

# Aquacast

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As always Aquacast is designed to keep you all up to date with what's been happening and what's going to happen on Aquavitesse. One of our friends recently dubbed it "Aquaspam" but we hope there is something of interest for everyone. If you have any suggestions how we could improve Aquacast, please let us know.

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**John Wilson**  
on Aquavitesse again!,  
see the full story on page 2

We were recently very pleased to welcome John Wilson on board again for a days wrecking targeting Pollack. Please look at the Sunday Express coverage of this trip.

There is no doubt that we always learn something from John and he is one of the best anglers that we have seen on Aquavitesse.

Unfortunately the Masterline Pollack competition had to be cancelled due to high winds but we did manage to get out later in the day with the Masterline Team and some guys from Total Sea Fishing magazine. In 3 hours everyone managed to bring some Pollack on board and we look forward to seeing a report in the magazine soon.

At the time of writing we are still catching good Pollack and also Cod are now on the wrecks. The biggest so far at 14 lbs, but we are sure this can be bettered during the coming months.

Mackerel are now in, so our favourite Bassing can now start, along with targeting Conger when the tides are right. Will we be able to beat our record last year of 98 lbs?

From 6th April 2008, Tope are now part of a programme to protect a threatened species, Government legislation has put severe controls on the catching of Tope. We will now only be able to catch them on a "catch and release basis", which is something we have practised on Aquavitesse for some time.

For more information on a code of best practise please go to [www.Save-our-Sharks.org](http://www.Save-our-Sharks.org).

Following numerous requests you will now find all your favourite fish recipes on our website, just go to [www.aquavitesse.co.uk](http://www.aquavitesse.co.uk) and follow the recipe link.



## CATCH AND COOK EVENT ON AQUAVITESSE

Recently Aquavitesse, and Kinghams Resturant of Shere, near Guildford had a joint "Catch and Cook" day.

Following a request from his customers, Paul Baker, the chef proprietor of Kinghams teamed up with Noel West, skipper of Aquavitesse to offer a full day fishing trip on the mid channel wrecks out of Brighton, drifting for Cod and Pollack, followed on the next day by a preparation morning with a fish lunch to follow.

The event was deemed a great success by all of Paul's customers,

**"it is not often that you can be sure that the fish you are eating is really fresh"** enthused Heiner Langhein.

On this occasion not only was the source of the fish known but was cooked to the highest standards by Master Chef Paul Baker whose restaurant has also been awarded 2 AA rosettes.



## GONE FISHING

BY TV's **JOHN WILSON... 'Get stuck into those offshore Pollack'**

Now is as good a time as any to do battle with a powerful Pollack hooked in deep water over wrecks.

Almost any port along the south coast will have skippers making trips out as I experienced recently from Brighton on board the 36-foot 'Aquavitesse', skippered by Noel West. (Tel Beaufort Charters on 07766 661066).

Our party were all keen anglers bent on good hauls of early Pollack inhabiting the rusting wrecks.

And here lies the skill in

drift fishing. Having found the wreck on his GPS and set up a good drift, Noel also had to ensure his guests presented lures attractively at the right depth without getting snagged too often.

This was critical because a slow retrieve of your jelly worm, shad, scallywag or red gill presented on a clear monofilament eight foot trace, below lead and boom attached to a 30lbs braded reel line, is imperative for good results.

As often the case,

because he was retrieving more slowly than everyone else, allowing his jelly worm to spend more time closer to the ironwork - one angler, Steve Klingberg, dominated much of the action by landing a string of double figure Pollack, like the two beauties he's displaying here, while the rods on either side produced only the occasional small Pollack and Pouting.

Steve's super-slow retrieve with a jelly worm was indeed a lesson for all on board to learn from.



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