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# **ENGLISH SECTION**



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# **DIARY**

# <u> 2015</u>

January 10th EFSA England AGM. Riviera Hotel, Weymouth.

January 11th Fun Fish Event – Weymouth (Wrasse)

April 18<sup>th</sup>/19th English Species (Bream) Littlehampton.

July 11<sup>th</sup>/12th English Boat Championship, Dover.

August 1<sup>st</sup>/8th European Boat and Line, Stromness, Orkney.

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> European Species (Flatfish) Oresund, Denmark.

November 23<sup>rd</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> European Shore. Malta.

# AGM Agenda 2015

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014.
- 3. Matters arising.
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.
- a) President, T. Entwistle
- b) Chairman; N. Bryant.
- c) Vice-Chairman; R. Ashby
- d) Secretary; K. Bowden.
- e) Treasurer; P. Hart.
- f) Membership Registrar; G.Galbraith.
- g) Fish Recorder; A. Smith
- h) Public Relations Officer; J. Whippy.
- i) Boat Festival Officer; A. Selby.
- j) Shore Festival Officer; P. Curtice
- k) Press Officer; M Bobbett
- 1) Social Secretary. M. Osborne
- m) Competitions Coordinator; K. Scaggs.
- n) Standing Committee Delegate K. Bowden.

# 5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2014.

Fun Fish Competition – Poole
English Species Boat – Sheerness
English Shore Championship – Dover
English Boat Championship – Torquay
European Species Championship – Iceland
European Shore Championship – Wales
European Boat and Line Class Championships – Weymouth

# 6. **Presentation of Fish of the Year Awards** – Andy Smith

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

Vice Chairman R. Ashby a. Nominee -K Bowden Secretary Nominee b. **Boat Festival Officer** Nominee -A. Selby C. d Shore Festival Officer Nominee -P. Curtice Chairman of Selectors (Boat) Nominee -R. Russell e. f. Chairman of Selectors (Shore) Nominee -P. Curtice

g. Chairman of Selectors (Game)

Nominee - K. Skaggs

h. Boat Selectors

i. Shore Selectors

j. Game Selectors

#### 8. Election of Honorary Auditor.

1 yr term Nominee/s Mr J. Knight

#### 9. Events for 2015.

- a) Fun Competition -- Weymouth
- b) EFSA Species Championship -- Denmark
- c) English Boat Championship -- Dover
- d) European Boat and Line Class Championships-- Orkney
- e) European Shore Championship -- Malta
- f) English Species Festival Boat -- Littlehampton
- g) English Shore Championship

# **10.** Special Business. None notified

#### 11. Annual General Meeting 2016.

## **Standing Committee meeting report -April 2014**

New EFSA website is to be progressed.

HQ consider all email addresses of section members should be available to HQ, Italy proposed that it should be included on membership form that email address can be used for internal contact only.

The Game Festival Officer suggested a Game Championship every year but on a paper presented to meeting there were 4 proposals. Idea is to seek views of people interested in Game fishing and be in position to give preferred choice at next Standing Committee meeting in Weymouth in September.

European Shore 2015 Malta in November. Mainly bream and wrasse, usual weight 5 to 30 grm though may have to go to 60 to 70 grm. Expected cost about 485 Euro.

European Shore 2017 Holland October or November.

European Species 2015 Helsingor for flatfish in October.

European Species 2016 England have put forward to hold it as a conger species out of Plymouth

European Boat and Line 2015 Stromness Orkney Island. Nordlink ferry there will be a discount for anglers by quoting code that will be given. The Stromness Hotel has been reserved for anglers attending but will need to book early.

European Boat and Line 2016, Cobh, County Cork 16-23 September.

European Shore 2016 Kilmuckridge, Ireland, 11-14 May, 200 Euro entries.

European Species 2014 Iceland reported 81 entrants to fish on 16 or 17 boats.

European Shore 2014, Wales, 6-8 November brochure will be available soon.

Game 2015, Miami in April or May cost, team of 4 6850 USD (approx £4250 Guest 220 USD. Accommodation 160 USD a day double room.

Report by Kim Bowden

## EFSA Standing Committee Report - September 2014, Weymouth

Ande are looking to develop a braid line with strength to conform to Line class testing and there is a possibility we may be able to have this for future Line Class Championship.

