

GARRY EVANS FISHING TACKLE SEAMASTER EVENT.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE & RULES.

**SPONSORED BY
GARRY EVANS FISHING TACKLE
CARDIFF AND NEWPORT.**

**ORGANISED BY
Angling Cymru Sea Anglers East
Region (ACSAER)**

Garry Evans South Wales Seamasters Structure & Competition Rules.

Introduction:

In the early 1970's a series of Sea angling Competitions held by various clubs were developing around the South Wales coast. The South Wales Echo, through their Angling Correspondent, Ron Cousins were interested in the potential press coverage from these events, which they saw as an avenue to increase newspaper sales on a Friday.

In conjunction with the ACSAER (formerly East Region WFSA) who are the organising body of sea angling in South Wales. The South Wales Seamaster Event was created.

In recent years, the South Wales Echo withdrew sponsorship, resulting in the Vale of Glamorgan B.C. taking on limited sponsorship of the event in conjunction with the Barry Angling Festival. Due to changes in sponsorship criteria within the council support to the event is minimal. Consequently, a new main sponsor, namely GARRY EVANS Fishing Tackle based in Cardiff and Newport was negotiated.

Objectives:

1. To give maximum social media coverage of the Open Competition Scene in South Wales.
2. Increase media coverage in advance of the events, with the aim of building up interest in the competitions by sea anglers. Thus benefiting the organising clubs.

Allocation of Seamaster legs:

The ACSAER on behalf of the Garry Evans Fishing Tackle will oversee the allocation of Seamaster legs to a maximum of 10 legs plus the final. **See Appendix 1** for the current list of qualifying legs. Criteria listed in the allocation rules for Seamaster legs shown in **Appendix 2** must be met by all applications. **Single species matches are not allowed as Seamaster legs.**

Points Structure:

Each qualifying leg will carry a series of points allocated to the angler who achieve the top twenty weights in the competition. i.e. 20 points for 1st place, 19 for 2nd place & so on down to 1 point for 20th place. (This includes juniors who weigh in in size fish).

In the event of a tie, points covering the positions in question will be added together & divided equally between the anglers concerned. E.g. If 3 anglers tie for 1st place then 20,19 & 18 points are added together & divided by 3, resulting in each angler being awarded with 19 points. Situations further down the prize list, the same concept will apply.

Exceptions to the above rule will be if one of the anglers has more fish than the others. In this case, that angler will be awarded the highest number of points.

At the end of all qualifying legs, the top 20 anglers who have accrued the greatest number of points, will go forward to fish for the Garry Evans Seamaster title, which will be held in conjunction with the Barry Angling Festival. This will be fished in the autumn of the same year & will carry Seamaster points for the forthcoming series.

Garry Evans Seamaster Leg Sizes Limit & Rules.

Seamaster legs will be generally be fished to ACSA or East Region size limits rules. Clubs may organise events to different size limits & include any additional rules of their choosing. Details of ACSA size limits can be found on the ACSA web site. Additional sizes limits that vary from the ACSA sizes introduced by the ACSAER can be found in **Appendix 3** & on the fish card found in **Appendix 8**. See also **Appendix 6** for rules QR code.

Garry Evans Seamaster Final / Barry Angling Festival Competition Details:

Venue: Cold Knap, Porthkerry & Fontagary.

Date: October/November, actual date to be decided upon by the ACSAER 12 months in advance.

Competition limits Cold Knap Point Slipway (East) to Steps at Fontagary (West).

Entry fee: £10.00 for adults.
Free for juniors.

ACSAER will review entry fees annually.

Optional two £1.00 pools will be in operation for heaviest bag and heaviest pouting.

NOTE: Juniors will fish free for a separate prize list. Juniors will be allowed to fish in the main competition if a parent or guardian gives permission. **FULL ENTRY WILL BE PAYABLE & THE JUNIOR WILL FISH TO THE SAME SIZE LIMITS AS THE SENIORS. UNDER SIZE FISH CAN BE WEIGHED IN WITHIN THE JUNIOR COMPETITION AND BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE JUNIOR PRIZE.**

Booking in arrangements: Pre-booking will be at tackle shops that have donated prizes on the Saturday before the event. On the day booking in will be at the car park at THE CWM CIDDY & will finish an hour before the start of the competition.

