



Chasing salmon.

	Num- ber of fish	Avera- ge no. per boat	Aver- age weight per fish	Aver- age weight for 10 largest fish
2005	282	1.73	6.75 kg	13.75 kg
2006	233	1.00	7.56 kg	14.66 kg
2007	276	1.15	8.85 kg	17.56 kg
2008	277	1.06	7.53 kg	15.35 kg

Catches of the last four years

A little statistics can be fun. The above shows the results of the four years we have been organizing Trolling Master.

As you can see, the largest number of fish was caught during the first year, but they

were the smallest fish, both in terms of the average size of all fish and the average size of the ten largest fish caught.

The figures also show that during the last three years, catching salmon has been equally hard, with an average of a little more than one salmon per boat.

However – we have to admit that the statistics are a little deceiving. They do not consider the number of hours spent at sea. This year we were out all days, but in 2007 the last day was shortened.

This means that in 2007 there were 8,365 fishing hours (if all boats were on the water within the contest hours), whereas this year, there were 10,140 fishing hours. So even if the same number of salmon was caught in the two respective years, things had actually become a little more difficult.

Registration for 2009

Registration for Trolling Master Bornholm will open on Monday December 8 at 8 a.m.

As in all previous years, this can only be done via our website.

For the 3rd consecutive year, the price of participation remains unchanged. This means the cost is DKK 750 for one boat, incl. Skipper, and DKK 150 for each succeeding crew member.



More salmon in the Baltic

According to a recent press release from The Danish Sportsfishing Association, there are signs of a rising number of salmon in the Baltic. The Association writes:



"Despite the poor environmental conditions in the Baltic, things are looking brighter for the local salmon population. The ban on drift-net salmon fishing in the Baltic entered into force on January 1, 2008, and already now it has become clear that the ban has had an effect. Swedish biologists have established that the rise in the number of salmon in Swedish rivers exceeds 100,000 salmon in 2008 compared to previous years. As a result, the Swedish sportsfishing association has received reports of far more salmon

caught by sportsfishers than seen for many years. Drift-net salmon fishing has had a tremendous negative effect on the Baltic salmon population. During the last 2 or 3 years, a total of about 300,000 salmon were caught in drift nets each year."

Whether a total of 300.000 hungry salmon will be swimming around remains to be seen later during the trolling season. We have already received the first questions as to fishing prospects this autumn. But it is a little too early to tell. Waters around Bornholm are still 15-16 degrees. In early October, the Bornholm Trolling Club will take a trip to Christiansø, and if this turns out to be the opening of the fishing season, we will get back to you with the results.



GPS-tracking

For us at TV 2/Bornholm the important thing is to convey the contest the best way possible; to make the TV broadcasts still more exciting.

All the years, one of our blind angles has been to show how you work on the boat, when at sea.

That is why we are now working to implement a GPS-tracking system developed by a Danish manufacturer and used in a wide range of contests, from the Copenhagen Marathon to sailing championships. So obviously, it is a small compact unit (since a person can run with it), which will currently transmit your position via the mobile network back to us at Tejn. If it gets outside the mobile coverage, it will save the data, until it becomes possible to pass them on.

The intention is to select 10 boats to sail with it.

The data will arrive currently and we could show them directly online, but that is not what we are going to do. All data will be held back until the end of the contest day.

Norwegian interest

Norway has shown a great interest in participating next year, and a number of Norwegian teams are already making concrete plans. In late November we will pay them a visit on a club night, to give them more information on the course of the contest and the possibility to ask questions.

Thus we are likely to see that next year, the international contest will be between:

Norway,
Sweden,
Finland,
Germany,
and Denmark

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