

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2019**

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## DIARY

### 2019

October 28<sup>th</sup>/31st      European Species (Flatfish) Denmark.  
June 29<sup>th</sup>/30th      English Boat – Minehead.  
September 9<sup>th</sup> to 13th      European Boat and Line – Weymouth  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>/23rd      English Species (Cod) Mersey.

### 2020

May 8<sup>th</sup> to 15th      EFSA Game – Cape Verde  
August 10<sup>th</sup> to 15th      European Boat and Line – Elsinore, Denmark.  
October 28<sup>th</sup> to 31st      European Shore – Kilmuckridge, Ireland.

### 2021

TBA      EFSA Game – Portugal

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Abbey Hotel and Conference Centre. Minster on Sea, Sheerness**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 11:00**

**Present:**

Mr N.Bryant	-	Chairman
Mr K.Bowden	-	Secretary
Mr K.Scaggs	-	Treasurer/Competition Co-ordinator
Mr A.Selby	-	Boat Festival Officer
Mr B.Senior	-	Shore Festival Officer/Press Officer
Mr M.Osborne	-	Social Secretary
Mr A.Smith	-	Fish Recorder

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

E.Entwistle	R.Ashby	Steve Dailey	Chris Bull	Chris Flower
Roy Shipway	Gary Geoghegan	Reg Clough	Jan Peach	Steve Bachelor
Bryn Lavis	Matt Lavis	Jim Whippy	Ewe Brown	Richard Wheeler
Paul Parsons	Graham Lewis	Robin Amor	G.Galbraith	Steve Spencer
Mick Doody				

A total of 26 full members were present.

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018:**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Tony Hudson, 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:** In the absence of Mr Entwistle, the Chairman gave the following report to the meeting.

My apologies for being unable to attend the AGM this year due to family health problems that prevents me from being away from home for more than an hour or so.

The Section has had an entertaining programme of events over the past year and I am pleased to note they have been reasonably well attended. My congratulations go to Ray Barron for another English Boat Section win at Penzance, to Cliff Newbold for his Line Class win at Weymouth, to Alan Jones for his win in the English Shore Championship at Chesil and to Andy Smith for his bronze at the European Boat Championships. All are

well-deserved and hard earned. Congratulations also to Kim Bowden on his maiden blue marlin during the Game Championship and I hope he didn't have to endure the traditional dunking in the harbour on returning to port. I am sure there are others deserving a mention, but though I try to keep up online, I am sure I miss things.

Heartfelt thanks to Neil, Kim, all the Committee and their families who work so hard on our behalf. It only happens because of them. So members, help out when you can. The European Boat Championship returns to Weymouth this year that entails even more work for the Committee, particularly Andy Selby and his wife Charlotte. I must also thank Tony Hudson who continues to work putting together our newsletters and taking the minutes of this meeting.

I hope your fun fish goes off well and that the weather is fine and the dabs are biting. Have a good meeting, a safe journey home and all my very best wishes for 2019.

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

Another busy fishing year has passed us by and once again we find ourselves at our AGM meeting here in Sheerness just for a change. I do thank you for your attendance and for supporting the committee with this change of venue that I am sure it will be a great success whilst appreciating it is a distance from our normal venue in Poole. This change was to incorporate the Sunday Fun Fish Day targeting all flatfish from the boats and shore, as opposed to just flounder from Poole where the number of fish are in decline. So I do hope you all catch plenty of dabs and enjoy the challenge tomorrow.

Looking back over 2018: It was a successful year for the Section with competition entries and due to the support we had for the European Species Championships, we were able to more than cover our costs for the year - even after having to cancel the Species in Penzance. The diligent work that the committee did behind the scenes in generating the profit from the Species without any excessive charges to the anglers helped us generate a profitable event and thus a profitable year. This enables us to run the Section as we do without the need to increase membership fees for the foreseeable future, although we will continue to monitor this year on year.

This year all the home events for boat and shore have been organised and we are hosting the EFSA European Boat/Line combined Championships from Weymouth and I do hope to see many of you there this September. I appreciate there is a change to the format of the event and this has been an ongoing consideration for Headquarters these past years and it will be the first time that the five days fishing will be used for the overall European Champion. I am sure this will continue to be monitored and all Member Sections will be discussing this once again at the April Standing Committee meeting, but for this year the format will stay as arranged.

