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| 3 rd /7 th August | European Line Class & Boat Championships – Orkney |
| 6 th /8 th August | Shore Championship of Britain & Ireland – Dover breakwater. |
| 3 rd /4 th October | English Shore Championship – Eastbourne. |
| 7 th /14 th November | European Shore Championship (EFSA Germany) Langeland, Denmark. |
| 12 th /13 th December | English Cod Festival – Dover. |
| TBA | European Game Festival - Portugal |

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| 16 th January | Annual General Meeting – Poole |
| 17 th January | Flounder Competition – Poole |
| 11 th /15 th May | European Line Class & Boat Championships – Dalvik, Iceland. |
| 2 nd /3 rd July | Lupus Cod – Helsingborg |
| 10 th /11 th July | English Boat - Torquay |
| 3 rd /5 th September | European Species Championship, Marina Albufeira, Portugal. |

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| September | European Line Class & Boat Championships – Weymouth. |
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Chairman's Report

Firstly, it is with sadness that I must advise you all that one of our long standing members, Steve Brumby, passed away recently and I am sure you will all wish to send your condolences to his family. As many of you are aware, he fished many boat, European Boat and other events and represented the Section on a number of occasions. I would also confirm that our Shore Festival Officer, Brian Allum, has been ill recently and I am sure you will all wish him well and a speedy recovery. I must thank Paull Curtice for all his assistance in maintaining the running of the various shore events in Brian's absence.

Since our last Newsletter we have held The European Species Championships from Plymouth and our Boat Championships from Rhyl. You will find reports and results on both within this Newsletter and also on our website. I thank you all for attending these events and your support was very much appreciated. Rhyl had an entry of 66, which is one of the largest for some years; we must be doing something right and must thank our friends from Ireland, Wales and Scotland for supporting.

The website continues to be a wealth of information and on behalf of the membership, I would like to thank David Styles and all the relevant reporters. I am sure that you all find it easy to obtain information on events and to download entry forms. Please also look at the new fish of the month format and send your entries in to Ray Ashby. As you know, we have selected twelve species for the yearly awards as opposed to a Fish of the Month. We will vet the entries and monitor its progress, so remember to have your fish weighed and send that entry in.

We are once again going to host the European Boat and Line Championships in 2011 from Weymouth, so all the committee are now attending to the organising under the watchful eyes of Tony Hudson, Chairman of the Organising Committee. I am sure we will once again give a great week to all the EFSA membership but if anyone feels they can assist in any way, please let us know, as volunteers are always very welcome.

I need to also advise you all that due to personal reasons, our new Press Officer elect has had to stand down from the position - so if anyone feels that they can take on this very important role, could they please come forward. We are also actively looking for a Social Secretary who would look after the prize tables, raffles and any other relevant details in order to assist the Festival Officers in their positions. If any one feels that they could offer the time and dedication in developing these positions within the Committee, please let me or any other Committee member know. We will be happy to discuss any of the Committee positions with anyone considering taking on these positions. So please ask yourself if you could make the time to assist the Committee in maintaining EFSA England as a successful Section. I hope you enjoy this Newsletter and also hope to see many of you at future events. Once again, thank you all for your support to the Committee and the Section.

Neil Bryant

Forward Planning

Next year's Boat and Line Championships in Iceland and the Species in Portugal are likely to have closing dates for entry at the end of January 2010.

We should have more information in August after Standing Committee meeting in the Orkneys and as soon as we have it, we'll post it on the website.

I mention this now as the next Newsletter won't be out until October which doesn't give a lot of notice and January is not a good time usually to find extra money. So, if you intend going - start saving over the next seven months.

Failing that, put your hopes in the Christmas fairy.

Kim Bowden
Secretary

Standing Committee Report – April 2009

The following is a brief report of all the main points from the meeting.

General.

Although Spain is already a Section within EFSA, the Catalan area of Spain is looking to form a separate Section.

Section France is hoping to become more proactive.

Following all Championships, HQ wish to have any photographs taken sent to them

David Styles submitted a paper for discussion that included the following.

