

DIARY

2011

- April 28th/ European Shore Championship, Wexford, Ireland.
Closing date for entries 25th February.
- May 21st/22nd English Boat Championship – Weymouth.
- July 1st/ Lupus Cod, Helsingborg, Sweden.
- September 19th/23rd European Boat & Line Class Championships – Weymouth.
- Oct 29th/Nov 1st Species Championship – Langeland, Denmark.
- November 5th/6th English Cod Championship, Sheerness, Kent.

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

***Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at
The Arndale Court Hotel, Wimbourne Road, Poole.
On Saturday 15th January 2011***

Present:

Mr N.Bryant	-	Chairman
Mr P.Peck	-	President
Mr K.Bowden	-	Secretary
Mr D.Styles	-	Vice-Chairman
Mr P.Hart	-	Treasurer
Mr G.Galbraith	-	Registrar
Mr A.Selby	-	Boat Festival Officer
Mr J.Whippy	-	Public Relations Officer
Mr R.Ashby	-	Fish Recorder
Mr M.Bobbett	-	Acting Press Officer
Mr M.Osborne	-	Acting Social secretary

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

N.Rush	A.White	A.Sindrey	A.Pye	E.Brown	G.Thompson
R.Barron	P.Bailey	M.Wuest	I.McLean	N.Cottingham	E.Walker
B.King	T.Worthy	S.Trinder	S.Riley	N.Hearn	B.Senior
P.Milkins	P.Badger	R.Clough	J.Peach	D.Lovelock	C.Searles
D.Oliver	C.Lavis	S.Spencer			

A total of 30 members were present.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2010:

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by K.Scaggs, seconded by A.Smith and accepted unanimously. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Executive Officer's Reports:

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

Well, here we are again at another AGM of EFSA England and I often wonder how it appears to come round so quick, must be getting older I suppose. However, at the beginning of every year I feel there is plenty of time to prepare for events and the year

starts and before you know it, it's over. The past year has been no different and I have enjoyed every event I participated in and I do hope you all enjoyed them as well.

May I firstly thank all the recipients of our Annual Fish of The Year Awards for being here in person to collect their trophies, welcome and I do thank you and your clubs for supporting us as you do.

The Section's boat events went very well and we went to the new venue of Torquay for the English Boat Championships and Richard Russell continued his winning streak by becoming Champion. I think we should all retire and spend more time fishing then we can all be as good as Richard - well we can dream. The annual Cod Festival from Langstone was disappointingly supported but for those that entered it was a success I feel, albeit in difficult weather conditions, but Kim showed us the way and was a worthy winner. I know our Festival Officer and the Committee have some ideas about this event and the format for the future so I will let Andy inform you about that in his report.

In other domestic events we had the Poole Flounder that was won by a true flounder expert and a winner on previous occasions, Paul Rivers. Our Shore Championships and Shore Species Festival were not held this year because we did not have anyone to organise them through the Committee. This is very disappointing and unfortunately we will not be able to organise any until such time as the Committee post is filled. That said, some of our members represented the Section at the European Shore Championships in Wales and the Shore Championships of the British Isles in Ireland and Dave Lovelock was a worthy Individual Champion. I would also thank John Campbell and Paul Curtice for their reports on the events. In the European Boat Championships in Iceland Ray Barron was a creditable runner up and in the European Species in Portugal we had a fantastic contingent from the Section - it was a super event.

This year we are hosting the European Boat and Line Championships in Weymouth so the Committee are all preparing themselves for the busy time ahead but we are confident it will be a great success for the Section and I do hope you will try to make this your premier event of the year. We have also the English Boat Championships from Weymouth and our Cod Festival from the Thames estuary.

This year the Committee grew when Martin and Matt joined and they have both become key players and have taken on their responsibilities with diligence. I thank them for all their support, as it is evident that they have indeed relieved the pressure on the rest of us. To Andy Selby I can only say a big thank you on behalf of the membership for everything you do and we as a Section are lucky to have him around.... forever! In fact I could go through every Committee member individually to say what a great job they do but I won't other than to say a big thank you to you all for everything you do for the Section. You are a great team and it is a pleasure working alongside you all and I do believe that we should all thank you for your diligent work on the membership's behalf.