EFSA HQ are soon in need of a Boat Festival Officer Mr David Styles, is stepping down at the end of his current term in 2015. If anyone feels they may be able to fill this position then have a word with David or me. Be assured David will give you all the assistance possible. On a more positive note there were 2 candidates for the position of Public Relations Officer, both were interviewed and a decision will be made shortly.

The fishing rules for EFSA events are being updated to incorporate any developments in recent years so these can be referred to at an event and will be the rules in force unless dispensation has been given and any deviations are in the brochure for the event.

Insurance for cancellation of an event will be up to the organising section to either take out insurance or self-insure. The Boat Festival Officer put forward some ideas for future discussion, which included having one entry fee for Boat and Line and separate fee for Line only. Should we continue to print out results for each section or just produce electronically? Finally should we look to separate Boat and Line events so there could be say a 2-day line class event?

# Boat and Line Championship dates and information

**2015 Stromness in Orkney** 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August, brochures are now available for those that require them. A discount of 30% has been negotiated with the Scrabster to Stromness ferry. Practice boats will be available with details on this and electronic brochure for web sites will be produced soon.

**2016 Cobh in Ireland**, 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Organisation of the event is under way with more details next year but entry is expected to be in the order of 600 Euros. **2017, Maloy, Norway** 

# European Species Championship

**2015** Elsinore, Denmark 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> October, Flatfish.. Fishing will be on 20 to 30 man boats, more information to follow soon.

2016 Plymouth, England, May for conger eel.

# European Shore Championship

**2015, Malta**, 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November, detail will be on web site when available.

**2016, Kilmuckridge, Ireland**, 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May.

2017. Netherlands.

2018, to be hosted by Section Italy.

# Game

2015, Miami, Florida, brochure on England web site though closing date end of October. 2016 Mexico, Cobo San Lucas,  $30^{th}$  November to  $6^{th}$  December.

Next SC meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March at Copthorne in England.

Report by Kim Bowden

#### **FISH RECORDER'S REPORT**

As can be imagined this year has not been a great one for entries but we have still had some quality submissions. There are currently no entries in the whiting category in the boat section, the conger eel category in the shore section and overseas fish of the year. So if you catch a decent fish in any of these categories it is well worth submitting it.

Members can register entries up to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, after which time I will inform the winners by post and arrange for the trophies to be engraved. Entries received after this date will be entered in next year's list.

If you are one of the lucky winners, the trophies will be presented at the AGM and it would be great if you could collect your trophy in person.

Here is the current situation:

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Bass	Dave Lynes	PM	13lb 15oz
Black Bream	Jim Whippy	PM	4lb 2oz
Cod	Geoff Thorner	West Wight	27 lb 12oz
Conger Eel	Alan Bird	PM	75 lb 0oz
Flounder	Steve Spencer	PM	1lb 14oz
Plaice	Maurice Pickford	Portland	2lb 15oz
Pollack	Colin Searles	PM	16lb 8oz
Ray – Blonde	Alan Bird	PM	24 lb 12 oz
Smoothound	Steve Goodwin	Portland	14lb 10oz
Whiting			
Wrasse	Dickie Leggatt	PM	5lb 10oz
Other by %	Ray Barron	PM	20lb 8oz
			Spurdog – 170.83%

# SHORE

Bass	Paul Dixon	Portiand	910 102
Black Bream	Steven Carr	West Wight	3lb 8oz
Cod	Noddy Coan	Portland	4lb 6oz
Conger Eel			
Flounder	D Jupe	West Wight	3 lb 5oz
Plaice	Paul Dixon	Portland	lb 15oz
Pollack	Paul Dixon	Portland	2lb 11oz
Mullet – All	Aiden Asher	West Wight	5 lb 5oz
Smoothound	Liam Smith	West Wight	10 lb 8oz
Whiting	Martyn Gibbs	Portland	1 lb 13oz
Wrasse - Ballan	Noddy Coan	Portland	5 lb 15oz
Other %	Matt Finn	Christchurch	14lb 10oz
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Blonde Ray – 182.81%

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#### JUNIOR FISH OF THE YEAR

Matthew Lavis (age 9) BCC Ling 18lb 4oz 91.25%

#### OVERSEAS FISH OF THE YEAR

# **CONGER CLUB TANKARD**

Alan Bird PM 75 lb 0 oz

# **EFSA English Shore Samphire Hoe, Dover 2014**

The venue for this years English Section Shore Championship was to be Dover Southern Breakwater but due to storm damage the venue was switched to Samphire Hoe. The Championship HQ was at the Grand Burstin, which provided full board accommodation for the anglers at a very favourable rate.

