

## DIARY

### 2010

- 11<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May European Boat Class & Line Championship – Dalvik, Iceland.  
*Entries close 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010*
- 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July Shore Championship of Britain & Ireland – Cahersiveen. Ireland.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> July English Boat – Torquay
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> September European Species Championship, Marina Albufeira, Portugal.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September English Shore Championship – Thames estuary.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October Game Championship, Dakar, Senegal  
*Entries close 1st January 2010*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> November European Shore Championship – Pwllheli, North Wales.

### 2011

- September European Line Class & Boat Championships – Weymouth.

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held at  
The Arndale Court Hotel, Wimbourne Road, Poole.  
On Saturday 16th January 2010*

**Present:**

Mr N.Bryant	-	Chairman
Mr P.Peck	-	President
Mr K.Bowden	-	Secretary
Mr D.Styles	-	Vice-Chairman
Mr P.Hart	-	Treasurer
Mr G.Galbraith	-	Registrar
Mr A.Selby	-	Boat Festival Officer
Mr R.Barron	-	Competition co-ordinator
Mr J.Whippy	-	Public Relations Officer
Mr R.Ashby	-	Fish Recorder

**1. Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from the following:

A.Jones	N.Rush	J.Reece	A.White	J.Udall	A.Sindrey
A.Pye	E.Brown	G.Thompson	P.Bailey	T.Porritt	C.Newbold
P.Dack	A.Devin	M.Wuest	I.McLean	N.Cottingham	E.Walker
K.Scaggs	B.King	P.Badger	S.Spencer		

A total of 29 members were present.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009:**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by T.Hudson, seconded by M.Bobbett and accepted unanimously. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Executive Officer's Reports:**

**Chairman's Report:** Mr Bryant gave the following report to the meeting.

On behalf of the Committee may I thank you all once again for attending the EFSA Annual General Meeting here at the Arndale Hotel. It never ceases to amaze me how quick the year goes by and under the circumstances of the economic climate at the moment, I feel that EFSA England have managed to prevail in such difficult times.

As you all know we have had some great successes in the last year in respect of events with Richard Russell achieving the European Line Champion, Ray Barron European Species Champion, Rolf Marschalek England Boat Champion, Alan Yates the SCBI and

Paul Parsons England Shore Champion. It was also nice to see the England A Team taking the gold medal at the European Championships at the Orkneys. I trust you all enjoyed the events that you participated in and achieved the results that you expected and on a personal note, it would be remiss of me not to mention me being the current EFSA England Flounder Champion!

The Committee have been working extremely hard on behalf of the membership over the previous year and this has reflected in the financial accounts that the Treasurer will be presenting to the AGM, taking note of the savings made on Committee expenses etc., and in truth this is as a result of the support of Kim Bowden and Ray Ashby providing the free facilities for the meetings. I am sure you will appreciate that our kind of organisation can not run without its members support and it has been invaluable to the Section for the entries to all of last year's events, for which we thank you.

As you are aware, we have a Committee vacancy for our Press Officer /Social Secretary and I am pleased to say that Mr Martin Bobbett and Mr Matt Osborne have both volunteered to join the Committee and take up these positions sharing them between themselves. The Committee do feel that these are two areas that are vital to the development and protection of the Section's members and we wish them every success in being creative and improving our status within the fishing fraternity.

This brings me on to the position of Shore Festival Officer and the current situation we find ourselves in, not having an official representative on the Committee. Whilst Paull Curtice has been caretaking this for the last 12 months due to Brian's unfortunate illness, he too feels he is unable to continue as the Shore Festival Officer. You will note from Paull's report that he has this concern and whilst it is appreciated that there are members who are happy to assist in organising events it is fundamentally vital that we have a fully committed Shore Festival Officer. I am concerned that to date we haven't had a volunteer and I do hope that someone will be able to offer their services to their fellow members. Otherwise, we the Committee, who have very little experience in this discipline, may have to make some difficult decisions in how we can support the events. Trust me when I say that all of the Committee feel that it is important to offer Shore events as well as Boat and Game, but it is also unfair to ask of other Committee members to look after and assist with events that they have little or no experience in. Please can I ask of someone, with the relevant experience, to consider joining the Committee and taking on this responsibility.