That said, I must take a moment to say a special thank you to David Styles who has been on the Committee for a great number of years. He has held the office of Secretary and more recently as our Vice Chairman. Over many years he has taken control of our website that has become one of our most important communication points and I must thank David

for his continued support and dedication to the development. I will let David tell you about his future plans in his report and all I can say is we are so lucky to have you around.

There is another person I should thank and that is Tony Hudson, who still looks after the Newsletter content and production plus he also continues to do the AGM minutes so as to relieve the pressure on the rest of us, Tony we thank you and I assure you that your support is appreciated.

Whilst touching on the Newsletter, I wonder if it is required in its present format as all of the information is indeed available from the website. We could continue with its production as a "newsletter" without printing it and when it has been compiled emailed to those that are on email with a smaller information sheet being sent to those that are not on line. This would save a considerable amount of expense to the Section so I feel that the Committee will be looking into this over the next year and see if there is a more cost efficient way of keeping everyone informed of the Section's business.

In closing I would like to thank you all for attending the AGM and also for the support you have given to EFSA in attending our events and European events. The coming year will be another very busy one for all of us and I do hope you all enjoy those events that you can attend. I would also add once again how much we need to see a volunteer to come forward to take on the position of Shore Festival Officer so that we can indeed programme in shore events for those members who participate in this discipline.

On behalf of all of the Committee I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year and hope to see many of you at future events.

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

Thank you everyone for your positive feedback on the new website, it really has moved us forward. All articles and information are generally uploaded within 1-2 days of receipt so constant monitoring of your website will keep you up to date with everything that is happening. I do though have a request; if you receive any information by whatever means please pass it on to me. There have been instances this past year where our anglers have received info about forthcoming events and our Secretary has not, this is particularly the case with Shore events. Now we need to keep on top of things regarding articles and photos etc from events attended, Martin did a great job in that respect for Portugal, Kim with Iceland, Paull, Wales and John with Ireland. Ray continues his good work with the fish of the year submissions so members are instantly aware of just what is needed and any categories still to be populated. The standard of fish we see recorded now is in my opinion far better than the old format. Perhaps with a little persuasion we could see some photos of the fish that really would liven up the page? Remember smiling is not banned - you should be joyful when you snare a good fish!

The information document Neil produced for Portugal was spot on and saved anglers a great deal of time and effort in focusing their efforts. Nice to see the Section supporting the membership in such a manner, just like our halcyon days. Matt has taken up the mantle

of covering this side of things for future boat events although we still have no input from our Shore anglers albeit they generally just get on and do things amongst themselves.

Weymouth and the European Boat and Line Class Championships are the big event for 2011 and the Organising Committee has been working hard to produce a really first class event. We really need lots of entries so the Section can benefit from all the work put in. Profits from this event generally keep us going for 4-5 years.

All in, apart from the Shore side of things, the Section appears to be in good shape with members appreciative of what the Section has to offer. Come on folks lets have a shore angler who can provide the level of support that our Boat and Game anglers receive and step forward to fill the breach. As it is at present, there are no English Section events or International events being organised until this is resolved. It hurts to report that a Section the size of England cannot muster the support infrastructure that our Shore anglers require.

In closing I wish to report that next year I am due for re-election and after serving in different capacities on your Committee, I feel it is time to call a halt and move on. It is increasingly difficult with my responsibilities to Headquarters to be seen as impartial to all Sections and I believe this will be of benefit to both myself and Section England. I have enjoyed my time immensely but wish to give my colleagues on the Committee plenty of notice to formulate a working protocol that does not include me. Thank you for all your support over the years.

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

Well another year has gone by at a pace and our thoughts now turn to preparation for another full year of EFSA events, which I hope many of you will be supporting. 2010 saw us fishing in the cool of Iceland and the warm sun of Portugal, both good events in their own way, full reports on these and other events to be found online and in your Newsletter.

