

WEYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL BOAT ANGLING CHALLENGE

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11th - 15th OCTOBER 2021

RULES AND INFORMATION FOR THE CHALLENGE

- 1) The competition will take place over 5 days with daily cash prizes and an overall prize table, with the competition being broken down into the following: A day's wreck fishing/Big Fish Day, Ray/Flatfish/Big fish Day, Lure Day, One of each Species and 10 of each species and overall 5-day champion. The event will be fished to a points system.
- 2) Headquarters will be the Sailors Return Public House.
- 3) Fish will be scored on a point's basis for all events and returned alive unless being kept for the table or bait.
- 4) Boats will fish within a 20 mile radius of the town bridge.
- 5) Family members or friends may fish on the same boat, but this must be clearly requested with the entry form.
- 6) Boat positions will be drawn each day. Angler's boats will be drawn, in public, at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
- 7) The organizing committee has the power to abandon or limit the days angling should the weather deem unfit on safety grounds.
- 8) Portland Harbour and 500m from outer walls are out of bounds unless the committee agrees to fish there on safety grounds.
- 9) Each boat will have an appointed boat captain and steward whose duties will include the following:
 - a) Read out scores periodically, ensure sheets are signed as correct by each competitor and are not tampered with or altered after completion of fishing.
 - b) Liaise with the boat skipper and assist the skipper/crewman with the weighing/measuring of fish if so required.
 - c) Observe fishing start and finish times and ensure all rules are obeyed, **return score sheets at the end of each day to the score Marshall.**
- 10) Each competitor is responsible for checking that the fish caught has been registered with the boat skipper, it is his/her duty to make sure the skipper **acknowledges** their catch **every time** a fish is caught. Under no circumstances can fish be added to the score sheet later.
- 11) Bait will be supplied to each competitor daily and must not be shared; any bait that is left over must be discarded including all baitfish.
- 12) Baitfish caught prior to the daily competition start must be shared **equally** amongst all competitors on the boat. Baitfish caught during the competition by an angler can be kept for their sole use but must have their tails removed. Baitfish will include crustaceans and squid/cuttlefish.
- 13) All competitors must adhere to the assembly/departure times as stated in the program timetable, under **no** circumstances will a boat wait for latecomers.
- 14) Fishing times will be 6hrs from first line down (does not include bait fishing) the boat captain/steward will liaise with the skipper on start/finish times. All boats are to return to the harbour by 18.00hrs unless breakdown or similar causes delay. Any delay must be relayed to the commodore.
- 15) Any competitor wishing to lodge a protest or complaint must do so in **writing** by 19.00hrs of that day's fishing.
- 16) Results will be posted daily at HQ. Any protest regarding the results must be put in **writing** to the protest committee on the day of posting.
- 17) Wire line is prohibited including traces.
- 18) Competitors may only have **2 rods** assembled but only one of these rods may have terminal tackle fitted at any one time.
- 19) Foul hooked fish **do count** but any fish hooked by more than one angler will not count.
- 20) Boat casting will be allowed with terminal tackle being cast from outside the boat. The angler must make all others aware when casting.
- 21) This is a **Two hook** competition, apart from the Wreck and Big Fish Days that will be one hook. Trebles are barred in all events.
- 22) A competitor has the right of way in the boat should they hook a large fish. If so requested other competitors must remove their lines from the water while the fish is being played.
- 23) Should a boat move during fishing time then all anglers must retrieve their lines, under no circumstances may an angler fish whilst the anchor is raised or dropped. Fishing must stop/start only on the boat skipper or boat captain's instruction.
- 24) Should bad weather force the day's competition to fish inshore/Portland harbour then that day's event may be changed to a species event
- 25) The use of bait additives and oils and artificial impregnated baits/jelly worms are strictly banned throughout the whole competition i.e. baits flavoured with fish oil, worm scent etc. Any angler caught using these will have their scores disqualified for the whole event.
- 26) The use of swim feeders is barred.
- 27) On the Big Fish event after 3 hours fishing all competitors will move 5 places clockwise around the boat i.e. 1 to 6, 2 to 7 etc. On the wreck day the boat will operate a rotation system. Anglers will draw start positions then when wound up start fishing from position 1 or 8/10 (pending which side of the boat drawn) other anglers will move down a position towards stern.
- 28) The Protest Committee will be published at registration.
- 29) On lure day, anglers will be able to use any Feather, Sabiki, Mini Shrimp etc and used as they come from the packet and not adapted in anyway apart from being cut down to two hooks. You can use multiple feathers and cut the hooks off i.e. Set of four feathers leave two feathers with hooks on and cut the other two hooks off just leaving the feather. Jelly worms, laytex shads, Lead Head Lures must be a minimum of 50mm long. No artificial bait such as Gulp, Ecogear etc can be used. Pirks and Plugs can be used with 1 or 2 single hooks. Two single hooks can be used in a soft plastic lure / Jellyworm as long as two hooks are in the lure. Please ask if in doubt. We are trying to return this day back to traditional Lure event i.e. feathers and lures. No home made flies.