Looking ahead, we as a Section need to see how we can generate more members from our events and get more anglers to participate in our events. The committee are always looking at how we can build on the foundation we have. However, we are all getting older and with less middle-aged people having taken up the sport and a lot fewer youngsters not participating in sea angling as a recreational hobby/sport, it is always going to be a challenge. This is a national and European problem as far as I can see, but the committee are always interested to listen to any positive suggestions so please do let us know if you have any ideas.

On a personal note I would just like to say that I have been Chairman of EFSA England for the past 18 years and very proud to do so. However, whilst I have enjoyed the challenges that come with the position there does come a time when one must look to the future, not only for oneself but also for the Section. Later in the meeting today you will see that the post of Chairman is up for re-election for another 3-year term and having thought long and hard I have informed the Committee that this will indeed be my final term, or part term. I am still very committed to the Section, but my personal circumstances have changed several times over the years and I feel it is time for me to step aside. It is time to make way for others to drive the Section forward and whilst I will continue to be very active so long as the body and mind hold up, I will be standing down at the right time for me and the Section within the next few years.

The committee is a powerhouse of talent that continue to work on our behalf to create enjoyable events for us all to participate in and keep the wheels of the Section turning with forward momentum, whilst also spending a lot of hours in the planning and maintenance of the Section. We are indeed lucky to have such dedication from so few people and not forgetting their partners who also assist them throughout the year and make it possible to work as a team as we do. I can honestly say that these people have made EFSA England one of the most successful within EFSA Europe and the more assistance you can offer at events will always be appreciated. Even a little thank you from time to time might not go amiss!

It would be rude of me not to thank the none committee people who do work for the Section throughout the year, namely Tony Hudson for production of the Newsletter and AGM minutes, to Jan who works so hard with Keith on the results programme plus many other items, to Charlotte whom we all know keeps Andy going!! Not sure where, but somewhere. To Ray Ashby who flits in and out of the country whilst still working on the various European events and general Section matters. Without them we would not be where we are today. So I do thank you and your support is very much appreciated and to all the Committee a big thank you for your continued service.

In closing I hope you all enjoy your weekend here in Sheerness and thank you all for your attendance and hope you all have a super year of competitions.

***Vice-Chairman's Report:*** In the absence of Mr Ashby, Kim Bowden gave the following report to the meeting.

It's been a busy year for the Section with the highlight for me being the EFSA Species (Conger) event hosted by the Section during the summer. A very well organised event enjoyed by all. The Crown Hotel provided a good basic service as our H/Q Hotel and was a welcome change to our previous disappointments at the Riviera. A vote of thanks once again to our group of hard working Committee members who prepare for all our events during the year and make them happen. We have another busy year ahead with the European Boat Championships being a primary event. Best wishes to all and look forward to seeing you again soon.

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

2018 was a long time ago, so I will try and recount what I have been up to. As in previous years, I took the overseas competition entries for the Game in the Azores, Boat Championship Norway and the Shore in Italy. On this it is crucial to get entries in by the closing date and if you are only thinking of entering, then let me know so that I can include you in the group email that is set up to pass on information about the events. It also helps to let others know who is going so folk can get together for travelling and accommodation. Also during the year I've attend to questions to EFSA England from other Sections.

Thanks go to all the committee for the work they did in making the events run well and while you may not see someone fishing an event, that does not mean they have not been involved in the organisation. Assistance from members is appreciated when needed, so if you are willing to assist then please let us know.

I finish by wishing you all good health and good fishing in 2019 and hope to see you at the many events planned. Please refer to the Newsletter and our website for information on future events.

***Treasurers Report:*** Mr Scaggs gave the following report to the meeting:

On the accounts for the year ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 I can report that this year the weather gods were kind to us and we had reasonably good weather for all events. The overview for the year is as follows: -

We received membership income of £1700.00; Affiliated Club income of £160.00, Festivals Profit was £3767.00, Bank Interest was £32.00, Stock profit was £67.00, and all this totalled to give us an overall income of £5726.00.

Expenditure for the year was very similar to the previous year at £3117.00 that resulted in an overall profit of £2609.00 to the Section

As Treasurer, I will not be recommending a raise in the membership fees at this time, but we as a committee are always reviewing the financial situation.

The Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 submitted for approval under separate cover.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Kim Bowden, seconded by Mark Smith and accepted unanimously.

**Membership Registrar's Report:** in the absence of Mr Galbraith, the Chairman gave the following report.

The Annual Membership currently stands at 93, Life Membership at 67 with 11 Affiliated Clubs as follows.

Bexhill S.A.C	Bisley and District S.A.C.	British Conger Club
Christchurch & District F.C.	Individual Boat Anglers Club	Portland Angling Club
Regents Brook S.A.C.	SFCBI	Western Wight AC
Weymouth Angling Society	Worthing Deep Sea Anglers	

Please also see comparisons made between now and the membership of 2007 that indicates membership has remained roughly the same with those not renewing membership being replaced by new and enthusiastic members.

	January 2007	January 2019
Life Members	77	67
Annual Members	95	93
Affiliated Clubs	5	11

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

We had a decent level of entries this year with all categories being filled apart from a boat caught flounder. In the Boat categories, a particular mention should be made of Ray Barron's 13lb 13oz bass caught on 20lb mono, Mick Doody's 71lb 0oz conger, my 19lb 8oz smoothound and Paul Roper's 18lb 8 oz spurdog. In the Shore category, Noddy Coan's 11lb 6 oz bass, Kyle Bowler's 2lb 4oz black bream and 2lb 3 oz pout and Derek Spear's 25lb 4oz conger are all worthy of mention. There was no debate about the Overseas Fish of the Year with Kim Bowden's 800lb Atlantic Blue Marlin winning easily. Unfortunately there were no entries in the Junior Fish of the Year category. The Norman Witt trophy was a close run thing but the overall fish of the year was awarded to Paul Roper for his 18lb 8oz spurdog. Thank you for all your entries and particular thanks to Portland Angling Club for all their entries in the shore category.

It would be great to have some more entries from other affiliated clubs. Please keep the entries coming in and here's hoping for some good fish in 2019.

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

As always, I would like to thank all the support I have had from the committee and members during this year's busy schedule, but especially to Keith and Jan who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make my job as Boat Festival Officer so much easier.

We had two events in Penzance this year. The English Boat that gave superb fishing and the English Species event, which we unfortunately had to cancel due to the weather. It's difficult trying to find varied different events and I'm sure if the weather had been kinder then the fishing would have been superb. There were a few moans from anglers who had lost deposits on accommodation, but we work hard to find HQ accommodation and normally sort out a very good rate out for our members. If you had booked the Luggar Inn you would have lost no money as we had a 48hr no charge cancellation policy.

In 2019 we will be returning to Minehead for our English Boat Championship and the English Species Festival (Rays & Cod) will be returning to the Mersey. Our big one this year will be the European Championships returning to Weymouth in September. The Championships have a new scoring system which I am sure will work well. The HQ hotel is the Crown Hotel which is situated on the Quay and they looked after us superbly in the European Species Championship. The Crown has been entirely booked out for EFSA and we have agreed some very preferential rates.

As with all our events, once Keith has received your entry, he will send you confirmation of entry with the hotel EFSA special rate code on. Again I would like to remind members to get their entries in early, as places are limited on our events. We are finding fewer boats each year and very few ports now have more than 5 boats. It also makes our competition co-ordinators job difficult if members don't enter by the close of entry date.

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 Senior gave the following brief report to the meeting.

The 2018 English Shore Championship was successfully held at Chesil Beach in April. Many thanks to Andy Selby for helping with the venue and arranging the bait. Also, thanks to Taff Jones and his crew for pegging the beach for us.



***Press Officer's Report:*** Mr Senior gave the following brief report to the meeting.

Reports for EFSA events attended by English anglers were put on the website. A number of the events were reported on in Saltwater Boat Angling magazine and our thanks go to them for their support. Many thanks to those anglers who supplied reports and photos for events that I was unable to attend. Please note that information for our Facebook page should be sent to Andy Smith.

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

Travel investigations for the trip to Langeland are now well under way and the final organising will begin as soon as all Section entry details are known. Flight details should be available by next month and will be publicised on the website. Thanks to all members who have donated items for the raffles – this is greatly appreciated.

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

As we start a new year, entries have started to arrive for this year's competitions, so remember to get your entries in early as places can fill up fast. With more members now using the electronic banking system to pay for their competition entries, this has made the process much easier and has eliminated most of the payment problems.