Fishing times: Either side of low water, times depending on tide on the day. (Total of 5 hours.)

Presentation venue: Ship Hotel Barry.

Prize structure for GARRY EVANS Seamaster Finalists & Festival; Winners:

1. In recognition of the top 3 anglers accumulating the most points throughout the qualifying legs, Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st 2ND & 3rd placing. In the event of a tie, monies will be shared on the same principle as previously stated with the point's allocation. **The East Region will fund these prizes to the value of £250 broken down to 50%,30% & 20% respectively**
2. Resulting from the outcome of the Final held in conjunction with the Barry Angling Festival. The qualifier with the heaviest bag of fish will be declared the Garry Evans Seamaster Champion & will receive £250 Tackle Voucher plus the coveted Garry Evans Seamaster Trophy & Replica. Second & third places will receive £150 & £100 tackle voucher respectively. In the event of no finalist catching fish, the angler with the most points at the end of the qualifying legs will be declared the Garry Evans Seamaster Champion. The same principles will apply to second & third places.
3. The Top Twenty anglers weighing in at the Barry Angling Festival will be awarded prizes. The first and 2nd prizes will be **£500 & £250** respectively. The remaining prizes will be given on a **TAKE YOUR PICK BASIS**.

ACSAER Responsibilities:

1. To vet & approve all applications for Garry Evans Seamaster legs. Ensuring dates are not duplicated & do not clash with other National Events. In the event of two clubs/organisations applying for the same date, attempts will be made to solve the clash of dates with organisers concerned. If a compromise cannot be agreed the club/organisation who applied for the date first will be awarded the Seamaster leg. **ON NO ACCOUNT WILL TWO LEGS BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE.**
2. Arrange & organise all aspects of the Garry Evans Seamaster / Barry Angling Festival. This includes setting the competition date, compiling & distribution of the poster, organising booking in facilities, officiating at the weigh in & presentation, ensuring adequate stewarding of the competition & notifying the necessary Local Authority.
3. Ensure that the relevant insurance is in place on a 3rd party insurance liability basis.
4. Produce a balance of accounts & match report to be presented to Garry Evans, social media & ACSA East Region webpage.
5. Guarantee the first & second prize regardless of entry for the Barry Angling Festival.

Club Responsibilities:

1. Ensure the smooth running of all aspects of the event, in compliance with the application & competition rules.
2. Publish posters and distribute according, including local, national & social media. Ensure that the leg document on the poster is a Garry Evans Fishing Tackle Seamaster qualifier.
3. Provide details of the top twenty anglers from each event & forward to ACSAER Secretary Steve Chadwick which will then be posted on Facebook social media groups & updated on the ACSA web site. To enable clubs to update & publish results throughout the series of qualifying legs. See Appendix 7 for information required.
4. Guarantee the first prizes and at least 9 other prizes, with a separate table of 3 prizes for juniors.

Compiled by Steve Chadwick on behalf of the ACSAER & Garry Evans Fishing Tackle.

Reviewed & amended 1st November 2023. Ratified by the ASCAER committee on the 1st of November 2023.

Review date 6th November 2024.

Appendix 1:

GARRY EVANS SEAMASTER QUALIFYING EVENTS. (MAXIMUM OF 10 PLUS FINAL)

A £25 registration fee made payable to Angling Cymru Sea Anglers East Region.

***Charity open events are exempt from this fee.**

1. Seamaster Final / Barry Angling Festival.
2. Gwent & District SAC Open.
3. Newport SAC Open.
4. Llantwit Major Charity Open.*
5. Newport SAC Charity Open.*
6. Tata Steel SAC Open.
7. SWFA Open.
8. Penarth SAC Open.
9. Penarth Holiday Week Open.*
10. Cardiff SAC Open.
11. ACSA Aberavon Open.

APPENDIX 2:

ACSAER / GARRY EVANS FISHING TACKLE ALLOCATION RULES FOR SEAMASTER LEGS.

