

# **EFSA European Species Championship (Bream)**

**Weymouth - England  
18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



**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 four European Boat and Line Championships and numerous English Boat Championships. This venue is renowned for its exceptional Bream fishing at this time of year and boats are well equipped for fishing both at anchor and on the drift to put you on the fish.

EFSA England is very pleased to have been awarded the European Species Championship and 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 will be The Crown (part of the Kings Hotel group) which is located close by the Town Bridge. We will be also using other Hotels in the Kings Hotel group for accommodation, our Presentation and Gala Buffet. (see details on our 'General Information' page). All of our venues are within easy walking distance of each other and the Town Quayside.

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 fifth 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. The other three have been Conger, one at Plymouth and the last two at Weymouth. We hope to again run a successful Championship for your enjoyment from Weymouth.

Weymouth is known for Bream fishing with the choice of deep water reefs and banks. With the professional expertise from some of the country's top skippers, I am sure many of you will catch your personal best Bream. This time of year Bream can top 5 lb.

Accommodation will be available from a number of Hotels within the 'Kings' Hotel group, namely The Crown, Fairhaven, Central and Rex. A central contact number will be available to use to access your accommodation information. In the first instance contact the central contact number with your accommodation requirements. All these Hotels are in central Weymouth and within easy walking distance of departure points and other venues being used. The HQ hotel will be The Crown Hotel situated near to the Town bridge. Registration and the Welcome Ceremony will take place at the Weymouth Angling Society Clubhouse on the Quayside. The Prize Presentation and Gala buffet will take place at the New Vic Bar and Restaurant located on the seafront.

The Championships will be run on a catch and return points basis. This will be a bait supplied competition. The boats may 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.

Due to major harbour works, the embarkation and landing point may be 'A' Berth (located by the Pavilion Theatre) or from 'Boat Moorings' (see map at back of brochure).

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

## THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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**Registration** 1800 – 1930 hrs  
Weymouth Angling Society Clubhouse

**Welcome** 1930 – 2000 hrs  
(followed by Q & A)  
Weymouth Angling Society Clubhouse  
(Uniforms must be worn)

## FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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### Fishing Day One

0730 hrs boats depart from moorings or 'A' Berth. Fishing time 6 hrs from lines down boats back to port by 1700 hrs. Day one results displayed at The Crown Hotel 20.00hrs

## SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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### Fishing Day Two

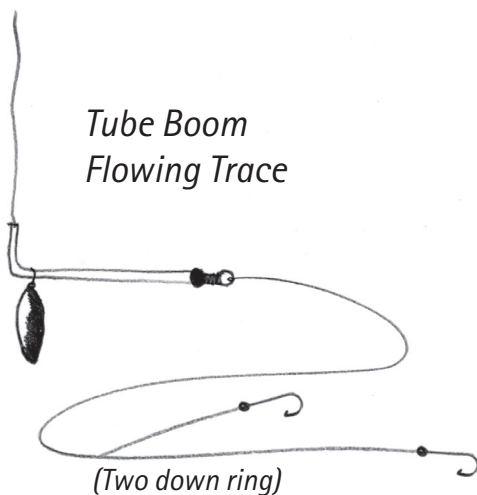
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### Presentation and Gala Buffet

1930 hrs - The New Vic Bar and Restaurant (Uniforms must be worn)

*(Non fishing guests can obtain tickets for the Presentation and Gala Buffet at a cost of £20. Children under 16 free of charge.*

## Suggested Bream Rigs



## **General Information**

Weymouth is a premier destination for anglers and for family holidays and there are many things to occupy your time.

### **Accommodation**

With the late awarding of this event to EFSA England accommodation in Weymouth at this time of year is limited when trying to book just one Hotel venue. However, 'The Kings Group' of hotels (which includes The Crown, Fairhaven, Rex and Central hotels) are able to provide sufficient accommodation between them for our needs.

They are all situated within walking distance of each other and of the locations we will be using. Bookings for all can be made through one single booking contact and you should 'e' mail your requirements (and quote EFSA) in the first instance to; [fairhaven@kingshotels.co.uk](mailto:fairhaven@kingshotels.co.uk) or telephone +44(0)1305 760200

Alternative accommodation - [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)  
[www.airbnb.co.uk/weymouthaccommodation](http://www.airbnb.co.uk/weymouthaccommodation)  
[www.visit-dorset.com](http://www.visit-dorset.com)

### **Registration and Welcome Reception**

Weymouth Angling Society Clubhouse, Commercial Road, Weymouth, DT4 8NF

### **Prize Presentation and Gala Buffet**

The New Vic Bar and Restaurant,  
41 – 43 The Esplanade, Weymouth, DT4 8DH

### **HQ Hotel**

The Crown Hotel, 52 St Thomas Street, Weymouth, DT4 8EQ

### **Fishing Tackle and Advice on Fishing**

To get the best from Bream fishing in Weymouth the best methods are 'two up' and 'two down' rigs. Both rigs can be fished by either casting away from the boat or trotting down the tide. Two down rigs work well when on the drift or when the tide is at its peak Size 2 hooks are recommended fished on 0.35mm flouro snoods.

### **Boat Bookings for Practice Days**

Arrange a practice day by contacting Weymouth Angling Centre Phone +44 (0)1305 777771 or Email [wac@weymouthangling.com](mailto:wac@weymouthangling.com)

# *European Species (Bream) 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. Two single hooks may be used. Stainless steel hooks are prohibited.
10. All species of Bream count for this Championship. Minimum size 20cm.
11. In the interests of conservation EFSA England request that no Bream are killed or taken from the sea unless for personal consumption. Such fish must have tails clipped at time of capture prior to the angler recommencing fishing.
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 requiring fish to be netted. All Bream must be brought on board , registered and returned before the angler returns to the water to fish. (Fish retained must have tails removed before the angler commences fishing.)
14. Casting is allowed. End tackle and leads must remain outside of the boat whilst casting.

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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 they may use two hooks / feathers. 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 Weclome Ceremony, Gala Buffet and 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.

## SPECIES POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

1. All Bream over 20cm will score points.
2. Bream will be scored as follows;

a) Bream between	20 - 30 cm	1 point
b) Bream between	31 - 40 cm	3 points
c) Bream over	41 cm	5 points
3. The angler' overall placing will be decided by their combined percentage score over the two days fishing. The angler with the highest points total on each boat will be awarded 100% and the remaining anglers on his boat will have their percentage score based on their points total expressed as a percentage of the boat winners points score. In the event of a tie over the two days the final positions will be decided firstly by the total number of fish caught by each tied angler. If still a tie then the winner will be the angler with the most 5 point fish. Thereafter it will be the angler with the most 3 point fish and if still a tie, the angler with the most 1 point fish. If still a tie the angler with the highest one day points total will prevail. If still a tie the anglers concerned will consider themselves extremely unlucky and the 'title' trophy will be shared. Prizes in this instance will be decided on the toss of a coin.
4. Bream have to be measured and witnessed by a fellow angler or crew. Fish must be measured in a relaxed state (no holding of the tail) and sizes will be measured down to the nearest cm. (example – a fish measuring just over 25 cm but not up to the 26 cm mark will count as 25 cm and 1 point.).
5. Each days results will be displayed at the Crown Hotel.

# WEYMOUTH

(Location Points)

