

## DIARY

### 2009

10 <sup>th</sup> January	Annual General Meeting – Arndale Court Hotel, Poole.
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Flounder Competition – Poole
28 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> May	EFSA European Species Championship – Plymouth, England
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> June	English Boat Championship – Rhyl, North Wales.
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> June (TBC)	Lupus Summer Cod Festival – Helsingborg, Sweden.
3 <sup>rd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> August	European Line Class & Boat Championships – Orkney
TBA	European Shore Championship.
TBA	English Cod Festival – Dover.
24 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> November	European Shore Championship (EFSA Germany) Langeland, Denmark.

### 2010

11 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> May	European Line Class & Boat Championships – Dalvik, Iceland.
3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> September	European Species Championship, Marina Albufeira, Portugal.

**Notice of the Annual General Meeting  
of the English Section of the European Federation of Sea Anglers  
To be held at  
The Arndale Court Hotel, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset  
Saturday 10th January 2009 at 11.00hrs.**

In order to assist the Secretary in his preparations, **all members** are requested to indicate on the form within this Newsletter, if they will be attending or not. Or, should you prefer, an email is acceptable.

Nominations have been received for the following Committee positions, which are for a 3-year term of office: Vice Chairman, Secretary, Boat Festival Officer, Press Officer, Shore Festival Officer, Chairmen of Selectors (Boat, Game and Shore) and Selectors (Boat, Game and Shore).

Nominations are also required for the position of Honorary Auditor for a one-year term of office.

Kim Bowden

## AGM Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2008.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.**
  - a) Chairman; N. Bryant.
  - b) Vice-Chairman; D. Styles
  - c) Secretary; K. Bowden.
  - d) Treasurer; P. Hart.
  - e) Membership Registrar; G.Galbraith.
  - f) Fish Recorder; R. Ashby.
  - g) Public Relations Officer; J. Whippy.
  - h) Boat Festival Officer; A. Selby.
  - i) Shore Festival Officer; B. Allum.
  - j) Acting Press Officer; D.Oliver
  - k) Competitions Coordinator; R. Barron
  - l) Standing Committee Delegate N. Bryant.
- 5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2008.**
  - a) Flounder Competition – Poole
  - b) English Cod Festival
  - c) English Shore Championship – Chesil
  - d) English Boat Championship – Plymouth



## **8. Events for 2009.**

- a) Swedish Lupus Summer Cod Festival
- b) Flounder Competition
- c) EFSA Species Championship
- d) English Boat Championship
- e) European Line Class and Boat Championships
- f) European Shore Championship
- g) English Cod Festival
- h) English Shore Championship
- i) English Shore Species Festival
- j) European Game Festival
- k) Shore Championship of the British Isles

## **9. Special Business.**

- a. A proposal has been tabled by the EFSA England Committee and is seconded by A.Smith.

***Individual Life Members***- those who have been an Individual Member for not less than three [3] years, have attained the age of thirty [30] years and have paid a fixed sum for their Life Membership equivalent to 15 times the current annual membership.

b. That the existing fish of the Month Award Scheme be suspended until further notice and be replaced by the following Award Scheme.

*Annual Awards for Boat and Shore caught entries will be made for the **heaviest** fish recorded for each of the following species of fish. Bass, Black Bream, Cod, Conger, Flounder Plaice, Pollack, Ray - Blonde, Smoothound, Tope, and Wrasse - Ballan. There will be a twelfth heading which will be 'other' and this will be decided on the best **specimen** fish of all 'other' species recorded that fall outside the scope of the 11 specified main species. The new scheme will run for the same twelve-month period as at present. The other Fish Awards (Norman Witt, BCC Tankard, Overseas Fish of the Year, Junior Fish of the Year) will remain unchanged, and will run alongside the new scheme in the same way as they do with the existing scheme. The species selected can be altered each year if felt necessary by the Committee.*

*Proposed by; EFSA England Committee*

*Seconded by;*

**10. Presentation of Fish of the Month Awards – Ray Ashby**

**11. Annual General Meeting 2010.**

## Chairman's Report

Another year almost over and it has been a wonderful year in some aspects, but in others a disappointment.

