

Expert catch for young anglers

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YOU MIGHT say members of the Helston Community College Sea Angling Group enjoyed a "catch of the day" when they were joined by an England international angler.

Jo Hyde was selected to fish four times for England and the team won two silver medals. From 2002-04 she was manager of the England women's team, which won gold in 2004.

She has recently returned from fishing for England in South Africa and shared her experiences of catching sand sharks with the children.

Since 2007 she has been the manager/coach for the England Youth Team, with the team winning gold, two silvers and a bronze medal under her guidance.

She met Helston's young anglers at Newlyn pier and, fishing alongside them, shared her knowledge and experience to help improve their angling skills.

She also brought new ideas on making rigs for bottom fishing, developing float fishing techniques and different meth-



Members of the college's sea angling group with coach John Brooks, third left, his wife Ros, who assists with coaching, Jo Hyde, in the white cap, and Bill Padgeth, right, who also helps with coaching

ods of bait preparation, which she learnt in South Africa, as well as a novel weight.

John Brooks, a teacher at the college who runs the club and is a level two sea angling coach, said: "Unfortunately, no mackerel were around, but pollack and wrasse were caught by the young anglers in a keen competition, with Clare Newman finishing as champion of the evening with most fish to her credit."



Pupil Clare Newman, who caught most fish on the day, with international angler Jo Hyde.