



# **SFSA Member Newsletter**

**March 2021**

# COVID-19 Latest for Angling



It was good news that angling was allowed throughout the current lockdown subject to all the other restrictions and was a big win for us here in Scotland. Numerous online meetings, written submissions and presentations have been made to ensure the Scottish Government and all relative agencies had the information required to allow this.

Matching our own resource and expertise with those of our partner organisations under Angling Scotland resulted in a very hard fought result for angling in Scotland. We hope that we can continue to leverage the Angling Scotland group to achieve even more for Sea Angling in Scotland.

You can get the latest angling guidelines on the website- <https://www.anglingscotland.org.uk/>  
Some media from Angling Scotland on Covid-19 lately on next page.



**Angling Scotland Limited**



# COVID-19 Latest for Angling



Update MARCH 2021 Zone Scotland

## KEY CHANGES FOR LEVEL 4 AREAS WITH EFFECT 12 MARCH 2021

Full details will be published as soon as approved  
by SportScotland

### 1. Travel applicable at all times

a. Adults (over 18).  
NO CHANGE (Stay local, no travel  
outside local authority area)

b. Children (17 and under).  
May travel outside local authority  
area for some organized sport/  
activity at their usual club/facility.

### 2. Coaching

a. Adults and children 12 and over.  
Organised outdoor non-contact  
group training sessions for a  
maximum of 15 people (including  
the coach/es).

b. Children under 12.  
Organised outdoor contact and  
non-contact training sessions  
for up to 30 children (including the  
coach/es).

### 3. Outdoor Sport and Competition

Young People and Adults (aged 12 years or over) can take part in non-contact organised sport including training, group exercise, aerobics, fitness classes and competition within their normal club or facility environment with up to 15 people, including coaches, at any one time.

Physical distancing should always be maintained, and travel restrictions above must be complied with.



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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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In guidance with SportScotland

Stay home and #StopTheSpread  
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# **COVID-19**

## **Charter Boats**



As many of you will know, charter boats in Scotland have had a hard time of it over the last year, with lockdowns, restrictions on travel etc. Many of these skippers are self employed sole traders with high overheads and low profits and we even had a few new starters last year (the first in a while), so even harder for them. Most of them haven't been able to claim much in the way of income support or reprieves in costs such as harbour dues etc.

The Federation has therefore been liaising with skippers throughout the last 6 months to support them in any way we could, we aren't a trade body for them but we obviously have an interest that boats are there for our anglers to use when we get back to normality.

As part of this we have been lobbying Visit Scotland very hard to include charter boats in their latest restart fund (Country Sports Restart) after they were excluded from the Marine and Outdoor Tourism Fund. I am glad to say that angling charters was specifically listed in the applicable sectors when the fund opened. The fund is limited and it's a lengthy application but hopefully some of the skippers may get some benefit.

## Conservation & Environment

### “Our Seas”



I hope many of you will have seen the Our Seas video that went live in February, it certainly was an interesting watch. If you haven't, it is up on the website- <https://www.ourseas.scot/> .

The Federation has maintained active in the coalition and engagement with government agencies continues a pace to try and build some momentum to reintroduce a limit. The coalition is now up to 98 and includes members such as the National Trust for Scotland, the Fairlie Coastal Trust and the Scottish Creel Fisherman's Federation. Hopefully this year we have some further news to share.

If you or your club would like to get more involved then please get in touch either through the Federation or the “Our Seas” website. If you can spread the petition and the Our Seas Coalition to other anglers, friends and family through any media you can ... Facebook, Email that would be very useful.

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# Conservation & Environment

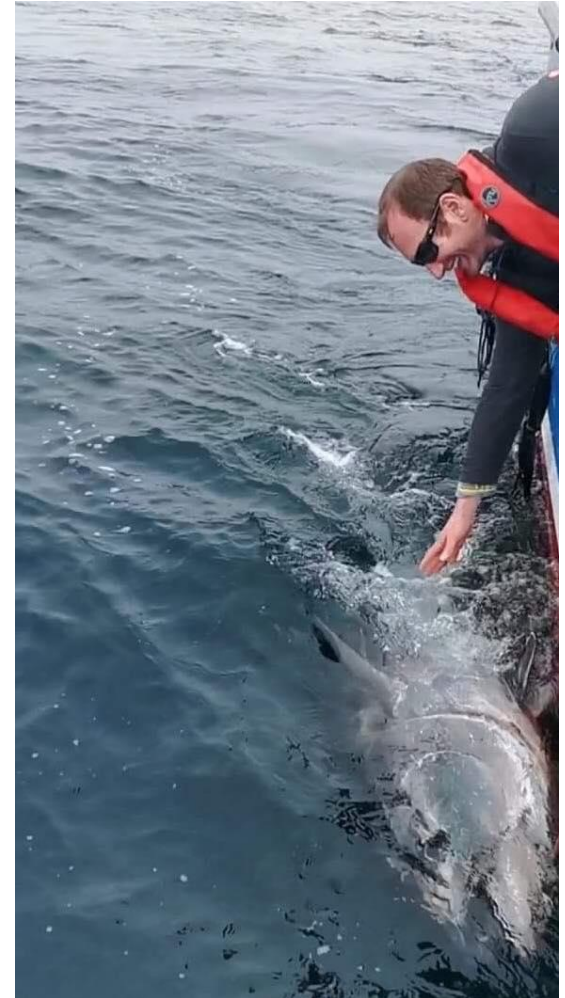
## Blue Fin Tuna



We are delighted to be providing assistance to Harris Development Limited this year, who have secured funding to undertake a Social Economic analysis of a potential BFT fishery in Scotland with funding from Marine Scotland.

