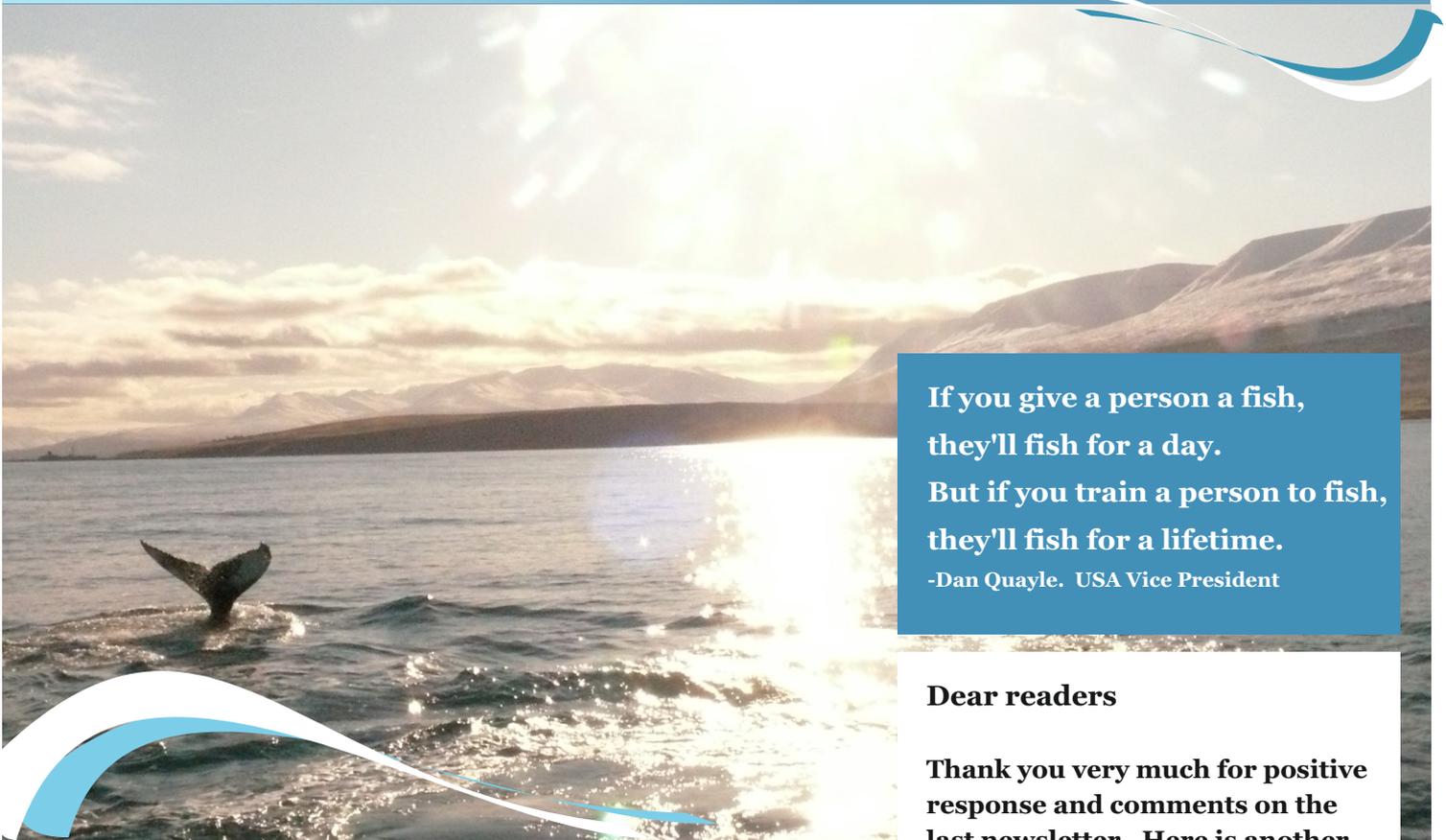




Haraldur's
Newsletter
on Shore Fishing and Sea Angling



If you give a person a fish,
they'll fish for a day.
But if you train a person to fish,
they'll fish for a lifetime.
-Dan Quayle. USA Vice President