For me, the last year was taken up with the entries and practice boats for the two events mentioned previously and I believe all went as planned. This is a good place to mention the correct filling in of entry forms to include mobile numbers and Email addresses. Without these it would have been harder to keep people informed with up to date information on the events. It is also the intention to use Email when possible for confirmation of entry as well. We will still use ye olde postal system for those that wish it but, as with Portugal, it would not have been practical to send post each time there was something to make participants aware of.

Besides the work within the Committee of EFSA England other duties have been the routine mail between other sections and HQ. There is a lot that goes into the successful running of your Section, and it is the work that goes on unseen that may not be fully realised or appreciated. Should you feel something could be done differently, or if you have any views on the Section, then please speak up, as it is only from feedback that we can go forward.

It would be remiss of me not to mention that we still require a member who is willing to represent the shore anglers on the Committee. Until we get someone, please keep me informed of what is going on with shore events so that if asked, I am aware and can circulate information to interested members.

As always, I endeavour to do my best for the Section - it just sometimes take longer than others due to other commitments! That just leaves me to wish you all tight lines for 2011, and let us all look forward to a good social and fishy year.

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

It has been a positive year for the finances of the English Section with membership numbers increasing and subscription income up slightly. Although there was an overall deficit of £587, there were good surpluses from Dover in December, Torquay in July and the usual modest return from the Poole Flounder event with the financial results in the budgeted, anticipated range. This year we will be hosting the European Championships out of Weymouth that usually provides a surplus that covers our expenditure deficits for several years following the event, allowing subscriptions to remain unchanged.

The other loss of regular income is a further reduction in interest from investments that now amounts to just £19 for the year compared to £1,000 in 2008. Despite this low return, your Committee has continued to run a very efficient Section during the year and will continue to do so to avoid any subscription increases for the foreseeable future.

Although there are no donations to the RNLI in the accounts for the second year in a row, these represent 10% of raffle surpluses and continue to be accrued in the Rick Norman fund as detailed in the Balance Sheet. This balance will be paid at the next event where a member of the RNLI is in attendance, hopefully one of the Weymouth events.

The other major item of interest on the Balance Sheet is the payment on account totalling £6025 for Weymouth in September. This represents the costs of the brochure and the deposit for the headquarters hotel, The Riviera, discount packages for which are detailed in the brochure for those attending our premier event.

Despite the overall gloom in the economy, our Section continues to grow in both size and support with a large contingent travelling to both Iceland and especially Portugal for the Species (Bream) event. We anticipate Weymouth this year will be very well supported so as we move into a new decade we have reason to be optimistic for the financial future of the Section. Let's just hope the fishing exceeds our expectations and the weather stays fair.

Accounts and Balance Sheets issued under separate cover.

Mr Hart then gave a brief explanation of the accounts and stated that it was not the intention of the Committee to increase the subscriptions in the near future, nor to increase our overall bank balance. He stated that the current deficits were well within range and were not a problem as these were covered from income generated from European Championships when held in England.

Approval of the Accounts was proposed by A.Courier, seconded by K.Scaggs and accepted unanimously.

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

I was expecting to have to report this year that the current economic climate has had a detrimental effect on membership numbers. However, I am pleased to report that this is not the case with the annual membership increasing over the last year from 110 to 120 with Life members and Affiliated Clubs remaining the same.

Life members 78 Annual Members 120 Affiliated Clubs 09

Please ensure, if you have not done so already, that you renew your membership as soon as possible as you are now overdue and as always, don't forget the stamped addressed envelope.

England EFSA Stock

I take all stock items to all the boat competitions that I enter, which is most of them, and to the AGM. You can also purchase items by completing and sending me the form in the newsletter.

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

As another year slips by 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.

The new format of 'Best Fish' for the twelve nominated Species from Boat and Shore appears to have been well received but overall entries last year were slightly down on 2009, even allowing for the 'short year' last year. Your comments are therefore welcome if you feel that improvements can be made. The Cornish Federation have once again registered some fine specimens to keep up their impressive record in recent years and it has been good to see some of our Personal Members registering more fish this year resulting in more awards going in this direction than in previous years.

