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DIARY

2020

February 1 st	EFSA England AGM – Crown Hotel, Weymouth
February 2 nd	Fun Fish Event – Weymouth
8 th /9 th May	English Shore – Brighton Marina
June 13 th /14 th	English Boat Championship - Plymouth
August 10 th to 15 th	European Boat and Line – Elsinore, Denmark.
October 28 th to 31 st	European Shore – Kilmuckridge, Ireland.
November 6 th /7 th	English Species – Penzance

2021

March 19 th to 23 rd	EFSA Jigging Festival – Portugal
May 21 st /22 nd	European Species – Olafsvik, Iceland
TBA	European Boat – Cobh, Ireland
TBA	European Shore - Netherlands
September 17 th to 23 rd	EFSA Game – Albufeira, Portugal

2020 AGM Notification

The EFSA England Annual General Meeting will be held at the Crown Hotel 51/53 St Thomas Street, Weymouth Dorset DT4 8EQ at 11:00 on Saturday February 1st 2020.

Any proposals for the 2020 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30th November 2019. All proposals received shall be included in the agenda under Special Business..

AGM 2020 Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.**

a) President	E. Entwistle
b) Chairman	N. Bryant.
c) Vice-Chairman	R. Ashby
d) Secretary	K. Bowden.
e) Treasurer	K. Scaggs
f) Membership Registrar	G. Galbraith.
g) Fish Recorder	A. Smith.
h) Public Relations Officer	B. Senior.
i) Boat Festival Officer	A. Selby.
j) Shore Festival Officer	B. Senior.
k) Press Officer	B. Senior.
l) Social Secretary	M. Osborne.
m) Competitions Coordinator	K. Scaggs.
n) Standing Committee Delegate	K. Scaggs.

5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2019.

- a) Fun Fish Competition – Medway
- b) English Species Festival Boat – Minehead
- c) English Shore Championship – Brighton
- d) English Boat Championship – Mersey
- e) European Species Championships -- Langeland
- f) European Shore Championship – Iceland
- g) European Boat and Line Championships – Weymouth

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

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

- a. Treasurer K. Scaggs
- b. Press Officer B. Senior
- c. Membership Registrar G. Gailbraith
- d. Competition Coordinator K. Scaggs

8. Election of Honorary Auditor.

1 yr term - Nominee/s Mr J. Knight

9. Events for 2020.

- a) Fun Competition – Weymouth
- b) EFSA Sprccies Champoinship - TBA
- c) English Boat Championship -- Plymouth
- d) European Boat and Line Class Championships-- Denmark
- e) European Shore Championship -- Ireland
- f) English Species Festival Boat -- Penzance
- g) English Shore Championship – Brighton

10. Special Business

11. Annual General Meeting 2021

**Standing Committee Meeting Report
September 2019, Weymouth.**

HQ has asked to find out and get feedback on what Sections think about using 3 hooks from the boat as they do from the shore. So if anyone has any strong views on this subject, then please let me know.

EFSA are introducing clothing with a new logo so look to the website where it will appear first.

There was information about future events but I will not list them here as the information given is up to 2021 and is shown on the Diary page at the front of this Newsletter.

One event not in the European calendar, but open to all sections is the Dutch National Boat Championship (their equivalent of our English Boat) that will be fished in early 2020. When I get more information I will put it on our website, but if interested then let me know.

The only other thing to inform you about is the Jigging Festival. The first running of this in 2021 in Portugal. For those of you not familiar with jigging, or slow jigging as is sometimes referred to, is very similar to pirking but colourful often flat jigs and most less than 200 grams. As with all Competitions and Championships, as soon as I receive any information it will be put on the website. If you are interested in this particular event, please let me know and as soon as information is received I can forward it to you direct via email.

Kim Bowden

Fish Recorder's Report

Entries have been slow this year, but there have been some good ones. Notably, conger eels of 85lb from Ray Barron and Rod Adamson, Jim Grant's 32lb blonde ray, Ian Burden's 6lb 5oz ballan wrasse, Pete Bailey's 21lb undulate ray and Derry Myer's 6lb 1oz shore caught ballan wrasse. Please keep your entries coming in and let's try and fill the remaining open spaces.

BOAT

Bass	Ray Ashby	PM	9lb 8oz	
Black Bream	Matt Osborne	PM	3lb 5oz	
Cod	No entries to date			
Conger Eel	Ray Barron	PM	85lb 0oz	
	Rod Adamson	PM	85lb 0oz	
Flounder	No entries to date			
Plaice	Dave McCune	PM	3lb 15oz	
Pollack	Stephan Baker	PM	14lb 8oz	
Ray – Blonde	Jim Grant	PM	32lb 0oz	
Smoothound	Ian Burden	Portland	19lb 0oz	
Whiting	Alan Painter	PM	3lb 5oz	
Wrasse – Ballan	Ian Burden	Portland	6lb 5oz	
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 % (Thin lipped)	Pete Wood	Portland	1lb 6oz	39.29%
Smoothound	Noddy Coan	Portland	9lb 8oz	
Whiting	No entries to date			
Wrasse – Ballan	Derry Meyers	PM	6lb 1oz	
Other by %				
Undulate Ray	Steve Barnard	West Wight	17lb 3oz	143.23%