Focusing on the disappointments first. The Committee and I were very disappointed with the cancellation of EFSA European Shore Championships, and I know all those anglers who entered were also. The loss of shore angling's premier event has to be a concern for us all. We are also concerned at the cancellation of our English Cod Festival at Mersey, again, due to lack of entries. As it stands at the moment, the Section may well lose some money because of the commitment to the boats in advance.

The Committee had a meeting on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October and all of this was discussed, and whilst we have no immediate answers, we must look at the current financial climate around the world as this must be impacting on everyone in some way or another. Also, we all have to work, and taking into account the number of events that we want to attend in a year, holidays and family commitments, it is obvious that we can all only do a few of them. The Committee are taking note of these matters and taking the appropriate steps to protect the Section and whilst still trying to provide the best value for our events. I will have further information regarding the Committee's positive action points at the AGM and in the next Newsletter.

You will see in the Newsletter that we have already proposed some action in respect of Life Membership based on our Treasurers concerns and do feel that this is a positive way forward in maintaining Life Membership, but also making it more cost effective. There is also the proposal to alter the Fish of the Month awards and the Committee feel this will be a good way forward in producing quality species awards and open it up to a lot more people.

I felt it was important to mention some of the items that we have to discuss at the AGM and hope to see many of you there where we can all get a handle of how the Section is running and meet up with our fellow members. There will also be a small dinner at the hotel for those who wish to attend whether you are staying over or not, all are welcome. Then on the Sunday we have the Flounder Festival and hope that you can attend and support this beginning of year fun event.

I would like to wish you all the best for the New Year and hope that 2009 is an eventful one for you and you families and the credit crunch has moved on. Thank you for all your support throughout the year and remember if you intend fishing any events please do get those entries in early.

Neil Bryant

**S.C.Delegate's Report**  
**Cobh, Ireland, 16<sup>TH</sup> August 2008**

The following is a resume of all the main points raised at the SC Meeting in Ireland

Cyprus has become the newest Section member within EFSA

At major events such as the Line and Boat the 5\* bars are available to hang in place of 5 festival bars.

The Big Game Championship in Mexico has 92 entries, 8 from England.

The proposal for the 2010 Big Game is Phuket, Thailand.

Marcus Wuest is now Assistant General Secretary working with Hamish Holmes with the proposal for Marcus to take over the General Secretary's position in 3 years time.

The Scottish Section gave an update and circulated brochures for next years Line and Boat Championships in Stromness in the Orkney Isles. They have 160 places available. There will be a designated person responsible for practice boat requests. This will be the first year for the new format of 1 day Line and 4 day Boat. Entries will close on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The brochure is available on line.

The Icelandic Section gave an update on the 2010 Line and Boat taking place at Dalvik on 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May and they hope to have the brochures ready for the spring SC meeting.

The Netherlands Section have had to cancel the European Shore Championship at Zeeland due to there only being 23 entries - they were anticipating 60 plus to enter.

EFSA Germany is hosting the Shore Championship at Langaland 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Dispensations required, a) use of 2 rods, b) maximum of 2 hooks per rod, c) restrict casting to overhead, d) all scoring fish must be killed. Fish to expect are cod and flatfish. Entry cost will be about 120 Euro.

For the 2010 Species Championship Portugal have proposed bream out of Albufeira and will hope to have a presentation at the next SC meeting.

Wales have put forward a proposal for the 2010 European Shore Championship, possibly November, more information at Spring SC meeting.

Date of next SC meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Crawley.

Kim Bowden

## **Review of Life Membership**

As Honorary Treasurer of EFSA England one of my duties is to carry out a continuous review of the financial affairs and procedures within our organisation. Earlier this year I made recommendations regarding Life Membership that resulted in Life Members being canvassed to ensure they still wished to be kept on the Register of Life Members and still be sent Newsletters. This was felt necessary because of the inherent ongoing cost of maintaining our Life Members both in terms of paying £ 8 per head in Head Office subscriptions and also the cost of sending Newsletters and other such notices to all members. These costs were traditionally met by the bank interest on the Life Members Fund but with rising costs and falling interest rates, the cost of maintaining Life Members is proving to be an increasing drain on EFSA England's resources.

