

European Federation of Sea Anglers  
English Section

# European Boat and Line Class Championships 2024

9th - 13th September 2024

Weymouth, England



# Welcome to Weymouth and Portland



*I am delighted that after some difficult times for us all we in Weymouth are able to welcome anglers from across Europe to our wonderful Jurassic Coast.*

*I am proud that we are once again able to host the European Federation of Sea Anglers (EFSA) Championships. We recognise that this is a most prestigious event and we are confident that you will enjoy another successful visit to Weymouth and Portland waters.*

*It is well known that the waters off the coast of Dorset boast the best sea fishing in England and the expertise of our local skippers is rightly praised. I feel sure that these combined will bring you success and great enjoyment.*

*I hope that during your stay in Weymouth you and your families will have the opportunity to enjoy all that our beautiful area has to offer. The designated World Natural Heritage Site – including the unique scenery of neighbouring Portland – stunning countryside locations – literary heritage and, of course, exceptional culinary choices.*

*However you spend your time with us enjoy our warm welcome and hospitality. I know you will leave Dorset with many happy memories of your visit.*

*Enjoy your stay, have a very successful championship and we look forward to seeing you again very soon.*

*Cllr Kate Wheller.  
Mayor of Weymouth*

# EFSA Chairman Address



*EFSA England is once again proud to be hosting the European Boat and Line Championships 2024 from the port of Weymouth on the south coast of England. This is the sixth time the Championships have been held in Weymouth and I am sure that for those who have been here previously this will be a welcome return, to all those who have not had the pleasure of visiting you can be assured of a wonderful, memorable visit to this popular resort.*

*It is widely known that the Charter fleet in Weymouth have some of the most experienced skippers and modern, well equipped boats in England and they are all extremely pleased that EFSA has once again chosen their port to hold The Championships from and I know they are eager to please all the anglers. The Weymouth and Portland Borough Council have welcomed the return of EFSA to Weymouth and they are certain that all the participating anglers and their companions will enjoy not only the fishing but also the hospitality of the town.*

*As Chairman of EFSA England, I and the Organising Committee would like to therefore extend an invitation to all anglers and their family and friends to participate in the 2024 European Boat and Line Championships in Weymouth where we can assure you all a memorable visit. There is always the opportunity to catch a fish of a lifetime and where you can be assured of a hearty welcome.*

*I look forward to meeting you all in Weymouth and offer you a warm and sincere welcome to old and new EFSA members and families.*

*Neil Bryant  
Chairman EFSA England*

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## President's Welcome



*Dear fellow EFSA anglers and friends,*

*For this year's EFSA European Boat Fishing Championships we welcome you to Weymouth in England!*

*EFSA England have become a regular hosting section for these competitions.*

*Many anglers are happy to return to here as they have come back from previous ones with fond memories of those fish being caught in the very productive waters around the Portland peninsula.*

*Andy Selby and his team have picked the best tides possible to fish in September.*

*The organising committee have over the years become routiniers as we have been fishing off Weymouth as recent as 2019.*

*Personally, I come to Weymouth for fishing several times each year. I really enjoy the potential number of species to be caught from here as much as the company of the many personable skippers. That sight driving south Bincombe Down fills me with joy every time.*

*Non fishing companions will no doubt enjoy Weymouth beach as well as Dorchester. Don't forget to travel along the Jurassic coast, too.*

*I am looking forward to meeting many of you!*

*Marcus Wuest  
EFSA President*

# Organising Committee



**Neil Bryant**  
*Chairman*



**Andy Selby**  
*Festival Officer*



**Kim Bowden**  
*Event Secretary*



**Charlotte Selby**  
*Coordinator*



**Keith Scaggs**  
*Event Treasurer*



**Ray Ashby**  
*Brochure & Admin*

# Tourist Information

Weymouth & Portland BID Ltd

Our friendly professional staff look forward to welcoming organisers and competitors for the 2024 European Boat Championships.

For further information on accommodation, transport and all other services:-

Telephone: +44 (0)1305 779410

Email: [info@weymouthbid.co.uk](mailto:info@weymouthbid.co.uk)

or visit

[www.weareweymouth.co.uk](http://www.weareweymouth.co.uk)

## Other Useful Information

[www.visit-dorset.com/explore/towns/weymouth](http://www.visit-dorset.com/explore/towns/weymouth)

[www.visit-weymouth.org.uk/tourist-information](http://www.visit-weymouth.org.uk/tourist-information)

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The above map shows the main access routes to Weymouth and Portland from Europe by sea and air.

