

Fishing – workshops on identification and fly-tying and update on offshore

RiverLife: Almond and Avon are hosting an invasive non-native species identification workshop.

It is suited to anybody who wishes to learn about the non-native species which colonise in rivers and the impact they have on the biodiversity, economy and society.

Experts will discuss how to find them, what to avoid and how people manage them.

An opportunity will be given to head out to the riverbanks and have a look at the invasive species along the River Almond.

The workshop is at Kirkliston Community Centre, on Tuesday, April 9 (10am to 2pm). Spaces are available and contact Amy at a.fergusson@forthriverstrust.org

Also on Tuesday, Cramond Angling Club host their first fly tying evening of the season as the club aim to build membership levels.

Bosses believe that activities such as this plus river walks to help newcomers identify where to fish on their eight-mile stretch of the Almond from the shoreline to upstream of Kirkliston will bind members together.

Lee Currie of Orvis in central Edinburgh is the man who will lead the event in Cramond Yacht Club. It starts at 8pm and this is the event cancelled from last month.

At sea, Derek Anderson of Aquamarine Charters from Eyemouth welcomed good weather last weekend. More trips are planned this weekend so consult his website.

He said: "Great weather last Saturday saw Sagittarius out for six hours with best angler claiming six keepers and four were put back.

"All anglers had fish but Sunday was not so good with seals stealing the fish."