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Welcome

Dear Anglers, guests, new and old friends,



It is my great pleasure, on behalf of EFSA Ireland, to once again welcome you to the beautiful town of Cobh. This will be the fourth time the Championships has been competed for from Cobh, firstly in 1967 and more recently in 2008 and 2016.

All four events have been facilitated by Cobh Sea Angling Club and I wish to thank them whole heartedly, for without their help and input we would struggle to host the event.

As Chairman, and on behalf of the Committee and members of EFSA Ireland, I invite friends and friends we have not yet met to join us with their families in Cobh for the 2023 EFSA European Boat and Line Class Championships.

You can be assured of a true and hearty Irish welcome where your visit will be a memorable one.

Those of you who are not fishing will find many diverse attractions to see & visit in the locality & beyond. The area is steeped in history which you may enjoy discovering.

To conclude I hope your visit to Cobh will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

I look forward to meeting you around the quay or in the hostelryes.

Enjoy your stay,

George McCullough

Chairman
EFSA Ireland

Welcome



Dear fellow EFSA anglers,

This year's EFSA European Boat and Line Class championships will bring us back to Cobh in Ireland. We should have been there a couple of years earlier, but the pandemic caused us all sorts of issues with scheduling EFSA events.

Cobh is a very unique place in terms of fishing and visiting. Literally everything you need is in walking distance from where the boats leave for the fishing. There is also a lot of history in the town waiting to be discovered.

Being located inside Cork Harbour getting out for the competition is virtually guaranteed – even if it means fishing the sheltered side of this huge natural harbour.

For me personally thinking of Cobh also triggers great memories. The first time I visited in 2008 my oldest son accompanied me and also fished during the practise day. That year I was also first elected to EFSA HQ. I have been there several times since as it is a fantastic location for fishing events with many different species to be caught.

I am sure Warren, George and their organising committee are pulling all the stops to make this championship a very welcoming event also for the non fishing travelling companions.

As Cobh is in Ireland you would expect some wet weather – I sincerely hope, though, that we might finally get a parade done without getting soaked!

Running these events has become tremendously difficult over the last couple of years. Not just the pandemic but also other world events mean that costing of competitions has become a real challenge. In addition to that it is the availability of boats, bait and local tackle supply which has become much harder to sort out. I trust the larger EFSA family will do its utmost to show their support. As always I am looking forward to meeting and fishing with many of you there!

Marcus Wuest
President,
EFSA

Welcome to Cobh



A very warm welcome to all EFSA competitors, officials, and supporters to Cobh. Welcome again to all those who have fished previous EFSA competitions. This is the 3rd time since I have been involved with Cobh Sea Angling Club that the EFSA European Championships have been held in Cobh. Cobh Sea Angling Club are once again delighted to support EFSA Ireland with the Championships.

As you may know the many diverse habitats of the Cork Harbour area provide for extremely varied fishing. More than 50 different species of fish have been recorded in local competitions. On the outer reefs the main fare includes pollack, conger, ling, cod, and various species of wrasse. The mixed ground will have gurnards, pouting, LSD's and more. In the inner harbour marks various species of ray, dogfish, bullhuss, whiting, dabs and plaice can be expected. New species are turning up every year, you never know what might bite. There is plenty of variety to test your tactical ability! What's more the best fishing on all these marks is normally during the months of August, September, and October, so fishing should be at its height by the time the European Championships comes around.

The weather should also be pleasant at that stage. However, the beauty of Cork Harbour is that it can be fished regardless of weather conditions. Cork Harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the World and, with its many nooks, small inlets, and small bays, provides great shelter in inclement weather. These sheltered harbour marks can provide great fishing.

We hope that all of you will be based in Cobh, which is a large town located on an island within the harbour. There is plenty to do in Cobh whilst not fishing. There are many restaurants, pubs, and cafés. There are also two historical interpretative centres which highlight the dramatic nautical history of the harbour, particularly the links with the Lusitania and Titanic. So, in your spare time, whilst not tying rigs or getting your gear ready, there is plenty locally to keep you entertained.

I hope that you will enjoy your stay and wish you the very best in the competition!

Tight lines,

Sandra O'Shea
Chairperson
Cobh SAC

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Cobh Heritage Centre



On behalf of Cobh Tourism I wish all anglers a successful championship. Cobh has a long tradition of welcoming tourists and especially sea anglers. Our fishing, facilities and hospitality are world class and a great time awaits you.

