

*President: John Hunt*

**RODBENDERS S.A.C.** (*Affiliated to The Angling Trust and Plymouth Federation of Sea Angling Clubs & Individual Sea Anglers*)  
(*Established 1968*)

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| <i>Secretary and<br/>Records Officer</i>  | <i>Treasurer</i>   | <i>Chairman</i>   | <i>Competition<br/>Co-ordinator</i>  | <i>Social<br/>Secretary</i>   |
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### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Rodbenders Sea Angling Club, which was founded in 1968, enjoys an enviable local reputation as a successful but small and friendly club that encourages enthusiastic competition both amongst the 35 or so members within the club and in inter-club competitions. Social and fund raising events in which we are always anxious to involve members' wives or partners are arranged from time to time and are usually well supported.

The origins of the club are linked to a period when superb catches were regularly made over deep-water wrecks in particular but as costs rose, enthusiasm for club organised boat trips declined and no charters are now undertaken.

Whilst the membership includes 3 or 4 individuals who occasionally boat fish, shore angling is now the main focus of club activities and many notable successes have been recorded in both local inter-club and open competitions by club teams and by individual members.

The club is very active in the annual Plymouth & District Shore League, an inter-club Competition for teams of four, organised into two Divisions with a promotion and relegation format, which extends over ten twenty-six hour matches held between May - January and which is keenly contested by the participating clubs. The club won the Seabaits' Knock Out Cup and Hobbs Whisky Challenge Cup as recently as 2015 and has also won the League Championship on a number of occasions; the most recent success being in 2008. The club team, the Raiders, compete in Division 1 and all members wishing and available to fish in this weekend held competition have the opportunity of doing so.

All fish (with the exception of "mini-species") caught by members and weighed in accordance with the club rules and procedures are normally eligible for entry for club, Plymouth Federation, Wyvern Region and Angling Trust awards and competitions. *However, anglers should note that the two latter organisations will not accept, for either monthly or annual awards, any fish that have formed part of a catch that has been or is intended to be sold.*

As well as a Fish of the Month Competition, the club has a wide range of trophies awarded on an annual basis for the best specimens of a variety of species or combination of particular species caught from boat and shore by senior members. Other competitions include an Open Shore Championship event and a Matchman Competition; the latter is a knock out competition that begins in May with each round being fished over one month.

There are also a Fish of the Month Competition and a range of annual trophies for which junior members may compete although the club does not currently have a discrete junior section and no activities are arranged specifically for the very young.

Copies of the following items are obtainable from the Secretary/Records Officer:-

- (i) the club's Constitution and Rules;
- (ii) details of the weigh-in procedure;
- (iii) the Specimen Fish List;
- (iv) the club Record Fish List.

As a club affiliated to The Angling Trust, members are expected to comply with all appropriate rules, including the national body's Fundamental Rules and the Festival and Competition Rules which restricts affiliated club members to the use of not more than two rods with a maximum of three hooks between the two rods or two pannel mounted baits between two rods. In the latter case, only one pannel mounted bait is allowed on each rod and so constructed that the measurement between the eyes of the two hooks does not exceed 10 cms. for shore fishing.

Fish are normally only acceptable for weigh-in and/or registration if:-

- (i) they fulfil the Angling Trust's minimum weights and sizes; and
- (ii) are at least 40% (in the case of Junior members – 33%) of the Plymouth Federation Specimen Fish List, with the exception of fish caught and recorded in Plymouth Federation Shore League matches.

However, the club also supports measures to protect the environment and conserve fish stocks and members are expected to return to the water alive whenever possible fish that are undersize, not intended to be eaten or not needed to be kept for any other purpose.

The Secretary/Records Officer is normally available to weigh-in fish up to midnight on most nights but members are advised to ring him first to ensure that he is at home and so avoid a wasted journey.

Although Newsletters are produced from time to time on an irregular basis and sent via e-mail to those with internet access, the monthly meetings are regarded as the normal means by which information about club activities, etc is communicated to members. These take place on the last Wednesday of each month and are held at The Morley Arms in Billacombe Road, Plymouth (7.45 p.m for 8.00 p.m. start).

Information about recent catches, club records, club affairs and activities as well as useful links to other angling sources can be accessed through the club's website [rodbenderssac.co.uk](http://rodbenderssac.co.uk).

The club is run on a friendly and generally informal basis and new members are particularly welcome. Those attending their first meeting should on arrival make themselves known to a member of the Executive Committee.

The annual subscription rates for membership, normally for the period 1 December – 30 November payable by 28 February are as follows:-

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| Seniors - (Angling Trust members).....          | - £10.00  |
| “ - (Non Trust members) ..                      | - £12.00  |
| Students and those of retirement age .....      | - £6.00   |
| Juniors (under 16) .....                        | - £1.00   |
| Family membership                               |           |
| (to include wife/partner and children under 16) | - £14.00. |

Further information about the club and/or a Membership Application form is obtainable from Brian Dennis, Secretary/Records Officer (01752-338192) (e-mail [BrianPL74HX@aol.com](mailto:BrianPL74HX@aol.com))

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