

Rock Pool Project BioBlitz Battle Report

BRPC Castle Beach January 2026



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Overall Results

Records	1016
Species	216
Verified species	126
Observers	33
Verified score	262
Unverified score	305
Top species	Lithothamnion corallioides
Top Species score	6

Event species list (Species verified to Research Grade only)

	Common Name	Latin Name	Rarity Score
	European ascidian	<i>Ascidella aspersa</i>	3
	Star Tunicate	<i>Botryllus schlosseri</i>	2
	Stalked Sea Squirt	<i>Styela clava</i>	4
	Spotted Skate	<i>Raja montagui</i>	2
	Small-spotted Catshark	<i>Scyliorhinus canicula</i>	1
	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	1
	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	1
	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>	1
	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	1
	Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	1
	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	1
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
	Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	1
	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	1
	Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	NA
	Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	1
	Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	1

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	Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	1
	Giant Goby	<i>Gobius cobitis</i>	3
	Cornish Sucker	<i>Lepadogaster purpurea</i>	3
	Montagu's Blenny	<i>Coryphoblennius galerita</i>	2
	Shanny	<i>Lipophrys pholis</i>	1
	Corkwing Wrasse	<i>Symphodus melops</i>	2
	Longspined Bullhead	<i>Taurulus bubalis</i>	2
	Worm Pipefish	<i>Nerophis lumbriciformis</i>	2
	Five-bearded Rockling	<i>Ciliata mustela</i>	2
	Small Needle-whelk	<i>Bittium reticulatum</i>	4
	Netted Dogwhelk	<i>Tritia reticulata</i>	2
	Common Whelk	<i>Buccinum undatum</i>	1
	European Sting Winkle	<i>Ocenebra erinaceus</i>	2
	Atlantic Dogwhelk	<i>Nucella lapillus</i>	1
	Common Periwinkle	<i>Littorina littorea</i>	1
	Flat Periwinkle	<i>Littorina obtusata</i>	1
	Black-footed Limpet	<i>Patella depressa</i>	4
	Common European Limpet	<i>Patella vulgata</i>	1

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	Blue-rayed Limpet	<i>Patella pellucida</i>	1
	Velvet Dorid	<i>Jorunna tomentosa</i>	2
	Orange-clubbed Sea Slug	<i>Limacia clavigera</i>	2
	Side-gilled Seaslug	<i>Berthella plumula</i>	2
	Spotted Seahare	<i>Aplysia punctata</i>	2
	European Painted Top Shell	<i>Calliostoma zizyphinum</i>	1
	Turban Topshell	<i>Gibbula magus</i>	3
	Lined Top Shell	<i>Phorcus lineatus</i>	1
	Grey Topshell	<i>Steromphala cineraria</i>	1
	Purple Topshell	<i>Steromphala umbilicalis</i>	1
	Grey Mail-shell	<i>Lepidochitona cinerea</i>	1
	European Common Cuttlefish	<i>Sepia officinalis</i>	1
	Solid Surfclam	<i>Spisula solida</i>	2
	Warty Venus Clam	<i>Venus verrucosa</i>	5
	Banded Venus	<i>Clausinella fasciata</i>	5
	Banded Venus	<i>Polititapes rhomboides</i>	4
	Pullet Carpet Shell	<i>Venerupis corrugata</i>	2
	Rayed Artemis	<i>Dosinia exoleta</i>	3

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	Arctic Hiatella	<i>Hiatella arctica</i>	5
	Pacific Oyster	<i>Magallana gigas</i>	1
	European Flat Oyster	<i>Ostrea edulis</i>	1
	Great Scallop	<i>Pecten maximus</i>	2
	Variegated Scallop	<i>Mimachlamys varia</i>	2
	Blue Mussel	<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	1
	European Bittersweet Clam	<i>Glycymeris glycymeris</i>	3
	Montagu's Stellate Barnacle	<i>Chthamalus montagui</i>	2
	Perforated Barnacle	<i>Perforatus perforatus</i>	2
	Montagu's Crab	<i>Xantho hydrophilus</i>	1
	Edible Crab	<i>Cancer pagurus</i>	1
	European Green Crab	<i>Carcinus maenas</i>	1
	Velvet Swimming Crab	<i>Necora puber</i>	1
	Harbour Crab	<i>Polybius depurator</i>	3
	Common Hermit Crab	<i>Pagurus bernhardus</i>	1
	Saint Piran's Hermit Crab	<i>Clibanarius erythropus</i>	2
	Hairy Porcelain Crab	<i>Porcellana platycheles</i>	1
	Common Sea Slater	<i>Ligia oceanica</i>	1

