

Invitation to Nordic Championships in Spear fishing 2009

4th and 5th September

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We have now been to Bornholm and we were not disappointed!



The fishing and the landscape is really good!

We had good catches of Cod 1-5kg, Turbot 0.5-2.5kg, Garfish and Flounder. Also big trout were spotted and filmed...but not caught. We saw no Perch and pikes – but we know they are there! The depth was from 1-16m, but it was possible to fish even deeper very close to shore. Lots of rocks and caves everywhere, and very little naked sand. Interesting. Some current but not too much. Cold water 9 degrees (in June) and because of low salinity you feel heavy. And second day we had very big waves. The areas are huge – 5 hours is almost too little...

NEWS

The Swedes are ready and will come 4 strong men! We are looking forward to this!
The Eel have banned to catch in Denmark for spearfishers in competition!
Compasses will be mandatory to use in competition!

Minimum sizes for counting and (legal minimum size).

Turbot 32cm (30cm)
Flounder 30cm (25cm)
Plaice 30cm (25cm)

Cod 40cm (38cm)
Garfish 45 cm
Pike 55cm (50cm)
Perch 30cm
Trout 45cm (40cm)
Salmon 65cm (60cm)
Herring 25cm
Mackerel 25cm

Eel – not allowed to catch - disqualification
Ide, bream, brass – not counting
All carp fish – not counting
All baitfish – not counting

Fish smaller than legal minimum size is reason for disqualification!

Flatfish (bentic) fish are 1 point each gram and 100 points each fish.
Pelagic fish are 2 points each gram and 500 points each fish.

2 species 500 bonus points
3 species 1000 bonus points
4 species 2000 bonus points
5 species 3000 bonus points
6 species 4000 bonus points

Time and place – remember the new dates (4th and 5th)!

The Competition will take place on Bornholm, Denmark, on the Friday 4th and Saturday 5th of September 2009. The length of competition time is 5 hours each day.

Accommodation

Please book your accommodation as soon as possible. Bornholm is a very busy tourist island with a lot of pre-bookings. Danish national team, all information and headquarter for the Championships will be at "Sandkaas Camping". So it would be a good place to stay. IMPORTANT! BOOK SOON!

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Poppelvej 2, 3770 Allinge



Accommodation is available in 6 person's cabin and other types also. Prices are reasonable.

Transport

Bornholm can only be reached with ferries (it's an Island). Ystad (Sweden), Køge (Denmark) and few places in Poland and Germany have harbours with ferry connections.

See www.bornholmstrafikken.dk or the link to the schedule

<http://www.bornholmstrafikken.dk/siteDocs/objekter/464.pdf>

A car is preferable as the public transportation on the island is very poor. Boats for scouting are not necessary as everything is accessible from shore – but you can bring boats all you want.

Inscription

National teams' detailed inscription must be sent by E-mail by 23th of August 2009 to:

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The Norwegians, Fins and Danes invited are three teams plus one in reserve (10). Sweden is invited 1 team and one spear fisher in reserve (4).

Together with Nordic Championships the Danes are also having their election for national team 2010. Therefore another 8 Danes will be joining the event – but not the Nordic Championships competition.

The fishing and the diving

Flounders are plentiful but not very big specimens. Turbot are not uncommon but 2.5 kg is big – and many many small ones (not counting).

Cods are not as plenty as Norway, but a possible catch. Bornholm is known for its wild stocks of trout, but trout's are difficult to catch at day time. Pike, perch and pikeperch are random freshwaters residents which is quite normal in the sheltered places around the island. Garfish are quite normal and big specimens are caught in these waters. Generally the underwater landscape reminds that of Kristiansund – but no big kelp and fewer offshore reefs. Often very good visibility. 25m of depth can be found a few hundred meters from shore.

Points

2 point for each gram pelagic fish (cod, trout, mullet, perch, pike, garfish and such)
and 500 points for each pelagic fish.

1 point for each gram benthic fish (flounder, turbot, plaice)
and 100 points for each benthic fish.

Bonus points

1 species : 0 points
2 species : 500 points
3 species : 1000 points
4 species : 2000 points
5 species : 3000 points
And so on...

A maximum of 7 fishes for each species counts. Bring all fish ashore.

Ide, bream, wrasse, lumpfish, all carp fish and baitfish are not counting any points at all.

Rules

We have a whole bunch rules in common with the Finnish and the Norwegian spear fishers – but here is the most important and the most “Danish” rules as follows.

- No fishing inside harbours, piers and such. Only on the outside.
- Keep distance of 20m to all divers when fishing and diving.
- All participants must carry a visible signal A flag (blue and white). This is Danish laws – and not obeying is reason enough for being disqualified.
- If a spear fisher is delayed he will get 1000 points of penalty for each minute until the 10th where he is disqualified.
- Fish caught below the legal minimum size is reason for disqualification.
- No electronic devices are allowed except diving computers
- It is mandatory to have the buoy-line connected to the spearos weight belt.
- It is mandatory to buy a **fishing license** for the Danish seas. It's available at all post offices. The price is 35 kr. for a day and 100 kr. for a week. The license must be shown on request!
- Catching eel has been banned

- Using a compass is mandatory since we have had some problems with heavy suddenly fog

Safety

We will have boats in the competition area to secure the divers, but be aware that there is a lot of traffic from other sailing or trolling boats. Look around – and make sure you're A flag is visible.

Sweden and the Baltic Cup

We will invite a Swedish spear fishing team to join our competition as well. We will have an extra amount of Danish divers (in all 18) as we will combine Nordic Championships with a Danish competition. 10 fins, 10 Norwegians, 4 Swedes and 18 Danes are invited. Therefore we will not host Baltic cup this year. Sorry. On the other hand we look forward to meet the Swedes in a spear fishing competition.

Information

It is our purpose to keep the level of information high. We will give the information as soon as we have it ready. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Villadsen.morten@gmail.com

Best wishes on behalf of the Danish Spear fishing Committee,

Morten Villadsen