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This Metallic Fantail was the Best in Show at NGPS Open Show 2013 by Bob Jones

Meeting News

Members gathered for the first meeting of 2014 at The Church Inn and watched a video of President Bill Ramsden's Fish House and Goldfish of past years. His commentary was recorded and this, combined with the video, will be issued as an NGPS DVD. This will be available for purchase by members. It was felt that this is such an historic and informative work that a complimentary copy will be sent to the other Goldfish Societies for them to watch at a meeting.

The continuing dissatisfaction with the proposed GSGB Judging Standards were discussed - it is hoped issues will be sorted at their March AGM,

before the Nationwide Standards Committee meeting, provisionally planned for 16th or 30th March.

Members discussed aspects of the updated standards and it was agreed to request that a larger tail should be adopted for the Fantail and that the Bristol standards should remain unaltered.

No spawnings were reported - still too early. Apologies received from Pat Davies, Dean Roberts and Tom Bell. The raffle, for a large tub of Aquarian Flake, was won by Richard Rizzotti.

Next meeting is February 11th at the Church Inn, Prestwich, 8pm.

Newsletter Items

Happy New Year. Welcome to the new style e-mail Newsletter, please forgive any teething troubles while we get it all sorted out. We have changed to this format because;

1. Our printer, Terry Reynolds, from whom we got an amazingly good deal has left the printing business. So far other printers approached have asked more than twice what we were paying.
2. As previously explained postage rates have risen very considerably.
3. David Ford has very kindly offered to help me manage this format, which will be a very great help as I am increasingly finding it difficult to find the time needed to do it all myself. David has been managing the online site for some time so between the two of us we should be able to cope.

If in the past you have asked for paper copies of the Newsletter I do apologize but these will have to be suspended for the moment and everyone who can, which is the vast majority of members, will receive the Newsletter by email. I will make special arrangements for those without email and continue to look for an affordable printer, which if found may enable us to offer a choice again.

My Fish

This year I have taken my stock into winter in a slightly different way, for several years I have wondered if the traditional 'no food under 50 degrees f.' which, I think, most keepers still adhere to, is actually the best way of doing things. The theory behind this regime is that the appetite is much reduced or even absent under this temperature so that any food given will not be eaten and therefore foul the environment, or if it is eaten will not be digested properly even to the point of rotting in the digestive tract causing intestinal problems.

While there is much to be said for this approach, observation of the fishes actions can quickly spread much doubt on some aspects of the theory. The fact is, that though their appetite does undoubtedly decrease with lowering temperatures and 50 degrees is as good as any other temperature to advise to stop all feeding, if that is what you are going to do, the fish themselves will still look for food and if they find it will eat it, even at much lower temperatures and probably they know best. That they do this is easily observed, even if it is only algae they have to eat (because that is all there is in the winter if feeding is stopped - they do eat algae in the summer too), they will eat it - should any fish ever be taken from an algae rich pond in the cold

months of the water they will produce copious amounts of very green, obviously algae derived, droppings.

Therefore, my thought process processed, if they are going to eat anyway, why not actually feed them some more nourishing food. Obviously this will be in much reduced portions compared to the heavy feeding given in the warmer months.

I have followed this approach through the cooling months of autumn, the fish seem very content and have not lost any weight as they usually start to. I also added a 75 watt heater on the shortest day. So the fish have extra heat as well. So far all seems great. I will keep members updated.

Lionheads.

I know several members were interested in the Lionheads I had for sale, sorry but they have all now gone to new homes. First come first served as always.

Nationwide

I think most members are aware that I was 'lucky' enough to be elected Chairman of the Nationwide Standards Committee in the summer just in time to oversee the previously planned revision of the agreed Nationwide Standards all the Goldfish Societies have been using at their shows since 1995, previous to this each society used their own slightly differing standards.

