

Sportfishing Club of the British Isles



Links to Organisations

[International Game Fish Association](#) Our Club, since its inception in 1979, has been a member and supportive of the ethics and principles of this international body based in Florida. It is committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rule making, record keeping and recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of angling.

Their web site is well worth exploring for its informative range of Tackle & Tips, videos, etc and, reflective of attitudes of the majority of 'modern' anglers, now also actively promotes release fishing.

Many of our Club members are also individual members of the IGFA.

[Angling Trust](#) Our Club is a member of the Angling Trust, the representative body for game, coarse and sea anglers in England and Wales and funded in part by income from freshwater licences. Its members - clubs and individuals - support the campaigns and legal action they carry out to protect fish stocks and our programmes to increase the number of anglers fishing for fun and in competitions.

Additionally and importantly they are supportive, and play a significant lobbying role, of the Club's campaign to create a recreational fishery for Bluefin Tuna in UK waters. You will find further detailed information on this within ours and our campaigning web site - **[Bluefin Tuna UK](#)**.

[Bluefin Tuna UK](#) This is the Club's linked campaigning web site created with the objective of lobbying the UK government to establish a World class, sustainable, economically optimal recreational Tag & Release fishery in our waters. As a vulnerable species they are to use the truism often quoted by 'our cousins the other side of the Pond' "**Too valuable to catch only once**".

You are possibly aware that, particularly over the last three years, huge Atlantic Bluefin Tuna have appeared late each summer in UK waters. A Global Stock recovery program has seen numbers recover sharply from danger levels 10 years ago. From Cornwall, SouthWest Wales to the Outer Hebrides and off places in Northern Ireland, these unique fish are gracing us with their presence in unprecedented numbers.

[Travel vaccinations](#) Our quests to target gamefish, coupled with the increasing availability of air travel, takes us to ever more exotic and remote venues. And with that comes the risks associated with preventable diseases that may be endemic in certain regions we visit. This link takes you to the **NHS web site** identifying the risks and the availability and locations where vaccinations may be obtained.

[Travel Advice](#) This link takes you to the UK government's Foreign Office site for travel advisory notices, country by country. Some are purely advisory, others cautionary, but be aware if you travel to some countries against specific Foreign Office advice this may result in your travel insurance policy being invalidated. There is further guidance here, on the [Foreign Office site](#), regarding basics on insurance for overseas travel.