1. Acceptance of all rules is compulsory on application.
2. All Seamaster legs will be fished to ACSAER Seamaster leg rules. See Appendix 3 for details. Plus any additional rules of the organising clubs choosing.
3. Matches must be fished to either ACSA, ACSAER or Club sizes limits.
4. Single species matches are not allowed as Seamaster legs.
5. Juniors in matches with their own separate prize table will be allowed to weigh in undersize fish but will not count in the main prize list structure.
6. A registration fee of £25 pounds will be payable to the Angling Cymru Sea Anglers East Region on application for the Seamaster leg. **Charity events are except from this fee.**
7. A maximum of 10 Seamaster legs will be fished plus the Seamaster Final in any one series. All will carry points to be counted towards the forthcoming year.
8. Application will be considered by the ACSAER from any club/organisation, which has been established & affiliated to a governing body for more than 1 year.
9. Within the boundaries of the set fishing limits, **roving will be allowed unless clearly stated on the poster.**
10. The inclusion of piers, jetties etc. in a competition will be permitted provided it is advertised on the Competition poster.
11. Every Seamaster leg must be indemnified by a minimum of third party liability insurance.
12. The organising club/organisation will ensure adequate stewarding of any Seamaster event.
13. The organising club/organisation will ensure that limits are clearly defined & stewarded to prevent anglers fishing out of bounds.
14. **All Garry Evans Seamaster legs must have a risk assessment in place for the day of the event. See Appendix 9.**
15. **Leaving of litter on the beach.**

Any angler reported via the rules violation procedure for leaving litter on the beach will be fined £20 and issued a yellow card. A second offence in the series will result in a ban from the remaining legs. The leaving of plastic of any description, glass bottles and tin cans etc. etc. on the beach is now banned in all Garry Evans Seamaster & Shore League matches. Any left-over bait which is not likely to be engulfed by the incoming tide should be thrown into the sea.

Appendix 3

ACSAER GARRY EVANS SEAMASTER & SHORE LEAGUE COMPETITION RULE.

- Acceptance of the rules is compulsory on entry.
All events run by the ACSAER will be fished to ACSA size limits with the exception of the following: Whiting 27cm. Pouting/Poor Cod 18cm. Bull Huss 45cm. Other Club open competitions may fish to other sizes limits but not if they use the Garry Evans Fish cards supplied by the East region ACSA.
- The organising officials reserve the right to inspect all tackle boxes & containers of participants. Refusal of the inspection will result in automatic disqualification from the competition.
- All fishing lines will be out of the water 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition.
- Any in size fish caught before the start of the competition must return to the water. Unless intended to be used as bait (not silver eels and bass) & must be de-tailed prior to the start of the match. In size fish caught during the match with the exception of silver eels and bass may also be used as bait as long as they are de-tailed after being weighed.
- The minimum distance between two anglers rod stands must **be 5 metres with exception of less abled anglers & junior's under the age of 14 or by mutual consent of other anglers.** Fishing/casting in front or directly behind a fellow competitor is strictly forbidden.
 - **MINORS (UNDER 18's) must be under supervision at all times by a parent or designated guardian whose name must be made known to the event organiser must be under supervision at all times by a parent or designated guardian whose name must be made known to the event organiser.**
- **IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY**, it is recommended that casting styles of all competitors be undertaken in a manner, which respects the **HEATH & SAFTEY** of fellow anglers in close proximity. The use of shock leader is **COMPLUSORY** where the breaking strain of which should be more than adequate to handle the size of the lead weight being cast. As a guide, it is generally accepted that the shock leader used should be ten times the strength of the weight use. E.g. if the lead used is 5 ozs, and then the shock leader should be a minimum of 50lb breaking strain. All competitors have the right to question the style of casting of another competitor with the nearest available steward. If the style being used is considered to be dangerous, then that competitor will be warned. A second warning will mean disqualification.
- **Wading out to cast or retrieve a fish above knee height is not allowed.** This also includes gaining access to fishing locations such as Sully Island, Sand Spit, Stout Point & St Donats Point. Anyone found guilty of this rule will be disqualified from the competition.

