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DIARY

2024

January 13th	EFSA England AGM Queen Phillippa, High Street, Queenborough ME11 5AQ
January 14th	Fun Fish Event, Flatfish - Sheerness
May 6th/10th	EFSA Game Championship – South Africa.
July 7th/8th	English Boat Championship - Poole
September 9th/13th	European Boat Championship – Weymouth
October 6th/11th	EFSA European Species Championship - Langeland
Oct 31 st / Nov 2 nd	EFSA European Sore Championship – Conwy, Wales.
Nov 30th/Dec 1st	English Species, Minehead (Cod).

AGM Notification

The EFSA England Annual General Meeting will be held at the Queen Phillippa, High Street, Queenborough ME11 5AQ at 11.30am on Saturday January 13th 2024.

Any proposals for the 2024 AGM must be with the Secretary by 30th November 2023. All proposals received shall be included in the Agenda under Special Business.

AGM 2024 Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.**
 - a) President: Position vacant
 - 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) Press/Public Relations Officer: B.Senior.
 - i) Boat Festival Officer: A Selby.
 - j) Shore Festival Officer: B.Senior.
 - k) Social Secretary: M.Osborne.
 - l) Competitions Coordinator: K.Scaggs.
 - m) Standing Committee Delegate: B.Senior.
- 5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2022.**
 - a) Fun Competition - Weymouth
 - b) English Shore Championship - Southbourne
 - c) English Species Festival Boat – Minehead
 - d) EFSA Game – N/A

- e) EFSA Species Championship – Weymouth
- f) English Boat Championship - Eastbourne
- g) European Shore Championship – Netherlands
- h) European Boat and Line Championships – Cobh, Ireland

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

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

- a. Vice Chairman R.Ashby
- b. Secretary K.Bowden
- c. Boat Festival Officer A.Selby
- d. Shore Festival Officer B.Senior
- e. Chair of Selectors (Boat) R.Russell
- f. Chair of Selectors (Shore) B.Senior
- g. Chair of Selectors (Game) A.Smith
- h. Selectors – Boat, Shore and Game

8. Election of Honorary Auditor.

1 yr term - Nominee/s Mr J. Knight

9. Events for 2024.

- a) Fun Competition – Sheerness
- b) English Shore Championship - TBA
- c) English Species Festival Boat - Minehead
- d) EFSA Game – South Africa
- e) EFSA Species Championship – Langeland
- f) English Boat Championship - Poole
- g) European Boat Championships - Weymouth
- h) European Shore Championship - Wales

10. Special Business

Proposal from the Committee. Due to low attendances at recent Annual General Meetings the following is proposed: ***“To reduce the quorum at an EFSA England AGM to a minimum of 15 members.”***

Proposal from Boat Festival Officer. ***Prizes will only be awarded to members that attend Prize giving.***

Proposal from Boat Festival Officer. *On presentation/Registration days where there are extreme temperatures members can wear dress shorts and EFSA Polo Shirts.*

11. Annual General Meeting 2025

Standing Committee Report from 16th September 2023 in Cobh, Ireland.

One of the major items discussed at the meeting was the need for a PRO and Supplies Officer as Joe Edwards has to stand down after many years' service due to health reasons.

There was a survey submitted on the way forward for the 5-day Boat and Line Championships format, i.e. - should it be just a 4 day boat or any of the other options suggested. Warren Doyle informed the meeting that there were no clear preferences and so the following was unanimously agreed.

(a) The Boat Championship is minimum 3 days.

(b) The Species Championship is 2 days.

(c) The Line Class Championship is 2 days.

(d) The Species & Line Class Championships may be a combined event

There will be a Species Badge event for nominated species and more information on this will be issued when details are finalised.

Possible shore event venue will be Sardinia in 2025

Committee Proposal for the AGM

1. Since the Covid restrictions and subsequent disruptions in early 2020, our Annual General Meetings have been sparsely attended to the extent that there was a distinct possibility that motions and decisions taken could not be ratified due to insufficient numbers. In order to guard against this, the Committee has proposed that the quorum for the AGM be reduced to 15.