# THE REMBRANDT HOTEL

Best Western

12-18 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7JU, England

Close to a stunning sandy beach - not to mention the historic Dorset World Heritage Coast - the Best Western Hotel Rembrandt is the perfect base from which to explore the wonders of Weymouth and beyond. Just a short walk from the hotel, take a stroll along the esplanade for the complete British seaside experience. Best Western Hotel Rembrandt is a ideally located for sightseeing the delights of Dorset. Situated right in the middle of the famous 95-mile Jurassic Coastline stretch, the local scenery is spectacular. Set in a beautiful landscape that was millions of years in the making, there are picture postcard English villages for you to explore too not to mention the nearby Isle of Portland. After a memorable day taking in the many sights, come back to the hotel to rest those aching feet and be pampered by us.



Enjoy a massage, take a sauna at our on-site spa facilities or a dip in the indoor heated pool. Afterwards, you can spend the evening wineing and dining in our top-class bar and restaurant. You'll soon discover why the Best Western Hotel Rembrandt is one of the finest places to stay in Weymouth.



## Restaurants & Bars

Good food and drink are essential ingredients for any getaway and our hotel restaurants and bars don't disappoint. From breakfasts that leave you raring to go, to evening meals with the wow factor we've got all your culinary needs covered.

**Chef James Macmanus**

Whether you're staying at the Best Western Hotel Rembrandt on business or just here sightseeing, our restaurant and bar are exactly what you need after a hectic day.

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Best Western

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## RATES

7-14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Single Occupancy (1 Adult)**

£90.00 B&B

£122.20 Half Board

**Double Occupancy (2 Adults)**

£130.00 B&B

£195.00 Half Board

The **HB** price includes your accommodation, full English breakfast and 3 course dinner. Dietary requirements are required 14 days prior to the arrival date.

Full use of our leisure centre during your stay is complimentary excluding Spa Treatments and Sunbed.



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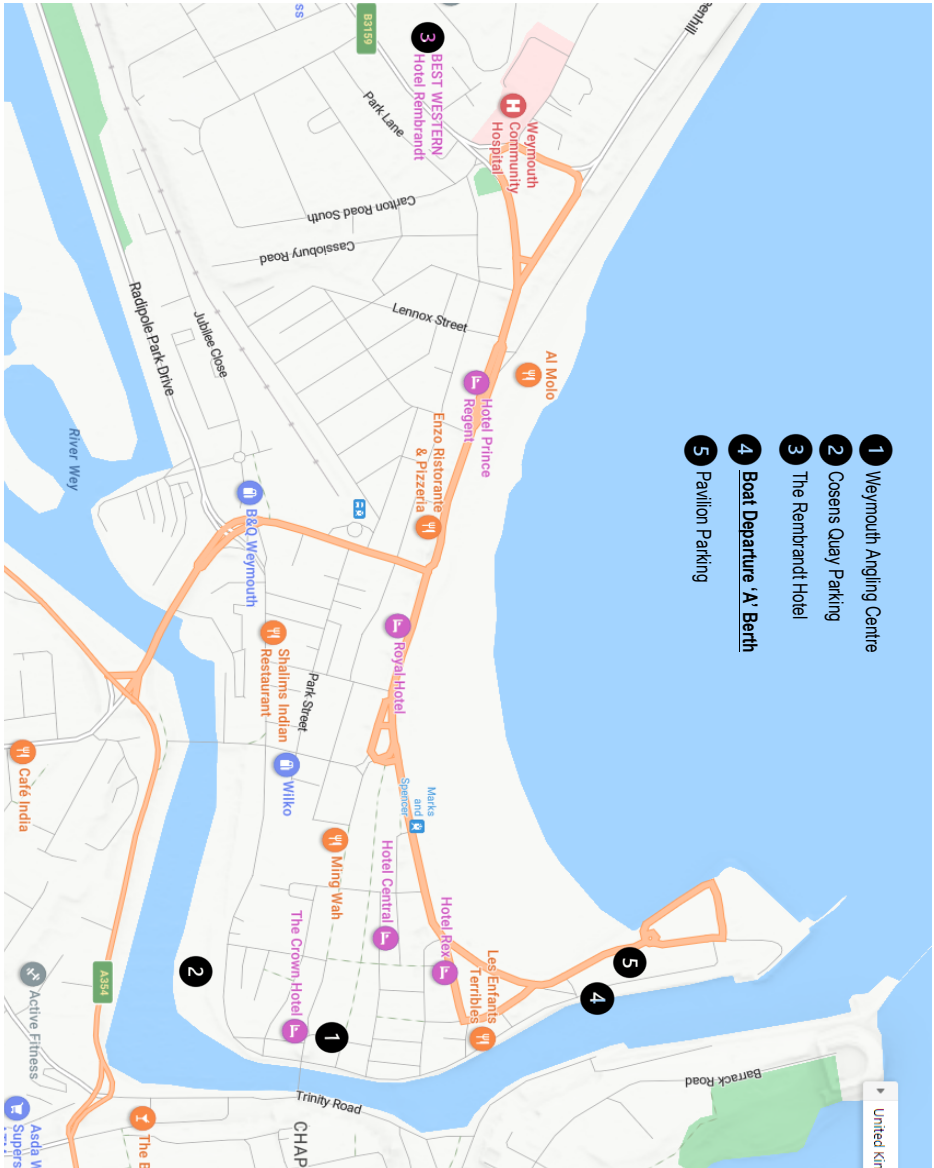
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# Weymouth – Primary Roads and Key Locations





