



The Herne Bay Angling Association
35th Open National Bass Festival
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I wish to enter the HBAA Bass Festival on the 23rd 24th, 25th August 2024.
 I agree to abide by the rules of the festival, and The Herne Bay Angling Association and will not hold the H.B.A.A., its officers or committee responsible for any loss that may occur.

I enclose my entry fee of **£20.00** – (**£10.00** if under 18 on 01/08/2024)

Please use block capitals.

Name of Competitor.....

Address

..... Post code.....

Email address.....

Name of Boat / Beach.....

State if Juvenile..... (Under 18 on 01/08/2024)

State if Lady

Entry Fee (as applicable) £.....

Cheques made payable to
 Herne Bay Angling Association

Signature.....

To be sent to :-
The Secretary, (Bass Festival)
 The Herne Bay Angling Association,
 59, Central Parade,
 Herne Bay. CT6 5JG

Enquiries: -
 Les Bates Competition Secretary Tel 07909954457
 Email: les_12@hotmail.co.uk

Festival Winners			
1998 N. Curry	13.68lbs.	1999 N. Witton	10.47lbs.
2000 S. Bobbett	14.82lbs.	2001 I. Martin	12.58lbs.
2002 J. Williams	9.505lbs.	2003 D. Attenborough	13.68lbs.
2004 S. Bobbett	14.04lbs.	2005 M. Todd	10.115lbs.
2006 D. Hancock	15.38lbs	2007 M. Carpenter	10.46lbs
2008 M. Sargent	13.44lbs	2009 P. Moss	9.91lbs
2010 C. Gardener	10.88lbs	2011 M. Hope	7.06lbs
2012 J. Ifill	10.25lbs	2013 J. Young	14.64lbs
2014 D. Evans	9.24lbs	2015 D. Farmer	9.265lbs
2016 K. Neame	13.68lb	2017 W. Middleton	11.46lbs
2018 W. Weller	78 cm. (Approx. 10lb)	2019 M. Taylor	9.565lb
2020 D. Weller	9.25lbs	2021 P. Moss	9.235lb
2022 J Young	7.27lb	2023 K. Neame	12.26lb



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**5.00am Friday, 23rd August to
 5.00pm Sunday 25th August 2024**

**PRIZE PRESENTATION
 7.00 PM – Sunday 25th August 2024**

RULES

- The Festival will be fished under H.B.A.A. Rules, Any dispute or matter not dealt with by these rules will be considered by the Committee whose decision will be final.
- There is no restriction on boat size but all boats going afloat must, as a condition of entry using CCC launching facilities have their CCC Watercraft Membership Number (or HBAA visitors permit) clearly marked on the vessel, carry Compass, Life Jackets for each person in the boat and In-date Flares and V.H.F. Radio. No Competitor may fish alone or with a non-Competitor.
- Fishing Times.**
BEACH Competitors may fish from the beach from 5 a.m. Friday, 23rd August until 5p.m. on Sunday 25th August 2024
BOAT. All boats competing must leave from the harbour or inside the vicinity of the 8 knot buoys adjacent to the harbour arm from 5am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and must return by 8pm on Friday and Saturday and 5pm on Sunday. Providing permission has been granted by the committee, Charter Boats may leave their port from 5am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and head straight to their designated area, but must not anchor before 6am and no lines to enter the water until 6am. **For safety reasons boats must not be afloat between the hours of 8pm to 5am**
- Fishing Limits. Beach** from and including fishing from Whitstable Street to the third breakwater past Coldharbour Sluice including Piers and Jetties. **Boat limits are:-** The Easterly Limit: An imaginary line drawn from the shore at Westgate to the SE Margate Buoy then to the Tongue Towers and then to continue North until it intersects with an imaginary line running west to the northerly limit of the Knock John Tower.
 The Westerly Limit: An imaginary line drawn along the Whitstable Street to the Columbine Buoy then To the Red Sands Towers and then to continue north until it intersects with an imaginary line running east to the Knock John Tower.
 For safety reasons all boats must launch and recover from the Harbour or Neptune Jetty. Any boats (due to size or draft) that cannot access the designated launch areas, to register their registration can be taken out by a competing boat, providing the transfer takes place inside the 8 knot marker buoys, in the vicinity of the harbour arm.
- It would assist with the smooth running of the competition if you could register in advance but entries will be accepted on the days of the Festival during club opening times.
All Boat Competitors must register/check in at the H.B.A.A. HQ/Car Park before starting to fish.
No entries will be accepted after 8 a.m. on Sunday, 25th August 2024.
- Checks will be made in the Launch/Recovery area each evening between 8.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. to ensure all boats have returned safely.
- Only 2 fish per day will be accepted in accordance with current MMO guidelines. All fish must be weighed – in at the club house.
Minimum Qualifying Size - Boats Adults -4lbJuniors -min 42cm
 Beach – Minimum 42cm applies.
- Competitors may use 2 rods with no more than three hooks in total. A Pennell rig counts as two hooks.
- Any Competitor wishing to make a protest must do so in writing to the Fishing Committee by 5. 30 pm on Sunday.

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CLASSES

There will be a separate prize fund for both **Boat and Beach** based on entry numbers.
 Only 1 fish caught by each competitor is eligible.

Special Awards.

There will be prizes for the heaviest bass caught by a Junior and Lady Angler.

Members are reminded that only one set of points for the boat and beach championship are awarded for the heaviest fish caught during the festival.