

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT
Week ending Friday 21 June '24
by Ray French.

Another stocking last Friday has meant some great sport this week, albeit the wind and sun together has made it difficult at times. When this occurs, especially in the Main Bowl, it pays to either seek the least windy areas or move into Hook or Bewl Straights which have plenty of Bays and Creeks that provide shelter. At the moment a good percentage of these are holding fish. Not usually in great numbers but with the reservoir almost full there is no reason for them to leave having previously been stocked.

FISHING

On the days with less wind the Main Bowl and both Straights have fished really well for all methods. In cloud the Trout have been prepared to swim high to feed in the surface, as have the Fry which at the moment are top of the Trout's menu.

Small spinning lures on light rods are doing well for the Any Method rods when the fish are high. When dropping deeper in the sun, float and bait is favourite. For the Fly rods, Floating, Tips and Slow Sink lines have been favourite, with pretty much any flies. The 'Washing Line' with a Booby or Foam Daddy holding up a couple of flies on the leader has been the most effective. On some days they prefer 'natural' flies behind a Booby on others colour with blobs or fabs working well.

Personally, for the majority of time I have stuck with the same four* fly set up since day one of the season which has worked well for a me...a small white Fry pattern Booby on the leader Point, two size 12 Pearly Cormorants on the middle droppers and a size 14 Yellow or Tequila Blob on the top dropper. 4ft between droppers with 8ft from top dropper to fly line. Such is the quantity of stock fish at the moment that a 'double up' with two fish at once is a distinct possibility. For this reason and if there is a hint of colour in the water I have been using 12lb XLine Flouro rather than the 10lb or 8lb.

*3 flies 5ft apart in wind or 2 Boobies 10ft apart on DI 7 when searching in the sun!

THE FISH

I have to mention that the stocked fish this season have been exceptional. Good quality, hard fighting Rainbows with a very high percentage of 3lb plus, and in this last stocking a good sprinkling of 4lb to 5lb!! George Brown and I have caught and released quiet a few fish this week with Wednesday being particularly good...the picture below shows a brace each taken for the table that went from just under 2lb to 4lb.

WHERE?

According to reports and as mentioned earlier, the Trout have been caught in a lot of places this past week with particular emphasis on the following:

- * The Playground
- * The Dam (on the North Wind)
- * Chingley Wood (on the West Wind)
- * Hook House to Old Cages.
- * Bramble Point into 7 Pound Creek.
- * Upper Hook Straight
- * Copens Point and Mussell Bay.
- * Ferry Point to Dunstars Point
- * Chingley Point along woods.

*Boats that have gone past Dunstars Bay in the bays up to and including Rosemary Lane and Tinkers have picked up a few fish in cloudy conditions when spotted. But in the sun with the fish down they are difficult to find.

SUMMARY

It looks likely to be sun and cloud for a few days but fortunately lighter winds so it should fish ok but be prepared to go a bit deeper if the sun persists. The fish are still on Fry and prepared to take a pulled fly at times, but the slow to med fig8 or retrieve is still the best on the 'Washing Line' and on a small Spinner.

Finally, I can assure you that there are a lot of fish currently stocked. We saw and caught plenty this week especially in the area from the Main Bowl to the Cages and especially when there was cloud.

Tight lines, Ray French.