Dear readers

Thank you very much for positive response and comments on the last newsletter. Here is another one with information and ideas that I hope will be useful to you for your "little fishing trip" to Ice... It is a free Newsletter and likes to travel on the Internet so spread it around if you like. If you have any special questions you are more than welcome to direct them to me and I will try to answer to my best ability.

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There has been some controversy on how many zones there will be in the Championship. It is now absolutely certain that there will be 5 zones! This is the usual arrangement but due to short stretches of our beaches the idea was put forward to add to their numbers.

EFSA Iceland has decided to stick to the old 5 zone system.

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See you in Iceland!

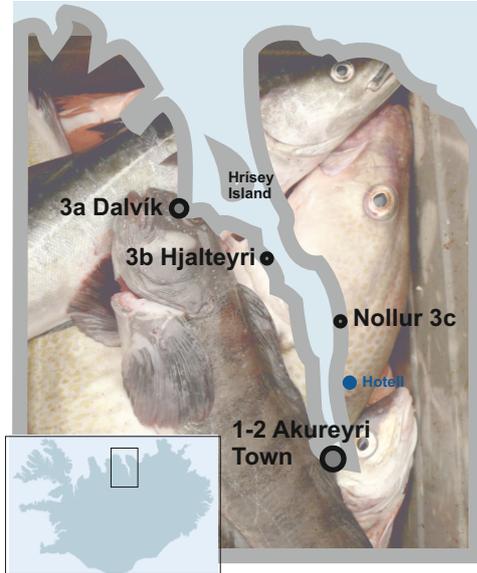
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THE CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUES

What are the Icelandic Venues like?

EYJAFJORD



The map shows the Fjord Eyjafjörður where we will fish. The Venues and the Hotel where the Anglers stay are marked on the map.

The first two days we will fish in Akureyri Town. Tuesday on a shore and Thursday on Piers and Friday we will fish in 2 of the 3 Venues that are marked 3.

There is one Venue in reserve in case of unfavorable weather.

The drive from the Hotel to the farthest Venue is about 50 minutes

Here are pictures from the Venues



Stony Shore

The first day is in Akureyri Town on a stony stretch of Shore . The photo is taken at low tide so the obvious message is that keep your fish and leaders high when landing it. There is also a slope close to the shore. Excellent fishing this day!



A Pier Day

The photo shows one of the Piers we will fish from. Good dept and a sandy bottom. Often very good fishing and many species. This day a Gail hit us with 2 hours left of a competition, pretty rough, but what a day.

The Angler /Journalist Wayne Thomas said " The bottom must be paved with fish"



Black Sand

By the Village Dalvik is a long stretch of sandy beach and with a sandy bottom reaching far out. The sand is black, ground from volcanic rock hence the black color so different from other European shores. Shallower than the other Venues.

This is the Venue that is the farthest away from HQ. 40 - 50 minutes drive and some walk to your Peg. Usually one can drive directly to ones Peg in other Venues



Pebbles and more Pebbles

Here we have a pebbly shore and that how it is a stretch out into the sea and then it drops in a slope and ends in a sandy bottom. This is how many of our shores are. Keep your fish up and your leaders too to avert the top of the slope and the rough last ca. 10 meters.

This goes as well for 3b, the slope can be even steeper and the shore is rougher. Be very careful walking on the rough shores especially when it gets dusk and then dark witch is probably only for the last hour of our fishing. The good old head light will come in handy.





A Geothermic Water World

Take the Baths!

Iceland has a special tradition of outdoors geothermically heated swimming pools. Yes the hot water comes literally from the ground - Hot Spring Water!
The best ones are regular health Spas with, pools of different temperatures, wet sauna and Finnish sauna and of course swimming pools.