Cobh is easy to get to and less than a three hour leisurely drive from Rosslare Ferry port or Dublin Airport. Cork International Airport is also served daily from many UK and European destinations.

Cobh has a multitude of attractions right on the doorstep. The Queenstown Story Heritage Centre, Titanic Experience, Cobh Museum, Spike Island, Cobh Road Train, the Titanic Trail, Cork Waterbus, Cork Harbour Boat Hire and Cobh Road Train are all available every day, so family members can also have a fantastic time during the championships.

Cork city and East Cork provide even further places to see and enjoy all within thirty minutes whether using public transport or a car.

Ever since the recession, the buzz word is value and Ireland has never been better value. A professional organising team, tremendous welcome and great fishing will guarantee you a fantastic experience, happy memories and hopefully a story or two to share back home.

Hendrick Verwey

**Chairman
Cobh Tourism**

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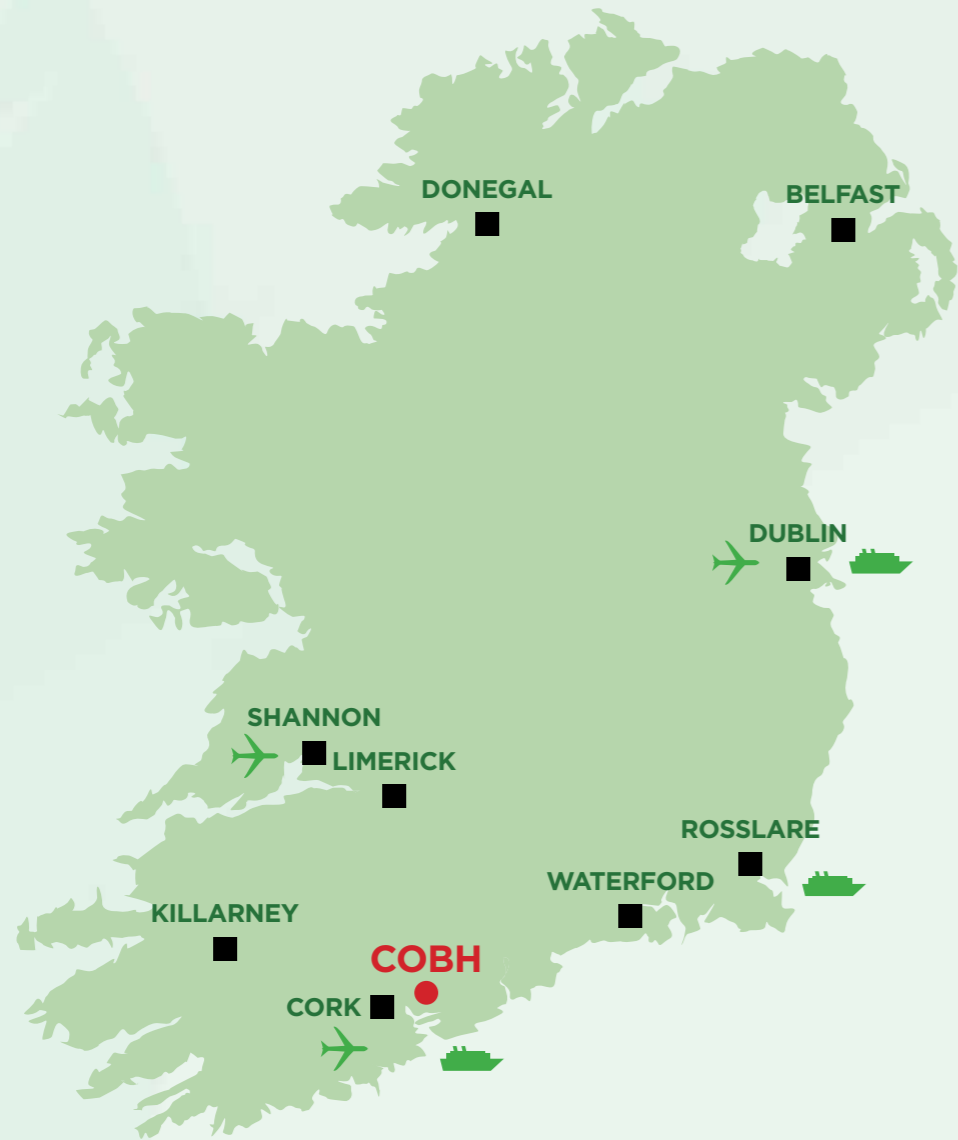
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How to get to Cobh



By Air:

Situated to the south of Cork, Cork International Airport is less than 30 minutes drive to Cobh. As alternatives to Cork Airport, Shannon and Dublin Airports are within reasonable range. (see map above).

