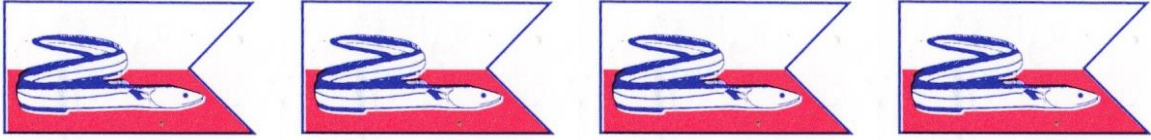
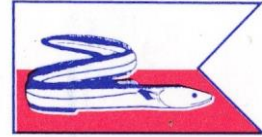
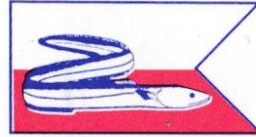
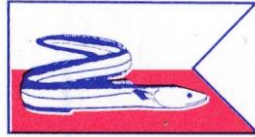
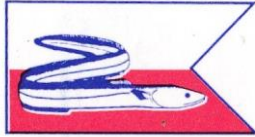




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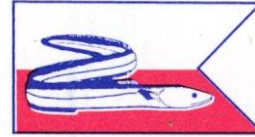
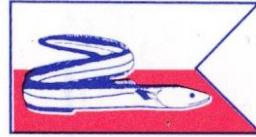
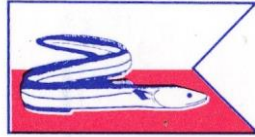
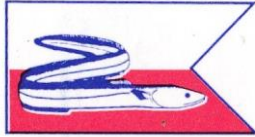


Steve Holyer with a conger of 36lb8oz caught and landed singlehanded from his own boat, Freebird of Cadgwith.



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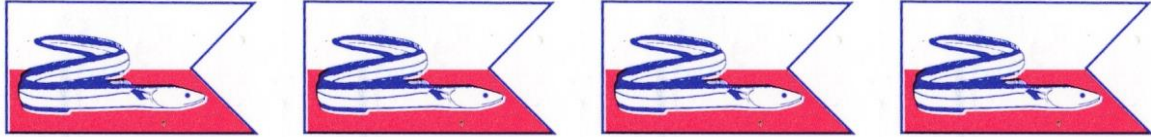
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## BRITISH CONGER CLUB COMMITTEE 2021

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Paul Sweetman
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Dave Ball
<b>SECRETARY</b>	John Bellamy
<b>TREASURER</b>	Kim Bowden
<b>REGISTRAR &amp; MERCHANDISE</b>	Alison Sweetman
<b>RECORDS OFFICER</b>	David Lee
<b>FESTIVALS OFFICER &amp; CUP CUSTODIAN</b>	Michael Doody
<b>PRESS OFFICER</b>	Neil Cottington





## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi All and welcome to the BCC newsletter for 2022.

I hope you all had a great Christmas and happy new year.

2022 was a definite improvement compared to the Covid ravaged previous years, the only down side being the high winds.

Global warming is dismissed by some, but I can't remember having a year when so many fishing trips were cancelled due to winds, I hope this year will be calmer.

The 2022 members comp went ahead successfully, it had it's issues, most of which were discussed by the committee in ensuing meetings and the proposed solutions are listed below.

1) There seemed to be doubt from some that a minutes silence was held for members who had passed in the previous year. Others had heard it announced, but maybe due to the background noise hadn't taken it on board.

This is a difficult one to address in a club room we are sharing with non BCC members and all the subsequent noise, Mick has said he will ask the clubs committee to turn down any music/TV during the next AGM. Although I sincerely hope the minutes silence will not be needed in 2023.

2) The biggest cause of angst at the meeting was the introduction of 60lb minimum braid as a main line. This caused so much friction we have decided to make this a recommendation rather than a rule. However using mono as a main line will still be outlawed and for the safety of the skippers unhooking and netting eels a rubbing leader of suitable strength will still be required.

3) The comp was won by two anglers with identical weight eels, this is the first time it has ever happened and although both anglers names will be on the trophy, first prize was only given to one of them. We all deemed this unfair. To address this we worked out the difference in cost between 1st and 2nd prize this equated to the cost of entry to this year's comp with the rollover. Kev Lindup who received the 2nd prize has accepted this as recompense and as such will enter this year's comp for free.