Junior Fish of the Year No entries to date

Overseas Fish of the Year

Tarpon	Barrie Senior	PM	130lb 0oz	
Amberjack (Greater)	Jim Whippy	PM	50lb 0oz	

Report – EFSA England Boat Championship 2019

Minehead was the venue for the 2019 EFSA English Boat Championship with The Ship Aground as the HQ. Anglers met on Friday 28th June at the HQ to register and catch up. Some had arrived early in order to get a practice trip, but the weather had other ideas and no boat fishing was possible.

Day 1 Saturday 5:45 a.m.

Forty one anglers began loading their gear onto the five charter boats taking part in the Championship. With 7 ½ hours angling it was going to be a long day, but at least the weather had settled down and it promised to be a fine day and sun cream was applied. Most boats headed towards Porlock Bay and soon were into packs of dogfish. Dogfish continued to plague the anglers throughout the day on virtually all the marks the boats went to. Congers at 8 points, bull huss (for which there were prizes for the longest fish) and smoothound both 6-point fish, were the target species. Boats fishing in-shore found a few strap congers with boats venturing into deeper water getting larger eels. Other fish caught were rays; pout and poor cod plus a few turbot and three bearded rockling. There were also a couple of nice bass caught with the best on the day being about 7 ½ lb caught by Ray Barron fishing on Escape. Escape also provided Barrie Senior with a bull huss of 106 cm which turned out to be the longest of the competition. The angling was frustrating for many as it proved difficult to avoid the dogfish and pick up the other species. At the end of the day the results showed this with low points scoring for many. Richard Russell on Scooby Doo was top angler on the day with 86 points. Other boat winners were Osprey - Rolf Marschalek; Fulmar - Kevin Preston; Teddie Boy - Alan Bird and Escape - Rod Adamson.

Day 2

An hour later at the harbour and only 7 hours angling but the forecast was not so good with more wind and less sun. Marks and target species would be similar to Saturday. Again, the anglers were pestered by dogfish all day and the other species were hard to come by. Species caught were similar to Saturday along with a few nice tope, both Simon Norman and Rolf Marschalek both getting fish well over the 20lb mark.

Day 2 boat winners were on Fulmar - Andy Smith; Escape - Ken Smith; Teddie Boy - Andy Selby; Osprey - Colin Searles and Scooby Doo - Jon Law who was the top scorer of the day with 75 points.

On return to shore there was time for a wash up and change into uniform before heading to the back bar where a fine buffet was laid out for the anglers. Then it was time for the presentation where Andy Selby read out the results and the awards were made by our Vice President Keith Scaggs who also presented and attached the pins to the top 3 anglers

Andy Smith was the overall winner with 198.08% over the two days to take the gold pin. Ken Smith was in second place on 192.31% and Richard Russell third with 187.5%, winning silver and bronze pins respectively. Congratulations to them all.

Many thanks to Andy Selby and the other EFSA members who helped with the organisation; to Keith and Jan Scaggs for preparing the results and to all at the Ship Aground for looking after us. And last but not least, to the skippers without whom the competition could not take place and especially Mike Webber for all his assistance with bait etc.

For full individual and Team results please see EFSA England website

Best Bull Huss

1st Barrie Senior 106cm

2nd Andy Selby 105cm

3rd Rob Troy 102cm

EUROPEAN BOAT AND LINE CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 9th to 13th September 2019

EFSA England was the host of the 2019 European Boat and Line Championships fishing from Weymouth where it has been hosted many times before. The difference with this Championship was it was to be the first Championship under the new format of a 2-day Line Class Championship for the Line Class awards. The Line Class points would then be added to the 3-day Boat Championship to give a score over the 5 days to decide the European Boat Champion.

Saturday 7th

Registration at the Crown Hotel began on the Saturday evening and a chance to catch up with old friends. Anglers were handed a commemorative rig wallet containing information on the week's events, a commemorative pack of hooks from Cox & Rawle and end tackle from Bluezone.

Sunday 8th

All the Anglers in full uniform gathered at the seafront Clock Tower which was the starting point for the march along the sea front to Weymouth Pavilion. The march was led by Poole Dolphin Marching Band followed by each of the 17 countries in order with their National flag held high by members of the Weymouth Angling Society junior section. The march ended at Weymouth Pavilion where we were greeted by the Mayor of Weymouth, Councillor Graham Winter and senior EFSA officials. In the Pavilion, following speeches by the Mayor and EFSA England Chairman Neil Bryant, Horst Schneider the EFSA HQ Chairman gave his welcome to all the anglers before officially declaring the Championships open.