Aer Lingus is the national airline. **RyanAir** specialise in keen prices.

By Ferry:

Ringaskiddy Ferry Port is less than 10 miles from Cobh. This is serviced by Brittany Ferries from Roscoff and Saint Malo.

Other ferry options:

Irish Ferries

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Stena Line

To Rosslare from Fishguard
To Dublin to Holyhead

By Rail:

Irish Rail provide mainline services between Cork and other cities. There is also a branch connection to Cobh, which is a twenty minute journey from Cork city.

| Location | miles | KM |
|----------|-------|-----|
| Galway | 135 | 220 |
| Dublin | 160 | 260 |
| Shannon | 85 | 135 |
| Rosslare | 115 | 185 |

EFSA Championships/ Cobh 2021

The Cork Harbour area has long been famous for the quality of fishing it can provide, both for the angler on a restful holiday and for the sport angler more into the competitive side of the sport.

The harbour ports of Cobh, Crosshaven, Ballycotton and East Ferry have long provided the means to access the prolific fishing marks offshore through it's first class Charter Angling Fleet.

Many specimen and record fish have been recorded both from within the confines of the harbour and from the many pinnacles and wrecks offshore.

For this Championship, the 'Line Class' segment will be Monday and Tuesday. The 'All Tackle' segment will be fished from Wednesday to Friday. If confined to the harbour all fishing will be at anchor. Minimum size for the 'All tackle' event will be 250mm, if in harbour 200mm.

Likely species will be Pollack, Cod, Haddock, Coalfish, Whiting, Ling, Pouting, Ballan Wrasse, Cuckoo Wrasse, Garfish, Conger Eel, Dogfish, Huss, Ray and flatfish. As with all Sea Fishing, you never know what may turn up!

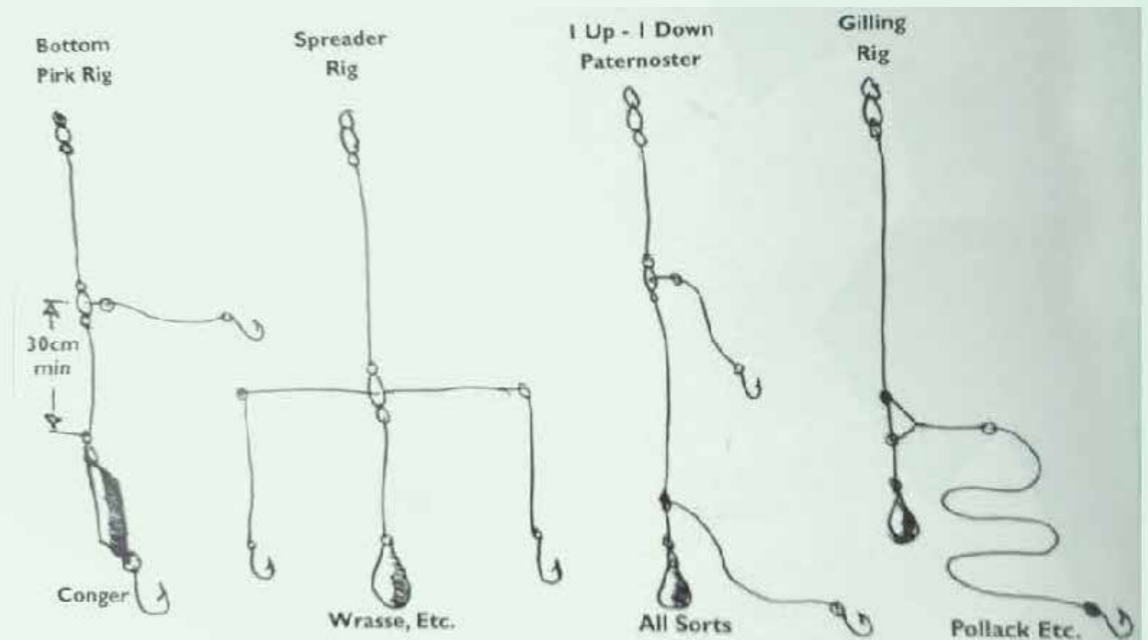
Bait provided will be king ragworm and mackerel.