A small number of existing Life Members were either not able to be contacted or opted to withdraw their membership status to help reduce these ongoing costs but clearly a review of the system was required to prevent the situation deteriorating further.

There was some talk of suspending new applications for Life Membership to ensure the drain on our resources is at least stabilised, but instead it was felt more appropriate not to preclude qualifying members from upgrading their status to Life Membership but rather to increase the cost of Life Membership to more accurately reflect the cost of maintaining Life Members. A detailed proposal regarding Life Membership for the AGM has been formulated by the Committee that helps alleviate the financial costs of this membership option.

Paul Hart – Honorary Treasurer

## **Fish Recorder's Report**

As we approach the end of another EFSA year, I have to report that entries for Fish of the Month plus the other various Awards has been very slow. This takes nothing away from the quality of those entries received, as once again the top award , the Norman Witt trophy has attracted some notable catches. With a month to go obvious contenders include a 17lb 2oz bass and a 41 lb 11oz conger both caught from the shore, whilst from the boats there has been a 109lb 8oz conger, a 48lb stingray and a 4lb 1oz flounder.

These entries are the exceptions however, and it is clear that this type of award scheme is not as popular as it was maybe ten years ago. Yes, there are fewer quality fish to catch these days, but we have seen the fishing trend in recent years move more towards the match scene where catch and release, and the need to get back in the water to find the next 5 point fish, becomes a higher priority than recognising and recording a quality fish. I've done it myself and it is the way things have evolved.

However, I do believe that there is still a place for recognising good fish, and perhaps a change of tack is worth a try. Hence I circulated details of a change to the current Award Scheme in the July Newsletter with a request for feedback. As you can guess the feedback was totally underwelming. After discussion with the Committee, it has been decided to try the new scheme out in 2009 starting as from 1st January.

The new scheme will cover 12 species of fish (including an 'other' category). Awards will then be made at the EFSA year end for the heaviest of each of the 12 species entries from both Boat and Shore. The only variation on this will be for the 'other' category which will be decided on the best overall 'other' specimen. The website will be updated monthly with the best fish in each category recorded to date so that Members will know what they have to beat as the year progresses. The other awards will continue as at present (best overseas fish, best fish by a junior, the Conger Club tankard and of course the Norman Witt trophy for the best overall catch of the year. The new scheme will continue to be available for both PM's and Affiliated Club Members as at present and the existing entry forms that appear in the Newsletter can continue to be used, although they will be updated slightly in the new year.

The changes will be discussed at the AGM for those attending , and if you wish to raise any queries in the meantime please phone or Email me (details at front of Newsletter).

Fish of the Month winners to date are as follows.

### ***Shore***

Month	Name	Club	Area	Fish	Weight	%
Dec 07	D Spear	BCC	D	Conger	41lb 11oz	166.75%
Jan 08	G Gavey	BCC	S	Conger	37lb 4oz	146.53%
Feb 08	J Butcher	Portland	D	Pouting	11b 8oz	100.00%
Mar 08	J Butchers	W Wight	E	LSD	2lb 11/2oz	83.75%
Apr 08	C Wyatt	W Wight	E	Bass	17lb 2oz	180.26%
May 08	R Instance	Cornish Fed	A	Bull Huss	16lb 1oz	134.37%
June 08	S.Crews	W Wight	E	S'Hound	13lb 13oz	115.10%
July 08	P.Haug	Portland	D	Bass	12lb 6oz	130.42%
Aug 08	M.Patten	PM	R	Sole	2lb 14.25oz	144.53%

