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It's my great pleasure to welcome the European Federation of Sea Anglers back to Orkney. The islands have had the honour of hosting your championships on a number of occasions, most recently in 2003 and 2009, and I know that our own local sea anglers welcome the opportunity this provides to both share our waters and lock horns with the finest competitors in Europe.

As islanders we are defined and nurtured by the sea, and our shores and harbours have played a dramatic role in history for as long as history has



been recorded. From the Vikings who colonised our islands over a thousand years ago, through the Napoleonic Wars, the opening up of Canada by the Hudson Bay Company, both World Wars and the scuttling of the German High Seas fleet in Scapa Flow, to the developing field of marine renewable energy today, events have taken place here and left their mark, enriching our heritage.

Our waters, both fresh and salt, provide excellent challenges for fishermen, and support thriving shellfish and aquaculture industries. On land we have world class archaeological sites, a beautiful and and sometimes dramatic natural environment, and food and drink industries that provide top quality produce for hungry and thirsty fishermen to enjoy when they return to land.

We enjoy living here, and are proud of our islands, and are keen to share them with visitors. On behalf of the people of Orkney I wish you an enjoyable and successful championships, and hope to welcome many of you back to Orkney in the future.

Steven Heddle Convener, Orkney Islands Council



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EFSA HQ CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Dear EFSA Members,

I wish to welcome you to the Stromness Orkney Light Line and Boat Championship held from the 1st to the 8th of August 2015.

This will be the third time we have visited the long established seaport of Stromness. This truly is a seaport that has been shaped by its maritime history right from its early days in the late 17th Century when its fine harbour offered shelter to English merchant ships and later whaling vessels. Stromness later blossomed on the back



of the merchant ships which came through Scapa Flow for safe passage to the Americas from Europe with merchants building the houses, shops and piers which we can see today. And now, in this present day, Stromness is described by Councillor James Stockton as 'a town that has a history of international connections and which now stands on the threshold of global opportunities '

But Stromness is first and foremost a town of the sea and it is a sea rich in fish which has provided EFSA with two fine competitions in 2003 and 2009 with the last unforgettable event producing an amazing 4,227 fish featuring ling, pollack, cod and spurdog over the four competition days.

It is the anticipation of this superb fishing that has encouraged so many of us to make the adventurous journey to reach the Orkneys from all corners of Europe and the UK and for our great EFSA family to be once again re-united by our love of our sport and in the spirit of friendship.

It is with this friendship in mind that I wish to remember our great friend and tireless worker within the Scottish Section of EFSA, Mr Hamish Holmes. Hamish died in January 2012. He was a true ambassador for Scotland and for our sport and he is a man who is deeply missed by us all. I ask you, as members of our EFSA family, to remember Hamish with fondness during our days at sea and to think of his spirit being out at sea with us.

There have been a number of 'famous' people from and connected with Stromness and these people reflect the Maritime character of this place. With fishing and sea trading so important, Bessie Mills was an important woman. 250 years ago, Bessie Mills made her living in Stromness from selling fair winds to sailors! So, before our EFSA Championships begin, I think we should remember Bessie Mills and ask her for Fair Winds and Calm Seas.

Sherriff Macdonald described Stromness as 'A place where everybody is somebody'. This is true of our great EFSA family where everyone here is of importance within our bonds of friendship. And, by the end of this Championship, one of you will be the EFSA Stromness Boat Champion and will certainly be that special 'somebody'.

Horst Schneider, Chairman of EFSA



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Dear EFSA Members and Friends.

EFSA Scotland and its members look forward to renewing old friendships and making some new at our Championships in Stromness and it gives me great pleasure to welcome you.

The town of Stromness nestles in the shelter of Hamnavoe, the "haven bay" so named by the Viking raiders. The first recorded inhabitants owned an inn there in the 16th century but it was not until the 18th century that Stromness began to develop into the form we see now.

The narrow main street of the town winds between solid stone buildings built traditionally "gable end to the sea", to protect against the weather.



Many of the buildings served the Hudson Bay Company and Stromness is a long established seaport with a strong association with whaling and the herring industry, especially towards the end of the 19th century.

With rugged 100 - 500 ft high cliffs facing the Atlantic, the area is teeming with fish, especially Cod, Pollack and Ling and we hope that catches are as good as they were when we last held this event here in 2009

The whole of Orkney is steeped in history and Scara Brae, for example, is older than the Egyptian Pyramids If you are not fishing there are many places to see and wonderful restaurants to visit.

The Organising Committee has been working hard along with the people of Orkney and the council to once again bring a successful Championship to Stromness. We also hope to have a few surprises for all the anglers and their families to make the visit more enjoyable.

