

SOB COMPETITION RULES INCLUDING POINTS SYSTEM

1. Entry fee must be paid before the competition begins.
2. Decisions taken by the committee must be adhered to.
3. The competition will be fished on a '**Catch and Release - Token**' system with anglers receiving a token from the boat skipper for each qualifying fish caught.
On Thursday and Saturday Cod & Ling measuring **over 35cm (13.8")** get 6 points, Pollack **over 35cm (13.8")** get 4 points and other species get 2 points. Each competitor also receives 1 point for each qualifying fish.
4. Competitors can fish for as many Cod and Ling (6 points) each day, but can count only 20 Pollack (4 points) and 10 other species (2 points) on Thursday and Saturday.
5. The angler with the highest points tally on each boat will be awarded 100% for that day. The other anglers on his/her boat will receive a percentage score in relation to how their score compares to the highest scorer. i.e. - best angler scores 50 points(100% awarded), another angler scores 25 points so awarded $25/50 \times 100 = 50\%$.
6. The following fish will **NOT** be eligible for tokens: -
Coalfish, Mackerel, Dragnet, Sea Scorpion, Blenny, Weavers, and Lumpsumers. All types of shellfish are ineligible.
7. Fish for the '**Heaviest Fish**' and '**Best Specimen**' competitions must be retained by the angler and presented for weighing on the pier each night.
8. Only fish hooked forward of the gills may be weighed in. Fish hooked by 2 or more anglers cannot be weighed in.
9. Friday is still '**Ling and Cod Only**' day. No other species will receive tokens. On Friday fish **over 35cm (13.8")** will be awarded 2 points, fish **over 45.7 cm (18")** will be awarded 4 points and **cod over 53.3cm (21")** and **ling over 63cm (24.8")** will be awarded 6 points. Each competitor also receives 1 point for each qualifying fish.
Ling and Cod are also the only species to qualify for '**Heaviest Fish**' on Friday.
Again, any fish for '**Heaviest Fish**' and '**Best Specimen**' competitions must be retained for weighing at the end of the day.
10. No competitor may have more than ONE rod with reel and running line in use at one time, and only one rod with a trace attached. No more than THREE hooks can be attached. Treble hook counts as three hooks and double hooks as two hooks. Treble, double or single hooks fitted with artificial lures must not exceed size 8/0. Hooks on lures must be free swinging except on spoons or eels where they may be fixed.
Any fish species can qualify for '**Best Specimen**' & '**Heaviest Fish**' competitions i.e. Coalfish etc.

11. All boats must have a **'Fishing Skipper'** who will be responsible for discipline and fair play on board the boat and for the drawing of boat places each day. Prior to registration night the committee will make a draw to determine from which boat each angler fishes from on each day of the competition. Larger boats will be drawn as **Port** and **STBD** with each side being fished as an individual boat. If prior notice is given a couple can be drawn to fish from the same boat. However, when on the boat the couple will each have to draw for a fishing position as do all competitors. When a position is drawn the angler **must fish this position** for this day. A new draw will be made each day. The **'Fishing Skipper'** will count up each anglers tokens at the end of fishing each day, and mark each anglers result on the supplied score card. Tokens will then be returned to the **'Boat Skipper'** for the next day's fishing. Tokens are the anglers responsibility once received, and will count only if presented to the **'Fishing Skipper'** when requested at count up.
12. When the **'Fishing Skipper'** calls 'Lines Up' at the end of each drift, an angler with a fish on hook call **'Fish On'** to allow this fish to qualify for the competition.
13. Boat casting is permitted ONLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- every angler maintains their drawn position with all anglers fishing from the side of the boat they have been allocated and -
 - below the rail from outside.
 - underhand.
 - no impinging.
14. The Organising Committee do not hold themselves responsible or liable for any accident arising out of the use of the boats.
15. Junior anglers are classed as under 18 years of age, and seniors are 65 years and over.
16. ALL FISH WEIGHED IN ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

Due to increasing costs, anglers are to pay for any engraving on trophies won at this competition (as minuted & agreed OISAA committee meeting 25/08/03.)

THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT, FOR SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS, TO SUSPEND OR BAN ANYONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRINK OR DRUGS ON BOARD A BOAT AT ANY TIME DURING THE COMPETITION. FISHING DISPUTES MUST BE PUT IN WRITING & HANDED TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER BEFORE 6 P.M. ON THE NEXT DAY.

EACH BOAT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A FISHBOX INTO WHICH ANGLERS ARE INVITED TO DONATE THEIR BETTER FISH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORGANISING CLUB. ANY BENEFIT GAINED FROM THE USE OF THESE FISH WILL HELP FINANCE THE COMPETITION AND PRIZE LIST.