Team England Fly Fishing announce 2019 World & European Team selections


The World Fly Fishing Championship will be held in Tasmania in December 2019 and based at Launceston. The Championship will be held over 5 sessions fished at 5 venues; either at- Mersey, Meander or South Esk Rivers, Woods Lake, Little Pine or Penstock Lagoons.

The squad will be led by John Horsey as Captain and Manager with Team Members Howard Croston, Lee Bartlett, Michael Dixon, Tony Baldwin and Steve Cullen. The World squad are expected to fly out to Tasmania two weeks before the Championship for acclimatisation practice and tactical development.

World Team Captain and Manager John Horsey stated: - "A World Championship in Tasmania is a mouth-watering prospect. For the first time since England won Gold in Scotland, there will be 3 Stillwater sessions and only 2 river sessions. The emphasis is on lake fishing and the team reflects this. Our lads also have exceptional river skills so I am really confident we can bring back a medal from these Championships”.

John Horsey       Howard Croston       Michael Dixon       Lee Bartlett       Tony Baldwin       Steve Cullen

The European Fly Fishing Championship will be held in Montenegro in July 2019 and based at Plav. The Championship will be held over 5 sessions fished on the Lim & Ljula Rivers, and Lake Plav.

The squad will be led by Paul Page as Captain and Manager with Team Members; - Mark Harrison, Terry Phillips, Ben Bangham, Simon Kidd, Harry Fox and Bernie Maher as reserve. The European squad are expected to fly out to Montenegro a week before the Championship for practice and tactical development.

European Team Captain and Manager Paul Page stated: "Montenegro is a new comer to Fips Mouche Flyfishing Championships and this is the first time they have hosted a European Championship. This is unchartered territory for most competing Nations and gives the England team a great opportunity to use their varied skill sets at a new venue and to be among the medal winners”

Paul Page       Mark Harrison       Terry Phillips       Ben Bangham       Simon Kidd       Harry Fox

Bernie Maher