

Newsletter March 2015

DIARY

2015

April 18 th /19 th	English Species (Bream) Littlehampton.
June 12 th /13 th	English Shore, Borth, Wales.
July 11 th /12 th	English Boat, Dover
August 1 st /8 th	European Boat and Line, Stromness, Orkney.
Oct 23 rd /24 th	European Species (Flatfish) Oresund, Denmark.
November 18 th /20 th	European Shore. Malta.

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January TBA	AGM Poole
January TBA	Funfish – Flounder - Poole
April/May	English Boat – Falmouth or Penzance
May 11 th /14 th	European Shore – Kilmuckridge, Ireland.
July 15 th /16 th	European Species – Conger – Weymouth
September 16 th /23 rd	European Boat & Line, Cobh, Ireland.
November	English Species – Cod – Minehead.
Nov 30 th /Dec 6 th	European Game, Cobo San Lucas, Mexico.
TBA	English Shore.

Secretary's Report

The Committee are mindful of getting information to members as soon as possible so it is the intention to post updates of events on the website under the Diary page on a regular basis. This also includes details for overseas events where flights and hotels are required.

if you know you are intending to fish an event, then please inform me as soon as you decide. This then will give me a list of who to keep in contact with if we are looking at travelling or staying as a group.

The following is the up to date information we have concerning the events as listed.

European Shore, Malta.

Update on European Shore. I have had a letter outlining the event and if you contact me I will forward it to you. There is no official brochure or entry form yet which is why it is not on the website, but I hope to have definite information by the end of March. I have been in contact with Section Malta and the HQ hotel only have 25 rooms reserved for the event as that is all the hotel would allow. So far, I have asked for 15 rooms be reserved for England as that is for the amount of anglers and partners that have said they will be attending so far. So if you are looking to enter this Championship then get in contact with me as soon as possible

European Species Denmark

The full details and entry form for this event are now on the website. Matt Osborne has booked flights for many that are going so we travel as a group. Unfortunately, due to when this information became available, there has not been a chance to get this information into the Newsletter. If you contact Matt or me, we can give you the detail if you wish to travel at the same time.

European Boat and Line

The closing date has now passed for this event. However, if you do decide you would like to enter, then there may still be boat spaces. In first instance contact me and then I will contact Section Scotland to see if there are boat spaces available.

Kim Bowden
Secretary

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at
The Riviera Hotel, Weymouth on Saturday 10th January 2015 at 11:00*

Present:

Mr E.Entwistle	-	President
Mr N.Bryant	-	Chairman
Mr R.Ashby	-	Vice Chairman
Mr K.Bowden	-	Secretary
Mr A.Selby	-	Boat Festival Officer
Mr P.Curtice	-	Shore Festival Officer
Mr M.Bobbett	-	Press Officer
Mr M.Osborne	-	Social Secretary
Mr K.Scaggs	-	Competition Coordinator
Mr A.Smith	-	Fish Recorder

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

David Styles	Tom Hatcher	Jim Whippy	Rolf Marschek
Arthur White	Tony Porritt	Mike Patten	Uwe Brown
Tony Hudson	Budge Brooker	Vernon Allen	Luke Allen
Marcus Wuest	David Oliver	Pete Bailey	Steve Spencer

A total of 28 full members were present together with 8 members of Affiliated Clubs.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014:

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Ray Barron, seconded by Neil Cottington and accepted unanimously. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Executive Officer's Reports:

President's Address: Mr Entwistle gave the following report to the meeting.

Mr Chairman, honourable members, it is indeed a great privilege for me to attend this AGM as your President. I am sorry that I've not been able to take part in more of the Section's activities during the past year, but I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for the New Year. I hope you have fine weather and great catches on your fishing forays in 2015, though I am sorry to hear that the forecast has already put a dampener on Sunday's planned activities.

Well done to all of you that have been able to attend and support the Section and its committee, both today and during the past year. They have done sterling work on our behalf during 2014, once again hosting a very successful European Boat and Line Championships, as well as many other events. Please join me in applauding the efforts of the committee and all their many helpers.

