



Match Fishing General Rules

1. All club match details, including times and fees, will initially be set by the committee prior to the beginning of the club season (the club season starts immediately following the AGM, scheduled on the last Tuesday in October). Any cancelled match will be rescheduled at the monthly meeting immediately following the date the match cancelled, or skippers can directly following a cancelled match inform committee members of the next suitable date if prior to a monthly meeting and ensuring the membership is advised of the new date. (See 2e)
2. All skippers of competing boats must meet 1 hour minutes prior to the commencement of any match at the Match Headquarters (HQ), which is currently the Toll House, Marine Drive, Scarborough, for the following reasons:
 - a) Discuss the latest inshore weather forecast to agree that it is safe for the match to proceed.
 - b) Read and complete the pre match risk assessment form.
 - c) Complete the Match Registration Form giving the boat name and the number of anglers fishing.
 - d) Pay the Match Fees due by completing an envelope with the boat name, date, and name of anglers competing, with the relevant fee enclosed. Envelopes will be found in the match HQ. Completed envelopes to be placed sealed in the post box provided in the match HQ.
 - e) Any cancelled matches may be rescheduled at the Pre-Match Meeting by the skippers' present and will be communicated to committee and members via appropriate means, typically email and Facebook/websites.
3. Five (5) anglers required for the match to proceed.
4. Skippers arriving late can still fish the match providing that they complete the match registration form and complete the paying envelope as described, prior to leaving harbour. The information on the match registration form in the match HQ will advise skippers arriving late whether or not the match is been fished.
5. Boats can leave harbour 45 minutes prior to the commencement of any match.
6. No member shall fish in competition with more than one line with a maximum of 4 hooks affixed. Trebles count as one hook.
7. All members must hook their own fish, assistance only been given to gaff or net and lift.
8. All fish weighed in must comply in size to the current DEFRA size limits, except where the club has agreed at the AGM to adopt a Minimum size that is larger than the DEFRA figure.
9. All matches are to be decided by an angler's heaviest single qualifying fish.
10. No Wrasse is to be weighed in.
11. No wreck caught ling to be weighed in except for the kingfisher Trophy (heaviest fish caught out of the competition) and the Len Dawson Memorial trophy (best specimen fish caught during the club year).
12. All competitors must weigh in their own fish.
13. All fish weight in to be clean gutted at sea.
14. Should a boat return early then it is the skipper's responsibility to sign off their boat on the match Registration Form so that all boats can be accounted for at the official weigh in time.
15. Fish entered for the specimen fish or 'out of competition' trophies, can be weight in, in the presence of any fully paid up member. In order to obtain an accurate weight the clubs digital scales must be used. These are kept by G Asquith and are not kept in the tollhouse. Please phone G Asquith as soon as you know that you have a fish that you want weighing 'officially'. Unfortunately the scales in the Club House are not accurate enough for this purpose. There will be a triplicate book in the match HQ which must be completed giving the following information:
 - Date
 - Name of angler
 - Name of boat
 - Species of fish
 - Weight - clean gutted only

This must then be signed and dated by the witness. You are then requested to take a copy for your own records. The top copy is the clubs.



16. All members fishing from boats in competitions do so at their own risk.
17. Non Club Members can fish an individual match as a Day Member.
 - a) A Day Member must pay a £2 day membership fee and provide details of their Name, Address and a contact number, prior to departing to fish the match. It is the Skipper's responsibility of any vessel carrying Day Member/s to ensure all information has been provided, failure to do so may lead to the disqualification of a vessel and all match participants aboard the vessel with the forfeiture of all entrance fees and Day Member payments.
 - b) A Day Member can qualify for the cash prizes for any match they fish but are not eligible to receive club trophies or end of year prizes.
 - c) A Day member, who subsequently joins the Club will only become eligible for TC Points, fish aggregate weights, club trophies or annual awards for fish caught after the date they became a Full Member.
18. Any method of Powered (vessel Propelled by Engine) lure fishing including trolling, board fishing (Pollock Boards or similar devices including any form of nets) are banned from all Matches.
19. Please check the club website for match dates at www.scarboroughboatanglingclub.co.uk