2. Prizes will only be awarded to members that attend Prize giving.

3. On presentation/Registration days where there are extreme temperatures members can wear dress shorts and EFSA Polo Shirts.

EFSA FISH OF THE YEAR 2023

We are getting towards the end of entries for this year, with the deadline for catches being 30th November. Any fish caught in December will be entered for the 2024 Fish of the Year. All categories have now been filled but some better flatfish both from the boat and shore would be welcome. As stated in the last Newsletter there have been some excellent catches this year as shown below.

BOAT

Bass	Steve Goodwin	Portland	10lb 9oz	
Black Bream	Graham Latimer	PM	4lb 0oz	
Cod	Perry Dack	PM	7lb 4oz	
Conger Eel	Graham Latimer	PM	65lb 0oz	
Flounder	Kim Bowden	PM	0lb 10oz	
Plaice	Marcus Wuest	PM	2lb 3oz	
Pollack	Ian Lambert	Bisley	14lb 6oz	
Ray – Blonde	Mick Doody	Weymouth	21lb 7oz	
Smoothound	Alan Bird	PM	16lb 4oz	
Whiting	Alan Bird	PM	3lb 9oz	
Wrasse – Ballan	Andy Alcock	Weymouth	7lb 0oz	
Other by %				
Spurdog	Paul Roper	PM	28lb 0oz	280.00%

SHORE

Bass	Rodney Whitewood	West Wight	8lb 12oz	
Black Bream	Mike Richardson	West Wight	2lb 3oz	
Cod	Mark Ayles	Weymouth	6lb 2oz	
Conger Eel	Rodney Whitewood	West Wight	20lb 8oz	
Flounder	Ray Barron	PM	1lb 12oz	
Plaice	Andy Alcock	Weymouth	1lb 9oz	
Pollack	Gavin Hunt	PM	1lb 14oz	
Mullet – all by %				
Thick Lipped	Stuart Jones	PM	5lb 5oz	132.81%
Smoothound	Stuart Jones	PM	18lb 2oz	
Whiting	Dave McCune	PM	1lb 14oz	
	Paul Dixon	Portland	1lb 14oz	
Wrasse – Ballan	Dave Lane	Weymouth	5lb 8oz	
Other by %				
Ray- blonde	Mark Knight	West Wight	20lb 11oz	172.40%

Junior Fish of the Year

Garfish	Connor Critchell	Weymouth	11b 3oz
Undulate Ray	Mika Attwood	Weymouth	11b 14oz
Red Bream	Charlie B-Dark	Weymouth	11b 2oz

Overseas Fish of the Year

Tarpon	Steve Batchelor	PM	60lb 0oz
Blue Marlin	Simon Norman	PM	500lb 0oz

Norman Witt Trophy - TBA

EFSA England Shore Championship 2023

After four years we were at last able to fish an English Shore Championship. It was held at Southbourne beach on 29th & 30th September. Seventeen anglers had signed up to fish but unfortunately four of them had to pull out due to health issues. Age is taking its toll.

Day One

We met at the car park above the beach to register, draw pegs and collect bait for the days fishing. The match was to be fished over two zones and into dusk. Following the previous days strong blow, it was thought that there might have been a lot of weed but there was no sign of it and the sea looked benign although the water was dirty. The wind increased during the day but not enough to make fishing difficult.

The dirty water seemed to have affected the fishes desire to feed as not many were being caught. Catches were mainly bass and plaice, a few small smoothhounds, gurnard, whiting and one sole. At the end of the day, it was Zone B that fished best. Catches were mainly small bass, [Stuart Jones won Zone B and was top angler on the day with six fish for 101 points. In 2nd place in Zone B was new member Gem Stapleton. She also had 6 fish for 93 points. Winner of Zone A was another new member Wayne Hand who had four fish for 65 points. Second place in the zone went to Chris Leonard with four fish for 60 points.

Day Two

Again, we met at the car park and drew pegs and collected our bait. The two zones were pegged on a different part of the beach, and we were hoping there might be a ray or two caught. The wind had moved more southerly and was now coming almost straight at us. Fishing was even worse than day one with a lot of weed as the tide turned. There were a few blanks on the cards. Zone A was won by Peter Neale with three fish for 48 points. Wayne Hand took 2nd place in the zone with 3 fish for 35 points. Zone B was won by Gem Stapleton with 2 fish for 25 points. Kim Bowden took second spot with one fish for 16 points.