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

Firstly may I welcome you all to the Rivera Hotel for this year's AGM and I would like to thank everyone here for their attendance, this is appreciated and supports the Committee in all the work that they have done on behalf of the Section. It is a pity the weather has beaten us once again for the planned fun fish event that was linked to the AGM, we wanted to try something different as we did a few years ago in Dover when the weather also beat us up. Anyway, we will look at this again for next year and confirm when and where these will be held.

2013-14 was indeed busy to say the least for us on the organising committee in preparing no less than five domestic events and of course the European Boat and Line Championships on behalf of EFSA Headquarters. Believe me when I say that a great deal of time and effort is spent on planning before, during and after each event to ensure that everything runs as smooth as humanly possible so that each competitor and their guests have a great time. Obviously we also need to generate additional income from each event to enable us to continue to operate the Section and maintain realistic membership fees. That said, I am sure our Treasurer will be pleased with the balance figure so we do not envisage any price increases just yet.

Within the accounts you will all be pleased to see that we have indeed had a successful year, mainly due to the careful control and sponsorship support of the Europeans. Also, we have made other changes by having two committee meetings and not three and only producing two newsletters. We will need to maintain this approach and indeed continue to look at realistic ways in which we could continue to refine the overheads of running the Section. Obviously, there is a breaking point and I assure you we will not need to go that far. With the electronic days taking over the world maybe we will look again to see if there are other changes we can also consider.

One thing we should look at I believe is generating more information through our website and looking at other social media networks to encourage new members and generating more awareness of EFSA and the events it holds. After all, we are an Individual Member Organisation with all of our events being individual ones for all to take part in. I am sure we miss out on other participants by not promoting our events more widely so this is always something that we as a committee need to keep looking at, whilst also appreciating that boat places can be short in certain ports - but beach places are the opposite. I don't know, maybe we could have an "invited open" to introduce who we are, but this will need focus and promotion. However, I assure you that we will continue to try and evolve.

Looking at the forthcoming year and beyond within EFSA Headquarters, there will be some significant changes in personnel with the retirement of the Treasurer, Boat Festival Officer and Fish Recorder plus the need to recruit a new Public Relations Officer. These changes were inevitable, but I am confident that the right people will make themselves available from across every member section in maintaining the standards that have been set for so many years.

In respect of our forthcoming events this year: As a committee we need only to focus on our English Boat and Shore Championships and our Species Festival, whilst also preparing for hosting next year's European Species (Conger) event. Within the busy calendar, you have the European Boat in Orkney, the European Shore in Malta and the European Species in Denmark - so plenty to have a go at, and I wish you well in all of them.

It would be remiss of me not to thank everyone for participating in last year's events and for the support you have given. I appreciate that there is a nucleus of anglers who fish most, if not all, of our events but it is vital to the sustainability of the Section and to EFSA as a whole, that we find ways to encourage new anglers to fish our events. Most anglers enjoy catching fish, no matter what the size on many occasions, so we need to make our events more focussed on catching fish and possibly not introduce restrictions on numbers etc. Who knows what is right? But we have to keep looking at what is best to encourage more to join us. I assure you that we as a committee will continue to look for new venues, new opportunities and above all, try to make it all affordable.

Obviously this is a short report but there is one thing I have to do and that is to thank all the committee for their support during the last year. It was tough, but we got through. I will not highlight any individuals on this occasion because we have a great team here and the work that they all do in supporting each other and all the members, that we have such a viable and well-organised Section. Long may it continue. If there is anyone who feels that they would like to become more involved in running the Section, then please let us know. There will always be changes within any organisation at some point in time so it would be good to have some volunteers in the wings to call on when needed. All organisations need changes from time to time so as to avoid complacency and new blood can bring a different approach to things - so we should always be open-minded to changes.

To finish, I would once again thank you all for making the effort to attend the AGM here in Weymouth. I am sure this will be an informative and relaxed meeting and as long as I do not interrupt, it won't take long. Joking aside, I do thank you and hope to see you and many others over the coming year.

Thank you and a belated Happy New Year to all.

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

Well it has been a busy year as Vice Chairman but with no vice incidents. As I said, a busy year and I only had to stand in for the Chairman a couple of times and will add that a very successful year for the Section. Let us all look forward to a good fishing times in 2015.

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

Another year swiftly passed with some highs and lows - and that was just the atmospheric pressure.

