

# HDSA

## RULES OF BOAT COMPETITION 2019

- 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	01
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<sup>st</sup> 20 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> 15 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> 12 points  
4<sup>th</sup> 10 points  
5<sup>th</sup> 9 points  
6<sup>th</sup> 8 points  
7<sup>th</sup> 7 points  
8<sup>th</sup> 6 points  
9<sup>th</sup> 5 points  
10<sup>th</sup> 4 points

Everyone else weighing in 3 points  
No points will be awarded for fishing and not weighing in.

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.

When they are the target species:  
Black Bream, Cod, Sole and Plaice will be awarded four bonus points per fish weighed in.

### BASS

All Bass caught before 1st April and after 31<sup>st</sup> October, must be returned immediately. One Bass per day of 42cm or over, caught between 1st April and 31<sup>st</sup> October maybe retained and weighed in, all other bass must be returned. For competition purposes Bass of 42cm or over maybe measured, witnessed and released. Each Bass 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.

**ANGLERS IN BOATS THAT RETURN LATE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED**

**ANGLERS ATTEMPTING TO WEIGH IN UNDERSIZE FISH MAY BE DISQUALIFIED**