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DIARY

<u>2010</u>

3rd/5th September European Species Championship, Marina Albufeira,

Portugal.

3rd/7th November European Shore Championship – Pwllheli, North Wales.

27th/28th November English Cod Festival – Langstone.

<u> 2011</u>

15th January Annual General Meeting – Poole.

16th January Flounder Competition – Poole.

21st/22nd May English Boat Championships – Weymouth.

19th/23rd September European Line Class & Boat Championships – Weymouth.

TBA European Shore Championship – Valencia Island, Ireland.

29th Oct/1st Nov Species Championship – Langeland, Denmark.

5th/6th November English Cod Festival – Shearness.

<u>2012</u>

TBA European Line & Boat Championships – Tananger,

Norway.

The quest for a Shore Festival Officer continues.

It has been a while since the AGM, and the Committee is still devoid of a knowledgeable shore angler to represent the shore anglers and oversee the organisation of English Section shore events.

The Committee is not against shore events, it is just that the Committee currently comprises boat anglers who do not have the knowledge of shore venues and the vagaries of shore fishing.

If anyone would consider taking on this position, please contact any of the Committee to discuss - or just to find out a little more. You will not be expected to take on an event by yourself as, full assistance is given by members of the Committee where we can, and there are shore anglers within EFSA England willing to help at events.

Please someone step up to the mark, we do not want to see the shore anglers within EFSA England go the way of the dodo.

Kim Bowden

Annual General Meeting 2011

All proposals for the 2011 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30th September 2010.

All proposals received shall be included in the agenda under Special Business with the proposal details circulated prior to the AGM via the October Newsletter. All members will then be aware of any proposal and will have ample time in which to consider their response (if any) at the AGM.

Kim Bowden

FISH RECORDERS REPORT

We're now half way through yet another year, and once again some fine fish have been recorded. With the cold start to the year, the fishing was slow to get going, but with the recent indications of better weather let's hope we see a continuing improvement in catches.

From the Boats, Dave Lynes kicked off the year in fine style with an 82 lb 9 oz Eel from an inshore mark off Poole, whilst further offshore Kevin Williamson recorded a fine Blonde Ray of 31 lb 5 oz. Other notable fish include a 31 lb 9 oz Cod (Rob Quinn) and a 20 lb 8 oz Pollack (Mark Kitching). Dave Roberts, fishing in Jersey, has been in the action with a Bass of 9 lb 5 oz from the Shore followed by a 19 lb Turbot from the Boats. The only Boat species not recorded so far this year is a Boat Caught Bass. Remember, fish can be caught, weighed and released at sea to count for our trophies, provided there is an independent witness on board.

From the Shore, Noddy Coan has had a 7lb 11 oz Wrasse from Portland whilst Chris Wills of the Cornish Federation has beached a fine 13 lb 5 oz Small Eyed Ray. We still await our first shore caught Mullet of the year.

Overseas Fish of the Year contenders include a Plaice of 5 lb 10 oz caught by Colin Searles from Iceland, and a 140 lb Striped Marlin caught by Shaun Trinder off Mexico.

We are still awaiting entries for our Junior Fish of the Year Award.

A full list of leading fish to date is shown below and an updated list can always be found on the EFSA England web site.

Ray Ashby Fish Recorder

Species - Boat

Bass			
Black Bream	R.Ashby	Christchurch	3lb 14oz
Cod	R.Quinn	PM	31lb 9oz
Conger	D.Lynes	PM	82lb 9oz
Flounder	M.Watts	Cornish Fed	3lb 2oz
Plaice	M.Coles	Portland	4lb 8oz
Pollack	M.Kitching	Cornish Fed	20lb 8oz
Rays – Blonde	K.Williamson	PM	32lb 8oz
Smoothound	D.McCune	PM	19lb 11oz
Whiting	R.Pollard	Cornish Fed	3lb 14oz
Wrasse (Ballan)	N.Cottington	Bisley	3lb 8oz
Other - by percentag	ge		
Wrasse (Cuckoo)	R.Bates	Cornish Fed	2lb (160%)