The Committee are committed in trying to develop new members and new events in the future and we are at present working hard on the European Boat and Line Championships that we are hosting in 2011 from Weymouth and of course our domestic events are being looked after by Andy Selby to which we owe a big thanks for his continued contribution to the Section.

May I take this time to thank all the members for their support at all of our domestic events and those hosted by other Sections and wish you all every success with the forthcoming events of 2010. There is the European Line and Boat Championships in Iceland, which I feel will be an overwhelming success for the host Section and for those attending wish them great sport. Later in the year there is the European Species

Championships hosted by EFSA Portugal, I feel this will be a very well supported event and of course there is the European and Game Championships, plus our own.

Finally I would like to thank all of the Committee members for their continued support throughout the past years. Without this team of diligent workers, I am convinced that the Section would not be in the position it is today. That said, I must thank the membership for their support of the Section, because without you, there wouldn't be anything for us to do.

Many thanks once again and may I wish you a productive and enjoyable fishing year.

***Vice-Chairman's Report:*** Mr Styles gave the following report to the meeting.

This last year has been quite a changeable time for the Section. On the fishing front it is good to see that after the Team and Individual success at Plymouth the Section has continued with its winning formula, this being repeated at Dover in the SCBI and Stromness in the European's. Alan Yates and Richard Russell were the "Golden Boys" in the SCBI and the new format Line Class Championship respectively, my congratulations to everyone involved with these successes. Weather played a major part in the last 2 events of our calendar year with Langeland proving wet, and Dover windy. It does not matter how well the events are planned, we are always at the hands of the weather in the end. Congratulations to the Section's Champions for 2009; Rolf Marschalek, Boat and Paul Parsons, Shore.

The internal organisational side of the English Section has proved to be a bit of a roller coaster; Dave Oliver, after a successful start, had to withdraw as our Press Officer due to personal pressures and this role will now be jointly taken care of by Matt Osborne and Martin Bobbett. Brian Allum, as you are aware has been off the scene due to serious health issues and Paull Curtice stepped forward. Now however, due to personal pressures, Paull has had to withdraw and at present there is no candidate looking to coordinate the Shore side of events for us. Tony Hudson, such a key member in organising the programmes for the last few European Boat Championships has also had to step aside due to his overseas posting and pressure of work. Neil Bryant, your Chairman, has undergone radical changes to his business life but still has managed to "keep steering the ship". Most the other members of your Committee have to some degree like you, the membership, suffered due to the current economic and business climate. I believe you see a common theme developing here, much work is done for the membership by so few, we do not as a sport appear to be bringing youngsters or new blood onboard and our membership base is ageing. I realise that many of us have considerable pressures in our personal and business lives but if we want our Section to continue to function and to grow it is vital we have more support from all members. Please do not sit on the sidelines lamenting the way things have become, get stuck in, devote some time to your Section and let's put the English Section back at the pinnacle of the EFSA Family.

This last year, with information coming in at all sorts of different times, has seen the worth of the website grow considerably. I really believe the first port of call for updates and breaking information is now the websites of Section England and EFSA HQ ([www.efsa-](http://www.efsa-)

[england.com](http://england.com) and [www.efsa.co.uk](http://www.efsa.co.uk)). I would also like to thank the authors of the reports from our events these chiefly being Kim Bowden and Paull Curtice, who again are going beyond their normal roles and also providing this service to you, together with colour photographs which simply would prove far too expensive to include in our mailed Newsletters. Section Scotland had videos on You-Tube within days of the conclusion of the Championships in Stromness. The standard has been set now and we need to improve on this aspect of events before and after an event, I know Neil and I would welcome with open arms someone who could offer to look after this side of things for us. Please think long and hard if you have the capabilities because the better we are at spreading the message and promoting EFSA the more we as a Section can provide for you the membership.

I realise the last few parts of my report could be viewed as a bit negative but it is because we all care so strongly about what EFSA and the English Section in particular stand for that I make these points.

Well let's end on a bright note:

For the Boat anglers in 2010.

Iceland for wonderful unspoilt fishing, sample it before the E.U. get their grubby hands into their stocks. Book now for the Championships in Dalvik in May.

Albufeira in Portugal for a wonderful venue in the sun, perfect for taking the family and extending your time there to include a small holiday.

