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Upper Tamar Carp Competitions announcement

South West Lakes Trust is delighted to announce a new sponsor for its carp competitions in 2019. The Trust has teamed up with Carp fishing giants Mainline to offer a new series for competitors branded the 'Mainline Baits Carp Open'.

There will be three Mainline Carp Opens in 2019 which will run on the following dates: 29-31 March, 5-7 July and 4-6 October. The series is based at 81 acre complex Upper Tamar Lake on the Cornwall and Devon border which is stocked with carp to 36lbs.

Ben Smeeth, Head of Angling for South West Lakes Trust, said, 'I am absolutely delighted to be involved with Mainline Baits for these competitions moving forwards. When the opportunity arose to work together and after discussions went really well it was an easy decision for me to make. I am excited by what Mainline can offer and look forward to building something special for everyone involved. Mainline Baits are arguably the largest supplier of carp fishing bait in the UK and across the world and already they have agreed to putting up some great prizes for 2019 which will benefit everyone who enters one of the competitions'.

Kev Knight from Mainline Baits, said, "Having heard about the great competitions and carp matches that Ben, Gary and team of volunteer bailiffs had been providing down at Tamar Lakes, we were more than happy to be able to lend our support and sponsorship of the Carp Open events. Funnily enough we've attracted a number of good anglers from Devon, Cornwall and the south west over the years, making some good friends along the way. So it was no surprise to us that a 'friendly' atmosphere is one the things the Carp Open at Tamar is best known for - so we're very proud to be helping these events continue."

Each competition will offer competitors a chance to win a share of £3500 in prize money. The winners will scoop £2000, runners up £1000 and third place £500. There will be section prizes sponsored by Mainline and also goody bags for everyone who enters with some fantastic Mainline products in each one!

Bookings are now being taken for the 2019 competitions on 01566 771930.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

South West Lakes Trust is the region's largest combined environmental and recreational charity, managing reservoirs on behalf of South West Water for conservation and recreation purposes. Its 50 inland water sites, encompassing 5,000 hectares of land and water spread across Devon, Cornwall and West Somerset, attract in the region of 2million visits annually. It is listed as being in the top 3,000 of the country's 150,000 charities. In 2016 South West Lakes Trust accumulated over 3500 days of assistance by volunteers and in return training was offered in relevant skills. In 2016 75,000 people from across the south-west region benefited from health giving outdoor activities at the lakes.

South West Lakes Trust manages large tracts of moorland and significant areas of woodland, with Forest Stewardship Council accreditation.

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