Overseas Fish of the Year

Plaice	C.Searles (boat)	Iceland	5lb 10oz
Striped Marlin	S.Trinder	Mexico	140lb

Species - Shore

Bass	D.Roberts	PM	S	9lb 5oz
Black Bream	S.Jeffs	Christchurch	E	3lb 1oz
Cod	J.Hocking	Cornish Fed	A	31lb 9oz
Conger	M.Kaczmarek	Cornish Fed	A	30lb 14oz
Flounder	M.Pengelly	Cornish Fed	A	3lb 13oz
Plaice	L.Tonkin	Cornish Fed	A	1lb 4oz
Pollack	J.Hawke	Cornish Fed	A	8lb 0oz
Mullet (all by %)				
Smoothound	M.Cassell	West Wight	E	17lb 5oz
Whiting	M.Cassell	West Wight	E	2lb 1.3/4oz
Wrasse (Ballan)	N.Coan	Portland	E	7lb 11oz
Other - by percentag	re			
Small Eyed Ray	C.Wills	Cornish Fed	1311	5 5 oz (174.2%)

Standing Committee Meeting, Dalvik, Iceland. 8th May 2010

The General Secretary told the meeting to be aware of people saying they will attend a Championship and pay on arrival but then do not attend. Obviously, this presents budget issues and problems chasing outstanding money.

Chairman suggested within the next 2 to 3 years look to have brochures available on line only to save cost, which in turn will save cost of entry.

The Scottish Section said that after last year's event they sent pictures out to sponsors.

Post meeting, originally I felt sponsors would like to see a brochure, thinking again we could maybe offer to put a link to sponsors web site on our web site for a period of time.

The 2012 Boat and Line will be out of Tananger, Norway.

Section Ireland indicated they would like to hold the Boat and Line and Shore Championship in 2016 to coincide with a 50th anniversary of the Irish State.

2011 Species Langeland, Denmark, October 29th/November 1st.

Entry 250 Euro including bait and Gala dinner.

Drift fishing, no casting. 5 points per fish plus 1 point per cm, most points win.

Require a local fishing licence at cost of a few Euro's available locally.

Dispensations

- 1. No limit on number of fish
- 2. Fish for 5 hours.
- 3. Score on points (not percentage).

Close of entry 30th April 2011.

2010 Species Portugal, 3 baits, squid, cockle and shrimp. 20 boats, 5 anglers per boat maximum of 50 entries.

Shore 2010 Section Wales, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, November 3rd to 7th.

Shore 2011 Section Ireland, Island of Valencia sound.

2012 Game proposal for South Africa or Mexico. If you have any thoughts on this then let me know before next SC meeting.

Next SC meeting Saturday 16th April 2011 at Crawley.

Kim Bowden

EFSA European Boat and Line Championships 2010, Dalvik, Iceland

On Sunday 9th May the opening ceremony for the Championships took place with a parade of participating nations along the main road of Dalvik before the flag raising ceremony and official opening by EFSA Chairman Horst Schneider. There was then a reception at the Cultural Hall of Dalvik where the speeches were made, helped along with a welcoming drink to help keep people's attention (of note, the hall was funded by an Icelandic bank, so that is where your money went).

Back-tracking to Saturday. After the AGM, competitors and companions were divided in to four groups to be given a tour of Dalvik, stopping along the way at four houses by invitation of the owners to sample their fish soup. Each had a distinct theme and flavour that combined with the hospitality shown, made for a great evening and got the week off to wonderful start.

The Boat Championship got under way at 0700 on Monday with 11 boats leaving port with 134 hopeful anglers onboard. Some boats were divided with a "boat" on port side and another "boat" on the other. Anglers on these were only competing with anglers on their side. This gave a total of 18 "boats" so 18 boat winners per day. Fishing was varied with some boats finding the numbers of fish to fill the given boxes while others only managing a few fish. Principal fish caught were cod, haddock, coalfish, redfish, catfish, whiting and dab. Others to feature were plaice, tusk, scorpion fish and 1ling. At the end of the day it was a pleasure to get ashore and warm up away from the biting wind. When the points for the day were fed in top man of the 18 boat winners with 100% was our own Mark Smith on count-back with 225 points. Other English boat winners were Richard Russell and Barry Senior.