Item 1; All Sections to translate EFSA rules into their native language so that at any event, any objection can be referred to by rule number -allowing clearer communication. Item 2: A standard form for handling of protests at a boat event.

Not a lot on Shore events as Phil Lustig unable to attend meeting and no report received.

Events

2009 Boat and Line, Scotland 139 confirmed entrants. Pollock limit increased from 5 to 10. Everyone will have an updated brochure at registration and boat draw scheduled for 9th May with details being sent to Secretaries. There is a good tackle shop in Stromness which will open early to late. **The Scrabster to Stromness ferry requires a photo ID.** Any clothing ordered will be available for collection at registration. Orders taken at registration will be ready during the week. Names can be embroidered on clothing if requested.

2010 Boat and Line, Delvik, Iceland Brochure available in summer 2009. Coalfish, cod and haddock limit of 25 - other species limit of 5. Boats will be mostly larger wooden ones fishing each side as a separate boat (so 2 x 100% per boat). There will be a designated person to assist with accommodation.

2011 Boat and Line, Weymouth.
Nomination to host this championship by EFSA England accepted.

2012 Boat and Line Norway
Not much detail at this time with 3 possible venues. Section preference to John-Eric Roth by 1st June. English Section preference is Stavanger where first Championships were held 50 years ago come 2012.

2009 Species conger, Plymouth – Details given

2010 Species, Albufeira, Portugal
Species will be bream scored by weight, 2 hooks only. Entry cost 200Euro includes 2 days fishing, bait and breakfast on the quay prior to departure. Gala dinner 50Euro

2011 Species Germany have nominated to host out of Langeland, Denmark fishing for flatfish in either October or November.

2009 Shore, Langeland, Denmark Section Germany hosting. Cost 250Euro, 7th to 14th November. Bait - ragworm. Will need Danish fishing licence that can be bought just for the week

2010 Game
Thailand was voted against as a venue. Proposal and costing for new venue prior to meeting in Stromness in August.

Kim Bowden

We are now half way through the year and the change in format to determine the best fish of the year has had a mixed response with most support coming from our Affiliated Clubs. However, some fine fish have once again been recorded.

On the Overseas Fish of the Year, Ivan Wellington and Jim Whippy have seen some superb action with Ivan boating a 120 lb Stingray in the Gambia, and Jim landing a 400lb Goliath Grouper - the largest of a number of heavyweight specimens caught from the waters off Florida.

On the domestic front, S Hooper from the Cornish Federation leads the Juniors with a Whiting of 4 lb 6 oz, whilst a Stingray of 47 lb 11 oz caught by Andrew Wenden (West Wight Club) from the shore, is a major contender for the Norman Witt trophy for best fish of the year. Regular angler Paul Hart currently leads the way with a 70lb Eel to put him ahead in the race for the BCC Tankard for best Conger.

Current leaders of the best fish of the year awards to date are as follows.

| Species | Boat | | Shore | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | Weight | Captor | Weight | Captor |
| Bass | 7lb 10oz | K Staff | 8lb 2oz | L Kimbrell |
| Black Bream | 4lb 4oz | R Whitewood | | |
| Cod | 10lb 10oz | D Thomas | 6lb 9oz | J Hocking |
| Conger | 70 lb | P Hart | 31lb 9oz | C Wyatt |
| Flounder | 2lb 10oz | S. Spencer | 3lb | S Toms |
| Plaice | 1 lb 7oz | D Gardner | 3lb 5oz | L Burzynski |
| Pollack | 20lb 9oz | J Stevens | 8lb 8oz | T Gerrard |
| Ray (Blonde) | | | | |
| Smoothound | 25lb 7oz | G Browning | 12lb 6oz | P Hersey |
| Whiting | 4 lb 6oz | S Hooper | 1lb 9oz | M James |
| Wrasse (Ballan) | 5lb 4oz | S Hawken | 5lb 2oz | S Trumper |
| Other (by %) | 26lb Ling (130%) | | S Hawken (Cornish Fed) | |
| | 47lb 11oz Stingray (158.95%) | | A Wenden (W Wight) | |

From all the above listed names, it should be noted that only five of them are **not** from the Cornish Federation

Ray Ashby
FISH RECORDER

Membership Registrar's Report

Current EFSA England Membership: 78 Life members

02 Honorary Life Members
101 Annual Members
07 Affiliated Clubs

I have little to report that was not included in my AGM report so I have decided to respond to questions that I am frequently asked.

a) Why does my Membership number start with 5/--- ?

