

Report on the Open Cod Competition 2025

Written for our sponsors - details the day and results.

CBYC angling section would like to thank you for your **generous and exceedingly kind sponsorship** of the 48th staging of the CBYC Open Cod Competition, *believed to be one of the UK's largest boat angling competitions.*



LOWRANCE **Daiwa**



CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB

48TH ANNUAL COD COMPETITION 2025

Boat Name	Angler's Name	Weight (kg)
1st Prowler	Dale Carvana	6.225
2nd Catch My Drift	Jack Beecher	4.525
3rd Pembroke Exp Oxo		4.250
4th Hari Buoy	Mike Farquhar	3.075
5th Hunters Moon	Gary Addis	2.175
6th Africa	Alex Pearce	1.850
7th Pembroke Explor	Rhys Phillips	1.525
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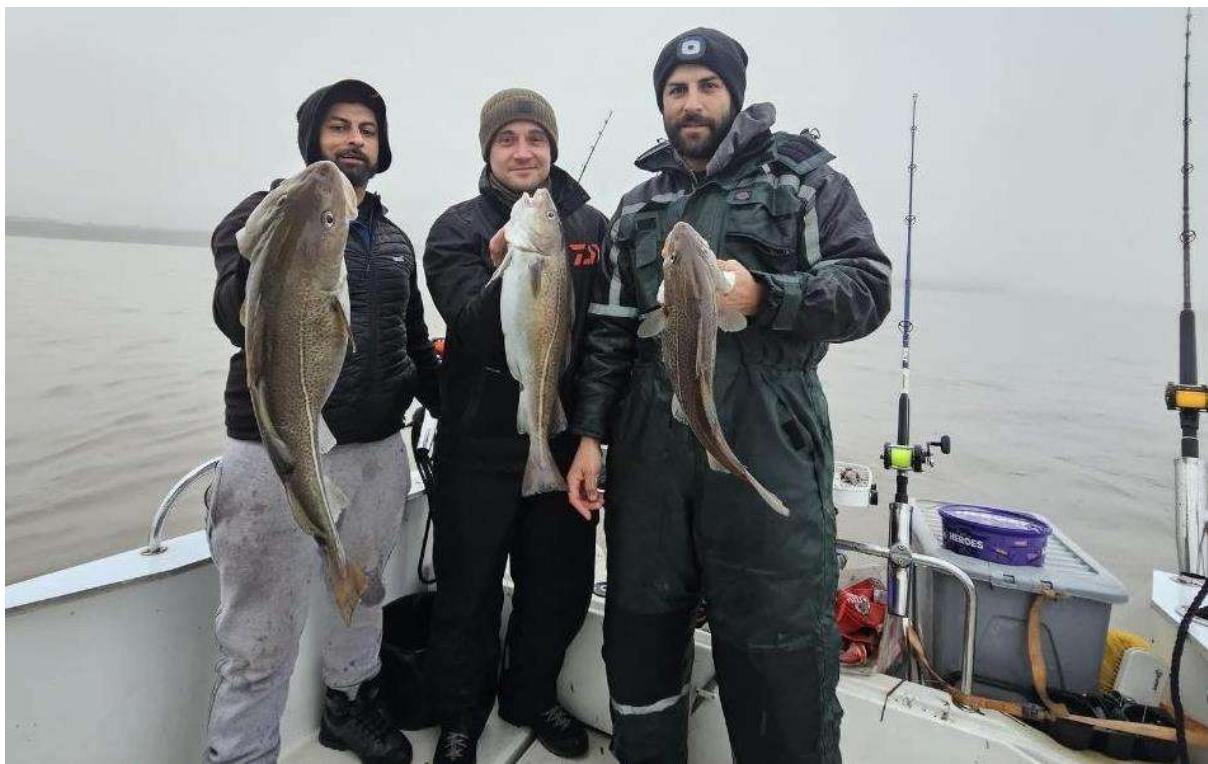


Your sponsorship helped to ensure we attracted a big field of anglers in our 48th year of staging the competition. We actively promoted your business through social media and footfall over the days leading up to the competition held on the Sunday 18th January 2026. The original date of 23rd of November 2025, had to be postponed due to high winds of 40mph+ on the day. We hope the images and write up on the day gives you some insight into this year's competition.

We attracted over **247 anglers** on **68 boats** this year.

Some Pictures of the day





We managed to get the competition away on the backup date. Weather for the day was forecast with light winds but with drizzle for most of the day. Conditions remained calm all day and provided for boats to fish a wide area of the Bristol Channel in search of the prize-winning cod.



At the evening's presentation, 7 anglers were recognised for bringing cod over >1.5kg to the scales with only 11 cod caught on the day. Four cod were weighed-in, but unfortunately didn't make the min, 1.5kg. The cod season seems to be changing at an alarming rate, and we will need to review how we get the competition to its 50th year and then probably retire this competition in favour of our newly launched Open Summer Competition.

The winning fish was caught by **Dale Carvana** on boat **Prowler**, a local angler, with a fish of 6.225kg (13.7lbs). Dale won £1000 cash prize, a top end **Lowrance Eagle 9"** chart plotter, top of the range **Fenix head torch**, a book by Terry Theobald - 'Forever Hooked' and the cash pool of £1,090.



Dale Carvana – 1st place



In second place by local angler **Jack Beecher** on **Catch My Drift** who landed a cod of 4.525kg (10lbs). Jack won £300 cash and a **Lowrance 7" Eagle** plotter and a **Fenix** head torch.

Umer Chohan brought a fish to the scales which weighed 4.25kg (9.4lbs) on his boat **Pembroke Explorer**, winning £200 and a **Lowrance Eagle 4x** sonar and a **Fenix** head torch.

Jack Beecher – 2nd place

Umer Chohan - 3rd place



We raised **£830** for the RNLI in the evening from a raffle for a tackle box, including various Daiwa tackle and clothing, including a Daiwa large fishing bag and a Daiwa reel, donated by the Angling Section and its members.



We sincerely hope all our efforts have provided valued support to your businesses and we could not stage this competition without your sponsorship. We have highly promoted the competition through lots of social media sites and the results roundups have had thousands of views.



Rob Cole, Angling Cymru Press Officer has authored a very nice report which can be found at www.wfsapress.co.uk

Thanks once again for your sponsoring this annual competition as we build towards our 50th.

We also run a summer Open Competition which is growing with over 104 anglers and 36 boats participating last June. The next staging is set for the 13th of June 2026, and we have teamed up with Angling Cymru to stage a DragonMania Open Boat Competition out of Cardiff this summer. As always, we are looking for sponsorship, as this competition is catch and release competition targeting Smoothhound, Blonde Rays and Congers we use measuring mats and photos with your company logo prominently displayed. If you wish to be involved, please contact a member of the Angling Section at CBYC to discuss options.



Tight lines

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On behalf of CBYC Angling Section