Fishing may be at both anchor and drift to be decided by the Boat Commodore in conjunction with the skippers and announced at the fishing captain's meeting each day.

The 'Line Class' event will be fished using only the line provided. Fishing will be at anchor, however this may change depending on weather conditions. Eligible fish must be 450mm minimum in length.

Typical rigs for the area are detailed below. Artificials of various types also work in the right conditions. These are so varied however that the choice must be yours.

Common rigs used locally/ 1 or 2 hook



All sorts of beads, blades and other types of attractors can work on their day. Rig bodies should be made from good quality monofilament or fluorocarbon. 25 - 50 kg for conger, 9-20 kg for mid-water species and average bottom feeders. Occasionally that big fish will turn up - be prepared!!

A Short History of Cobh

Courtesy of Cobh Chamber of Commerce

While the history of Cobh is relatively recent, the history of the Great Island itself stretches back into the mists of antiquity. One of the first colonists of Ireland was Neimheidh, who landed in Cork Harbour over 1,000 years b.c. He and his followers were wiped out in a plague, but the Great Island was known in Irish as Oilean Ard Neimheadh because of its association with him. Later it became known as Crich Liathain because of the Lehane tribe who were rulers of it. It subsequently became known as Oilean Mor An Barra, (the Great Island of Barry & Barrymore) after the Barry family who inherited it.

1750 - 1800

The village on the island was known as Ballyvoloon, overlooking "The Cove" and this was first referred to as Cove village in 1750 by Smith the historian who said "it was inhabited by seamen and revenue officials". The Cork directory of 1787 shows about thirty businesses in the town including one butcher and one draper. The Water Club established at Haulbowline in 1720 was the progenitor of the present Royal Cork Yacht Club (now based in Crosshaven) and is the oldest in the world. The Royal Cork Yacht Club was based for many years in Cobh and the present Sirius Arts Centre was formerly a clubhouse of the organisation.

The oldest recorded pub on the island is reputed to have been the "Anti Gallicon" situated in the Holy Ground, and apparently liable to flooding when the tide came in. This pub dated back to the 1780's and was named after opponents to the French 'Gallicon' faction who opposed the powers of the Pope.

1800 - 1850

Cove underwent rapid development in the early 1800's assisted by world events. The Napoleonic Wars meant the town became a British Naval port with its own admiral and much of the present day buildings were built. The cessation of hostilities dented its prosperity for a time but it became widely known as a health resort and many convalescents came to Cove to avail of its temperate climate. Amongst these was Rev. Charles Wolfe who wrote the "Burial of Sir John Moore at Corunna" and is buried in the Old Churchyard.

The age of steam brought famous achievements to Cobh, most notably the first steam ship to sail from Ireland to England (1821) and the first steam ship to cross the Atlantic (Sirius 1838) which left from Passage West. In 1849 the name of the town was changed to Queenstown to honour Queen Victoria who visited Ireland in that year.

1850 - 1900

The development of Cove (now Queenstown) continued apace Philip Scott, the shipping merchant built Westbourne and the adjoining square for many years was known as Scotts Square. The architect was Desamus Burton who designed many of the buildings in the Phoenix Park, Dublin. Much admired by successive generations of visitors, Westbourne continues to set the standard for architecture in the town today. In 1857 the Inman Line began to operate a regular transatlantic service from Queenstown when the steamer "The City of Manchester" took on passengers here. Cunard, White Star, United States, Greek and other Lines have since been associated with Queenstown. St. Colman's Cathedral was commenced in 1868 and completed in 1919. This monumental undertaking cost £235,000 collected from various sources.

Cobh is famed for being the last port of call for the ill-fated 'Titanic' which sank after striking an iceberg on Sunday 14th April 1912. Another tragedy which has entered popular mythology, the sinking of the "Lusitania" in 1915 is connected also with the town. Many of the 198 who drowned were brought to Queenstown and buried here where their graves can be seen in the Lusitania plot in the Old Churchyard. The Americans as well as the British were stationed in Queenstown during World War I as their country entered the war in 1917.



