

DIARY

2012

September 24th/29th European Shore Championship – Akureyri, Iceland.

2013

January (TBA) Annual General Meeting

January (TBA) Fun Fish Competition

March 23rd/24th English Species (Flatfish), Weymouth

April 26th/28th (TBC) European Species (Tuna), Italy

July 13th/14th English Boat, Plymouth.

August 3rd/11th European Boat & Line Class Championships – Elsinore, Denmark.

Sept/Oct (TBA) English Shore, Chesil

Oct 27th/Nov 2nd European Game, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Oct 30th/Nov 3rd European Shore Championship, Heinkensand, Holland.

2014

April/May English Species (Rays), Sheerness

August European Boat and Line, Weymouth

TBA European Species, Iceland

Sept/Oct English Boat

**Report on EFSA Standing Committee Meeting 4th August 2012
Stavanger, Norway**

2013 Boat and Line Elsinore, Denmark, 3rd to 11th August.

The brochure will be available on Danish and England web sites. Fishing licence is required if between 18 and 64 years old at competition date. Double scorecard to punch, one for angler and one for organisers. Where 2 sizes of fish to score you get species points for each size, no minimum size. Entry DK4400 (£480)

Accommodation August 3rd to 11th - Single DK 8424 (£900) Twin DK 13336 (£1425)

Conversion is approximate and will be confirmed when our entry forms are posted.

Entries close 22nd March 2013

2014 Boat and Line

Confirmed for England at Weymouth - date to be arranged.

2015 Boat and Line

Stromness on Orkney Island. Proposed date 24th July to 1st August.

Chairman said Line class in his opinion should be first day. Boat Festival Officer said that as preference should be first day but must allow Section to arrange depending on tides and weather.

2016 Boat and Line

Section Ireland have put forward to host.

2013 European Species

In Italy for Blue Fin Tuna - catch and release. Possible date 26th/28th April. Team of 3 on boat with designated rod each set at different depth, after each hour move to different rod. Fish expected to be 30 to 50 kilo, fish with circle hook only.

Cost - 800 euro entry including bait for the 2 days. Competitors can arrange who to fish with, or as individuals, in which case will be drawn with 2 others.

2014 Species Section Iceland.

Either for Tusk and Ling in the south or Cod in the north.

2012 Shore Championship in Iceland

Confirmed that all was ready for the 70 entries which includes 2 juniors and 5 ladies.

Last year 14 anglers caught 530 fish and last week in the area, 9 anglers caught 300 fish. Fishing times will vary so can fish over high water then a cast of 20 meters is enough to get into the fish. Possibly fishing on 7 beaches due to the size of the beaches between the cliffs.

2013 Game at Cabo San Lucas in Mexico, Oct 27th to Nov 2nd.

This will be fishing for various Marlin and Tuna. Fishing with 30lb Ande line using the rods on board or bring own gear.

Accommodation 150 USD a night plus 40 USD for breakfast for the 4 days.
Image of fish taken to confirm who catches it.

Cost depends on number of anglers on the boat, 2 anglers £1807, 3 anglers £1295 or 4 anglers £1032. Price is per person. More information available soon, contact me if interested.

2015 European Species

Proposed by Wales for Rays in the Mersey

2015 or 2016 European Species

Proposed by Denmark for flat fish in the autumn

2015 Game

Proposed Miami, South Beach or Coconut Grove at the end of March.

Next Standing Committee in April 2013

Kim Bowden

Membership Registrar and Stock Report

England EFSA Membership

For current membership details, see below. These numbers remain similar to previous years as members drift away for various reasons and being replaced with new, younger and more enthusiastic members. So far this year, we have had ten new members that represents approximately 10% of our annual membership - the same as the last few years. New blood in any membership is vital so if you are friends with, or know anyone who enjoys fishing, ask them if they would like to join - they won't regret it.

78 Life members 97 Annual Members 10 Affiliated Clubs

England EFSA Stock

If anyone requires white short-sleeved shirts with EFSA logo and your name at £26 each, I will be placing an order on 1st October. I have had a few enquiries from members so please take advantage as they are a special order and it is much easier to buy them in bulk. Please send cheque for the correct amount made out to EFSA England to me with your chest size, neck size and you're your gender before the aforementioned date to avoid disappointment.

