

FISHERMEN GO BELOW

New-style fishermen came from all parts to compete in the under water championship of Great Britain. There were three starting points along the coast near Swanage, and all had to wear the regulation gear. That did not include artificial breathing apparatus, so of course the men were allowed to go into the water as often as they liked, during the five hours of the contest. So the civilian-type frogmen were very soon exploring the depths. It was only a matter of minutes before the first fish was speared.

A more ambitious catch - a conger eel. It's a much less passive sport than rod-and-line angling; you don't wait for the fish, you go down and get 'em. The prize for the largest victim was won by Ron Burniston. He came from nearby Bournemouth, so he knows the waters round here. How long's it going to take fish to realise that spear-carrying frogmen are not friends.