Day 1 After a leisurely breakfast and plenty of time to get to venue the 18 hopeful anglers mustered at the Samphire Hoe car park for bait distribution and drawing of pegs for the day. A short stroll down to the front and time for that last minute preparation in readiness for the 10:30 start. Many were soon into fish with Pollack making early showing by just dropping down the wall carefully to try and avoid the rocks that are against wall and out to sea by 20 feet or so. These rocks are also home to many species of Wrasse and unfortunately, many were caught but most not reaching the 20 cm minimum size to score.

Fishing was a case of no pain no gain and the brave that cast out further than the sandy patch just past the wall rock found the snags just off shore. There were fish out there but very snaggy ground so the gloves came in handy to pull the gear out. Sometimes lucky with fish and gear coming free, but often just the main line so other rod into service to continue fishing while repairs to snapped off line.

Other fish to count were some sizable Pout so with the Wrasse and Pollock these made up most of the points on scorecard

Day 2 Same timings as yesterday, so time to re-tie those rigs that did not get done last night, necessary due to all the losses of the day before. After drawing pegs, which were further along the wall and a good half mile or so walk, some of us did regret not having a set of wheels with us to ease the strain of getting to fishing marks, - another lesson learnt. Fishing was very similar to the previous day but more to be had as shown by the points compared with day before. Paull Curtice managed the only Garfish in the championship with a very useful 56cm to score and also gave him the optional pool round fish on day 2. The other fish of note was the only flat fish in the Championship - a Topknot of 21cm caught by Barrie Senior that also took the optional pool for flat fish. On day 1 optional pool there was no flat fish caught so both pools that day went to round fish and Chris Leonard with a Ballan Wrasse of 34cm took the money. The other pool was a 3 way split with Barrie Senior, Paull Curtice and Dave Lovelock all with a Pollock of 31cm.

The presentation was held at the Grand Burstin, where most of us stayed, with the prize table going down to 6<sup>th</sup> place. With Paull Curtice and Dave Lovelock both zone winners on day 1, day 2 and they were both drawn in same zone with Paull coming out on top with top score of the event with 19 fish for 634cm. So once results were worked out the first place and Gold pin went to Paull Curtice, with Silver pin to Dave Lovelock and Bronze pin to Chris Leonard After presentation, with many staying that night, we had a social dinner together where amongst other topics of conversation were what could have been and possible venues for 2015.

# Full results for Championship

		Points	Fish
1	Paull Curtice	2	
2	Dave Lovelock	4	15
3	Chris Leonard	4	13
4	Paul Drake	7	13
5	Kim Bowden	7	12
6	Jerry Knight	7	10
7	Barrie Senior	8	
8	Tony Porritt	9	
9	Dave Clark	10	
9	Budge Brooker	10	
11	Reg Clough	11	
11	Jan Peach	11	
11	Luke Allen	11	
11	Vernon Allen	11	
15	Alan Jones	15	
16	Colin Crocker	17	
17	John Campbell	Withdrew 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> dav

# English Boat championship Torquay 14/15<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Attendance for this year's event was well down on last year's championship held in Plymouth (30 down from 70) not sure if this is down to financial constraints or choice of venue, either way it's hard for EFSA England to profit from such a low turnout, just remember your support in our events is crucial to maintaining the stability of EFSA.

HQ was again the Rainbow International Hotel, which I am led to believe has been vastly improved since we came here in 2010, especially the food.

Day 1 Anne Clare chose to drift a few offshore wrecks for pollack and the chance of bass, fortunately the whiting, pout & gurnard obliged as did the mackerel, Becca Marie chose an inshore wreck that is often used to take the tourist to, two other local boats had the same idea so the 3 boats took it in turn to fish for the pollack etc. Ray Baron managed to capture the best pollack of the weekend (around 7lb) other fish landed included pout, mackerel, whiting, gurnard and a lone scad. Kelly's Hero chose a different tactic and chose an inshore mark that has been known to produce small conger eels and the occasional bullhuss, no conger showed however Kim Bowden did manage a lone bullhuss he also had 1 herring, 1 gurnard, 1 whiting....if there were additional points for each species he would have won the boat!

Day 1 winner was Ray with 50 fish points followed by Neil Bryant on 39, Steve Batchelor and Rolf Marschalek came in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> with 30 points each.

