

BEWL WATER FISHERY REPORT
For week ending Friday 6th Oct '23
by Ray French.

I was told the second batch of Autumn stocking went in on schedule earlier this week which is good, and judging by what I have seen and reports into me I can say that can be substantiated on several fronts.

I talked to an Any Method chap post fishing on the boat jetty on Wednesday, using the international angling dialogue of sign language... The outcome was that he had caught 8 fish static at 2m deep with bait on a couple of floats. Judging by the way he was carrying his 'cold box' I have no cause to doubt him and he easily beat John T and my 2 fish!

In our defence we fished on the drift in a very gusty wind on relatively light lines and mostly in the main bowl, where John had a lovely Trout, lost one and had another couple of takes. I had similar, a very nice Trout on a floater (see below), lost another on a Hover line and had a couple of bumps on DI5.

So, on Wednesday both the resident and new stockies were playing hard to get for us Fly boys on the drift, but not it seemed for the boats at anchor, especially AM.

However, we did see fish. In fact, everywhere we went we saw fish, either jumping up vertical or sideways. They were single fish, with no evidence of being part of a shoal, although fresh 'stockies' rarely swim alone and anyway the rough water made it difficult to spot surface feeders, if there were any! At least we are seeing fish in numbers now. Of course, the mild weather and constant sun in the Southeast is not helping our cause, but they are catchable for sure, just difficult.

SUMMARY

I think the weekend will see quite a few fish caught as the recent intake get used the water and I am sure it will improve even more in the coming days. Especially as I have been told another stocking is due next week!!!

Fish are currently showing in Bewl Straight and in the main Bowl from the dam down to the old cages. Problem is, the water is still warm to the touch in some places and the visibility could be a lot better but hey ho, it's getting there!

Being retired I rarely fish weekends but I might just make an exception on Sunday. Tight lines, have a good week.