4) There were some allegations that the boat draw was unfair and as a result it was decided to do the boat draw on the Friday night at the AGM.

In order to facilitate this we have asked that members only put down to fish with one other person.

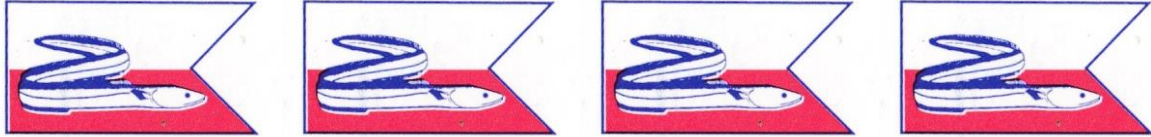
5) There was an incident on board one of the boats where an angler was hit by another anglers lead, I wasn't witness to this and believe the other angler apologised profusely.

This is obviously a basic H&S issue and as such casting from boats will be banned, we are not uptiding for Cod !

All terminal gear will be outside of the boat before being released into the water.

I am only grateful that this incident didn't result in a serious injury to one of our members and sincerely hope it never occurs again.





Neil Cottington has volunteered to review the rules of the comp with a view to avoid any repetition of the above points, any proposed amendments will be up for discussion at the next AGM.

At the last AGM Paul Milkins who was the secretary announced he was no longer continuing in the post of secretary. I'd like to thank Paul for all his hard work and wish him well with all his future endeavours.

I'm happy to say that the vacant post has been filled by John Bellamy. Welcome aboard John.

Next year's comp is 29th & 30th July there are currently spaces left, so please get in touch with Mick Doody if you're interested.

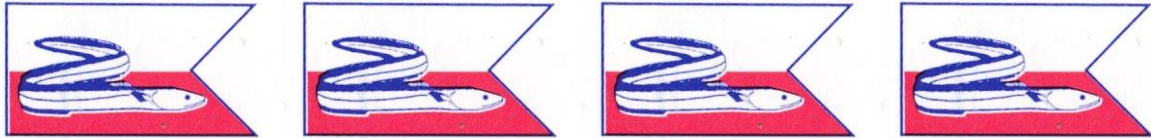
Costs are £150 if you have a rollover £250 if not.

I hope to see and fish with many of you at the comp and throughout the year.

Tight lines to you all.



Dave Ball.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello BCC members and thank you for the opportunity to assist this fantastic family of anglers to help with the progression of the club.

My first taste of serious Conger fishing was with the Chris Martin out of Newhaven. He first qualified me into the BCC and many great trips followed.

I have since taken the path down the Match angling route but my real passion remains with big fish Angling and there's none better around the UK coast than Conger eel.

I look forward to the challenges ahead

**John Bellamy**

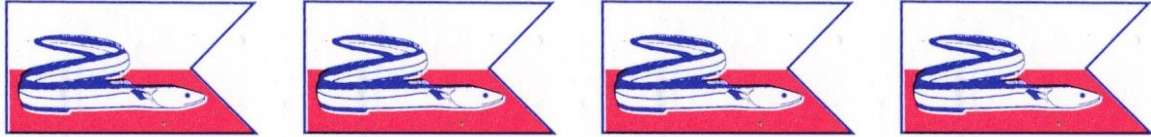
## RECORDS FROM THE RECORDS OFFICER / TROPHIES AND AWARDS FOR 2022:

After a difficult couple of years, there was a big improvement in 2022 with some excellent congers caught, finishing on a high in October when Kevin Turner caught a magnificent conger of 96lb 14oz. Overall in 2022 I recorded eleven eels, 55lb and over. The 2022 Interport was won by Kevin Turner and Paul Cashmore with a total weight of 141lbs 14oz. The largest ling caught was 27lb 8oz by Sam James and the heaviest eel caught single handed was 36lb 12oz by Steve Holyer..

N.b. an oversight of the committee during the 2022 BCC Festival awards evening meant that Robin Amor and Paul Maris were not presented with the Angling Magazine, Sea Angler Trophy, Electric Blue trophies and Saltwind trophy respectively. Many Apologies to both these members.

