



OPEN BOAT FISHING COMPETITION

SATURDAY / SUNDAY 6th / 7th July 2024



GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Fee: FREE ! All competitors will be considered as a senior for this event.

Registration: Competitors will need to register their intention to participate via the Exe Regatta website : <https://river-exe-regatta.org.uk/> . All registered competitors will become Temporary Members of SFCC for the duration of the competition only.

Start & Fishing times: Start 07.00 – Finish 17.00

Weigh In: Competitors may weigh and record their catch at the Brunel Tower, Starcross between 17.00 and 18.00 hrs each day. Exceptions to this Rule will be at the Fishing Secretaries discretion only. **THE CLUB BAR WILL BE OPEN TO ALL COMPETITORS** and the winner will be announced in the Bar on Sunday Evening 7th July at 19.30.

Awards: One angler can only take one prize.

Boats: All participating boat owners / skippers are responsible for the safety of their vessel. They must ensure that their boats are seaworthy, and that they are competent to fish in the prevailing weather conditions. Each boat must be adequately insured, carry appropriate safety equipment, and not be overloaded. The Angling Trust's recommended Safety Guide Lines can be found at:

<https://anglingtrust.net/sea/advice-for-anglers/sea-angling-safety-guidelines/>

Competition Rules:

1. All boats must leave from and return to the Exe Estuary.
2. Maximum distance from Safe Water Mark is 20 nm.
3. One rod, a maximum of three hooks and no feathering.
4. Minimum sizes will be observed (listed overleaf). Undersize fish must not be brought to the scales. **Mini species will not be allowed.** Bass must not be retained if caught in the Nursery Area.
5. A competitor may only bring 1 fish of the same species to the scales. Competitors are encouraged to keep their fish alive so that they can be released following weighing.
6. The **Best Specimen** and subsequent awards will be judged against the Angling Trust area C specimen weights (listed overleaf).
7. All fish may be collected at the conclusion of the weigh in. Any fish not collected will be disposed of by the committee.
8. In the event of bad weather, the organisers shall have the power to abandon the competition.
9. On any matters arising from this competition, the decision of the organising committee will be deemed as final.

The hosting clubs hope you enjoy this event and wish you a safe and fun day on the water. If you are not already a member of **Starcross Fishing & Cruising Club** and would like to join please visit **SFCC** website at www.starcross-fcc.co.uk

For any further information before or during the competition please contact:

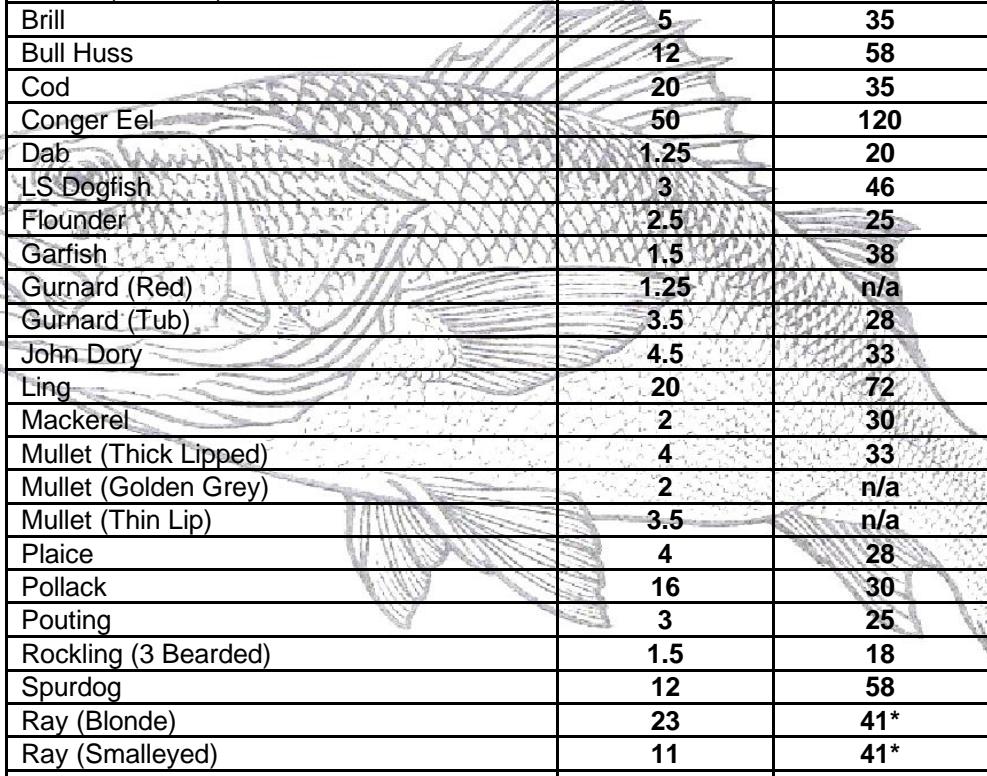
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ANGLING TRUST - AREA C

COMPETITION SPECIMEN WEIGHTS AND MINIMUM SIZES



SPECIES	Area C (lbs)	Minimum sizes (cm)
Bass	9	45
Bream (Black)	3.5	24
Bream (Gilthead)	4.75	24
Brill	5	35
Bull Huss	12	58
Cod	20	35
Conger Eel	50	120
Dab	1.25	20
LS Dogfish	3	46
Flounder	2.5	25
Garfish	1.5	38
Gurnard (Red)	1.25	n/a
Gurnard (Tub)	3.5	28
John Dory	4.5	33
Ling	20	72
Mackerel	2	30
Mullet (Thick Lipped)	4	33
Mullet (Golden Grey)	2	n/a
Mullet (Thin Lip)	3.5	n/a
Plaice	4	28
Pollack	16	30
Pouting	3	25
Rockling (3 Bearded)	1.5	18
Spurdog	12	58
Ray (Blonde)	23	41*
Ray (Smalleyed)	11	41*
Ray (Spotted)	5.5	41*
Ray (Thornback)	12	41*
Smoothhound	15	51
Sole	1.5	25
Scad	1.25	25
Trigger Fish	3	30
Turbot	15	41
Whiting	3.5	27
Wrasse (Ballan)	5	23
Wrasse (Cuckoo)	1.25	N/A

*across the wings

NOTES

All species not listed will be compared against Angling Trust Area C as displayed on the Angling Trust website.

Minimum sizes will be measured in METRIC, however weights are IMPERIAL.