The Overseas Fish of the Year ended up as a 'two horse' race between Colin Searle's 5 lb 10 oz Plaice (Iceland) and Shaun Tinder's 140 lb Striped Marlin (Mexico). We also had very few entries for our Junior Fish of the Year Award this year, unlike the Conger Club Tankard, which attracted some good fish from both Boat and Shore. The Norman Witt Trophy for the overall best catch for the year was again hotly contested with several good fish pushing the eventual winner right to the wire.

Those of you who regularly visit the website will have seen the ever changing updates for the various Species and thus witnessed many other very good fish which have just failed to take a final award despite them being fine catches. Let's hope for more of the same tomorrow, when we hope to post the Flounder target for 2011 from both Boat and Shore.

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

This year will be a busy one for the Committee with the European Boat and Line Championships to run out of Weymouth in September. The sub-committee planning for this event has been meeting over the past 2 years to ensure it will be a great success. The refurbished Riviera hotel will be a super HQ and activities have been organized to create a party atmosphere for everyone staying there. Martin Bobbett has done a brilliant job in his first year as Press Officer and has come up with several ideas to increase the profile of the English section. We must all remember to support him with photos and reports of catches by our members. Our new updated website is now the place to find out what's going on in EFSA England and the other Sections and to download entry forms.

Mr Whippy then informed the meeting of a recent television programme that highlighted the problems with the EU Fisheries policy with regard to the discarding of quality fish due to quota excesses. He asked members to support the petition started by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall by logging onto the website 'fishfight.net' that has already gathered support from almost half a million.

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

I would firstly like to thank all the support I have had from the Committee and especially Matt who has helped immensely in the running of the events but it would still be nice to see some of our longer established members coming forward and offering their services.

This year we tried a new venue for our English Boat Festival at Torquay. Although fishing was hard, mainly due to the skippers having not taken out competition anglers before, I feel that if the skippers were to fish the inshore marks more it would be a tremendous venue. Very well done to Richard Russell winning the Gold Pin for a record third time.

The Cod Festival was held at Langstone with a very poor turnout and although one boat found plenty of cod on the second day, the fishing was hard, especially in the Arctic conditions. I am sure if the conditions had been better, far more fish would have been caught. Very well done to Kim Bowden who blanked on the first day and then caught 6 good cod the second day, and is now our 2010 Cod Champion.

In 2011 we will be visiting Weymouth for our English Boat Championship, a venue that will prove very popular due to the Europeans being there later in the year and most of us know it very well. I stress again get your entries in early, as there are limited places.

The Europeans will be held later in 2011 and everything is coming together to make it a memorable event.

The 2011 Cod Festival will be fishing the Thames Estuary many thanks to Matt for sorting this venue out.

With the decline of members fishing the Cod Festival the 2011 event will be the last dedicated Cod Festival.

From 2012 we will fish an English Species Festival where the Committee will choose a venue/species. We hope this will attract more members, we have already had nominations from Kim for a Smoothound Comp from Hayling and from Ray Barron a Blenny Comp from Poole Harbour.

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

Shore Festival Officer's Report: ***No report***

Press Officer's Report: Mr Bobbett gave the following report to the meeting

As this was my first year as your Press Officer I can now confirm that your Committee work extremely hard on your behalf and without these gentlemen organising our events, our angling year would be restricted to club competitions and monthly charter trips.

I trust that you have all read and enjoyed the reports from our events – namely: January's Poole Flounder, May's European Boat & Line class in Iceland (thanks Kim), July's English Boat in Torquay, September's European species in Portugal and November's Cod in Langstone (thanks again Kim).

I have been quite busy sending press releases to our Affiliated Clubs, Sea Angling news, Total Sea fishing, Boat Fishing Monthly, Planet Sea Fishing & Sea Angler. I'm not sure how much of this will be published but I will keep on sending information to all these publications. I would like to thank Planet Sea Fishing for their effort, they have even created a link directly to our website. Sea Angler has been invited to cover this year's English Boat Championship and the European Boat & Line Class Championships.

