

Fishing for Leave Staging Mass Protests with Fishermen in Ports Nationwide with Top Tories & Brexiteers

Fishing for Leave are staging mass protests with fishermen in ports nationwide throughout Sunday Afternoon (8th April) against the Transition deal that will see the UK obeying all EU law including the hated Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

Around 200 vessels set to mobilize in flotillas. The demonstrations will be joined by top Tory MPs and Brexiteers. These will take place in Whitstable, Hastings, Portsmouth, Milford Haven with the largest turn outs in Newcastle and a flotilla of over 80 vessels massing in Plymouth. (details below)

Plymouth Largest – 1500 -1800 (80 vessels)

The Hoe – Smeaton's Tower

We ask that you join us in Plymouth on April the 8th from 15.00hrs onwards. Press will be able to go aboard vessels by request. Press ferry also available.

We invite friends, family and fellow Brexiteers to watch the demonstration and show support on the Hoe or Mount Batten.

15.00 - Muster in Jenny Cliff Bay in SE corner of Plymouth Sound.

16.00 – Begin two anti-clockwise laps of NW/SE rectangular circuit marked by 4 racing buoys (*see chart below*).

17.00 – Complete 2 laps - Finish North end. Smaller vessels pass through Smeaton Pass. Congregate under the Hoe. Larger vessels to stay south of Shoals within lap circuit (*see chart below*).

17.30 – Vessels disperse to their respective ports or enter Sutton Harbour. Larger vessels may berth at Victoria Pier (*see chart below*) whilst awaiting tide for Sutton Harbour.

Fishing for Leave spokesman Alan Hastings said; "The EU would be free to easily eradicate what is left of our fleet and has every incentive to do so".

"The EU can achieve eradication of our fleet using the failed quota system that forces fishermen to discard fish to try to find the species your allowed to keep.

"The discard ban addresses the discard symptom not the quota cause. Now, when a vessel exhausts its smallest quota it must stop fishing - this will bankrupt around 60% of the British fleet – this is why we discarded fish outside parliament to highlight this existential crisis".

The EU can abolish the 12mile limit that protects inshore and shell-fishermen.

The EU can also change the EU relative stability quota share outs so the EU gets even more of our resources than the 60% they catch already.

Even worse, since the government has capitulated on an acid test, not only will we squander taking back control of a £6-8bn industry for coastal communities but the EU will use the government's weakness to give a rubbish trade deal.

We've been sold out to a worse position for nothing in return.

"Our nations fishing and communities were surrendered to the EU and have suffered immeasurably through EU mis-management".

"The vote to leave was a godsend to our struggling industry and communities. It provided a golden opportunity to automatically repatriate all our waters and resources, worth £6-8 billion, and to start new policy to rejuvenate our coastal communities and industry".

"Fishermen are sickened and enraged that our government has capitulated to obeying all EU law after Brexit. Consigning us to remaining trapped in the disastrous CFP until January 2021, and possibly trapped forever in exchange for a deal trade".

"The transition is a second betrayal of fishing, of the Brexit vote, of an opportunity and is a second surrender of our communities".

"Our communities might not matter to them (politicians) but they matter to us. Coastal communities count. MPs better remember that and that No deal is better than a bad deal or these flotillas will just be the start"

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