Since my election I have been gathering opinions and views from enthusiasts, breeders and judges from all the societies to get a feel of what is wanted from the revision. This has been well received by all except the Goldfish Society of Great Britain Committee which wanted everyone to accept a set of standards they had created unilaterally along with a completely new judging system they had designed without reference to any one else. The other societies; Bristol Aquarists Society, the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers, the North East Goldfish Society and ourselves the Northern Goldfish and Pondkeepers Society were willing to consider the GSGB standards as a basis, to be worked on, for the revisions but considered the new judging system very poor. In a prolonged negotiation between myself and the Chairman of the GSGB he continued to maintain that the GSGB would only agree to acceptance of their new standard drawings without alteration along with the new judging system, at the end of any Nationwide negotiations. I had to insist that any meetings would be conducted with input from everyone and democratic agreement by all, not with one society requiring a pre-ordained result. This negotiation ended within the last few days with the Chairman of the GSGB informing me they would be withdrawing from Nationwide.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter are the first draft drawings of the Common, Comet and Fantail based on the returns of the 'varieties sheet' I sent out a while ago, please feel free to criticize and suggest improvements, that is what we now need. There are also a couple of drawings showing how the Bristol looks with the much talked about 'straight up and down' leading edge to the tail, one with the same length of tail as at present and one much shortened so as to just carry the lobes. Both look quite bizarre to my eyes and far inferior to our present standard. The majority of feedback I

have received about the Bristol suggests that the standard, or at least the tail, should remain as present.

Also the suggested Standards for the Wakin and Ryukin prepared by Graham Turner and Keith Waters as requested by Nationwide are shown. Again your comments would be useful.

2013 OPEN SHOW RESULTS

Class 1 Common Goldfish (under 3") 1, S.W. MOORES 2, S.W. MOORES 3, S.W. MOORES

Class 2 Common Goldfish (over 3") 1, I. MILDON 2, S.W. MOORES 3, I. MILDON

Class 3 Comet (under 3") 1, R. ROSSOTTI

Class 4 Comet (over 3") 1, A. RATCLIFFE

Class 5 Bristol Shubunkin (under 3") 1, D. PADFIELD 2, D. PADFIELD 3, P. RILEY

Class 6 Bristol Shubunkin (over 3") 1, B. JONES

Class 7 London Shubunkins (over 3") 1, M. SMITH 2, M. SMITH 3, M. SMITH

Class 8 London Shubunkins (over 3") 1, A. RATCLIFFE 2, A. RATCLIFFE 3, A. RATCLIFFE

Class 9 Calico Veiltail 1, B. JONES 2, B. JONES

Class 10 Metallic Veiltail 1, A. BARTON 2, A. BARTON 3, S.W. MOORES

Class 11 Moor 1, R. RIZZOTTI 2, B. JONES 3, A. BARTON

Class 12 Oranda 1, G. TURNER 2, G. TURNER 3, A. BARTON

Class 13 Lionhead 1, S.W. MOORES 2, S.W. MOORES 3, R. RIZZOTTI.

Class 14 Calico Fantail 1, G.W. MALPASS 2, G.W. MALPASS 3, A. BARTON

Class 15 Metallic Fantail 1, B. JONES 2, A. BARTON 3, A. BARTON

Class 16 Celestial 1, N. SWALES 2, J.D. ROBERTS 3, I. MILDEN

Class 17 Bubble-Eye 1, G. TURNER 2, S.W. MOORES 3, I. MILDEN

Class 18 Pom-Pon 1, S.W. MOORES 2, G. TURNER 3, S.W. MOORES

Class 19 Pearlscale 1, J.D. ROBERTS 2, J.D. ROBERTS 3, R. RIZZOTTI

Class 20 Ranchu 1, R. RIZZOTTI

Class 21 Jikin1 I. MILDON

Class 21a Wakin 1, I. MILDON 2, I. MILDEN

Class 21b Tosakin 1, A. BARTON 2, A. BARTON 3, S. WOOLRIDGE

Class 21b Tosakin 1, A. BARTON 2, A. BARTON

Class 22 A.O.V. Goldfish 1, T. HINDLEY 2, I. RIZZOTTI 3, R. JONES

Class 23 Breeder's Class: team of four 1, D. PADFIELD 2, D. PADFIELD

Class 26 Breeder's Class: team of four Fantails bred 2013 1, G.W. MALPAS

Class 38 Breeder's Class: team of four A.O.V. New Variety Goldfish bred 2013 1, R. JONES 2, D. ROBERTS

