



2008 Viking Festival

Dear Angler.

This Years Viking Festival will again be held in Scalloway on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September, with some significant changes to how the competition is run that is explained in the attached application form and copy of the rules, please read them carefully.

There appears to be a lot of interest in the competition this year following our success in 2007 with 43 Anglers taking part and Nicky Thompson's well written article that appeared in "Boat Fishing" magazine

We plan to restrict entry to the competition to 60 anglers that will be accepted on a first come first served basis, if you are interested in taking part please complete the attached entry form and return to Alistair Fullerton ASAP.

Closing Date for applications is 1st August 2008 to allow time to complete organisation of the competition for September

Payment can be made in advance with the application form or on registration night, only anglers that have paid their fees in advance of the competition will be allowed to take part.

Any questions please contact either:

Alistair Fullerton Tel. 01595-880756 evenings only.
Howard Foster Tel: 01595-695821 evenings only

Tight Lines

Howard Foster
Chairman



2008 Viking Festival Entry Form

Please note the format of the Viking Festival has changed since last year, the key differences are:

1. Valid Entry forms to be completed by all anglers wishing to take part in the event by 1st August 2008
2. The Viking festival is to be fished as a Percentage point's competition with the best angler on each boat receiving 100% all other anglers on the same boat get a percentage score of the best angler, fish are still taken ashore and weighed in as usual.
3. Two man /four man teams will be drawn on boat draw night (Sunday 31st Aug) i.e. no fixed teams. In the event of an uneven number of competitors the last entrants to submit an entry form will be placed in the uneven teams and will not take part in the draw, where possible members of two man teams will not fish from the same boat.

To reserve a place please send the completed form and cheque made out to the "Viking Festival" to:
Alistair Fullerton, 9 Meadow field Crescent, Scalloway, Shetland Islands, ZE10UT.
Any questions please call Alistair on 01595-880756 evenings only.

Entry Fee: Adults £75 (£65 Viking, £10 SASA)
Juniors, OAP's (over 65) £40 (£35 Viking, £5 SASA)
Entry fee includes three days of fishing on the 4th, 5th and 6th September (bait not provided) weather permitting and ticket for prize giving buffet dance.

Registration night is Wednesday 3rd September in the Scalloway Boating Club between 7pm – 9pm, only anglers that have paid their fees in advance of the competition will be eligible to take part.

Name:	
Address:	
Place of Birth:	Date of Birth:
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
E. Mail:	Guardian / Escort:

Ladies, Junior's or disabled Angler may nominate a Guardian / Escort to fish in the same boat as them, subject to approval of the committee

Last year one of our sponsors L.H.D kindly donated Sport Shirts for all Anglers, at this stage we do not know if this will happen this year but please indicate size requested (depends if sponsors are available)
One per Angler only

Small	Medium	Large	X Large	XX Large
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I agree not to hold the organisers responsible for any accident to myself or my property however incurred during the period of the 2008 Viking Festival. I undertake not to sell or barter any of my catch and agree that all fish caught during the Festival are the property of the committee to be disposed of as they wish

Signed: _____ Date _____

For Official use only: Entry Received date _____ Competitor Number _____ Paid _____

Fishing Rules for the 2008 Viking Festival

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7. Entrants must be in possession of an entry/weigh-in card, which must be produced on demand by a steward or official.
8. Fishing at Foula is allowed under normal conditions, in the event of poor weather, fishing area may be restricted by the organising committee, any reduction in fishing area will be communicated at the morning 07:45hrs skippers meeting each day
9. Fishing is only to take place in the times and within the limits laid down by the organiser.
10. Fishing will be with rod, reel and line only.
11. Participants may fish with only one rod fully fitted up, spare rods and reels with terminal tackle not fitted may be carried.
12. Rods shall have a minimum length of 1.52m (5ft), there is no maximum length limit
13. Hydraulic, electric and double handled reels are not permitted.
14. The running line is to be not more than 55lbs. BS for multi-strand types (Dacron, etc.) and not more than 0.75mm in diameter for monofilament types.
15. Any type of Skate do not count, all types of Ray's count on day 1 and day 3 towards the anglers weight, Rays may be weighed in any day as a specimen fish
16. A maximum of three (3) single hooks may be used. Treble hooks count as three (3) hooks and a double hook as two (2).
17. Artificial lures may be of any type and size.
18. There is no foul hook rule.
19. Fish hooked by more than one angler will not be eligible for weigh in.
20. Anglers may only receive the help of other persons to gaff, net or lift a fish.

21. The rod is not to be rested on boat-gunwales, capstan or rod seat etc. while playing a fish. Hand lining is not permitted unless only the terminal trace is used for that purpose.
22. A maximum of three (3) Mackerel may be weighed in on day one and day three only.
23. A maximum of three (3) Coalfish may be weighed-in on day one and day three only.
24. A minimum of three anglers fishing per boat unless agreed by the organising committee
25. Best boat teams will be made up of groups of three followed by groups of four as drawn.
26. Fish must be stored on the boat and presented at the weigh -in in containers that are free draining (no tubbing)
27. There is two hours steaming time allowed before and after fishing time, anybody late for the weigh-in may be disqualified at the discretion of the committee, catching of bait is allowed in steaming time but any bait caught should be stored separately and not count towards any anglers catch.
28. In the event of mechanical breakdown of a boat extra time can be fished for time lost only, extra time fishing to be approved by radio / mobile phone in advance by a member of the committee if possible or fully justified by the boat fishing skipper at the weigh-in.
29. Any dispute or complaint must be submitted in writing at the weigh-in and will be investigated by at least five members of the Viking Festival Committee.
30. The decision of the Viking Festival Committee will be final
31. Contravention of any of these fishing rules may result in disqualification.