### ***Boat***

Dec 07	G Roper	Cornish Fed	A	Flounder	4lb 1oz	203.10%
Jan 08	R Quinn	PM	D	Flounder	3lb 1oz	122.50%
Feb 08	No Entries					
Mar 08	No Entries					
Apr 08	D Saunders	Christch'ch	D	Turbot	24lb 4oz	161.66%
May 08	R Chapman	Cornish Fed	A	Grtr Weaver	1lb 14oz	150.00%
June 08	P.Dixon	Portland	D	Bull Huss	14lb 6oz	143.75%
July 08	J.Styles	Portland	D	Black Bream	3lb 13oz	110.26%
August	No Entries					
Sept 08	R.Beer	BCC	C	Conger	109lb 8oz	219.60%

All award winners will be notified during the next month or so, along with the details of the presentation of trophies that will be held during the course of the EFSA AGM (See Agenda in this Newsletter)

Ray Ashby  
Fish recorder

## Membership Registrars Report

### *England EFSA Membership*

March 2008	June 2008	October 2008
93 Life Members	76 Life members	76 Life members
03 Hon. Life Members	02 Hon. Life Members	02 Hon. Life Members
93 Annual Members	98 Annual Members	103 Annual Members
05 Affiliated Clubs	06 Affiliated Clubs	09 Affiliated Clubs

As you can see by the comparisons above after a trawl of our membership, Life Membership numbers were reduced by 18 back in June. This gives our Section an immediate annual saving of £144, plus the cost saved by not sending Newsletters to incorrect addresses or to Members who no longer wanted them. This all helps to reduce the running cost of the Section, something I know the Committee are very mindful of, especially given our present economic climate.

The Annual Membership has increased slightly to 103 of which 4 are Junior Members. Remember it's not just a Section for adults - get the kids involved as they are the anglers of the future!

Renewal of membership is 1<sup>st</sup> January with the final deadline being the AGM. New Members who joined after 1<sup>st</sup> September don't have to pay till January 2010 (not lapsed Members). Those of you paying by standing order please don't forget to check with your bank that:

- a) I can identify you by making sure your bank references your name when making the direct debit payment.
- b) That you are paying the correct amount (£20).

I will be bringing up the subject of advertising at the next Committee meeting. I aim to try and boost our membership a bit more, which will, apart from sharing the joys of fishing all around Europe with new Members, also mean better attendance at our English Section events which in turn spreads the cost, making them more affordable.

### *England EFSA Stock*

As promised, I have looked into larger sizes of stock and now have polo shirts up to size 6XL where as before we only stocked up to XL; so now even our largest Members (no pun intended), can find a size that fits. Hooded sweatshirts and smocks are not available from our suppliers in any larger sizes but, unlike the polo shirts, they are very large anyway with the XL size being used as tents by boy scouts on their camping trips.

I will be taking stock to all the boat competitions that I enter, which is most of them, and to the AGM. You can also purchase items by completing and sending me the form in the newsletter. Don't forget that when ordering my post, you must enclose the correct postage cost (Postage £2 per shirt / smock and £1 for all other items).

Gary Galbraith

## **Press Officer Role**

Firstly I would like to say how very proud and excited I am in taking on this role and how I, along with Dominique helping me (whom most of you know) and with the full support of the Committee, would like to project EFSA England through the Angling press and help promote the England EFSA image and to greatly improve the membership.

Having read the terms of reference there is not anything there that I feel that we are not able to achieve. We have set up a new e-mail account at [daveoliver.efsaepo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:daveoliver.efsaepo@yahoo.co.uk) and is for sole use for EFSA work and contacts. Apart from the terms of reference, which I will fulfil to the best of my abilities, I would also like to include within the role, some more expanded ideas.

1. Formulating a network of contacts of sea angling writers covering all national and local fishing magazines and papers along with any sea fishing websites promoting EFSA England. What it's all about, future competitions, results and membership trying to reach all four corners of the country.
2. Include all NFSA division secretaries with correspondence referring to competitions and results and include information how anglers can join EFSA.
3. Set up a network of Sea Fishing Club secretaries that wish to be included and promote the benefits of their clubs and members joining EFSA.
4. Talk to the committee about setting up a stall at the Go Fishing show at the Birmingham NEC to promote EFSA England and recruit members.
5. Try and promote EFSA through tackle shops throughout England.

