

# ANGLING TRUST

## SPECIMEN AWARDS SCHEME 2018

This year the scheme received 926 entries from 31 clubs and individual members of the Angling Trust, a 9% decrease from last year, and 3 Special Awards.

There were 91 Gold, 289 silver and 546 Bronze certificates awarded, and there were only 4 Juniors entered into the scheme.

The club with the most entries this year were the Specimen Hunters Angling Group from Sussex, who entered a total of 181 fish, who retain the "Sea angling News" trophy for the club with the most entries. Second was Castaways SAC with 149, and third was Paignton SAA with 103.

The top specimen fish was a Stingray of 58lbs 0ozs caught by Steve Harder of the Specimen Hunters Angling Group, caught from the Shore at Bognor, which was 580% for fish caught from that area. The ten top Shore and Boat are as follows:

### Shore:

1. Stingray of 58lbs 0ozs, caught by Steve Harder of Specimen Hunters Angling Group, from the shore at Bognor – 580%
2. Stingray of 55lbs 4ozs caught by Steve Harder of Specimen Hunters Angling Group, from the shore at Bognor – 552.5%
3. Cod of 22lbs 5ozs, caught by Adam Nicholls of D O E SAC, from the shore at Devil's Point, South Devon – 278.91%
4. Small Eyed Ray of 11lbs 7ozs, caught by Rob Stamma of Specimen Hunters Angling Group, from the shore at Ogmores, Glamorgan – 228.75%
5. Stingray of 55lb 6ozs, caught by Gary Bowden of the Exmouth SAA, from the shore at Brandon Bay – 221.50%
6. Small Eyed Ray of 10lbs 12ozs, caught by Steve Perry of Specimen Hunters Angling Group, from the shore at Ogmores, Glamorgan – 215%
7. Small Eyed Ray of 10lbs 10ozs, caught by Mike Kempster of Specimen Hunters Angling Group, from the shore at Ogmores, Glamorgan – 213.13%
8. Small Eyed Ray of 10lbs 8ozs, caught by Mike Kempster of Specimen Hunters angling Group, from the shore at Ogmores, Glamorgan – 210%
9. Conger Eel of 52lbs 0ozs, caught by Mark Warwick of Pot Black SAC, from the shore in South Devon – 208%
10. Blonde Ray of 27lbs 0ozs, caught by Andy Webb of Rodbenders SAC, from the shore at Salcombe – 207.69%

**Boat:**

1. Red Gurnard of 3lbs 1ozs, caught by Fred Doey of Castaways SAC, from a boat of the Eddystone – 245%
2. Plaice of 5lbs 8ozs, caught by P Ingamells of East Hastings SAA, from a boat off Hastings – 220%
3. Spur Dog of 20lbs 11ozs 3drms, caught by P Millman of Paignton SAA, from a boat off the Skerries – 206.99%
4. Garfish of 2lbs 12ozs, caught by Darren Miller of Fishing for Fun SAC, from a boat off Plymouth – 183.33%
5. Blue Shark of 145lbs 3ozs, caught by Gavin Cuthbertson of Rodbenders SAC, from a boat off Plymouth – 181.48%
6. Spur Dog of 18lbs 0ozs 5drms, caught by Rob Caunter of Brixham SAC, from a boat off Lannacombe – 180.20%
7. Spur Dog of 18lbs 0ozs, caught by Bill Cassar of Honiton SAC, from a boat off Ilfracombe – 180%
8. Spur Dog of 17lbs 15ozs, caught by Bill Cassar of Honiton Sac, from a boat off Ilfracombe – 179.38%
9. Spur Dog of 17lbs 14ozs, caught by Jeff Brownlow of Castaways SAC, from a boat off Salcombe – 178.75%
10. Spur Dog of 17lbs 2ozs 8drms, caught by Jeff Brownlow of Castaways SAC, from a boat of Salcombe – 171.56%

The special awards, which were all awarded a Bronze certificate, were for the following:

1. A Couch's Bream of 2lbs 5ozs 1drm, caught by Willow Herbert (aged 10) of Lyme Regis SAC, caught from a boat in Lyme Bay
2. A Derby of 7ozs 10drms, caught by Jeff Fisk, an Individual member of the Angling Trust, from the shore at Cogden, Chesil Beach
3. A Common Skate of 199lbs, caught by Adam Fadli of the Specimen Hunters Angling Group, from the shore in Scotland

If you think that you can catch a Specimen fish from either the shore or a boat, the scheme is open to all members of a club which is affiliated to the Angling Trust, or an Individual Member of the Angling Trust. The scheme runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> December each year, and all the information concerning the running of the scheme and the weights for each fish in each area can be found on the Angling Trust website, under Sea Angling competitions.

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