

## DIARY

### 2012

- January 15<sup>th</sup> EFSA England AGM – Poole.
- January 16<sup>th</sup> Flounder Competition – Poole.
- April 27<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Euro Species – Cod – Dunmore East, Co Wexford, Ireland.
- May 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> English Species – Smoothound – Langstone.
- June 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> English Boat Championship – Poole.
- August 6<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> European Boat & Line Class Championships – Tananger, Norway.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> European Shore Championship – Akureyri, Iceland.

### 2013

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> European Boat & Line Class Championships – Elsinore, Denmark.
- Oct 30<sup>th</sup>/Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> European Shore Championship, Heinkensand, Holland.

**Notice of the Annual General Meeting  
of the English Section of the European Federation of Sea Anglers  
to be held at  
The Arndale Court Hotel, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 2BY  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 11.00hrs.**

In order to assist the Secretary in his preparations, **all members** are requested to indicate on the form within this Newsletter, if they will be attending or not. Or should you prefer, an email is acceptable.

Nominations have been received for the following Committee positions, which are for a 3 year term of office: Secretary, Boat Festival Officer, and Competition Coordinator

There are at present no nominations for Shore Festival Officer

Any further nominations for any position should be sent to the Secretary in writing, duly proposed and seconded with the consent of the Nominee, by 30th November. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the AGM.

Nominations are also required for the position of Honorary Auditor for a **1-** year term of office.

Kim Bowden  
Secretary

**Annual General Meeting of the English Section of the European Federation  
of Sea Anglers. To be held at The Arndale Court Hotel, Wimborne Road,  
Poole, Dorset  
Saturday 14th January 2011 at 11.00hrs.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2011.**
- 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;
  - m) Standing Committee Delegate K. Bowden.

## **5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2011.**

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

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

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|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Vice Chairman                | 3 year term | Nominee - |            |
| b. Secretary                    | 3 year term | Nominee - | K. Bowden  |
| c. Boat Festival Officer        | 3 year term | Nominee - | A. Selby   |
| b. Shore Festival Officer       | 3 year term | Nominee - |            |
| e. Competition Co-ordinator     | 3 year term | Nominee – | K. Scaggs  |
| f. Chairman of Selectors (Boat) | 3 year term | Nominee – | R. Russell |
| Chairman of Selectors (Game)    | 3 year term | Nominee – | K. Scaggs  |
| Chairman of Selectors (Shore)   | 3 year term | Nominee – |            |

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

1 yr term - Nominee/s      Mr J. Knight

**8. Events for 2012.**

- 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 2013.**

## **EFSA Standing Committee meeting, Weymouth, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

The following is a brief resumee of the main details from the meeting.

There will be a badge produced in 2012 to commemorate 50 years of EFSA, details will be released soon. These will be a limited edition ordered direct from HQ.

For the Line Class event; in future the Executive Committee will decide the line strength. It will be a maximum of 6kg, though probably less.

The position of Game Officer has been taken over for an initial 1 Year by..... from Italy.

For the EFSA Committee it was considered that we should have a Public Relation Officer so would welcome any input from Sections. Also that we should consider having a Conservation Officer.

With Hamish Holmes standing down from the position of general Secretary after several years the Executive Committee proposed to make Hamish an Honorary member of the Executive.

EFSA Boat and Line in Norway 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August, entries close 1<sup>st</sup> April and they intend to make it a "special event". (Note our close of entry date will be 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012 so get saving).

2016 the European Boat and Line is Confirmed for Ireland in the Wexford or Cork area in August.

2012 European shore at Akureyri, Iceland 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October fishing from rock. Brochure should be available in Langeland in October.

2013 European Shore in Holland, first week in October, expected accommodation cost 275 Euro self catering.

2014 European Shore North Wales in November.

Next Game possibly Mexico in 2013

## FISH RECORDERS REPORT

There have been far fewer fish recorded this year particularly from the Shore. This has been largely due to a drop in the entries from our Affiliated Clubs.

Nonetheless, we have still seen some good fish weighed in. Kim Bowden's boat caught Conger has been overtaken by an 83 pounder from M Watson of the Conger Club. The BCC have also set the mark for the Shore caught fish with an Eel of 38 lb 11 oz.

Nigel Hearn has been having fun on light line with Coalfish, best fish a 35 lb 2 oz fish on 4 kg line (not sure I could stay awake long enough to land that one !!)