Day 2. Despite a sub zero start and a cold wind, the day improved with sun shining and wind dropping away. I should mention that it is bit of a no-win situation because of the almost non existent tide and all fishing is done on the drift. If there is no wind then the boats do not drift very far! Again some anglers came in with tales of non-stop fishing action whilst other boats were won with a couple of dozen fish.

At the end of the day, from 18 boat winners yesterday, today ended with only 3 double boat winners, but on a high percentage were 2 other of the English entry, and with 2 days to go it was still all to play for. Worthy of note, Mark Smith was one of the double boat winners so was currently still at the top of the results.

Day 3. Although it was a gloomy forecast, it turned out to be the warmest day so far. By now most boats had their favourite marks, saying that most of the boats were more used to taking people whale watching and several of those from the next fiord, so knowledge of fishing marks was limited. Again boat strategy was

different, one local boat concentrated on cod and so most on board got their 25 while others headed for the lighthouse at the north of the fiord where, depending on depth, there was a steady catch of the main species. At the end of the day there was just one of the Irish entries on the 300% max. So with Ray Barron's one boat win so far, but high percentages on the other days, it put him in the top 3 placings with a couple of the other English entries on high percentages. With one day of the Boat comp to go there were hopes of several of the English entries finishing high up.

Day 4. Just when we thought we had had the worst of the weather the day was fished with a stiff breeze and despite the 3 degrees at 0700 hours, gave a sub zero wind-chill. Again, the different boat strategy. Some headed for a bit of shelter, others pushed on to the north of the fjord. Back on shore, some were talking of their fantastic days fishing action and filling two of the fish boxes supplied to hold individual catches, other boat wins managing a 1/3 of a box. The one person on 300% from yesterday did not maintain his winning ways. So, with no-one on a perfect score, those that kept a high percentage each day came in to play. Top 3 for the Boat Championship were Scott Gibson of Scotland taking gold with 396.5%, Ray Barron of England taking silver on 395.95 % and Heiko Dreier of Ireland taking bronze with 392.41 %

Also worthy of mention in the Seniors section - in first place for the second year running was Jim Whippy, only just overtaking and so putting into second place Dave Clark. Jim at the presentation took exception when on the plaque was "Senior winner, over 65"! No need to state it he said.

The Line Class Championship was held on the Friday with all competitors using the same 12lb test Ande line. I know I have said it before but luck of the draw decided the positioning. The better boats found the coalfish to boost the winning points in the range of 400, compared with several of the boats being won with 100 points. After count back the Irish took gold with 423 points and bronze with 377 points, with Ken Smith of England taking silver with a score of 417 with 69 fish.

On arrival ashore there was a beer and nibbles to finish off the weeks fishing and a 5-man per section team tug-of-war challenge. England were prepared and stepped up to the mark, to be challenged by an Icelandic team, the English team under the professional guidance of Nigel Hearn soon won the bout. Possibly the rain had an effect, or was it the formidable display of the English but no other section came forward to challenge, so to add to fishing successes of the week the English section took the prize of a local cook book as tug-of-war champions! We may have to consider issuing a challenge at Weymouth next year?

Saturday and the presentation was held prior to the Gala dinner. Of note at the presentation outside of the top three, Colin Searles was 6th, Mark Smith 9th and Jim Whippy just outside the medal list in 16th place. Colin Searles picked up the Best Plaice and Best fish with a plaice of 2.23kg, which also happens to beat the existing Iceland record! Ken Smith, besides his Line success, got the award for most fish with 151. The England A team of Richard Russell, Colin Searles, Mike Smith, Ray Barron and Gary Gailbraith were top International team. Ireland B was 2nd with Ireland A 3rd.

Regrettably England B only managed 7th out of total of 16.

At the end of the presentation there was the official handover of the EFSA flag to the next Section to host the Boat and Line Championships. On behalf of the English section this was accepted by Kim Bowden. Well, I had to get my name in here somehow!

