



Off to a flying start on the first day this year.

Registration for 2009

Registration for Trolling Master Bornholm opens on Monday December 8, at 08.00 a.m.

As in all previous years this can only be done via our website. The price of participation remains unchanged for the third consecutive year, which means that participation costs 750 DKK for one boat including the skipper and 150 DKK for each successive crew member.



Geographical restrictions?

This year, some participating boats sailed far away in order to fish - not only to Swedish, but also to German waters, which gave rise to quite a few reactions to us suggesting that we introduce geographical restrictions. Some proposed a solution of introducing a 20-nautical mile limit.

Having thoroughly discussed the proposal the jury is against the introduction of a 20-nautical mile limit as it would be impossible for us to check that it is kept. We know from experience with the trolling restrictions introduced by the authorities along the shores of Bornholm (1 nautical mile) that we will receive reports from participants sailing e.g. 19 nautical miles away and claiming that another boat is further out, and we will have no possibilities of patrolling a nautical-mile limit.

We cannot rely on radar monitoring. Once our reporting boat approached a troller

to ask if they had caught something and he turned out not to be in the contest. So there are actually several non-participating boats on the sea, and the radar cannot tell the difference between contestants and non-contestants, which could result in the inspection boat splashing back and forth along an outer limit of 200 kilometres.

After four rounds of TMB we know the positions of many catches, and there are no indications of specific remote positions having yielded more fish. In general, the best area so far has been from the Submarine and up to Davids Banke. Earlier this year a record fish was actually caught right off Tejn, so the whereabouts of the salmon in 2009 are impossible to predict.



Add to this that the sailing time is actually deducted from the fishing time. If you spend one and a half hours sailing down to the southwest of Bornholm, you will spend a total of 3 hours on transportation. Many start fishing already after 30 minutes' sailing, having actually two more hours' fishing time than those who went far. That provides a fishing edge to those who choose the areas nearby. So even if it is a correct point that the large boats are the ones that can go far, the small boats will be compensated having more fishing time.

The information material will specify that if you go fishing in German or Swedish waters, you will be subjected to the rules of these countries, and you may be inspected by e.g. the German fishing authorities. This means that you would have to buy a German fishing licence AND that you would only be allowed

to catch three salmon in one day, which is less than stipulated by our rules.

Better VHF-coverage

In 2009 we hope to provide better coverage by our VHF-radio. The Tejn antenna is positioned as high as possible (upon a chimney).

However, we have been told that the coverage west of Bornholm is too poor due to the high hills behind Tejn. Both Olsker and especially Rutsker are some of the highest areas on Bornholm.

That is why we are now working to mount a repeater on the TV-mast on Hammerknuden. That would definitely result in better coverage.

This aspect made a difference this year since on the last day, warnings of increased wind force and mist were not caught by many of the boats to be found in that area.



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Best regards,

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