

STOKES BAY

Stokes Bay is sheltered from the run of Solent tide so fishing can be easier here than at other local venues. This is a popular shingle beach giving way to sand, clay and broken ground. Spring tides fish best with three hours up and two down the most productive. Standard beach gear capable of casting a 5-6oz breakout lead is all that is needed. It is a reliable mark for a range of species including bass, codling, dab, dogfish, plaice, silver eel, smoothhound and thornback ray. Big bass to 10lb come in close to feast on small fish returned by anglers so a live bait, fished short on a calm clear night can be brilliant. Try to avoid shining lights on the water as this may deter them from approaching. Autumn is top for bass with the following months giving way to good mixed bags on night tides. Winter offers the best cod and dab sport with buckets of whiting thrown in for good measure. Summer produces the best mackerel action, with smoothhound taken on night tides. Bright, calm days in March and April are best for plaice. Thornback ray and dogfish show from the Browndown section and are caught at distance with a general 80-100m cast taking most species. A small live pouting is the top bait for bass but mackerel and squid will also work well. Spring offers thornbacks on night tides to mackerel strip or sandeel, whilst a peeler will sort out the smoothhound. Peeler crab and ragworm cocktails score for specimen plaice while most of the smaller species will take ragworm, lug or black lugworm. There is plenty of roadside parking and access to the venue within 25m along Stokes Bay Road in Gosport.



Please photocopy and pass to a friend or other club member who may also want to fish.

Prepayment Entry Form - Guaranteeing Entry Into The 2008 NFSA OPEN SHORE COMPETITION

Surname	>
1st Name & Initials	>
Number & Road/Street Name	>
District/Postal City/Town	>
County & Post Code	>
Contact Telephone Number	>
E-mail Address	>
NFSA Membership Number	>
YOU HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO WIN THE NFSA NATIONAL AWARDS. PLEASE PRESENT YOUR NFSA MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN BOOKING-IN.	
£15 Individual Match Entry Fee (All Categories)	
Please make cheques payable to - NFSA Wessex Division	
Post to - NFSA WD, c/o 67 Windmill Grove, Fareham. PO16 9HU.	
For match-day information telephone: Trevor Sutch on 07786-962540	
Signature >	Date >

NATIONAL FEDERATION of SEA ANGLERS 2008 OPEN SHORE COMPETITION

featuring

NFSA Members Individual Shore Championship

hosted by

The NFSA Wessex Division

at

STOKES BAY - GOSPORT - HAMPSHIRE on Saturday 29th November 2008 from 4pm (1600) until 9pm (2100)

the match will be pegged and zoned

<h1>£1,000</h1>	TOTAL PAYOUT IS
	SUBJECT TO ENTRY SEA ANGLER MAGAZINE PENN SEA LEAGUE QUALIFIER

average continental system payout - subject to entry

£100 for zone winners + £75 for zone runners-up
£50 for zone 3rd place + £25 for zone 4th place
bonus £10 per zone for match winner

plus

NFSA National Individual Shore Championship Trophies and Awards (Members Only)

match entry fee - all categories

£15 individual entry fee is inclusive of pools.
£13 cash paid out - £2 retained for match fees.
To GUARANTEE entry PLEASE PRE-BOOK-IN.
Entry and Membership will be accepted on the day.
You do not have to be a member to fish.
NFSA rules and minimum size limits apply.