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	Fifteen-scaled Worm	<i>Harmothoe imbricata</i>	4
	NA	<i>Alentia gelatinosa</i>	3
	Emerald green paddle worm	<i>Eulalia clavigera</i>	2
	NA	<i>Acromegalomma vesiculosum</i>	6
	Red Tubeworm	<i>Serpula vermicularis</i>	4
	Coil Worm	<i>Spirorbis spirorbis</i>	2
	Lamarck's Christmas Tree Worm	<i>Spirobranchus lamarcki</i>	3
	Keeled Tubeworm	<i>Spirobranchus triqueter</i>	2
	Honeycomb Worm	<i>Sabellaria alveolata</i>	2
	snakelocks anemone	<i>Anemonia viridis</i>	1
	Atlantic Beadlet Anemone	<i>Actinia equina</i>	1
	Strawberry Anemone	<i>Actinia fragacea</i>	1
	Gem Anemone	<i>Bunodactis verrucosa</i>	2
	Dahlia Anemone	<i>Urticina felina</i>	2
	Daisy Anemone	<i>Cereus pedunculatus</i>	2
	Spiny Starfish	<i>Marthasterias glacialis</i>	2
	Cushion Star	<i>Asterina gibbosa</i>	1
	Dwarf Brittle Star	<i>Amphipholis squamata</i>	2

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	Common Brittle Star	<i>Ophiothrix fragilis</i>	1
	Green Sea Urchin	<i>Psammechinus miliaris</i>	2
	fig sponge	<i>Suberites ficus</i>	5
	crumb-of-bread sponge	<i>Hymeniacidon perlevis</i>	2
	Hairy Sea-mat	<i>Electra pilosa</i>	2
	kelp lace bryozoan	<i>Membranipora membranacea</i>	2
	Keyhole Bryozoan	<i>Cryptosula pallasiana</i>	3
	Red Ripple Bryozoan	<i>Watersipora subatra</i>	3
	sea fig	<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	2
	Eelgrass	<i>Zostera marina</i>	3
	Sea Hair	<i>Chaetomorpha linum</i>	6
	Sea Lettuce	<i>Ulva rigida</i>	4
	Broadleaf Sea Lettuce	<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	1
	Devil's Tongue Weed	<i>Grateloupia turuturu</i>	3
	Sea Comb	<i>Plocamium cartilagineum</i>	3
	Wrack Siphon Weed	<i>Vertebrata lanosa</i>	2
	Pepper Dulse	<i>Osmundea pinnatifida</i>	2
	Harpoonweed	<i>Asparagopsis armata</i>	3