Answer: 5 is the England Section number. Each country has a Section number that emanated from EFSA HQ - and ours is 5

b) If I am a member of an affiliated club but I am not a Member of EFSA England myself - can I fish the EFSA competitions?

Answer: Yes you can, any member of an EFSA England affiliated club, of which there are at present seven (see list below), can fish any EFSA England competitions including European Championships and Species Championships. The only caveat is that if you were to win a pin event and duly received first prize you would not be entitled to the gold pin, as only Personnel Members are eligible to win pins so the gold pin would be awarded to the second place and so on.

EFSA England Affiliated Clubs

British Conger Club.
Christchurch & District Fishing Club.
Cornish Federation of Sea Anglers.
Individual Boat Anglers Club.
Portland Angling Club.
Western Wight Angling Club.
Bexhill Sea Angling Club

c) I am now a Life Member, but since becoming a Life Member I no longer receive a Membership Card each year. Why?

Answer: Once you become a Life Member you are issued with a new Membership Card containing your Life Membership number. After that no Life Member receives a yearly Membership Card, as there is no need to verify that you have paid each year. If, however, you have mislaid or forgotten your Life Membership number then I am quite willing to send out a new one to anyone who requests one, not forgetting the stamped addressed envelope.

d) When am I eligible for Team selection?

Answer: All anglers seeking Selection shall be fully paid up Members for at least 12 months continuous duration for consideration for team selection. Please note that Membership subscriptions are due for renewal by the 1st January each year. However, the Committee has relaxed this ruling and have extended this renewal date up to and including the day of the AGM for those seeking Selection. For newer Members the duration of continuous Membership will count up till the commencement of the event. Anglers, who have previously represented another Sections, must undertake a period of one year free of representing any Section to re-qualify for consideration.

e) When is a junior no longer a junior?

Answer: A junior will remain a junior until the age of eighteen. As such, the parent or guardian shall be responsible and liable for the junior's actions and safety at any EFSA event at all times until that age.

f) How do I start a new standing order for my Membership renewal?

Answer: Fill-in the Membership renewal/application form as you would normally but adding the words 'new standing order' and send it to me. Then fill-in the standing order form and take it to your own bank. Both forms are contained within the newsletter.

Just to conclude - all the above and more are contained within the English Section Constitution & Protocols and you should all have a copy. It is also on our website www.efsa-england.org.uk and available from me if required - not forgetting (as always) the stamped addressed envelope (A5 size).

ps There are still a few Annual Member stragglers who have not renewed this year so if you do not have your renewal card then please except this as your reminder.

England EFSA Stock

As always, stock is available by post (complete the form contained within the newsletter) or available at all EFSA England boat competitions. If you would like any stock item at the European Championships please inform me beforehand as space in the car will be limited.

Please do not forget that when ordering by post, you must enclose the correct postage cost, as most seem to forget postage is £2 per shirt/smock and £1 for all other items.

Gary Galbraith
Membership Registrar

EFSA Species Championship (Conger) Plymouth 29th/30th May 2009

On the evening of 28th May at The Royal Western Yacht club the registration and welcoming ceremony were held for the 2009 Species Championship. This gave competitors an opportunity to renew old friendships over a drink and to put forward any questions after the official opening ceremony so as to clarify rules and timetable for the 2 days fishing.

Day 1 and the 71 competitors from seven Sections mustered prompt at 0700 with expectations high of the possibility of hooking into that big-un. Weather was dry but with a stiff breeze from the East which meant wind over tide for most of the day. Boats headed for their favourite piece of rough ground as anchoring a wreck with these conditions was nigh impossible, though the last couple of hours with the turn of tide some boats did anchor a wreck. All boats found conger but not all anglers. Most eels were between 10 and 30 pound with the best of the day to Paul Hart with one of 70lb. Top anglers on the day joint on 100 fish points were our very own Andy Selby and Alexander Gusev from Russia.