Akureyri Town has absolutely one of the top swimming and leisure facility in the Country.

Great improvements have been made to the Akureyri Swimming Pool recently and it has become a veritable water paradise on a world scale for all the family. There are two pools and two water chutes, a splash pool, an indoor pool, four hotpots, a steam bath, a sauna, a solarium, and a family play area with popular games and equipment which is open during the summer months. The pool is highly popular both with the locals and with those who are just visiting the town. The pool guests during 2001 were 357,000 and this year the total number of visitors is anticipated at half a million! I might add that Iceland population is 330.000

It is THE ideal spot for those tired limbs and joints. Would be spot on Saturday before the Gala dinner. But take your time. Enjoy the luxuries that are available at ridiculous prices

Opening hours

Winter (1 Sep - 31 May)
Mon-fri: 6:45-21:00
Weekends: 10:00-18:30

Sauna: 750 kr Is. / 4,8 E
Rent a towel: 550 kr Is. / 3,5 E
Rent a swimmingsuit: 550 kr Is./ 3,5 E

Fee

Adults: 470 kr Is. / 3 E
Children (6-15 years): 150 kr Is. / 0,95 E

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Northern Lights



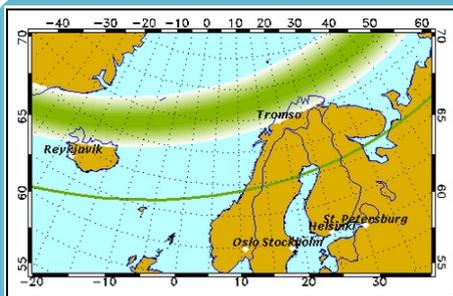
There is a special feeling fishing at the Shore in the dark and the Northern Lights are racing above ones head. The sky must not be overcast, clear or partly Clouded Sky and an attack of these particles from outer Space can put on a magnificent show.

Photographs seldom do justice to the phenomenon. The reason being that because of poor lighting condition the Camera lens needs a long time space to record the Lights, therefore the blurred images. The truth is that the Northern lights are often very crisp and fast moving.

The bright dancing lights of the aurora are actually collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere. The lights are seen above the magnetic poles of the northern and southern hemispheres. They are known as 'Aurora borealis' in the north and 'Aurora australis' in the south..

Auroral displays appear in many colours although pale green and pink are the most common. Shades of red, yellow, green, blue, and violet have been reported. The lights appear in many forms from patches or scattered clouds of light to streamers, arcs, rippling curtains or shooting rays that light up the sky with an eerie glow.

Maybe you are in luck and the Northern Lights will dance in the sky during your stay.



Quiet: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Northern Lights Forecast?!

Yes they do forecast for Northern Lights. You can check out the link below and there you can see forecast for a few days. The picture to the left shows how it looks. Not so promising for Tuesday, September 18 but it will surely pick up before YOU arrive!

<http://www.gi.alaska.edu/AuroraForecast/Europe/2012/09/18>

From EFSA Iceland



There are 66 competitors competing in the tournament. They come from 8 countries: Gibraltar, Holland, Germany, Wales, Scotland, England, Ireland, and Iceland. 4 ladies, 2 juniors and 60 males.

Entry fee for 2 pers.team is 1000 kr.Is (6,4 E) . and the same for 4 pers. teams

Teams will be blind drawn.