After the War of Independence and with the signing of the Treaty in 1921 Queenstown became a Treaty Port along with Berehaven and Lough Swilly and this situation remained until 1938 when sovereignty was returned. The town changed its name once again in 1922 to the now familiar Cobh. In the 1930's Jack Doyle, the boxer and singer was at the height of his fame. Born in the Holy Ground in 1913, he died in England in 1978 but was brought home to Cobh for burial in the Old Churchyard.

The liner trade ceased due to the outbreak of World War I and the town entered a depression. The forerunner of the Irish Naval service was set up in Haulbowline while Irish Shipping, the fledgling national shipping company set up a repair dockyard in Rushbrooke.

1950 - Present

Transatlantic sailing's resumed after the War. However, competition from airlines meant they eventually ceased in 1963. However, today liners call again on a regular basis to visit Cobh as a Port of Call and not to take on emigrants. In 1988 the QE2 made a memorable first visit to commemorate the 150th year since the Sirius transatlantic crossing. In 1960 the Verolme Cork Dockyard was opened in Rushbrooke and operated successfully for 25 years before closing down in the mid 80's. The dockyard is once again thriving as a business park facilitating small industries.

In 1991 Cobh once more saw the Golden Age of Sail when the Cutty Sark Tall Ships race ended its first leg here. Cobh has also seen one of her own achieve Olympic Silver medal status when Sonia O'Sullivan claimed second place in the SOO0m in the Sydney 2000 Olympics to add to her wins in the World Cross Country Championships and World Championships. Truly, Ireland's and Cobh's finest ambassador on the sporting stage.

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| Name: | | | | No: | |
|------------------------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Species | Pt | First 10 | Additional Fish @ 1pt | # Fish | Pts |
| Coalfish (20 Max) | 3 | | | | |
| Cod | 8 | | | | |
| Conger | 10 | | | | |
| Dab | 3 | | | | |
| Gurnard, Grey | 3 | | | | |
| Gurnard, Red | 5 | | | | |
| Gurnard, Tub | 5 | | | | |
| L.S. Dogfish | 2 | | | | |
| Ling | 10 | | | | |
| Mackerel (10 Max) | 1 | | | | |
| Pollock | 5 | | | | |
| Pouting | 3 | | | | |
| Whiting (20 Max) | 3 | | | | |
| Wrasse, Ballan | 5 | | | | |
| Wrasse, Cuckoo | 3 | | | | |
| Bass, Blonde Ray, Tope | | | Total: | | |
| Huss, Other Rays | | | Number of Species x 7: | | |
| Haddock, Spurdog | | | Total Points: | | |
| Flounder, Garfish | | | No Fish: | No Species: | Points: |
| Plaice | | | Angler's Signature: | | |
| Smoothound | | | Fish' Capt'n Signature: | | |
| Scad | | | | | |
| Other Species | | | | | |

E.F.S.A. IRELAND Line Class Score Card COBH 2023

| Category | Pts 1st 10 fish | First 10 fish @ full points | Additional Fish @ 5pts per fish | No. Fish | Fish Pts. |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Conger Eel 100cm+ | 30 | | | | |
| Conger Eel 45cm - 99cm | 20 | | | | |
| Rays (all) 45cm+ | 15 | | | | |
| Huss 70cm+ | 20 | | | | |
| Huss 45cm - 69cm | 10 | | | | |
| Ling 70cm+ | 20 | | | | |
| Ling 45cm - 69cm | 10 | | | | |
| LSD 70cm+ | 10 | | | | |
| LSD 45cm - 69cm | 5 | | | | |
| Pollock 70cm+ | 10 | | | | |
| Pollock 45cm - 69cm | 5 | | | | |
| Cod 70cm+ | 20 | | | | |
| Cod 45cm - 69cm | 8 | | | | |
| Other 1 | 7 | | | | |
| Other 2 | 7 | | | | |
| Other 70cm+ | 10 | | | | |
| Fish score | | | | | |
| 7 points per category | 7 | | | | |
| Total score | | | | | |

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Boat Championships Programme & Timetable of events

Saturday 16th September 2023

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| 09.15 - 10.15 | EFSA Executive Committee Meeting at Commodore Hotel. |
| 10.30 - 17.00 | EFSA Standing Committee Meeting at Commodore Hotel, followed by AGM. |
| 11.30 - 13.00 | Competitor Registration at Commodore Hotel. |
| 15.00 - 17.00 | Competitor Registration at Commodore Hotel. |