As usual in 2014 a lot of time was spent on EFSA related business but hard to recall it all here, One thing I will pass on is the good wishes that I received from most Sections for the new year, on behalf of EFSA England I sent all Section similar good wishes, good fortune and fishing in 2015.

At least in 2014 all events went ahead very much as planned, despite some challenging weather again. All events will be reported on during the AGM with the full reports and results available in the Newsletters and on the website. Whilst mentioning events, these are always planned to try and attract a good entry and provide good fishing plus an enjoyable and fair competition, but they do require support from you the members to make them a success. If anyone has any views on the choice of venue, or have any suggestions, these should be voiced and they will be discussed by committee when arranging future events.

The committee remains strong but you must remember we are all volunteers and it is not our day job, so please have consideration when commenting on how things are managed.

Looking forward to 2015 there are some great events planned both our own in England and the other events within Europe. I would mention here that if you intend fishing an event then early entry is appreciated as this allows decisions to be made on number of boats etc. Also, if you have already entered an event, then any information updates will be sent direct to you. Alternatively, our website is the place to look for information and entry forms for events. If in doubt or need additional information, you can contact me and I will hopefully be able to provide that information or steer you in the right direction.

It just remains for me to wish you success for your fishing in 2015 and hope to see many of you on a boat, beach or in the bar!

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

Balance Sheet issued under separate cover.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Alan Bird, seconded by Kim Bowden, and accepted unanimously.

Mr Hart said if there were any questions on the accounts he would respond. None were raised

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

I believe possibly that many people are only joining in years that they wish to fish an event but the current membership is as follows:-

77 Life members.

86 Annual members.

9 Affiliated clubs.

Fish Recorder's Report: Mr Smith gave the following report and details to the meeting.

To be honest, this year was quite slow in terms of entries. The gales at the start of the year seemed to disrupt catches but we received entries in all categories apart from shore caught conger.

Despite the slow start to the year there were still some very good catches and in particular a 27lb 12oz boat caught cod from Geoff Thorner, a 75lb boat caught conger from Alan Bird, a 20lb 8oz boat caught spurdog from Ray Barron, a 26lb 4 oz boat caught blonde ray from Alan Bird, a 12lb 2 oz shore caught bass from Paul Dixon, a 3lb 5oz shore caught flounder from David Jupe, a 5lb 15 oz shore caught ballan wrasse from Noddy Coan and a 14lb 10oz shore caught blonde ray from Matt Finn. It was Matt Finn's blonde ray that the Committee voted as the best fish of the year and worthy of the Norman Witt trophy.

Please keep your entries coming in for 2015. The first results will be posted on the website towards the end of January.

Public Relations Officer's Report: Mr Bryant informed the meeting that Mr Whippy regrets being unable to attend, but that his thoughts are with us and wished the Section well for 2015.

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

This year has been a very hectic year for the committee with hosting our domestic events as well as the European Championship from Weymouth. This turned out to be a very memorable event that I think was enjoyed by all and the new format of prize giving and dinner on the same night went really well.

In 2015 we will be visiting two new venues for our domestic events. Firstly, Littlehampton for our species Bream event, and then Dover for our English Boat Championship. This is a venue we have fished for Cod but never a species event so it could make it a very interesting event. The skippers are really keen and there is a great variety of fishing.

In 2016 currently we are thinking maybe a species cod in Minehead and English Boat out of Falmouth or Penzance Cornwall.

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: Mr Curtice gave the following report to the meeting.

Firstly I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I would like to reiterate the comments made by other committee members that we are always looking at suggestions for venues and bait suppliers. There is now some new blood fishing the shore events, but if you know of anyone you think would enjoy our style of fishing venues, then please pass on the word - they will be made most welcome.

Also as said, it is always appreciated getting entries early as it helps with the planning of the Championship.

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

Poole Flounder: It was good to see that the boat anglers don't always win this one. Dave Lovelock took the honours with 5 flounder taken from the shore - let's see how they fare this year with the Wrasse.

Iceland Cod in May: We must persuade EFSA Iceland to have another event perhaps for Coalfish and Cod next time - great event with an English angler coming out on top and many personal best fish caught by most of those who travelled there.