For those of you who also like our "spirit", a visit to the birthplace of Highland Park, a Scotch whisky thought by many to be Scotland's finest "uisge beatha" (water of life) will be essential.

I am certain that these beautiful green islands and their warm friendly people will welcome you as only Orcadians can. And, when you leave, good memories will remain always to remind you of your visit in August 2015.

If you require any information regarding the event do not hesitate to contact any of the committee.

I look forward to seeing you all in Stromness

Slaint Mhath Joe Connolly Chairman. E.F.S.A. Scotland. E-mail: josieathom@aol.com





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RULES FOR THE E.F.S.A EUROPEAN BOAT AND LINE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS ORKNEY 2015

<u>GENERAL</u>

- 1. The Championships will be fished to the E.F.S.A rules governing at the time of the championships unless otherwise stated.
- 2. The Headquarters for the Championships will be the Stromness Hotel, Stromness.
- 3. The draw for the allocation of boats will take place in public not less than one month prior to the start of the Championships.
- 4. A husband and wife or parent and child may apply to be drawn on the same boat and <u>this request</u> <u>must accompany</u> the application form.
- 5. All juniors (<u>under 16 during the event</u>) must be accompanied by a responsible adult. This must be indicated on the junior and adults entry form. Juniors and their responsible adult will be placed on the same boat. (this is to comply with child protection rules the EFSA definition of "junior" remains unchanged)
- 6. A husband and wife or junior and responsible adult when drawn on the same boat, will draw for positions in the same manner as all other anglers and, once drawn, will fish from the position drawn. If a "safe seat" is required, please indicate this need along with your entry form.
- 7. A fishing captain and steward will be appointed for each boat and his or her duties will include:
 - a. Ensuring anglers are in the correct boat places.
 - b. Liaison with the skipper of the boat.
 - c. Observance of the Rules of the Championships.
 - d. Observance of the start and finish times.
 - e. Counting tokens when used.
 - f. Transferring anglers' scores to boat score-card.
- 6. The fishing areas each day will be directed by the Organising Committee.
- 7. If, in the opinion of the Organising Committee, the weather is unfit to allow the boats to reach the normal fishing grounds, it has the power to abandon the competition for the day or to limit the boats to a safe area. Their decision shall be final.
- 8. The Boat Championships and Line Class Championships will be fished to points systems. Illustrations of these systems will be issued to each competitor at registration.
- 9. Minimum fish sizes appear on the score sheet at #18 below
- 10. No fish should be brought ashore for specimen or record purposes as there will be no weighing facilities available.
- 11. Casting will only be permitted using an under-hand method with the terminal tackle and trace outside the boat at all times during the cast.
- 12. Mackerel and Squid will be supplied as bait; the only other bait permitted will be that caught by the competitor during the Championships. Bait may NOT be retained at the end of each fishing day. Pirks and all types of artificial lures and lead heads are permitted.
- 13. Bait fishing, for mackerel, will be allowed before the start fishing time each day. All mackerel caught **at this time** will be pooled.



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- 14. Any fish to be retained by an angler or boat skipper must have its tail removed immediately on capture and before the angler can continue fishing. All dead fish to be retained on board.
- 15 Each boat winner will score 100 points. The other anglers on that boat will have their scores expressed as a percentage of the top angler's score for that boat.
- 16. The daily fishing results will be posted each evening in the Championships H.Q.
- 17. Boat assembly and fishing times:
 - a. All anglers must meet daily at the marked assembly point on Stromness Harbour at <u>07.00</u> hours.
 - b. Boats will leave the harbour at <u>8.00</u> hours. No boat will be allowed to leave the harbour before this time.
 - c. Boats will not wait for any angler who is late.
 - d. Fishing will start at <u>09.30</u> hours with lines up at <u>15.30</u> hours daily.
 - e. All boats must return to harbour by <u>17.00</u> hours unless delayed by unavoidable circumstances, e.g. a mechanical breakdown, which has been advised to the Organising Committed by VHF radio or other method of communication.
- 18. Any competitor wishing to lodge a protest should adopt the following procedure:
 - a. A protest regarding fishing should be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before **19.00** hours each day.
 - b. A protest regarding result sheets should be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before **08.00** hours each day.
 - c. A list of the Protest Committee members will be issued to all competitors at registration.
- 19. Boat Championship Score Sheet:-

