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## DIARY

### 2017

Nov 27<sup>th</sup>/Dec 4<sup>th</sup> European Shore Championship, Domburg, Netherlands.

### 2018

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at the Thistle Hotel, Poole.

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Fun Fish – Flounder – Poole.

May 12<sup>th</sup>?13<sup>th</sup> English Boat Championship – Penzance.

May 26<sup>th</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup> European Boat Championship - Olafsvik – Iceland

July 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> European Species and Line Championship – Weymouth.

Sept 14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> European Game Championship - Azores

Sept 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> European Shore – Foce Varano (Foggia), Italy

Nov 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> English Species Championship – Penzance.

### 2019

September 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> European Boat and Line – Weymouth

## **2018 AGM Notification**

The Annual General Meeting will held at the Thistle Hotel, Poole at 1100 on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Any proposals for the 2018 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.  
All proposals received shall be included in the agenda under Special Business.

### **AGM 2018 Agenda**

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.**
  - a) President E. Entwistle
  - b) Chairman N. Bryant.
  - c) Vice-Chairman R. Ashby
  - d) Secretary K. Bowden.
  - e) Treasurer K. Scaggs.
  - f) Membership Registrar G.Galbraith.
  - g) Fish Recorder A. Smith
  - h) Public Relations Officer J. Whippy.
  - i) Boat Festival Officer A. Selby.
  - j) Shore Festival Officer B. Senior
  - k) Press Officer B. Senior.
  - l) Social Secretary M. Osborne
  - m) Competitions Coordinator K. Scaggs.
  - n) Standing Committee Delegate K. Bowden.
- 5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2017.**
  - a) Fun Fish Competition – Poole
  - b) English Species Festival Boat – Weymouth
  - c) English Shore Championship – Eastbourne
  - d) English Boat Championship – Poole
  - e) European Species Championship -- Langeland
  - f) European Shore Championship – Denmark
  - g) European Boat Championships – Norway

**6. Presentation of Fish of the Year Awards – Andy Smith**

**7. Election of Officers. (All 3 year terms unless otherwise stated)**

- a. Vice Chairman
- b. Secretary
- c. Boat Festival Officer
- d. Shore Festival Officer
- e. Chairman of Selectors Boat
- f. Chairman of Selectors Shore
- g. Chairman of Selectors Game
- h. Boat Selectors
- i. Shore Selectors
- j. Game Selectors

**8. Election of Honorary Auditor. (1 year term)**

Nominee/s            Mr J. Knight

**9. Events for 2018.**

- a) Fun Competition -- Poole
- b) EFSA Species Championship -- Weymouth
- c) English Boat Championship -- Penzance
- d) European Boat and Line Class Championships-- Iceland
- e) European Shore Championship -- Italy
- f) English Species Festival Boat -- Penzance
- g) English Shore Championship --

**10. Special Business.**

Committee proposals regarding Life Membership as follows:

*The EFSA England Committee proposes to withdraw "Life member" awards from future festivals and Championships.*

*The EFSA England Committee proposes to withdraw Life Membership category within Section England.*

*Please note that Life Membership applications have been suspended until Ratification at AGM 2018.*

**11. Annual General Meeting 2019.**

## Fish Recorder's Report

We have now received entries in all categories including some excellent specimen fish. Of particular note are Bill Cann's tub gurnard, Ryan Casey's conger, Kyle Bowler's shore caught black bream, Michael Bennett's shore caught smoothhound and Colin Searles's halibut, which has now been accepted as an EFSA line class record. Please keep your entries coming in. The deadline for this year's entries is 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **BOAT**

Bass	Ray Barron	PM	13lb 3oz	
Black Bream	Ray Barron	PM	4lb 12oz	
Cod	Mark Coles	Portland	16lb 13oz	
Conger Eel	Ryan Casey	Weymouth	90lb 0oz	
Flounder	Alan Painter	PM	3lb 0oz	
Plaice	Andy Smith	PM	3lb 5oz	
Pollack	Matthew Lavis	BCC	17lb 9oz	
Ray – Blonde	Rod Adamson	PM	30lb 0oz	
Smoothhound	Ian Lockyer	Christchurch	19lb 0oz	
Whiting	Andy Smith	PM	3lb 2oz	
Wrasse – Ballan	Steve Goodwin	Portland	4lb 4oz	
Other by %				
Tub Gurnard	Bill Cann	PM	5lb 6oz	215%