I have spoken to Norman Berry and he is looking forward to printing an EFSA England report in his monthly Sea Angling paper The Sea Angling News. I have also negotiated with Lock, Stock and Tackle in Portsmouth that all EFSA members will receive 10% off all tackle deals.

Dave Oliver

## **Festival Officer's Report**

As you are probably aware, we have cancelled the English Cod Festival due to lack of entries and we must look at whether we want to go back to northern venues in the future. The only cod venue that seems to consistently fish well is Dover – do we have all our comps from here?

I will monitor competitor numbers for Rhyl and have reduced the boats to four.

For the AGM/Flounder weekend I have reduced the boats to 3. Next year we are scheduled to go back to Dover for our Cod Festival so could anyone please bring to the meeting any competition dates for Nov/Dec 2009.

We need to discuss the Arndale for the AGM venue and I know there were concerns about the dinner, but most anglers agreed that a three course meal with coffee for £15 was good value. The accommodation and AGM room is fine and central to the fishing. Trying to find suitable accommodation with a reasonably priced conference room is proving difficult.

The Swedish Cod Festival at Helsingborg in January has been cancelled due to a cod-fishing ban that may be imposed for many years to come but the Lupus Summer Cod Festival is OK as the ban is lifted during the summer months.

Andy Selby.

## **EFSA English Section Shore Championships 2008**

The organisers of this year's Section Shore Championship selected the famous Chesil Beach as the venue. This beach extends many miles along the South Coast but for our competition this year we were concentrating on the Eastern end at Weymouth. The beach here is steep and unlike much of the rest of the beach has a number of fishing holding lumps of wreckage from shipping disasters over the years. This normally provides for good fishing at this time of year when summer and autumn fish species overlap.

The Premier Travel Lodge was to be the HQ for the competition and the Weymouth Angling Club kindly extended a welcome for our competitors to use their club for registration and booking in and hospitality throughout the weekend. Unfortunately, numbers were slightly down with only 16 anglers entering the competition but this was not going to affect the level of competition with everyone eager to get over the ridge and get started.

With 2 weeks of Easterly winds already past and a strong Easterly on day 1, the anglers with local knowledge knew it would be a difficult task to find fish. Most feared that the 2 garfish limit might affect ability to catch but within 20 minutes of the start Budge Booker had caught a nice Triggerfish and rumour of a few Black Bream being caught kept the adrenalin going. The sun was bearing down on anglers and some of us had wished we given over some space in the box for sun cream. As the day progressed it became apparent that the bright conditions with Easterlies had done for the expected species and that even the obliging garfish were eluding some rods. Whilst waiting for the next bite anglers amused themselves with studying each other's tactics. It was noted that Jim Whippy (believe he does a bit of boat angling from time to time) was using the biggest float on the beach possibly an old mooring buoy. John Campbell decided to get everyone going by catching the biggest fish of the competition with a cod of 5lb 10oz and Peanuts Flack kindly got his feet wet making sure it didn't get away. At the end of day one we had all struggled to find fish but there had been a few surprise fish with a few Triggers, Codling and Black Bream to give us hope for the next day.

The next days fishing was done on the same patch as the previous day and there were high hopes that the wind might change and produce a few extra fish. Sadly the Easterlies remained and the sun was brighter and hotter with 70oC most of the day. Unbelievably the talented Mr B Booker caught another Triggerfish and backed it up with a nice Streaked Gurnard. With the fortunes of many of the anglers reversed from the previous day it was going to be a tight result with the exception of Budge who was well ahead.

The presentation was made at the Premiere Lodge hotel. Once again Weymouth Angling Centre had provided some excellent prizes to make for a good prize-giving event. Brian Allum, who had organised the competition presented the prizes and Championship Pins. The results were very close but the overall winner was not in doubt with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place over the 2 days for Budge Booker.

Brian thanked everyone for supporting the event and particularly to Reg Clough and Dave Lovelock for making the arduous journey over the ridge twice each day to peg out the beach.

