

Change of registration venue for winter sea angling league

The organisers of the inaugural Edinburgh shore angling winter league have been forced to change their registration point because of new parking restrictions at Seafield.

Anglers should now make their way to Tumbles car park at 20 Westbank Street, Edinburgh EH15 1DR between 6.15pm and 6.30pm on Friday, October 28. The peg draw will be made there.

Organiser Ian Campbell, a regular match angler in sea fishing events around Scotland, confirmed that there had been an encouraging response to his social media posts advertising the eight-leg event.

It's being held because Ian noted a gap in the competition calendar. Last winter the Falkirk-based fishermen and a few work colleagues got together to hold matches.

Then, the Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers (SFSA) hosted one of their Scotland team qualifiers at Newhaven in February.

Ian, who is retail manager at the Edinburgh Angling Centre, is now filling the Capital match gap and venues will include Seafield and Newhaven (pictured *by Nigel Duncan*. Gipsy Brae towards Silverknowes could also be an option, but that will be decided later.

However, none of the chosen venues will be outside the Edinburgh boundary and prizes have been donated by The Fishing Megastore and the winner will receive a £100 voucher, runner-up £60 and third placed £40. They can be spent in-store at the company's Granton outlet or at the Glasgow Angling Centre or online.

The best five scores during the series will count towards the final score and all matches will be £10 entry with a sweepstake and a 100 per cent pay-out.

Entry to the league will be automatic upon entry to the sweepstake and Campbell said the matches would be fished on a catch and release basis, with a 15mm minimum size limit. Undersized fish will not count.

Ian explained: "Three hooks are a maximum, but there are no bait and hook size restrictions. Matches will be on a Friday night with registration and the peg draw from 6.15pm to 6.30pm and fishing will be from 7pm to 10pm."

Lugworm, mackerel and ragworm are the generally used in the Edinburgh area on flapper rigs and cod, whiting and flounders among the regular species landed.

Anybody interested is asked to register on his Facebook portal and Campbell plans to posting regularly on the Scottish Shore Angling Match Group site.