

In line with the increasing concerns about fish welfare Harwich Angling Club would like to highlight key aspects to improve the handling of your catch.

1. Use only barbless hooks
2. No bolt/fixed rigs.
3. A wet unhooking mat for larger fish, ie bream/carp.
4. Landing net of appropriate size to be used when landing any sizeable fish.
5. Disgorger of appropriate type for removal of hooks.
6. When landing sizeable fish it is preferred practice to not swing in fish, but use a landing net, unhook fish in net and return to the water from landing net.
7. If handling fish wet hands do less damage and on no account handle with a cloth.

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