Today's plan was to fish the banks for plaice and rays but with the large tide Day 2 Anne Clare chose to target a couple of inshore wrecks 1<sup>st</sup> then move to the banks as the tide became more favourable, the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the plan was a bit disappointing with only mackerel to show for 2 hours fishing, the move onto the Skerries was more successful with several nice plaice including Keith Skaggs's fine 45cm specimen that won him the price for the longest flatfish, Clive Newbold boated a fine 16lb blonde ray but neither of these could secure the boat win, this went to Richard Russell, this win added to his 82% from day 1 gained Richard the top senior award. Kelly's Hero went straight to the sand banks to try for bass, whiting & gurnard, only the whiting showed, Dave then moved onto the Skerries bank for the plaice, this proved slightly more fruitful as several plaice were netted along with a few gurnard and whiting, as the action slowed a move inshore to try for more whiting and gurnard, again this plan worked for Rolf as he managed 72 points to secure a second boat win. Becca Marie went straight to the Skerries to try for the plaice, Dean then moved inshore to try to add a few more points to the struggling score line, Neil Bryant managed to add a couple of whiting and gurnard to his plaice. The last hour was spent at anchor, again Neil added to his score, Pete baily had spent most of the day with a solitary mackerel to show for his effort he did however manage to add a plaice to his card in the last 2 minutes of the day. Neil secured a second boat win to add yet another silver pin to his collection.

Day 2 winner was Rolf Marschalek with his 72 points added to the 1<sup>st</sup> days 30 points, this resulted in 2 anglers securing double boat wins, Rolf did however become our 2014 English boat champion as he scored more points than Neil over the event.

#### Results

#### Overall

1<sup>st</sup> Rolf Marschalek 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Bryant 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Russell

#### **Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Neil Bryant/Ray Barron 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolf Marschalek/Colin Searles 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Batchelor/Rob Shattock

#### Four man open

1<sup>st</sup> Neil Bryant/Ray Barron/Andy Selby/Perry Dack 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Osborne/Colin Searles/Rolf Marschalek/Marcus Wuest 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Batchelor/Rob Shattock/Pete Baily/Cliff Newbold

Overall the fishing failed to match this areas potential, whether this was due to the weather, tide, easterly wind or lack of skill on the anglers part I do not know, on the bright side the sunshine and company made this an enjoyable event for all but one angler, just remember pay attention when crossing the road (Ash is recovering from his sudden meeting with the pavement)

Big thanks to the staff at the Rainbow, Dean, Dave & Kevin for their effort trying to find the fish, Jan & Keith Scaggs for setting up the price table and to the organisers and competitors.

Report by Martin Bobbett

# Sheerness Species Festival (Ray) 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May 2014

With anglers travelling from Lands' end and John 0'Groats (well nearly) it looks as though we have representatives from most corners of the country, the weather reports from the beginning of the week had hanged for the better, the forecast 19-20mph north easterly had reduced to a mere breeze.

The original plan was to load from Queenborough (hence to choice of hotel) unfortunately the autumn storms from last year had damaged the slipway, this was due to be repaired prior to our festival but the funds could not be raised in time, a quick change of plan and Gillingham marina was chosen as a good compromise plus it's only 25mins away from the HQ with plenty of parking, convenience stores and a golden arches restaurant en-route

The thornbacks started to show around February this year and peaked in early April, funny how the fish never seem to read the script! Still some boats have still been producing between 20-40 rays in a session, mainly males with the odd larger female added in for good measure. The normal method on the chosen marks is a 30-40lb hook length around 2-3tf long with a 3/0-4/0 pennel rig on a flowing trace or a single 4/0 hook, the pennel is good to present the larger baits like half a herring fillet wrapped in squid or a single 4/0 and a chunk of herring, plain squid baits usually result in a dogfish or ten or perhaps a bonus bass.

**Day 1** The parking area was very close to the moorings which is always a bonus when lugging far too much tackle from the car to the boat and even better after a long day and added the weight of fish fillets, the wind had died to a breeze so a pleasant day lied ahead. After a 50min steam the boats arrived at the Nor Swatch, Trojan was 1<sup>st</sup> to commence fishing followed by seeker and dentex, hurricane chose to wait until the tide started to flood. The rays have been appearing in little flurries over the last week or two, the bites can vary from one small nod of the rod to nearly losing it overboard so concentration is the key.

Mr Barron drew number 8, the ideal uptide spot which is apparently not his favourite method of fishing, still it gave his swollen foot a rest, and along with the 3 rays he also managed a Tub Gurnard as did Vernon Allen on Trojan, there seems to be a few of these around at present which is unusual for the estuary. Paul Hart took great pride in showing his latest tackle creations (he must have far too much spare time) still he did manage to land one sizable Ray and at least one other.

