

Scottish Open Boat Championships, 30 & 31 August, 1 September 2018

14 anglers competed over the 3-day sea angling festival, fished out of Stromness, aboard the “Capella” skippered by Dougie Adam, and crewed by Vicky Duncan (from Shetland), and the Orkney Islands Sea Angling Association boat “Welcome Home”, skippered by Michael Flett and Neil Matheson, and crewed by Davie Ogden.

Day 1.

Thursday morning saw the anglers prepare for the competition. Sailing at 9am the Welcome Home headed down Scapa Flow to Stanger Head, Switha and the inner edge of the Pentland Firth. The Capella headed up North to Yesnaby and Rowe Head, weather at first wasn't too favourable, fresh southwest wind and 2.5 metre swell. However, the anglers did well with good catches.

1st Most points – Mark Duncan, 398 2nd Most points – Kevin Mackay, 129

1st Heaviest Fish – Mark Duncan, 3.8kg Ling 2nd Heaviest fish – Ronnie Tait, 3.75kg Ling

Day 2.

Friday saw both boats heading west and north. Welcome Home staying in the Yesnaby area and Capella Headed and stayed in the Marwick Head area. Both boats had good hauls of fish, mostly cod, ling and haddocks.

1st Most points – John Nicolson, 342 2nd Most points – Gus Mackenzie, 253

1st Heaviest Fish – Davie Sutherland, 4.3kg Ling 2nd Heaviest fish – Kevin Mackay, 3.6kg Ling

Day 3.

Both vessels headed south, mostly fishing from Came of Hoy to the Old Man. Again fishing very good with lots of big ling and cod being caught. After the end of the 3 day, anglers all seemed to be contented..

1st Most points – Gus Mackenzie, 300 2nd Most points – John Nicolson, 125

1st Heaviest Fish – John Nicolson, 5.7kg Ling 2nd Heaviest Fish – Davie Sutherland, 4.95kg Ling

OVERALL RESULTS.

1st Most points – John Nicolson, 300% 2nd Most points - Kevin Mackay, 288%
(769pts)

3rd Most Points - Mark Duncan, 286%.

1st Heaviest Fish – John Nicolson, 5.7kg Ling 2nd Heaviest Fish – Davie Sutherland, 4.95kg
Ling

3rd Heaviest fish – Eddie Hughes, 4.85kg Ling.

1st Four Person Team – Gus Mackenzie, Mark Duncan, Kevin Mackay, & Ian Riddle with 1027%.

2nd Four Person Team – Ronnie Tait, Davie Sutherland, Alistair Fullerton, & John Nicolson with 798%.

1st Two Person Team – Gus Mackenzie & Mark Duncan 548%

Best Specimen Fish - Ronnie Tait, Grey Gurnard 0.9kg, 35% of Scottish Record

Best Senior Angler – Donald Macleod

Best Local Angler – Davie Sutherland

Best Individual Basket - Mark Duncan, 398pts on Thursday.

Best Boat & Skipper – Capella & Dougie Adam.

Total fish caught for three days = 825.

LOCAL ANNUAL PRIZE- GIVING.

Best local Angler (4 DAYS) - Paul Firth, 9500PTS.

Best local Angler (2 DAYS) - Paul Firth, 5910PTS.

Best individual basket - Paul Firth, 3360PTS. (Shopping Week Saturday)

Heaviest Fish - Kamil Durczak, 5.25kg Ling. (Shopping Week)

Thanks to The Stromness Hotel for soup each day, their hospitality and a great meal on Saturday evening. Thank you to OFS for the shelter of their shed for weigh-in time, and to Andrew Morgan from W.S. Sinclair's for the prizes.

And thank you to Vicky Duncan for his generous donations to the Inter-county Raffle.

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