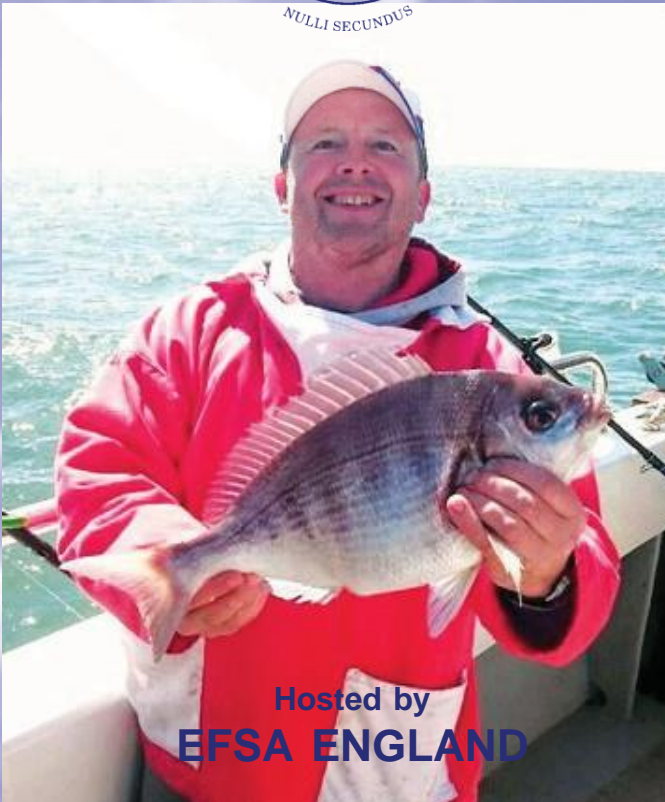


# **EFSA European Species Championship (Bream)**

**Weymouth – England  
7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**



Hosted by  
**EFSA ENGLAND**

## ***EFSA England Chairman's welcome***

On behalf of the Organising 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. 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. Special rates have been agreed for EFSA members. For details of Presentation and Gala Buffet see our 'General Information' page. All 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 time while you are 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. It was unfortunate that due to Covid our last Championship in 2020 was cancelled. Let's hope this time it goes ahead, and 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 5lb.

Accommodation will be available at The Crown, which will be the HQ for the event. Please see the contact number under 'Accommodation' to make your booking directly with the hotel.

HQ (The Crown) is centrally located, situated near the Town Bridge and within easy walking distance of departure points and many other venues. The HQ hotel will be The Crown Hotel situated near to the Town bridge. Registration, the Welcome Ceremony, Prize Presentation and Gala buffet will all take place at The Crown.

The Championships will be run on a catch and release points basis. This will be a bait supplied competition. The boats will also stop for fresh bait which, if caught, 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 changed to either '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 places are limited so get your entries in early and please book accommodation and Practice Boats as soon as possible 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 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

**Registration** 1800 – 1930hrs  
**Welcome** 1930 – 2000hrs  
(Followed by Q & A)  
The Crown Hotel (HQ)  
Uniforms must be worn

## FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

### Fishing Day One

0730hrs boats depart from moorings or 'A' Berth. Fishing time 6hrs from lines down boats back to port by 1700 hrs.

Day one results displayed at The Crown Hotel 20.00hrs

## SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

### Fishing Day Two

0730hrs boats depart from moorings or 'A' Berth. Fishing time 6hrs from lines down boats back to port by 1700hrs

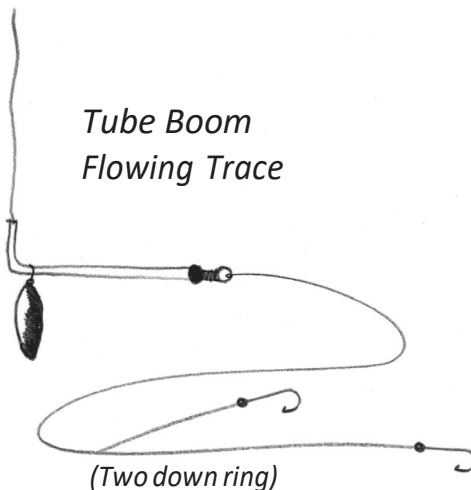
## SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

### Presentation and Gala Buffet

1930hrs -  
The Crown Hotel (HQ)  
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**

Accommodation in Weymouth at this time of year is limited so please book early.

The Crown Hotel (HQ)

Telephone +44(0)1305 760800 and quote 'weymouthangling J23' for special EFSA rates.

### **Registration, Welcome Reception, Prize Presentation and Gala Buffet**

The Crown Hotel.

### **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 0044 (0) 1305777771 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 20.00hrs that day.
  - b) Protests relating to results must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before 07.30hrs 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.
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 removed at time of capture prior to the angler commencing 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.

# European Species (Bream) Championship Rules

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 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 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 will score points.
2. Bream will be scored as follows:

a) Bream between	0 - 30 cm	1 point
b) Bream between	31 - 50 cm	3 points
c) Bream over	51 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 scores are 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 must 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 up to the nearest cm. (example – a fish measuring just over 29cm but not up to the 30cm mark will count as 30cm and 1 point).
5. Daily results will be displayed at the Crown Hotel.

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## (Location Points)