Torquay, the English Riviera in July for Basil Fawlty type fun.

Langeland for Flatfish in November served up German style.

Shore angling 2010.

S.C.B.I. Scotland, malt whisky and haggis for breakfast.

Pwllheli, Wales a welcome in the hillsides.

Game angling 2010.

Senegal in Africa, experience excellent French cuisine, super fishing and sunny days.

Lets all pull together to lift the gloom, return to the good times and meet up to catch fish and bring home GOLD!

**Secretary's Report:** Mr Bowden gave the following report to the meeting:

Well another year has gone by at a rate of knots; don't know about climatic change, but I am sure time is speeding up. What gives me the most concern is the lack of support for events. This year it seems about 15% of our membership went boat fishing and between 5% and 10% shore angling. Have the other 75% given up?

Such is the support for shore fishing and at the time of writing this, no member has come forward willing to represent the Shore members on the Committee and as such, there will not be any English run shore events for 2010 - though of course members will still be able to attend events arranged by other Sections.

If the issue is a problem with the venues or type of fishing, then suggestions are always welcome. I do realise that finances must play a part, especially with European events so it is not totally down to not wanting to fish.

On a brighter note, there have been some new members this year and it looks as if they will be supporting events with a view to decorating those new blazers. Last year there were some good results for both individuals and teams, which can be checked on our web site under results. On that subject I must impress on members to keep a check on our web site as it is being continually updated with forthcoming events as soon as we have the details plus reports and results from competitions.

Getting information on the web has the same constraints as other matters, that is most of your Committee have a full time job as well as giving up time to attend meetings and running the Section. Who said men cant multi-task.

Looking forward. There are some interesting events for 2010, which will be covered later in the meeting. In closing, similar to my previous reports, I may be a little slow or remiss at times, but please be assured I am doing my best for the Section

***Treasurers Report:*** Mr Hart gave the following report to the meeting:

It has been a positive year for the finances of the English Section with membership numbers maintained but income down slightly with fewer Life Members converting from annual members possibly as a result of the revised price structure for Life Members which needed to be implemented last year. The year started badly with the English Cod at Mersey being cancelled due to lack of support, a fact that was reported in last year's Treasurers Report so the resulting loss of £ 660 was anticipated and was the only bad result in an otherwise well supported year.

The other anticipated loss of income is a massive reduction in interest from investments. Bank rates on savings accounts have fallen to miniscule levels and this is reflected in a £ 900 reduction in interest received between 2008 and 2009 with no significant rise expected in the forthcoming year.

The other events during the year were much more successful with great support and healthy surpluses for both The English Boat at Rhyl (£ 789) and The European Species (Conger) Event held in Plymouth (£747) with more modest surpluses for other English Section events held during the year.

Your Committee has run a very efficient Section during the year with cost savings in most categories of expenditure and without the Mersey loss we would have actually made an overall surplus of £147 for the year which is impressive in these difficult times. The other bright light on the horizon is the hosting of The European Line and Boat Championships at Weymouth in 2011, which in the past has provided valuable support for our Section and the preparations for this are already underway.

We have weathered the financial storm very well and although we don't have the potential income from another European event this year we have Weymouth 2011 to look forward to as a source of financial support for the medium term.

A proposal for acceptance of the Accounts was made by G.Galbraith, seconded by P.Peck and carried unanimously.

A short discussion followed relating to the donation to the RNLI as 10% of the Rick Norman Fund (profits from raffles throughout the year at EFSA England events). It was explained that monies were held within this fund but that a donation would not be made until the value reached an acceptable level so as to make it worthwhile for an RNLI representative to be present to receive the cheque. It was also believed that any donations made would automatically go to the central RNLI income rather than to the local lifeboat to which it may have been received.

***Membership Registrar's Report:*** Mr Galbraith gave the following report and details to the meeting.

This year so far, we have regained an old Affiliated Club and several new members in January, so present Membership is as follows,

80 Life members	107 Annual Members	09 Affiliated Clubs
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Membership comparisons from the last few years indicate the Membership has increased slightly but for the most part, is in equilibrium with those leaving being replaced with new and enthusiast replacements.