Gary Galbraith

Fish Recorder's Report

Well here we are, well into the second half of yet another busy year. Fish docketts have been coming in steadily but slightly slower than last year. We still have some vacant species weights namely from the Boats - no Conger or Pollack yet recorded and from the Shore, no Cod, Conger or Plaice. I guess like everything else at the moment the weather has had a lot to do with this with seemingly more boat trips cancelled than fished. The Conger Trophy is therefore still up for grabs.

However, from the Isle of Wight a 42lb 7oz Sting Ray has been recorded from the Shore ('other' category) and Isle of Wight angler Richard Russell has landed a Cod of 55lb whilst fishing in Norway. Richard is currently recovering from a hernia operation.

The forecast for the next few weeks is supposed to be better, so let's hope this will see fish of 'Olympic' proportions being brought to the scales. (Sorry, couldn't resist!)

A full list of the current 'Fish of the Year' to date can be found on the EFSA England website and is also shown below.

Ray Ashby
Fish Recorder

EFSA European Species (Cod) 2012, Dunmore East, 28/29th April 2012

At 0730 on Day one the 65 competitors assembled ready to board one of the 7 boats full of hope and anticipation of landing their share of the cod available.

Weather conditions at the start of the day was a wind of F4 to 5 blowing so the boats were able to go out to the further grounds. As the day progressed, the wind increased to a good F6 and as the tide had turned against the wind, all boats came closer inshore to get a bit of shelter off the land. Both inshore and offshore the ground was similar with undulating rock and large areas of kelp which meant almost everyone came back to shore with a lot less tackle and lead weights than they started the day with! There were still fish inshore with drifts of nothing for some time then 2 or 3 fish on at the same time.

As is always the case, the number of target fish caught depended on your fortunes with the boat draw as much as the angler's ability to catch the fish. And so it was that the amount of cod boated ranged from 14 between 10 anglers on one boat to the top boat with over 60 fish between 10 anglers. On the top boat two caught more than their share - one with 13 fish and the next with 12 fish. Overall next best was 9 fish, then 7 fish for 5 anglers. Most cod were in the 31 to 50 score band for 5 points, with a few better ones 50 to 60 band for 8 points, best cod of the day was 65cm, with only 3 over the 60cm mark.

On the Saturday we were all aware of Sunday's forecast, which was gale 8 and the decision was taken that Sunday could not be safely fished so the day was cancelled and Saturday's results were used for honours. It was without doubt a good call as Saturday's conditions resulted in couple of cuts; several bruises and I believe one broken rib!

It was a shame the second day could not be fished as with a change of boats combined with most anglers ideas from the first day on how to improve their score, the scores would be different, but we will never know!

EFSA Pin winners

Gold	Billy McCormack	Scotland	13 fish for 88 points
Silver	David Rylands	Ireland	12 fish for 81 points
Bronze	Pete Bailey	England	9 fish for 60 points

Congratulations to Pete Bailey who was well chuffed to get his first EFSA pin and I am sure not his last.

EFSA England Individuals Results

3 rd	Pete Bailey	9 fish for 60 points
5 th	Kim Bowden	7 fish for 51 points
9 th	Richard Russell	6 fish for 45 points
19 th	Paul Hart	5 fish for 30 points
20 th	Matt Osborne	4 fish for 30 points

22 nd	Barrie Senior	4 fish for 27 points
38 th	Mike Smith	2 fish for 15 points
38 th	Jim Philipson	2 fish for 15 points
44 th	Dave Clark	1 fish for 6 points

48th equal were the next 12 anglers including some (you know who you are) from England you unfortunately did not manage to catch any of the required species!

Richard Russell was first of the Seniors section.

A full set of results are available if you contact me.

Kim Bowden

EFSA England Species (Smoothound) Festival 19th & 20th May 2012.