Rays - Sheerness again in May: Not a fantastic turnout for this one, 30 anglers took part even though the Rays failed to show in great numbers the skippers did look after us well with tea, sausage sarnies and even meatloaf on one boat.

English Boat – Torquay: A very poor turnout for an English Boat event that may have been due to the amount of events this year or possibly due to the poor fishing last time at this venue. Either way, we need to support our own events to ensure the financial success of the Section so let's hope Dover will be better supported.

Europeans Weymouth. This was a great event, well-organised, good fishing, reasonable weather and a great job done by the organisers. This was echoed by most of the sections that took part with many contributing to the report.

Thanks to Paul for the reports on the shore events (Ireland, Wales and Dover)

I look forward to seeing you all in our Section's events this year, tight lines to you all and a happy and healthy 2015

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

Principal duties this past year have been assisting Mr Selby at our events and for the overseas events. I have also looked and advised on travel options for members to help with their options on how to get to events and where to stay.

Competition Co-ordinator's Report: Mr Scaggs gave the following report to the meeting.

As we start a new year, EFSA England competitions entries have started to arrive so remember to get your entries in early as places fill up fast. We have now moved into the modern banking world, where some accounts now do not have chequebooks and electronic banking is the only way. Now that more members are now using this method, it is a great assistance when processing entries.

Whilst I don't mind having to keep going to the bank to pay in cheques received, it does make the entry process easier and eliminates the problems of the bank returning unpaid cheques. If this happens it then impacts upon other members of the committee.

I also note that members are having problems with using the entry forms on the web site. The problem is that the web site form is what they call a PDF, so all you can do is to print off the form and either send it to me or scan it into your computer if you have this option, then you can email your entry to me.

Apart from all that, may I wish you all a good year's fishing, and remember always to have fun when fishing too.

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

5. *Reports on Championships & Festivals in 2014:*

a) *Fun Fish Competition - Poole:*

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

b) *English Species Championship - Sheerness*

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

c) *English Shore Championship - Dover*

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

d) *English Boat Championship - Torquay*

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

e) *European Species Championship – Iceland*

Mr Bobbett gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which was given on the EFSA website.

f) *European Shore Championship - Wales*

Mr Curtice gave a brief report on the event, a full report of which will be given in the April 2015 Newsletter.

g) *European Boat & Line Class Championships - Weymouth*

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

6. Presentation of Fish of the Year Awards.

Ted Entwistle, assisted by Andy Smith, made the following presentations.

BOAT

Bass	Dave Lynes	PM	D	13 lb 15 oz
Black Bream	Jim Whippy	PM	E	4 lb 2 oz
Cod	Geoff Thorner	West Wight	D	27 lb 12 oz
Conger Eel	Alan Bird	PM	D	75 lb 0 oz
Flounder	Steve Spencer	PM	D	1 lb 14 oz
Plaice	Maurice Pickford	Portland	D	4 lb 12 oz
Pollack	Colin Searles	PM	E	16 lb 8 oz
Ray - Blonde	Alan Bird	PM	D	26 lb 4 oz
Smoothound	Steve Goodwin	Portland	D	14 lb 10 oz
Whiting	John Styles	Portland	D	2 lb 6 oz
Wrasse - Ballan	Dickie Leggett	PM	D	5 lb 10 oz
Other - by %	Ray Barron	PM	D	20 lb 8 oz

SHORE

Bass	Paul Dixon	Portland	D	12 lb 12 oz
Black Bream	Steven Carr	West Wight	D	3 lb 8 oz
Cod	Noddy Coan	Portland	D	4 lb 6 oz
Conger eel	No entry			
Flounder	D Jupe	West Wight	D	3 lb 5 oz
Plaice	Paul Dixon	Portland	D	1 lb 15 oz
Pollack	Paul Dixon	Portland	D	2 lb 11 oz
Mullet - by %	Aiden Aisher	West Wight	D	5 lb 5 oz
Smoothound	Liam Smith	West Wight	D	10 lb 8 oz
Whiting	Martyn Gibbs	Portland	D	1 lb 13 oz
Wrasse - Ballan	Noddy Coan	Portland	D	5 lb 15 oz
Other - by %	Matt Finn	Christchurch	D	14 lb 10 oz

