

Catch up with Mark “the fish” le Riche.

Despite May being a varied month of weather with some exceptionally fine days, the overall opportunity for getting out in the boats have been limited. Those whose have tried fishing for mackerel have only received a modest reward for their efforts. Nobody appears to have caught more than a couple of dozen fish. Hopefully, as the waters warm, the fish will become more plentiful!

With the smaller tides of the summer months, drifting for bream should see some good catches. The French beam trawlers have not been spotted yet so there is still hope for some record catches in the next few weeks. The signs are there that the fish are present as Mark has caught a number of small bream in St Aubin’s harbour just as the evening light declines. Although the local bream fishery normally continues for most of the summer the fish are at their best quality during June, July and August. This is also true for red mullet. So for those who wish to test their culinary skills, get fishing and then cooking.

Mark is also keen to test out the traces for turbot he made up over the winter months. Those interested in fishing for turbot should get in touch with Mark for his tips on the best traces and bait to use.

As the weather warms and with increasing daylight in the early evenings, it is perhaps time to think about packing a picnic, digging for a few worms and getting out in the dinghy for a little rod fishing behind St Aubin’s Fort.