- Putting a spare rod stand by a competitor for him/her self to reserve what would be a considered to be legitimate available fishing space is strictly forbidden. Should a competitor be found guilty of these practise, disqualification from the event along with forfeit of entry fee will be automatic. Provision can be made to reserve a space for an organising official of the event.
- In shore league legs no stands are allowed to be put on the beach in advance of the booking in procedure.
- Foul hooked Fish - Any fish, which is deemed to be caught fairly, can be registered providing that it has been hooked by only one angler. Fish brought in with a second rig attached is allowed but must be hooked on the anglers own rig, and that the second rig is not attached to another anglers rod.
- Except in roving competitions, once a competitor has started to fish, the only movement permitted is up or down the beach, unless it is necessary to move along the beach to land a fish or un-tangle crossed lines. Any movement along the beach to cast is not allowed if by doing so another competitor is passed. No casting behind an adjacent angler.
- The practise of two competitors sharing one rod stand is not permitted under any circumstances. Including when fishing with a junior.
- When measuring fish, only ridged-calibrated measures should be used & where possible laid on a flat surface. The fish must be laid on the measure with mouth closed/snout touching the end stop of the measure. Holding the fish firmly with one hand straighten the fish with the other hand along the measure. The length should then be recorded when appropriate with the tail closed. In all matches, measurement should be round down to the nearest centimetre. with the tail closed.

Note: Fish must not be measured using paper or cloth tapes, as these are prone to stretching & shrinkage. On no account should a fish be measured with the measure on the top of the fish, this results in inaccurate measurement due the measure following the contour of the fish.

- A maximum of 3 in size fish may be recorded & weighed in at any one time with the nearest angler or opposing team member in shore league matches, at the earliest practicable time. **The one exception to this rule relates to Smooth Hounds, which must be weighed, recorded & released before the anglers next cast.**
- Fish when landed, must be kept completely separate from those caught by other competitors or companions. This includes rock pools or any form of holding apparatus.
- Any competitor found guilty of cheating may be subject to a life ban from all events held under the auspices of the ACSA East Region & may face exposure to higher Angling Cymru authorities, & the media.
- Cars will be parked only in the areas designated for that purpose; this applies in particular to competitions fished at Cardiff Foreshore & Rhoose point.
- For competitions held on Cardiff Foreshore. Any competitor gaining access by car to Port Authority property before the agreed access time will be disqualified. Entrance fees to the Competition will be forfeited.

Leaving of litter on the beach: The leaving of plastic of any description, glass bottles and tin cans etc on the beach is now banned in all Garry Evans Seamaster & Shore League matches left over bait that is not likely to be engulfed by the incoming tide should be thrown into the sea. Any angler reported via the rules violation procedure for leaving

litter on the beach will be fined £20 and issued a yellow card. A second offence in the year will banned from matches for a year.

Complaints Procedure: See appendix 4. Should any competitor feel justified to make a complaint against any one or more fellow competitors regarding contravention of the rules, cheating or leaving of litter. This must be submitted in writing & handed to any official prior to the closing of the scales at the official weigh in. There is a complaints form available at Shore League & Open matches run by the East Region on request. Complainants name will remain anonymous to everyone other than the organisers dealing with the complaint.

Warning, any angler who witnesses blatant disregard for the rules & does not inform the event organiser via the complaints procedure will face disciplinary action.

Fish card completion. Note: It is the sole responsibility of the angler to as to the safety of the card & to ensure the card is handed in at the weight in.

- **Name & Club (if any) to be inserted on the card.**
- **Fish Species section must be completed (no dittos) & legible weight recorded.**
- **All fish must be individually signed with a full legible signature by an adjacent angler in biro or fine line pens. No pencils or felt tip pens allowed.**
- **In shore matches fish cards must be signed by a member of an opposing team.**
- **Accumulative totals of fish weight are not mandatory as each cards will be checked by event organisers.**
- **Failure to comply with the above will result in disqualification.**

APPENDIX 4

ACSAER SEAMASTER / SHORE LEAGUE LEG COMPLAINTS PERFORMA

NAME OF COMPLAINANT.....