The results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Budge Booker	-	Gold Pin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Lovelock	-	Silver Pin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Flack	-	Bronze Pin
4 <sup>th</sup>	Reg Clough		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Whippy		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Allum		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Knight		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Curtice		
9 <sup>th</sup>	John Hunt		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Sergeant		
11 <sup>th</sup>	John Campbell		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Clark		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Sergeant		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Dean Hilton		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Cleal		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Campbell		

Another competition in Easterly winds and bright sunshine was never going to produce huge catches but once again the enthusiasm by the anglers and the friendly atmosphere made for an enjoyable weekend. Our thanks must go to Brian, Reg and Dave for organising and running the competition.

## **EFSA European Line and Boat Championships 2008**

### **Cobh, Ireland**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> August the opening ceremony to the 2008 Line and Boat Championships took place. There was a shorter than planned parade due to, as was described by the compere, “soft weather”. To translate into English - it was pouring with rain and blowing a gale!

Unfortunately, this weather continued on the first day of the Line Class Championship so it was fished in the large Cork harbour at anchor. The harbour produced mainly dogfish, small whiting and pollock, gurnard and the occasional ray. Though not caught on that day, the Irish blond ray record was caught in this harbour. Many of the boats had ten anglers with the five on each side fishing against one another for a boat win. So, with 170 Anglers taking part this gave 32 day winners.

On day two of the Light Line the weather had improved to occasional rain with lighter winds so the boats were able to go out to the west to drift fish as programmed. This saw an improvement in fishing for most of the boats with a better size of fish caught. Being on the drift the target fish were pollock, whiting, wrasse and gurnard with a couple of cod. Dogfish were caught when the tide slackened when the boats were almost stationery. When the scores over the 2 days were totalled this left 11 on 200% with our very own Jim Pressley coming out on top and taking the Gold Pin.

The next three days for the European Boat Championship saw the weather settled with only the occasional shower, well this is Ireland! Fishing was all done on the anchor, so besides the previous species, conger formed a large amount of everyone’s score. Ling were about in two sizes, 6 to 8 lb fish and for those that were lucky enough there were ling of about 10 oz that fell to the smaller baits meant for wrasse and dogs. But, as they measured around 300 mm, they were over the 250mm minimum size for fish to count so scored the same points as their bigger relations. Also on the boat I was on, on day three we saw three bull huss. After day one there were 32 on 100% and by the end of the second day there were 15 double boat winners which, after the final day, left three on 300%. After count back, Heiko Dreier was confirmed as the Gold Pin winner for an unprecedented three wins in a row.

Hard luck story goes to Ray Barron who over the five days only dropped 2% on day three to leave him in 4<sup>th</sup> place on 298%. He also on the last day out fished a local competitor who had a commanding lead the first two days and had it not been for the Barron lesson, would have won overall instead of finishing 21<sup>st</sup>. Such is the draw of life and boats

Also worth a mention, your Secretary and author of this took the prize for Most Fish over the competition.

I also had the biggest cod of 6lb until Mike Smith came in on Thursday with one of 11.28 lb. With this Mike took the prize for Biggest Cod.

Arthur White had the Best Specimen, an L.S.D of 3.21lb for 99%

In the International teams the Italians repeated their winning run of the last 2 years. The home team of Ireland were held off to 3<sup>rd</sup> place by the England team of Ray Barron (manager) Helen Verrall, Kim Bowden, Ken Smith and Mike Smith, taking silver.

There was the presentation of awards on Saturday afternoon followed by a fine Gala Dinner and closing speeches in the evening. The organisation of the competition was a credit to the Irish Section. It was a well-run competition with excellent boats and skippers and I think we all had a good time in Cobh.