Once the results were calculated it was Gem Stapleton who came out on top ton count back to take the gold pin with 3 zone points and 118 fish points. Silver pin winner was Wayne Hand with 3 zone points but only 100 fish points. Stuart Jones was third with 4 zone points. Peter Neale took the 4th place with 5 zone points.

Although we had booked a room at a local pub for the presentation it turned out to be only an area off the main bar set aside for us. There was a live singer on in the pub, which was heaving, and made it impossible to have a proper presentations, so we had to just hand out the awards and prizes.

Executive 3 man drawn team winners were a team of Gem Stapleton, Gary Geoghegan, and Wayne Hand.

Day 1 Longest flatfish – Gary Geoghegan 27cm Plaice

Day 1 Longest round fish - Stuart Jones 39cm Smoothound

Day 2 Longest flatfish – Matt Osbourne and Barrie Senior both with a 24cm Plaice

Day 2 Longest round fish – Peter Neale 29cm Bass

EFSA European Boat Championship – Cobh, Ireland

The Boat and Line Championships were held in Cobh, Ireland between the 18th and 22nd September. The first two days were the Line Championships that ended up being a one-day event after day 2 was blown off. The weather for the whole week was quite bad and we only managed to get outside the harbour on one day. It was a well-organised event finished off with a good Gala Dinner. For full report and results details, please see our website.

Forthcoming Events

AGM & Funfish Competition – Sheerness

Please note that we have had a slight change to our original venue for our AGM and we are now holding the meeting at the Queen Phillippa, High Street, Queenborough ME11 5AQ at 11.30am and will be serving refreshments to members attending. This venue is much nearer the port of departure for the Funfish Flatfish event the following day.

The Queen Phillippa has Twin, Triple and Quadruple rooms available and does a very good breakfast. This should be a good social weekend all are welcome so please come and support your Section at the AGM and Funfish. The Funfish will be a 2-hook bait supplied event targeting flatfish.

English Boat Championship – Poole

This EFSA England event will be held from Poole and is a very popular venue where many species can be caught at this time of year. More details can be seen on our website.

European Boat and Line Championships – Weymouth

This is our big one for the year that we will be hosting from Weymouth will be the 5th time from this popular venue. Our HQ hotel will be the Rembrandt Hotel on the Dorchester Road where the Registration, Welcome Ceremony and Gala Dinner will be held. All details and entry forms are available on our website.

English Species Championship – Minehead

This is our last Boat event of the year and will be held over the weekend of the 30th November/ 1st December and will be targeting Rays, Bull Huss, Conger and any fish over 5lb.

European Species Championship – Langeland

The EFSA Species Championship will be for flatfish and as many of us have fished this venue in the past, we know that there are usually plenty to be caught.

The main difference next year will be the boats as in the past we have fished from large boats, but this time we will be on 3 or 4-man hire boats. On each boat will be a designated angler that has the competence and knowledge to be in charge of the boat. As in previous years, fishing will be on the drift and will fish within designated areas and be close together. Further information and entry forms will be available via our website or my direct contact with Kim Bowden.

European Shore Championship – Conwy, Wales

The 2024 European Shore Championship will be held at Conwy, Wales from 31st October to 2nd November with Registration on 30th October 2024

The Competition will be held from 31st October to 2nd November and the fishing areas will include Llandudno, Colwyn Bay, Penmaenmawr, Llanfairfechan, Towyn and Abergele

The event HQ will be Venue Cymru, Llandudno and Welcoming Teams event will be at the Evans Hotel. Llandudno

More information will follow and be published on our website.

AGM Attendance Notification.

Please delete whichever statement does not apply.

- a.) This is to confirm I shall be attending the AGM and request that seating is made available.
- b.) This is to confirm that I shall not be attending the AGM and request that my apologies for absence are given to the meeting.

Name (Please print): _____

Date: _____

Completed forms should be returned by 10th December 2023 to:
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Alternatively Email me at kimbowden@ntlworld.com.