Rules for TC, George Beadle and Sid Gibson Challenges

This should be read in conjunction with Match Fishing General Rules

A Total of twelve matches to be fished during the Club season which extends from the date of the AGM one year to the date of the AGM the following year- the date of the AGM being the last Tuesday in October. Ten of these matches form the **TC Challenge** series – the only rule set in stone is that the competition is fished over Land Rock within boundaries that are - 10 miles either side of Scarborough Lighthouse and within 1 nautical mile of the nearest land. The other two have extended boundaries (**George Beadle Challenge**) and therefore do not qualify for the TC Challenge. Of the ten TC matches, a number are to be fished on suitable evening dates during summer, and form the **Sid Gibson Summer Challenge**

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TC Challenge

- 10 points are awarded for an angler finishing in 1st place, 9 points for finishing in 2nd place, down to 1 point for finishing in 10th place.
- If two or more anglers have exactly the same weight and, for example, they finished tied for 2nd place then they would both receive 9 points. The next angler would therefore finish 4th and would receive 7 points, and so on.
- The scores from the angler's best 8 out of 10 matches are used to provide an anglers cumulative score, with the lowest two scores being discarded.
- Should any anglers be tied on the same number of points at the end of the season, then the positions will be decided by the angler with the greatest numbers of 1st places and if they are still tied then it will go to the greatest number of 2nd places and so on.

George Beadle Challenge

- The George Beadle Challenge Shield is awarded to the angler who weighs in the heaviest aggregate weight of their single biggest fish in the two qualifying matches, namely the Elizabethan Trophy and the Pat Blakey Memorial Shield.

Sid Gibson Summer Challenge

- There is currently no Club Trophy for this Challenge
There are two cash prizes, separate to the Club cash prizes.
 1. £25 for the heaviest single fish caught through the match series
 2. £25 for the heaviest aggregate of an individual angler's heaviest single fish weighed in through the match series.

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- The committee will typically pick four evenings each season, and these will be used to form this summer challenge. TC points are awarded and the Club cash prizes still apply to these individual matches.

Entry Fees and Cash Prizes

Entry Fees for All Matches

- Match fees £1 per match
- Day Members can fish matches and qualify for the cash prizes for an individual match. – they need to pay a £3 fee (£2 Day Membership fees + £1 per match)
- Juniors free entry (aged 16 or under on the date of the AGM)

Cash Prizes for All Matches

The Club provides a £50 cash fund for each of the twelve matches, some of which is recouped by sponsorship. This cash fund is allocated as prize money as follows:

- 1st place - £25
- 2nd place - £15
- 3rd place - £10

The £1 entry fee from each adult is paid to the winner of the match

TC Prizes

- 1st place £50 presented by the Sunrise Café, Sandside, Scarborough and topped up with £50 by the club.
- 2nd place £60 presented by SBAC
- 3rd place £40 presented by SBAC
- Heaviest Cod - £50 presented by The Teapot
- Heaviest fish other than Cod - £50 presented The Teapot.
- Junior points winner - £15 presented by George Beadle
- Junior points runner up - £10 presented by George Beadle

Other Cash Prizes

- Two cash prizes presented for junior aggregates over the 12 matches. **(Please note: currently no sponsor in place for these prizes)**
 - 1st Place - £35
 - 2nd Place - £15
- £100 from George Beadle kindly presented as sponsorship for the two matches forming the George Beadle Challenge, namely the Elizabethan Cup and the Pat Blakey Memorial Shield.
- £50 from Roy Cammish for the Sid Gibson Summer Challenge
- Heaviest fish caught by a junior in competition - £20 presented by SBAC
- £100 from George Beadle kindly presented as sponsorship of two of the 10 TC matches