Whilst giving mentions it would be remiss of me not to mention Ray Barron, who, as our Chairman Neil Bryant was unable to make the Championships due to a shoulder injury, took charge of the daily team meetings where the individual's day scores were recorded and information on the boats and what was working to catch the various species was shared for the good of all England participants and teams.

The Gala dinner followed the presentation, with local fare. Whilst a bit strange to our palette, there were some very tasty dishes and plenty of it. Due to the Icelandic way of home spun entertainment the time between courses was extended by inviting sections to perform on the stage, whilst entertaining, despite an 8 o'clock start, sweet and coffee was not forthcoming till after midnight!

Your secretary did take the opportunity to pass out the remainder of the 2011 Boat and Line brochures that we had shipped over and there seemed a lot of interest so remember to get your entries in early. Brochures available or look on line at our website.

On summing up the Championship was a great success, helped along by the friendship of the host nation and the people of Dalvik. There is some fantastic fishing to be had here and even the best of the boats only touched on it. They hold a 2-day cod competition out of the Fjord where the winning weight last year each day was in the order of 800kg (that's 1 person) not a competition for the feint of heart or weak of arm!

For a complete list of results visit the EFSA Iceland website at www.efsa.is

English Section members Individual Placings

2nd Ray Barron 395.95% 6th Colin Searles 380.95%

9 th	Mark Smith	379.70%
16^{th}	Jim Whippy	372.95%
25^{th}	Gary Gailbraith	359.60%
27^{th}	Barry Senior	356.95%
28^{th}	Richard Russell	354.91%
47 th	Dave Clark	334.62%
58 th	Pete Bailey	325.97%
59 th	Kim Bowden	325.55%
60^{th}	Vernon Allen	323.85%
61 st	Ken Smith	320.72%
63 rd	Neil Cottington	320.28%
66 th	Nigel Hearn	319.16%
72 nd	Mike Smith	311.13%
75 th	Billy Cann	307.34%
120 th	David Styles	229.47% did not fish day 4
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Report by Kim Bowden

EFSA England Stock

If anyone requires white short-sleeved shirts with logo and name at £26 each, I will be placing an order on August 9th. This is primarily for those going to Portugal, but please take advantage if you would like one (or more) as they are a special order and it's much easier to buy them in bulk. Please send cheque for the correct amount made out to EFSA England, chest size, neck size and your sex before the aforementioned date to avoid disappointment.

I was very pleased at the amount of stock sold at Torquay. However, as a result I ran out of certain stock items due to the unprecedented demand. For those of you who were disappointed on the day, and anyone else requiring stock items, please fill in the form in the Newsletter and post to me with a cheque for the correct amount. I will post your items back by return.

Gary Galbraith

Shore Championship of Britain & Ireland - Valencia Island - 2010

Ireland were the hosts for this year's Championship. The English Section carried on their fantastic record of success when travelling to the Emerald Isle.

After a long and tiring journey, the English anglers gathered at the Royal Hotel on Valencia Island. Once the draw had taken place, old friends indulged in friendly banter and quaffed copious amounts of alcoholic beverages. A superb buffet was laid on by E.F.S.A Ireland, who proved to be fantastic hosts.

Day 1 - Due to high winds, the venue was changed from the floating marina, to a rock mark approximately 1 mile from the hotel. Many fish were landed, albeit from precarious areas of rock. The English achieved 3 zone wins and a 2nd place to lead by 5 points on the 1st day in the team category.

Day 2 - The venue for the 2nd day was Beginish Island. We all clambered aboard a 3 wheeled amphibian vehicle, of which we all agreed was a wonderful piece of machinery. On arriving on the uninhabited island (apart from the goats), the long trek to the fishing area began. The pegs were quite dangerous, causing some of the anglers to slip and fall. The fishing wasn't as good as the previous day and our lead supply was decimated. The English Section managed to secure a 1st, two 3rd places and a blank in the team category.

Day 3 - With the return to the first day's fishing mark, the English anglers knew they had to pull out all the stops in order to win the title for the 3rd year running. At the start of the day Wales were on 42 points, Ireland 41 points and England were on 40 points. Fishing on the third day was probably the most prolific with the England anglers registering three zone wins and one 2nd, to take the Gold medal position.