Other Information on Types of fishing

1. On the Wreck / Big fish Days you will need to scale up to around 30lb class gear with ideally a 4/0/TLD20 size reel loaded with braid. These events are designed for big fish.
2. On the two species events you can target all fish as it's not weight its points per fish, so it's better to go for quantity rather than quality. One day will be one of each species the other day will be ten of each species.
3. Large fish will count as soon as the skipper touch the trace (not the leader) i.e. traces is the mono making up the hook trace below the boom holding the weight. This is so the fish does not have to be boated and can be released in the water (Applies to conger, Rays, Tope, and fish over 5kg)
4. Ensure the skipper/crewman acknowledges your catch.
5. Remember to record any good fish on the daily score form as there are many prizes.
6. All anglers are to sign the score sheet on the boat at the end of each day as being correct. The boat captain/steward is to ensure this is done.
7. The skippers and committee will be at registration to answer any questions you have. There is a car park for anglers just down from the Sailors Return pub in the 'Cousens Quay' car park. Its cheaper to park here ,scratch cards are available from the skippers or Weymouth Angling Centre.
 8. Please keep rods, boxes etc. to a minimum on the boat, it is in you best interest.
9. Any angler seen deliberately mutilating a fish to retrieve a hook shall have that fish disqualified and if the persistently harm fish will be disqualified from the competition entirely.
10. Skippers are happy for gear to be left onboard the boats. In addition there will be a van available for storage.

Scoring Rules

- 1) Only fish on the daily score sheet will count. All fish have a point's value with no guesstimation of weights.
- 2) There is no limit to the number of fish of each species that may be recorded apart from the species and lure events where numbers will be limited.
- 3) The angler scoring the most number of points on the wreck/reef events will win the daily cash prizes. Should the scores be tied then the angler with **least** amount of fish will win, should this be the same, then the angler with the greatest number of species shall win. Should it still be a tie then the cash will be split amongst the winning anglers.
- 4) In the species hunt and lure events the angler with the most points will win. Should this result in a tie then the angler with the greatest number of species shall prevail, if it is still tied then the **greatest** number of fish will win the event. Should it still be a tie then the cash will be split amongst the winning anglers.
- 5) In the species hunts and lure event there will be **no** size limits, and any fish not on the list shall be classed in the unclassified section.
- 6) There will be a percentage score system for the overall weekly winners.
- 7) The species hunts will be one and ten of each species with points given to different species.

Schedule of Events

The Agenda / Rules may change pending weather conditions/committee decisions/COVID19 restrictions.
Changes will be posted at Registration and subsequently each evening at HQ along with the days results.

HQ: The Sailors Return Public House. (**Please note registration is at the Weymouth Angling Society Clubhouse**)

Meet Boats: Boat Loading from their Moorings.

Sunday 10th October: 19.00hrs to 20.00hrs Competitor registration at the Weymouth Angling Society Clubhouse.

Monday 11th October: Species Hunt 5+5
07.30hrs Competitors briefing outside The Sailors Return Pub
07.45hrs Boats to depart from moorings
18.00hrs All boats returned to harbour

Tuesday 12th October: Species Hunt One of Each Species - Times as Monday

Wednesday 13th October: Big Fish Day - Times as Monday

Thursday 14th October: Wreck Fishing Event
06.50hrs Competitors briefing outside The Sailors Return Pub
07.00 hrs Boats to depart from moorings

Friday 15th October: Lure Event
07.15hrs Competitors briefing outside The Sailors Return Pub
07.30hrs Boats to depart from moorings

18.30hrs Presentation: Weymouth Angling Society, Commercial Road, Weymouth.
19.00hrs Buffet Meal
20.00hrs Raffle & Prize giving

Please note additional tickets for the presentation evening are available at £10.00 per head – All are welcome.

Prize table for the Weymouth International Boat Angling Challenge

The overall prize (5 days scores accumulated by boat percentage) will be 1st £2000*, 2nd £1500*, 3rd £1000*, with a large prize table. For each daily event there will be cash prizes of £300 1st, £200 2nd & £100 3rd Daily boat winners on each boat receive £100 Break a record and win £500.

Prize table with awards from 1st to 10th Overall

Drawn 4 man team Prizes & Trophies 1st 2nd 3rd

In addition to the above there are awards for: • Best Specimen • Most Unusual Catch • Best Flat Fish • Best Conger • Best Black Bream • Best Ray • Best Bass • Best Cod,

There are also categories for: • Ladies • Juniors • Top Overseas Angler (Non British) and our nominated silly award section.

There are optional drawn team events; these can be booked at registration at £5 per angler.

Open 4 man Team: Prizes & Trophies 1st 2nd

3rd Open 2 man Team: Prizes & Trophies 1st
2nd 3rd

The prize table may well be increased if 70 or more anglers enter.

* Based on 70+ entries

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