Can members please ensure that any pictures sent to the angling press include a mention that the captor is an EFSA England member. Any pictures sent to myself will be forwarded to the press (unless the member requests otherwise)

On another note, I have been in contact with the Angling Trust and the Professional charter boat association with a view to form an amalgamation to highlight the disposal of waste at sea. Basically we would like to highlight what types of waste can be disposed of at sea and those that cannot. Just to give you an idea how badly polluted our seas are becoming, for every litre of plankton there are six litres of broken down plastic. This cannot be good for our sport and even worse for the aquatic life that feeds on plankton. I will keep the Committee informed on all progress.

Hope you all continue to support and enjoy this year's events.

Social Secretary's Report: Mr Osborne gave the following report to the meeting.

As you are probably aware, Social Secretary is a new role to me and I didn't really know what was going to be involved. I have, however, been directed very well and basically just done as I'm told by Andy (*as I am his bitch*). Andy had already organised most of the stuff for this year, being hotels etc, but I hope I alleviated some pressure by finalising things where I could. Arrangements are in progress for 2011 English cod comp which is being held in the Thames Estuary fishing from Sheerness, HQ will be The Abbey Hotel at Minster, just a 5 minute drive to the boats, where there is free parking available. I have been looking into travel arrangements for the European Species comp at Langeland, Denmark. You can get a ferry to Denmark, but it is very expensive. It looks like the cheapest option is to take a ferry to France for about £50 and drive to Langeland (approx 12 hours). More details will follow.

Happy New Year to you all and lets hope there's plenty of fish in 2011.

Competition Co-ordinator's Report: Mr Bryant gave the following report forwarded by Mr Barron.

Sorry to say I have to work this weekend and will miss the fish-filled flounder comp but all entry monies for last year have been banked. The English Boat is filling fast so please get entries in fast if you are hoping to fish. Now that I'm working away, I find it hard to make bank deposits at regular intervals, so please do not panic if it's a few weeks before your cheques are cashed. It is also easier for me to Email confirmations of entry so please fill in entry forms nice and clear but if you still require confirmations by post, don't forget the s.a.e. I'm sure by now that all members know that all competition rules are on the new and improved website along with the relevant points systems. Have a great day tomorrow and good fishing for the year.

Standing Committee Delegate's Report: Mr Bowden gave a brief report on S.C. matters – full report of which appeared in the July Newsletter. The next S.C.Meeting is scheduled to be held at Crawley in April.

5. Presentation of Fish of the Month Awards.

Ray Ashby, assisted by the President, Mr Peter Peck, made the following presentations.

EFSA FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2010

Boat

Bass	D.Lynes	PM	11lb 1oz
Black Bream	D.McCune	PM	31b 15oz
Cod	R.Quinn	PM	31lb 9oz

Conger	D.Lynes	PM	82lb 9oz
Flounder	M.Watts	Cornish Fed	31b 2oz
Plaice	K.Bowden	PM	51b 12oz
Pollack	M.Kitching	Cornish Fed	20lb 8oz
Ray (Blonde)	K.Williamson	Cornish Fed	32lb 8oz
Smoothound	B.Pollard	Cornish Fed	24lb 4oz
Whiting	I.Bidgood	Cornish Fed	4lb
Wrasse Ballan	D.Oliver	Portland	6lb
Other (by %)			
Wrasse Cuckoo	R.Bates	Cornish Fed	2lb (160%)

Shore

Bass	D.Roberts	PM	9lb 5oz
Black Bream	I.Wellington	PM	31b 12oz
Cod	J.Hocking	Cornish Fed	4lb 8oz
Conger	M.Kaczmarek	Cornish Fed	30lb 14oz
Flounder	M.Pengelly	Cornish Fed	31b 13oz
Plaice	P.Bate	Cornish Fed	11b 9oz
Pollack	J.Hawke	Cornish Fed	8lb
Mullet (all by %)	E.Shliffke	Cornish Fed	5lb 6oz
Smoothound	M.Cassell	West Wight	17lb 5oz
Whiting	M.Cassell	West Wight	2lb 1-3/4oz
Wrasse Ballan	N.Coan	Portland	7lb 11oz
Other (by %)			
Small Eyed Ray	C.Wills	Cornish Fed	13lb 5oz

Norman Witt Award - Best Overall Catch

N.Coan Ballan Wrasse (shore) 7lb 11oz

Overseas Fish of the Year Award S.Trinder – Striped Marlin – 140lb

Junior Fish of the Year Award W.Richards (Cornish Fed) – Dab – 15oz

British Conger Club Tankard D.Lynes

6. Reports on Championships & Festivals in 2010:

Flounder Competition - Poole:

Mr Bobbett gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which was given in the February 2010 Newsletter.