## THOMPSON MEDAL WINNERS 2022

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
Kevin Turner	96lb 14 oz
Paul Maris	84lb
<b>SILVER</b>	
Mick Doody	71lb
Kevin Lindup	65lb
Gavin Hunt	65lb
<b>BRONZE</b>	
Kim McGreevy	63lb 12oz



Dave Hawkswood	59lb
Robin Amor	56lb
David Lee	55lb

### FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS 2022

MONTH	ANGLER	WEIGHT	Boat/Shore
May	Dave Hawkswood	59lb	Boat
June	Mick Doody	71lb	Boat
July	Gavin Hunt	65lb	Boat
July	Kevin Lindup	65lb	Boat
August	Kim McGreevy	63lb 12oz	Boat
October	Kevin Turner	96lb 14oz	Boat

### FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS – AFFILIATED CLUBS 2022

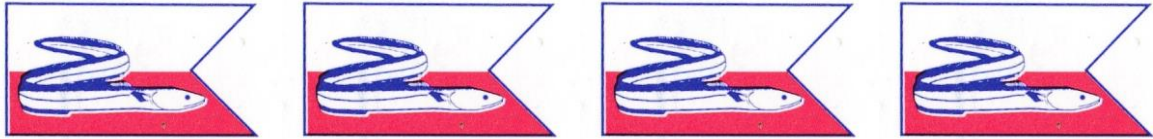
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June	Mick Doody	71lb	Boat	Guildford
July	Gavin Hunt	65lb	Boat	Guildford
August	Kim McGreevy	63lb 12oz	Boat	Guildford

### GEOFF FLORES TROPHY (Most Eels Returned) – Mick Doody with 182 eels.

Please report conger and other fish using the new forms on the BCC website and posted on the BCC Facebook and send to – [bccfishrecorder@outlook.com](mailto:bccfishrecorder@outlook.com).

**David Lee - Records Officer**





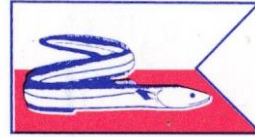
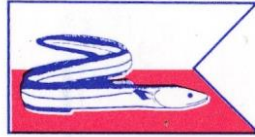
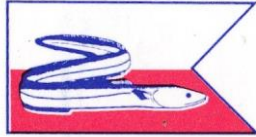
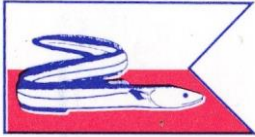
## Festival Prize Winners 2022



**Kevin Lindup & Gavin Hunt – Joint winners 2022**

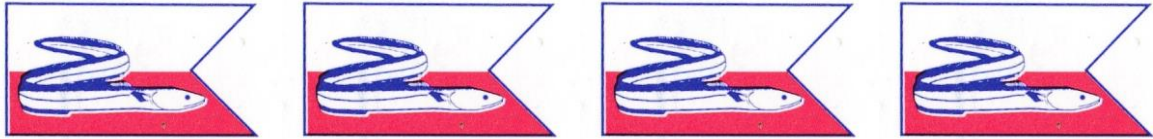


**Team winners 2022 – Kim McGreevy, Mick Doody, Jason Weller & David Lee**



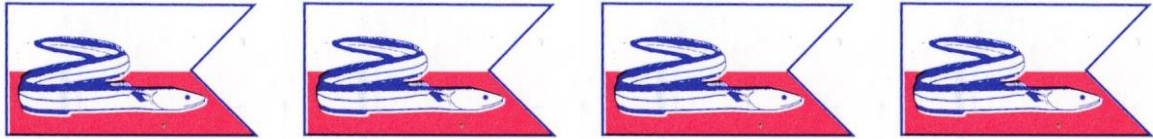
**Top boat 2022 – Offshore Rebel – Jamie Pullen**





## A Collage of photos from the AGM & Festival



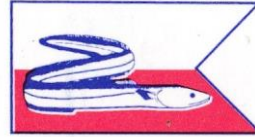
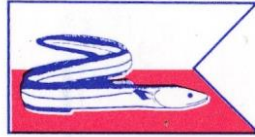
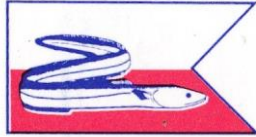
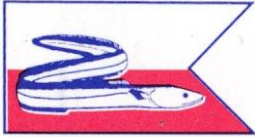


## Other 2022 Memories



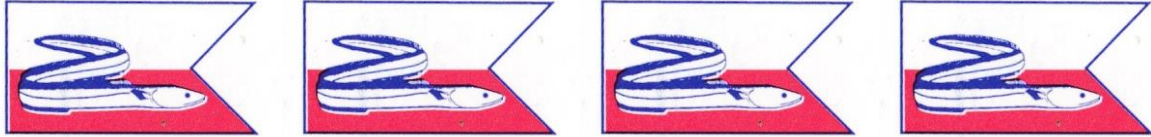
Kevin Turner 96lb 14oz a whopper out of Torbay on Our Joe-L with Paul Maris bringing up the rear with an 84 lb'er...fab trip with Shaun Pedley.