# Programme & Timetable of Events



The Headquarters Hotel (HQ) will be  
The Rembrandt Hotel, 12-18 Dorchester Road, Weymouth DT4 7JU

<b>Saturday 7th Sept</b>	Registration at H/Q Hotel	1400 – 1800
	EFSA Executive Officers Meeting at H/Q Hotel**	1800 – 2200
<b>Sunday 8th Sept</b>	Standing Committee Meeting at H/Q Hotel **	0930 – 1430
	Registration H/Q/ Hotel	1000 – 1200
	AGM** at H/Q Hotel (to follow Standing Committee Meeting)	
	Flag Raising Ceremony Et Reception at The Rembrandt Hotel	1700

## LINE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

<b>Monday 9th Sept</b>	Assemble on Quayside	0730
	Boats commence departure	0800
	Fishing time 6 hours from lines down	
	Back to port	1700
<b>Tuesday 10th Sept</b>	Assembly, departure, fishing and return times as per Monday	

## BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

<b>Wednesday 11th Sept</b>	Assemble at Quayside	0730
	Boats Commence Departure	0800
	Fishing time 6 hours from lines down	
	Back to port	1700
<b>Thursday 12th Sept</b>	Assembly, departure, fishing and return times as per Wednesday	
<b>Friday 13th Sept</b>	Assembly, departure, fishing and return times as per Thursday	
	Prize Giving and Gala Dinner, Rembrandt Hotel	1900 til late

*\*\* Denotes that formal dress code as described in the Rules is mandatory at these events*

### Practice Boats (for group bookings or individuals)

If you require a practice boat prior to the Championships please 'e' mail Weymouth Angling Centre on [wac@weymouthangling.com](mailto:wac@weymouthangling.com)