English Cod Festival - Langstone

Mr Selby gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which will be given in the February 2011 Newsletter.

English Shore Championship – Not held

English Boat Championship - Torquay

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

European Species Championship – Portugal

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

European Shore Championship – Pwllheli, Wales

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

European Boat & Line Class Championships - Iceland

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

Shore Championship of Britain & Ireland – Valentia Island, Ireland

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

Game Championship

My Styles informed the meeting that the event was held out of Senegal and gave a brief resume of the Championship but stated that no formal report had yet been received from the Festival Officer (Game).

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

The positions for 3-year terms of office, unless stated otherwise, were as follows:

Treasurer. Nominee: Mr P.Hart

Press Officer. Nominee: Mr M.Bobbett

Social Secretary (2-year) Nominee: Mr M.Osborne

Membership Registrar. Nominee: Mr G.Galbraith

Competition Co-ordinator: Nominee: Mr R.Barron

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

8. Election of Hon. Auditor:

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

9. Reports on Championships & Festivals for 2011:

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

European Species – Langeland, Denmark: Mr Bowden informed the meeting that all details were on our website and that the closing date for entries is April 23rd.

English Boat Championship - Weymouth: Mr Selby informed the meeting that the event would be 2-hook with bait supplied. The places are filling fast.

European Boat & Line Championships: Weymouth Mr Bryant stated that an Organising Committee meeting was to be held upon completion of the day's AGM and that all was well in hand. Details of HQ accommodation is given on our website where an excellent deal is available.

European Shore Championship - Wexford, Ireland. Mr Bowden stated that all details were on our website and that the closing date for entries is February 25th.

English Cod Festival: Sheerness: Mr Osborne informed the meeting that it was hoped that the event could be made bait-supplied. Initial organisation was well under way and that further details would be given within the July Newsletter later in the year.

English Shore Championship: None

English Shore Species Festival: None

European Game Festival: None

Shore Championships of the British Isles: No information available

10. Special Business. There were no items for discussion received by the Committee.

11. Annual General Meeting 2012. A date and venue was to be confirmed later in the year.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 13:20.

EFSA England Cod Festival 2010, Langstone.

Day one, and the 18 anglers on 3 boats braved the coldest temperatures of this winter in the hope of getting a tug on their line from one or more of the double figure cod that are a regular winter feature in the waters around the Isle of Wight. The forecast was unsuitable to head too far south so the boats stayed closer inshore. Two or three moves for most boats but it was only Dawn Venture that found three cod for three individuals with Pete Bailey having the longest, obviously trying to improve on last year's second place.

Day 2 - still a stiffish breeze forecast so it was head out and see where it was suitable to fish. Dawn Venture stayed in the vicinity of the Nab Tower where he had success the day before and found three more cod - consistent, though not shared this time as your Chairman Neil Bryant took the lot giving him a length of 238cm. Wight Huntress headed for the Culver rock area where they managed to find three cod to two anglers.

Predator headed past the Nab Tower into some deeper water and this was the boat to be on! Kim Bowden started the day with a small codling and followed this shortly with a double shot on the pennell rig of another codling and one of 79cm about 16lb so that put him in the running, Colin Searles caught a good size cod to add to the one he had the day before, but Kim had another at 88cm to put the pressure on. On the other side of the boat Vernon Allen, after losing one earlier, caught a magnificent cod of 99cm estimated at 25lb (the skippers scales only went up to 22lb!) This took the prize for 'longest cod'; he followed this with a 78cm cod to put the pressure on. Cod also came to the other anglers on the boat but it was a three-horse race by now. Kim caught another two to take the lead and just to finish, had a bite with two minutes to go which he let develop so that when lines-up was called, he lifted into another cod with the cry of 'fish on' to bring his tally to six cod. The final count on the boat was 15 cod which, other than the two codling, were all over 15lb. A memorable day for all on board, including the skipper, who had not seen that many cod on a Langstone boat in one day's fishing for many a year!