Class 39 Breeder's Class: single fish Common Goldfish bred 2013 1, R. RIZZOTTI

Class 41 Breeder's Class: single fish Bristol Shubunkin bred 2013 1, D. PADFIELD 2, P. RILEY 3, P. RILEY

Class 43 Breeders Class: single fish Calico Veiltail bred 2013 1, B. JONES 3, P. DAVIES

Class 47 Breeder's Class: single fish Lionhead bred 2013 1, R. RIZZOTTI 2, R. RIZZOTTI 3, R. RIZZOTTI

Class 48 Breeder's Class: single fish Fantail bred 2013 1, G.W. MALPAS 2, G.W. MALPAS 3, G.W. MALPAS

Class 49 Breeders Class: single fish Metallic Fantail bred 2013 1, BOB JONES

Class 57 Breeder's Class: A.O.V. Single Fish Twin Tail with Dorsal bred 2013 1, R. JONES 2, D. ROBERTS 3, D. ROBERTS

Class 59 European Pondfish 1, J.D. ROBERTS 2, J.D. ROBERTS 3, J.D. ROBERTS

Class 60 Non-European Pondfish 1, J.D. ROBERTS 2, I. MILDON

Class 61 Matched Pair Single Tail 1, I. MILDON 2, B. JONES 3, D. PADFIELD

Class 62 Matched Pair Twin Tail 1, B. JONES 2, B. JONES

Class 63 Novice Class 1, T. HINDLEY

Class 64 Best fish judged on colour only (nacreous) 1, G. MALPAS 2, B. JONES 3, J.D. ROBERTS

Class 67 Best fish judged on colour only (Black) 1, R. RIZZOTTI

Class 68 Best fish judged on colour only (Variegated metallic) 1, J.D. ROBERTS 2, R. RIZZOTTI 3, G. TURNER

