10	0	Downing	John	22	RCSL South
22	0	Collingridge	Stephen	17	Royal Mail
11	0	Bonnett	Clive	26	Broadmoor
17	0	Moncaster	Dave	6	HASSRA Fylde
18	0	Gallagher	Peter	9	RCSL South
23	0	Wells	Peter	24	Broadmoor
24	0	Horner	Adrian	27	Prison Service (Ret)
25	0	Pearl	Geoff	13	RCSL Suffolk



RCSL anglers enjoyed a 1,2,3 in the **CSSC Longest Round**



Left - CSSC NOSAC Chairman John Downing presents the MOD Cod Shield to Barry Davies who came first with a Codling of 42cm.



Right - CSSC NOSAC Organiser Barry Davies presents John Downing with his second place replica trophy for his whiting of 37cm

Place	Round	Name		Peg	Dept
1	42	Davies	Barry	10	RCSL South (Ret)
2	37	Downing	John	22	RCSL South
3	34	Bradshaw	Martin	4	Prison Service
3	34	Land	Graham	7	RCSL Wales
5	29	Thomas	Adrian	16	RCSL Wales
5	29	Langshaw	Ray	3	Broadmoor
5	29	Collingridge	Stephen	17	Royal Mail
8	28	Robertson	Ian	11	RCSL Wales
8	28	Bonnett	Clive	26	Broadmoor
8	28	Moncaster	Dave	6	HASSRA Fylde
11	27	Bowland	Jon	15	MOD
11	27	Moss	Steve	20	UKBA
11	27	Robertson	Ashley	29	HASSRA NW
14	26	Saunders	Simon	1	RCSL Suffolk
14	26	Ball	Steve	23	HASSRA NW
14	26	Gallagher	Peter	9	RCSL South
14	26	Wells	Peter	24	Broadmoor
18	25	Moore	Scott	14	Prison Service
18	25	Turner	Alan	19	HASSRA NW
18	25	Colquhoun	Iain	28	RCSL Yorks
18	25	Whiteley	Paul	18	HASSRA Fylde
22	24	Hutchins	Dave	2	RCSL Midlands (Ret)
22	24	Horner	Adrian	27	Prison Service (Ret)
24	23	Bibby	Graham	8	RCSL Suffolk
25	21	Pearl	Geoff	13	RCSL Suffolk

Graham Land (far right) shared third place with Martin Bradshaw (Prison Service) both having caught a whiting measuring 34cms.



Adrian Thomas (below left) and Ian Robertson (below right), both RCSL North Wales, aggregate bags were sufficient to give them second and third respectively in the **CSSC Longest Aggregate Bag** competition (total length of all fish recorded).



<u>Place</u>	<u>Bag</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Peg</u>	<u>Dept</u>
1	496	Bradshaw	Martin	4	Prison Service
2	349	Thomas	Adrian	16	RCSL Wales
3	293	Robertson	Ian	11	RCSL Wales
4	269	Bowland	Jon	15	MOD
5	245	Land	Graham	7	RCSL Wales
6	222	Davies	Barry	10	RCSL South (Ret)
7	196	Saunders	Simon	1	RCSL Suffolk
8	187	Langshaw	Ray	3	Broadmoor
9	164	Moss	Steve	20	UKBA
10	157	Downing	John	22	RCSL South
11	141	Bonnett	Clive	26	Broadmoor
12	137	Ball	Steve	23	HASSRA NW
13	120	Moore	Scott	14	Prison Service
14	97	Robertson	Ashley	29	HASSRA NW
15	92	Bibby	Graham	8	RCSL Suffolk
16	85	Hutchins	Dave	2	RCSL Midlands (Ret)
17	80	Moncaster	Dave	6	HASSRA Fylde
18	73	Gallagher	Peter	9	RCSL South
19	71	Turner	Alan	19	HASSRA NW
20	68	Colquhoun	Iain	28	RCSL Yorks
21	67	Whiteley	Paul	18	HASSRA Fylde
22	51	Collingridge	Stephen	17	Royal Mail
23	49	Wells	Peter	24	Broadmoor
24	46	Horner	Adrian	27	Prison Service (Ret)
25	42	Pearl	Geoff	13	RCSL Suffolk
26	0	Jones	Andrew	21	HASSRA Fylde
27	0	Lovell	Roger	25	RCSL Midlands
28	0	Whitley	Harry	5	DWP (Ret)
29	0	Holmes	Kenneth	12	Guest

When added together the combined aggregate length of 887cm by the three North Wales RCSL anglers Adrian Thomas, Ian Robertson and Graham Land (photo right) was enough to win them the **CSSC Team Bag Trophy** (for RCSL North Wales for the second year running)!