I would like to remind members that we still do need a completed entry form so that we can tie up entries with the amounts received on the bank statements. These can be emailed or posted to me, but please do not send them as phone picture as they do not appear too well and are dark which makes them hard to read. Apart from all that, may I wish you all a good year's fishing, and have an enjoyable time.

***Standing Committee Delegate's Report:*** Mr Bowden informed the meeting that there were two meetings held during the year during which all forthcoming Championships had their dates confirmed and would all be given in our Newsletters and online. The next S.C meeting is scheduled to be held at Crawley in April. Mr Bowden also informed the meeting that now both he and Andy Smith were on the EFSA Executive Committee, EFSA England needs two more representatives. The Chairman normally takes one of these positions, but a second SC delegate is required and asked the membership if there was anyone who would be willing to fill this role.

**5. Reports on Championships & Festivals in 2018:**

*a) Fun Fish (Flounder) Competition – Poole.*

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

*b) English Species Championship - Penzance*

Mr Selby informed the meeting that the event was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather. The Chairman informed the meeting that due to the cancellation, the Section was left responsible for all the frozen bait ordered for the event that had a total value of £1200 and would have taken the 'hit' if it had not been for Andy Selby and Weymouth Angling for buying the bait and putting into their stock.

*c) English Shore Championship – Chesil*

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

*d) English Boat Championship - Penzance*

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

*e) European Species Championship Weymouth*

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

*f) European Shore Championship - Italy*

Mr Senior informed the meeting that no report had been issued by Section Italy and that he had only heard second hand that two of our members, Taff Jones and Dave Lovelock, finished in the top 20. It was hoped that details would be available in the near future for inclusion in the Newsletter and website.

*g) European Boat & Line Class Championships – Iceland*

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

Following the above reports, the Chairman read a letter received from Jim Whippy in which he stated that he could no longer serve on the committee. The Chairman informed the meeting that Jim had served on the committee for probably longer than anyone else in the Section and that a suitable award would be made on behalf of the membership in appreciation of all the work and support he had given to EFSA England. The committee were to discuss this at their meeting following the AGM.

#### **6. Presentation of Fish of the Year Awards.**

The Chairman, assisted by Andy Smith, made the following presentations.

#### **BOAT**

Bass	Ray Barron	PM	13lb 13oz	
Black Bream	John Styles	Portland	3lb 13oz	
Cod	Dick Prosser	PM	18lb 13oz	
Conger Eel	Michael Doody	BCC	71lb 0oz	
Flounder	No entry			
Plaice	Jim Whippy	PM	3lb 1oz	
Pollack	Alan Bird	PM	14lb 3oz	
Ray – Blonde	Alan Bird	PM	22lb 6oz	
Smoothound	Andy Smith	PM	19lb 8oz	
Whiting	Ray Goodwin	Portland	2lb 1oz	
Wrasse – Ballan	Ian Burden	PM	4lb 7oz	
Other by %				
Spurdog	Paul Roper	PM	18lb 8oz	154.17%

#### **SHORE**

Bass	Noddy Coan	Portland	11lb 6oz	
Black Bream	Kyle Bowler	Portland	2lb 4oz	
Cod	Kyle Bowler	Portland	7lb 7oz	
Conger Eel	Derek Spear	Portland	25lb 14oz	
Flounder	Alan Jones	Portland	2lb 6oz	
Plaice	Kyle Bowler	Portland	2lb 0oz	
Pollack	Mark Coles	Portland	3lb 6oz	
Mullet – all by %				
Thin Lipped	Reg Clough	PM	3lb 5oz	94.64%
Smoothound	Reg Clough	PM	6lb 3oz	
Whiting	Noddy Coan	Portland	1lb 7oz	
Wrasse – Ballan	Kyle Bowler	Portland	3lb 15oz	
Other by %				
Pouting	Kyle Bowler	Portland	2lb 3oz	145.83%

**Junior Fish of the Year** No entry received

#### **Overseas Fish of the Year**

Atlantic Blue Marlin	Kim Bowden	PM	800lb 0oz	
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**Conger Club Tankard**

Michael Doody BCC

71lb 0oz

**Norman Witt Trophy**

Paul Roper for his 18lb 8oz spurdog.

