

EFSA European Species Championship (Conger)

**Weymouth – England
15th to 16th July 2016**



**Hosted by
EFSA ENGLAND**

EFSA England Chairman's welcome

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the members of EFSA England I would like to extend a big welcome to all in the EFSA Family who are considering visiting or indeed revisiting this historic port.

EFSA England have hosted many events from Weymouth with no less than three European Boat and Line Championships and numerous English Boat Championships. Weymouth holds a 3 day conger competition each year so boats are practiced at anchoring the wrecks and deep water reefs. The skippers are all well equipped and experienced in Conger fishing and will aim to put you on the fish.

EFSA England are very pleased to have been awarded the European Species Championships for the Third time, the first being the Cod we hosted in Dover. The second was Conger Eel out of Plymouth. We are confident that this will be a great success and once again, on behalf of us all in EFSA England we invite you to join us and compete for what is a truly magnificent fish.

Please do bring your family and they too can enjoy all that Weymouth and the surrounding area has to offer, they will be well looked after I am sure. The town of Weymouth is just a little way from the HQ hotel either a good stroll or a short Taxi ride, many of you already know Weymouth and its many places to eat and drink whatever your taste.

I want to assure you that we in EFSA England want you all to have a great few days with us and we will do everything we can to make your visit a memorable one.

I do look forward to welcoming you all to Weymouth and wish you an enjoyable stay.

Neil Bryant
Chairman
EFSA England

EFSA England Boat Festival Officer's welcome

As Boat Festival Officer for EFSA England, I would like to welcome you to the third running of the European Species Championship by EFSA England.

Our first Championship was the very successful Cod Championship from Dover where plenty of fish were caught and a good time was had by all. We hope to again run a successful Championship for your enjoyment from Weymouth.

Weymouth is known for Conger fishing with the choice of deep water reefs and many wrecks that litter the sea bed. With the professional expertise from some of the country's top skippers I am sure many of you will catch your personal best conger,

Accommodation is available at the Rivera hotel which is a short drive to the boat departure point where there is plenty of parking. The Registration, Opening Ceremony and the Prize Presentation Buffet will be at The Rivera Hotel.

The competition will be run on a catch and return points basis. This will also be a bait supplied competition. The boats will also stop for fresh bait which will be pooled between the anglers on the boat prior to the start of fishing.

This will be a very popular event and boat places are limited so please enter early to avoid disappointment.

I look forward to meeting you and your families in May to again make this another Championship to remember.

Andy Selby
Boat Festival Officer
EFSA England

Programme of Events

THURSDAY 14th July 2016

Registration 18.00 – 19.30 hrs
Rivera Hotel.

Welcome 19.30 – 20.00 hrs
Rivera Hotel.

(Uniforms must be worn)

FRIDAY 15th July 2016

Fishing Day One – 06.45 hrs coach departs from Rivera 07.30 hrs boats depart from Custom House Quay.

Fishing Times 6 hrs from lines down.
Boats back in port by 18.00 hrs.

SATURDAY 16th July 2016

Fishing Day Two – 06.45 hrs coach departs from Rivera 07.30 hrs boats depart from Custom House Quay.

Fishing Times 6 hrs from lines down.
Boats back in port by 17.00 hrs.

SATURDAY 17th July 2016

Presentation & Buffet – 20.00 hrs
Rivera Hotel.

(Uniforms must be worn)

(Non fishing guests can obtain tickets for the presentation Buffet at a cost of £20pp. Children under 16 free of Charge)

General Information

Weymouth is a premier destination for Anglers and for Family holidays and there are many things to occupy your time

Accommodation

The preferred Hotel for the event has been confirmed as the Rivera Hotel, Bowleaze Cove. A special deal has been arranged with The Rivera Hotel and this is a hotel we have used many times. The Rivera may look dated from the outside, this is due to the building being listed so the outside cannot be changed but internally it has been recently redone to a very high standard of rooms and you can be assured of a warm welcome by the staff.

