



**JERSEY OPEN**  
**‘SILVER FISH AND FLAT FISH’**  
**SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**2012**

**About Club Apnea**

Club Apnea is not a formal club, so there is no need to sign up as a member and there are no joining fees. Any competent snorkeler / spearfisher is welcome to take part in any of the advertised social events (over 18 for competitions). Club Apnea was created to encourage ethical and social spearfishing and to help local spearfishers to get together and learn from each other. Club Apnea has a web page and also a Face book page and the latter can be used to find a dive buddy, share dive stories and coordinate social spearfishing related activities.

**About the Championship**

In 2012, Club Apnea is introducing a competitive element and will be coordinating three locally held “Silver Fish and Flatfish” competitions. These will form part of the Jersey Silver Fish Championship and are open to all local and visiting spearos.

There is no club membership required and no fee to enter. All divers that wish to participate do so at their own risk, with no liability on any person involved with the organising of any of the events.

The emphasis is on fun and a social event will be arranged after each dive with partners welcome.

For 2012, the dive coordinators for Club Apnea are Neil Haworth, Steve Renouf and Mike Shearer

The dives will only take place if the dive coordinators consider the conditions are safe and there is adequate visibility in the water to ensure good fishing can take place.

Spearfishing is a potentially dangerous sport and all spearfishermen wishing to participate dive entirely at their own risk.

**The focus is on ethical and selective hunting of edible fish, seeking quality rather than quantity. Consequently, only catches of Bass, Grey Mullet, Bream and Flatfish (excluding rays) will be eligible for the competitions. Only three (3) of**

**each main species may be weighed in and minimum sizes apply and will be strictly adhered to (see details below).**

Competing divers will be allowed to catch any other species they wish, and as many of whatever species they wish, however, only the species listed, and three of each of those species, are eligible for the competition. Most importantly, a diver must only catch fish that they can use and must ensure that no fish are wasted or taken unnecessarily.

There will prizes on the day of each meet. A £10 APNEA voucher will be awarded for the best bass, best bream, best mullet and best Flatfish (excluding rays) and the overall winner on the day will be the diver with the heaviest total catch and they will receive a £20 voucher and a trophy.

At the end of the year there will be additional prizes of a trophy for the best specimen bass, mullet, bream and flatfish caught during the three competitions. The overall champion will be the diver with the heaviest total catch who will receive a trophy and a £50 APNEA voucher.

The competition venues and full details for the dives will be posted on the Club Apnea website and Club Apnea Facebook page.

**All competing divers must register their interest in taking part in a dive on Club Apnea Facebook page, or in exceptional circumstances, with one of the dive coordinators, a minimum of 3 days prior to the date of the dive.**

In the week preceding a dive, the dive coordinators will keep a close eye on the sea and weather conditions and they will decide if the conditions are suitable for the dive. If there is a need to cancel, postpone, alter venues or dive times, then the details will be posted on the Club Apnea web page and Facebook page a minimum of 24 hours prior to the dive.

On the day of a meet, a diver must sign in prior to the advertised start time and sign out prior to the finish time. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Furthermore, if a diver is more than 30mins late in signing out, it will be assumed that they are in difficulty and the emergency services will be called.

## **General Rules**

The following rules will apply :-

- 1 Competitors must be a minimum age of 18 years and a competent snorkeler
- 2 No diver is allowed to dive the venue in the 48 hours prior to the dive.
- 3 All divers enter the competitions and dive entirely at their own risk. There are no safety boats provided.
- 4 Competitors must use a surface marker buoy and remain within 25m of that marker at all times. Competitors may use a floatation aid such as diveboard.
- 5 Competitors must register their intention to take part in the competition on Club Apnea Facebook page, or, in exceptional circumstances, with one of the dive co-ordinators, **a minimum of 3 days prior to the dive. No registrations will be allowed on the day.**
- 6 On the day of the competition a competing diver must meet at the designated area and sign in before the specified time.
- 7 Each diver will sign a disclaimer stating that they are aware of the rules and are taking part at entirely their own risk.

