

HOLT SEA ANGLING CLUB

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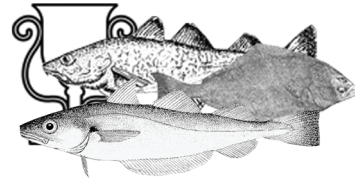
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Winter Season here we come!!

The new winter season is upon us and personally I can't wait to get started its been a barren few months with little or nothing appearing in the last few match results, so here's to a great start to the new season.



September

- 7th Sept. Kelling 2pm - 7pm HW 12pm 3.9m
- 14th Sept. Salthouse 9am - 2pm LW 1.05pm 4.6m
- 21st Sept. Cley 9am - 2pm HW 1109am 4.5m
- 28th Sept Kelling 10am - 3pm LW 1.09pm 4.8m
Early Autumn Open £11 entry

October

- 5th Oct. Bacton 1pm - 6pm HW 10.56am 4.2m
- 12th Oct. Salthouse 9am - 2pm LW 12.11pm 4.4m
- 19th Oct. Cley 9am - 2pm HW 10.48am 4.7m
- 26th Oct. Trimingham 9am - 2pm LW 11.14am 4.5m

November

- 2nd Nov. Kelling 1pm - 6pm LW 3.11pm 4.4m
- 9th Nov. Sheringham 11am - 4pm HW 2.17pm 4.10m
- 16th Nov. Salthouse 10am - 3pm LW 2.14pm 4.9m
- 23rd Nov. Kelling 10am - 3pm HW 3.28pm 4.10m
HSAC Roy Waller Annual Open £13 entry

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Club Growth.

We have had a lot of visitors to the club website and several enquiries about joining the club and along with the upcoming Sea Angler feature we should see a considerable growth over the coming months. I would like to remind everyone that its in the clubs interest to promote to others we meet while pleasure fishing, along with bringing friends and relations along to matches as guests to get the interest flowing, this particularly applies to junior members as that is where the life blood of our sport is, get them started young and keep the interest flowing , who knows we may even have some world champions spring up from within the member ranks. So if you have any ideas to help promote the club please speak to Dene at the next match, he will also have flyers available for those who wish to take them on their pleasure session.

**“Tackle Feature
for fishing the
gully!!”**

Tackle Feature

Downtiding from the beach (Tony’s favorite rig)

This is the rig I prefer to use for close range work, it is chosen for two main reasons. Firstly, it ensures that all hook baits are lying firmly on the sea bed and secondly, unlike other rigs, the rod tip can be placed at any height enabling the angler to catch more or less tide on the mainline. This (with the selected weight) controls the speed of the rig rolling around without raising the bait off the bottom.

The rig can be constructed with a single hook or up to three hooks for match fishing.

Keeping things simple and tangle free are essential for this rig to work, the main snood lengths need to be light (15 - 20lb Amnesia works well) and kept free of swivels, crimps etc. The addition of a small flashing blade can also be beneficial.



Step 1. Attach any extra hooks on short snoods of around 10cm via a conventional tucked blood knot.

Step 2. Form a “double overhand knot” in the main snood line around the blood knot and carefully tighten



This rig is purposely designed for downtide fishing with a rolling lead whilst allowing all the baits to lie hard on the bottom. On a conventional rig, the tide will lift any snood fished above the sinker clear of the sea bed and away from the feeding fish.

This rig design also suffers less in weedy conditions as the snood is tucked behind and therefore protected by the sinker.

Because of its design there are times when this rig is unsuitable for the conditions. It is prone to tangle during slack water and small round fish such as Whiting and Pout can badly twist the snoods, so knowing when to use it is down to experiment and experience.

However, when there is sufficient tidal run, this rig is hard to beat for catching flatfish.

Step 3. If done correctly you should end up with two “knot loops” either side of the blood knot. This locks the hook length in position and helps it to stand off slightly from the main snood length.