The economic climate has had no effect on the Membership levels, however it has on the Sections finances. So to alleviate the low interest rates from Life members against the levy paid per Member to head office, we have had to reluctantly increased new Life membership to £300.

### *England EFSA Stock*

I still have polo shirts up to size 6XL: So those who could not be accommodated before now have the chance to look good in an EFSA polo shirt. Alternatively, you could buy a hooded sweatshirt, smock or any of the other items that we hold in stock while prices remain this low.

Previously, postage cost was a separate item on the stock list but was sometime missed resulting in EFSA England picking up the cost and as items are priced only a little above cost, the Section made a loss. So to stop this, postage cost is now incorporated within the cost of each item and appears in new stock list contained within the next Newsletter.

I take all stock items 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.

***Standing Committee Delegate's Report:*** Mr Bowden gave a brief report on S.C. matters – full report of which appeared in the November Newsletter.

**Public Relations Officer's Report:** Mr Whippy gave the following report to the meeting.

Most of us are all glad to see the back of 2009, probably one of the most difficult years for the majority of our members. With some people having to miss big events just to keep their jobs and others digging ragworm to pay the bills. I'm pleased that Martin Bobbett and Matt Osborne have offered to share the duties of Press officer as it means new blood coming into the Committee. We will need plenty of help during this year as we are running the European Championships in 2011 without the guidance of Tony Hudson this time. There are some exciting events to look forward to this year so I hope to see as many members as possible supporting them and enjoying some excellent fishing and most importantly meeting up with old friends.

My new home number is 01323 639889, mobile number 07718 766388 or email me on [jimwhippy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jimwhippy@tiscali.co.uk)

**Boat Festival Officer's Report:** Mr Selby gave the following report to the meeting.

I would firstly like to thank all the support I have had from the Committee and members during this year's very busy schedule. It makes the running of the events and life in general so much easier as it is always better to have a volunteer than "press-gang" members into helping. It would be nice to see some of our longer established members coming forward and offering their services. I welcome Martin Bobbett and Rob Quinn onto the Committee and look forward to working with them. This year's events were really well supported with a fantastic turnout at Rhyl and good numbers at Poole and Dover.

In 2010 we will be visiting Torquay for our English Boat Championship - a venue very few of us have fished so it should be an interesting event. The skippers are really keen and there is a great variety of fishing. The English Cod Festival will be returning to the Mersey let's hope this event is well attended.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to another busy fishing year and meeting you all at our events.

**Shore Festival Officer's Report:** In the absence of Paull Curtice, Mr Bryant gave his comprehensive report to the meeting as follows.

The year has been a difficult one because of a number of reasons mainly around organisational issues and support from Section members but despite these there have been successes.

We have managed to host a Shore Championship of Brit Isles and Ireland from Dover Breakwater where our own anglers demonstrated to the visiting sections from Ireland and Wales how to fish this unusual venue and came away with all the medals intact. There were issues with the booking system at the Grand Burstin but apart from these, I understand all attendees had a great time.

The Section Shore Championship was held in Eastbourne and Pevensy Bay. The turnout was disappointing and on the first day the fishing did not really reward those anglers that

had made the effort; but the second day was pretty good and put smiles on most people's faces. Prizes provided through Andy were great but I still haven't managed to catch anything to put in my fish smoker!

The Section had representation in the European Shore Championships although not a complete team as there were only 4 of us, but enough to give the other Section teams something to think about. Dave Lovelock did brilliantly to come away with a Bronze Pin and the team did well in pretty miserable conditions to come 4<sup>th</sup> overall. The Germans did their utmost to run a well organised comp and can't be blamed for the weather or lack of sizeable fish. I think all of us will be looking forward to this year's competition hosted by Wales.

From a personal point of view I would like to thank all those that helped in ensuring that we were able to put on the competitions. Special mention must go to Andy Selby whose help made life so much easier, John Campbell and Brian Flack for Dover and everyone who pitched in Eastbourne.

Looking forward, there is much to do to get the Shore element of the Section running smoothly as there is not currently an active "Shore expert" Committee member to input on shore issues. A volunteer is urgently needed to come forward who has the energy to deal with some of the issues that need to be addressed:

- a. Falling attendances
- b. New members
- c. Communication with present members
- d. Venues

#### *Events and organising committees*

There will be a Section Shore Championship held this year being organised by John Campbell which I hope will be well supported and any assistance required offered up. The competition will be held on the Thames Estuary in September with 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> being the preferred dates. Fishing will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> between Gravesend and Shorne Fort with afternoon high tides ensuring an opportunity to get together Fri and Sat evenings for a social in whatever Gravesend has to offer!