- 8 Competitors will only be allowed to dive the designated venue and must remain within the designated dive area ( a briefing detailing the dive boundaries will be given on the day)
- 9 All Competitors must enter and exit the competition by foot. The use of boats or any other form of vehicular transport is not permitted. During the competition, a diver may enter and leave the water as many times as they wish.
- 10 For safety reasons, divers are recommended not to string fish on their waist. They should attach the fish to their SMB.
- 11 Any diver who fails to exit the water and sign out by designated finish time , will be disqualified. Furthermore, any diver who has not signed out by 30 minutes after the designated finish time will be deemed to be in difficulty and the emergency services will be called.
- 12 Only Bass, Grey Mullet and Bream and Flatfish (excluding Rays) will be eligible for the competitions and the championship. The term grey mullet includes the sub species Gold spot, thick lipped and thin lipped mullet. Likewise the generic term flatfish includes plaice, sole, turbot, brill and flounder. Similarly the generic term bream includes Black, White, Gilthead and Red bream. So, a diver can weigh in an absolute maximum of 12 fish, three bass, three grey mullet, three flatfish, and three bream irrespective of the sub species.
- 13 Any diver landing any fish of whatever species deemed to be under the legal size specified by the States of Jersey Department of Agriculture and Fisheries will be disqualified (Divers should familiarise themselves with legal size limits of all fish expected in local waters, FYI, Jersey legal limits for the fish specified for the competition are :-Bass – 36cm, Mullet – 20cm, black Bream – 23cm, Red bream 25cm, Plaice 27cm, sole 24cm, Turbot 30cmt, Brill 30cm, Flounder 25cm).

**Minimum Fish Sizes for the Competition and Championship are :-**

**BASS – 45cm,**

**MULLET- 40cm (Gold spot ,Thick lipped, Thin lipped)**

**BREAM – 25cm (black, white, gilthead, red)**

**FLAT FISH – 36cm (plaice, sole, turbot, brill, flounder)**

**The best individual Mullet, Flatfish and Bream will be determined as a % of club specimen weights for that species/ sub species.**

- 14 A diver may only weigh in fish that they have caught, and only fish presented to the dive coordinators at the official weigh-in will be eligible for the competition
- 15 All Competitors will be responsible for their own catch. Divers must be aware that their general conduct and treatment of their catch will reflect upon other divers and may also affect how the sport of is perceived by the general public It is therefore imperative that all divers behave responsibly and ensure that all fish caught are dealt with humanely and appropriately at all times. A diver must only catch fish that they can use and must ensure that no fish are wasted or taken unnecessarily.
- 16 In the event of potential disputes, breach of rules or concerns regarding general conduct, the decision of the dive coordinators is final.

**ALL DIVERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY DIVE AT THEIR OWN RISK AND THE COMPETITION COORDINATORS CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS OF EQUIPMENT**

**Competition details** (check Web page/facebook incase of cancellation or reschedule)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>meet</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>end</b>	<b>Social event</b>
<b>Sun 24th June</b>	<b>La Rocque</b>	<b>12.15</b> La Rocque slip	<b>13.15</b>	<b>19.15</b>	<b>BBQ or quick pint</b>
<b>Sun 8th July</b>	<b>La Mare</b>	<b>12.00</b> carpark	<b>13.00</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>BBQ or quick pint</b>
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>La Braye</b>	<b>10.30</b> La Braye	<b>11.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>BBQ /meal at Watersplash or quick pint</b>
<b>Sat 1st Sept</b>	<b>Back up date</b>				

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# REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact number** \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have read and agree to the rules of the CLUB APNEA  
-JERSEY OPEN SPEARFISHING “ SILVER FISH AND FLAT FISH”  
COMPETITIONS 2012 and acknowledge that the organisers and other  
participants cannot be held liable for any personal injury or loss of  
equipment.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Catch Details ( wts in kilos)

NAME.....

	1	2	3	Species total wt
<b>Bass</b>				
<b>Mullet</b>				
<b>Bream</b>				
<b>Flats</b>				
<b>Total catch weight</b>				