Day 2 and the wind had increased to a 5+ so it was therefore declared to fish reef only. As the day before, the effects of wind and tide meant that the usually beneficial stern draw resulted in fishing under the boat for most of the day. Not that anyone had it easy as the boats were continually swinging on the anchor. I was fortunate to be on Sea Angler and Malcolm the skipper put us on a productive area of rock which saw 54 eels caught and released. This was the top boat on the day and overall top boat with 94 congers. Also glad to be on that that boat was Ray Barron who pulled up 13 eels for 100 points and won the day.

On the Saturday evening the presentation was held at The Royal Western Yacht club - a nice venue with good food - though a bit tight on space with the numbers attending. Despite this, everyone was in good humour and enjoyed themselves.

As for the results, the day 1 winners failed to add to their score which resulted in Ray Barron's 20 from day 1 plus 100 from day 2 put him as overall winner and gold pin.

2nd and silver pin was Takhir Ahyautdinov from Russia on 105 points and 15 fish, and 3rd and bronze pin was Mick Clarges of Ireland on 105 points and 12 fish. It was good to see the honours spread amongst different Sections.

International team winners were England A team of R.Barron, G.Galbraith, P.Hart, S.Clements, M.Smith.

A full list of results can be found on the EFSA England website

Individual Results of English Section Members

| Pos | Name | Points | No Eels |
|-------------------|------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 st | Ray Barron | 120 | 16 |
| 4 th | Andy Selby | 100 | 13 |
| =8 th | Mike Smith | 85 | 10 |
| 13 th | Steve Clements | 70 | 09 |
| =14 th | Andrew Smith | 70 | 08 |
| 16 th | Neil Barnes | 65 | 12 |
| 18 th | Paul Hart | 65 | 07 |
| 23 rd | Matt Osborne | 50 | 08 |
| =24 th | Ashley Currier | 50 | 07 |
| =24 th | Steph Baker | 50 | 07 |
| =29 th | Billy Trevarthen | 45 | 06 |
| 32 nd | Bobby King | 40 | 07 |
| =33 rd | Gary Galbraith | 40 | 06 |
| 37 th | Mike Toomer | 35 | 06 |
| 39 th | David Styles | 35 | 04 |
| =43 rd | Dave Clark | 25 | 04 |
| =43 rd | Martin Bobbett | 25 | 04 |
| =48 th | James Phillipson | 20 | 03 |
| =48 th | Kim Bowden | 20 | 03 |
| =53 rd | Bill Cann | 20 | 02 |
| =53 rd | Ken Smith | 20 | 02 |
| =57 th | Graham Latimer | 15 | 02 |
| =57 th | Neil Bryant | 15 | 02 |
| =57 th | Richard Russell | 15 | 02 |
| =60 th | Jeff Hunter | 10 | 02 |
| =63 rd | Neil Cottington | 05 | 01 |
| =63 rd | Malcolm Ruff | 05 | 01 |
| =63 rd | Tony Hudson | 05 | 01 |
| =66 th | Jim Whippy | 00 | 00 |
| =66 th | John O'Leary | 00 | 00 |
| =66 th | Robert Quinn | 00 | 00 |
| =66 th | Roger Whiting | 00 | 00 |
| =66 th | Darren Latimer | 00 | 00 |

English Boat Championship 2009 – Rhyl – 20/21st June

Registration took place at the Headquarters venue at the Sunnyvale Caravan Park.

Most of the 66 entrants from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Germany registered on the Friday evening, followed by socialising and catching up with friends not seen since the last competition.

Day 1 had to be cancelled due to the wind strength and direction but there were fish caught by the dozen or so for those who decided to change discipline and have a go off the shore. A wind farm was built offshore at Rhyl several years ago and about 8 miles down the coast, another wind farm is under construction. It occurred to me that the common theme here to power the turbines is wind. So I ask myself, should we be cautious in booking a venue with a wind farm nearby!