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

ANGLER	S NAME	-		ENTRY NUMBER	BOAT NUMBER	
	12]	TOKEN			
COD / HADDOCK	LOWER SIZE	36-50 Cm		Number of RED Tokens	X4 =	
COD / HADDOCK	HIGHER SIZE	50+ Cm		Number of BLACK Tokens	X6 =	
LING	LOWER SIZE	50-65 Cm	(Feed	Number of BLUE Tokens	X4 =	
SPURDOG	NO SIZE			Number of BLUE Tokens	X4 =	
LING	HIGHER SIZE	65+ Cm	ļ. —]	Number of GREEN Tokens	X7 =	
POLLACK & COALFISH	MAXIMUM 10	36 Cm	Р	Number of White "P" Tokens	X3 =	×.
ALL WRASSE	MAXIMUM 5	25 Cm	w	Number of White "W" Tokens	X2 =	
ALL FLATFISH	MAXIMUM 5	25 Cm	F	Number of White "F" Tokens	X2 =	
ALL OTHER SPECIES	TOTAL 5	25 Cm		Number of White Tokens	X2 =	
				TOTAL NUMBER OF TOKENS	TOTAL POINTS =	

POLLACK & COALFISH TO BE TREATED AS SAME SPECIES 10 MAX ALL SPURDOG MAY BE RELEASED AT SIDE OF BOAT. THE TRACE MUST BE TOUCHED BY HAND FOR THE FISH TO COUNT. THE TRACE CONSTITUTES LINE ATTACHED DIRECTLY TO THE HOOK. ALL FISH MUST HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE SKIPPER OR ANOTHER ANGLER.

NOTABLE FISH	SPECIES	LENGTH
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TOTAL NUMBER OF TOKENS + TOTAL POINTS =

DAY 4

Angling Captain's Signature

Angling Steward's Signature

Competitor's Signature





LINE CLASS **CHAMPIONSHIPS** RULES

- 1. Anglers may only use the Ande line provided by the organisers which will be <u>4 kg line</u>.
- 2. The competitors must supply a sample of the line from the reel in use where requested by the fishing captain.
- 3. A competitor who has a big fish on has right of way on the boat. Other competitors must, if requested, remove their lines from the water whilst the fight is in progress.
- 4. A maximum of one hook may be used. A pirk may be fitted with one single, double or treble hook. Double or treble hooks may NOT be baited as per EFSA Fishing Rules.
- 5. The length of leader used shall not exceed 4.5 metres and the length of leader and double line shall not exceed 6 metres as per EFSA Fishing Rules.
- 6. Each boat winner will score 100 points. The other anglers on that boat will have their scores expressed as a percentage of the top angler's score for that boat.
- 7. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the angler scoring the greatest total length for the least number of fish caught.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS					LINE CLASS	
ANGLERS NAME		ENTRY NUM	BER	BOA	TNUMBER	
	1.					Number of Fish
COD Minimum size 36 cm (NO LIMIT)						
LING Minimum size 50 cm NO LIMIT)						
HADDOCK Minimum size 36 cm NO LIMIT)						
SPURDOG Minimum size 50 cm						
POLLACK & COALFISH (MAXIMUM 10)	MINIMUM S	SIZE				
POLLACK & COALFISH (MAXIMUM 10)	36 cm					First 10 to count
ALL WRASSE (MAXIMUM 5)	25 cm		Fin	st 5 to count		
ALL FLATFISH (MAXIMUM 5)	25 cm		Fin	st 5 to count		tal length of fish
OTHER SPECIES (MAXIMUM 5)			Fin	st 5 to count		
NOTABLE FISH	SEA NIGLING QU					
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In addition to our "Sponsors" we have had help from other people. The Parade of National Flags on Sunday, for example, will be possible only with the help of the local police and the excellent British Legion Pipe Band which will lead the way.

The Harbour Master and his staff and various departments of the local council actively help by providing all sorts of essential services throughout the event, including office space on the harbour and the local Businesses do all they can to provide the excellent hospitality to be found in these beautiful islands.

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- Next, we would like calm seas! It's always more pleasant to go sea angling in sunshine and so your prayers for good weather will be appreciated. It worked in 2003 when it was a week of almost tropical weather and 2009 was almost as good.
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Travel.

Travelling to Stromness can be directly by car ferry from Scrabster to Stromness which takes about 2 hours (www.northlinkferries.co.uk.) or from Gills Bay to St. Margaret's Hope taking about 1½ hours (www.pentlandferries.co.uk.) followed by a drive of about 25 miles. Kirkwall, which is the main town, is about 15 miles (25 – 30 minutes) from Stromness. Both Scrabster and Gills Bay are located on the most northerly part of the Scottish mainland and are some 125 miles north of Inverness. If you intend to take your car across to Stromness, Northlink Ferries, the ferry company running the Scrabster to Stromness crossing, are giving our anglers a discounted rate on their boat, the Hamnavoe - remember to ask!

There is an airport serving Kirkwall which connects to airports throughout the UK.