The EFSA European Shore Championships are being held in Pwllheli, Wales between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Entry forms are available from Philip Lustig on 01646 672504 or email: [philefsa@aol.com](mailto:philefsa@aol.com).

The EFSA Shore Championships of Britain and Ireland is hosted by Ireland this year and will be fished in the Cahersiveen area on the West Coast. The dates of the competition are 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010. Entry fees are E165 with bait cost included in entry. All other options such as pools and Life member's competition are paid at the check in. No entry form has been sent out yet.

Following the report submission, the Chairman gave an impassioned plea for a shore representative to come forward to fill the vacant position.

**Press Officer's Report:** In the absence of a P.O. report, the Chairman informed the meeting that Martin Bobbett and Matt Osborne had volunteered to take on this responsibility, together with the role of Social Secretary and that the two would be co-opted to the Committee for the forthcoming year. He also outlined the duties to be carried out which were to include promotional communication and to be more pro-active with regard to focussing on the Section's domestic events.

**Competition Co-ordinator's Report:** Mr Barron gave the following report to the meeting.

All money for the year has been banked and been confirmed correct by the Treasurer. I have an idea to put a space on the entry forms for all competitions, so that competitors can confirm they have read the rules on the website, and if they can put their email address on the form I can confirm receipt of entry by email, as this will save people having to send a pre paid envelope. I am expecting a large entry for Torquay so please get entries in early, as spaces are limited.

**Fish Recorder's Report:** Mr Ashby gave the following report to the meeting.

This year has seen the first year of the revised Fish of the Year awards based on the best of twelve nominated species from both boat and shore. You will see from the results that support for the new scheme was varied and was dominated by Affiliated Club entries, predominantly from the Cornish Federation who previously had only been submitting a few entries during the course of the year under the old system. Contrastingly, the West Wight Club were the main contributors in recent years under the old system but only sent a few entries in during 2009. It will be interesting to get the views of those attending, as to the general opinion of the changes made. The award scheme is run for the benefit of the Members and so it is important that we know your views in order to make it a worthwhile scheme that everyone is happy with.

It is also clear that much of the response we get from our affiliated Clubs comes down to the efficiency of the Clubs themselves in having someone who regularly report their catches to me.

In 2009 there was only one category that wasn't contested and that was for Blonde Rays (Shore). We are going to make this 'Mullet – all' from the shore in 2010 and it will be decided on best specimen.

That aside, the catches this year have once again been incredible, and when we constantly hear of the over fishing that goes on around our shores it is amazing how some of our fish that have been recorded, have survived to grow to the size that they have.

From the shore we have had two Stingray of over 40lb recorded, plus double figure Bass, Smoothound and Huss. The boats have been equally impressive with 20lb plus Smoothound, Pollack and Blonde Rays, and numerous 4lb plus Bream and 50lb plus Eels. The juniors have chipped in with some notable fish and the 'overseas' award became a

shoot out between Jim Whippy's Goliath Grouper and Ivan Wellingtons ton plus Stingray. Unfortunately my 3lb Flathead didn't stand a chance. Our website is updated monthly with the latest catches so please keep your entries coming in. Tight lines for 2010.

### 5. *Presentation of Fish of the Month Awards.*

The Chairman, assisted by the President, Mr Peter Peck, made the following presentations.