Day 2 and a change in the weather and we headed out for what had to become a one day comp instead of two. Seven boats put to sea for 7 1/2 hours fishing - a bit longer than usual due to the harbours drying out, so boats have limited state of tide for getting onto the jetty.

Most boats found some good size Tub Gurnards for which Rhyl is renowned, the best going to the rod of Dave Oliver with one of 55cm estimated over 5 lb. Dabs are the other prime species with several competitors getting their 10 and then some. Also making up the catches were Red and Grey Gurnard, Dogfish, Smoothhound, excessive amounts of small Whiting, Mackerel and double figure Bull Huss. A good days fishing was had by most with all regretting only fishing the one day.

When the points were worked out there were seven boat winners on 100% so it was necessary to use the count back. The top tw had the same 84 points, so first and second was decided by the number of fish caught – one having 50 and the other 43 fish - a close result.

The top three and pin winners were, 1st and Gold pin to Rolf Marshalek of England, 2nd and Silver pin to Paul Hutchinson of Ireland, with 3rd and Bronze pin going to Arran Smith of Wales.

Top Junior was Sam Short of England.

Report by Kim Bowden, Secretary

Full results available at www.efsa-england.com

2009 European Shore Championships Langeland, Denmark 7th -14th November

EFSA Germany is hosting the 2009 Shore Championship at Rudkobing, Langeland, Denmark, 7th to 14th November. In brief, the entry cost will be 250 Euro, which will

include worm bait, opening ceremony, gala dinner and a warm meal after each day's fishing.

The Championship will be fished over the three days Tuesday to Thursday, with Monday available for practice and presentation on Friday. All Anglers between the ages of 12 to 65 will require a fishing licence to fish in Danish waters. The costs are DKR 140 for a year and DKR 100 for a week. Exchange rate in June was 8.7 Danish Krone (DKK) to the pound.

I only have a couple of brochures so please view full brochure on-line. This will give details of fishing venues with likely fish, accommodation etc.

For information go to www.efsa.co.uk , under About EFSA, European Championship, 2009 Shore Championships - Langeland, Denmark 7th -14th November. For further information it would be best to contact Paull Curtice at PaullCurtice@aol.com. Paull is taking on Shore Festival duties whilst Brian Allum is unavailable. Failing this, contact me and I will see what I can do

Kim Bowden

English Shore Championship, Eastbourne 3rd-4th October

This competition will be held on the 3rd and 4th October 2009 on the beaches of Pevensey Bay and Eastbourne. It is hoped that Eastbourne SAA will provide facilities for prize giving on the second day.

Entries to be in by the 1st September 2009.

English Cod, Dover 12-13 December

Five boats have been booked and the usual arrangement with the Grand Burstin Hotel has been made.

Shore Championship of the British Isles and Ireland Dover breakwater, 6th – 8th August

This competition is being held at Dover on the 6th – 8th August 2009. Arrangements have been made with the Grand Burstin (many thanks Andy) to receive the generous discount

for participants who wish to stay there. I have negotiated that bait will be provided by Roy Skelton at Channel Angling for 2 days and Pete Owen of Folkestone 1 day. The breakwater has been booked with Dover SAA for the 3 days although we will not have exclusive use on the 3rd day. However, pegs will be set aside for our anglers.

Outline plan is:

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| Wednesday 5th August 2009 | Registration | 19:30 - 21:30 |
| Thursday | Fishing | 10:30 - 15:30 |
| Friday | Fishing | 10:30 –15:30 |
| Saturday | Fishing | 10:30 – 15:30 |
| Saturday | Presentation Dinner | 20:00 |

Boats each morning: 08:30 tbc
Bait: 08:15 tbc

Paull Curtice

Items for discussion at the 2010 AGM

All proposals or items for discussion for the 2010 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30th September 2009.

All proposals received shall be included in the Agenda under Special Business and the wording of the proposals shall be circulated prior to the AGM via the October Newsletter. This will enable all members to be aware of any received proposals and will therefore enable consideration whether to support or oppose any motions or amendments.

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:

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.

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.

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: _____

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 1st 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.