Best London Class 8 - Alan Ratcliffe. Best Bristol Class 41 - David Padfield

Best Breeders Exhibit - G. Malpas. Best Photograph - David Roberts

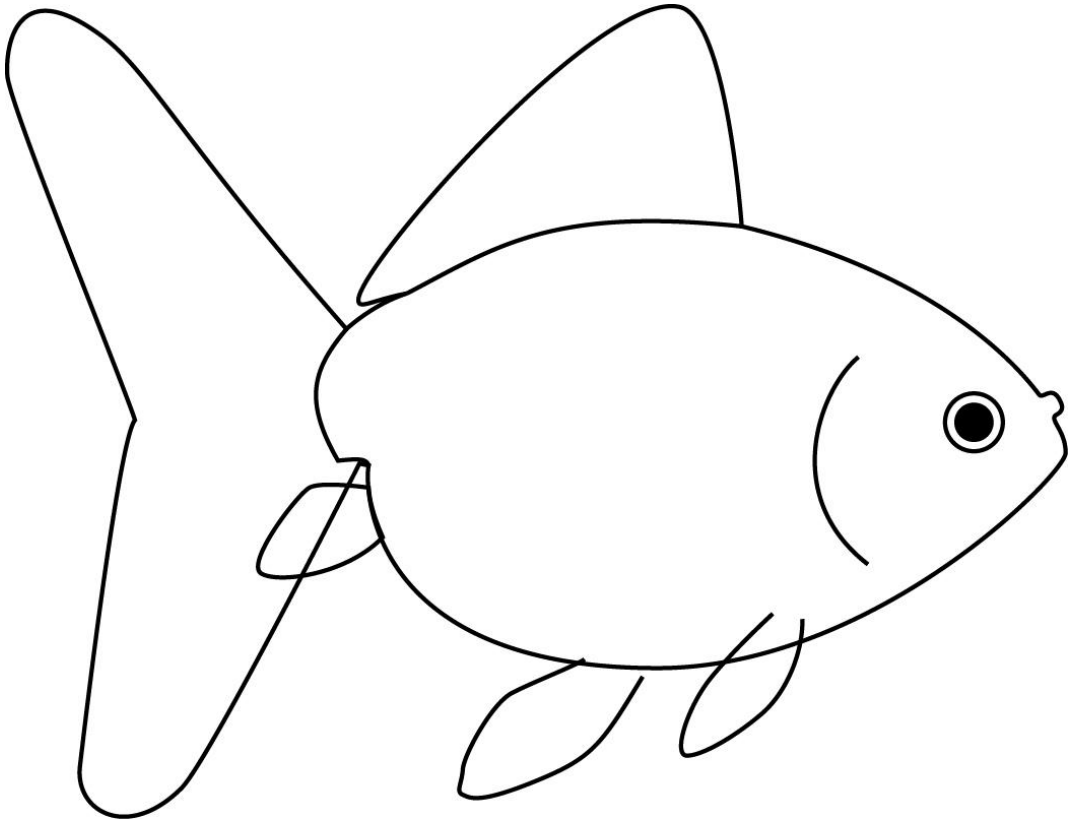
Most Points - J.D. Roberts

Best in Show - Class 15 Bob Jones with a Metallic Fantail.

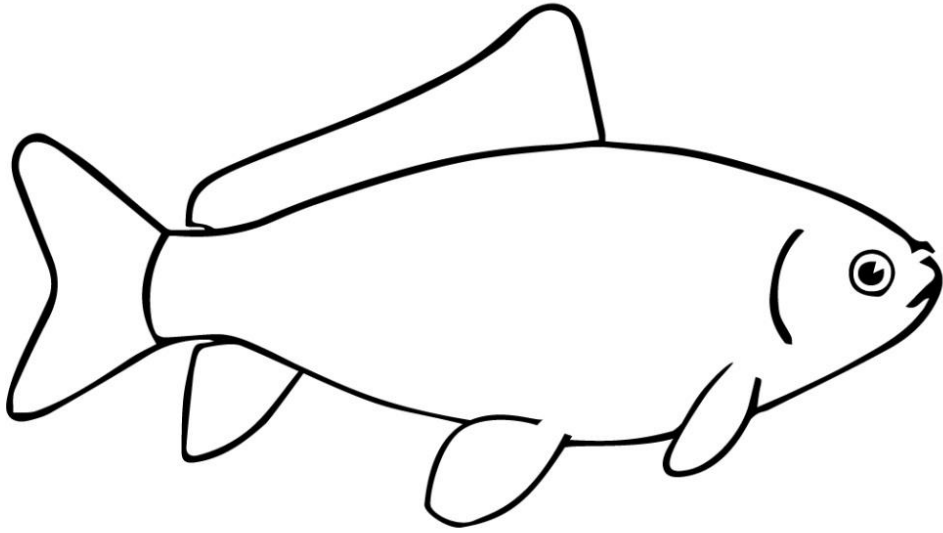
Full results of all 68 Classes are listed on page 11 of this website.....

National Standards Diagrams

The breeds described in the above article by Sherridan are shown below.