Day One

Most of the 28 Anglers arrived at the Eastney Cruising Association on Friday night to register, catch up with friends and acquaintances and perhaps have a drink or two. The forecast for Saturday look pretty good with light wind and sunshine but the catch reports were not quite as optimistic as 3 weeks earlier when many hounds were caught as a by catch whilst Bream fishing, still there are hounds to be caught. The scoring system is 10 points for any hounds over 70cm and 5 points for any that are less than 70cm.

27 of the 28 anglers arrived at Eastney. However one local angler ended up in Southsea. Still, at least he said “sorry” for being slightly late. The weather forecast was spot on and the four boats left the harbour in search of the fish. The chosen area to start was the hard ground east of the Nab Tower (a strange structure that resembles a floating hotel from afar) It was a bit of a slow start in the shallow area so the boats moved into slightly deeper water to try to find the quarry.

Paul Milkins struggled to find a way of mounting the peeler crab to his hook and Ray Barron offered his considerable expertise by showing Paul his preferred method. This proved to be more than successful as Paul matched Ray fish for fish throughout the day. I did not quite see the detail but it looked as though the crab was mounted sideways through the rear leg sockets, and then whipped in place by its remaining legs with the claws left loose. Some anglers also cut the body to allow the juices to flow. Hook lengths were kept quite short with 3-4 ft of 50-80lb mono the norm.

There were a total of 90 Smoothound briefly detained to measure and record, all were returned to sea. Measuring the larger specimens for the count back system proved to be quite challenging, try laying a 90cm hound in a length of gutter and keep it straight for long enough to record the length! Over 100cm and a tape measure was required to record the total length.

Ray Barron captured 9 hounds to secure the 1st day's top spot closely followed by Paul Milkins and Colin Searles on 8 each.

Longest specimen was 114cm caught by Martin Bobbett on board Dawn Venture. The top two positions for day one also came aboard Dawn Venture.

Day Two

The weather looked completely different from day one, the wind had changed direction and increased to force 4 with 6-7 forecast for late afternoon - no laying back enjoying the sunshine today.

The boats headed for the Selsey Bank (around 20-25 minutes from port) where the water was quite shallow (around 36-38ft) and the tide none too fierce with 6-8 ounces of lead more than capable of holding bottom. Ian McLean boated one of the smallest hounds I've seen for many years a fine young specimen of around 250-300mm long, but it still added 5 points to his score. Not too many hounds were recorded in the first hour so the decision was made to move the boats further offshore and the deeper water around Utopia proved a good move as most boats soon reported fish captures - most of which were 10 pointers.

Other species were also boated including Thornback Ray, Bass, Pout, Bream and Starfish. Several whelks managed to find the crab baits, some of which having done a fine job of masking the hook point and this could have added to the number of fish dropped early in the fight.

Fight is a good description for these superb sporting fish. The larger specimens hugged the bottom, swam directly at you, kited off to either side of the boat, headed under the boat, took line or a combination of all, a few even swam out of the net just as the skippers tried to lift it, Ash Currier lost an estimated 18-20lb specimen when it powered out of the net, tangled the lines then headed for freedom.

Individual Results

1st Paul Milkins - 200 points

2nd Ash Currier - 170 points

3rd Ray Barron - 165 points

Two Man Open

1st Neil Bryant/Ray Barron - 260 points

2nd Ash Currier/Martin Bobbett - 250 points

3rd Simon Norman/Paul Milkins - 250 points (count back to largest specimen)

Four Man Open

1st Ash Currier/Martin Bobbett/Gary Galbraith/Matt Osborne – 475 points

2nd Perry Dack/Andy Selby/ Neil Bryant/Ray Barron – 440 points

3rd Barrie senior/Peter Bailey/David Mann/Colin Searles

Longest hound 121cm – Matt Osborne

Top Boat Wight Huntress

Glen Milligan (the boat commodore) managed to find plenty of fish to secure top boat with an average of 111.71 points per angler.

Many thanks to Matt & Ray for securing the superb bait plus all those who helped keep, separate, freeze and count them. Thanks also to Eastney Cruising Association for the use of the facilities, the skippers for the tea, coffee and finding the fish.

Martin Bobbett

EFSA English Boat Championship Poole 9/10th June 2012.