Sunday 17th September 2023

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| 10.00 - 11.00 | Competitor Registration at Commodore Hotel. |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | Assemble for Parade of Nations. |
| 13.30 - 16.30 | Parade & Opening Ceremony. |
| 18.00 | Welcome Reception at Commodore Hotel. |

Monday 18th September 2023

Day One of European Boat Angling Championships (Line Class)

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 07.30 | Assemble at Pier Check-in. |
| 08.30 | Boats depart for fishing grounds. |
| 09.30 - 10.00 | Lines down for 6 hours fishing. |
| 16.00 | Last lines up. |
| 22.00 | Results displayed at Commodore Hotel. |

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Day two of European Boat Angling Championships (Line Class)

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 07.30 | Assemble at Pier Check-in. |
| 08.30 | Boats depart for fishing grounds. |
| 09.30 - 10.00 | Lines down for 6 hours fishing. |
| 16.00 | Last lines up. |
| 22.00 | Results displayed at Commodore Hotel. |

Wednesday 20th September 2023

Day three of European Boat Angling Championships (All Tackle)

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 07.30 | Assemble at Pier Check-in. |
| 08.30 | Boats depart for fishing grounds. |
| 09.30 - 10.00 | Lines down for 6 hours fishing. |
| 16.00 | Last lines up. |
| 22.00 | Results displayed at Commodore Hotel. |

Thursday 21st September 2023

Day four of European Boat Angling Championships (All Tackle)

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 07.30 | Assemble at Pier Check-in. |
| 08.30 | Boats depart for fishing grounds. |
| 09.30 - 10.00 | Lines down for 6 hours fishing. |
| 16.00 | Last lines up. |
| 22.00 | Results displayed at Commodore Hotel. |

Friday 22nd September 2023

European Light Line Angling Championships (All Tackle)

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| 07.00 | Assemble at Pier Check-in. |
| 08.00 | Boats depart for fishing grounds. |
| 09.00 | Lines down for 6 hours fishing. |
| 15.00 | Last lines up. |
| 16.00 | All boats must be in harbour. |
| 19.30 | Gala Dinner & Presentation at Commodore Hotel. |

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Bon Voyage - Slán Abhaile - Safe Home

All 5 days count for championship

The times and programmes are subject to alteration at the discretion of the Organising Committee

Entry Form



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All completed entry forms must be forwarded to your Section Secretary with full payment.

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No entries will be accepted from individuals.

Entries not passing via their respective Section Secretary will therefore be returned and no place allocated.

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European Boat & Line Championships 2023

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- The Championships shall be fished to EFSA rules governing at the time of the event unless otherwise stated.
- The Championships headquarters will be The Commodore Hotel, Cobh.
- A husband and wife/partner or parent and child may apply to be drawn on the same boat. A formal request must accompany entry form.
- The boat draw will take place in public not later than one calendar month before the event. Fishing positions will be drawn on board daily.
- A fishing captain & fishing steward will be appointed for each boat. Their duties will include:
 - Liaising with the boat skipper.
 - Ensuring championships rules are adhered to.
 - Observance of start & finish times.
 - Conducting the draw for fishing positions.
- The organising committee shall direct the fishing areas daily. Prevailing weather conditions may confine the fleet to the Harbour area. If this is the case then all boats must anchor for the entire session.
- The 'Percentage' system of score calculation will be used for both Championships.
- Daily boat winners will be awarded 100 points, the other anglers on their boats will have their score expressed as a percentage of the boat winners total. In the event of a tie at the close of the Boat Championships the highest total points score will decide followed by the highest number of fish. (Lowest number of fish in Light Line) In the event of a third tie the greater number of species shall decide.
- The Fishing Captain will complete the fish record card for the anglers on board. He/she will also fill out the Boat Master Card and ensure that all anglers have signed both. If a dispute arises which cannot be resolved the 'Dispute Form' must be completed and handed in to the shore officer on arrival in port.
- Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their score is correct when signing for same.
- The minimum size for eligible fish shall be 45cm (days 1 and 2), 25cm (days 3,4 and 5).
- Bait will be supplied to each competitor and must not be shared. Bait or baitfish may not be retained after each days fishing.
- Sizeable fish caught during the event may be used for bait.
- Artificial lures are permitted.
- Daily result will be posted in The Commodore Hotel each evening.
- Anglers must assemble on the Pier at the appointed time each day. See Programme of Events.
- Protests. A Protest Committee will be appointed to deal with disputes.
- Protest Protocol.
- Protests relating to a day's fishing must be delivered to the Chairman of the Protest Committee by 19.00 that day.
- Protests relating to results which have not been resolved by other means must be delivered in writing to the chairman of The Protest Committee by 07.00 next day.
- Wire main line is prohibited.
- Competitors may have one rod assembled & fitted with terminal tackle. A second rod may be assembled to the 'tackle clip'. 2 rods max.
- Anglers may call for a net to land a fish. Gaffing of fish is not permitted except in exceptional circumstances.
- A foul hooked fish does not count & must be returned to the water immediately.
- A fish hooked by 2 anglers in front of the gill cover does not count. If only one angler has hooked it in front of the gill cover said angler may claim it.

