

## **Tinkers Shoal**

**50°19.42 N 04°8.329 W**

**30/03/05, 18:18 – 11°C, 5m visibility**

### **Sea weed**

#### Brown

Oarweed (sea tangle, tangleweed, sea girdle, horsetail kelp, devil's apron) –

*Laminaria digitata* **C**

Sugar kelp (sea belt, poor man's weather glass) – *Laminaria saccharina* **O**

Tangle (cuvie) – *Laminaria hyperborea* **C**

Fucoids (various) **O**

#### Red

Pink encrusting algae – *Lithophyllum incrustans* **O**

Dulse – *Palmaria palmata* **C**

Maerl – *Lithothamnion* species **O**

#### Green

None

### **Sponges**

Sea orange – *Suberites fiscus* **O**

Golf ball sponge – *Tethya aurantium* **O**

Boring sponge – *Cliona celata* **R**

Sponge – *Myxilla fimbriata* **C**

Breadcrumb sponge – *Halichondria panicea* **P**

### **Hydroids**

Hydroid – *Obelia geniculata* **C**

### **Anemones and corals**

None

### **Soft corals**

None

### **Sea fans and sea pens**

None

### **Jellyfish**

None

### **Worms**

Tube worm – *Pomatoceros* species **C**

Tube worm – *spirorbis spirorbis* **P**

**Barnacles**

None

**Shrimps and prawns**

None

**Crabs and lobsters**

Common (spiny) spider crab – *Maja squinado* R

**Molluscs**

Painted top-shell – *Calliostoma zizyphinum* R

**Gastropods and bivalves**

None

**Scallops**

None

**Nudibranchs**

Egg case of unidentified nudibranch species O

**Cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, octopus)**

None

**Bryozoans**

Sea-mat – *Membranipora membranacea*  
Unidentified epiphytic bryozoan C

**Starfish and brittlestars**

Common starfish – *Asterias rubens* O  
Spiny starfish – *Marthasterias glacialis* C  
Cushion star – *Asterina gibbosa* O/R  
Bloody Henry starfish – *Henricia oculata* R/O

**Urchins**

Edible sea urchin – *Echinus esculentus* C/O

**Sea cucumbers**

None

**Sea squirts**

None

**Fishes**

Rock cook – *Centrolabrus exoletus* (male) O

Goldsinny – *Ctenolabrus rupestris* (female) **R**  
Cuckoo wrasse – *Labrus bimaculatus* (*Labrus mixtus*) **R**  
Painted goby – *Pomatoschistus pictus* **R**  
Two-spot goby – *Gobiusculus flavescens* **O**  
Blenny (unidentified species) **R**

### **Birds and mammals**

None

### **Others**

Epiphytes

### **Main habitat type**

1: Rocky reef (dominant), cobbles and pebbles, sand and gravel  
2: Rocky reef (dominant), cobbles and pebbles

### **Seabed cover types**

1: Kelp forest, kelp park, short animal turf, mixed seaweeds, encrusting pink algae, sediment with life apparent  
2: Kelp forest (90%), encrusting pink algae

### **Anything unusual or noteworthy?**

1: No

### **Any litter or man-made objects?**

1: Broken pottery, metal tube  
2: Rope, bolts, tile (most not recent stuff)