### **Short Adjournment**

**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.

<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Nominee</i></b>
Chairman	N.Bryant
Fish Recorder	A.Smith
Social Secretary	M.Osborne

Acceptance of all the above were proposed by Neil Cottington, seconded by Mark Smith and accepted unanimously.

**8. Election of Hon. Auditor:**

Mr J.Knight was proposed as Hon Auditor by Neil Bryant and seconded by Keith Scaggs. As there were no other nominees, Mr Knight was duly elected for a one-year term of office.

**9. Reports on Championships & Festivals for 2019:**

a) Fun Fish Competition – Sheerness:

Mr Selby gave details of the event to be held the following day.

b) European Species (Flatfish) – Denmark:

Mr Bowden informed the meeting that entries close in May and that early indications were that there would be a good entry from the Section. He advised the membership to watch for all up to date information on the website.

c) English Boat Championship – Minehead

Mr Selby informed the meeting that entries are very limited and that, due to the tidal restrictions, starting times each day would be 06:00 and 07:00 respectively.

d) European Boat and Line Class Championship – Weymouth

Mr Selby reiterated the comments made in his earlier report and stated that there were 130 places available before outside boats were brought in. Indications from HQ show that overseas entries will be high and so EFSA England members must get their entries in very soon. HQ hotel is also filling rapidly with 60% of rooms already taken.

e) European Shore Championship – Iceland

Mr Bowden informed the meeting that 11 members had indicated that they would be entering, but only about 6 had paid their entry fees. All details will be available on the website.

f) English Species Championship - Mersey

Mr Selby advised the meeting that the HQ would be the Hotel Ibis on the quay. The event would be targeting cod and rays and there would only be 5 boats available.

g) English Shore Championship - Brighton

Mr Senior informed the meeting that the English Shore Championship will be held at Brighton Marina on April 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. It was decided at the last Committee meeting to make this an Open match to try and encourage shore anglers to join EFSA. Only EFSA members will be eligible for pins. There will be no HQ hotel so members are required to arrange their own accommodation. The venue will probably be the Eastern Arm, but this has yet to be confirmed along with the fishing times. All information will be published on the website as soon as it becomes available.

**10. Special Business**

None notified

**11. Annual General Meeting 2020.** A date and venue was to be confirmed later in the year.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12:55 hrs.

## **Report on Standing Committee meeting held on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

The following are the list of items that came out of the S.C. meeting.

- a. The subject of scrapping the Ladies Category in all major competitions was discussed. All Sections were requested to discuss this within their national committees and report their conclusions to HQ.
- b. In the event of any competitor defining themselves as transgender, their competition entry category shall be taken from the gender as shown on their passport.
- c. For all record claims a maximum use of two hooks per rod is permissible.
- d. HQ proposes that a Line Class Record category be established for juniors.
- e. A new festival is proposed using only lures and jigs. A trial on the format will take place in Portugal in September/October 2020.

### ***Other events:***

Details of formats for forthcoming Championships are as follows.

Boat and Line Class Championships 2020 in Helsingor, Denmark is to be fished as noted below.

Day 1 Flatfish (worm bait)  
Day 2 Round fish (no bait)  
Days 3-5 Boat Championships (worm bait)

2021 Ireland, Cobh

2022 Norway has withdrawn their application to host the championship

After the 2021 Championship there may be changes to the Boat & Line Championship format

### ***Species Championships***

2020 Sweden, Flatfish

2021 Iceland

### ***Shore Championships***

2020 Ireland, Kilmuckridge 28 – 31 October 2020

2021 Netherlands

### ***Game Festivals***

2020 Netherlands Cape Verde

2021 Portugal, Algarve no date as yet

Beyond the dates above there are no other proposals to host Championships

## Fish Recorder's Report

There have been a good number and quality of entries for so early in the season. Particular mention should be made of Jim Grant's 32lb boat caught Blonde Ray., John Locker's 6lb 3 oz boat caught Ballan Wrasse, Derry Meyer's 6lb 1oz shore caught Ballan Wrasse and Pete Bailey's 21lb Undulate Ray. Please keep your entries coming in and whenever possible, please try to email me a photo at smithad@aol.com.