After the disappointing cancellation of the Poole species hunt due to the weather, it was good to hear that the wind would subside (albeit only slightly) enough to allow the boats to put to sea. The prediction for the weekend was for a close competition as the wind and rain had added a considerable amount of colour to the inshore waters around Poole, any species that hunt predominantly by sight would be much harder to target so a good scent trail could be the way to produce the numbers of fish, if not numbers of species.

The Thistle Hotel was a fine venue to have as an HQ - the view across Poole harbour and its close proximity to many local bars, restaurants, shops, takeaways and the harbour made it a perfect choice (if only the rooms were more affordable and the parking free) The bar area is a good size to set up the registration with the bar and restaurant close by affording easy access for food and refreshment.

Day One

After an early alarm call, the competitors staying at the Thistle headed to the restaurant for a superb breakfast followed by a short walk to the local express store to stock up on drink and chocolate, and then back to the car park to collect their tackle.

The wind had reduced from Thursday night/Friday morning but it was still a good 5 gusting to 7, but at least the land should give us some shelter.

Boats loaded, positions drawn, let's go fishing. Five of the six boats headed out of the harbour and turned right to seek shelter from the Swanage shoreline with one heading out to Poole patch. Getting that scent trail going proved a little bit of a challenge as the boats

moved around on the anchor spreading the trail thinly over a wide area. The dogfish were quick of the mark followed by a few bream (target species for the longest fish award) rays, pout, whiting, mackerel, etc. The skippers tried their best to locate the fish by moving around to try different areas, but I'm not quite sure that this was the right tactic in these conditions as it may have fished better if the scent trail had more time to work. However, I can't fault their efforts. Simon Norman, Ken Smith and Gary Galbraith secured five valuable points with a fine undulate ray each.

As predicted, the top scores on each boat were quite low with Kent's Mike Smith ending day one as top rod and the two man and four man open looked pretty close between the top 3-4 teams. All to fish for on day two.

Half time round up - 1st - Mike Smith (57), 2nd - Mike Patten (55), 3rd - Ash Currier (52)

Day two

The wind direction had changed and decreased just enough to allow the boats to fish the other areas. Two boats headed back towards Swanage with the remaining boats heading to areas slightly further offshore of Poole patch. The weather forecast did not look too promising with strong easterly winds and lots of rain but fortunately the rain held off for most of the day and inland looked worse than offshore.

The water had not cleared by much so it looked like another day of scratching, there were a few different rigs in use ranging from 2 up, 2 down & 1 up 1 down. Young Ryan Casey opted for a two down rig tied with a 15lb hook length, size 2 short shank Kamasan Aberdeens and the result of this was a fine 15lb Undulate ray. Ryan showed a great deal of patience over the 15 minutes or so that the ray took to land. Asking around the bar before the presentation it appeared that this was quite a popular rig option that had accounted for a few fine rays, several doggies and bream as well as a nice 2-3lb Turbot. The two-up option also took fish ranging from bream to doggies. Paul Hart added a pirk to this rig to capture 10 Mackerel on top of his dogfish, bream, bull huss, gurnard etc, and had also used the 2 down rig to great success. Paul took the day with a superb 70 points.

Ash Currier was the only angler to manager two boat wins and become our 2012 English Boat winner and now has a gold pin to add to his silver in this event.

A big thanks to all those who supported the raffle, not only by buying the tickets, but for donating the prizes. All the monies collected will be added to the Purbeck fund in remembrance to the 3 men who lost their lives so tragically a couple of weeks ago

Results

Individuals

- 1 Ashley Currier 100(52),100(57) 200 (109)
- 2 Mike Patten 100(55),93.33(56) 193.33 (111)
- 3 Mike Smith 100(57),93.1(54) 193.1 (111)

Two Man Open

- 1 Ian McLean - Mike Patten
- 2 Gary Galbraith - Mike Smith
- 3 Ray Barron – Neil Bryant

Four Man Open

- 1 Gary Galbraith - Mike Smith - Ashley Currier – Martin Bobbett
- 2 Dave Mann – Cliff Newbold – Mike Patten – Ian McLean
- 3 Neil Bryant – Andy Selby – Ray Barron – Perry Dack

For a full set of results please visit our website efsa-england.com

Martin Bobbett

EFSA England Shore Championship – Samphire Hoe – Dover

This year the Section Shore Championship was to be held on the Dover Southern Breakwater by kind permission of the Dover Sea Angling Association. Unfortunately the DSAA was given a problem in that the boat operators ceased to provide a service to transport anglers to the breakwater. This is likely to be resolved in the autumn, but not in time for our Shore Championship competition. So the reserve venue was used – Samphire Hoe located just outside of Dover.

