



# Bewl Water Kayak Fishing Competition – 4th Edition

03–04 May 2025 | Bewl Water, Kent

Organised by The Wild Minnow Ltd in partnership with Bewl Water and supporting sponsors

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## Event Format

Kayak fishing for predators: **Catch & Release, artificial lures only.**

Each angler must submit the following per day:

- **1 Pike**
- **5 Perch**
- **1 Trout** (counts as 40 cm regardless of actual length)

 **No minimum size limits** for any species.

 **Total length across all eligible fish over both days** determines the final ranking.

All fish must be measured, photographed, and submitted via the **Angling Live app**.

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## Event Size

- **Maximum 50 kayak anglers**
  - **Juniors (aged 10+)** may participate if accompanied on the water by an adult (21+), staying within 20 meters.
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## Event Schedule

**Friday, 02 May 2025**

- Arrival of competitors / camping setup

**Saturday, 03 May 2025**

- 07:00 – Registration opens
- 08:30 – Opening speech & competition briefing
- 09:00 – Fishing begins / Angling Live app opens



- 17:30 – Stop fishing / Angling Live app closes
- 18:00 – Return to launch area
- 18:30 – Day 1 results (partial)
- 19:00 – BBQ (TBC)

## Sunday, 04 May 2025

- 08:00 – Safety briefing
- 08:30 – Fishing begins / Angling Live app opens (live results hidden)
- 16:30 – Stop fishing / App closes
- 17:00 – Return to launch area
- 17:30 – Final results announcement
- 18:00 – Event concludes

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### Key Rules Summary

- **Catch & release** only – all fish must be safely returned to the water.
- **Artificial lures only** – no bait or fly fishing.
- **No trolling** – drift fishing is allowed; trolling motors are prohibited.
- **Wire traces** are mandatory when targeting pike.
- Only **one rod may be used at a time**, though multiple can be carried.
- All fish must be submitted through the **Angling Live app**, with photos showing:
  - Fish on its **right flank**
  - **Visible measuring board scale**
  - **Unique event sticker** (provided at registration) clearly displayed  
(*Photos without the sticker will be disqualified.*)
- **Use a wide measuring board** – no printed rulers on unhooking mats.



- **Unhooking mats, landing nets, and proper fish care gear** are mandatory.
- Once your **1 trout** has been submitted for the day, **you must stop targeting trout.**
- **Anchoring** is prohibited – drogues and drift chutes allowed.
- **Maintain 50m distance** from other kayaks, banks, boats, bank angler and reservoir structures.
- All anglers must **wear a PFD/life jacket** at all times on the water.
- Kayak fishing must stop if **winds exceed Force 5 (19 mph).**
- Anglers must **hold a valid EA rod licence and event insurance (public liability).**
- **Junior anglers** must stay within 20m of their accompanying adult at all times.

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### **Camping**

Competitors requiring camping must follow Bewl Water site rules. Please keep the area tidy and maintain quiet after 22:00.