### BOAT

Bass	Ray Ashby	PM	9lb 8oz
Black Bream	Tony	PM	3lb 3oz
Cod	No entries to date		
Conger Eel	Dave McCune	PM	50lb 12oz
Flounder	No entries to date		
Plaice	No entries to date		
Pollack	Stephan Baker	PM	14lb 8oz
Ray – Blonde	Jim Grant	PM	32lb 0oz
Smoothound	No entries to date		
Whiting	Alan Painter	PM	3lb 5oz
Wrasse – Ballan	John Locker	BCC	6lb 3oz
Other by %			
Undulate Ray	Pete Bailey	PM	21lb 0oz 131.25%

### SHORE

Bass	No entries to date		
Black Bream	No entries to date		
Cod	No entries to date		
Conger Eel	Derek Spear	Portland	34lb 0oz
Flounder	Pete Wood	Portland	2lb oz
Plaice	No entries to date		
Pollack	No entries to date		
Mullet – all by %	No entries to date		
Smoothound	No entries to date		
Whiting	No entries to date		
Wrasse – Ballan	Derry Meyers	PM	6lb 1oz
Other by %			
Undulate Ray	Steve Barnaby	West Wight	17lb 3oz 143.23%

*Junior Fish of the Year* No entries to date

### Overseas Fish of the Year

Tarpon	Barrie Senior	PM	131lb 0oz
Amberjack (Greater)	Jim Whippy	PM	50lb 0oz

## **Fun Fish (dabs) Report 2019**

Following the AGM held at the Abbey Hotel the previous day, this year's fun fish took place at a new venue for this event, although the Species competitions have been held here before. The target species was dabs which are usually prevalent in the Medway/Thames estuary at this time of the year.

Twenty-five anglers met at the cold, windy and wet Queenborough harbour for an early start as due to the expected strong NW winds the start had been brought forward to 7 o'clock. This would allow more fishing time on the ebbing tide as the flood might be unfishable. All four boats headed out into the river as the skippers thought the outside would not be fishable. With the tide dying away the dabs were expected to come on the feed but for many of us this did not happen. The skipper decided to take us out to sea to try and get an hour or so's fishing over slack water before the tide turned and it became unfishable. A few more fish came to the anglers, but not in the expected numbers that had been caught from this area on Friday's practice when 40 or 50 fish had been caught. Back up the estuary for the last couple of hours and one or two more dabs took the bait to save some of us from blanking.

Back on shore it was a similar story for the other boats with Excel III being the top boat having a total of 23 dabs and the top angler, Cliff Williams with 12 of the dabs for a total length of 276cm. In second place was Gary Geoghegan fishing aboard Dentex with 120cm and in third spot was Mark Smith with 119cm who also fished on Excel III. Mark Smith also took the longest fish prize with a 30cm dab. Cliff Williams had a 29cm fish and Neil Cottington one of 28cm to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes respectively.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Thanks to Matt Osborne for arranging the bait and liaising with the skippers.

Full results are available on the EFSA England website

Barrie Senior



## **EFSA England Shore Championship 2019**

This year's EFSA England Shore Championship was due to be fished from the east arm of Brighton Marina on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April. However, the weather gods conspired against us for the second year in a row with forecasts of southerly winds gusting up to 30 mph making the marina unsafe to fish. The angling venue was moved to the beach at the Banjo Groyne for the first match. Most of the 15 anglers that were fishing met up on Wednesday evening at the Brighton Marina Yacht Club to register and have a drink and a catch up. This year for the first time a length to points system similar to the SAMF system would be used. The charts for this were handed out and the changed arrangements for the next day were finalised.

### ***Day 1***

At 07:30 we met up at the Banjo Groyne for bait distribution and to draw pegs. There was a slight delay whilst the lugworm allocation was sorted out as the number of fresh outs and wraps supplied to make up the total worm order were not divisible by 15. So a quick calculation was made, well not so quick at that time of the morning and some wraps were split to give all anglers an equal amount of fresh and wrapped worms. At 9:30 fishing commenced as planned. If not obvious beforehand it soon became clear that casting into the head on wind and large waves rolling across the sand and up the shingle meant a difficult fish and so it proved with several blank cards being handed in at the close of the match. For those that did catch it was mainly small bass with a few flounder and rockling. Unfortunately, Stuart Pennock, injured his shoulder and had to stop fishing half way through the match. Zone A was won by Andy Smith and Zone B by Paul Parsons.