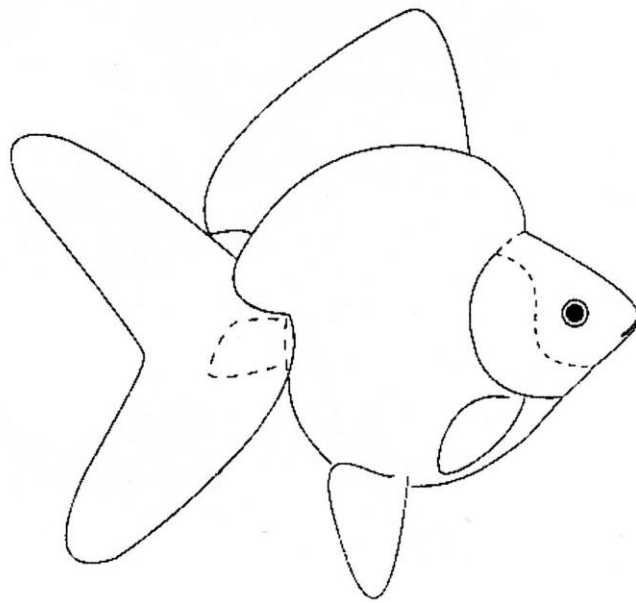
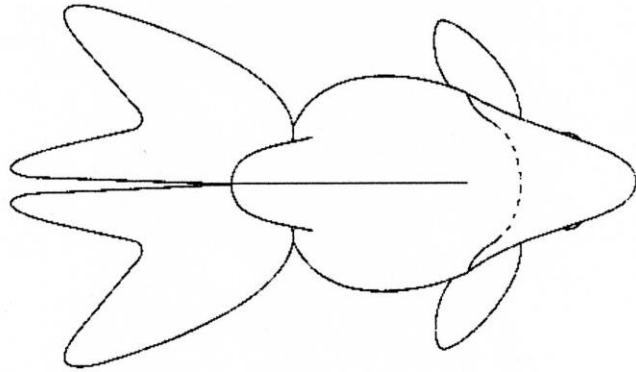


Draft shape for the Fantail



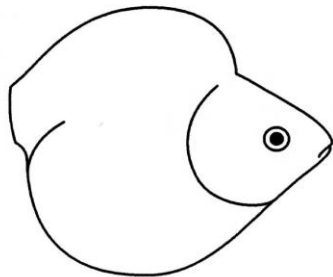
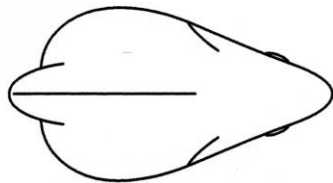
Draft shape for Common Goldfish

Ryukin - Proposed Standard



These are the Wakin and Ryukin shapes prepared by Graham Turner and Keith Waters...comments to Sherridan please.

RYUKIN INTERIM GUIDANCE



Ryukin

Type Test Fish failing this test will be severely downpointed, deformities and major defects will cause fish to be disqualified.

1. Depth of body – greater than ¼ of body length
 2. Dorsal fin single, all other fins paired, caudal fin divided.
 3. Dorsal contour to have a pronounced hump rising steeply from the head.
 4. Minimum length of body 2¼ inches (55mm)
- All proportions must approximate to the drawing.

Application of Standards

Fish will be bright and alert.

Body – to have a rounded appearance and pronounced hump rising steeply from the head when viewed from the side. The head should be pointed in appearance.

Caudal fin – divided

Quality fish to have a high intensity of colour extending into the finnage.

- Colour**
- Metallic group – self colours as listed in points table.
 - Variegated – any combination of the listed colours in a pleasing pattern, and similar on each side. Colours to appear as burnished metal extending into the fins.
 - Calico group – blue background with patches of violet, red, orange, yellow and brown, spotted with black.

POINTS TABLE

Body		Colour	
D/L Ratio	6	Metallic Group	
Dorsal contour (including navel septum)	5	Self – red, orange, yellow,	20
Ventral contour	3	Variegated – red, orange, yellow,	
Lateral contour	3	blue, brown, black, white/silver	20
Eyes and mouth	3	Other Groups (Calico)	
	20	Blue, violet	9
Fins		Red, orange, yellow	5
	20	Black	5
Condition and Department		Brown	1
Condition	10		20
Department	10	Special Characteristics	
	20	Development of hump	15
		Intensity of colour	5
			20

The Wakin proposal on the next page.....

WAKIN

The Type Test

Fish failing this test will be severely down pointed deformities and major defects will cause the fish to be disqualified.

- 1/ Depth of body not greater than half the body length.
- 2/ A smooth continuous dorsal contour from mouth to caudal
- 3/ Dorsal single all other fins paired twin-tailed
- 4/ A sturdy caudal peduncle holding the tail at the correct angle to the body
- 5/ Minimum length of body to be 3" or 70mm.

Application of the Standards

Fish will be bright and alert.
Body to be strong and sturdy with a smooth out-line
Twin Caudal well divided.
All proportions to be approximate to the drawings
Quality fish will have colour extending to the tips of their fins.

