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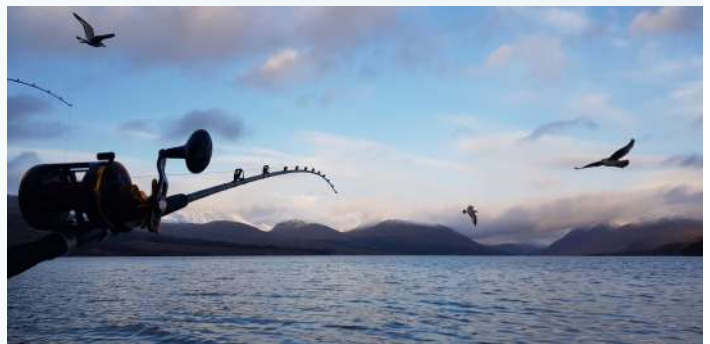
Boat Report

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Monthly Boat Report: Loch Etive

Boat report by Stewart Walker

January 12th boat back in loch Etive with Jack very cold wet morning headed up loch anchored in 130 meters fish coming in right away Daniel had first fish followed by John and Ron 4 point spurdog lots of 2 point whiting and small spurdog Ron had 11 point spurdog 7lb 4oz which was the heaviest fish of the day Richard had a thornback which was just undersize quickly followed by one which was in size 39 cmters.



Weather getting worse hailstorm and freezing winds Daniel then had 1 point pouting Gordon now catching fish regularly mostly 3 point spurdog and 2 point whiting Nigel and Ron also steadily catching fish Gordon won the

boat 102 points Ron second 80 points and Nigel third 73 points 189 fish caught and 5 species pouting, lsd, spurdog, thornback, and whiting not a bad day's fishing and the weather was not as bad as forecast hope to see you all on next boat 2nd February at Oban/Etive weather permitting.



Boat Match Results: January

Position	Peg	Name	Total Fish	Species	Boat Points	Club points
1	10	G. McFall	33	Spurdog, Whiting, L.s. d	102	100
2	7	R. Howe	20	Spurdog, L.s.d	80	78
2	1	N. Fennell	25	Spurdog, Whiting	73	72
4	6	D. Keegan	17	Spurdog, Whiting, L.s.d, Pouting	69	68
5	4	R. McCafferty	18	Spurdog, Whiting, Thornback	69	68
6	8	J. Keegan	19	Spurdog, Whiting, L.s.d	65	64
7	2	P. Crawford	12	Spurdog, Whiting	53	52
8	5	Robert (guest)	17	Spurdog, Whiting	48	-
9	9	B. McRae	17	Spurdog, Whiting	44	43
10	3	S. Walker	11	Spurdog, Whiting	40	39
Total Fish			189			



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Shore Report

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Monthly Shore Report: Loch Etive

By David Kerr

the January club shore trip to loch Etive. We decided to try an extended trip 7 hours rather than the usual 6 hours. With 4 of us heading out on a calm, cold but beautiful. we managed the best trip of the season so far the with a great mix of fish turning up. Between us we had Spurdog, thornback ray, dog fish whiting, cod and poor cod. We where kept busy with bites most of the night and managed over 50lb of fish between us. the match was won by David McNair with a bag weight of 17lb 1oz. he also took the chocolate (smallest legal sized fish) with a 3oz poor cod. David Kerr took the heaviest fish with a 5lb 2oz spur dog.



A wee report on Etive trip By David McNair

Made good time getting to Taynuilt Petrol station met up with Gordon, David and Pete after stocking up with grub n ginger n fags to see me through the next few hours a wee chat with Angus the owner, and then the draw No.1 no complaints there and headed off as per my game plan . I had decided to fish the flat rock mark on the North side of Loch Etive , planning to walk the distance, parked up outside the Quarry gate not wanting to get locked in , a hundred yards from the gate bumped into Cameron Carmichael who told me they no longer locked the gates due to people cutting the



padlocks, so back to the car and drove to the mark . Unfortunately there were two lads fishing already so moved down to the right and found a comfy spot and set up. Set up was a three hook flapper size 1 hooks baited with half a sand eel with a slim line float in the trace to hold the baits of the bottom a set up I had improvised here before. Not long for the first bite a poor cod that touched the 20cm mark. Soon followed by a sized whiting lost a couple of rigs leader knot parted and a crack off due to lack of space to cast. So switched to a set of Hokkais on one rod and stuck original set up on other. Bites started to come thick and fast as soon as the baits hit the bottom eventually having to hold one rod this lasted until it got dark and the bites dried up mostly whiting with a few spurs and cod. After half an hour I was thinking of chucking it and the bites started again this time mostly small Spurs. Ended up with 12 spurs a couple of non counters. Finished up with 20 counting fish. Cleaning the fish whiting and cod all had roe including a 35 cm sized cod years ago a cod would need to have been 4 or 5 lb plus - fishing pressure is causing the fish to evolve and breed at an earlier age