**Individual results Line**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Pressley
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Barron
11 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Russell
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Smith
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Smith
28 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Verrall
31 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Smith
51 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Phillipson
56 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Clark
65 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Latimer
94 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Bowden
105 <sup>th</sup>	John O'Leary
116 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Osborne

**Individual results Boat**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Barron
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Bowden
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Smith
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ken Smith
41 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Russell
65 <sup>th</sup>	John O'Leary
78 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur White
92 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Pressley
93 <sup>rd</sup>	Helen Verrall
98 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Clark
104 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Smith
108 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Osborne
140 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Latimer
167 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Phillipson

Kim Bowden

## **English Boat Championship – Rhyl 2009**

Next year's English Boat Championship makes a welcome return to Rhyl on the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009.

We have booked 4 charter boats with the Commodore being Tony Parry on Jenson. Our accommodation will be at the new Travel Lodge which is 5 minutes drive from the boat departure point and we are negotiating a special rate for members. Full details of the Hotel, Registration and Prize giving will be given when confirmation of entry is sent.

We will board at 9.15 on the Saturday and 10.15 on the Sunday; and there is plenty of free parking from the boat departure point.

Those of you that fished here before know there is some terrific fishing with Gurnards to 6lb and superb inshore smoothound fishing with many other species to be caught.

There will be no bait restrictions at this venue.

**BOOK IN EARLY AS THIS IS A VERY LIMITED ENTRY**

## **AGM / FLOUNDER POOLE 2009**

We once again we will be returning to the Arndale Court Hotel for our annual AGM and Flounder competition.

Those of you that expressed a concern on the food last year please remember you are paying around £15 for a 3 course meal inc coffee and the majority of guests thought it was great value for money and enjoyed what they ate.

Those that have not stayed before it is a good night for us all to get together and have a good social night, so why not bring your partner, wife, husband or pet and introduce them to your fellow anglers who you spend as much time with!

**Please do not forget to send your AGM attendance reply back to Kim.**

On the Sunday we will be having our annual Flounder Bash were we are expecting Bobby King to start blanking again. This year we have great tides for both the boat and beach anglers, and early indications are there are plenty of flounders coming from the harbour.

The Arndale can be booked on 01202 683746.

Andy Selby

## **EFSA European Boat and Line Class Championships 2009**

### **Stromness, Orkney, hosted by EFSA Scotland.**

The Boat Championship will be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August with the Line Class Championship on 7<sup>th</sup> August. Note that Line Class is now a one-day event. All fishing will be on the drift.

Scoring: - Each qualifying fish (once identified) the competitor will be given a coloured token which he will place in a sealed container attached to the boat in his fishing position. At the end of fishing the container will be opened and the colour and number of tokens will be entered on the score sheet.

Robbie Robertson will be the contact to book a practice day and details of how to contact him and the boat list will be sent once the entries are in.

Entry forms, additional information and brochures can be downloaded direct from the Scottish Section website at **[www.efsa-scotland.org](http://www.efsa-scotland.org)**. Also on this site are the full results for the 2008 Championships in Cobh

Entry forms must be returned to EFSA England Secretary, Kim Bowden, with all payments made out to EFSA England. Closing date for entries is Saturday 23rd January

English competitors seeking consideration for Team Selection must have their entries submitted prior to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Useful site for local information and accommodation,  
<http://www.visitorkney.com/>  
[http://www.visitorkney.com/brochure/self\\_catering.pdf](http://www.visitorkney.com/brochure/self_catering.pdf)

Kim Bowden

## **European Species Championship Plymouth 2009**

This is our second running of the Championship, our first being the very successful Cod Championship from Dover, and we hope to again run a successful Championship for your enjoyment from Plymouth, which is world renowned for its quality conger fishing.

The HQ hotel is the Premier Inn that is within walking distance from the boat departure point and prize presentation location at the Queen Anne's Battery.

Plymouth is the Mecca for conger fishing with the choice of deep-water reefs and many wrecks that litter the seabed. With the professional expertise from some of the country's top skippers I am sure many of you will catch your personal best conger, as many 100lb + fish have been caught from this venue.

The competition will be run on a point's basis - i.e.

Conger 0-30lb = 5pts, 30 – 60lb = 15ps, over 60lb = 30pts.