# Rules for the EFSA Boat & Line Championships

## General Rules

1. *The Championships will be fished to the EFSA rules governing at the time of the Championships unless otherwise stated.*
2. *The Headquarters for the Championships will be the Rembrandt Hotel.*
3. *A husband and wife, parent and child may apply to be drawn on the same boat but a request to do so must be clearly stated on the entry form.*
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 that the Championships Rules are adhered to.*
  - c. *Observance of start and finish times.*
  - d. *To ensure that the boat sheet is completed, signed and returned to the weigh station.*
  - e. *To assist the skipper with measuring fish if required.*
  - f. *To aid with species identification.*
5. *The fishing areas each day will be designated by the Organising Committee.*
6. *If, in the opinion of the Organising 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 area. Their decision shall be final.*
7. *The Boat and Line Championships will be fished to a points system. Illustrations of both points system are included within the brochure.*
8. *Each competitor is responsible for checking that the fish caught has been registered with the boat skipper or appointed Steward. It is their duty to make sure the skipper acknowledges their catch every time a fish is caught. Anglers must not commence fishing until their fish have been recorded and returned to the water. All Boat Captains will complete the fish record sheets for the anglers on the boat and present it to the Score Marshall upon landing at the end of each day. The Boat Captain and Steward will make all necessary score calculations and agree the totalled score with each individual competitor. Once agreed, the competitor shall sign the score as the accepted calculation. No checking of this calculation will be made once the score sheet is presented ashore and the signed-for score will be that used for the percentage calculations.*
9. *Bait will be supplied to each competitor and must not be shared with any other competitor. The only other bait allowed will be that caught by the competitor during that day. Bait may not be retained at the end of each day. Any bait caught prior to 'lines down' at the start of each day must be pooled and shared equally amongst the competitors on board. If there is an abundance of caught bait (ie Mackerel) it may be acceptable not to share out but to take as required as long as this is acceptable by the whole crew.*
10. *Artificial lures are permitted.*
11. *The daily fishing results will be posted each day at HQ .*
12. *All anglers must assemble at the designated points each day by 0730 latest. Boats will commence leaving the harbour at 0800 and will not wait for latecomers. Fishing time will be 6 hours from first lines down. All boats must return to harbour by 1700 unless delayed by unavoidable circumstances (i.e. mechanical breakdown) whereupon the skipper shall inform the Organising Committee by whatever means available.*
13. *Any competitor wishing to lodge a protest must adopt the following procedure:*
  - a. *Protests relating to the day's fishing must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before 1900 that day.*
  - b. *Protests relating to the results must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before 0700 the following day.**Details of the composition of the Protest Committee will be issued to each competitor with their Registration pack.*
14. *Wire line is prohibited.*
15. *Competitors may only have one rod fitted with terminal tackle at any one time. A second rod may be assembled but without terminal tackle attached.*
16. *Anglers may only receive assistance to net or gaff a fish.*

17. *Conger Eels, Tope (Sharks), Rays and any fish over 5lb will be released at the side of the boat. The trace must be touched by hand for the fish to count. The trace constitutes the line attached directly to the hook.*
18. *Foul hooked fish - only fish hooked in the mouth or forward of the gill cover count. Fish must be returned to the water immediately, unless being retained then it is to be killed and its tail removed.*
19. *Weevers and mini-species are not eligible. Only exceptions are 'poor cod' which are included with pouting and 'wrasse all' where species is identified as a mini species. In all cases, 'poor cod' and 'wrasse other' (mini species) must meet the 20cm minimum size limit.*
20. *Bait additives are not permitted.*
21. *Casting from a boat will only be permitted using an underarm or 'uptide' method. In the interests of safety, a suitable shock leader (min 30lb B.S.) must be attached for casting leads in excess of 4oz (110g). On commencement of cast, the angler shall inform all others on board of the intention to cast. At no time during the cast shall the weight or terminal tackle be within the confines of the boat or cross the boat during the cast.*
22. *A fish caught and recorded for points may also be kept for bait but must be killed and have its tail removed immediately.*
23. *All fish are to be returned to the water alive immediately after recording, unless required for bait or weighing ashore.*
24. *For these Championships, minimum sizes as per the score sheets will apply.*
25. *Correct dress will be worn at all official functions. These include the AGM, the welcome reception party, the prize giving ceremony and the gala dinner. Correct dress is considered to be International Uniform or smart casual wear with tie. No denims, jeans, tee-shirts or trainers. Competitors attending the prize giving in improper dress will forfeit their right to have their prize presented in public.*

## Boat Championship Rules

1. *A maximum of two hooks may be used. A double or treble may only be used unbaited and attached to a pirk only.*
2. *A maximum of ten fish of each species shown on the score sheet may be recorded. The first five recorded will receive the full species points. The remainder will only receive one point per fish.*
3. *The angler(s) recording the most points will be declared the boat winner and be credited with 100%. All other anglers on the boat will have their scores expressed as a percentage of the boat winning points.*
4. *In the event of a 'tie' the competitor with the greatest number of fish recorded over the three days will prevail. If there is still a 'tie' then the competitor with the greatest number of Species will prevail*
5. *Boats may fish at anchor or on the drift.*

## Line Class Championship Rules

1. *Anglers must only use the Braid line provided by the organisers. The Braid will be 30lb.*
2. *Anglers must supply a sample of the line from the reel in use when requested by the Organisers.*
3. *A competitor who has a big fish hooked, has right of way in the boat. If requested, other competitors must remove their lines from the water whilst the fish is being played.*
4. *A maximum of one single hook is permitted. Doubles, trebles, leadheads and pirks are barred.*
5. *The length of the leader used shall not exceed 4.5 metres and the length of the leader and double line shall not exceed 6 metres.*
6. *Only the fish listed on the scoresheet will count.*
7. *The Line Class Championship winner will be the angler with the highest percentage score over the two days of the Line Class Championship. (Where the percentage score is the same the winner will be the competitor with the fewest number of fish over the two days. If there is still a 'tie' then the competitor with the greatest number of Species over the two days will prevail).*
8. *In the event of bad weather, the 'General' Championship rules and scoring system will be applied, and two hooks will be permitted*