We will be attending seminars and sharing knowledge with the report authors as well as possibly running some surveys with our members to assist data collection, so look out for an email over the coming months.

If you are interested in future trips targeting Blue Fin Tuna from Harris you can contact Angus Campbell @ Isle of Harris Sea Tours- <https://www.isleofharrisseatours.co.uk/> .



## Conservation & Environment

### Public Access



There appears to be more and more fishing spots such as piers and breakwaters being shutdown with H&S being cited by facility owners / occupiers. The Asco / Peterhead Port Authority one comes to mind.

We would like to gather ideas on how we could assist with this issue and would welcome any feedback from our members. In addition, just letting us know about similar issues you are aware of would be very useful.

Hopefully there is some assistance we can provide in future. Please email me @ [alasdair.campbell101@gmail.com](mailto:alasdair.campbell101@gmail.com)



# Juniors

## Ian Golds Kick the Bucket Challenge



You may be aware that Ian Golds is raffling of his fishing tackle to generate cash for the Home Nations Junior and ladies teams as per opposite.

A great gesture for him at such a time for him and if you would like to involved please have a look at his facebook page for the latest details.

### *The Ian Golds* *Kick the Bucket Twenty Grand Challenge*



*As I have a limited life expectancy and won't be needing my fishing gear where I'm going, hence the name of the challenge, I decided to sell most of my old tat and give the proceedings to help England's juniors on their international quests. Decided to include all of the Home Nations international teams too as it cost them just as much so thought it fair to help them too.*

*Extended it a bit more to include some help for the youths and to also hopefully encourage more ladies into this wonderful fishing game and to promote angling for these groups as much as possible in the future.*

*All proceeds will go towards helping support the Home Nations junior, youth and ladies International programmes and promote angling as much as possible among those groups.*

*They are the future of this amazing hobby we love so dearly.*



*Last remaining three 'Ian Golds' IG-8000- SURF reels I had made many years ago. Was going to start selling them but decided against it due to costs. Was left with a lot of spools from the original samples so these come with 5 spare spools! Some spools have been used so will have line on, but the reels are brand new...*



# Competitions

## Species Hunt



Scottish  
Federation  
of Sea  
Anglers

### SFSA SPECIES HUNT 2021

£5 Entry fee to members of  
the federation or affiliated club



100% of money goes to nominated charity



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Off the back of the great success of last years Species Hunt, the league is running again in 2021. Despite restrictions on travelling, anglers have been working hard to clock up species local to them. You can still enter and everything you need to know is opposite. You can see some of the catches from this year so far on the next page.

# Competitions Species Hunt



## Notable Catches



We have recently being notified of two outstanding catches with potential record claiming ability.

- (1) A 3.3kg Tub Gurnard caught by John Neil Macdonald on a boat on the Isle of Lewis.
- (2) A 9lb tusk caught by Tommy Fraser from the shore in Shetland.

Cracking fish and well done lads.



## Competitions

### Home Nations



**Shore-** This event is still in the diary to be held in July but is under constant review due to COVID restrictions.

**Boat-** This year's (originally the 2020) event has been postponed until 2021.



# Domestic Shore Competitions



The match calendar is still on hold however the following dates are still pencilled in the diary.

## **SFSA OPEN SHORE COMPETITIONS 2021**

- 10 April - SFSA Spring Open - Riverside Drive, Dundee
- 2 May - SFSA Open - Angus beaches
- 19/20 June - SFSA 2 Day Open - Riverside Drive, Dundee
- 18 July - East Fife Open
- 7 August - Individual Members - TBA
- 29 August - Clyde & West Open
- 26 September - SFSA Open - Erskine
- 3 October - SFSA Flounder Championship - Lunan Bay

**Further dates will be added at a later date.**





# Domestic Boat Competitions



## **2020**

The match calendar is still on hold and we don't have any dates in the diary for either Federation or Open matches at the moment. However we do hope to run some events later in the year (subject to COVID) but without a league for this year.

## **2021**

We are hoping to revamp the league in 2021 to introduce some more single day events which are affordable and close to members whilst also broadening out the events for league points. We would also like to get club competition going again through the individual events. In addition there will be some focus on how the league can foster development towards International representation. Ideas are on the drawing board at the moment but if anybody has any ideas they would like to suggest please drop me a line @ [Alasdair.campbell101@gmail.com](mailto:Alasdair.campbell101@gmail.com)

# Vacancies



## **SFSA Treasurer**

We are seeking a new Treasurer to help us keep up our recent momentum and allow us to carry on running the Federation efficiently. Anybody who thinks they would be suitable and is interested, please drop a line to [sfsasecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:sfsasecretary@googlemail.com)

## **Angling Scotland Limited- Independent Chair**

Angling Scotland are looking for a new Independent Chair as David Ogg is having to move to England for personal reasons. Anybody who thinks they would be suitable and is interested, please drop a line to [sfsasecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:sfsasecretary@googlemail.com)

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