### **EFSA FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2009**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Shore</b>	<b>Boat</b>
<b>Bass</b>	S Toms (Cornish Fed) 10 lb 10oz	M Watts (Cornish Fed) 8 lb 15oz
<b>Black Bream</b>	J Windebanke (Portland) 3 lb 4oz	G Lee (Cornish Fed) 4 lb 8oz
<b>Cod</b>	J Hocking (Cornish Fed) 6 lb 9oz	M Smith (PM) 13 lb 0oz
<b>Conger</b>	M James (Cornish Fed) 37 lb 1oz	P Hart (PM) 70 lb 0oz
<b>Flounder</b>	A Drysdale (Cornish Fed) 3 lb 4oz	S Spencer (Bisley) 2 lb 10oz
<b>Plaice</b>	L Burzynski (Cornish Fed) 3 lb 5oz	A Selby (PM) 5 lb 2oz
<b>Pollack</b>	T Gerrard/M Willey (Cornish Fed) 8 lb 8oz	J Stevens (Cornish Fed) 20 lb 9oz
<b>Ray (Blonde)</b>	No Entries	N Coan (Portland) 23 lb 8oz
<b>Smoothound</b>	P Badger (PM) 13 lb 8oz	G Browning (Cornish Fed) 25 lb 7oz
<b>Whiting</b>	M James (Cornish Fed) 1 lb 9oz	S Hooper (Jnr)(Cornish Fed) 4 lb 6oz
<b>Wrasse Ballan</b>	N Coan (Portland) 5 lb 14oz	S Hawken (Cornish Fed) 5 lb 4oz
<b>Other (by %)</b>	G Pressey (West Wight) A Hill (Cornish Fed)	<b>Stingray</b> 49 lb 5oz(164.38%) <b>Scad</b> 2 lb 5oz (231.25%)

#### **Norman Witt Award - Best Overall Catch**

G Pressey (West Wight)      **Stingray** (Shore) 49 lb 5 oz

#### **Overseas Fish of the Year Award**

J Whippy (PM)                      **Goliath Grouper** (Boat) 400 lb

#### **Junior Fish of the Year Award**

R Hill (Cornish Fed)              **Trigger Fish** (Boat) 4 lb 4 oz

#### **British Conger Club Tankard**

P Hart (PM)                      **Conger** (Boat) 70 lb

## **6. Reports on Championships & Festivals in 2009:**

### *Flounder Competition - Poole:*

Mr Selby gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which was given in the February 2009 Newsletter.

### *English Cod Festival - Dover*

Mr Bowden gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which will be given in the February 2010 Newsletter.

*English Shore Championship – Eastbourne* Mr Bryant gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which was given in the November Newsletter.

### *English Boat Championship - Rhyl*

Mr Selby gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which was given in the July Newsletter.

### *European Species Championship – Plymouth*

Mr Bowden gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which was published in the July Newsletter.

### *European Shore Championship – Denmark*

Mr R.Clough gave a brief report of the event held in Langeland and informed the meeting that a full report could be seen on-line within the Section's website.

### *European Boat & Line Class Championships - Scotland*

Mr Bowden gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which was published in the November Newsletter

### *Shore Championship of Britain & Ireland - Dover*

A brief report on the event was given by Mr R.Clough, a full report of which was given in the November Newsletter

**7. Election of Officers:** Prior to the election of Officers, it was agreed that the positions would be voted en-bloc, as there was only one nominee per vacant position.

The positions for 3-year terms of office were as follows:

**Chairman.** Nominee: Mr N.Bryant

**Fish Recorder.** Nominee: Mr R.Ashby

**Public Relations Officer.** Nominee: Mr J.Whippy

Acceptance of all the above were proposed by T.Hudson, seconded by J.Knight and accepted unanimously.

M.Bobbett and M.Osborne were co-opted to the Committee for a one-year term to fill the vacant positions of Press Officer and Social Secretary. The Chairman thanked Mr D.Oliver for the work undertaken during the previous year.

### **8. Election of Hon. Auditor:**

Mr J.Knight was proposed as Hon Auditor by D.Clark and seconded by J.Whippy. There being no other nominees, Mr Knight was duly elected for a one-year term of office.

### **9. Reports on Championships & Festivals for 2010:**

*Flounder Competition - Poole:* Mr Selby gave details of the arrangements to those present for the event which was to be held the following day.

*European Species Championship – Portugal:* Mr Bowden informed the meeting that the event would take place out of Albufeira on September 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> for bream. The closing date would be at the end of February and entry costs would be about £200. Full details and entry for could be obtained on line via the Section's website.

*English Boat Championship - Torquay:* Mr Selby outlined the organisational status to date. A detailed account will be published within the February 2010 Newsletter. He also stated that it would be a two-hook event and that only 40 places available. There would be also bait restrictions in the form of a ban on live sandeel.

