

**GARRY EVANS FISHING TACKLE
SEAMASTER EVENT.**

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

& RULES.

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

ORGANISED BY

THE EAST REGION W.F.S.A.

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 East Region WFSA who are the organising body of organised 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 has been negotiated.

Objectives:

1. To give maximum press coverage of the Open Competition Scene in South Wales.
2. Increase press 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 East Region WFSA 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's 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.

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 most number of points, will go forward to fish for the 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 season.

Garry Evans Seamaster Leg Sizes Limit & Rules.

Seamaster legs will be generally be fished to WFSA or East Region size limits rules. Clubs may organise events to different size limits & include any additional rules of their choosing. Details of WFSA size limits can be found on the WFSA web site. Additional sizes limits that vary from the WFSA sizes introduced by the ER WFSA can be found in Appendix 3 & on the fish card found in appendix 5.

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 ER WFSA 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.

The ER WFSA 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 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 hour before the start of the competition.

Fishing times: Either side of low water, times depending on tide on the day.

Presentation venue: Rhoose Social Club

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. Funding of these prizes will be from Seamaster leg registration fee of £25 per club. There are at present 7 clubs/organisations who are obliged to pay this fee. Which is payable to the ER WFSA at the time of application to run the event. One charity event per year is exempt from paying this fee.
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 **NOMINATED**. The remaining prizes will be given on a **TAKE YOUR PICK BASIS**.

East Region WFSA 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 available on a 3rd party insurance liability basis.
4. Produce a balance of accounts & match report to be presented to Garry Evans
5. Guarantee the first 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 as a Garry Evans Fishing Tackle Seamaster qualifier.
3. Provide details of the top twenty anglers from each event & forward to East Region Shore Secretary Steve Chadwick which will then be forwarded to the South Wales Echo, updated on the WFSA web site & social media. To enable them to update & publish results throughout the series of qualifying legs. See Appendix 4 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 East Region WFSA & Garry Evans Fishing Tackle.

Up dated 24th December 2018.

Appendix 1:

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

1. Seamaster Final / Barry Angling Festival.
2. Gwent & District SAC Open.
3. Newport SAC Open.
4. Llantwit Major Charity Open*
5. East Region WFSA Open
6. SWFA Open.
7. Penarth SAC Open.
8. Penarth Holiday Week Open.
9. WFSA Open.

*** DENOTES COMPETITION EXEMPT FROM £25 REGISTRATION FEES.**

APPENDIX 2:

EAST REGION WFSA / 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 WFSA & Seamaster leg rules. See WFSA handbook & Appendix 3 for details. Plus any additional rules of the organising clubs choosing.
3. Matches must be fished to either WFSA/ER WFSA 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 East Region WFSA on application for the Seamaster leg.
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 ER WFSA from any club/organisation, which has been established & affiliated to a governing body for more than 3 years.
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. All competition organisers must provide each entrant with a current set of Seamaster competition rules. A copy of the WFSA handbook must be available at the booking in / weighing in venues.
13. The organising club/organisation will ensure adequate stewarding of any Seamaster event.
14. The organising club/organisation will ensure that limits are clearly defined & stewarded to prevent anglers fishing out of bounds.
15. **Leaving of litter on the beach:**

A new rule was voted in at the 2018 AGM meeting as follows:

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 matches Any left over bait which is not likely to be engulfed by the incoming tide should be thrown into the sea.

Appendix 3

EAST REGION WFSA GARRY EVANS SEAMASTER & SHORE LEAGUE COMPETITION RULE.

- **Acceptance of the rules is compulsory on entry.**
All events run by the East Region WFSA will be fished to WFSA size limits with the exception of the following: Spotted/Cuckoo Ray 30cm /All other Ray's 45cm wing tip to wing tip. 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 WFSA.
- **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, unless by mutual agreement of all interested parties to fish in closer proximity. Fishing/casting in front or directly behind a fellow competitor is strictly forbidden.**
- **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 could mean disqualification.**
- **Wading out to cast or to retrieve a fish above mid-thigh is not allowed. This also includes gaining access to Sully Island.**
- **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. 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.**

- **Foul hooked Fish - Any fish, which is deemed to be caught fairly, will register, and provided that it has been hooked by only one angler and is not landed on previously lost tackle.**
- **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.**
- **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.

- **All “in size” fish caught will be reported to & booked in individually to the nearest angler or opposing team member at the earliest practicable time, where the species & approximate length will be recorded on the competitors match card.**
- **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 WFSA & may face exposure to fellow angling organisations & the media.**
- **Cars will be parked only in the areas designated for that purpose; this applies in particular to competitions fished at Cardiff Foreshore & Rhose 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 be banned from matches for a year.

Complaints Procedure: 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.

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.

- 1. Name & Club (if any) to be inserted on the card.**
- 2. Fish Species section must be completed (no dittos) & legible weight recorded.**
- 3. All fish must be individually signed by an adjacent angler but not from the same team in shore league matches.**
- 4. Failure to comply with the above may result in disqualification**
- 5. may result in disqualification.**

APPENDIX 4

GARRY EVEANS FISHING TACKLE SEAMASTER QUALIFYING EVENT

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

DATE:.....

VENUE:.....

Position	Name	Club	Weight in Kilos/grams	*Address and Tele Number	Seamaster Points
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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 in the South Wales Echo on the following Friday.
2. *Address and telephone number are only required for the top 3 seniors & 1ST junior.
- 3.

Appendix 5: Booking in Card:

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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



TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

ZONE _____ PEG No. _____

NAME _____

CLUB _____

SPECIES	Weight gm/kg	Running Total	WITNESS
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Total Weight			

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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).
- All fish must be individually signed by another participating angler (no dittos).
- Recording of fish weights must be legible.

Failure to comply with the above may result in disqualification.

APPENDIX 6.

EAST REGION WFSA GARRY EVANS SEAMASTER RULE / LITTER
VILALATION PERFORMA

NAME OF COMPLAINT.....

BRIEF PRECIS OF VILALATION.....

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BY INDIVIDUAL/S NAME/S.....

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COMPLAINT SIGNATURE.....

£10 deposit to be attached to Performa. (Refundable if objection is upheld by a committee of 2 organisers plus an independent angler participating in the competition.)

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 WFSA & may face exposure to associated angling organisations & media.

Note: £20 fines will be paid into the general East Region WFSA bank account and shown as litter fines on the annual balance of account audit.