At the time of going to print, we do not have all the information about every boat which will be taking part next August as some of the details have yet to be finalised. As a result, the list of boats has not been included in this brochure but this information will be sent out to your Section Secretary when we acknowledge your Section's entries.

Tackle Storage

A container will be available for storage of your fishing tackle (and to prevent hotel room pollution!) and it will be locked from 1900 and reopened at 0630.

Clothing

As always, Joe Edward our Supplies Officer has arranged for Polo shirts, T-shirts and Sweatshirts carrying the Championships badge and these should be ordered and paid for along with your Championship entry. An order form is printed in this Brochure but will also be available on-line so you don't have to take the brochure apart. Details of sizes and prices also appear elsewhere in this brochure.

Transport

We will be providing transport from Stromness to the Gala Dinner in the Stromness Academy and details of this will be provided at registration.

And finally.....

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	Inches	Centimetres
Medium,	38-40	96-102
Large,	42-44	107-112
Extra-Large and	46-48	117-122
Extra-Extra-Large.	50-52	127-132



These Sweatshirts will be available at a cost of £23.50 each. (£25.00 with your name added)

Joe has also arranged for **<u>Polo shirts and T-shirts</u>**, again with the 2015 Championship badge embroidered on the left front. The sizes for these are slightly different and are as follows:-

	Inches	Centimetres
Medium,	38-40	96-102
Large,	41-43	104-109
Extra-Large and	44-46	112-117
Extra-Extra-Large.	47-49	120-125

Polo shirts will cost £15.00 each (£16.50 with your name added) T-shirts, £10.50 (£12.00 with your name added)

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Address				
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All entry forms must be sent to your own Section Secretary by the date specified by your Section. Your Section Secretary is responsible for forwarding all entry forms and cleared payments. The closing date for entries is <u>28th February 2015</u>

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Hook sizes from 1/0 through to 4/0 for most species but bigger sizes are advised for ling (see below). Water depth will vary from 30 to 50 or 60 metres, on some occasions, more.

Fishing methods will of course vary depending on what you are fishing for. COD and POLLACK and COALFISH can be taken on Pirks fished with a "flyer" above, or on artificials on flowing traces. LING prefer baited SPOONS fished on either paternoster style, or on a "spreader" style with 2 spoons. If using a spreader ensure that the 2 spoons are the same length to reduce tangling. In both cases, the spoons are finished off with a muppet below the spoon and above the hook. Hook size 6/0 or 7/0 is usually adequate as ling, at this time of year, rarely exceed 7 or 8 kg. Bait the hooks with fish bait or squid whichever is your preference.

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Programme & Timetable of Events Official Headquarters Stromness Hotel

Friday 31st July 2015

HQ Executive Officers meeting In the Royal Hotel (Time to be advised) 18:00-19:30 Early Registration session

- Saturday 1st August 2015
- 09:30-15:30 EFSA Standing Committee Meeting - Royal Hotel, Stromness, followed by the Annual General Meeting

12:00-14:00 Registration – Old Ferry &16:30-19:00 Office, Stromness

Sunday 2nd August 2015

09:30-12:00	FINAL Registration – Old Ferry Office, Stromness
13:30-13:50	Assemble for Parade – At the Car Park at the Swimming
	Pool, Stromness
14:00-15:00	Parade of Flags & Official
	Opening Ceremony - Stromness Harbour
15:30	Meeting of Boat Skippers,
	Boat Captains, Stewards &
	Other interested parties in
	The Royal Hotel

Monday 3rd August 2015

Boat Championships – Day 1

- 07:00 Assemble at Stromness
- Harbour
- 08:00 Boats leave for Fishing Grounds
- 09:30 Lines Down
- 15:30 Lines Up
- 17:00 All Boats <u>MUST</u> be in Harbour
- 21:00 Results posted in Stromness Hotel

Tuesday 4th August 2015

Boat Championships – Day 2

As for Monday, above

Wednesday 5th August 2015

Boat Championships - Day 3 As for Monday

Thursday 6th August 2015

Boat Championships – Day 4

As for Monday **EXCEPT**

17.30 Beer cheese and Oatcakes on the pier

Friday 7th August 2015

Line Class Championships

07:00	Assemble at Stromness Harbour
08:00	Boats leave for Fishing Grounds (following Ferry departure)
09:30	Lines Down
15:30	Lines Up
17:00	All Boats MUST be in Harbour
21:00	Results posted in Stromness Hotel

Saturday 8th August 2015

- 14:30-16:30 Presentation of Prizes and Awards - Stromness Academy
- 19:00 until late Gala Dinner Dance -Stromness Academy

Transport will be available Details at Registration



The times and programme may be subject to alteration at the discretion of the Organising Committee

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