Shore Match Results: January

Position	Name	Catch	Weight			Club Points
			lb	oz	Kg	
1	David McNair	1x poor cod 5x whiting 10x spurdog 1x lsd 3xcod	17	1	7.739	100
2	David kerr	3x lsd 2x whiting 1x spurdog 1x cod 1x thornback ray	15	11	7.116	92
3	Gordon McFall	3x cod 2x thornback ray 2x spurdog 1x whiting	13	1	5.925	77
4	Peter Crawford	4x spurdog	6	15	3.174	41
Total Weight					23.954	



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Boat Leaderboards

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Overall Annual Boat Championship														
Place	Name	Points												Total
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	
1	J. Keegan	100	100	100	64									364
2	N. Fennell	73	67	86	72									298
3	R. Howe	d.n.f	67	69	78									214
4	P. Crawford	55	43	59	52									209
5	K. Phillips	44	61	90	d.n.f									195
6	S. Walker	45	34	49	39									167
7	R. McCafferty	18	40	28	68									154
8	G. McFall	48	d.n.f	d.n.f	100									148
9	D. Keegan	45	d.n.f	d.n.f	68									113
10	J. Monteith	70	31	d.n.f	d.n.f									101
11	S. Frayling	d.n.f	d.n.f	90	d.n.f									90
12	B. McRae	0	d.n.f	d.n.f	43									43
13	M. McCubbin	d.n.f	41	d.n.f	d.n.f									41
14	B. McKay	d.n.f	d.n.f	24	d.n.f									24
15	G. Shaddick	d.n.f	d.n.f	21	d.n.f									21

Winter Boat Championship Leaderboard								
Place	Name	Points						Total
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
1	J. Keegan	100	100	100	64			364
2	N. Fennell	73	67	86	72			298
3	R. Howe	d.n.f	67	69	78			214
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11	S. Frayling	d.n.f	d.n.f	90	d.n.f			90
12	B. McRae	0	d.n.f	d.n.f	43			43
13	M. McCubbin	d.n.f	41	d.n.f	d.n.f			41
14	B. McKay	d.n.f	d.n.f	24	d.n.f			24
15	G. Shaddick	d.n.f	d.n.f	21	d.n.f			21



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What a day's fishing!

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By Gordon McFall

Yesterday Four Club Members headed off to Balcary flat rock ro try the first impromptu outing of the season. David Kerr and Pete Crawford set off in one car at 06:00hrs and Robert Swan and 07:00hrs as Gordon McFall slept in. By 09:30hrs we were all at the mark fishing, we chose to spread out over the rocks to increase our chances of picking up fish.



Before too long the Thornbacks were obliging by hoovering up any bait that was put before them. The day was spent mainly unhooking weighing and returning these magnificent creatures. Some of the Thornback Rays in the South West seem to have as many thorns on the underside as the top making photos a bit of a challenge.



Three of the four anglers achieved personal best fish on the day Robert Swan landed 9lb 14oz just short of the magic 10lb, Gordon Mcfall landed 10lb 3oz and Peter Crawford landed the best of the day at 12lb

13oz.

Between us we landed over 40 Thornback rays, Dab, a few LSD and Whiting and by 16:00hrs decided to leave the mark to the Geordie lads that had arrived later.





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Key Dates and Upcoming Events

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Planned Boat Outings

- Jan 12th** *Oban/Etive* with Jack
- Feb 2nd** *Oban/Etive* with Ronnie
- Mar 22nd** *Oban/Etive* with Jack
- Apr 12th** *Portpatrick* with Steve
- May 3rd** *Portpatrick* with Dominic
- June 14th** *Portpatrick* with Steve
- July 5th** *Portpatrick* with Dominic
- Aug 16th** *Portpatrick* with Steve
- Sept 20th** *Portpatrick* with Dominic
- Oct 4th** *Oban/Etive* with Ronnie
- Nov 8th** *Oban/Etive* with Jack
- Dec 6th** *Oban/Etive* with Ronnie

Planned Shore Outings

See <http://www.silverlure.co.uk/forum> for details



Correction in the December newsletter 2019: I made a mistake and accidentally put Bob McKay's points down for Bob MacRae, duely corrected in this moth's tables! Apologies for the mistake Gents!



As club member's you are all welcome to have some input into the club newsletter, so if you would like to write an article, a how to guide, share a fishing trip, story or even if you've caught a big fish and you'd like some bragging rights please get in touch with SilverLureSecretary@gmail.com and I'll be more than happy to include it in the newsletter