COMPLAINANTS NAME WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS TO EVERYONE OTHER THEN THE ORGANISERS DEALING WITH THE COMPLAINT.

BRIEF PRECIS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDING ANY CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE & WITNESS STATEMENTS.

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BY INDIVIDUAL/S/TEAM/S.....

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SIGNATURE.....

Penalties:

Litter violation: Any angler reported via the rules violation procedure for leaving litter on the beach will be fined £20 and issued a yellow card. A second offence in the series will result in a ban from the remaining legs in the series.

Rule Violation: Will result in disqualification from the match and a yellow card. Second offence ban from all remaining legs in the series.

Cheating: Any competitor found guilty of cheating may be subject to a life ban from all events held under the auspices of the ACSA & may face exposure to associated angling organisations & media.

Appendix 5.

PEGGED MATCH RULES FOR THE ACSAER GARRY EVANS SEAMASTER LEG / PENN POINTS QUALIFIER AT ABERAVON ORGANISED BY TATA STEEL SAC.

MATCH TYPE: PEGGED, 4 ZONES, 25 PEGS PER ZONE. CATCH MEASURE & RELEASE MATCH. PRIZES & POINTS WILL BE AWARDED ON THE CONTINENTAL SYSTEM.

FISH SIZE LIMITS: ALL FISH MUST COMPLY THE ACSAER SIZE LIMITS DOCUMENTED ON THE FISH CARD. ROUNDED DOWN TO THE NEAREST CM.

RAYS MEASURED TAIL TO SNOUT.

ONLY SOLID MEASURES TO BE USED FOR MEASURING OF FISH NO TAPE OR DIY MEASURES.

ALL FISH CAUGHT ON A CAST MUST BE BROUGHT TO AN ADJACENT ANGLER IN A BUCKET OF WATER FOR MEASUREMENT & RECORDING. THE FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IN FRONT OF THE ANGLER SIGNING THE FISH CARD BEFORE THE NEXT CAST IS RETRIEVED.

ANY FISH CAUGHT TO BE KEPT FOR THE TABLE OR BAIT MUST HAVE THE TAIL REMOVED INFRONT OF AN ADJACENT ANGLER.

CARD MANAGEMENT: ANGLERS NAME MUST BE ON THE CARD. ALL FISH TO BE DOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALLY WITH SPECIES NAME, ALONG WITH RECORDED LENGTH. EACH FISH MUST BE SIGNED OFF INDIVIDUALLY BY AN ADJACENT ANGLER. NO DITTOS.

SAFTEY: MINIMUM OF 50LB SHOCK LEADER REQUIRED. NO CASTING BEHIND ADJACENT ANGLERS LEFT OR RIGHT OF THE ALLOCATED PEG.

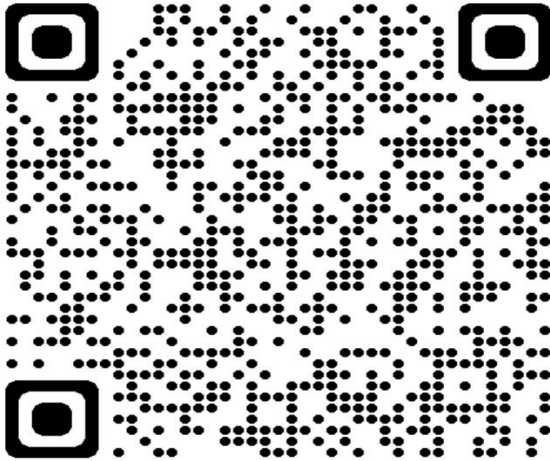
PEG BOUNDARIES: ANGLING ACTIVITIES MUST TO RESTRICTED TO UP & DOWN THE BEACH DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE ALLOCATED PEG, UNLESS RETRIEVING FISH OR SORTING OUT ADJACENT ANGLERS TANGLED RIGS.

