

52nd Thames Fishery Research Experiment 28 September 2024 Summary of results

Total catch: 122 fish consisting of 5 species: **102 bass; 1 dab; 6 eel; 11 flounder; 2 pouting.**

THE LADY HOWARD TROPHY was awarded to the team of adult anglers with the highest number of points.

In 3rd place with 255 points and a catch of 17 fish, was the Public Services Angling Team.

In 2nd place with 300 points and a catch of 20 fish, was the Charles Stanley Angling Team.

In **1st place** with 420 points and a catch of 28 fish, consisting of 24 bass; 2 eel and 2 flounder was the **Essex County Angling Team.**

THE PLA SCHOOLS TROPHY is awarded to the team of school-age anglers with the highest number of points.

In 3rd place with 45 points and a catch of 3 fish, was the Independent Youth Team.

In 2nd place with 60 points and a catch of 4 fish, was the City of London School for Girls.

In **1st place** also with 60 points and 4 fish, but with a catch which included a greater number of species (3 bass and 1 pouting), was **Gravesend Grammar School.**

BEST INDIVIDUAL CATCH BY AN ADULT

The adult angler with the highest individual score was a member of the **Charles Stanley Angling Team** who caught 7 bass and 4 flounder, resulting in a total of 165 points.

BEST INDIVIDUAL CATCH BY A SCHOOL PUPIL

The school-age angler with the highest individual score was a member of the **Gravesend Grammar School Team** who caught 3 bass, resulting in a total of 45 points.

THE BIODIVERSITY AWARD is supported by the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators for the catch which most demonstrates the continuing healthiness and improvement of the River Thames. The judges chose this year's winning catch (2 flounder; 1 bass and 1 eel) to be that of a member of the **Charles Stanley Angling Team.**

THE FISHMONGERS' CUP is awarded to the angler judged to have caught the largest or best single fish. The best single fish was judged to have been a 59cm eel caught by a member of the **Kent Angling Team.**

THE REG BUTCHER CUP was awarded to the young angler judged to have caught the largest or best single fish. The best single fish was judged to have been a 26cm bass caught by a member of the **Gravesend Grammar School Team.**

THE CLUBB SAND AND GRAVEL TROPHY this new trophy was awarded to the angler who caught the single fish of the most unusual species. The fish judged to be the most unusual species was a 19cm dab caught by a member of the **Public Services Angling Team.** This was the first dab caught in the Experiment in recent years.