A full list of the current leading 'contenders' appears on the EFSA England website and at the time of going to print are as below.

### SPECIES BOAT

BASS	D.Lynes	PM	D	13lb 10oz	
BLACK BREAM	D.Meyers	PM	D	3lb 8oz	
COD	R Whitewood	W/Wight	E	24lb 11oz	
CONGER	M.Watson	BCC	C	83lb	
FLOUNDER	M Osborne	PM	D	1 lb 15oz	
PLAICE	A.Selby	PM	D	6 lb 12oz	
POLLACK	A.Hudson	Bisley	D	13lb 4oz	
RAYS - Blonde	S.Norman	PM	D	26lb	
SMOOTHOUND	D McCune	Portland	D	20lb 15oz	
WHITING	S Barnaby	W/Wight	E	3lb 9oz	
WRASSE - Ballan	I Wellington	Portland	D	5lb 13oz	
OTHER (by %)	G Thorner	W/Wight	E	Spurdog	14 lb 2oz (117%)

### JUNIOR FISH OF THE YEAR

Plaice	C.Wellington	PM	E	5lb 4oz	117%
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## OVERSEAS FISH OF THE YEAR

I McClean	Wahoo	77 lb - Gran Canaria - Boat)		
		80lb / Jack Trevale 26lb - Mexico		
S Trinder	Sailfish	Boat		
N.Hearn	Coalfish	35lb 2oz	Norway	4Kg line

## SPECIES SHORE

BASS	R Harms	Portland	D	12lb 3oz	
BLACK BREAM					
COD					
CONGER	D.Spear	BCC	D	38lb 11oz	
FLOUNDER	S Cooke	W/Wight	E	2lb 5oz	
PLAICE	J Booker	Portland	D	2lb	
POLLACK					
MULLET (all- by%)	J.Bowler	Portland	D	4lb 13oz	
SMOOTHOUND	M Bennett	W/Wight	E	14 lb 6oz	
WHITING					
WRASSE - Ballan	N Coan	Portland	D	6lb 9oz	
OTHER (by%)	C Wyatt	W/Wight	E	Pouting 2lb 6oz	158%

Ray Ashby  
Fish Recorder



## **EFSA European Boat & Line Championships** **19<sup>th</sup>- 23rd September 2011 Weymouth England**

Several of the committee members, distant travellers, eager competitors & their companions had arrived in Weymouth a few days before the main events were due to start. Some had travelled early to book into their hotels, apartments, cottages & bed & breakfasts, others to wet their lines with a practice day or two.

After booking into our little cottage in Weymouth centre we then headed for the HQ to assist with the registration. I cannot say that HQ Hotel looked that plush from the outside but when you walked into the function rooms, viewed the bar area & see the bedrooms, it was quite a different story. The facilities were quite superb, even if you did have to walk through sector 57 to get to the bedrooms.

I don't recall ever seeing so many £50 notes at one time, not quite sure where they all came from. A steady stream of competitors arrived for Saturday's registration with most choosing to enter into every event. I guess they must have felt confident of winning - either that, or this way they spread their chances of making it to the podium.

A few competitors decided to have a practice in the harbour just in case the wind prevented the boats heading to the usual marks. Colin Searles and Rod Adamson had a mini-species competition using size 12 hooks baited with tiny pieces of rag worm. The blennies & wrasse were soon being swung in by Colin who stuck it out through the rain as Rod sought shelter in a nearby doorway. The final score was Colin 45, Rod 18. This is an ideal place to take any budding young anglers as many species can be caught in the harbour without resorting to the usual crab line tactics that many youngsters seem so drawn to - a small rod & reel with just a basic rig could be the start of our next world champion.

### **Parade and opening ceremony**

What a sight! It's surprising how many people ask questions when everybody is dressed in their nations uniform "don't you all look so smart", "what is this all about then"? "Is this the fishing competition that I read about in the Echo"?