Metallic Group

Self colours as listed in the points table

Varigated Group

Any combination of listed colours in a pleasing pattern

Calico group

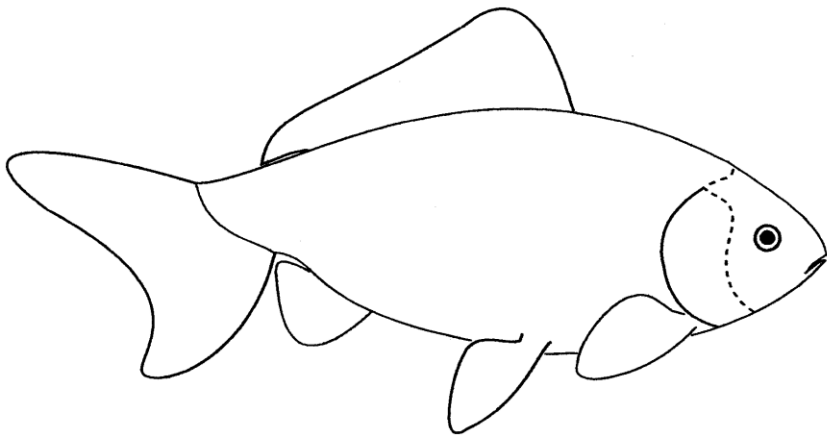
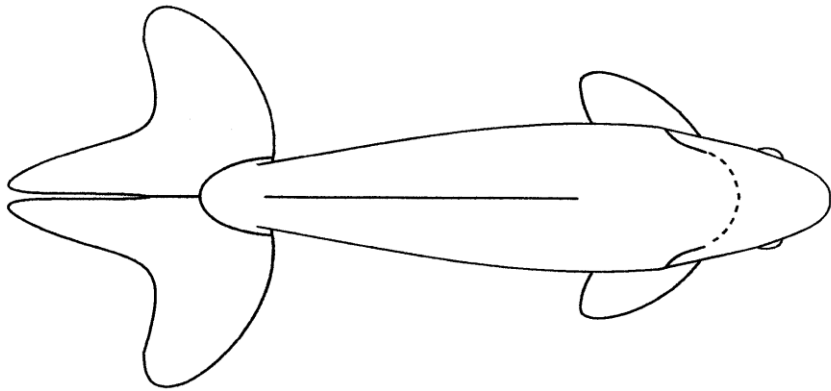
Blue back ground with patches of violet, red, orange, yellow and brown spotted with black. Quality fish will have high colour intensity in to their fins.

Points Table

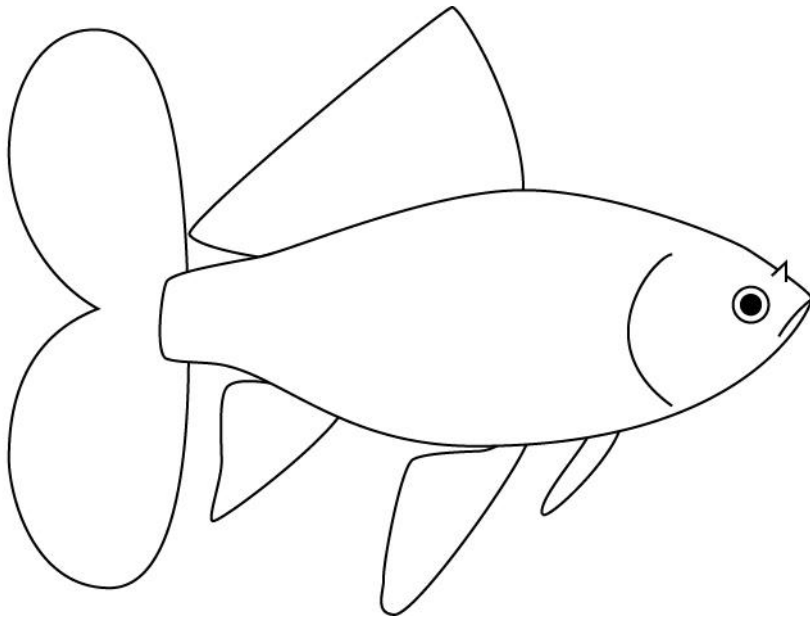
Body		Fins	
Depth to length ratio	6	Contour and size of the Dorsal	5
Dorsal Contour	5	Contour and size of the Caudal	9
Ventral Contour	3	Contour and size of the others	6
Lateral Contour	3		20
Eyes and Mouth	3	Metallic	
	20	Self Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Brown and White	20
Special Characteristics		Varigated	
Well Shaped Caudal	10	Red, orange, yellow, white, brown, and blue.	20
And angle to the peduncle	10	In a pleasing pattern	
	20	Calico/ Nacreous	
Condition and Department		Blue back ground, with violet white red orange yellow black and	
Condition	10	brown	20
Department	10		
	20		