### **SHORE**

Bass	Jason Lucas	Portland	10lb 8oz	
Black Bream	Pete Wood	Portland	3lb 11oz	
Cod	Jordan Bowler	Portland	9lb 5oz	
Conger Eel	Noddy Coan	Portland	14lb 8oz	
Flounder	Derry Meyers	Portland	3lb 2oz	
Plaice	Jordan Bowler	Portland	1lb 15oz	
Pollack	Derry Meyers	Portland	2lb 6oz	
Mullet – all by % (Thin lipped)	Kyle Bowler	Portland	3lb 0oz	75%
Smoothhound	Michael Bennett	West Wight	17lb 0oz	
Whiting	Derry Meyers	Portland	1lb 2oz	
Wrasse – Ballan	Steve Goodwin	Portland	4lb 10oz	
Other by %				
Red Gurnard	Kyle Bowler	Portland	1lb 15oz	193.75%

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

Pollack	Matthew Lavis	BCC	17lb 9oz	
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### **Overseas Fish of the Year**

Atlantic Halibut	Colin Searles	PM	341lb 11oz	
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<b>Conger Club Tankard</b>	Ryan Casey	Weymouth	90lb 0oz	
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Norman Witt Trophy	To be decided			
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## **EFSA England Species Festival (Flatfish) Weymouth 2017**

The annual EFSA England Species Festival was fished from Weymouth on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of April with flatfish and rays as the target species. At registration on Friday it became clear from the chat that the rays were not around in any numbers and very few plaice so turbot and brill would be the main quarry.

Day one saw the anglers, including friends from the Belgium, and Netherlands Sections, muster for their boats at 7:30 with the weather gods being reasonably kind although the NW wind put a chill in the air and would not provide the best drifting conditions. All five boats headed for the Shambles and most were fishing by 9 o'clock. On boat Amarissa, Ray Barron was soon into a turbot to establish a lead which he maintained for the rest of the day. During the morning Jim Phillipson tried to challenge him for an hour or two but by lunchtime Ray had five fish. As the afternoon wore on there was a late charge from Richard Wheeler but Ray found another two turbot to end the day with seven fish for 560 points and top rod for the day. Richard had five fish and Jim four. The rest of us were also rans with two anglers failing to catch.

On Supa Nova, Ken Smith took the honours with five fish for 378 points. On Snapper, Rod Adamson had three fish for 221 points. On Top Cat it was Andre Machiels with 2 fish for 144 points and on Al's Spirit birthday boy Andy Selby took the top spot with two fish for 116 points.

Day two was fished in bright but windy conditions. Most boats opted to drift for most of the day, except for Snapper which decided to anchor and try for rays as well as turbot. Although this was reasonably successful with all anglers catching at least one fish, the rays were small and at one point per cm wasn't going to put a lot of points on the board. Kim Bowden took top spot with 3 fish for 206 points.

Day one winner Ray Barron on Wild Frontier found three fish for 224 points to ensure he kept his overall lead although it was John Filsel who won the boat with six fish for 456 points to take him to 6<sup>th</sup> place as he had failed to find a fish on the first day. On Al's Spirit John Little won the boat with five fish for 375 points which took him into 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Jim Phillipson managed another three fish which, together with his four on Day One, took him into 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a total of 518 points.

Meanwhile on Top Cat, our Chairman Neil Bryant excelled himself catching the longest flatfish of the competition - a fine turbot of 12lb 8oz in his catch of five fish for 484 points. These together with his one fish from the day before took him into second place with 558 points. Martin Bobbett had a 52cm long brill weighing in at 4lb 2oz. Gary Geoghan was the star on Supa Nova with five fish for 376 points taking him into 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.

The presentation was held at Weymouth Angling Club where Ray Barron had the gold pin pinned to his jacket as a worthy winner. Neil Bryant won the silver pin and Jim Phillipson the bronze pin.