With around 250 people taking part in the parade headed by the trio of African drummers, it was quite some spectacle. The wind assisted in showing off the national flags and at least the rain was only isolated showers. The traffic was halted by the local police as the parade started from the Jubilee clock and headed to the Pavilion where we were to be greeted by the deputy mayor, Councillor Margaret Leicester (wife of Bon Wey's Ken)

The refreshments and nibbles went down as people took their seats, EFSA England chairman Neil Bryant introduced the dignitaries including Horst Schneider and Margaret Leicester. Horst then announced that the general secretary (Hamish Holmes) was to retire after many years service to EFSA, his successor (Marcus Wuest) will be a worthy replacement - even if he will be in Singapore! I'm sure that you will join me in wishing both success in their new roles. The two moments that will remain with me are the emotions displayed by Horst & Hamish whilst presenting the picture and Neil's face when he was asked to wave the flag to mark the opening of the championships - priceless!

## **Boat Championship**

Arriving early at the quayside to sort the bait for each boat had its rewards. The quayside was quiet and the sunrise quite superb, although neither lasted long as the competitors started to arrive at 6.45am keen to get to sea or be first in the queue for the bacon rolls & coffee (nice touch that refreshments van). The tea went down well - especially with those who had been in the Ammo freezer van. Thanks to Pete Bailey, Ash Currier & Rob Quinn for "volunteering" their services.

Bait sorted, it was time to summon the boat captains and stewards to check the bait packs for their boats. This operation was no easier throughout the week as Captains & stewards either took the bait without checking it or letting us know they had collected it, failed to arrive without being chased, the numbers on the boats changed, some did not like the worms on top of the frozen baits or cold bacon rolls on top of the worms, but most checked the condition of the worms, counted the amount and left happy.

### **Day one**

After a quick captain/steward briefing from Neil & Andy the boats started to load and head off to find shelter from the wind.

Some headed for the shelter of Portland to seek the Wrasse, Pollack & Garfish others headed into the bay to search out the Dogfish, Pout, Gurnard, Scad, Bream, etc. Young Ryan Casey made an impressive start on Al's-Spirit when he took a Bream/Gurnard double shot. On Atlanta, Malcolm Ruff stated that he required a Bull Huss for his yearly specimen hunt, sometimes our best laid plans do not always work, not that the Bull Huss were not playing as Patricia Shortt fished next to Malcolm and managed to catch 3 of them - 3-0 to Pat. Pat also managed to land a conger without her butt pad, that she decided she would not need!

### **Day two**

Another windy day (worse than Monday) again saw the boats heading for the shelter of Portland, this is what makes this such an important venue for this kind of competition.

Christina Schutte caught a 4 ½ lb plaice only problem she had hooked it in the tail! Pat Shortt had her 1<sup>st</sup> ever Bream - a fine specimen of around 1 ½ lb. Paul Milkins managed to capture a Portland Penguin or more commonly known as a Guillemot. Not sure if this counted as unclassed though (the bird was untangled and set free unharmed).

### **Day three**

It is so very easy to slip down the table, I had a blinding start to the week finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall, only to drop to 53<sup>rd</sup> on day 2 - a little bit like snakes and ladders.

Less wind today so the boats headed further afield. This was quite good for the anglers who are more used to targeting larger fish and it also helped with the planned evening meal for Thursday night as several fine bream were returned to the quayside.

## **Day four**

Much improved weather today so the boats headed off to marks much further afield than the first two days, Helgi Bergson caught a notable 112cm Bull Huss on Meridian Express (around 14lb) whilst Paul Robinson had a 10lb Bull Huss + 8lb Conger double shot - nice points for that one. There were also reports of a porbeagle shark stealing a Gurnard and swimming alongside one of the boats, not that these are uncommon to this area of our coast as they have been sighted a lot this year.

Ray Barron was the only angler to win his boat on all 4 days and regain his title of European Champion for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, with Heiko & Colin close behind. Maybe we should place Ray and Heiko on the same boat for a week to decide who is the best as they are now level on three European gold pins each - quite some feat when you look at the quality of the anglers in this year's competition.

### ***Top three***

1 107) R. Barron 100(113),100(112),100(99),100(76) 400 ( 400)  
2 86) H. Dreier 98.45(127),100(97),100(129),100(137) 398.45 ( 490)  
3 115) C. Searles 100(106),100(88),99.23(129),96.12(99) 395.35 ( 422)  
For a full set of each day's results please visit our website

### ***International Teams***

England A came out top of the international teams, closely followed by the two Italian teams who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, although they did give those English boys a good run for their money.