## 2024 Boat & Line Championship

*The overall winner of the 2024 Boat and Line Class Championship will be the competitor with the highest accumulated score over all five days of the championship.*

# The Boat & Line Class Championships

## LINE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP – 2 days (Monday – Tuesday)

All Fishing will be at anchor.

There will be a minimum size for relevant fish.

Only fish over 5lb count apart from Conger, Rays and Tope which can be any size to score points.

All Congers, Rays and Tope can be released at the side of the boat once the trace has been touched. All other fish must be boated. No limits on number of fish caught.

Species	Size Limit	Points per Fish	No. of Fish		Total Points
CONGER	All sizes count	15			
RAYS	All sizes count	10			
TOPE	All sizes count	5			
ALL OTHER FISH	5lb and above	5			
Total Points					
Number of Fish					

The Competitor on each Boat with the highest number of points will be the Boat winner and awarded 100%. All other Competitors on the boat will receive a percentage score based on the total points of their fish expressed as a percentage of the boat winners' total points.

The overall Line Class Championship winner will then be the competitor with the highest percentage over the two days of the Line Championship. Where the percentage score is the same the winner will be the competitor with the fewest number of fish over the two days. If there is still a 'tie' then the competitor with the greatest number of Species over the two days will prevail. The same principal will apply in determining the individual day winners.

**(PLEASE READ THE ABOVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES)**

# ..... Points System

## BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP – 3 days (Wednesday – Friday)

The minimum size for all Species will be 20 centimetres (cm)

'Fish Points' will be awarded for each species listed (as shown).

Any fish not listed will be classed as 'Unspecified' and all such fish will be treated as one species on the score sheet.

Each Competitor will be awarded full 'Fish Points' for the first five fish of each species, and one point per fish for the next five fish of that species. A maximum of ten fish only of any one species will count.

A Competitors total points score will be arrived at by adding the 'Fish Points' to the 'Species Points'. The highest points scoring Competitor on each boat will then be awarded 100%. The other Competitors on each boat will be awarded a percentage score based on their points as a percentage of the boat winner.

## 2024 Boat & Line Champion

The overall winner of the 2019 Boat and Line Class Championships will be the competitor with the highest accumulated result over all five days of the Championship

The daily boat percentages for each Competitor will be added up for the five days to arrive at the overall winner and other placings. In the event of a 'tie', the Competitor with the greatest number of fish recorded over the five days will prevail. If there is still a 'tie' then the Competitor with the greatest number of species over the five days will prevail.

SPECIES	Points	1 <sup>st</sup> 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 (1pt)	Totals
Bream (All)	4			
Brill	6			
Bull Huss	4			
Cod	6			
Conger Eel	6			
Dab	2			
L.S. Dogfish	4			
Garfish	2			
Gurnards (All)	4			
Ling	4			
Mackerel	2			
Mullet (All)	4			
Plaice	4			
Pollack	4			
Pout inc. Poor Cod	2			
Rays (All)	6			
Scad	2			
Smoothound	4			
Tope	6			
Trigger Fish	4			
Turbot	6			
Whiting	2			
Wrasse (All)	2			
Wrasse Cuckoo	2			
Unspecified	2			
		No Fish		
			Total Points	

(PLEASE READ THE ABOVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES)