Samphire Hoe was constructed from the extracted earth and stone excavated in the construction of the Channel Tunnel. It is a fantastic promenade that is ideal for the running of shore angling competitions and for pleasure anglers to purchase day tickets to fish. It is essentially a rock mark but as our anglers proved is fishable and offers a variety of species to anglers who are prepared to overcome the difficulties they are presented.

The HQ for the competition was the Grand Burstin Hotel who obliged with offering preferential rates to our members with £30 per person buying you a bed, breakfast and evening meal. Basic fare but plenty of it and a bar open when you needed it for essential socialising.

The entry to this year's competition was disappointing, but we were determined to press ahead and give it a go with the hope that this might encourage others to enter in the future. Anglers made their way to the HQ Hotel on the Friday 6th July to book in and discuss the rules and administrative arrangements. On the Saturday the bait was collected for all competitors from Roy at Channel Angling and the draw and bait issue was completed on the venue. Alan Yates and John Wells had already been busy with pegging the venue and so with the draw done, anglers eagerly proceeded to their peg. For those that had not been to Samphire Hoe before they would be faced with a high promenade with rocks at the base

and no idea what was beyond. Only tales from fellow anglers and advice from Alan and John to guide them, they cast their first bait at 10:30.

I was on Peg 1 that didn't give a good view of what was occurring, but John Wells on peg 2 had 3 fish on his card in a very short time - whilst I had nothing! This made me think "here we go - we are going to be stuffed by the local experts". So I kept going and kept my eye on John and his methods. Early on in the match it was quiet on the higher numbers but I managed to catch John up and I heard of one or two fish being landed. The weather forecast earlier in the week was for heavy showers and these thankfully didn't materialise. Instead, we had bright sunshine all day and on top of all the fish we caught, also caught the sun. At the end of the day I was lying in 4th place with my 5 sizeable fish, but Reg Clough was leading and, surprisingly, our boat angling experts Jerry Knight and Dave Clark were in 2nd and 3rd place. The differences in the top 5 or 6 places were small but as the match was being run on a measure and return there were advantages in catching Pollack when fish numbers were down.

Day 2 - and all to fish for as Alan and John put the pegs down at the opposite end of the "Hoe" from the day before. Again the local experts went off with a bang and had a few fish recorded before some of us even got a bite! Reg Clough caught steadily throughout the day and landed a huge rockling of approx 2 ½ pounds. It was 46 cms long - so nearly half a metre! This helped keep Reg ahead for day so that he finished the competition with a perfect 2 wins to secure first place overall. The changes in fortune elsewhere amongst participants resulted in a change in the top with the results as follows:

1st Gold Pin winner - Reg Clough
2nd Silver Pin Winner - Paull Curtice
3rd Bronze Pin Winner - Jerry Knight

A blind pairs competition was run with Dave Clarke and Reg Clough being triumphant. A cash pools competition was run for longest flat and round fish. As no flatfish were landed, the pools went to second longest round. Winners of the pools on day 1 were Jerry Knight and Brian Booker with Reg Clough and Alan Yates collecting the winnings from day 2.

Prizes were also awarded to the first 3 places overall consisting of an Ian Golds beach shelter, travel rod and a large tackle box. Apart from the drenching in the afternoon of day 2, the competition went well and with good humour throughout. The social side of the competition was maintained in the true traditions of EFSA in the bar and on the fishing venue.

Thanks need to be made to Andy for sorting out the prizes, Gary for supplying the pins in the nick of time, Alan and John for pegging, John Wells for the Manx Sand Eels and all the anglers for making the effort and giving it a go.