#### ***1st***

England A 400(425),378.35(351),386.95(435),360.93(390) 1526.23( 1601)

R. Russell , R. Barron, C. Searles, G. Galbraith, N. Bryant

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

Italy B 395.12(375),361.55(298),397.75(437),365.84(470) 1520.26( 1580)

U. Fontemaggi, M. La Bella, S. Messina, M. Amato, R. Scalzo

#### ***3rd***

Italy A 363.1(389),374.88(338),381.13(436),385.14(436) 1504.24( 1599)

V. Erani, D. Salvatori, M. Salvatori, R. Melandri, A. Giacomini

## Line Class Championship

Offshore Rebel had a nightmare start to his day when one of his new engines blew a head gasket as he headed out of the harbour. Not to be put off, the crew exchanged boats and headed back to sea. Still, when the crew returned to port they had a nice view of Weymouth as the light faded and the lights came on.

A very sportsman-like gesture on Topcat from Dave Francis and Frank Spruyt as they both cut their line to allow Robin Amor to land his Conger.

Young Lyle on Supernova anchored several times to keep us on the Conger, with Liv Ogland landing a fine 58lb specimen. I think that the women listened more to the skippers than the men, take your time and don't try to bully the fish to the surface - wise words not always heeded by the macho males. That Ande line is quite superb so long as the rest of the tackle is well balanced and the drag set to allow the fish to take line. The ladies nearly overturned the gents in this one with a couple of them capturing 8 Conger each.

On Rocket, Simon Norman had a 81cm blonde Ray, this was larger than the best Ray in the main event, Kim Bowden captured a Bass of 66cm, the only one caught during the whole 5 days.

Gareth Croft became our new light line champion with an impressive 1325cm of Conger quite a clear lead over the silver and bronze pin winners Scott Gibson & Joop Schik/Andre Machiels

### ***Boat winners***

- 1 125) G. Croft 100(1325) 100 (1325)
- 2 34) S. Gibson 100(778) 100 (778)
- 3 2) J. Schik 100(750) 100 (750)
- 3 6) A. Machiels 100(750) 100 (750)
- 5 118) S. Norman 100(731) 100 (731)
- 6 46) S. Souter 100(725) 100 (725)
- 7 119) M. Ruff 100(694) 100 (694)
- 8 127) N. Bryant 100(585) 100 (585)
- 9 60) S. Kjartansdottir 100(550) 100 (550)
- 9 24) A. Kadzharduzov 100(550) 100 (550)
- 11 23) M. Dyshlyuk 100(531) 100 (531)
- 12 112) M. Bobbett 100(475) 100 (475)
- 12 92) T. Unsgaard 100(475) 100 (475)
- 14 153) B. Larsson 100(457) 100 (457)
- 15 107) R. Barron 100(450) 100 (450)
- 15 140) R. Shattock 100(450) 100 (450)
- 17 150) P. Milkins 100(375) 100 (375)
- 18 43) E. Hughes 100(275) 100 (275)
- 18 110) R. Amor 100(275) 100 (275)

## **Sponsors**

We would like to extend a massive thank you to all our sponsors as without their support this event would not have happened; Fladen, Ande, Ammo baits, Dragon baits, Snowbee UK ltd, Weymouth Angling centre, The Roman group, Sakuma, Sidewinder lures, Plastimo, Tronix, Grauvell, Redgill, Penn, Mercedes Benz and of course the venue for their superb effort with the function rooms, early breakfast, 3 course meals, packed lunches and general hospitality.

## **The presentation & gala dinner**

The presentation went superbly (apart from the minor mix up of nationality) watching people's faces as they saw themselves projected on the wall behind the stage was priceless, a bit like when you see the reaction of individuals when the camera catches them at sporting events or concerts and projects their face to the whole crowd. Thanks to Peter Bryant for setting this up, just shows that it is worth the effort of taking photographs at these events.

With so many prizes and prize winners it was hard to keep up with it all, I am sure that everyone got the picture that they wanted as there was many a picture taken. Congratulations to all who fished well enough to make it to the rostrum.

The 3 course meal was exceptional and the idea of mixing the nationalities went well with most tables (I'm sure that you all heard the rowdy lot at the back of the room).

The live band was a nice touch, not quite sure if they took time getting warmed up or the audience were slow getting up after all that food, either way they were very entertaining.

I believe that some of the organisers remained at the bar until 4am, a well deserved relaxation period as they have worked extremely hard to ensure that this event went as well as it did. Now let's look ahead to 2015!