NO WADING OVER KNEE HEIGHT.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE: SEE APPENDIX 1. ANY ANGLERS WISHING TO MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANOTHER PARTICIPATING ANGLER MUST DO SO IN WRITING THE END OF THE MATCH. A COMPLAINTS PRO FORMA WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RESULTS LOCATION ON REQUEST. THE COMPLAINT WILL BE DEALT WITH BY TWO MATCH OFFICIALS PLUS ONE OTHER INDEPENDENT PARTICIPATING ANGLER. COMPLAINTANTS NAME WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS TO EVERYONE OTHER THEN THE ORGANISERS DEALING WITH THE COMPLAINT.

THE ABOVE RULES & GUIDELINES ARE A CONTROLLED DOCUMENT COMPILED BY STEVE CHADWICK. THE DOCUMENT WAS RATIFIED BY THE ACSA EAST REGION BI MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE MONKSTONE INN. THE NEXT REVIEW DATE WILL BE ON THE 6TH OF NOVEMBER 2024.

APPENDIX 6 :Rules QR code.



APPENDIX 7.

GARRY EVANS FISHING TACKLE SEAMASTER QUALIFING EVENT

CLUB/ORGANISATION:..... EVENT:.....

DATE:.....

VENUE:.....

Position	Name	Club	Weight in Kilos/grams	*Address and Tele Number	Seamaster Points
1					
2					
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Junior Results.

Position	Name	Club	Weight in kilos/grams	Address & Tele No
*1				
2				
3				

Notes.

1. List to be telephoned or E-Mailed to Steve Chadwick Steve.t.chadwick@btinternet.com by the Monday (AM) after the competition to enable the results to be published on social media & ACSA web page.
2. *Address and telephone number are only required for the top 3 seniors & 1ST junior.

Appendix 8: Fish recording Card:

GARRY EVANS
TACKLE CENTRES

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Whitchurch Road Newport
Cardiff CF14 3JQ NP20 5ZL
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MINIMUM FISH SIZES

SPECIES	SIZE IN CM
BASS	45
COD	36
DAB	23
L. S. DOGFISH / BULL HUSS	45
EEL CONGER	61
FLOUNDER	25
GARFISH	31
GOLDEN GREY MULLET	20
MULLET THICK LIP	31
PLAICE	27
POLLACK	36
POUTING / POOR COD	18
ROCKLING / 3 BEARD	23
ROCKLING / 5 BEARD	16
SILVER EEL	38
SMOOTHOUND	61
SOLE DOVER	25
SPOTTED RAY	30 (w to w)
ALL OTHER RAYS	45 (w to w)
WHITING	27

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RULES QR CODE

TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

NAME _____ ZONE _____
CLUB _____ PEG _____

SPECIES	Weight gm/kg	Running Total	WITNESS
1			
2			
3			
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20			
Total Weight			

HEALTH & SAFETY COMPETITION RULES

- COMPULSORY USE OF SHOCK LEADER
10 X THE WEIGHT OF LEAD BEING CAST.
- NO WADING ABOVE MID THIGH HEIGHT WHILST CASTING,
RETRIEVING FISH OR ACCESSING FISHING LOCATIONS SUCH AS
SULLY ISLAND, THE SAND SPIT, ST DONATS & STOUT POINT.
- MINIMUM OF 5 METERS BETWEEN ROD STANDS UNLESS MUTUALLY
AGREED WITH ADJACENT ANGLERS
- NO CASTING BEHIND ADJACENT ANGLERS

Fish card completion. Note: It is the sole responsibility of the angler to as to the safety of the card & to ensure the card is handed in at the weight in.

- Name & Club (if any) to be inserted on the card.
- Fish Species section must be completed (no dittos) & legible weight recorded.
- **All fish must be individually signed with a full signature by an adjacent angler in biro. No pencils or thick felt tip pens allowed.**
- In shore matches fish cards must be signed by a member of an opposing team.
- Accumulative totals of fish weight are not mandatory as each cards will be checked by event organisers.
- Failure to comply with the above will result in disqualification.

Appendix 9 Generic Risk Assessment.



ACSA East Region
Generic