

March 2011 Peregrine Express.

Calling all Peregrines!

Finally, the new season is underway and no repeat of last year, where icebergs were the biggest problem! Firstly, I would like to reflect on 2010 and most importantly to thank Dave Coleman and the Esthwaite team for their support through 2010. Hopefully, we can enjoy another partnership in 2011 and in order to do so, the Peregrines have added depth to the squad with a larger ten man team. Looking back at 2010, the Peregrines had a mixed season reaching their first European final and actually doing better than reported in the last news letter, by being 4th from bottom and not actually bottom of the pile as previously mentioned. Our second day catch boosted our total and enabled us to move out of the relegation zone to premiership safety (Just like Blackburn Rovers this season, I hope!) I think 2011 has the potential to show an improvement and hopefully a few more finals!

2011 Peregrine Team Esthwaite members:

Ben Bayliss
Alistair Beaumont
John Henshall
Adam Larbalestier
Dave Morris
Brian Sheilds
Jon Turner

New reserves added:

Paul Nutter
Barry Brooks
Stuart Hall



On Sunday the 6th of March 2011, the Peregrines had their annual pre-comp season meet up at Esthwaite. This was the opportunity for us to celebrate the start of the new season and support Esthwaite on their opening weekend. As usual, we were well- looked after by David and Alex (AJ) and the weather held out for a good club match. The rules were simple drifting boats, fishery rules and the winner had to buy the drinks in the pub later. We had a full attendance with all ten team members taking part, which is a good performance bearing in mind the distance people had to travel with the ever rising fuel prices!

We met at the Newby bridge café, where a few breakfasts were consumed and a make shift boat draw was held and then it was off to the lake!



As per usual, Dave and Jon T (Left) were in a patriotic mood sporting the Peregrine team colors, while new members Paul and Stuart were focused on the job. The match was scheduled to run from 10.30am to 3.30pm just to ease us all back into the comp scene. It was decided that the match would be run on pure numbers of fish and in the event of a draw, two people would have to split the beers in the pub! Once tackled up, it was onto loading the boats for a day afloat. Very little wind, so not much drifting to be done!



Ant and Dec in boat 1



and Max and Paddy in boat 4



Where the hell's my boat partner gone!



The Brooksinator

The shotgun sounded (Or should I say Adam and Dave trying to sneak off) and we were off. Nobody actually knew how Esthwaite would fish and the anticipation was running high. AJ had given a few valuable tips in the car park, so it was all to play for! Most of us decided to edge our bets and fish close to the lodge to see if an early fish could be picked up and it wasn't long before the action started. There was a lot of talk in the car park about what lines and flies should work and there were a few different methods on show, when we hit the water.

It soon became apparent that a slow retrieve was the order of the day, as the water temperature was still fairly low and the fish only really became more active later in the day. All of the Peregrines had opted for the sinking line approach but it was more down to the speed of retrieve and the area fished. The fish were tight to the margins and in tight shoals, so any boat in open water found it hard to catch. Once in the correct zone, the fish came thick and fast for some people. Quick off the mark was yours truly- with a fast five fish in quick succession. Earlier in the week I had asked Adam to tie up some special flies that would do the business. Some of the team laughed at them and said they wouldn't catch, but I continued the faith in

them and they started to pay dividends! Hot on my heels was the Esthwaite legend Dave “Gripper” Morris also with some quick fish. Previous year’s knowledge of early seasons at Esthwaite had given us a slight edge as the same tactics work year in year out! The rest of the boys were experiencing mixed fortunes with plenty of pulls and lost fish but no solid lock up’s. After some serious boat pressure, areas started to dry up of fish as they started to space out so it was time to look for other areas. Sure enough the boats started to spread out looking for new pockets of fish.



Jon T and Stuart working stockie bay with Brian and Paul looking on.



Dave and Adam launching monster casts Snake roll or snap T no problem!



John H and Benny searching the depths!
A cold wind starting to pick up.



All’s gone quiet over there!



Captain Beaumont locked onto a solid fish
Not again say’s the Brooksinator!



keeping on the move in search of fish!

As the day wore on, all the Peregrines had managed to catch but the fish started to become weary of the flies and as the sun disappeared behind the hills, the temperature started to plummet and it was time to call it a day. The fish quality was very impressive and some decent fish to nearly 4lbs had been landed. There was also a few bonus Pike netted to spice things up a little!



Get out from under that boat you B.....!



Will this one count??????

After all the boats had arrived at the dock, it was time to unload and head for the pub! The total scores came in and were as follows:-

Alistair Beaumont	19 fish
Dave Morris	15 fish
Paul Nutter	4 fish
Brian Shields	4 fish
Adam Larbalestier	4 fish
Barry Brooks	3 fish
Ben Bayliss	4 fish
John Henshall	3 fish
Jon Turner	2 fish
Stuart Hall	1 fish



Cold and thirsty; hurry up lads!



It cost me £32 for a round; I wish I was 2nd! NOT!

Matches for 2011

ESTHWAITE OPEN PAIRS MATCH

The open pairs match calendar starts on the 13th of March, John, Dave and I are all booked in. It's a good match and we should support it as best we can.! Spoke to AJ at the weekend and he was very up beat about the new season with three early stockings in March ready for the open day. It could make for some interesting fishing this year; I am really looking forward to the challenge!

Anglian Water Airflow International

We will take part in the northern qualifier at Rutland water on the 17th of April 2011
Team for the AWAFI:-

Ben Bayliss
Alistair Beaumont
John Henshall
Adam LARBalestier
Dave Morris
Brian Shields

I have received all the cheques for the entrance fee and comp fees so we are all set to go, I have already submitted our entrance notification so there should be no problems with fishing the northern heat. All I have left to do is book our accommodation ,which shouldn't be a problem and I will ask him for our usual extra barrel of Kronenbourg! LOL

Dates to keep available on the calendar!

Northern final providing we progress, Rutland Water on the 10th and 11th of July, International Final - on Rutland Water – 3rd, 4th and 5th of October

<http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/leisure/what-to-do/fishing/index.aspx>

LEXUS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONONSHIPS

This will take place at Stocks reservoir on the 16th or 17th of July depending on which heat everyone wants to do.
Lexus Team:

Ben Bayliss
Alistair Beaumont
Adam LARBalestier
Dave Morris
Brian Sheilds
Jon Turner

Dates to keep available on the calendar!

English National finals – 1st to the 5th August at Chew Valley, (It's a must to attend practice day as it is a hard place to master! we will try and get in the Seymour Arms this year if we make it.)

International Final dates at Rutland don't appear to be announced yet.

<http://www.johnhorsey.co.uk/>

BOB CHURCH OPEN

I really enjoyed the open last year, it was a great day out and some really good fishing as well. This comp is open to everyone and I will be doing it again this year as will Dave, John, Benny, Adam and Paul Nutter so we should be in with a shout of glory again!

ENGLAND QUALIFIERS AND ANY OTHER COMPS!

It's entirely up to you if you fancy having a go. I'm not sure where I will be doing it this year as there is talk of a run down to Blithfield. Dave is on for it- but I will let everybody who is interested know later to the date!

Let's see how the new season unfolds and if anybody fancies doing any comps, wherever they may be, spread the word around the team and we will fly the Esthwaite flag.

Best regards

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Come on the Peregrines!