Sea Angler Magazine

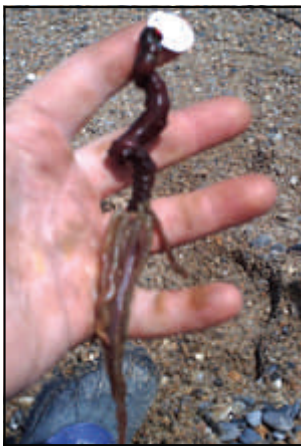


Most of you were aware of the friendly match we had with Sea Anglers staff writer Paul Fenech, organized by Dene to get us some extra publicity for the club and hopefully a feature in a forthcoming magazine. I rang Mel the editor this week and he has confirmed the feature will be in issue 433 for the end of October, so make sure you order your copy from a good newsagent.

**“Sea Angler
issue 433 !!!!”**

The day itself went off well although we had planned to fish for smoothounds it was obvious from the week prior that they had moved away from the shore earlier than anticipated, undeterred the match was very well attended and most returned with fish, for the full write up wait and see the magazine feature and watch out for the Genesis man on the cover possibly....

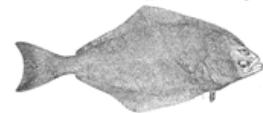
Bait Feature ~ Lug & Wiggler Cocktail



Wrigglers, Maddies or Harbour Rag as they are widely known are readily available on the mud flats of Blakeney, Morston and Stiffkey.

They are a small variety of the Ragworm family commonly found living in colonies barely six inches below ground, their presence is revealed by small pin-prick holes on the surface.

Collecting them is a messy job often best performed from a kneeling position, however a single fork full of mud can yield twenty or more in some of the better areas and its well worth the hassle as they are the perfect addition to a Lug bait for targeting autumn Flatfish.



As the name Wiggler suggests the worms do create a lot of movement, however the bait is not used for this purpose but for the strong scent trail that they create in the tide.

They are best used to tip off a Lug bait in head-hooked bunches of half a dozen or more, - the bait should be dipped in sea water just prior to casting to prevent the tails from breaking off, - or better still to trim the tails to an inch or so below the hook bend to allow the scent to escape.

Lugworm and Wiggler works best when used in combination with a rolling

Website News

For the winter results, I will be changing the layout slightly and using a “Blog Script” this will give us better search engine rankings and will be a lot easier to add results every week. Along with photos from winning members and catches from the day so please try and bring your cameras to each match and send me your pics.

If anyone would like to write a feature for the website or for the newsletter please let me know.

Visitors to the site has and will continue to increase and bring in more members.

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Member Profile



As this is the first time we have introduced the member profile feature I think it only fitting we start with the club chairman mister Tony "Genesis" Chidwick. Looking at the picture its no wonder he got the nickname. So let the interview begin.

How many years fishing? *37 years*

What gear do you use or recommend? *Fixed spool with braid is ideally suited to the areas we fish.*

Favorite bait and why? *Lug-worm tipped with wigglers because I feel this is the No:1 bait for flounder through the Autumn*

Favorite Venue and why? *Kelling has to be high on the list because of the options of different sea bed materials and known hotspots.*

Favorite Rig and why? *Down-tiding rig as per tackle feature.*

What would be your top tip for other members? *Keep baits moving , only use a grip lead if necessary.*

Worst ever fishing session? *Any match where a get pegged on a snag.*

Best ever fishing session? *Fishing at Salthouse whilst two ladies stripped naked and swam out in front of me, its lucky I use a stiff rod...*

What is your main Job? *Bait Digging and product designer for TCXMATCH.COM.*

What have you learned since joining the club? *I have learned so much at HSAC that my whole approach to fishing has been changed for the better.*

Which fishing magazine do you read if any? *Sea Angler and Total Sea Fishing*

Anything else you would like to add? *Always fish for what's there and not what should be*

Ok so that's all about our illustrious leader , who's next on the hit list? Wait and see in the next issue.....

Next committee meeting : Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm