

## DIARY

### 2011

- January 15<sup>th</sup> EFSA England AGM – Arndale Court Hotel, Poole.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> Flounder Competition, Poole.
- May 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> English Boat Championship - Weymouth
- September 19<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> European Boat & Line Class Championships – Weymouth.
- TBA European Shore Championship – Valencia Island, Ireland.
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup>/Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Species Championship – Langeland, Denmark.

### 2012

- TBA European Boat & Line Class Championships – Tananger, Norway.

**Annual General Meeting of the EFSA English Section**  
**To be held at The Arndale Court Hotel, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset**

**Saturday 15th January 2011 at 11.00hrs.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2010.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.**
  - a) Chairman; N. Bryant.
  - b) Vice-Chairman; D. Styles
  - c) Secretary; K. Bowden.
  - d) Treasurer; P. Hart.
  - e) Membership Registrar; G.Galbraith.
  - f) Fish Recorder; R. Ashby
  - g) Public Relations Officer; J. Whippy.
  - h) Boat Festival Officer; A. Selby.
  - i) Shore Festival Officer;
  - j) Press Officer; M Bobbett
  - k) Social Secretary. M. Osborne
  - l) Competitions Coordinator; R. Barron.
  - m) Standing Committee Delegate K. Bowden.

## **5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2010.**

- a) Flounder Competition – Poole
- b) English Cod Festival – Dover
- c) English Shore Championship –
- d) English Boat Championship – Minehead
- e) European Species Championship – Portugal
- f) European Shore Championship –
- g) European Boat and Line Class Championships – Iceland
- h) Shore Championship of the Britain and Ireland –
- i) Game –

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

- a. Treasurer.                    3 year term    Nominee -    P. Hart
- b. Press Officer                3 year term    Nominee -    M. Bobbett
- c. Social Secretary            2 year term    Nominee -    M. Osborne
- b. Membership Registrar    3 year term    Nominee -    G. Gailbraith
- e. Competition Co-ordinator 3 year term    Nominee -    R. Barron

## **7. Election of Honorary Auditor.**

1 yr term - Nominee/s            Mr J. Knight

**8. Events for 2011.**

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

**9. Special Business.**

None notified

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

**11. Annual General Meeting 2012.**

## **FISH RECORDERS REPORT**

As we close in on yet another year it is good to report that we have had entries for all categories from both Boat and Shore and some notable catches among them once again.

From the Boats, Dave Lynes is in the running for two awards with a Bass of 11 lb 1 oz and a Conger of 82 lb 9 oz, whilst from the Shore the Cornish Federation have once again registered some fine specimens to keep up their impressive record in recent years.

The Overseas Fish of the Year is currently a two horse race between Colin Searle's 5 lb 10 oz Plaice (Iceland - the place not the shop !) and Shaun Trinder's 40 lb Striped Marlin (Mexico).

The current leader of the Junior Fish of the Year is Will Richards (Cornish Fed) with a Dab of 15 oz whilst Dave Lynes leads the way for the Conger Club Tankard with an Eel of 82 lb 9 oz.

For this years' awards entries will be accepted up to 31<sup>st</sup> October (forms to me by 15<sup>th</sup> November). Fish recorded for November and December will roll over into the 2011 awards.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on my return from Christmas in OZ. Have a good one.

The current list of Boat and Shore Best Fish Awards to date are as follows.

Ray Ashby  
Fish Recorder

**SPECIES BOAT**

BASS	D Lynes	PM	11 lb 1 oz
BLACK BREAM	D McCune	PM	3 lb 15 oz
COD	R Quinn	PM	31 lb 9 oz
CONGER	D Lynes	PM	82lb 9oz
FLOUNDER	M Watts	CornishFd	3lb 2oz
PLAICE	K Bowden	PM	5 lb 12 oz
POLLACK	M Kitching	CornishFd	20lb 8oz
RAYS - Blonde	K Williamson	PM	32lb 8oz
SMOOTHOUND	B Pollard	CornishFd	24 lb 4 oz
WHITING	R Pollard	CornishFd	4 lb
WRASSE - Ballan	A Weeding	Portland	4 lb 10 oz
OTHER (by %)			
Wrasse - Cuckoo	R Bates	CornishFd	2lb (160%)

**SPECIES SHORE**

BASS	D Roberts	PM	S	9 lb 5 oz
BLACK BREAM	S Jeffs	Xchurch	E	3 lb 1 oz
COD	J Hocking	CornishFd	A	4lb 8oz
CONGER	M Kaczmarek	CornishFd	A	30lb 14oz
FLOUNDER	M Pengelly	CornishFd	A	3lb 13oz
PLAICE	P Bate	CornishFd	A	1 lb 9 oz
POLLACK	J Hawke	CornishFd	A	8lb
MULLET (all-by%)	E Shliffke	Cornish Fed		5 lb 6 oz
SMOOTHOUND	M Cassell	W/Wight	E	17 lb 5 oz
WHITING	M Cassell	W/Wight	E	2lb 1 3/4oz
WRASSE - Ballan	N Coan	Portland	E	7lb 11oz
OTHER (by%)				
Small Eyed Ray	C Wills	CornishFd	A	13lb 5oz

## EFSA Species Championships Portugal 4/5<sup>th</sup> September

Well what can be said about Portugal? 30+ degrees, blue skies, sunshine with a few fish thrown in, certainly made a change from grey skies, rain and wind!

As I was the first of the 25 English anglers to arrive, I was tasked with sussing out the local Materials de Pesca (tackle shop to most of us) how to buy a licence, is it cold at night, what tackle will be required, how much lead to bring, do we need waterproofs, etc, etc. EFSA must owe me a fortune for texts (only kidding)

So there I was, first day of our family holiday walking for 40 minutes in the blazing sun, to check out the local tackle dealer, only to find out that he had gone on holiday and closed the shop! Can't understand why people take holidays. By the time I arrived back at the hotel it was lunchtime - bet you can guess what was on the menu.

Thought I'd take the opportunity to introduce my son to boat fishing (might bring him and his sister to future events just to annoy Ray). What a fantastic entrance to the marina, any one with young kids would have thought Balamory! I'm sure my six year old daughter chose the colour scheme, it's certainly a talking point amongst the locals. Whilst on the boat I gained a fair bit of information on how to catch bream, this was all relayed back to England.

The tackle shop eventually opened Bank Holiday Monday. A quick trip there turned into two hours discussing tack ticks, terminal tackle, line diameters, etc, all through a helpful translator who only popped in to buy a new rod for the beach! The owner was very helpful, he sold me the most expensive lines, hooks, beads ... all used by Portugal and purchased by the Italians, I'm sure he has now booked another holiday just on the proceeds made on his entire stock of Gamakatsu hooks, purchased by one intrepid English angler.

The other English competitors, family & partners arrived in droves, I'm sure we could have fielded an A, B, C, D and possibly an E team. The first practice day was arranged for the Thursday prior to the competition and that 6 am morning call was quite a shock to the system after all that food, drink & late nights! Eleven bleary eyed anglers assembled at the quayside, most of whom had their passports with them, as advised by myself the day before (guess who forgot their own?) The bait was shared out and off we went to catch some bream. Chairman Neil was in top form, singing and reciting poetry throughout the day (what would we do without him) We also played musical chairs, every time Neil stopped singing we all moved round 4 places, this is quite a task and I'm sure great practice for the world team members on board, by the third time we almost had it sussed (almost) Good luck in Montenegro lads.

We did catch bream amongst the pink things, red things with spikes, bogeys, garfish, silver things & horse mackerel, most of which are apparently no good in the competition but very good for the skipper's BBQ. The information gained from the day was relayed to the next 12 hopeful holidaymakers who would have their practice the next day.

Throughout the day various flashes of silver could be seen under & behind the boat, Gary Galbraith exclaimed "what the f...lip was that" as a large shape turned under the boat.

Only minutes later there was a shout of Shhhaark!! As a large fin could be seen around 30-40yards behind the boat, turned out to be a Hammerhead picking up the various tit bits thrown overboard.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Match day**

The alarm call was 5am for most competitors, I'm sure this was supposed to be a holiday! The anglers arrived in mini buses, coaches, taxis, etc. Whilst we queued up for our breakfast the boat stewards introduced themselves & explained where to meet. Most people put their hi-viz vests on, this enabled the stewards to find the anglers who would compete on their boat.

For those of you who did not attend, the Portuguese had adopted a two boats in one system, for all the boats that were large enough to take 10 anglers you only competed against the anglers on your side, the 5 man boats fished as normal. Not sure if this system is good, bad or ugly. The fishing was pretty much the same as the practice days, with many species being caught, those Dorado are like Mackerel on red bull!

The Portuguese stormed into an early lead, in all categories, they secured 7 out of the top ten positions with Victor Ferreira of Portugal B taking the top spot.

Top Englishman was Neil Bryant in 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by Martin Bobbett in 19<sup>th</sup>, Mike Smith & Paul Hart came in 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Eleven English anglers finished in the top 50.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Match Day**

Another 5am alarm call! Same brief as Saturday, England fared slightly better than day one, with twelve anglers inside the top 50.

This time Jose Fabian of Portugal A took top spot, top Englishman was Martin Bobbett in 9<sup>th</sup> place, closely followed by his two man team partner Ash Currier in 10<sup>th</sup>, Gary Galbraith came in at 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Portuguese somehow managed to take top honours in the individual, 2 man, 3 man, 4 man, life member (strange how there A team had the same names as the top 4 man team) they could not secure the senior prize though, this went to our very own Jim Whippy.

Not sure if being a charter skipper and fishing on your own boat had anything to do with the result but, the top 3 places went to owner/anglers. Not to take anything away from the Portuguese as they managed to get 400% in both their A & B teams. Let's see if they can repeat this in Weymouth next year.

As stated previously, Portugal A came in 1<sup>st</sup>, Portugal B 2<sup>nd</sup> with England B taking the bronze medal, a big well done to Ash, Paul, Cliff, Kim & Martin.

### **English Section Positions**

12<sup>th</sup> Martin Bobbett 200%

18th Paul Hart 179.79%  
20th Neil Bryant 167.15%  
24<sup>th</sup> Gary Galbraith 161.56%  
30<sup>th</sup> Cliff Newbold 151.80%  
31<sup>st</sup> Ash Currier 150.56%  
32<sup>nd</sup> Ray Evans 150.21%  
37<sup>th</sup> Rob Quinn 141.40%  
41<sup>nd</sup> Mike Smith 134.43%  
43<sup>rd</sup> Kim Bowden 129.73%  
51<sup>st</sup> Peter Bailey 120.31%  
54<sup>th</sup> Jim Pressley 114.79%  
57<sup>th</sup> Jim Whippy 108.58%  
58<sup>th</sup> Jerry Knight 108.56%  
60<sup>th</sup> Dave Clark 105.18%  
61<sup>st</sup> Richard Russell 103.90%  
62<sup>nd</sup> Barry Senior 100.54%  
64<sup>th</sup> Andrew Smith 97.98%  
67<sup>th</sup> Ray Barron 93.80%  
68<sup>th</sup> Arthur White 92.18%  
69<sup>th</sup> Nigel Hearn 91.45%  
73<sup>rd</sup> Matt Osborne 83.73%  
83<sup>rd</sup> Helen Verral 65.50%  
88<sup>th</sup> David Styles 60.43%  
90<sup>th</sup> Billy Cann 55.79%

### **Prize Presentations**

This report would not be complete without a mention of the prize giving entertainment, the Brazilian dancers could not match up to the entertainment provided by Ray, Nigel, Matt and especially Pete Bailey, apologies if I missed anyone from this list but I had tears of laughter in my eyes at the time, please keep an eye out for the photo's that I'm sure will surface on the new EFSA England web site.

## **Valencia Island – Ireland**

Ireland were the hosts for this year's Championship. The English Section carried on their fantastic record of success when traveling 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**

**AGM / FLOUNDER POOLE 15' & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

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

Some of our members expressed a concern on the food in the past but please remember you are paying around £15 for a 3 course meal inc coffee and all the guests I spoke to last year thought it was great value for money and enjoyed the meal that was served.

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

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

On the Sunday we will be having our annual Flounder Bash were we are expecting Bobby King to start fishing and blanking again.

A slight change this year the boat event will be 2 hook and beach event 3 hooks. Again we ask to get your boat entries in early as there are limited places. This year we have great tides for both the boat and beach anglers, early indications are there are plenty of flounders coming from the harbour.

The Arndale can be booked on 01202 683746 .

## **English Boat Championship Weymouth 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010**

Next year we make a welcome return to Weymouth for our annual Boat Championship. This will be great practice for the European Championship which is at Weymouth later in the year.

The event will be a two-hook competition with the bait being supplied as the Europeans. i.e. ½ lb Ragworm, 1lb Squid, 1lb Mackerel.

Those of you that fish Weymouth know that there are many species to be caught at this time of year especially the big plaice and bream on the mussel beds.

Places are limited so please get your entries in early to avoid disappointment as there are no spare boats available.

We were hoping to use the Riviera as our HQ but this is closed for total refurbishment and will not open until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 but there are many B&Bs adjacent to the harbour. Should you require a practice boat, tackle, advice or hotel details, please phone Weymouth Angling Centre on 01305 777771.

**Please enter before close of Entry as we cannot hold boats back.**

## **EFSA Sweden HFK LUPUS Summer Cod Festival Helsingborg 1st-2nd July 2011**

This year's Cod Festival will take place on the above dates. Those of you who have not been before and wish to experience the Swedish hospitality and some great fishing - this is the place.

If you like pirking this is the place to be and with the winter ban on cod fishing, there should hopefully be a greater number of fish available.

We are looking to fly out from Heathrow on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June around 10am and return Heathrow on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July around 18.00. This is with B.A who have much better weight allowance and no hidden charges - the return cost is around £110. If we get enough numbers we can get a group discount and additional benefits so if you want to go, please call Charlotte on 07973 176247 who will co-ordinate the flights.

Special rates have also been agreed for the competition anglers with the Marina Plaza hotel. (Book online and mention lupus cod festival)

This year several of us are going a day early to have a practise on Thomas's Boat Vandia. We are not printing an entry form this year can anyone wishing to go please call Charlotte on 07973 176247 and she will liaise with the Swedes and book you in. Also, please let her know if you want to fish the practice day. The competition cost is about £100 and the practice day about £40 payable in Kroner when you get there.

### **European Championship Weymouth Sept 2011**

Some anglers have been asking about transport for the event and I can confirm that there will be daily coaches/minibuses running from the HQ to the Boat Departure/Return point, along with vehicles to take your tackle.

As you are probably aware, Weymouth is preparing for the Olympics and parking is very restricted and at a premium, so it's much easier to stay at the HQ and have everything laid on for you.