

# Fishing – local pair contest major British event

Local anglers Mike Connet and Jock Kettles are in the Sierra Pairs final, one of Britain's biggest fly fishing events, this weekend.

The pair motored south earlier this week to practice and Mike side: "We're hoping to build knowledge on lines, retrieve, places to fish and what flies are working. Hopefully, this will all come together."

They qualified at Glencorse Reservoir (pictured) and owner Bill Taylor is now taking bookings for the 2020 season with an opening day of March 7 which is already fully booked. Enquires to [glencorse1@outlook.com](mailto:glencorse1@outlook.com).

Now to sea fishing and Barry McEwan won the Bass Rock Sea Angling League's Summer Series, but he was pushed to the wire.

The Port Seton-based angler led by six points going into the final round at Belhaven Beach near Dunbar.

But local fisherman Chris Empson, who was lying second, mounted a real charge on an ideal night with a fresh breeze but little swell.

He landed 19 fish for 391cm to win the final round with McEwan third with 15 fish for 337cm. McEwan earned 52 points overall and he squeezed home but if he had finished fourth then the title would have been decided on countback.

The winter league starts on September 18 with further dates on October 2, 9, 30. Venues to be confirmed.

The Amble Open, one of Europe's biggest events is on January 12 and 2020 Mull of Galloway Sea Angling Festival is on June 19 to 21. The organisers upped the boat limit from 40 to 50 but they still sold-out in seven days. They now have a reserve list.