Results

Position	Competitor	No of cod	Length
1 st	Kim Bowden	6	424cm
2 nd	Vernon Allen	3	273cm
3 rd	Richard Russell	3	241cm
4 th	Neil Bryant	3	238cm
5 th	Colin Searles	3	234cm
6 th	Dick Prosser	2	158cm
7 th	Andy Smith	1	88cm
8 th	Pete Bailey	1	86cm
9 th	Mick Toomer	1	67cm

There were nine other competitors, but they failed to locate a cod so will not list them.

Life members: - 1st Richard Russell.

Longest cod: Vernon Allen with a 99cm cod estimated at 25lb

Top boat Predator with that one day catch of 15 cod.

Poole Flounder (Fun competition?)

The catch reports for the last few weeks did little to enthuse our merry band of flounder fishers, the melt water had spooked those elusive flatties & sent them to the deeps. Even there they were chased by the netters looking for some pot bait, then Paul Daniels came along and they all disappeared! (well nearly)

The mighty Quinn produced two fine specimens using a homemade float (I'm not sure it's worth patent protection on the design though). Bobby King seems to have found his old form - I think his record is now 13/2. That said, even the King of the Flatties floundered this time as Paul Rivers failed to find a fish this year and had to hand his crown to a very worthy winner - Andy Smith. He was closely followed by Rob Quinn and both anglers managed to land two each. I would love to see Andy's flounder rig as he is well known for his Christmas tree rigs.

Richard Russell used his psychic powers to guess the heaviest fish and win the pools - some guess as well - only 1/8 oz off the correct weight. I'm not quite sure if he only wins competitions when there's a pin involved! Looking at his blazer I might be right.

At least we managed to miss the worst of the rain and there's always next year. I bet Bobby has said that more than a few times!

Results

1st	Andy Smith	2lb 12 1/2oz
2nd	Rob Quinn	2lb 7 7/8oz
3rd	Matt Osborne	1lb 15 7/8oz
4th	Pete Badger	1lb 12 1/4oz
5th	Alan Pye	1lb 9 3/4oz
6th	Alf Sindrey	1lb 4 3/8oz
7th	Richard Russell	11 3/8oz
8 th	Everyone else	£12 lighter (all paid to the crabs in rag worm)

Andy and Rob had 2 fish with the remaining successful contenders 1 flounder

Heaviest Flounder Matt Osborne 1lb 15 7/8oz

European Boat and Line, Weymouth, 2011 - UPDATE

This is to inform anyone looking to attend this event that there has been a price change in accommodation at the H/Q hotel The Riviera and to make it clear what is in the price.

The options are:-

£45 per person per night single room (there is a limited number available)

£60 per person per night, twin room single occupancy

£45 per person per night, twin room shared occupancy

These prices include Bed, Breakfast and evening meal each day plus, for those fishing, a packed lunch for the 5 days of the competition. Also, you can go for a swim in the indoor pool to relax after the hard day's fishing before a drink in the bar prior to the evening meal.

There is plenty of free parking at the hotel. Parking in town may be a problem due to preparation with the roads before next years Olympics but there will be transport from the hotel to the town and return for the opening ceremony.

Similarly, for the 5 days fishing there will be transport from the hotel to the quay and return each day. Also on the quay will be containers to leave items you do not need to take back to the hotel. If you do have any difficulty contacting the hotel it is because the hotel is closed at present as all rooms are being refurbished to 5* standard.

Please be aware that the closing date for entries is 31st March 2011.

Kim Bowden

Lupus Summer Cod Festival – Helsingborg – July

For those of you considering attending this popular event, Andy Selby has managed to arrange a special deal with British Airways for return flights from Heathrow to Copenhagen for £104.00. Anyone wishing to be included in this deal should contact Andy within the next two weeks.