Paull Curtis

EFSA Boat and Line Championships 2012, Norway

Boat Championship

Day 1 and 86 competitors mustered on the balcony area of the Hummeren hotel where many of the anglers were staying. The area was well laid out with the boat numbers on a table each so you could join your fellow anglers for the day before the short walk to the boats. The boats for the competition were a mix of 4 large wooden ex fishing boats with a split of 5 anglers on each side with each side as a separate boat for the purpose of the competition. Most of the other boats were modern fishing/pleasure boats and a couple of open boats! These other boats fished 4 anglers so giving a total of 20 boats.

The boats all left harbour at a steady 8 knots, the speed set by the organisers so that there was no advantage to be had by the smaller faster boats and all moves during the day were at this speed so it was only when heading back to port after the days fishing that the purpose built modern boats could go at their more usual respectable speed.

As to the fishing grounds, once the boats left the harbour they spread out to their chosen marks many of which were guided by the Norwegian boat captain who was also fishing the competition who knew the waters well. A very interesting scene once the boats left harbour, there were many small islands and varying degree of rock formations rising out of the sea, some with a lighthouse on, some with a marker post and many with just the resident population of birds and seals.

With the fishing, it soon become apparent that fishing was very patchy with many small fish on the marks. On return to shore some told of the shoals of haddock, redfish and gurnard they encountered, whilst other anglers only saw the occasional one or two of each species. The main species encountered were cod, haddock, whiting, coalfish, redfish, grey gurnard and dab, with lesser numbers of ling and tusk. Pout were unclassified with only the occasional one to a boat, but most welcome for 12 points.

Out of the 20 boats there were 3 English boat winners on day 1, Paul Hart, Matt Osborne and Mark Smith.

Day 2 was cancelled due to strong winds, but a fishing event took place with the England competitors staying in Stavanger holding a shore species match off one of the piers.

Thirteen species were caught including a good-sized cod by Mark Smith after it took a liking to the poor cod that he had hooked. This gave Mark the biggest fish award with the smallest fish being a goldsinny wrasse achieved by Pete Bailey.

On the Friday at the morning muster prior to fishing, there was a special award made by the Norway organisers to mark the England shore match, which saw Ray Barron presented with a cup as the one with the most species over the 3 hours.

Day 3, and with a better forecast, it was Championship on again and after the day of rest all were glad to be going fishing to try and improve on their efforts from day 1. With the better forecast the area available to fish was increased with some boats heading to an

offshore bank where it was reported to be better fishing. Unfortunately, this was not the case either because of the weather, or boats fishing there in the week previous. So it was a case of coming closer back towards port to find a few fish. Of note today a couple of small Halibut about 2 to 3 pound were caught, one by Ray Barron and the other by Paul Hart,

On day 3 there were 4 from EFSA England as boat winners, Ray Barron, Billy Cann, Neil Bryant and Paul Hart again, which gave him 2nd in overall position with one day to go.

Day 4 and the final day, and much the same as yesterday. Started the day with a cup of coffee and maybe a waffle that were available whilst waiting to board the boats. Then off to sea, fishing mainly the inshore areas of sand for Dab and Gurnard, then a little further out in deeper water for the other species

The final day of the Boat Championship and England were getting better with 6 boat winners, Ray Barron, Mark Smith, Billy Cann, Perry Dack, Gary Gailbraith and Kim Bowden. Unfortunately Paul Hart drew middle of one of the large boats and could not manage to make it 3 wins in a row, despite the good wishes and high hopes for Paul from the rest of England competitors.

Line Class Championship

This is just the one day decided on fish points so it is largely down to luck of the draw that you are on the boat that knows where the fish are.

This year all competitors were given the same 8-pound Ande nylon line to use.

Biggest fish caught on it was a cod of about 12 pound, though most of us never got anything to put the line and anglers skill to the test!

The same score card as the Boat Championship was used but with an extra 10 points for fish over a nominated length. But with this scoring there were still a lot of points to be scored for cod and gurnard of 4 ounces - not really in the spirit of a Line Class Championship.

Again the boats spread out once they left the harbour, but by now the last day of the week most realised there was little to be gained from steaming to the far marks when there was as good a size inshore and in general a lot more and varied fish to be had.

