

Report on fishing competition, Barneys cup, combined Mackerel and Bream Sunday 18th August 2024

The purpose of this competition was a bit of fun for all and encourage beginners and sailors to try out fishing, also to BBQ our catch afterwards.

Sunny weather with a moderate breeze. Fishing boats went out between 9 and 10 am.

Six boats and 11 people went out; Clive and Paul in Adventurer, Phil and Bob in D'Jay, Richard in Puffin, Dave in Western Lines, Paul and Gabby in Monty D and Mike, Daniel and his daughter, Amelia in Kaikoura.

Boats went out from Gurnard to Ryde Middle West and caught mackerel, bream, and dogfish. At least 50 mackerel were caught between all boats. Kaikoura landed 26 mackerel in 5 minutes from a massive shoal south of the Bramble bank. Also, Clive and Paul landed 21 mackerel in a similar area. Clive landed the longest mackerel of 37cm and Paul 34cm. However, Amelia won the competition as she caught a mackerel of 33cm plus a bream of 28cm, giving a total of 61 cm. Well done, Amelia!

The coal BBQ was set up in the boat yard and all enjoyed fresh mackerel, burgers, and sausages, with a few beers. We were also joined by Tom and Julia and Jack.

Despite Richard not catching many fish he won the star prize by landing a young seagull off the back of his boat on the mooring! The seagull was returned to the air unharmed.

Next competition is a night Sole competition on September 20th.

Cheers Mike



Amelia and Daniel with some of their fish



Amelia next to Kaikoura



Clive with his 37cm mackerel



Richard with his seagull