



British Record (rod-caught) Fish Committee

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Press Release

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The British Record (rod-caught) Fish Committee (BRFC) would like to announce the ratification of two new British record fish.

The BRFC has ratified a claim made by Ryan Mayell in respect of his capture of a Meagre (*Argyrosomus regius*), at a weight of 6lb 9oz and a length of 67cm.

Ryan caught his fish from the shore at Eastbourne on 21st July.

Ryan provided satisfactory video evidence of the measuring of the fish and his scale was checked at the claimed weight of the fish by Trading Standards, so we are able to award Ryan both length- and weight-based records for his shore-caught fish.

Ryan's capture is particularly interesting as this is the first time this species has featured in the British record lists.

Also ratified is a claim from Steven Le Lere, who caught a White sea bream (*Diplodus Sargus*) of 45cm while boat fishing off the south coast of Jersey on 8th June.

Steve's record was ratified following examination of video evidence of the measurement of the fish.

The BRFC would like to remind anglers that the record listing for boat-caught sea fish is now length-based only and all new claims for boat-caught record sea fish must be made on a length basis and supported by video evidence of the measuring of the fish. Shore-caught record listings for sea fish are open to both weight- and length-based claims.

In the event of the capture of any potential record fish, the captor should first contact the British Record (rod-caught) Fish Committee without delay.

Captors of potential record fish should contact the Secretary, Nick Simmonds, by email at brfc@anglingtrust.net

Nick will record the details of the capture and advise the claimant on progressing the claim.

More information can be found in the BRFC web pages at

<https://anglingtrust.net/get-involved/record-fish/>

- **Notes for editors:**

The official British Records List and procedures are available at

<https://anglingtrust.net/get-involved/record-fish/> or from the Secretary

Enquiries may be directed to the Secretary Nick Simmonds at brfc@anglingtrust.net

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for November 2026. The committee will continue to consider all claims as and when they arise and to keep captors informed as to progress.

Aims and Objectives of the BRFC

The Committee exists to recognise and publish record weights and/or lengths of both fresh- and salt-water fish caught on rod and line by fair angling methods in the waters of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, The Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, and aims:

- To provide an adjudicating body to which marine and freshwater anglers may submit claims for record fish taken by fair rod and line angling.
- To investigate all such record claims to the fullest possible extent and maintain a permanent record of such investigations.
- To establish and maintain accurately a list of British fish, marine and freshwater, of record size and to publish this list frequently and make it readily available to all interested persons.

The activities of the Committee are voluntary, and claims are considered and adjudicated upon, only on the basis that the Committee shall be under no obligation whatsoever to claimants, that its decisions shall be final, and it shall not be obliged to give reasons for its decisions.

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