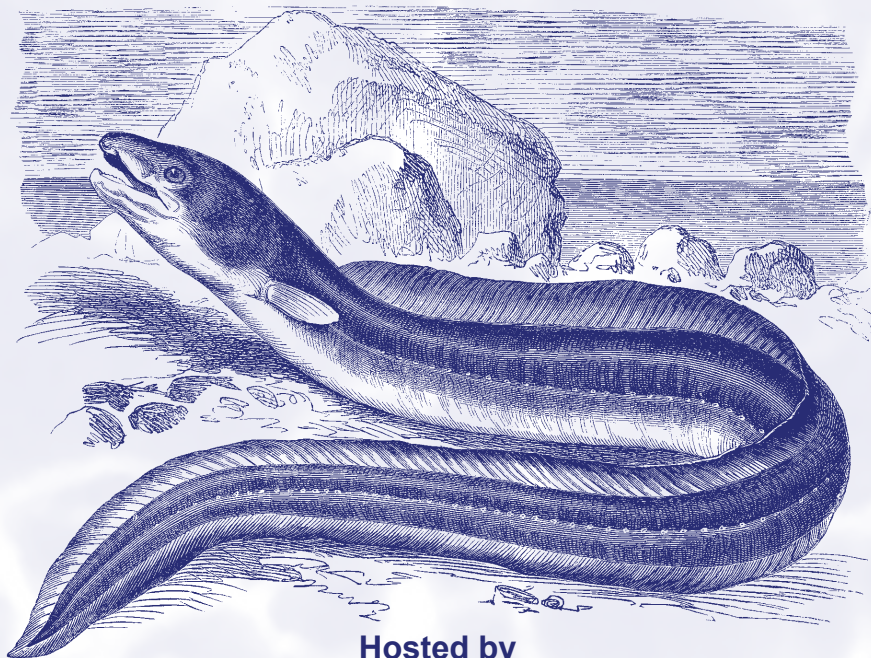


# EFSA European Species and Line Championship (Conger)

Weymouth - England  
21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018



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 has hosted many events from Weymouth with no less than three European Boat and Line Championships and numerous English Boat Championships. Weymouth holds a three 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 is very pleased to have been awarded the European Species Championship to run concurrently alongside the European Line Championship, so it will be an interesting weekend I am sure. 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 offers, they will be well looked after I am sure. Many of you already know Weymouth and its many places to eat and drink whatever your taste. The HQ hotel is The Crown and this is our first time there though many of us have stayed before. It is well situated for the town and the boats, and for those of you that know Weymouth it is situated by the Town bridge and Weymouth Angling Centre.

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 fourth running of the European Species/Line 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. The other two have both been conger, one at Plymouth and the last one at Weymouth where 246 Congers were caught and released. 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 Crown hotel which is a short walk to the boat departure point and Weymouth Angling Centre. The Registration, Opening Ceremony, Prize Presentation and Gala Dinner will be at The Crown Hotel.

This Championship will incorporate both Species and Line Class and all anglers are to fish with the Ande Braided Line supplied. The Line Class pins awarded for the 3 heaviest weighed conger with the Species Championship run on a catch and return points basis. This will be a bait supplied competition. The boats will also stop for fresh bait which will be shared between the anglers on the boat. Only supplied bait or bait caught before or during Championship can be used to fish with.

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 July to again make this another Championship to remember.

Andy Selby  
*Boat Festival Officer*  
*EFSA England*

## Programme of Events

### FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Registration** 17.30 – 19.30 hrs

Crown Hotel

**Welcome** 20.00

Crown Hotel

(Uniforms must be worn)

### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

#### Fishing Day Two –

07.30 hrs boats depart from moorings

Fishing Times 6 hrs from lines down

Boats back in port by 17.00 hr

### SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018

#### Fishing Day One –

07.30 hrs boats depart from moorings

Fishing Times 6 hrs from lines down

Boats back in port by 18.00 hrs

### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

#### 3 course Gala Dinner & Presentation–

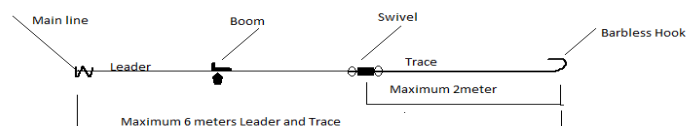
19.30 hrs at Crown Hotel

(Uniforms must be worn)

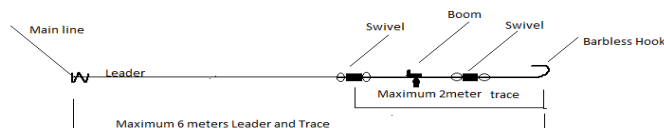
*(Non fishing guests can obtain tickets for the presentation Dinner at a cost of £20pp. Children under 16 free of Charge)*

## Rule 10. Rig Specification

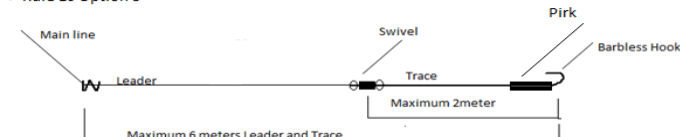
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Rule 10 Option 2



Rule 10 Option 3



## 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 Crown Hotel. A special deal has been arranged with The Crown Hotel which is well situated in the center of Weymouth close to the Town Bridge with easy access to the boats.

Each of the 86 en-suite bedrooms is well furnished and includes flat-screen TV and tea and coffee making facilities. Free Wi-Fi available in lobby and guest lounge areas.

If staying at the Crown Hotel guests will receive a free parking permit from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July inclusive, additional day charged at £4.

Crown Hotel, 51/53 Thomas Street, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8EQ

Individual booking contact Emma 0044 (0) 1305 760100

[crown@kingshotel.co.uk](mailto:crown@kingshotel.co.uk)

Group booking ie Section booking, contact Claire 0044 (0)1305 760100

[cpuckett@kingshotel.co.uk](mailto:cpuckett@kingshotel.co.uk)

Quote Booking Reference: EFSA 18

### Fishing Tackle and Advice on Fishing

Catching and boating conger eels requires strong tackle, 30 to 50 pound class rods with a strong multiplier loaded with supplied braid. A good trace would be 250pound (125kg) nylon with a 10/0 hook. Expect to use weights of between 8oz and 2 Lbs (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/concertips.htm>

### Boat Bookings for Practice Days

Arrange a practice day by contacting Weymouth Angling Centre

Phone 0044 (0) 1305777771 or Email [wac@weymouthangling.com](mailto:wac@weymouthangling.com)

## 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 Crown 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, this includes wire trace.
9. Only 1 single hook may be used. Barbed and stainless steel hooks are prohibited (crushed barbs are acceptable).
10. Anglers must use a trace/boom line minimum of 1.5m long and maximum of 2m long and a minimum of 35kg (80lb) breaking strain. Maximum length from hook to main line braid knot is 6m. Having identified the fish and estimated its weight the skipper/crewman will touch the trace/boom line and confirm capture of the conger. It will then be released at the side of the boat using a T-Bar unless needs weighing for heaviest conger.
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.

## European Species (Conger) Championship Rules

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. 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.

### LINE CLASS

1. The Line Class Championship pins will be awarded to the 3 anglers catching the heaviest congers in the Championship
2. Any conger considered heavy enough to qualify will be weighed on board and weight agreed between skipper and boat captain. This will then be relayed to the other boats so eels need not be boated unnecessarily.

### SPECIES POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

1. All congers will score points in this event.
2. Conger will be scored as follows

a)	Conger between	0lb – 20lb	5pts
b)	Conger between	20lb – 40 lb	10pts
c)	Conger	40lb +	15pts
3. The weight of the congers will be estimated or weighed 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 congers between 20lb and 40lb shall prevail.
5. Each days results will be displayed at the Crown Hotel.

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## (Location Points)