JUNIOR FISH OF THE YEAR

Ling – Boat Caught	Matthew Lavis (aged 9)	BCC	C	18lb 4 oz	91.25%
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OVERSEAS FISH OF THE YEAR

Giant Trevally	Pete Bailey	PM	N/A	92 lb 10 oz
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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:

<i>Vice Chairman</i>	Nominee Mr R.Ashby
<i>Secretary</i>	Nominee:Mr K.Bowden
<i>Boat Festival Officer</i>	Nominee:Mr A.Selby
<i>Shore Festival Officer</i>	Nominee:Mr P.Curtice
<i>Chairman of Selectors (Boat)</i>	Nominee:Mr R.Russell
<i>Chairman of Selectors (Shore)</i>	Nominee:Mr P.Curtice 1 year
<i>Chairman of Selectors (Game)</i>	Nominee:Mr K.Scaggs
<i>Boat Selectors</i>	Nominee:Ray Barron, Andy Selby, Jim Whippy, and Neil Bryant.
<i>Shore Selectors</i>	Nominee:Reg Clough, John Campbell.
<i>Game Selectors</i>	Nominee:Ray Barron, David Styles.

Acceptance of all the above were proposed by Andy Smith seconded by Mark Smith and accepted unanimously.

8. Election of Hon. Auditor:

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

9. Reports on Championships & Festivals for 2015:

a) Fun Fish Competition – Weymouth: Mr Selby said it was regrettable that this has had to be cancelled due to the weather, but appreciated those of you that have still come to the AGM.

b) European Species Championship (Flatfish) – Denmark: Mr Bowden informed the meeting that the final brochure for this event was only issued at the end of December and the entry form is available on our website. There were a lot of flat fish caught at this venue the last time the event was held here - predominately flounder. On the downside, the cost of entry is about £500 to £600 (depending on accommodation) for 2 days fishing and accommodation.

Mr Bryant informed the meeting that EFSA HQ have asked the Danish Section to look again at the cost of entering the event.

c) English Boat Championship – Dover:

Mr Selby said it should be good for species and the Varne bank will hopefully included as that can produce some good fish. We are still waiting response from the Grand Burstin Hotel

d) European Boat & Line Class Championships – Orkney: Mr Bowden informed the meeting that brochure and entry forms are online but that he does have brochures if anyone wants one. Format is similar to the last time there in 2009, so plenty of lead is required for all that drifting over the rocky ground. Accommodation is limited so early booking is advised. There is a discount on the ferry of 30% by using codeF15VST/EFSA Reservation No 0845600449 which is valid from 26th July to 4th August. Entries to be sent only to the Secretary, Mr Bowden by 28th February.

e) European Shore Championship - Malta. Mr Bowden informed the meeting that the date was 23rd to 28th November. No further details were available at this time, but it was hoped to have it at Standing Committee meeting at the end of March. Please monitor the website for details which will be posted as soon as they are available

f) English Species (Bream) Championship – Littlehampton

Mr Selby reported that this is the first time that we have fished from Littlehampton. He had been asked why 10 fish to score and informed the meeting that this was a request from the skippers as it is often the case where just a few meters can mean catching many or a few so limit of best 10 will hopefully open up the competition. It is an attempt to make it a fairer competition, but it is always difficult to how to score a competition. If it does not work well then will revert to other system.

Mr Bryant said that with this scoring it could be very relevant which finds the bigger fish

g) English Shore Championship:

Mr Curtice stated that it is to be held in Borth in Wales, which can be very good and easy fishing. He had fished there many times and anglers of all abilities are in with a good chance of catching, Main species are small-eyed rays, dogfish, flounder and small tope.

Will be fishing sociable hours, afternoon on the Friday and Saturday morning. Mr Bowden informed the meeting that details and entry form should be on the website next week.

10. Special Business

No items were received for discussion.

11. Annual General Meeting 2016. A date and venue was to be confirmed later in the year.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1300hrs

Fish Recorder's Report

So far it has been a quiet year with only ten entries in total. Please keep your entries coming in, as there are a lot of blanks. Members can register entries up to 30th November 2015. If you have a picture of your catch please send it in.