### ***Day 2***

Again, we met at the Banjo Groyne for the peg draw minus Stuart Pennock who was still suffering with his shoulder injury. Although the wind was no longer directly on shore as it had gone more south easterly it was still gusting up to 28 mph at the start of the match but eased during the day. The fishing had improved so that most anglers caught fish with some seven species being recorded. Zone A was won by Peter Neale and Zone B by Stuart Jones.

The presentation was held at the Brighton Marina Yacht Club in the evening. Congratulations to Paul Parsons on his win and to Reg Clough and Dave Lovelock on finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. The calculation of second and third places had to be decided on count back as three anglers had 6 zone points over the two days with Paull Curtice just losing out. The drawn 3-man team prize was won by a team consisting of Stuart Jones, Dave Lovelock and Andy Smith.

Many thanks to Andy Smith my man on the ground at Brighton for helping with the planning and organisation. Also, thanks to those anglers that helped with the pegging and bait distribution on the match days and to Richard Russell and Andy for helping produce the results.

Thanks must also go to Dave Grinham at the Tackle Box in Brighton for supplying the worms and for his advice on fishing the Marina; to Brett Lomas of Lagoon Bait Tackle, Hove for supplying the squid; and to Brighton Marina Yacht Club for allowing us to use their premises for registration and the prize giving.

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## **Results**

### **Top three individuals**

1st and gold pin to Paul Parsons	2 zone points
2nd and silver pin Reg Clough	6 zone points on count back
3rd and bronze pin to Dave Lovelock	6 zone points on count back

### **Zone Winners**

Day 1 Zone A	Andy Smith	71 fish points
Day 1 Zone B	Paul Parsons	114 fish points
Day 2 Zone A	Peter Neale	185 fish points
Day 2 Zone B	Stuart Jones	177 fish points

### **3 Man Drawn Team**

Stuart Jones, Dace Lovelock and Andy Smith with 23 zone points

### **Longest Flatfish Pool**

Day 1	Paul Curtice, Paul Parsons & Richard Russell	Flounder 27cm
Day 2	Peter Neale	Plaice 38cm

### **Longest Round Fish Pool**

Day 1	Jerry Knight	Bass 39cm
Day 2	Reg Clough	Silver Eel 61cm

Full results on the website.

## **EFSA European Shore Championship 2019, Akureyri, Iceland**

Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> was the day for the opening ceremony for this Shore Championship, although most of the anglers arrived at the HQ hotel a couple of days or more before the championship in order to try out different shore venues to see what they could catch. Those that travelled further north to the top of the fjord were rewarded with good catches of dab and cod with a few other species and some of the nearer venues produced some fine dabs and a couple of large scorpion fish. Many of the anglers had fished this venue the last time it was held in Iceland in 2012, though in September, so it was not fully known what to expect at this time of year.

In the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> May the opening ceremony was held at the HQ hotel, the Kjarnalundur in Akureyri. Section Iceland welcomed all anglers and partners to this the 2019 EFSA Shore Championship. This was followed by the drawing of the anglers fishing zones for the 3 days of the championship, peg position in the zone to be drawn each day at the venue.

### **Day 1**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and at 10 o'clock all anglers departed for the first venue which was to be the piers in the town of Akureyri. Pegs were drawn at 11 o'clock which left plenty of time before the 12 o'clock start, time to set up and prepare the bait which was mackerel and bluey. Hopes were high but it soon became apparent that it was going to be a challenge to catch a fish in some of the zones. At lines up after the 5 hours of competition some anglers had failed to catch, and many had catches of less than five fish. Zones A and B which were fished from a pier at the Northern end of town were won with 17 and 31 fish respectively. Zones C, D and E were fished off the same pier at the southern end of town the highest number of fish caught by one angler was 8. This set a pattern for the two days to come with a large difference between catches in each zone. Congratulations to Dave Lovelock in zone E who had the only zone win for England. Fish caught were mainly dabs with some cod and scorpion fish. Paull Curtice landed a fine wolf fish.

### **Day 2**

It was a longer drive further up the fjord to fish a beach lined with boulders as a breakwater. As had been hoped, this was a better venue with most people catching. Again, a great difference in zones with A, B being won with 12 and 10 fish respectively. In zones C, D and E several anglers recorded in excess of 30 fish with the zone E winner having 57 fish. It was mainly dabs with cod featuring in A and D zones. It was Kim Bowden's turn to get a zone win for England.

