

Aquacast

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Since the last Aquacast everyone involved with Beaufort Charters has been extremely busy – not only sport fishing but also the occasional hen night, stag day and support work.

Nick Light has just about retired, although he makes the occasional guest appearance. Noel West is now skippering Aquavitesse about 100 % of the time, and we are very pleased to see many of Nick's customers re-booking with Noel. Thanks for the vote of confidence in the management of Beaufort Charters.

AQUAVITESSE

The biggest news is the change of colour and newly designed logo – makes no difference to the fishing but gives the new crew a boost. Not many customers have realised, but they have noticed the drop-down TV/DVD player and new teapot! We have also fitted a complete new starboard gearbox. The old one had been a source of trouble for the last 12 months, so there should be no more problems.

We are also thinking of renewing

the orange canopy. Any ideas for the new colour??

FISHING

Although later than normal, the Cod eventually trekked west and we have had many good catches over the last 3 months, the biggest being 22 lbs. Most were caught on the drift using shads or lead-head/orange twintails as lures.

Pollack have also stayed around, but have been decreasing in numbers recently. Mackerel shoals are now not only inshore but also over the wrecks, which means that Bass are around. The biggest Bass so far has been 10 lbs but we expect bigger, especially on our "Bass only" days when we have a maximum of 6 anglers on board using mackerel as live bait.

When the weather has been too rough for wrecking we have had good sport on the ground with Bream, Rays and of course Dogfish. We have also seen smoothhound and the odd Bass and, on one occasion, brought up two 5 lb Red Gurnards within 10 minutes of each other – amazing prehistoric looking fish with a very vivid orange colour.

We have also had our activities reported in all the sea fishing

Beaufort CHARTERS



A good mid summer Pollack



Some anglers can look better than the fish!



Don't look so worried, it's a good Cod

magazines with a special feature in Boat Fishing Monthly written by Jim Whippy. Can't keep a good boat down!

CALENDAR/AVAILABILITY

We are now nearly fully booked for weekends up to November but still have the occasional space during the week. Please give us a ring or use the e-mail info@beaufortcharters.co.uk to see if we have space.

Our new website is being launched soon. This will have a calendar showing availability and how many spaces are free.

It will also show our 2-day trips to Dieppe and our special Conger and Bass days. Please enquire early if you are interested.

We plan to work up till the second week of December and start again at the beginning of February. We know that other boats take bookings in January, but we hate cancelling trips because of the winter gales and, also, we need some time to work on the boat.

PRICING

It looks like the price of red diesel is going to stay high, as well as rising marina fees and insurance, so, unfortunately, we will have to increase our prices for 2007. As soon as we have calculated the new level, we will let you know.

CAR PARKING

The multi-storey car park at Brighton Marina is still free for all our customers, so please ignore the signs saying that you are only allowed to stay for 4 hours. These are only for people who use the car park and then commute into Brighton on a daily basis.

NAME

In our last Aquacast we asked for an alternative name to Aquacast. Barry Andrews of Kent suggested "Are we there yet?" and Paul Cartwright of Hemel Hemstead suggested "Sub-Aqua News". Does he know something we don't know. Thanks to both of them for submitting their ideas, but we have decided to stick with Aquacast.

POLO SHIRTS

If you want to look like the Aquavitesse skipper and crew, the Aquavitesse polo shirts are now available by mail order. They come in 4 sizes: S, M, L and XL and are manufactured from machine washable high-quality cotton. To order yours at £19.99, including 2nd class postage, simply send a cheque with your address details to Beaufort Charters Ltd., Great Butts Barn, Cousley Wood, East Sussex, TN5 6EP.

Thank you all for your support

Noel and The Team wish you Good Fishing



A big "wriggly" comes aboard



Summer Cod have been at their best this year...



...so have the Bass



The skipper giving full and close attention to a young angler!