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Fishing Rod numbers from 1st Jan. 1958 until closure Dec. 1982.

The earliest 1958 rod numbers were on a straight number bases. In August 1959 the number came to 9999 and a new number system was started with a year number, space, then an ascending number to 999 after which the 2 became a 3 and so on.

1958	7779	to	9099
1959	9100	to	9999
	2 100	to	2 615
1960	2 616	to	2 999
	3 001	to	3 999
	4 001	to	4 321
1961	4 322	to	4 999
	5 001	to	5 999
	6 001	to	6 578
1962	6 579	to	6 999
	7 001	to	7 999
	8 001	to	8 999
	9 001	to	9 001
1963	9 005	to	9 999

At this point the system was again changed to a reversal of the year in the 1960's and the month of manufacture. This system started June 1963 which therefore became 36 and hence July 1963 was 37 and so on.

36 to 312 with rod number in that month and year added after a space. Hence 50th rod made in Nov. 1963 would be 311 50.

1964 41 to 412 plus number in month.

1965 51 to 512 " " "

And so on until End December 1969 which was 612 etc.

1970 701 to 712 plus number in month

Jan. 1971 the system again changed to a single number for the year, a -, then the rod number in that month. This continued throughout the 1970's.

ie 87th rod made April 1971 was 1-4 87

56th rod made Oct. 1979 was 9-10 56

1980 801 to 812 ie without the -

1981. The system then reverted to the reversal system of the 1970's.

Hence Jan. 1981 was 181 and Dec. 1981 1281

1982 182 to 1282.

The final rod number before the closure was 1282 60 ie the 60th rod made in Dec. 1982.