Rivera Hotel, Bowleaze Cove, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6PR
Telephone 00441305 836600

Fishing Tackle and Advice on Fishing

Catching and boating Conger Eels require strong tackle, 30 to 50 pound class rods with a strong multiplier loaded with 50 pound (25kg) braid. A good trace would be 250pound (125kg) nylon with a 10/0 hook. Expect to use weights of between ½ to 2 pound (250grm to 1kg)

There is a lot information to be found on the British Conger Club web site on tackle and methods for catching Conger Eels.

<http://www.britishcongerclub.org.uk/congertips.htm>

Boat Bookings for Practice Days

Arrange a practice day by contacting Weymouth Angling Centre
Phone +441305777771 or Email wac@deepsea.co.uk

European Species (Conger) Championship Rules

1. The Championship will be fished to the EFSA rules governing at the time unless otherwise stated.
2. HQ will be the Rivera Hotel, Weymouth.
3. A draw for the allocation of boats will take place prior to the competition.
4. A fishing captain and steward will be appointed for each boat and their duties will involve;
 - a. Liaison with the boat skipper.
 - b. Ensuring the Championship rules are adhered to.
 - c. Observance of start and finish times.
 - d. To ensure the boat score sheet is completed, signed and returned to the score marshal.
 - e. To assist and help adjudicate with the scoring and recording of fish.
5. The fishing areas will be designated by the Organizing Committee.
6. If in the opinion of the Organizing Committee, the weather is unfit to allow the boats to reach the normal fishing grounds, the Committee has the power to abandon the day's fishing or to limit the boats to a safe haven. Their decision shall be final.
7. Any competitor wishing to lodge a protest must adopt the following procedure;
 - a) Protests relating to the days fishing must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before 20.00 hrs that day.
 - b) Protests relating to results must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before 07.30 hrs the following day or 19.00 on the final fishing day.
8. Wire line is prohibited.
9. Only 1 single hook may be used. Barbed and stainless steel hooks are prohibited. (Crushed barbs are acceptable)
10. Anglers must use a maximum of 1.5m long trace/leader a minimum of 35kg (80lb) breaking strain above the boom, slider or pirk. Having identified the fish and estimated its weight the skipper/crewman will touch the trace/leader and confirm capture of the Conger. It will then be released at the side of the boat using a T-Bar.
11. In the interests of conservation, EFSA England request that no Congers are killed or taken from the sea.
12. Each competitor is responsible for checking their catch has been correctly entered on the score sheet and shall sign that their catch record is correct.
13. Anglers may only receive assistance when releasing a Conger.
14. Casting is not allowed.

15. When the skipper/Captain states lines up at the end of the day's fishing or if the boat has to move during the day, then lines should be retrieved as quickly as possible. Should the angler have a fish on, then they must clearly inform the boat captain. This fish will count if landed. Anglers can only recommence fishing on instruction of the boat skipper/captain. There are no exceptions to this rule.
16. Only the Bait provided and pooled fresh bait is to be used. Should an angler wish to catch bait fish during the fishing time then they may use a single hook/feather. Bait cannot be shared or carried over to the next day. All spare bait at the end of the day is to be disposed of at sea and all packaging to be disposed of in the correct receptacle on land.
17. After 3 hours fishing all Anglers will move position. Only exception if an Angler requests a safe seat by cabin where he would stay for the full fishing time that day (If safe seat required this must be requested before the boat draw). During fishing anglers must allow the angler fighting a fish to move to the stern of the boat or other position if he so requests.
18. Correct dress will be worn at the Presentation Ceremony. This is considered to be International/Section uniform or smart casual wear (to include a tie).

No denims, jeans, tee shirts or trainers. Competitors attending the prize ceremony in improper dress will forfeit their right to have their prize presented in public.

POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

1. All Conger will score points in this event.
2. Conger will be scored as follows
 - a) Conger between 0lb – 20lb 5pts
 - b) Conger between 20lb – 40lb 10pts
 - c) Conger between 40lb + 15pts
3. The weight of the Congers will be estimated by the skipper/crewman whose decision shall be final.
4. The angler's overall placing will be decided by their combined points score over the two days. In the event of a tie on points the angler recording the most number of Congers shall prevail. Should there still be a tie then it will be decided between the above and most Congers of 40lb and over. Should there still be a tie, then the most number of Conger between 20lb and 40lb shall prevail.
5. Each day's results will be displayed at the Rivera Hotel.

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(Location Points)

