

Cornish sea trip comes close to tragic ending as angler is...

Savaged by five-foot shark!

THREE county lads' Cornish sharking trip came close to ending in tragedy – when one was savaged by a five-foot blue!

Andy Cottrell suffered severe lacerations as the writhing predator – which he had been trying to unhook for his mate – locked onto his calf and continued thrashing around...

Following emergency treatment on the boat, he fished on to land a seven-foot 90-pounder, and was taken to A&E when they got back ashore.

The 51 year-old shopfitter said: "It took a lot of tissue off my leg, there was blood everywhere, and it really hurt...but I didn't want to spoil the trip for others by turning back early."

Town sharker Jim Martin (who also had a 90lb+ blue) saw the incident from another boat, and said: "Andy was told by the Plymouth hospital that he was only the 14th angler recorded as a shark-bite victim in the UK."

The sharks were all returned alive and Andy is back at work...but faces several weeks of follow-up treatment.

● **TOWN's Steve and Phil Ringer have been in Ireland this week, defending the world pairs title they won last year. Good luck to them.**

● **STANWICK's** top fish this week was Pete Day's 34lb mirror, from Elsons, and Bradley Wegner had three over 25, best 26-10.

● **A GILDERS' outing on the Trent** saw five of them share 18 barbel, mostly smallish, with Pete Dixon getting two six-pounders.

● **WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts:** midweek, Tom Griffiths 228lb, Ron Collins 127-8, Terry Perkins 111-15; Sunday, Terry Adams 130lb, Rupert

Wykham 115lb, Pete Scott 113-8.

● **ROYAL Oak, Meadowlands:** Alan Walton 194lb, Cliff Skyrne 147-12, Andy Inglescent 137-4

● **MILL Lane, Boddington:** Mark Wadhams 176-11, Gary Abrahams 127lb, Steve Spokes 113lb.

● **SPORTS & Social, Lakeside:** Steve Potter 107lb, Jeff Rice 82lb, Stuart Cheetham 58lb.

● **TOWCESTER, Silver Lake:** Gerald Green 72-12, John Broughton 22-8, John Balhatchett 17-4.

● **CASTLE Ashby opens:** Brickyard, Wed., Frank Pizamenti 59-6, Bob Reid 38-6, Chris Camplin 20-6, Sat., Pizamenti 39-6, Steve Reid 35-12, Andy Jones 26-14; Grendon, Sun., Gary Duci 57-12, Steve Shakespeare 41-10, Chris Garrett 38-6.

● **FINEDON, Mill Cotton:** John York 39-6, Gary Scott 27lb, Malcolm Sylvester 22lb.

● **OUNDLÉ, Nene, George Shepherd memorial teams-of-six:** Dan Hardy (Sports & Social) 13-10, Jay Mannigan (Alan's) 13-5, Nigel Bass (Olney) 9-13. Top teams, Olney 35-16, Sports & Soc 26-12, Alan's Angling 24-5 as 72 fished.

■ **FIXTURES:** Sep 18, Olney's Citizen Ouse Cup – up to £1,000 (£500 guaranteed) in prizes and only 60 tickets! – 01234 240061.



■ **ANOTHER 90lb Cornish blue for town sharker Jim Martin (right) – going back alive without incident!**



■ **JOY for Harry Christy, 11, with a Willow Brook 13-pounder.**
Photo Chris Morehen

● **Sep 24 British canal pairs champs heat** Peartree Bridge, 01159 061301 or www.anglingtrust.net

● **Oct 16, Towcester open, Castlethorpe cut,** 01908 563617.

● **CARP date, Sep 21:** Drayton's 'new boards' swims (normally restricted to over-nighters) open for the day, 7am onwards, to pensioners, disabled anglers and their carers ■