- Ineligible fish: Herring, Launce, Sandeel, Weaver.
- Casting from a boat must be by an under arm method & away from the boat. Terminal tackle must be outside the boat at all times during the cast.
- Fish must be returned to the water immediately after verifying & recording. Specimen and prize category fish may be retained for weighing on shore.
- EFSA Ireland score card will apply.
- EFSA rules relating to boat breakdown shall apply if necessary.

'All Tackle' Rules only

- A maximum of 2 (two) hooks may be used (EFSA rule 2.22) Pirks used for bottom fishing (baited) may only have 1 (one) single hook attached. A standard pirk may have a treble fitted but must not be baited.
- Conger eels, tope & shark must be released at the side of the boat. The trace must be touched by the angler or the assisting boat steward to count.

'Line Class' Rules only

- Only the Line provided may be used.
- The line on a competitor's reel may be tested at any time during the event.
- A competitor having a big fish on has right of way on the boat. If requested other competitors must remove their lines from the water.
- Only 1 (one) single hook is permitted on a trace or baited pirk. An unbaited treble hook may be affixed to a standard pirk.
- The length of leader & trace may not exceed 6 metres. The leader may not exceed 4,5 metres.
- Tope & shark may be released at the side of the boat to count, provided the trace has been touched by the angler or assisting boat steward. Conger eels over 100cm must be verified by boat skipper.
- Fish sizes & points will be assessed by the boat captain where applicable.
- Fishing will be at anchor.

IMPORTANT: Each competitor is responsible for having the necessary knowledge of EFSA Fishing Rules & the rules & regulations pertaining to these Championships.

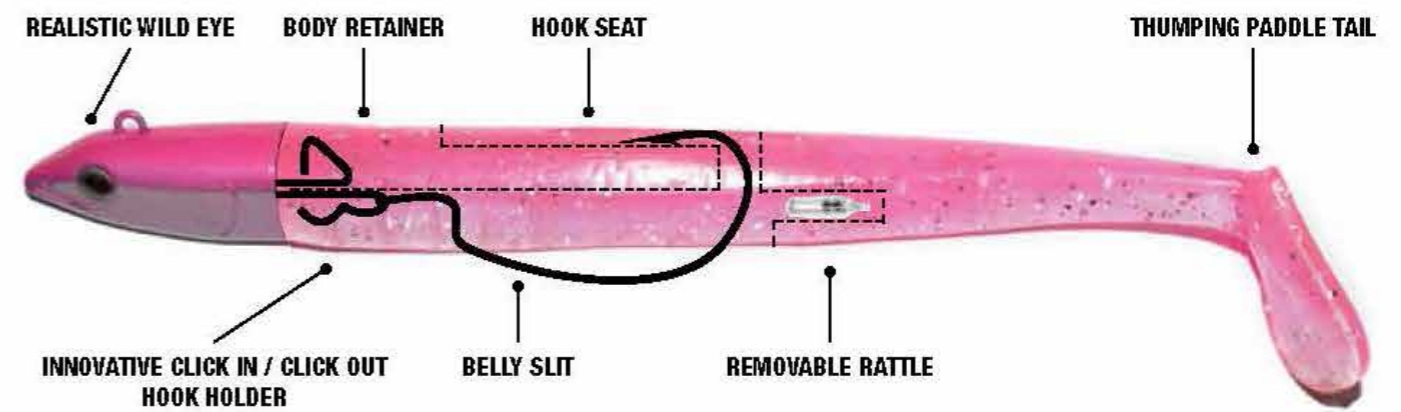
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