Martin Bobbett

## **EUROPEAN SPECIES 2011 FLATFISH**

The 2011 European Species was hosted by EFSA German and fished from Spodsbjerg on the Danish Island of Langeland on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011. The target being flatfish: - Flounder, Plaice, Dab and possible Brill or Turbot. Twelve English entries were included in the total of 48 entries from 6 sections

On two days prior to the event five from England ventured out to dip a toe, or rather a line in the water to try and gain an insight to the venue and what to expect the following week and armed with this knowledge, they ventured forth on the Sunday morning full of hope and anticipation.

Day 1 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and the 5 boats departed the quay and gracefully made the 35 minute run to the fishing ground. The boats were either ex commercial fishing boats or 1 ex pilot boat - not the fast purpose boats we are used to, but a very gentle ride out except when the boat Fie hit the big wave from a cargo ship. Ask Andy Smith about the advantages of putting on waterproofs before leaving port and how to stow your bait so half of it is not washed out of the scupper!

So to the fishing, all done on the drift. There was a steady catch of flounder and dab with an occasional plaice to all anglers but with the 30cm size limit the average seemed about 1 scoring fish for every 4 fish caught!

Back on shore and the fish had to be all measured to give the anglers total score, but before this it was realised that we had not fared so well when England's average catch was about 9 or 10 fish while a couple of the local Danish anglers came in with 20 fish and one of them with 32. Needless to say, top honours on day 1 went to the Danish.

Day 2 was the similar to day 1, the only difference being were lighter winds so a slower drift - the previous day was too fast. Somewhere in between would have been ideal according to the skipper I talked to. Today when returning to the scales all of the England competitors returned with improved catches of up to 16 fish sizeable, but not enough to challenge the Danish who again recorded numbers up to 20 fish each.

The Monday evening after the fishing the presentation took place after very tasty and plentiful buffet. The top 3 and pin winners were all from Denmark with Martin Hubert Jensen winning with a total of 51 fish for 1974 points. The best England individual being Barry Senior in 6<sup>th</sup> place. with 1082 points. England B managed a commendable 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the international teams, Germany were 2<sup>nd</sup> and as you may have expected by now, Denmark were 1<sup>st</sup> and in a different league to the rest of us when catching flounder and dab in home waters. But if we return, things will be different! Fish of note I have to mention is the only Brill of the competition, which was caught by your author Kim Bowden and the largest Plaice by Pete Bailey. There were four anglers with the largest Flounder of 42cm including Mike Smith and Pete Bailey

It was a good competition with plenty of flatfish. Most really enjoyed the fishing despite not having a bucket full of scoring fish at the end of the day. Several of us commented on the similarity with the EFSA England flounder catches in Poole each January! It was suggested that we hold our AGM and Flounder comp in Denmark next year, though I would expect attendance to be worse than usual despite the abundance of flounders.

## **INDIVIDUAL SCORES**

Placing	Name	Fish	Points
6	Barrie Senior	29	1082
12	Ray Barron	25	942
14	Richard Russell	24	889
15	Matt Osborne	24	888
16	Pete Bailey	23	879
18	Neil Bryant	24	871
19	Mike Smith	23	864
24	Kim Bowden	21	794
28	David Clark	21	786
30	Jerry Knight	19	705
31	Andrew Smith	19	704
32	Gary Gailbraith	19	698

## **NATIONAL TEAMS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Denmark A

2<sup>nd</sup> Germany A

3<sup>rd</sup> England B of Mike Smith, Pete Bailey, Dave Clark, Matt Osborne and Barrie Senior

## **BIGGEST FISH**

Kim Bowden	England	47cm	Brill
Pete Bailey	England	43cm	Plaice
Martin Hubert Jensen	Denmark	42cm	Flounder also Mike Smith and Pete Bailey
Abubakir Shamuzov	Russia	40cm	Dab

In the pairs Barrie Senior and Pete Bailey were 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A full set of results are available if required.

Report by Kim Bowden

## English Cod Medway November 2011

The Hotel laid on a fine meal for the traveling anglers and the weather looked good for Saturday, apart from the early rainfall. The 19 competitors were keen to wet their lines, the boats were moored and ready to go, rigs were tied, bait collected.....but had the Cod read the script?

### *Day 1*

Cars parked, bait handed out, now for the walk to the boats. The floating pontoon allows this landing stage to be used during any part of the tide and the morning high tide covered the ¼ mile of mud that extends into the estuary.