Saturday, and it was time to see who had had a good week's fishing and up for the awards to bring the week to a close.

The presentation was held in the afternoon and as is usual with these Championships, the host nation performed well with some of the top fisherman in Norway coming out on top. There was the usual line up of fishing gear, but for the top awards the Norwegian Section had special awards crafted. These were of polished stone with large circle hooks plated in gold, silver or bronze mounted upon them - a very fitting award for this the 50th Championship. I'm pleased to say that many from England collected a reasonable share.

The gala dinner was held in the Victoria hotel, Stavanger. This was a fine buffet with a good selection of dishes and plenty of food to allow people to return to sample a little more of the fare -all washed down with a glass of wine.

At the end of the dinner the EFSA flag was officially handed over to Denmark who are hosting the 2013 Boat and Line Championships next year.

The tables were then cleared at one end to free up the dance floor while the 2-piece band set up. While a lot of people left, some because of early flights and others due to the time of evening there were still a good few remaining to enjoy the music and company and so I am told the final farewells were not said until a couple of hours into the Sunday morning.

Results round-up

Boat Championship

In the national teams it was Norway 1st with 1167 points, 2nd Italy with 1158, 3rd Norway 1134, 4th Italy 1116, closely followed by England A 5th 1109 then England B 6th 1110 (separated by 9 points)

Open team of 4 in 3rd place was the team of Ray Barron, Perry Dack, Paul Hart and Neil Bryant.

Individual Results

1 st	Lars Hellum	Norway	300%
2 nd	Anthony Giacomi	Italy	300%
3 rd	Bjorn Stein	Norway	298.11%
8 th	Ray Barron		293.94%
10 th	Mark Smith		292.81%
19 th	Billy Cann		278.47%
20 th	Perry Dack		278.47%
23 rd	Neil Bryant		272.73%
28 th	Matt Osborne		270.13%
32 nd	Garry Gailbraith		264.32%
36 th	Mike Smith		262.61%
38 th	Paul Hart		260.87%
42 nd	Kim Bowden		253.69%
56 th	Ken Smith		231.34%
60 th	David Styles		226.09%

Line Class.

This is now just the one-day with placing on fish score only. I should mention that the talk at the start of the day was it should be on percentage on boat with count back on fish score. However, at the end of the day when Ray Barron came in with a good total on his

boat despite coming 2nd behind Marcus Wuest, Ray had changed his mind. So this meant if boat percentage had been used, his 98% would have given him 21st at best, but as it stood, 1st and 2nd came from the same boat

Individual Results

1 st	Marcus Wuest	356 points	Gold Pin
2 nd	Ray Barron	352 points,	Silver Pin
3 rd	Tom Unsgaard	346points,	Bronze Pin

Of note in Line Class

The Pairs were won by Ray Barron and Neil Bryant.

The Seniors were won by Ken Smith.

Biggest Fish of the Championship

Won by England: - Haddock Paul Hart with one of 1.84kg
Cod Perry Dack with one of 6.5kg

Kim Bowden

2013 Annual General Meeting

Any proposals for the 2013 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30th September 2012.

All proposals received shall be included in the Agenda under Special Business and the wording of the proposal will be circulated prior to the AGM via the October Newsletter. All members will then be aware of any proposal and will have been able to consider the merit of such and be better informed in formulating their thoughts concerning the motion.

TEAM SELECTION FORMS

As some of you will already be aware we are rolling out a new team selection form which can be filled in on computer and Emailed direct to Chairmen of Selectors.

The reasons for this are to reduce postage charges but, more importantly, it is easier for Chair of Selectors as it saves him having to scan forms in so they can all be sent to each of the Selectors. There is still the option to post a form. Your assistance in this change will be greatly appreciated.

COMPETITION ENTRY

This is to let you all know we are moving with the times and as some are already doing paying the entry fee by bank transfer. If you use this option please ensure you put your name as a reference so we can track where the money has come from. Please also mark on the entry form that payment was by bank transfer and the date it was made.

As previous, we will still continue in the more traditional way and take entries by cheque or cash of any major denomination.