### **Day 3**

This was fished on the way into town just 5 minutes from the HQ hotel and as expected, this was the toughest venue with anglers relieved to catch just 1 fish, though many caught none. Four of the five zones were won with just 2 fish, so there was a total change round in the top three individual positions. Both Dave Clark and Barrie Senior secured zone wins.

In the evening the Gala dinner and presentation was held at the HQ hotel. The results were good for England with Kim Bowden being just out of the glory in 4<sup>th</sup> place for the individuals. In the National Teams it was the Netherlands A who took the gold, but the

England B team of Barrie Senior, Allan Jones, Kim Bowden, Jerry Knight and Tony Porritt moved from 4<sup>th</sup> the previous day to take silver with Germany who were top the previous day getting bronze. On looking at the England B team it was realised they were all Seniors.

As for the Senior category itself in which a third of the anglers competing qualified it was a clean sweep at the top for England with Kim Bowden 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrie Senior 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the team events, which were all drawn by the organisers prior to the championship, the England anglers featured well with Allan Jones and Paul Parsons being drawn together and taking the bronze medal in the 2 Man Team. In the 4 Man Team event gold went to the team of Kim Bowden, Dave Clark, Paul Tyndall, Ireland and Steve Mason, Iceland. Paul Parsons was in the team taking silver and Jerry Knight the team taking bronze. In the Executive Teams of Three England were again represented with Allan Jones in the team taking gold and Dave Lovelock with silver.

The three pin winners in the individual event were Stephen Glynn from Ireland gold; Bjorn Hansen from Germany silver and Nils Grunwald also from Germany bronze. The presentation of awards was held in between the buffet gala dinner which was a good choice of well-prepared food of Icelandic dishes. Though the fishing for many was not as hoped for in Iceland we were well looked after, it was a well organised and arranged championship and a credit to the Iceland Section hosting it.

Kim Bowden and Barrie Senior

### **English Results**

4<sup>th</sup> Kim Bowden  
6<sup>th</sup> Paul Parsons  
8<sup>th</sup> Stuart Jones  
11<sup>th</sup> Dave Clark  
12<sup>th</sup> Barrie Senior  
13<sup>th</sup> Allan Jones  
25<sup>th</sup> Dave Lovelock  
27<sup>th</sup> Jerry Knight  
47<sup>th</sup> Paull Curtice  
50<sup>th</sup> Reg Clough  
53<sup>rd</sup> Tony Porritt

Full final results on the EFSA England website

## **Forthcoming Events Update.**

### ***English Boat Championship Minehead 29/30<sup>th</sup> June***

The English Boat Championship is now full , if you want to fish let me know as we could always have someone pull out. The boats will be leaving at 6am on the Saturday and 7am on the Sunday. Early breakfasts have been arranged at the Hq hotel. Bait for the event will be Mackerel and Squid .

### ***European Championship Weymouth 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September***

At present, we have around 115 fishing the event with a few places left . If you are a late entrant please speak to Keith asap. The HQ hotel is the Crown Hotel and still has a few rooms left. Preparations are going well and we are looking forward to fishing the new format.

### ***English Species Mersey 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> November***

We return again to fish the Mersey and this year we are targeting Cod and Rays. The bait provided will be Lug and Squid. We will be using the Marina Yacht Club for our registration/presentation. There are several hotels that are very near by and will be given to you when you receive your confirmation of entry.

### ***AGM / Funfish Weymouth 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020***

The AGM will be held in the Crown Hotel and the Funfish will be targeting Spurdogs, Rays and any fish over 5lb. As the shore event was not very well attended in 2019, a separate competition will be organized by the Beach Festival Officer on the same day.

### ***English Boat Championship 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> June 2020***

This year we will be returning to Plymouth for our Championship fishing around the famous Eddystone Lighthouse reef.

### ***English Species Penzance 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020***

We will return again to fish for Haddock and Cod lets hope the weather gods are better to us this year.

### ***EFSA European Shore 2020, Ireland.***

The event is to be held in, Kilmuckridge, County Wexford, 28th to 31st October  
Entry fee to be confirmed but in the order of 260 Euro. Accommodation at the Upton Court Hotel, choice of hotel or holiday cottage.

Brochure and full details will be on the web site as soon as we get them.