A special mention must go to English Section angler Dave Lovelock, who had zone wins on all 3 days and in doing so deservedly, became the 2010 SCBI Champion.

On a personal note I would like to thank all anglers present, for their warm words of condolence over my family's tragic loss, and for their assistance, advice and help given to my son Aston who was taking part in his first EFSA fishing event. This help came from anglers of all nations which shows exactly what EFSA stands for, a family with no barriers.

The English Section were represented by John Campbell, Dave Lovelock, Budge Booker, Reg Clough and Peter Campbell. A total of 6 English Section anglers made the journey to Ireland.

A special mention must also go to all the staff at the Royal Hotel, the food was 1st class and the service was impeccable.

John Campbell.

English Boat Championship Torquay 3rd & 4th July 2010

Day 1

Expectations ran high for the days wreck fishing as reports of 80 cod in a day, large Pollack, conger and a chance of a Ling or two, had been received from various sources. We all assembled in the harbour eagerly waiting to head off into the sunshine on a flat calm sea. The boats set sail "almost" on time. After a brief spell catching some fresh Mackerel, the boats headed off to their chosen wrecks, with one travelling some 28 miles, and with the other boats heading off in different directions, plenty of sea would be covered.

Both EFSA and the local skippers learnt a lot at this venue. As opposed to their normal Channel Island & mid channel drift fishing over the wrecks & reefs, the venue this time was the inshore wrecks and reefs. It seems that most of the fishing around this area is on the drift, this became apparent with one skipper retrieving his anchor from the storage hold (I'm sure the bar code was still intact) that said they put us on the marks to allow us to catch fish as you can see by the total amount of fish caught.

Halfway results

1st C.Newbold 2nd R.Russell 3rd K.Bowden 4th J.Whippy 5th A.Selby

Day 2

Today's plan was to fish the inshore reef/bank. Some plans never seem to be followed as our 1st drift was over a small wreck wedged in between a rocky pinnacle and an area of rough ground. Still, the fish were obliging to some anglers. We then moved to a rough ground mark where Jerry Knight caught what Ray thought was a brand new species - the silver whiting., They then discussed the existence of the blue whiting. After hours of trawling the internet I can confirm that both species do exist;

Menticirrhus Littoralis is the silver whiting, unless you are in Australia where the Sillago Bassensis is the silver or school whiting, Micromesistius Poutassau is the blue whiting - do not confuse these with the fish that was actually caught which I believe is the Merlangius Merlangius or English whiting. Hope that clarifies this matter!

Best entertainment of the day was witnessing Ray retrieving the anchor by hand. Just goes to show that all that bait gathering & manual labour has improved his fitness. It was worth sacrificing my penguin for! The Sea Gods obviously approved as he won the boat by one point!

Fish caught

Just as a matter of interest, this is the list of all fish caught over the two days.

Dogfish	65
Pout	751
Pollack	324
Grey gurnard	22
Tub	1
Red	60
Mack	786
Scad	13
Whiting	408
Ballan wrasse	43
Cuckoo	9
Unclassified	6
Conger	51
Dab	1
Bass	2
Black bream	2
Cod	2