Kim McGreevy 63lb 12oz





## PRESS OFFICER REPORT FOR 2022

Hello BCC members, this is my first newsletter report for the BCC, after joining the committee last year officially. I have been a keen competition angler for over 30 years. I've fished National and international competitions served on various angling club committees over those years, and now find myself taking over the Press Officer's role from Mike Millman, big shoes to fill. Going forward, I have links with Saltwater Boat Angling magazine who I have written articles for over the years. Saltwater Boat Angling magazine has also had difficulties in recent times with rising costs and now have linked up with Sea Angler Magazine, so we have an opportunity to showcase our members catches /comps/future events etc. But I need the info from you guys, so In short email/text/call with any info and I will gladly get it to print. In this newsletter I believe there is a medley of pics that I have taken, if any of you who I took pics of or have in the past taken pics of then again text/email and I will send direct.

Tight lines Cotts. (Neil Cottington)

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP REPORT

If you have any enquiries about BCC membership, please address these to our **Membership Registrar Ali Sweetman**. Membership numbers for the year ending December 2022 were as follows:

The membership figures for 2022 were: -

736 in total

658 in Life Members

65 paying members including 46 full + 19 associates

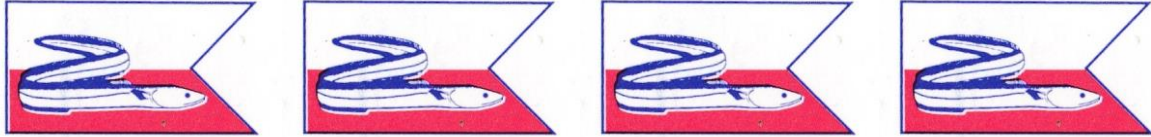
13 clubs

*Alison Sweetman*  
*Membership Registrar*

BCC MEMBERS ARE  
REMINDED THAT **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2023 ARE**  
**DUE FROM 1st January 2023**

A renewal form can be found at the end of this newsletter.  
There is also a renewal form for Affiliated Clubs.

For further information and assistance with your renewal contact Club Registrar Ali Sweetman

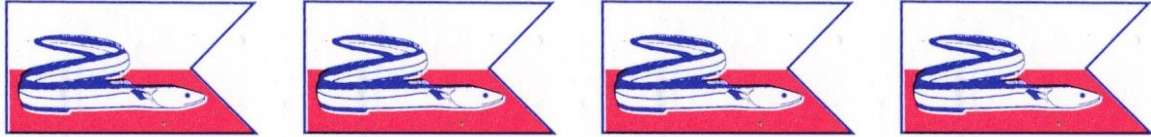


## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

2022 finances ended with a slight increase in funds. This was despite a reduced membership income. The accounts are currently being checked for accuracy. At the AGM a full statement of Income and expenditure will be given to all those attending at which time there will be opportunity for questions on our finances.

So, I will finish by wishing you all good health and good fishing for 2023.

***Kim Bowden***  
**Treasurer**



## **BCC EVENTS:**

Last year the event went extremely well given the restrictions placed on us by the weather meaning we lost the Sunday. The committee and I would like to thank the Skippers and competitors for their support and participation it is always good to catch up with old friends and meet new members.

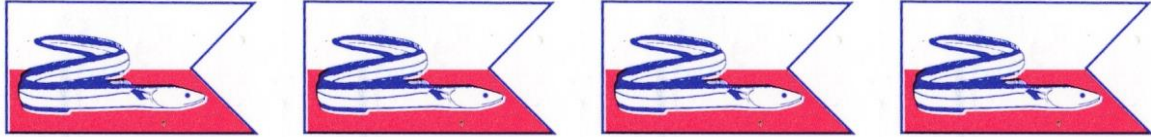
Special thanks go also to Weymouth Angling club for their hospitality, letting us use their club as our new HQ.