EFSA ties, EFSA Iceland badges for blazers and EFSA Venue fasten bar will be sold at the registration



Royal Weights

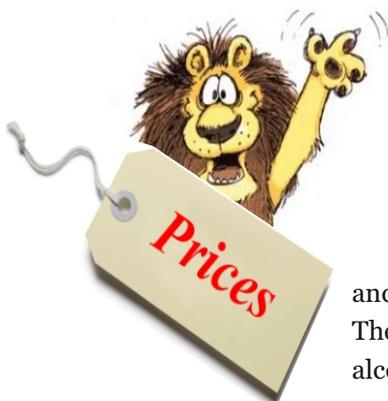
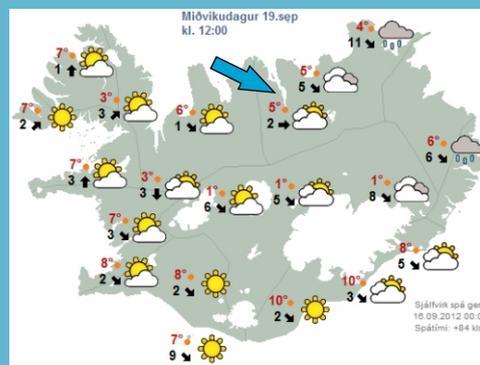
DON'T BRING WEIGHTS! EFSA Iceland is going to provide weights. You only pay for the weights you loose. Isn't that great!

Helgi Bergsson EFSA Iceland Officer of Shore and Steven Mason Icelandic Shore Fishing Champion 2012 have cast the weights.

Now, how is that for a pedigree!

The weather forecast for Wednesday 19. at 12 oclock. The temperature is 5 Celcius and the wind is 2 meters pr. sec. and it is 3/4 overcast. Not bad.

You can see the forecast at <http://www.vedur.is/>



The prices in Iceland should be favorable to you. Akureyri Town has a number of good shops and even sports a Mall. If there is anything special that you want to buy ask us locals and we will help.

The only thing out of the ordinary is probably our way of selling alcohol. It is done in special state owned shops and Akureyri Town as one (1) such shop.

0.5 l bear costs 3.2 E and a 0.7 l bottle of Jameson costs 38 E



Hotel Information

I have had a lot of questions about the Hotel and what they are offering. Here is the menu with Euro prices. But please note that the Icelandic Krona is constantly changing. To day (16.9) there are 159 Is.Krona to one Euro.

Breakfast is Inclusive and they serve **vegetarian dishes** if they are ordered in advance. It is better to order your dinner before you go fishing. In addition to the regular menu the Hotel will offer a **special hearty soup** and fresh bread for dinner when we com back from the competition Please order in advance so they can estimate the amount they have to prepare.

The price of the special soup will be 1550 / 9,8 E the ingredients will vary, meat or fish.

The hotel´s breakfast consists of:

Selection of bread and biscuits, Icelandic cheeses, butter, various charcuterie, cucumbers, tomatoes, boiled / fried egg, bacon, fresh fruit juices, buttermilk, milk, cereal, corn flakes, 3 types of jam, coffee & various types of tea.

I winter (sept.1. - june 1.) Breakfast is served from 8 to 10 (you can request breakfast earlier)

Light lunch between 11.00 - 22.00:

Toasted sandwich with ham & chees and salad with mustard or garlic dressing: 1,590,/10 E

Greek Salad: 1,490,/ 9,4 E

Herring Duet with bread and butter: 1,390/ 8,7 E

Soup of the Day: 1,290,- /

Dinner buffet the Country hotel way:

Marinated herring, spiced herring, curried herring, Toscana herring, smoked salmon, cured salmon, oven baked trout, vegetables, pasta / vegetable couscous, lamb / pork filet, baked potatoes, seamed vegetables, salad, bread and other snacks. Coffee / tea and house desert.

Price: 5,390/ 34 E per adult and 2,450 / 15,5 E per child (age 6-13)

Meals of the day (two meals / three courses):

Starter: Soup of the Day

Main course:

Baked salmon with salad and roasted potatoes / Spanish syle fried chicken with couscous and salad / leg of lanb with roasted potatoes, salad and steamed vegetables.

Dessert: The hotels way, coffee and tea.

Two course meal: 3,790 / 24 E per person

Three course meal: 4,990 / 31,4 E per person