



Fishing Report - Week ending Sun 23rd March 2025



**One of 17 fish caught by John Broberg whilst fishing on opening weekend.
It was caught near the Dam Wall using white / black snakes on a Di5**

It has been great to be back open and what a great opening week it has been. We have also been blessed with dry, warm and bright weather which looks to continue for most of this coming week.

Thanks to all who have fished for the first week and to all those that have taken the time to fill out their catch returns and for adding some lovely remarks about the number of fish and the quality of the fish being caught. Photos would also be great, so if anyone has pictures of their catch, please send them into us or if you need us to take photos whilst you are fishing or when you return to the jetty let us know.

On Monday we welcomed Chad Critchley for his first Carsington guiding / coaching session of the season. It was a great day with Thomas catching 11 fish and losing a further 6, not quite managing to get those fighting fish to the net. They fished Tower Bank using black and green lures. Our very own Terry & Tony got out for an early season fish, they moved around a few areas and fished mostly drifting with the rudder. They had 8 fish each which was a fantastic start to their fishing season. Their preferred fly was the ever-faithful mini pink snake. We had records of up to 20 fish caught by a number of other boats - so a great day out for all.

Tuesday brought a very different day for boat partners Mr Savage and Mr Cummings. Unfortunately, one blanking and the other taking 10 fish! It's always interesting to hear that 2 anglers in the same boat can have such different fishing experiences. Better luck on your next visit, Mr Cummings...

Wednesday through to Friday saw conditions settle and the hunt for the pods of fish were on. There was a real mix of techniques and lots of movement from back of the Islands to the bays near Millfields, Tower Bank and Osprey Towers. The winds stayed with a consistent North Easterly which seems to have brought the natural food towards the western banks. The warm air temperatures even saw an increase in natural fly life and some anglers were having success on olive and small black buzzers, which we know many of our anglers prefer.

Saturday was a sunny start to the day with the threat of heavy rain late afternoon. Luckily the wet weather held off to fish and all anglers had a great day out with a number of boats returning to the office for additional tickets to increase their take limit. Mr Bradley & Mr White fishing from the coulam wheelie reached their bag limit by mid-morning and continued to catch into the afternoon. They fished at the back of the Islands using black and green patterns and cats whiskers. Phil Hooper visited for his first trip of 2025, he fished for a second day on Saturday and increased his catch amount from Friday. They fished off Stones Island using a pink snake.

Sunday, despite the colder, breezy conditions still offered a good days fishing. There were a mix of catches from 2 to 9 returns. Anglers were using intermediate lines with lures and snakes.

The weather forecast for the week ahead is looking better than expected although the winds are due to increase on Friday. The direction is from the West so this shouldn't give too much of an issue as there will be plenty of shelter.

Our online booking system is live, see detail below on how to make your booking

All boats must be booked in advance.

[Click here for prices and booking](#)

Rod Average

The rod average for the opening weekend was 6.2 with 352 fish caught by 56 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was caught by Steve Udberg at 5bs,
There were a few browns reported which were safely returned no particular weights recorded.

Methods & Flies

Anglers have mostly used a mixture of floating lines, Di3, Di5 & Di8 and sink tips with a slow retrieve. Anglers fished both short drifts into the bays whilst others anchors in the shallow areas.
The most popular fly patterns have been black, olive and pink snakes, hot head damsels, black & green Montana, gold head cats whiskers, olive, black or white Humungus, boobies. There has also been some use of small black and olive buzzers.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, the back of Stones island and Sailing club island, Dam wall, Millfields, Shiningford bay and the Osprey towers.

Spring Open Competition

Sat 26th April 2025

Why not join us for a great day out on the water for a relaxed competition organised by our fishing team with support from regular supporting anglers.

The Carsington Open competition is a known as a Boat pairs event and is open to all. This is a great friendly competition perfect for adults and juniors wanting to have a fun relaxed competition with a range of prizes and trophy's up for grabs

Bookings can be made online via the link below and full joining instructions will be sent nearer the event.
The event is always popular so book early to avoid disappointment!

A Polite Reminder

Please can we ask that boats are back to the jetty by the time on the jetty clock. It can take some time to make your way back across the water so please just bear this in mind.

Lots of boats are choosing to anchor in the bays and this is causing a build-up of mud in the boats. We know that it isn't easy to remove the sticky mud from the anchors, but could we ask that anglers do try and swill them off before bringing them back into the boat. Also, please make sure that the anchor rope is tied onto the boat at the point you found it and the anchor is stowed safely at the front of the boat.