Total caught 2546

Overall Individual Results

1 st	R.Russell	200 %	26^{th}	V.Allen	150.52%
2^{nd}	A.Selby	200 %	27^{th}	R.Shattock	148.21%
3^{rd}	•	.27 %	28 th K.C		.08%
4^{th}	C.Newbold	194.64%	29^{th}	B.Senior	143.94%
5 th	R.Marschalek	194.29%	30^{th}	A.Smith	142.07%
6^{th}	B.King	192.97%	31 st	G.Latimer	138.59%
7^{th}	R.Barron	192.86%	32^{nd}	R.Shipway	138.57%
8 th	D.Mann	180.65%	33 rd	D.Lynes	138.55%
9 th	A.Currier	178.37%	34 th	R.Evans	136.26%
10^{th}	P.Dack	175.27%	35 th	B.Cann	134.52%
11 th	P.Bailey	172.16%	36 th	D.Clark	132.21%
12 th	C.Searles	171.53%	37 th	S.Baker	131.12%
13 th	D.Oliver	169.74%	38 th	J.Bond	129.95%
14 th	G.Galbraith	169.64%	39 th	J.Knight	126.6%
15^{th}	J.Whippy	169.49%	$40^{ m th}$	R.Quinn	124.76%
16 th	P.Hart	168.69%	41 st	M.Smith	118.53%
17^{th}	K.Sampson	166.64%	42 nd	I.Mclean	116.07%
18 th	K.Bowden	164.41%	43 rd	M.Bobbett	110.12%
19 th	T.Carrolan	164.04%	44 th	D.Latimer	100.28%
20^{th}	N.Bryant	157.79%	45 th	M.Claridge	99.48%
21^{st}	G.Croft	155.41%	46^{th}	R.Troy	80.62%
22^{nd}	M.Ruff	154%	47 th	K.Scaggs	66.67%
23 rd	K.Smith	151.43%	48 th	S.Drew	45.71%
24 th	M.Osborne	151.36%	49 th	D.Styles	35.48%
25 th	M.Wuest	151.14%	50 th	J.Philipson	14.18%

Life Members

 1^{st} R.Russell 2^{nd} A.Selby 3^{rd} R.Marschalek

Two Man Open

1st C.Newbold & D.Mann

2nd P.Dack & B.King

3rd R.Russell & K.Smith

Four Man Open

1st N.Bryant, R.Barron, P.Dack & B.King

2nd C.Newbold, D.Mann, R.Shattock & C.Searles

3rd R.Russell, R.Marschalek, K.Smith & B.Senior

Four Man Executive

1 st P.Bailey, M.Patten, R.Marschalek & M.	M Claridge

2nd R.Evans, M.Ruff, B.King & G.Galbraith 3rd C.Searles, A.Smith, D.Oliver & T.Carrolan

Top Overseas Angler

1st T.Carrolan 2nd M.Wuest 3rd R.Shipway

Top boat

Rose Ann skippered by Mike Baker with an average of 53.21 points per angler.

Presentation

Entry fee = £141

Travel costs = £80

Accommodation = £90

Food = £42

Drinks = £100

Bait = £45

Best ever Chinese = £40

Watching Andy Selby collect the silver pin after 20+ years as a member = priceless!

Cod Festival Langstone 27th 28th November 2010

This year we return once again to Langstone for our Cod Festival to try and land one of them legendary Channel Cod which appear around the Isle of Wight at this time of year. The past few years has yielded far more cod than previous years.

We will be using the Langstone hotel as our H.Q in which we have organised favourable rates with for our members for 2 and 3 night packages. Full booking details will be sent with your confirmation of entry.

Again places are limited so get your entry booking in Early.

Both Downtiding and Uptiding work here with large squid baits downtiding being the favourable method.

European Championships Weymouth 2011

We have agreed a great package with the Riviera Hotel who are totally refurbishing the complex and have offered us an exceptional package.

The whole hotel is booked out to us with many facilities and events happening over the week.

Please stay there we want it to be the best event ever and make it certainly one to remember.

There will be transport laid on from the hotel daily, with coaches for the anglers and vans for the tackle. There will also be storage containers on the quay.

There are limited harbour Side parking permits but these will only be issued to members staying at the HQ hotel who are taking groups down.

Should you want a brochure please email Andy Selby at wac@deepsea.co.uk who will post one on to you.

The VMI Skreifiske World Cod Championships Lofoten

For those of you that used to fish the Winter Cod Championships in Sweden (Not now going due to Cod Ban) the VMI Championship is getting great revues.

The VMI Skreifiske is held yearly in the Lofoten Islands Norway where the big Arctic Cod come down to at this time of year. In 2010 there were 541 anglers fishing the event which produced many huge fish.

The event in 2011 is on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March which we are planning to attend (with help from our English Member living in the resort Nigel Hearn).

Anticipated costs are around £250 flights, £200 entry and hotel costs about £50 per night.

You can see more if you tap in VME Skeifiske on the web.

Those of you interested please let me know ASAP and we will try and get some group rates together.

Andy Selby

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