Top Senior was Jim Phillipson. Ray Barron took the Life members prize. Andy Selby, Neil Bryant and Ray Barron supported Perry Dack, who failed to find a fish, to win the 4 Man Open Team with a total of 20 fish and 1,606 points. 2 Man Open Team was won by Neil Bryant and Ray Barron. The 4 Man Executive Team was won by Neil Bryant, Gary Dennis, Ken Smith and Cliff Newbold with 17 fish for 1,256 points.

### **English Shore Championship 2017**

This year's event took place at Eastbourne and had a good entry of 25 anglers fished the 2 days of 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Day 1** It soon became apparent that the fishing was not as good as it was a couple of weeks ago. Newcomer to EFSA Jamie Morton landed a sizable 5 bearded rockling when retrieving the first cast of the day, but unfortunately for her that was the only sizable fish to her rod for the day. Other than a lot of undersize whiting, there were a lot of species but just the odd one or two of each. Local angler Paul Parsons showed us the way on day 1 with 5 fish for 136cm to convincingly win his zone. The other zone winner was Barrie Senior with 2 fish for 49cm. One other person had 2 fish with the remaining anglers to hand in a scoring card having just the 1 fish.

**Day 2** Today the venue was Pevensey beach and an easy walk from the car park close by. The sun shone and with the wind changed to more from the south and a bit of a chop on the coloured water, thoughts were that maybe today would be better, but it was to be a very scratchy as day one with the 2 zone winners Kim Bowden and Dave Lovelock being the only 2 anglers to get 2 fish while 7 other anglers had 1 fish each. Of the top 4 anglers from day one only 1 caught on day 2 as well. So it was all change for the top 3 positions with the top 3 and pin winners. These were the only three to catch fish on both days, with the rest of the competitors catching a sizable fish or two on only one of the days.

Presentation of awards was carried out by Kim Bowden and Barrie Senior. Kim Bowden presented the pins except to Peter Neal who asked that Jim Whippy present his silver pin in recognition of their 36 years of fishing together. Barrie Senior concluded by giving thanks go to Eastbourne Angling Association for the use of their club premises, to Anglers Den at Pevensey for supplying the good quality bait and to Jim Whippy for pegging the beaches.

Kim Bowden closed by thanking all for attending and hoped to see them on the beach later on this year at the EFSA European Shore in the Netherlands or at next year English Shore. We hope to have a venue soon for that event, so look out on the web site

### **EFSA English Boat Championship 2017**

The EFSA England Boat Championship 2017 was fished out of Poole with 48 anglers competing for the pins over the two days on six boats

On day one it was windy, but not enough to stop some of the boats getting reasonably far offshore to find rays, tope, dogfish and strap conger. Inshore, flatties and gurnards were caught with bream being caught on the majority of marks. At the end of the day with a tie on one boat there were seven anglers on 100%.

Day two and the wind had increased and most boats stayed inshore. Fishing was hard and with the wind stronger than the tide a lot of anglers found themselves under the boat for a large part of the day and catches were reduced. With three boat winners on one boat the chances of two boat wins were severely reduced. Back ashore only one of the previous day winners had managed a second win.

Chairman Neil Bryant was that angler and the winner of the gold pin. In second place and silver pin winner was Gary Galbraith with 198%. Bronze pin went to John Filsell with 191.23%

### **EFSA European Boat, Maloy, 2017**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July and the opening ceremony took place with a walk from the HQ hotel through the town of Maloy down to the quay where the flag bearers continued onto the large pontoon where the ferry berths. Here they walked the step to the upper level to parade the flags. The opening speeches were delivered from the top deck and with the Championship declared open the EFSA flag was raised next to the Norwegian flag and the local helpers on the stair and top deck each let off a flare - quite a show with the light and smoke from the flares. Later that evening there was a welcome reception at the Best Western HQ hotel where there was also information on the weeks fishing and a chance to ask any questions if not certain on any of the arrangements for the fishing.

