Going afloat off Cornwall gives Moulton sharker Jim the blues

TOWN shark wrangler Jim Martin has been at the 'blues again – taking a string of fish to around 100lb!

And as part of that he finished third in the shark angling club's three-day national festival, fished out of Looe in Cornwall.

On a separate trip from the same port, he had four ranging from 25lb to 40lb (all put back alive) in a single day's outing.

• SOME say a full moon means poor fishing, and this has been a rare 'blue moon' month with two full ones in four weeks...

But that didn't stop Daventry lads making the most of Tofts' current carp form – with 11 rods all topping the 100lb mark in a club match.

Simon Potter put 159-12 on the scales – on maggot over caster – with

■ HIS Moulton home maybe a long way from the sea... but that doesn't stop Jim Martin (left in picture) being a shark ace!

Mick Turner landing 137lb and Martin Paynter.

Now Turner faces Gaynor Mills in the club's individual KO final after they beat Steve Martin and Jake King in the semis.

• AND Jack Harness won the latest Meadowlands Lanes Baits open with 222-10 of brown fish as Max Higgott had 180-4 and Craig Casemore 100-10.

• LEISURE fishing Waterloo, town's Vince Battams and mate Rob Wilson have also been having a ball with the carp, crucians and tench. Battams had 123lb and 186 in two trips with Wilson on 124lb and 99lb.

• WANT to beat the boats on the local cut? Then follow Tony Pickering and Malcolm Bunyard's example and try fishing from 7 in the evening until late. In one trip the former has just had 11 bream, some nice roach and a decent rudd for around 20lb, all on punch, while the latter had 8-5 of skimmers and perch on maggot.

• STANICK'S fish of the week was Brian Radford's 24-14 common from Elsons, as 'Roman' had a 23.

• THANKS to the Environment Agency, magistrates have fined two gents – with names sounding as though they are from well east of Berlin – $\pounds1,250$ for livebaiting on the Ouse during the statutory close season. Tell the EA when you see these things happening, NOT days later, and they WILL act. • CASTLE Ashby opens: Grendon lake, Sunday, Bob Read 123-4 (carp) Chris Garrett 103-6, Roy Woodward 100-8; Grendon, Monday, Read 115-4, Steve Shakespeare 70-6, Keith Garrett 59-4; Saturday, Brickyard, Courtney Hewlett 32-12, Dick Rogers 31-4, Mick Hewlett 28-14.

> • OSPREY, Lakeside Towcester: Dave Lewis 113lb, Adam Griffiths 85lb, Brenda Stent 83lb.

• COTTON Club, Tofts: Kevin MacIlhinney 110-8, Andy Whiting 105-3, Dave Hadden 96-12.

• ROYAL Mail Northampton, Decoy lakes: Mick Gibbs 81-10, Mark Tottenham 69-2, Paul Hardman 64-12.

• NENE, points, Waterloo: Paul Ramsden 68-8, Steve Johnson 48-10, Les Ramsden 38-2 (Paul Ramsden leads series).

• TOWCESTER, Canons: Mark Read 38lb, Graham Martin 27-7, Walt Ashby 24-14.

• CASTLE, Mill Cotton, Ringstead: Stuart Cheetham 59lb, Alan West 49-8, John Lewis 32-10.

• WHITE Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl: Dave Chapman 38lb, John Berry 32-8, Dave Griffiths 29-8.

• FINEDON, Dennets: Danny Richardson 32-6, John Sumpter 29-7, Simon Higgs 27-9.

• GLEBE, Gilmorton: Pete Males 28-7, Dave Haddon 15-3, Marcus Annable 14-8.

• LITTLE Harrowden, Bluebell Lake: Jim Broadhurst 10-15, Adrian Edwards 9-8, Jeff Bebee 5-12.

• TOWCESTER vets, Heron lake Great Linford: George Cooke 7-5, Gerald Green 5-8, Walt Ashby 5-5.

• OLNEY, Ouse open: Pete Jeyes 6-12 (hemp roach), Jan Cebula 5-12, Ian Benton 4-1.

• FLORE & Brockhall, diamond bridge canal: Paul Humphries 6lb, Jim Tanser 4lb, Steve Smith 3-12.



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Sept 23, county championships, Yelvertoft cut, 01604 755382.

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