It was however a close match as they only beat an MOD/Prison Service team into second place team by 2cm. Our RCSL South team made up of Barry Davies, John Downing and Peter

Gallagher took the third spot with an aggregate team length of 452cm.

Place	Total	Bag	Name		Team
1	887	245	Land	Graham	RCSL Wales
		293	Robertson	Ian	
		349	Thomas	Adrian	
2	885	120	Moore	Scott	CSSC Yorks
		496	Bradshaw	Martin	
		269	Bowland	Jon	
3	452	222	Davies	Barry	RCSL South
		157	Downing	John	
		73	Gallagher	Peter	
4	377	49	Wells	Peter	Broadmoor
		187	Langshaw	Ray	
		141	Bonnett	Clive	
5	330	196	Saunders	Simon	RCSL Eastern
		92	Bibby	Graham	
		42	Pearl	Geoff	
6	305	137	Ball	Steve	HASSRA NW
		97	Robertson	Ashley	
		71	Turner	Alan	
7	215	51	Collingridge	Stephen	CSSC South East
		0	Holmes	Kenneth	
		164	Moss	Steve	
8	153	68	Colquhoun	Iain	RCSL Mids & Yorks
		85	Hutchins	Dave	
		0	Lovell	Roger	
9	147	67	Whiteley	Paul	HASSRA Fylde
		80	Moncaster	Dave	
		0	Jones	Andrew	
10	46	0	Adkin	Steve	CSSC Yorks & Humber
		0	Whitley	Harry	
		46	Horner	Adrian	

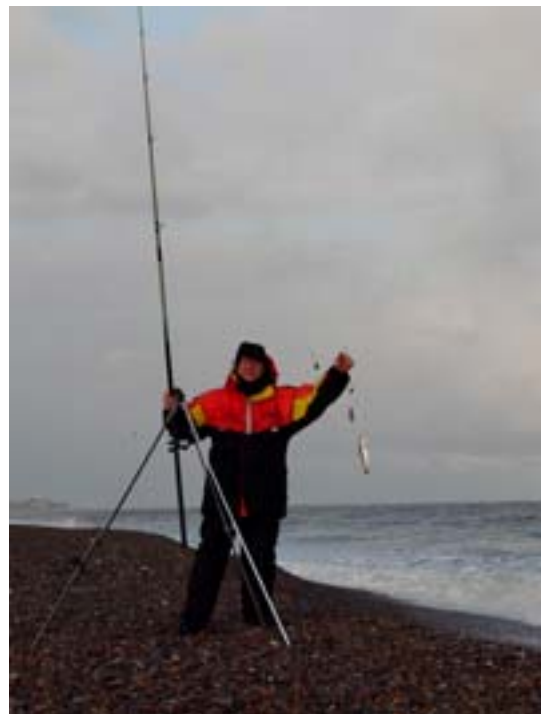
Our RCSL South team made up of Barry Davies, John Downing and Peter Gallagher took the third spot in the CSSC TEAM BAG with an aggregate team length of 452cm.

As a team the 'awesome threesome' from North Wales are going to take some beating next year. However, we will all have another go both as individuals and RCSL teams when the competitions will be held at Otterspool on the Mersey where, as it happens we fished back in 2006 and guess what – yep - the same three won it. [Time for some of us to sort out new tactics me thinks – but remember not to ask Roger!]

Imagination.....



Reality!



But at least we get to see the effects of the setting sun



Till next year
Tight lines!

Iain Colquhoun
RCSL NOSAC Organiser