Monday morning and the Championship got under way. There were 100 anglers competing. The fishing was on commercial boats with between 4 and 6 on a boat, though you could not be sure till getting on your boat as to your fishing positions as it all depended on space between the structure of the vessels which were all different. Once out of the Harbour the boats could go north or south as Maloy is situated on an island connected to mainland Norway by a bridge, though most of us arrived by ferry direct from Bergen to Maloy. The fishing was mixed, with the 20 boats having a lot of varied water to fish from and with some having more knowledge than others. All fishing was to be on the drift. I can't say a lot about my 4 days fishing as on 4 different boats but all fished the same area and the fishing was not good on any of them with most of the time spent in 100 to 150 meters depth.



The boats I was on were won with between just 7 and 13 fish and with nothing over about 3kg. Each day back on the quay total fish catch had to be weighed in this Championship and each angler had to take his fish box to be weighed and also for heaviest fish. Most days the boxes from my boat you could still see the bottom of the box, though there were fish to be caught and large ones at that. Other boats were coming in with each angler having a full box with fish of 8kg or more amongst them.

Mark Smith was good enough to send me a few words on how his fishing went and recounted his practice day on the Saturday. I went out with others on the Friday but with the wind and rain it was hard to fish so we came back early. This gave a couple of us a chance to buy a better waterproof along with some tackle as there was a shop in Maloy that stocked just about anything to do with the sea and fishing. Many anglers spent a lot of time and money in there. Back to Mark and his practice day on the Saturday. What a different day with light wind and all day sun and some good fishing with large coalfish, haddock, ling, brosmie and cod.

Day 1 fishing and Mark was as bad as my boats with the winner having 5 fish. The weather was not very good with a strong wind so lot of boats did not go far. On return to the quay many people had just 1 fish and some people recorded none, which is hard to believe in Norwegian waters.

Tuesdays fishing was moved to Wednesday though some booked a boat and fished in the lee of the land with shelter from the wind and most had a great days with hake to 7 or 8 kg plus other species including megrim and to Mark a ninja lantern shark which despite being small, was not something that had been seen in these waters. Mark's boats got better as the week went on day two he landed 27kg of fish, day three 68kg and day four 72kg. Over the week some of his best fish were haddock of 7 pound, coalfish to 20 pound and cod and ling to 15 pound. Other fish caught in the Championship were pollock, megrim, black mouth dogfish and grey gurnard.

Despite the boats I was on there were many good fish recorded with the heaviest overall to Nigel Hearn with a ling of 18.64kg, the best cod was 14.92kg and many hake recorded with the biggest being 10.74kg.

The presentation of awards was held at the HQ hotel on the Saturday afternoon. The pin winners were all from Norway with Eivind Johannessen gold, second place and silver also on 400% was Petter Skudal. Bronze pin was won by Torunn Handeland on 398 points. Top English individual was Richard Russell in 12<sup>th</sup> place on 358 points which put him in first place in the Senior category. The National teams was as expected with Norway A top and Norway B second.

In the evening it was a short bus ride up the coast to the Raueberg Culture Centre for the Gala dinner and close of the Championship. A good evening was had by all with good food including some of the fish we caught. Entertainment was started with a screen show of highlights of the week and pictures of many of the anglers taking part so people could see themselves on the screen. The screen was also used for a

presentation by EFSA Iceland who are hosting the 2018 Boat Championship. Entertainment was provided by a local group who were very good and by a local Elvis impersonator which was well received with his interaction with the audience. The Championship was brought to a close and the EFSA flag was passed to EFSA Iceland.

I think all enjoyed the time spent in Maloy. Some of us expected better fishing but that is the nature of our sport. Certainly the fellow anglers from Norway made us welcome and helped us out with many of the arrangements. Also the people of Maloy certainly made us welcome and we can't blame them for the rain which we saw every day at some time.

### **Reports for 2018 Home Events**

I am really looking forward to our Home events in 2018 and help organise the European Species (Conger) from Weymouth in July. This event will incorporate both Species and Line Class events.

Our year starts in Poole with our AGM and Funfish Flounder Event then we return to Penzance for our first of two visits this year for our English Boat Festival in May and then again in November for the English Species Festival.