*European Boat & Line Championships: Iceland* Mr Bowden briefly outlined the current status and informed the meeting that he had received ten entries so far.

*European Shore Championship Reports* Information given within the Executive Officer's Reports

*English Cod Festival: Dover* Due to some organisational difficulties, it was agreed to discuss this further in Committee and inform the membership via the website and forthcoming Newsletters of any decisions made.

*English Shore Championship:* Information given within the Executive Officer's Reports. The Chairman re-iterated earlier remarks and stated that the Committee had to be involved in the general organisation.

*English Shore Species Festival:* No event had been arranged for 2010.

*European Game Championship:* Mr Styles informed the meeting that the event was to be held in Senegal. He also outlined the difficulties he faced as he had been forced to take over the running of this event. He also informed the meeting of potential problems in holding the event as, to date, there had been only seven entries received so far.

*Shore Championships of the British Isles:* Information given within the Executive Officer's Reports

**10. Special Business.** There were no items for discussion received by the Committee but a short discussion was held in which concerns were raised with regard to the lack of timely information from member Sections relating to overseas events. Mr Selby gave a brief report concerning the 2011 European Line and boat Championships out of Weymouth and gave possible venues that were being considered for the English Boat and English Cod for 2011. He also informed the meeting that the popular Helsingborg Lupus Cod Festival date had been changed and that it now clashed with the English Boat Championship this year.

**11. Annual General Meeting 2011.** A date and venue was to be confirmed later in the year.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 13:50.

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## **EFSA English Cod Festival 2009 - Dover**

### ***“Wind from the east -the fish bite least”***

This year’s Cod Festival was fished in Dover on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December with 32 entries. The talk prior to the event was of plenty of cod around with some local entrants expecting 10 plus cod just to their rod. What a difference a few days and a change in climatic conditions make!

**Day 1.** Saturday saw the four boats heading out 2 or 3 miles offshore in a stiff breeze but with a strong wind warning issued mid morning of an imminent gale 8, it was decided all boats to fish closer inshore. All boats found some cod but nothing like the expected numbers as the results at the end of the day showed with Richard Russell on 4 cod, followed by 13 people with 1 cod each leaving over half the entrants with a zero on the sheet - not the day we were expecting at all.

**Day 2.** Sunday - and there was still a strong wind and the day came very close to being cancelled. It was decided to go ahead and fish close inshore again. With wind over tide most of the morning the boats were slewing about making it difficult to fish. When the tide turned the sea calmed down and the boats held position enabling the serious fishing to start. The day panned out similar to Saturday with few fish with 3 individuals getting most of the fish. Two with 3 cod and one with 4. So bad was the fishing that one boat failed to see any cod landed. Total cod for the day - 1 less than Saturday at 16.

Richard Russell added another cod on Sunday giving him 5 for a length of 316cm to gave him the winning length. This success follows his winning the Gold pin at the Line Class event in the Orkneys earlier in the year.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Mick Toomer with 4 cod for 260cm (must have remembered something as Mick reckoned it was about 20 years since he last competition fished).

3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Peter Bailey with 3 cod for 219cm. As Peter only joined us a few weeks ago, this was an impressive first competition within EFSA

The Longest Cod was 86cm (in the region of 15lb) and this went to another new member Rob Shattock.

### **Overall Individual Results**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Russell	316pts	5 Cod
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Toomer	260pts	4 Cod
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pete Bailey	219pts	3 Cod
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cliff Newbold	203pts	3 Cod
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley Currier	146pts	2 Cod
6 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Senior	118pts	2 Cod
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Shattock	86pts	1 Cod
8 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Smith	70pts	1 Cod
9 <sup>th</sup> =	Martin Bobbett	69pts	1 Cod
9 <sup>th</sup> =	Jim Presley	69pts	1 Cod
11 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Shipway	68pts	1 Cod
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rolf Marschalek	65pts	1 Cod
13 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Pucher	64pts	1 Cod
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jimmy Bond	63pts	1 Cod
14 <sup>th</sup> =	Steve Grant	63pts	1 Cod
14 <sup>th</sup> =	Arthur Beechy	63pts	1 Cod
17 <sup>th</sup>	Vernon Allen	62pts	1 Cod
18 <sup>th</sup>	Garry Galbraith	61pts	1 Cod
19 <sup>th</sup>	Perry Dack	58pts	1 Cod
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Barron	52pts	1 Cod

All other anglers failed miserably and did not weigh in. (This comment by Andy Selby who went on a boat for 2 days and whose name is not to be seen above)!