This will also be a bait-supplied competition where each angler will receive Squid, Cuttlefish and mackerel. The boats will also stop for fresh mackerel that will be pooled between the anglers prior to the start of fishing.

This will be a very popular event and boat places are limited so please enter early to avoid disappointment.

Please see the entry form for further details.

Andy Selby  
Boat Festival Officer

**REGISTRATION FOR MONTHLY SPECIMEN FISH AWARD**

To: EFSA England Hon. Fish Recorder.

Please register the following specimen fish which was caught in accordance with the rules of the European Federation of Sea Anglers.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBER

NAME; ..... NAME; .....

ADDRESS: ..... ADDRESS: .....

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MEMBERSHIP No: ..... CLUB: .....

1st WITNESS: ..... 1st WITNESS: .....

2nd WITNESS: ..... 2nd WITNESS: .....

SPECIES: ..... Club Secretary: Name:.....

WEIGHT: ..... Signature: .....

PLACE CAUGHT: ..... BOAT SHORE

PORT OF DEPARTURE: ..... DATE CAUGHT:.....

LINE STRENGTH: ..... NFSA AREA .....

CAPTOR'S SIGNATURE: .....

If Junior Member please state date of birth.

Please give a brief description of circumstances when caught.....

.....  
The Committee reserve the right to investigate any registration. Further details in relation to the capture may be sent on a separate sheet attached to this entry. On completion, this entry should be sent to the Hon. Fish Recorder before the 15th of the month following the date of capture.

Mr R.Ashby. 155 Stourvale Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. BH6 5HG

If an acknowledgement is required, please complete below and enclose S.A.E.

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To : .....

The entry of a specimen ..... weight ..... caught by .....

has been duly received and entered for the EFSA Fish of the Month Award.

Signed: ..... Date:.....

HON. FISH RECORDER

**EFSA England Supplies.**

Items can be ordered from: **Gary Galbraith, 16 Hoo Common, Chattenden, Nr Hoo, Rochester, Kent. ME3 8LT. Tel: 01634 252866.**

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to: **EFSA England.**

Please circle size for the sweatshirts, polo shirts and smocks.

<b>Item</b>				<b>Price</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>
Hooded Sweatshirt	40/42	44/46	48+	£23.00	( )	(£ )
Polo shirt	36/38	40/42	44+	£15.00	( )	(£ )
Fishing smock	38/42	42/46	46/50	£15.00	( )	(£ )
White short-sleeved shirt with logo/name (Special order only)				£23.50	( )	(£ )
Metal European fish bar badge				£3.00	( )	(£ )
Game bar hanger				£3.00	( )	(£ )
St George Cross Enamel Badge				£2.50	( )	(£ )
Shore bar hanger				£3.00	( )	(£ )
Cap				£6.00	( )	(£ )
Tie				£8.00	( )	(£ )
Wire blazer badge				£15.00	( )	(£ )
Metal lapel badge				£1.50	( )	(£ )
Postage Polo shirts/Smocks ( <i>per item</i> )				£2.00	( )	(£ )
All other items				£1.00	( )	(£ )
				<b>Total</b>		(£ )

Order from:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Membership renewal/application, due 1<sup>st</sup> January.**

Subscription rates: Annual membership	£20.00
Juniors (under 18)	£ 5.00
Affiliated Clubs	£20.00
Life membership*	£200.00

\*Transfer to Life Membership is open to any member who has been an annual member for a minimum of 3 consecutive years, and is aged over 30 years of age.

Cheques/Postal Orders should be made payable to: **EFSA England** and sent to:

Gary Galbraith. 16 Hoo Common, Chattenden, Nr Hoo, Rochester, Kent. ME3 8LT.

Membership number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership application (circle those applicable).

New member   Junior   Annual member   Affiliated Club   Transfer to Life

I am interested in:   Boat   Game   Shore   All

I enclose a cheque/postal order payable to EFSA England for the sum of: £\_\_\_\_\_.

**N.B. Applications received after 1<sup>st</sup> September in any year will run for the remainder of that year, and all of the following year for the same price.**

**Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your renewal.**