Please get your entries in Early as places are limited. Once entries have been received, we will send you HQ hotel details along with any codes required for hotel bookings. Please see further details below.

#### **AGM / Funfish Poole 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

We will again be using the Thistle Hotel for our AGM and a base for our anglers staying overnight. It is best to book the hotel via their website or booking.com as you get better rates than phoning direct. Also, anyone just attending the AGM the parking is **FREE** as its part of the function room booking fee, but you must go to the Hotel front desk and check in your car registration details.

#### **English Boat Penzance 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

We will be returning to this venue again after a very successful event in 2016. As you know there are many species to be caught, along with the more unusual like Haddock, Couches and Red Bream. On our last visit we recorded 26 different Species.

Our HQ hotel will again be the Lugger Inn and we have booked out all the rooms for the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. Once we have received your entry, you will be sent a discount booking code in which you can secure a room on payment. Dates either side of the above can be added at the discounted rate. A practice boat has been booked for the 11<sup>th</sup> May so please contact Matt Osborne if you wish to secure a place.

### **English Species Festival (Haddock & Cod) 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

As some of you may have noticed this event is on a Friday and Saturday. We are trialling this to see what members think for the ease of travelling. Please let me know your thoughts. We will be targeting Haddock as our main species along with Cod. This time of year is the best for Haddock fishing with much larger fish showing.

Again our HQ hotel is the Lugger Inn. Full booking details will be sent upon receipt of your entry and the hotel has been booked out for EFSA members on the 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. Again, same booking system as for the English Boat.

A practice boat has been booked for the 15<sup>th</sup> November so please contact Matt Osborne to secure a place.

All our Efsa England events now will include Drawn Teams and Longest Fish in the Entry Fee .

### **English Shore Championships, Chesil 6<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup> April**

The English Shore Championships 2018 will fished at Chesil/West Bexington on April 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. HQ will be the Crown Hotel, Weymouth. We are hoping to either get a boat over to the middle of the beach or a four wheel drive to get access to a quieter part of the beach. Full details will be posted on the website soon.

### **2018 European Events**

#### **European Boat, Olafsvik, Iceland. 26<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Full details of this event and entry form are on our website and entries and payment have to be with me by 15 January 2018. Currently, we are looking to go as a group and organise a coach form airport to Olafsvik as we did this May. So if you are wanting to join in with this, please let myself or Andy Smith know as soon as possible so we know the number travelling. This May, twenty of us went to Iceland for an EFSA Iceland event to try the area and points system. As usual in Iceland there was some good fishing with plenty of big cod and coalfish offshore, inshore smaller cod and several other species, though not in great numbers. As most of you looking to go know from accommodation to the boats is a short walk. Any questions on the event not covered in Brochure then contact me.

Kim Bowden

**European Species/Line Class Championship, Weymouth, 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July.**

This event is being hosted by EFSA England and target species is conger eel. This event will include the Line Class event fishing with Ande braid that has to be used. HQ hotel is the Crown in Weymouth where we have a special deal and booking details are in the brochure. Please use the detail as listed in the brochure as the whole hotel is reserved by EFSA England. So if you phone on any other number you will be told they are fully booked. All guests will receive a free parking Permit from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July additional days are £4. A practice boat has been booked on the 20<sup>th</sup> July please phone Weymouth Angling Centre on 01305 777771 to secure a place.

*Note* Entries for this event go to Keith Scaggs and must be with him by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

**Game Championship, Ponta Delgado, Azores, 14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September.**

I went to the venue in September this year as they host a competition each year. The catch rate for billfish has not been very good in last few years, but as tuna score in the EFSA Championship, I believe there will be reasonable numbers of them to catch and I think this will be a good event. The boats are well geared up for Game fishing with serious rod and reels to use. Ponta Delgada is a very nice place with plenty of reasonable priced accommodation and good choice of places to dine.

If interested in this event please get in contact with me as soon as possible so we can look to making at team if possible.

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With the above and our England events, please look to the website for Championship information and entry forms. Please get your entry in early to ensure a place in the event as all our boat events have a limited number of places. Also look to the web site for full report and results on Championships and photos of the event which we aim to get on the site as soon as possible following events.