Day 1

All the 112 anglers assembled on the quay side ready to board the 12 boats. The weather was not as good as hoped, but fishing was still possible. Today the target species were conger eel, tope and rays, plus any other fish over 5 pounds which would all score points. As was expected, there were a lot of smaller conger which have been around in such numbers not seen before on the south coast of England. Fishing was varied and depending on which boat you were on decided whether you targeted the conger eel, which most did, although a few thought rays were a better target. At the end of the day there were 13 boat winners on 100%

Day 2

This was same format as day one with many hoping for a change in catches to improve their scores. As is always the case in Championships it depends not only on the boat you were on, but also the position you draw on the boat that effects your chance of a good catch. At the end of another challenging day the 2-day Line Class Championship was concluded. These 2 days we were targeting the bigger fish and today the best conger eel of the Championship was caught by Joe Connolly from Scotland which was weighed at 28 pounds before being returned to the water. There were now just two anglers on the

perfect score of 200%, Katharina Schleiff from Germany and Martin Hubert from Denmark. It was Martin that took first place after a points count back and became the gold pin winner. Katharina was second and won the silver pin. In third place taking the bronze pin was Steve Souter from Scotland on 193-33%.

Day 3

It was the first day of species fishing with all fish over 20cm counting. Under the new format this was the 3rd day of the Boat Championship which included the Line Class results. So today the boats spread out a little more to try and find the variety of species to achieve a good score, although the weather limited some to seek shelter close to port. Today there was only one person on the maximum score and that was Katharina Schleiff from Germany. There were several anglers at the top with two boat wins out of the 3 days so still anyone's Championship.

Day 4

The weather finally started to improve so it was possible to go a little further offshore and fish different ground. The fishing was still difficult, and the skippers had to work hard to find the different species with usually reliable marks not producing, most likely due to the water being so rough the previous few days. Today, it was still Katharina now on 400% in first place, with other top placing just 10 or 20 % behind, so not over yet.

Day 5

The final day of the Championship and the weather was the best of the week so it was nice to finish off with a more relaxed days fishing. Many knew the top honours were out of reach so the pressure was off, although the team events were still to be decided so all

fished as hard as they could. Unfortunately for Katharina, today did not go so well and she scored just 67% and was removed from her top spot, but remained in the top three. At the conclusion of the Championship it was Martin Hubert from Denmark in first place on 484.56% to take another gold pin to go with the Line Class won earlier in the week. Second with the silver pin was Steve Souter from Scotland with 470.19%, Katharina Schleiff from Germany took the bronze pin with 467.83%

The closing of the Championship took place at The Pavilion in Weymouth. First the meal was served which gave a chance to have a drink and a chat with the other anglers on their highs and lows of the week. There were many comments of appreciation to the organising committee on how well the week was organised and how well the anglers had been looked after - especially with many anglers who were having difficulties being lent equipment or given help and advice on the fishing.

After the meal the prizes for the different individual and team events were awarded. This took a while as there was a lot to award with many of the winners getting a specially commissioned hand-blown glass fish as a memento of the event. At the conclusion of the presentation it was time for a final few words from Horst Schneider to formally close the event with the last item being the handover of the EFSA flag from Neil Bryant the England Chairman to Martin Hubert receiving it on behalf of EFSA Denmark who are hosting the 2020 Championship at Elsinore in 2020.

This concluded the event for 2019 so the EFSA England organising committee were able to relax for the first time in a week! Full results and many photos of the week were handed out to all sections on a memory stick. Full results are available on the EFSA England and HQ websites

EFSA England would like to thank the following for their generous sponsorship: Ammo Baits; Bluezone Fishing Ltd.; Cox & Rawle; Devon Baits; Fishzone Ltd.; Fladen Fishing UK; Kiddy Wholesale Ltd.; Masterline UK; Swift Fishing; Weymouth Angling Centre

EFSA England would also like to thank the following for their assistance with the event and parade: Bradsons Event Services; Crown Hotel; Dorset Council; Dorset Highways; Poole Dolphin Marching Band; Weymouth Pavilion; Weymouth Angling Society; Weymouth Harbour Master.

Kim Bowden & Barrie Senior

Boat Festival Officers Report/Update.

English Species Mersey 22nd/23rd November 2019

Numbers are well down for this event and at present we only have around 20 fishing. Anyone wanting to fish as a late entry we are targeting Cod and Rays and its a bait provided competition.

AGM/Funfish Weymouth 1st & 2nd February 2020

The AGM will be held in the Crown Hotel where there are good rates for those wishing to stay over. The following day is the Funfish where we 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 organised by the Beach Festival Officer on the same day if there is sufficient interest.

English Boat Championship 13th -14th June 2020

We will be returning to Plymouth for our Championship and fishing around the famous Eddystone reefs. We have 5 boats booked and so places are limited.

European Species Event 18th & 19th September

We have been asked to stage the European Species Event at the last minute due to another Section having pulled out. We intend to hold a Bream event from Weymouth. Further details will be given at a later date.

English Species Penzance 6th & 7th November 2020

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

Looking further ahead at events for 2021, we are looking at Newquay for our English Boat Championship and our English Species will be Hayling Island for Smoothounds.