Kim Bowden

## Flounder Competition 2010 – Poole

The after AGM drinks proved to be another relaxed social event, a good time to unwind without the added worry of rig tying. The socialising continued during a fine meal washed down with just a little alcohol.

Early reports of good flounder catches were soon replaced with “the melt water has spooked the fish” & “the netters are catching them for pot bait” but at least the weather reports turned out right! The current champion (Mr Bryant) managed to release a flounder early on, Ray Barron discovered a new way of flounder fishing using a borrowed rig, spiral lead & a float. Watching the float drift further & further away seemed to pass the time away but I'm sure he will be looking for one with a sail for next year's event.

A couple of side wagers ensured that the tension was held through to the last cast of the day. Matt Osborne narrowly missed out on becoming Champion by dropping a good sized flounder at the net on his last cast. Young Hayden Spencer got lucky (even though he didn't manage to bring a flounder to the net) by winning the guess the heaviest weight, I'm sure the new reel will help him catch one next year.

Although only one angler managed two flounder the total weight was not enough to oust Paul Rivers from the King of the Flounders throne, Paul's one fish secured him his fourth title in this event. The top shore angler, Carol Hunt came in a very worthy third place with Martin Bobbett in second. Full results below.

### ***Overall Results***

1st	Paul Rivers	1 Fish	3lb 1/2oz (4th Time Flounder Champion)
2nd	Martin Bobbett	2 Fish	2lb 14oz
3rd	Carol Hunt	1 Fish	2lb 4 1/2oz (Shore)
4th	Bob King	1 Fish	1lb 13oz
5th	Ash Currier	1 Fish	1lb 12 1/2oz
6th	Matt Osborne	1 Fish	1lb 9oz (Apparently lost a big one too)
7th	Cliff Newbold	1 Fish	1lb 6oz
8th	Rob Quinn	1 Fish	1lb 4oz
9th	Dave Oliver	1 Fish	15 1/2 oz
10th	Ray Barron	1 Postage Stamp	14oz

This was the total weigh in of 11 flounders

### ***Heaviest Flounder***

1st	Paul Rivers	3lb 1/2oz
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carol Hunt	2lb 4 1/2 oz
3rd	Martin Bobbett	1lb 13 1/2 oz

Top Shore Angler      Carol Hunt      2lb 4 1/2 oz

Hayden Spencer won the fun competition of ‘Guess The Heaviest Weight’.

## English Boat Championship 3rd & 4th July 2010 Torquay

This year's event will be fished from the English Riviera Torquay for the very first time. The boats are all fast modern vessels that fish a very varied area including sandbanks, reefs and the many inshore wrecks. Our commodore for the event is Kevin Tate on Dalora.

This event will be a two hook event with a ban on using live sandeels all other baits can be used. We have negotiated a superb package at the Rainbow Hotel and bait and tackle will be available from Torbay Angling Centre. There is a large pay and display car park at the boat departure point in the Marina Car Park.

The Rainbow Hotel is run by Kate Smith and her partner Marco who used to run the Grand Birstin three years ago when it was independent. The Rainbow is run on similar lines but the facilities are of a much higher standard. It has many features such as swimming pool, steam room, fitness centre, live entertainment, restaurants, close to town and beach. All rooms are en-suite and there are also family suites available. Tea & coffee facilities are in each room plus flat screen TV. There is free car parking plus many other extras

See [www.rainbow-hotel.co.uk](http://www.rainbow-hotel.co.uk)

With all the above bring the family and have a mini break - you can also extend your stay at the hotel which can give you excellent rates.

The hotel has offered the following;

2 Nights £70 per person Inc Full English Breakfast

3 Nights £90 per person Inc Full English Breakfast

There is a discounted rate for family rooms and children but please phone the hotel for details.

You can also book a 3 course Evening Carvary Dinner for an additional £10 pppn and a daily packed lunch for £3.95

Please quote **EFSA** when booking.

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