# Trophy & Medal List



## European Boat Championship

<i>Trophy</i>	<i>Category</i>	
Decantelle Trophy	European Boat Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals and EFSA Pins
Decantelle Ladies Trophy	European Lady Boat Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Mike Smith trophy	European Junior Boat Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
News of the World Cup	National Team Boat Champions	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (5)
News of the World Cup	International Team Boat champions	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (4)
Fishing Gazette Trophy	Executive Team Boat Champions	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Gibraltar Cup	Open Team of Two	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Continental Cup	Senior Members Boat Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Henry Poulton Cup	Best Bream (Longest)	Gold Medal and Prize
Jens Frandsen Plate	Best Flatfish (Longest)	Gold Medal and Prize
Scotsman Trophy	Best Ray (Widest across wings)	Gold Medal and Prize
Anglers Mail Cup	Best Pollack (Longest)	Gold Medal and Prize
Prince de Ligne Memorial	Greatest number of fish caught	Gold Medal and Prize
Ken Walker Memorial	Single days best catch (Male)	Gold Medal and Prize
Philadore Cup	Single days best catch (Female)	Gold Medal and Prize
ABU Trophy	Best Conger (Estimated weight)	Gold Medal and Prize
Inde Coope Cup	Best Fish other	Gold Medal and Prize
Dunlop Sealey Trophy	Most unusual fish	Gold Medal and Prize

## European Line Class Championship

News of the World Cup	Line Class Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals and EFSA Pins
Walker Quaich	Line Class Lady Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Junior Medal	Line Class Junior Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Life Members	Line Class Life member Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Milbro America Cup	Line Class Two Man Team Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Four Man Medal	Line Class Four Man Team Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals
Line Class Senior	Member over 65	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals

## European 5 Day Boat Championship Prizes

Individuals	-	1st - 15th
Ladies	-	1st - 3rd
Juniors	-	1st - 3rd
Open 4 Man Teams	-	1st - 3rd
Executive 4 Man Teams	-	1st - 3rd
Open 2 Man Teams	-	1st - 3rd

## Line Class Championship Prizes

Individuals	-	1st - 10th
Ladies	-	1st - 3rd
Juniors	-	1st - 3rd
Open 2 Man Teams	-	1st - 3rd
Open 4 Man Teams	-	1st - 3rd

# Deep Sea Angling from Weymouth

The deep sea angling charter fleet operating from Weymouth is one of the largest fleets in the country.

The port has received rave reviews for the quality and diverse range of fish that can be caught all year round and is now the number one port in the UK.

The skippers from several of the charter boats have won awards for their expertise and customer care. Features on the fishing and charter fleet appear regularly in the national angling press.

Such is the consistency of the port, angling personalities have hired skippers and their boats to record angling footage for television and video.

With boat angling from Weymouth you will experience catching fish on the famous Shambles, Kidney and Adamant Banks, deep water reefs or fish one of the many wrecks that lie just off the coast.

Even when the weather is poor there is always somewhere to fish within the sheltered coastline. The annual five day WIBAC Boat Championships held at Weymouth regularly records over twenty different species of fish.

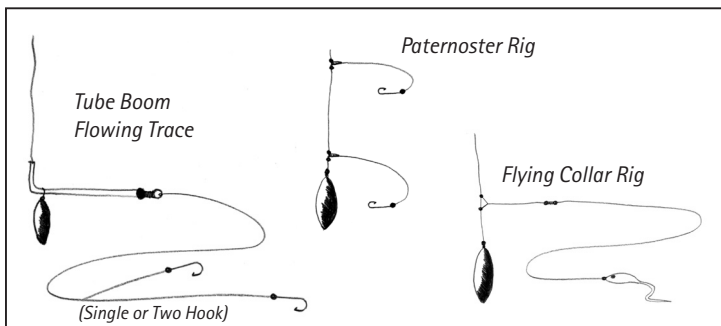
The species you are very likely to catch are:

Black Bream, Bullhuss, Cod, Conger, Dogfish, Garfish, Mackerel, Pollack, Scad, Smoothhound, Ballan Wrasse, and Pouting.

Other species that can be caught are Gurnard, Triggerfish, Ling, Plaice, Blonde Ray, Thornback Ray, Undulate Ray, Tote, Whiting and Cuckoo Wrasse.

There are of course many other species that may be caught at this time of year, with all the summer species and winter species being found in the seas off Weymouth.

## Rigs (Single hook rigs – Line Class / Maximum 2 hooks – Boat Championship)



Most fish can be caught by keeping your end tackle simple. The most popular method locally is using tube booms with a flowing trace. When angling for predatory fish like Bass, Pollack, Bream etc., a trace of 9.1Kg breaking strain about 2 to 2.5 metres long is ideal.

General bottom fishing, use a trace of about 11.4Kg breaking strain about 1 metre long.

When targeting Rays, a trace of about 50Kg breaking strain about 2 metres long is ideal.

Fishing may be both at anchor or on the drift.

Weymouth Angling Centre for all your tackle needs for the Championships  
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