

HDSA

RULES OF BOAT COMPETITION 2018

- No boat to launch until all boats and crews are ready
- No boat to leave beach area until all boats safely afloat
- On return the safety of incoming boats is priority
- Each crew is responsible for returning the cable and operating the winch for the next boat
- All anglers must assist in bringing all boats up the beach
- No boat to go more than seven and an half miles from the club house (extended southwards to include the Pentrych & Maaslust wrecks)
- Maximum two rods per angler
- Maximum three hooks per angler

One Pennell rig may be used as a single hook. A second Pennell counts as two hooks. Trebles always count as one hook each regardless of the rig or lure in use.

Lures, including feathers, may be used provided there are no more than three hooks in total. A third rod with feathers/lures may be used to catch bait but no fish of any species caught on this rod can be brought to the scales.

- Anglers using private boats for club competitions must be prepared to take another club member, paying the same fuel charges as the club. One of the crew must book in at the club on the day the competition or by prior agreement rendezvous offshore at an agreed time with one of the angling committee.

HDSA BOAT MINIMUM & SPECIMEN SIZES AND COMPETITION BAG LIMITS

Species	Min Size (cm)	Species Bag Limit	HDSA Specimen weight		Species	Min Size (cm)	Species Bag Limit	HDSA Specimen weight	
			lb	oz				lb	oz
Bass*	42	2	6	00	Haddock	35	5	1	04
Bream (Black)	27	5	2	00	John Dory	33	5	1	08
Bream (others)	25	5 per species	See list		Ling	72	5	11	00
Brill	35	5	2	14	Mullet (all grey)	33	5 per species	See list	
Bull Huss	58	2	7	00	Plaice	30	5	2	08
Coalfish	35	5	2	08	Pollack	30	5	10	09
Cod	40	5	18	00	Pouting	32	1	2	05
Conger Eel*	120	1	N/A		Red Mullet	25	5	1	08
Dab	25	5	1	02	Silver Eel*	38	5	2	00

Dogfish (LS)	55	2	2	08	Skates & Rays * All species	45 across wing	2 in total	See list	
Flounder	25	5	0	14	Smoothhound	65	1	10	00
Garfish	55	2	1	03	Sole	25	5	1	00
Gurnard (Grey)	25	5	0	14	Trigger Fish	30	5	3	00
Gurnard (Red)	24	5	1	04	Turbot	41	5	8	08
Gurnard (Tub)	32	5	3	00	Whiting	30	5	2	05
Herring	27	5	0	06	Unclassified	25	5 per species	See list	

Wrasse, Mackerel, Scad, Shad, Undulate Ray and unspecified Sharks cannot be weighed in.

***SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY SEE NOTES BELOW.**

BOAT LEAGUE

POINTS SYSTEM

Each angler's best 12 results count for the overall Club Championship

Place by weight:

1 st	20 points	Everyone else weighing in	3 points
2 nd	15 points	No points will be awarded for fishing and not weighing in.	
3 rd	12 points	A bonus of twenty points will be awarded to anyone weighing in a club specimen fish. Limited to one bonus per species per angler per competition.	
4 th	10 points	When they are the target species:	
5 th	9 points	Black Bream, Cod and Plaice will be awarded four bonus points.	
6 th	8 points	per fish weighed in.	
7 th	7 points		
8 th	6 points		
9 th	5 points		
10 th	4 points		

BASS

All Bass caught before 1st July 2018 must be returned and will not carry any points or weight value.

From 1st July 2018 a maximum of one Bass maybe weighed in. All further Bass must be released, one of which may be measured and witnessed for competition purposes.

Bass that are measured and released will carry a nominal weight value of 2lb 8oz, subject to a 2 bag limit.

When Bass are the target species, each Bass will be awarded 10 points (max 20 points). The Bass cup will be awarded to the heaviest fish weighed in.

RAYS

Undulate Rays are endangered. They can be measured, witnessed and released scoring a nominal 7lb 8oz per sizeable fish, subject to the two ray bag limit. Other Rays maybe kept for weighing in a competition. Other than Undulates, released Rays will have no weight value. When they are the target species Rays will each be awarded 10 points per fish (any species). The Ray cup will be awarded to the largest Ray measured across the wings.

CONGER EELS

Conger Eels should be measured, witnessed and released scoring a nominal 7lb 8oz per sizeable fish, subject to a one bag limit. To avoid personal injury, Conger Eels maybe deemed as 'caught' if the fish is alongside the boat and either the captor or witness has control of the trace.

SILVER EELS

By law Silver Eels must be returned alive, but if kept alive and healthy enough to survive maybe kept for weighing in a competition.

Species Hunt Competitions: Each species will be awarded two bonus points up to a maximum of 20 bonus points. Catch and release is permitted, including banned species and undersize fish. Released fish must be witnessed by the captor's boat partner and will not have any weight value at the weigh in.

Other Flat Fish competitions: Any flat fish excluding Plaice will be awarded bonus points for each fish weighed in, up to a maximum total of 20 points. Dabs and Flounders will be awarded 4 bonus points per fish, all other flat fish will be awarded 10 bonus points per fish. All subject to bag limits.

Other Round Fish competitions: Any round fish excluding Black Bream, Bass, Cod and Rays, will be awarded 4 bonus points for each species of fish weighed in, up to a maximum total of 20 points.

ANGLERS IN BOATS THAT RETURN LATE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED

ANGLERS ATTEMPTING TO WEIGH IN UNDERSIZE FISH MAY BE DISQUALIFIED