Seeker was top boat with 33 rays landed and 18 recorded over 40cm, Hurricane recorded 11 with 7 undersize, Trojan recorded 8 and Dentex 10, top rod was Neil Bryant with 4.

Day 2 Well the skippers must have been naughty yesterday as the headmaster had moved not only the moorings but the parking as well, this caused a little confusion and a lot more walking! Apparently we had made too much noise on Saturday morning hence the change around, strange how the boats needed extra throttle on Sunday, must have been due to the cold night!

The river was flat calm and the sun shining, Dentex, Trojan and Seeker remained around the Nor Swatch area, Hurricane made the gamble to fish further afield and chose the red sands to target the larger specimens.

The fishing was a little slower than yesterday even though the conditions were nearly perfect, Allan on seeker obviously fell for Mr Barron's sob storey about his foot and presented him with a garden chair to take the weight of his foot. The bits were few and far between but the banter was quick and witty, Perry is now known as PTB and Ray RTC, sorry but I cannot expand on why, you will need to ask them. I managed to hook a 55cm ray just on the edge of his wing up towards the nose, this allowed the fish to spin in very large circles and made quite an unusual fight on the x-power rod and lots of tide, Perry then hooked into an even larger specimen that turned out to be the best of the weekends fish at 65cm.

Seeker recorded 8, Trojan 10, Dentex 7 but Hurricane managed 19 sizable rays with Gary Galbraith landing 7 to add to his first days tally of 3, Gary chose to fish large all herring baits, lashing several thin strips of fillet together, looks like the gamble paid off as Hurricane took the top boat and two out of the top 3 individual placing's.

The fishing might not have been up to everyone's expectations but no one could fault the hospitality of the skippers, we had gournet dining (compared to most trips) with bacon rolls, sausage sandwiches, meat loaf, sausage rolls, cakes all washed down with plenty of tea, so a big thanks to commodore Steve on Dentex, Allan (Seeker) Paul (Trojan) and Will/Gareth (Hurricane) and of course the staff at the Abbey Hotel.

# Results (see efsa-england.com for full list of results)

#### **Individuals**

1<sup>st</sup> Gary Galbraith 2<sup>nd</sup> Darren Rose 3<sup>rd</sup> Neil Bryant

#### **Pairs**

Mike Smith – Gary Galbraith

# Four man open

Matt Osborne, Neil Bryant, Ray Barron, Perry Dack

Report by Martin Bobbett

# **European Boat Championships Weymouth 2014**

Some sections had chosen to arrive a few days early to get in a couple of practice sessions before the main event some of whom had never visited English shores before and some of whom had returned after 2011.

Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> September and the Championship was formerly opened at the HQ hotel, the Rivera Hotel in Weymouth, and the EFSA flag was raised on the flagpole outside the hotel where it proudly fluttered in the variable wind through the week.

Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> and the Boat Championship got under way. 135 hopeful anglers from 16 sections mustered on the quay ready to board the boats. All boats were quickly loaded and they made their way out of Weymouth harbour where upon the boat skippers headed for their first mark of the day and the Boat Championship began.

East to north east winds restricted the fishing but the Weymouth skippers have vast experience fishing such events in these conditions thus ensuring that competitors enjoyed some great sport over the four day boat championships, with many catching species such as Plaice, Undulate Ray, Black Bream and Scad for the 1<sup>st</sup> time whilst others topped their personal best for such species.

The two hook event saw the organisers supplying bait each day with ragworm from Topsy Baits and frozen mackerel and squid from Ammo being provided

As is the norm at this Championship the event was closely fought right to the final day with only three anglers having the maximum 300% percentage points after Wednesday and all of the top ten being in with a chance of a medal. In the end it was Anthony Giacomini from Italy who maintained his unbeaten record to score 400% and lift the gold medal and coveted EFSA pin. England's Rob Shattock finished only 1.3 points behind in second place with fellow country man Colin Searles taking the bronze medal on 395.24 points

Anthony teamed up with Mauro Salvatori to take first place in the pair's event followed by the English pairing of Rob Shattock and Matt Osborne. The bronze for third place went to former champion Ray Barron and Neil Bryant, also from the host nation The four person team event was won by the English / Irish / French combo of Colin Searles, Mark Smith, Heiko Dreier and Francis Couzinet. Silver medal went to Perry Dack, Neil Bryant, Ray Barron and Marcus Wuest with Pete Bailey, Cliff Newbold, Rob Shattock and Matt Osborne taking the bronze.