WAKIN

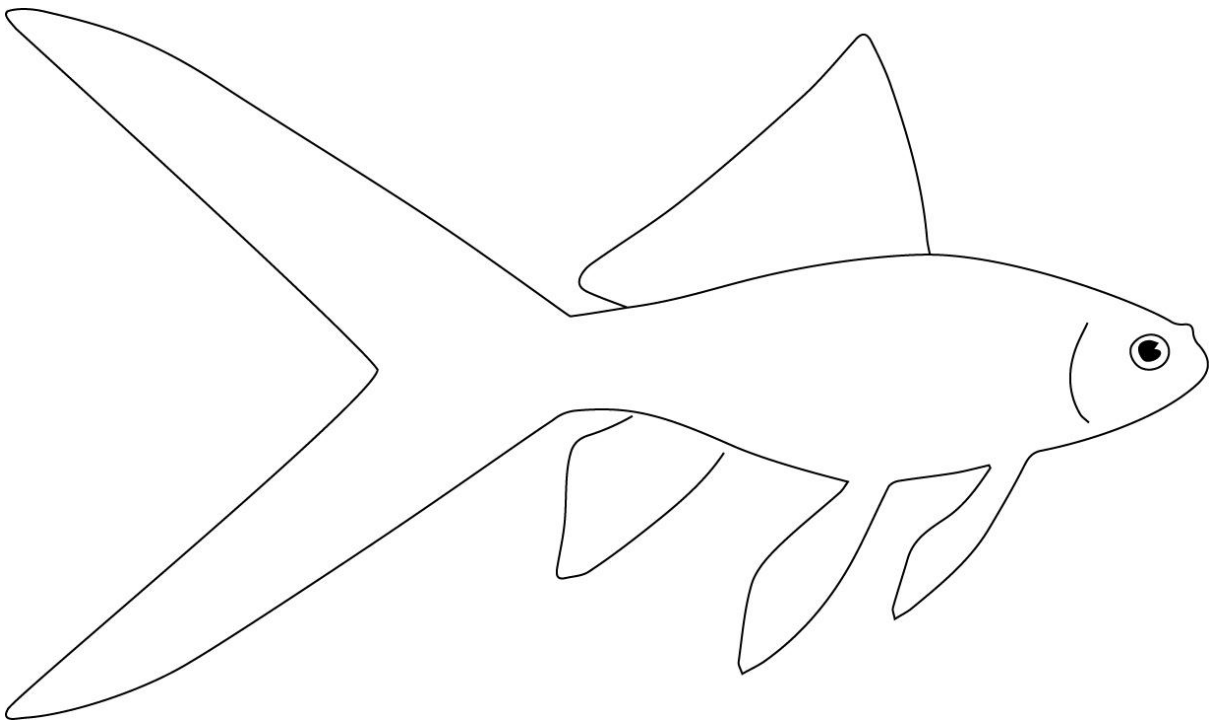
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This is the drawing of the Bristol Shubunkin with 'straight up & down' leading edge of the tail, tail shortened from present standard.....



...and finally, here is the proposed shape of the Comet....



Comments to the National Standards Chairman – who is, of course,
Sherridan, at moores_s@sky.com (don't forget it is 'moores_s').

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