

Scottish Open Boat Championships on 29, 30 & 31 August 2019

16 anglers competed over the 3-day sea angling festival, fished out of Stromness, aboard the Northern Marine Service Ltd "Reggie" skippered by Sean Robertson, and crewed by Vicky Duncan (from Shetland), and the Orkney Islands Sea Angling Association SCIO boat "Welcome Home", skippered by Roy Anderson, and crewed by John Richmond.

Day 1.

Both boats headed north into a day of challenging fishing weather. Reggie tried marks in the deep and north of Marwick, while Welcome Home stopped at Marwick for cod and haddies, until the worsening weather meant a finish at Hole of Rowe.

1st Most points – Gus Mackenzie, 298 2nd Most points – Mark Duncan, 169
1st Heaviest Fish – Willy Orrock, 4.7kg Ling 2nd Heaviest fish – Laurence Hughson, 3.85kg Ling

Day 2.

Both boats headed south, with Welcome Home along the face to Rora, and Reggie heading well out onto marks. Poor sea meant a move to Snuek and Yellow Kist where good fishing of mainly cod and pollack showed. The sea & weather improved in the afternoon.

1st Most points – Davie Sutherland, 246 2nd Most points – Laurence Hughson, 242
1st Heaviest Fish – Willy Orrock, 4.6kg Cod 2nd Heaviest fish – Derek Firth, 4.3kg Ling

Day 3.

It was decided, after consulting forecasts, that a shorter day fishing out west was preferred to sheltering in Scapa, and both boats headed west. Reggie tried it's productive marks again but drifting was challenging. Welcome Home stayed at the Heel and the Caves for a few good ling. Angling was called to a halt, as the wind and heavy rain arrived early and anglers were back in Stromness by noon.

1st Most points – Paul Firth, 59 2nd Most points – Alastair Forsyth, 48
1st Heaviest Fish – Paul Firth, 8.05kg Ling 2nd Heaviest Fish – Davie Sutherland, 7.3kg Ling

OVERALL RESULTS.

1st Most points – Paul Firth, 300% 2nd Most points - Gus Mackenzie, 233%
3rd Most Points – Kamil Durczak, 232%.
1st Heaviest Fish – Paul Firth, 8.05kg Ling 2nd Heaviest Fish – Davie Sutherland, 7.30kg Ling
3rd Heaviest fish – Willy Orrock, 4.7kg Ling.

1st Pot Luck Fours – Laurence Hughson, John Speirs, Willy Orrock, & Kevin Mackay with 582%.

2nd Pot Luck Fours – Paul Firth, Chris Cummin, Gerry Wilson, & John Nicolson with 515%.

1st Pot Luck Pairs – Laurence Hughson & Paul Firth 519%

2nd Pot luck Pairs - Kamil Durczak & Kevin Mackay 465%

Best Lady Angler – Chris Cummin

Best Specimen Fish - Gerry Wilson, Cuckoo Wrasse 0.65kg, 48% of Scottish Record

Best Senior Angler – Alastair Forsyth 217%

Best Local Angler – Paul Firth

Best Individual Basket - Gus Mackenzie, 298 points on Thursday.

Best Boat & Skipper – Reggie & Sean Robertson.

Total fish caught for three days = 778.

LOCAL ANNUAL PRIZE- GIVING.

Best local Angler (4 DAYS) – Kamil Durczak.

Best local Angler (2 DAYS) - Paul Firth.

Heaviest Fish – Jocky Robertson, 12.75kg Cod.

ORKNEY v SHETLAND INTER-COUNTY

Orkney Team – Davie Sutherland, Gerry Wilson Paul Firth & Kamil Durczak – Total 830 %

Shetland Team – Laurence Hughson, Alistair Fullerton, Mark Duncan & Chris Cummin – Total 660%

Orkney wins their home intercounty!

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