
Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by TwoFish - 2008/05/02 10:37

Anyone spotted anywhere worth travelling to this weekend (3/4/5 May)? The forecast in the North West looks pretty 'pants'. Anyone holding out hope for somewhere?

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Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by stu - 2008/05/02 14:36

Don't give up hope just yet! We may get a bit of a SE force 5, which opens up a few spots...

Also Monday is looking pretty good for a cheeky surf, so if you've ever fancied having a go or getting yourself set up, this weekend is the perfect opportunity. Check out Sail and Ski in Chester for some really well priced surfboard packages, of west coast surf in Abersoch. You won't regret it!

See you out there somewhere!

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Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by TwoFish - 2008/05/02 14:46

Thanks Stu. Theyr.tv and XCweather both seem to suggest F4 (or less), but of course that does still mean we're in with a chance. What would be your top tips for SE spots then?

The best I can come up with is Hell's Mouth (based on beach guides. I've never actually sailed there). Anyone else got any good ideas?

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Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by kenmorton - 2008/05/06 22:13

Hi TwoFish,
just read your log from Hells Mouth - what was the surfing like there on Sunday?
Give me a shout next time your going there as I wouldn't mind giving it a go.
Towyn is supposed to work in a SE or SSE as well but probably lighter wind than Hells Mouth

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Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by Bob_S - 2008/05/07 12:47

I popped over to Hells Mouth on sunday morning and got there about high tide and like twofish decided that the talent wasn't enough to give it a go. Not sure the surfing would have been particularly good though - there were a couple of blokes in shorties playing in the shore break, but it would probably have improved on the dropping tide. That said I've had a few excellent surf sessions there. On the occasions I have windsurfed there the shore breaks not been too bad.

I ended up at Dinas Dinlle, but by the time I'd rigged up the wind went to nothing, so i thought a wasted trip.

As I was about to pack up when a bloke turned up in his van and was an absolute star and first lent me his stand-up paddle board and then his long board. Much appreciated and many thanks. Stuart I think his name was. I owe you a beer.

Not classsic conditions but it turned out to be a much better day than it had started. And i enjoyed the stand-up board a lot more than i thought i might - must add to xmas list. I was still aching on Tuesday though.

Cheers again Stuart.

later
bob

Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by TwoFish - 2008/05/07 13:29

I'm not a smurfer, so am not really sure what makes for good smurfing conditions. It did surprise me that there weren't more out though. There seemed to be quite a few fannying around on the beach / in the car park, and quite a few surf kayak things in the car park too. However all I saw on the water was a couple of bodyboarders.

Photography is not my strongpoint, but you can just about see one of them diving here:
http://www.windsurf.me.uk/cpg133/albums/userpics/10067/normal_P5040058.JPG

I'm all for meeting up next time the conditions are suitable there, and indeed for other roud trips where the wind is in a 'funny' (non-Rhossi) direction.

Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by Bob_S - 2008/05/07 15:30

looks better than i remembered there. i was hoping for the 10 second period magicseaweed.com was suggesting, but it looked more like 4 seconds when i was there and closing out.

north west can be good there too. here's a few pics of it on a good day.
<http://www.turtlephotography.co.uk/surf220903/wind/index.htm>
http://www.buckys.me.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=11

I'll hopefully be down that way again in a couple of weeks with work, so we'll see what the conditions bring. Would be good to have some company, it's usually me on my own.

later

Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by rcut - 2008/05/07 16:13

I'm up for meeting at different locations. Now I've got my 'Bongo' I'm travelling more to different places but whilst I'll happily (and often do) sail alone at my local spots I'd rather not at somewhere new. I'll always chk this forum as well as the usual weather sites prior to a road trip so if like minded people (eg. TwoFish?) do the same it'd great to meet up. Cheers. Rich.

Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by TwoFish - 2008/05/07 17:11

rcut wrote:

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Rich, excellent. That's pretty much where I'm coming from too. S / SW is obvious 'off to Rhossi with the masses' conditions for me, but for other directions I'd prefer to hook up with some others and so tend to pop up here on Thursday/Friday each week to see what plans are.

That said, this weekend I may head to Rhossi to see what's going on with the UKWA event, even if the forecast does look crap from here.

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Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by stu - 2008/05/07 21:53

Hey Bob - no worries! If you see the green machine, give me a wave. My legs are still sore now...

Mondays session was even better! Dinas is a good spot in a SE, but watch the high tides. Anything more than a 8.5 gets a bit shingle tastic in the shorebreak.

Check out <http://www.seaspritesports.com/news/article164.php> for what Dinas is capable of. On its day I reckon its better than Rhossy!

This weekend is looking pretty light, might be some surf but only small stuff. If you've got an SUP, you might get some business done!

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Re:Bank holiday weekend?

Posted by Bob_S - 2008/05/08 12:47

Next time I see the green machine, i'll hopefully be in the water or about to go in.

I had seen the article before, which was one of the reasons I was keen to give it a try. Hopefully the wind'll stick around or be a bit stronger next time.

As for the Paddleboard, that's on the shopping list, but sadly it takes a while for things to be bought since the little one costs a bit. Then again I'll be able to paddle around with him on the front next year. That'll be a good into to surfing for him, or put him off for life.

It'd be good to have a few others about too, so will see what others are up to next time over that way, or end up with the masses at Rhossy!

Later
bob

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