McEwan catches big prize as temperature plummets

Barry McEwan (pictured) braved subzero temperatures to win round eight of the Bass Rock Shore Angling League's winter series.

The Scottish international from Port Seton hooked into a 23cm rockling to take the top prize. The self-employed carpet fitter was the only angler to catch and secretary James Ogilvie said it was Barry's hand warmers which made it bearable.

Six other anglers took part in the North Berwick Rover.

Round nine will be on Wednesday, January 31 at a venue to be decided.

A reminder that the second round of the Edinburgh New Year Shore League, sponsored by The Edinburgh Angling Centre and The Fishing Megastore plus Cox and Rawle, is on Friday, January 19.

The venue is Seafield with fishing from 7pm to 10pm and registration is at Marine Esplanade EH6 7DP from 6pm to 6.15pm.

And the Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers host Match 1 of 2024 at Newhaven in Edinburgh on Saturday, January 27, fishing from 16.00 to 20.00 and registration from 14.00 to 14.30 at Western Harbour Place EH6 6NG.

It is a catch and release match with pegged and zoned areas

and anglers are asked to bring buckets for landed fish to be placed in prior to measuring.