Boats loaded, draws made, rods assembled and off we go all hopeful that the Cod would show. The chosen marks were reached within 20-30 minutes - anchors in and lines down. The whiting and dogfish were soon boated but the Cod were slow.

I know some of you will be sceptical about this bit but here goes: as Ash Currier made a cast he managed to let his Conoflex sensor tip with his Penn 975 loaded with 300yards of 30lb powerpro braid (£430 + worth of tackle) slip from his grasp. The whole lot went flying out to sea and the rod butt waved goodbye as it slipped beneath the surface. After several casts with another rod + large uptide lead attached, Ray Barron commented that the only way the rod would be retrieved was if a dogfish picked up Ashley's bait then picked up another, I know this sounds like one of those far fetched stories but an hour or so later Ray reeled in a Dogfish with his hook one side of it's mouth and Ash's on the other side. The hook-up was completed by a whiting that had managed to tangle both rigs together, so they then retrieved the line complete with the rod & reel!

Anyway, back to the fishing. A grand total of six Cod were boated - the same amount were caught as day 1 in Langstone. Jim Phillipson, Gary Galbraith, plus new members Mark Owen & Graham Lewis had one each. Day one winner was Pete (sorry) Bailey who managed two for a grand total of 79cm.

### *Day 2*

The forecast today gave winds of 7-8 knots north/northeast - not ideal for the estuary as northeast blows straight up the river, kwels on hand today just in case!

The pontoon walk today resembled ferry passengers walking down the aisle in rough weather, the anglers swaying from one side to the other as the wind and waves rocked the pontoon. To make the most of the tide the boats left slightly later than yesterday, two boats headed towards the area where 4 cod had surrendered on day 1, the other went closer to the Essex side.



On Dentex Perry Dack took an early lead with a 45cm Codling, the usual Dogfish and Whiting were on the baits so quickly any Cod would need to be quick to get a meal. Day 1 winner Pete, failed to repeat yesterday's performance and returned a blank sheet.

Following on from his success in Langeland, Barry Senior matched Pete's two Cod with two slightly larger specimens and become possibly our last Cod Champion.

Thanks to Ash currier for driving to Dover on both days to collect the worms & Clive at Bills bait for supplying those quality worms.

### ***Individuals***

1<sup>st</sup> Barry Senior 84cm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Bailey 79cm  
3rd Mark Owen 47cm  
4<sup>th</sup> Perry Dack/Graham Lewis 45cm  
6<sup>th</sup> Gary Galbraith 37cm  
7<sup>th</sup> Jim Phillipson 34cm

### ***Two man team***

Barry Senior & Pete Bailey

### ***Four man***

Barry Senior, Pete Bailey, Graham Lewis & Rob Quinn

### ***Life Member***

Perry Dack

## **Forthcoming events for 2012**

### **POOLE FLOUNDER /AGM 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012**

This years AGM will take place at our normal venue the Arndale court hotel. For those of you staying a rate of £65 per twin/double room have been agreed for members staying over. For those of you thinking about staying it's a great social event meeting fellow EFSA members.

Please don't forget to let Kim know if you are attending the AGM.

The annual Flounder Festival takes place the following day where you can target one of the 3lb + fish.

### **EFSA SPECIES HUNT 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 LANGSTONE**

This sees a new exciting format with a single species being caught this being the hard fighting Smoothound.

This will be a single hook bait supplied event where there will be no limits on the numbers of fish you can catch. Each fish will be measured and the angler will get 1 pt per cm.

This will be a bait supplied competition with crab being supplied each day.

### **EFSA ENGLISH BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012**

This year's event makes a welcome return to Poole for our Championship on the Weekend following the Poole Species Hunt... We will be using the Arndale court as our HQ hotel where a rate of £100 per double/twin room has been agreed this is a discounted rate as accommodation is a premium at this time of year.

This again will be a bait supplied competition with Squid, Mackerel and Ragworm being provided.

## **AGM Attendance Notification**

- a.) This is to confirm I shall be attending the AGM and request that seating is made available.
- b.) This is to confirm that I shall not be attending the AGM and request that my apologies for absence are given to the meeting.

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms should be returned by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to:

Kim Bowden, 12 Padnell Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville Hants, PO8 8DZ.

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