The Ladies event was won by Katharina Schleiff from Germany ahead of far travelled South African angler Madelein Brown with Iceland's Asta Knutsdottir taking bronze.

Although EFSA is an organisation for individual members each Championship has an International team event and this year the gold medal went to England 'A'. Italy 'A' took the silver medal with England 'B' securing third spot.

# Line class championship (4kg)

The Friday saw the wind dropping off and the sun breaking through as the anglers headed off to fish the one day Line Class event. All the anglers would be using 4kg **Ande Tournament line** on their reels provided by the sponsor. This was a single hook competition and flatfish only would count. The boats would spend half the day on the Shambles targeting turbot and brill before steaming to the nearby mussel beds to target the spotted plaice. Bait again was supplied with prawns replacing the squid and most boats stopped in the tide on the Shambles to feather for mackerel and sand eels at the start of the day and these were equally shared on the boats

Top fish of the day was a prospective new line class record brill of 1.895kg landed by England's Richard Russell. Subject to ratification Richard's fish will fill the vacant 4kg line class record spot in both the European and World record lists.

The turbot and brill failed to show in any great numbers but the recent plaice form of Weymouth continued with several nice specimens landed during a day where the anglers relaxed and had fun after the rigors of the main event. Again the event was fished to the percentage system to ensure a spread of prizes and the boat winners were separated on fish

Isle of Wight angler Richard Wheeler took the gold medal with 110 points just 10 ahead of England's Ray Barron. South African competitor Brett Wienham lifted the bronze medal with a turbot, a brill and three plaice for 80 points. The Ladies event was won by Tina Lustig of Wales, South Africa's Anita Gower took the silver and Liv Unsgaard from Norway the bronze.

Richard paired up with Simon Norman to finish runaway winners in the teams of two, twenty percentage points ahead of second placed Mike Smith and Gary Galbraith. Third place went to Marcus Wuest and Perry Dack. Perry and Marcus teamed up with Ray Barron and Neil Bryant to win the fours event. Second place went to Tina Lustig, John O'Conner, Ray Ashby and Neil Cottington with Andy Selby, Billy Short, Brett Wienham and Madeline Brown in third.

Please see separate sheets for the full results

Report by Martin Bobbett

#### **Competitions for 2015**

#### AGM / Funfish

This years AGM will be held in Weymouth with the AGM being held at the Riviera Hotel and the Funfish event targeting Wrasse.

We are arranging a one and two night package deal with the hotel and details will be sent to you once your application has been received.

To stay two nights is an amazing deal of £79 per person for bed, breakfast and evening meal. One night will be £50.00. So come along and have a good social evening..

This will be a bait supplied one hook competition for both shore and boat anglers, The scoring will be done on the 5 longest Wrasse caught by each competitor making up a total length.

#### EFSA England Species Competition

We are running our boat species event from Littlehampton this year targeting bream in a two hook competition. Bait will be supplied and each angler can record there 10 longest fish each day to establish a winner. This will be scored on a total length over 2 days and not by the 100% rule.

After 3 hours of fishing all anglers will move around the boat i.e. those drawn at the bow will fish the stern and vice versa. The HQ will be the Nelson public house and boats will depart from the Town Quay.

Full details will be sent to you once your entry application has been received.

#### EFSA England English Boat Championship

We are running our first English Boat Championship from Dover. There is a variety of fish to be caught this time of year, with hopefully a bit of pirking for cod as well. Bait will be supplied for this 2-hook competition and HQ will be the Grand Birstin Hotel in Folkestone

Full details will be sent to you once your entry application form has been received.

# European Boat and Line 2015.

This event is being hosted by Section Scotland in Stromness in the Orkney Island, date 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Brochure and entry form are available on our web site to download, alternatively I do have some brochures available so if you want one of these please contact me.

Entry form should be sent to me before the closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

I have been advised that accommodation is limited in Stromness, so anyone entering should look to secure accommodation as soon you know you are going to attend the event.

If I do not have your email address then please put on entry form, this will allow me to keep in contact on the event information as I have it and to arrange practice boat etc.

Kim Bowden Secretary

# **Annual General Meeting 2015**

Any proposals for the 2015 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

All proposals received shall be included in the Agenda under Special Business.

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