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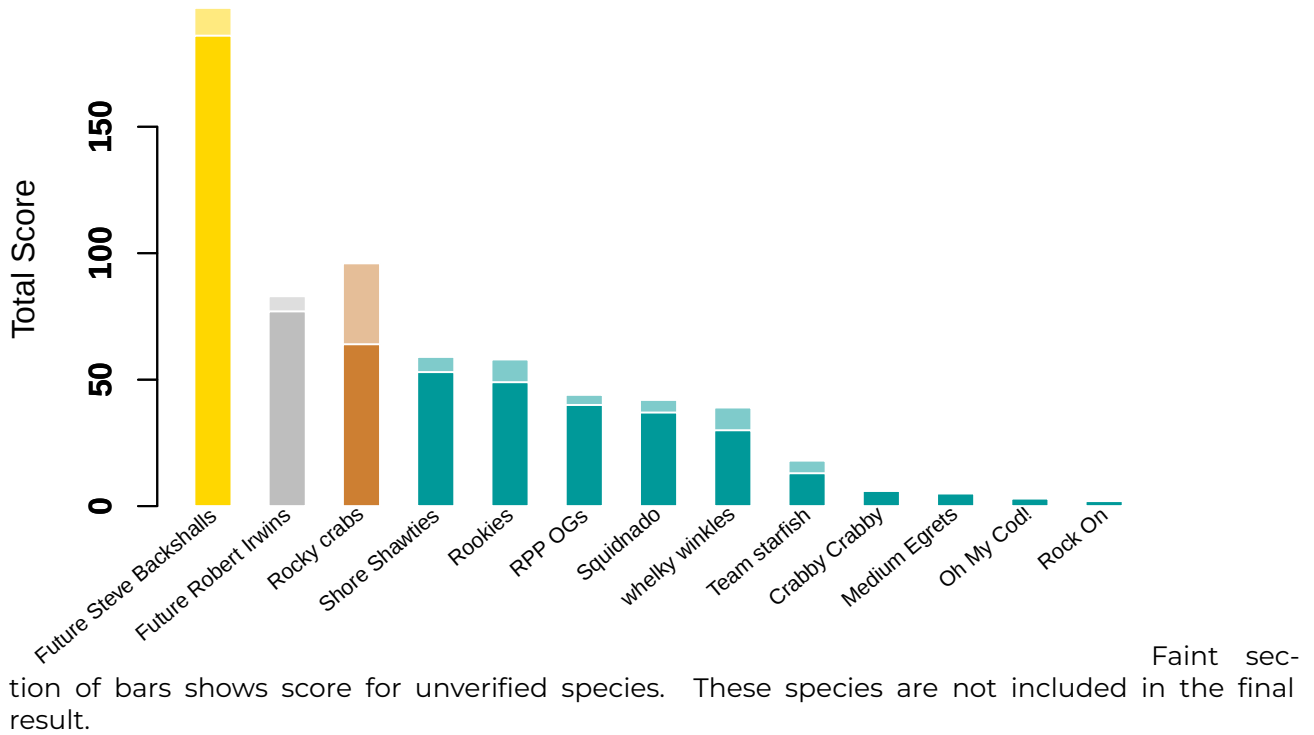
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	Red Rags	<i>Dilsea carnosa</i>	3
	false Irish moss	<i>Mastocarpus stellatus</i>	2
	False eyelash weed	<i>Calliblepharis jubata</i>	3
	Irish Moss	<i>Chondrus crispus</i>	1
	Common Coralline	<i>Corallina officinalis</i>	1
	Pink Plate Weeds	<i>Lithophyllum incrustans</i>	3
	Maerl	<i>Lithothamnion corallioides</i>	6
	rusty rock	<i>Hildenbrandia rubra</i>	5
	Dulse	<i>Palmaria palmata</i>	2
	NA	<i>Lichina pygmaea</i>	3
	NA	<i>Halopteris scoparia</i>	5
	Furbellow	<i>Saccorhiza polyschides</i>	1
	Thongweed	<i>Himanthalia elongata</i>	1
	Japanese Wireweed	<i>Sargassum muticum</i>	1
	Saw Wrack	<i>Fucus serratus</i>	1
	Spiral Wrack	<i>Fucus spiralis</i>	1
	Knotted Wrack	<i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i>	1
	Sugar Kelp	<i>Saccharina latissima</i>	1

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	Oarweed	<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	1

Team Results

Congratulations to Future Steve Backshalls for taking the gold medal in this bioblitz battle! And well done to everyone for a great game and some fantastic wildlife finds.



Individual Results

	Species	Potential Score	Confirmed Score
aliciamkels	62	116	116
amybioblitzer	49	77	71
Ben Rumsby	55	73	67
keasty69	64	96	64
charlieboul	51	72	64
apricotleaf	40	58	49
Lauren Ellery	44	48	42
livgbs	42	43	42
vickyclark	31	42	41
Ben Holt	19	34	30
Brenda Day	21	30	30
Anna Harz	24	35	28
daniel_higham	28	42	25
Sarah Charles	27	32	24
daisyeh	19	22	22
garfield123	26	25	18
sc4rleth1cks	20	21	17
bill_gore	14	15	15
Dawn Aytoun	17	19	14
lolamaebell	19	18	13
mimicooper67	17	13	12
Laura Coles	5	11	11
calzod	8	13	10
Maisy Window	13	13	10
KW	6	6	6
lilytut	13	6	6
Isobel Fern	3	5	5
Andrew Cording	7	5	5
Izzy	1	3	3
cjl1971	2	3	3
Claudia T-C	2	2	2
rockpooles	2	2	2
rosiecottiss	1	0	0

TOP SPECIES FOUND

A total of 3 species with a rarity score of 6 or higher have verified records:



Maerl - *Lithothamnion corallioides*, Rarity Score: 6. Discovered by vickyclark, keasty69, apricotleaf, Anna Harz, Lauren Ellery, aliciamkels, and daisyeh



Sea Hair - *Chaetomorpha linum*, Rarity Score: 6. Discovered by aliciamkels



Acromegalomma vesiculosum, Rarity Score: 6. Discovered by aliciamkels



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