

OUSE ANGLING PRESERVATION SOCIETY LTD.

RULES & INFORMATION – SEA TROUT SUPPLEMENT 2021

Rule 1. The Mill Pool at Barcombe Mills

- a. The Mill Pool and surrounding streams – the area within the circuit of roads formed by the Barcombe Mills Road and the Old Toll Road and known as ‘The Mill Pool’ – are reserved for Sea Trout fishing **ONLY** from 1st May to 31st October.
- b. Sea Trout permit holders can book Pool Permits at **£15.00 per rod** for a maximum of two rods on ‘The Mill Pool’ for 24 hours from midnight to midnight during the Sea Trout fishing season (1st May to 31st October.)

- i. **IMPORTANT – Pool Permits MUST be booked in advance from the Society’s Permit Secretary, David Pennington at...**

36 Middleton Avenue, HOVE, BN3 4PJ
email **davidp@ouseaps.co.uk** or telephone: **07899 245680** (mobile)

To check the availability of dates and make a **provisional** booking either visit our website – **<http://www.ouseaps.co.uk/pool-permits-sea-trout-only/>** – and email your booking, **OR** telephone David.

Reservations will be dealt with in strict order of receipt. If you telephone and your call isn't answered, please leave your name, telephone number and dates/ number of rods required and your call will be returned at the first opportunity.

Provisional Pool Permit bookings will be held for 5 business days to allow time for payment to arrive, following which the reserved dates will be made available to all Sea Trout Permit holders again.

- ii. Sea Trout Annual Permit holders fishing ‘The Mill Pool’ **MUST** be in possession of a valid Pool Permit for the day they are fishing. There will be **NO** exception to this rule, so do not leave it until the last minute to book or you may be disappointed.

The Society considers that anglers found fishing ‘The Mill Pool’ without a Pool Permit in their possession, are committing a serious breach of our rules and will be required to surrender their Sea Trout Annual Permit, asked to leave the Society’s waters immediately and banned from buying any of the Society’s permits in future.

- c. Sea Trout Annual Permit holders fishing ‘The Mill Pool’ should use the Society’s car park and must not park on the private road or in the vicinity of Barcombe House.
- d. Wading is not allowed in the Andrew’s stream – see rule 3.b.iii (below.)

Rule 2. Sea Trout Guest Permits.

- a. Up to two Sea Trout Guest Permits are available each day to Sea Trout Permit holders for fishing the Society’s waters on the tidal river **below** Barcombe Mills Road bridge.
- b. One Sea Trout guest permit is available to Pool Permit holders. Pool permit holders taking a guest must buy **two** pool permits, plus a Sea Trout guest permit.

- c. **IMPORTANT – Sea Trout Guest Permits cost £20.00 each and MUST be bought in advance from the Society’s Permit Secretary, David Pennington at...**

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- d. One eight day guest permit is available for each Sea Trout permit holder each season at a cost of £60. Please contact David Pennington for further information (see above.)
- e. Applications for Sea Trout Guest Permits must include the name of the guest, the date that the guest permit is required for, plus the 2021 permit holder’s name and permit number together with payment of the appropriate fee.
- f. Guest(s) must be accompanied at all times by the permit holder - the annual permit holder will be held responsible for the actions of their guest(s) and should ensure that the Society’s rules are not broken.

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Rule 3. Conservation

PLEASE NOTE – The committee has decided that following the 2016 Plumpton Mill Stream pollution the temporary policy on returning sea trout will continue during 2021.

ALL sea trout caught must be returned to the river during the 2021 season.

a. Sea Trout captures

- ~~i. No more than **ONE** Sea Trout shall be retained in any seven day period by any angler on any part of our waters.~~
- ~~ii. A maximum of **THREE** Sea Trout may be retained in any season.~~
- ~~iii. **ALL** Sea Trout caught after 15 September must be returned, alive, to the river.~~
- ~~iv. **ALL** undersized Sea Trout (less than 15 inches) must be returned, alive, to the river.~~

b. Restrictions on Sea Trout Fishing

- i. The House Stream (both banks upstream from the Society's car park to the old toll bridge) is monitored closely each year as it is particularly susceptible to extreme weather conditions. Should the need arise to protect fish by reducing fishing pressure, announcements will be made on our website and pool permit holders informed.
- ii. Sea Trout permit holders are restricted to fishing **DOWNSTREAM** of the main Barcombe Mills Road Bridge until 16th June unless fishing 'The Mill Pool and surrounding streams' (see rule 1. above) – **NO** fishing will take place on the Society's waters **UPSTREAM** of The Old Toll Road from 1st May to 15th June inclusive (**this includes the Andrew's Stream upstream of Pikes Bridge**).
- iii. **WADING** is not allowed in the Andrew's Stream following the 2010 project to restore its gravel bed.

This ban applies to the **FULL** length of the Andrew's Stream from the Andrew's weir, downstream to where the stream joins the main river below the Mill Pool.

Rule 4. Sea Trout catch returns and scale readings

- a. At the end of the Sea Trout season, and no later than 15th November, Sea Trout permit holders must complete the Sea Trout Catch Returns form attached to this supplement and send them to the Society. This includes nil returns.

Returns will record the following: length and weight of fish, place and date of capture, bait (lure, fly, natural bait etc.)

- b. Failure to make a return may result in anglers being refused a Sea Trout Permit for the following season (Sea Trout return forms available at www.ouseaps.co.uk.)

SEA TROUT CONSERVATION

~~As part of the Society's ongoing Sea Trout conservation review, the following information is something that ALL Sea Trout anglers need to be familiar with...~~

- ~~• The river's Sea Trout stock is under continuous pressure, not just from anglers but also from natural events such as the severe heatwave we experienced in 2018. Catch & release is an important conservation measure which the Society endorses so it strongly recommends that Sea Trout anglers fish on a catch & release basis for **ALL** fish.~~
- ~~• Please return all 'coloured' Sea Trout during the season. Anglers should be aware that Kelts (spawned fish returning to the sea) may be encountered during the early weeks of the season. These fish should be returned, alive, to the river.~~

Please note that some Kelts may be well mended and bright silver in colour, and could be mistaken for fresh run fish, although close examination will generally show that they have a slightly hollow belly.
- ~~• Please return all **LARGE** Sea Trout (certainly those over 10lb) to the river. These are a valuable component of the Sea Trout stock that will help to maintain the large average size of fish present in the river.~~