The only entries received so far are as follows;

Boat

Pollack	Alan Bird	PM	17lb 8oz
Ray – blonde	Alan Bird	PM	25lb 8oz
Whiting	Cliff Newbold	PM	4lb 0oz
Other by %	Dave McCune	PM	15lb 13oz Spurdog (121.63%)

Shore

Flounder	Simon Deacon	West Wight	2lb 8oz
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EFSA English Section Shore Championship – Borth 2015

This year's Section shore fishing championship will be held on the 12th and 13th June 2015 in Borth, Wales. The match will be held as 2 x 5 hour matches fishing in 2 zones using a measure and return format in accordance with EFSA shore angling rules.

The preferred venue is sections of Borth beach, but an alternative venue may have to be utilised in case of unforeseen dangerous or adverse conditions. The match will be held in daytime on Borth beach with match timings likely to be:

Friday 12 th	-	14:00 – 19:00
Sat 13 th	-	10:00 – 15:00

The Competition will be a bait-supplied competition with likely bait packs consisting of Maddies, Rag worm and Fish Bait. This time of the year yields a high number of species including Flounders, Turbot, Dabs, LSD, Rays and Bass. The venue is a flat surf beach with easy access and should not present any difficulties to participating anglers.

The cost of entry will be £90, which will cover entry and bait. There will be optional pools for longest round and flatfish for each day, which will be collected on booking in.

The Championship hotel will be at the Marine Hotel in Aberystwyth. A discounted rate has been offered to our members as follows:

	1 st & 2 nd floor room's	3 rd floor smaller rooms
1 night stay	£95.00	£85.00
2 nights stay	£180.00	£160.00
3 nights stay	£240.00	£225.00

Shared rooms - £35.00 per person for 3 or more sharing a room.

To take advantage of these rates, members would need to advise on booking that they are with EFSA England Fishing Competition. This discount can only be applied to reservations made directly with the hotel and not online. The rates will only be valid for 3 months. Telephone the hotel receptionist on 01970612444 between 8:00 – 21:00.

Report on Events for 2015

Bream Festival Littlehampton 18th & 19th April 2015

We have filled all our six boats and look forward to a new format of scoring for this event. Please let me know what you think and how it can be improved / changed. As I write this report in early March reports are coming in of the first Bream starting to show so all looking good for our Festival – may the weather gods be with us.

EFSA Sweden Lupus Summer Cod Festival 12th & 13th June 2015

We are returning again this year and at present there are 8 of us going to cheer on Charlotte who has won the Event for the past **Two** years. For further information please contact me or Charlotte.

English Boat Championship Dover 11th & 12th July 2015

Entries are coming in and we are starting to fill boats so get your entry in quickly as this is a limited space event. I have secured a brilliant package deal at the HQ Hotel (Grand Burstin) of £28 per person per night for bed, breakfast and evening meal.

After you have entered Keith will send you the confirmation of entry with a booking reference number and contact details to get this special rate.

This is the first species event we have held from Dover and we anticipate good things with the varied fishing marks especially if we can get to the Varne bank for Turbot, Brill and Cod amongst many other species that can be caught.

Events for 2016

AGM / Flounder 17th January 2016

We are returning to Poole again for our Annual General Meeting and Fun Fish event which will be targeting flounder in the harbour and will be open to both our Beach and Boat anglers.

I am negotiating rates at the Thistle Hotel this will also be our AGM venue.

English Boat Championship Penzance 21st & 22nd May 2016

This is a first for EFSA going to nearly the furthest point west in the UK. This sounds an amazing place to fish with the skippers estimating 18-20 species including Haddock and various types of Bream.

This will definitely be a limited place event with only 5 boats available. I am at present negotiating a rate in the HQ hotel.

European Species Event (Conger) Weymouth Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July 2016

We are returning to Weymouth after another very successful European Championships in 2014 and will be targeting Conger from the deep water reefs and the many mid-channel wrecks that lay off Weymouth.

We will be offering a similar package as the Euros with our HQ being the Riviera and transport arranged daily for Anglers.

English Species Festival (Cod) Minehead TBA (Nov-Dec 2016)

A welcome return to Minehead to target cod. It's a few years since we have run a cod-only event and with the amount of fish showing the past few years, this should bring back memories of past glories from this port. I am securing a package deal with a local hotel.

