

LIMITED EDITION SCARBOROUGH REEL

Reuben Heaton Ltd is proud to announce phase two of the production of this limited edition reel, which represents the first production of such reels since the closure of the Tamworth factory in 1971.

This project was first conceived ten years ago when the company acquired a quantity of original reel components and materials. At that time, the decision was taken to utilise the components rather than store them away, and to produce a run of reels using where possible the original materials.

The two most significant components acquired were the wooden blocks and brass spine backs, and the actual quantity of these materials has determined the quantity, type and size of reels to be produced. Whilst this factor has restricted the number of reels to a shorter run than it was hoped, it has allowed some components to be retained for after sales service and repair. Should any reels require service or repair, these procedures will be carried out where possible using original materials.



The production run will consist of some eighty reels in all, made in the Scarborough style. The reels will be approximately six inches in diameter, made with mahogany, and featuring a rare scalloped brass spine back traditional handles and fittings. The scalloped spine back model of the Scarborough reels was never produced by Heaton's in large quantities, and is much rarer than the standard straight-spine version, and this factor is reflected in the limited quantity of reels in this case. The reels will also be stamped on the spine as per traditional manufacture, and each will be numbered.



It has also been the intention from the start that the reels should not only be collector's items but also be fit for use, and to this end the finished product has certain features to prolong its working life. The wood of the reel has been treated to prevent warping, and all reels come complete with a bottle of tongue oil for subsequent treatment of the wood. In addition to prevent wear on the spindle, a common trait of the earlier reels, and improved self-lubricating central bush has been used. In addition the handles of these reels, which were prone to damage, have been strengthened whilst retaining the traditional appearance and design.

Each reel comes in a mahogany presentation box. These boxes have been manufactured for Heaton's by established English firm Richard Wheatley, and represent collaboration between two of the country's oldest existing tackle companies. Whilst many Scarborough reels made BY Heaton's were never packaged in this way, it was felt that this level of presentation was justified in this instance. In addition the reels will each have a numbered certificate of authenticity, together with a brief history of both companies involved.

The limitation on the number of these reels being produced has meant that the reels are being made available on a first come first served basis. If you have an interest in this product you can register this by contacting the company via the main office on 0044 (0) 1455 293000 or via e-mail to info@reubenheaton.co.uk or alternatively via the web site at www.reubenheaton.co.uk