### **2023 Competition**

There are only 3 spaces left so get your entry's in now so you are not disappointed.

Lastly, I would like to thank Weymouth Angling Centre (Andy Selby) for his generosity in supporting the conger comp.

*Mick Doody*  
*Festivals Officer*



## COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES

**Interport Competition:** This annual competition for teams of two runs from 1 June to 30 September and is very simple to enter. All you need to do is inform our **Records Officer David Lee** before your day of fishing and provide the following details:

- Names of both anglers
- Fishing date
- Boat name and port to be fished from

After the trip all you need to do is let the Records Officer know the weights of your individual best eels. Only one entry per year is allowed for this competition, but if your trip is cancelled you can let the Records Officer know and retry another time.

**Shore Competition:** This competition runs from 1 October to 30 November. You can fish anywhere from the shore at any time during this period and send in your entry in the usual way but make sure you ask for the fish to be entered into the Shore Competition.

**Geoff Flores Bronze Trophy:** This trophy is awarded annually to the BCC member who catches and releases the highest number of Conger Eels over the given year.

An entry form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Complete this and send to **Records Officer** at the end of the year.

**Thompson Medal Awards:** These are awarded annually to paid up Members for capture of Conger Eels in the following weight categories:

### **Boat Captured**

- 55lbs and over – Bronze
- 65lbs and over - Silver
- 75lbs and over – Gold

### **Shore Captured**

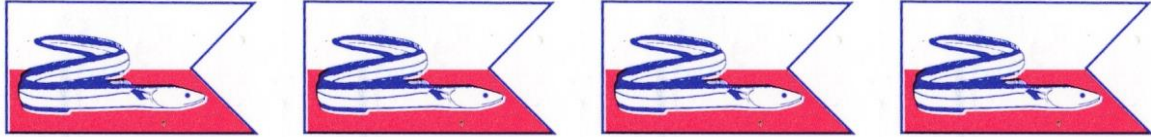
- 25lbs and over – Bronze
- 35lbs and over – Silver
- 45lbs and over – Gold

You can win only one of these a year. If you are fortunate enough to catch more than one medal category fish, you will receive the appropriate medal for your best eel. You will need to supply capture details and photographic evidence to **Records Officer** to be eligible. To supply details you will need to complete one of the club's Specimen Fish Entry forms.

**Other Awards:** To see what other annual awards are available from the BCC please refer to the table of awards in the "Records Officer" section.

**Other Events of interest to BCC Members:** Please note that the following events are **not organised by the British Conger Club**, but may be of interest to our members:

**Weymouth Conger Festival 2023:** 9, 10 & 11 August - contact Weymouth skippers or Weymouth Angling Centre for more information



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2023

Membership Number

Annual Subscription renewals are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year and should be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April (as per Rule No 9)

Tick Box

	Annual Membership Fee	
Full	£20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizens (over 60 yrs)	£10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Juniors (under 18 yrs) – STRAPS	£2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please complete all sections below to ensure all our information is accurate.

First Name:  Surname:

Address:

Town:  County:

Post Code:  Phone:

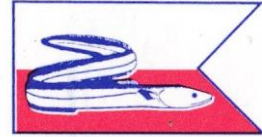
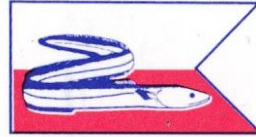
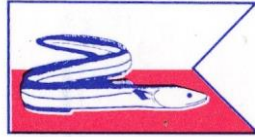
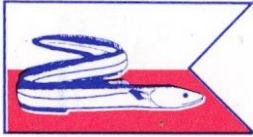
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CHEQUES ARE PAYABLE TO "THE BRITISH CONGER CLUB". SEND TOGETHER WITH THIS FORM TO: THE REGISTRAR, ALI SWEETMAN, 61 FOXES MEADOW, COTTERIDGE, BIRMINGHAM, B30 1BQ. PLEASE RENEW PROMPTLY.

*WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR RENEWAL IF YOU HAVE NOT SUPPLIED A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS.*

PAYMENT BY ONLINE BANK TRANSFER IS ALSO POSSIBLE. PLEASE CONTACT ALI SWEETMAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY THIS METHOD. IF PAYING BY ONLINE BANK TRANSFER PLEASE INFORM ALI SWEETMAN AND CLUB TREASURER KIM BOWDEN WHEN YOU HAVE DONE SO. *THIS WILL ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT MISS YOUR PAYMENT!*





## AFFILIATED CLUBS RENEWAL 2023

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Membership Number

**CLUB NAME:**

**CONTACT NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

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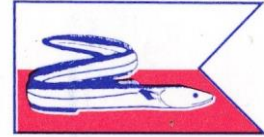
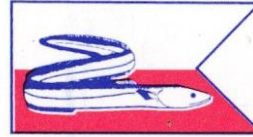
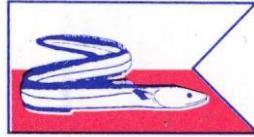
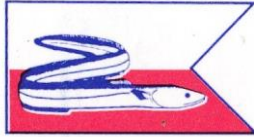
**NUMBER OF MEMBERS (For info only):**

**RENEWAL/JOINING FEE OF £30.00 ENCLOSED:**

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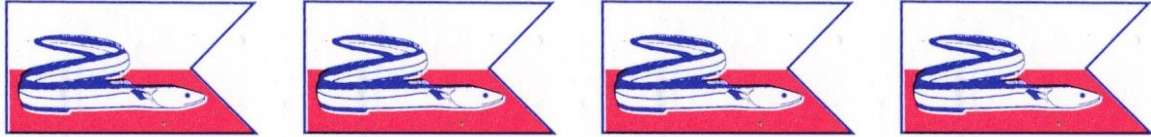
**FISH REPORTING FORM**

**For Life, Members and Members of Affiliated Clubs**

[bccfishrecorder@outlook.com](mailto:bccfishrecorder@outlook.com)

<b>FORENAME</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP NO:</b>		
<b>SURNAME</b>	LIFE [ ] MEMBER [ ] CURRENT ASSOCIATE [ ]		
<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>NAME OF AFFILIATED CLUB (If appropriate)</b>		
<b>CITY</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>		
<b>POST CODE or ZIP</b>			
<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Email:</b>		
<b>FISH CAPTURE DETAILS</b>	<b>DATE CAPTURED</b>		
<b>SPECIE CAPTURED</b>			
Conger Eel [ ] Other (Please specify)	WEIGHT [            ] LBS [            ] OZ		
<b>Place of Capture</b>	WRECK [ ] REEF or OPEN GROUND [ ] SHORE [ ]		
If caught on boat Denote:- WEIGHED AT SEA [ ] ESTIMATED [ ] PHOTOGRAPH [ ]			
<b>Data for Conger Eel if possible</b>			
LENGTH [            ] ins	GIRTH BEHIND PECTORAL FINS [            ] ins	GIRTH AT VENT [            ] ins	
WEIGHED ON DRY LAND [    ]		TYPE OF SCALES USED	
<b>BOAT NAME</b>	<b>SKIPPERS NAME</b>	<b>PORT</b>	
<b>WITNESS 1. NAME :</b>		<b>ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>WITNESS 2. NAME:</b>		<b>ADDRESS:</b>	

**BCC rules by law 3 d** - Members should notify the Fish Recorder of all fish of qualifying weight, or over, within twenty-eight (28) days of capture except for fish caught in the month of December, when fourteen (14) days will apply, in order to allocate Trophies and Awards and to notify the membership in advance of the AGM.



**BCC MEMBERS' ONLY BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM**  
**WEYMOUTH 29th & 30th JULY 2023**

To reserve a charter boat place in this 2 day competition the cost of entry is £250 per person.

Membership Number

Surname:  Christian Name:

Signature:  Date:

Address:

Town:  County:

Post Code:  Phone No:

Email Address:

I would like to fish with the following member/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your payment in one of the following ways:

**By email/Bank Transfer:** (preferred) to [michael.doody@sky.com](mailto:michael.doody@sky.com) with payment to the following account, using your surname as reference:

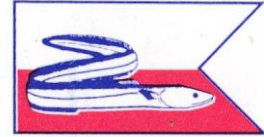
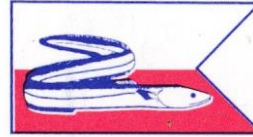
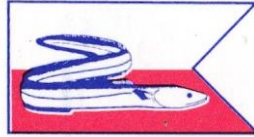
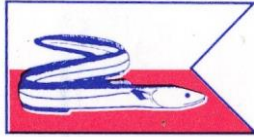
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