



North Carolina
GOVERNORS CUP

Boat Name _____

Date _____

Captain _____

Name (printed)

Signature

Mate _____

Name (printed)

Signature

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2011 Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament OFFICIAL BILLFISH RELEASE FORM

Please complete the form for released billfish. The information from this form will be used to inform fishery management agencies about the billfish fishery in NC. This information will help NC anglers continue to enjoy the offshore fisheries in NC.

J-Hooks may be used with entirely artificial lures only. Circle hooks MUST be used on any natural bait combination.

Return forms to the Weigh Station in accordance with Tournament rules.

<p>Angler _____ Name (printed) _____ Signature _____ Lady angler *Jr. Boy *Jr. Girl *Age_____</p>	<p>Angler _____ Name (printed) _____ Signature _____ Lady angler *Jr. Boy *Jr. Girl *Age_____</p>	<p>Angler _____ Name (printed) _____ Signature _____ Lady angler *Jr. Boy *Jr. Girl *Age_____</p>
<p>Species: (circle one) blue marlin white marlin sailfish other Size (est.) _____ lbs. Fight Time _____ Hook Type (circle one) circle hook J-hook Hook size _____ No. Hooks on Bait _____ Hook Removed? (circle one) Yes No</p>	<p>Species: (circle one) blue marlin white marlin sailfish other Size (est.) _____ lbs. Fight Time _____ Hook Type (circle one) circle hook J-hook Hook size _____ No. Hooks on Bait _____ Hook Removed? (circle one) Yes No</p>	<p>Species: (circle one) blue marlin white marlin sailfish other Size (est.) _____ lbs. Fight Time _____ Hook Type (circle one) circle hook J-hook Hook size _____ No. Hooks on Bait _____ Hook Removed? (circle one) Yes No</p>
<p>Hook Location (circle one) Jaw Corner of Jaw Bill Mouth Cavity Gills Deep (Gut) Foul Unknown</p>	<p>Hook Location (circle one) Jaw Corner of Jaw Bill Mouth Cavity Gills Deep (Gut) Foul Unknown</p>	<p>Hook Location (circle one) Jaw Corner of Jaw Bill Mouth Cavity Gills Deep (Gut) Foul Unknown</p>
<p>Bait Species (natural bait only - circle one) Ballyhoo Spanish Mackerel Squid Mullet Other_____</p>	<p>Bait Species (natural bait only - circle one) Ballyhoo Spanish Mackerel Squid Mullet Other_____</p>	<p>Bait Species (natural bait only - circle one) Ballyhoo Spanish Mackerel Squid Mullet Other_____</p>
<p>Rig Information (circle one) Natural Dead Natural Live Artificial (Lure) Natural/Artificial Combination</p>	<p>Rig Information (circle one) Natural Dead Natural Live Artificial (Lure) Natural/Artificial Combination</p>	<p>Rig Information (circle one) Natural Dead Natural Live Artificial (Lure) Natural/Artificial Combination</p>
<p>Leader Type (circle one) Monofilament Wire Main Line Size _____ lbs. Leader Size _____ lbs. Was the fish bleeding? (circle one) Yes No</p>	<p>Leader Type (circle one) Monofilament Wire Main Line Size _____ lbs. Leader Size _____ lbs. Was the fish bleeding? (circle one) Yes No</p>	<p>Leader Type (circle one) Monofilament Wire Main Line Size _____ lbs. Leader Size _____ lbs. Was the fish bleeding? (circle one) Yes No</p>
<p>What was the condition of the fish? (circle one) Good Fair Poor Other (explain) _____ _____</p>	<p>What was the condition of the fish? (circle one) Good Fair Poor Other (explain) _____ _____</p>	<p>What was the condition of the fish? (circle one) Good Fair Poor Other (explain) _____ _____</p>

12. MANDATORY HOOK REQUIREMENTS - Non-offset circle hooks are mandatory when deploying natural bait or natural bait/artificial lures. "J" hooks are allowed on artificial lures only.

Circle hooks are defined as any hook regarded as a circle hook designated by the manufacturer and originally designed and manufactured so that the point is turned perpendicularly back to the shank to form a generally circular or oval shape.

13. RELEASE POINTS - Cash prizes will be awarded to the boats that score the most number of points first. To be considered a release, the crew cannot have attempted to boat or gaff the fish. In order for a billfish to be counted as a release, a member of the fishing team or crewmember must touch the leader. A fish is boated when any portion of the fish breaks the plane of the boat.

Release points (j-hook and circle hook) are awarded as follows:

J-Hook and Circle Hook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Marlin.....	400 points
<input type="checkbox"/> White Marlin, Spearfish, Hatchet Marlin	125 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailfish	125 points

Release points (j-hook and circle hook) are awarded as follows:

Blue Marlin 400 points, White Marlin 125 points, Sailfish 125 points, Spearfish 125 points and Hatchett marlin 125 points.

In the event of ties, the first boats to achieve the winning totals shall be declared the winners. Released fish must be attested to by signature of the angler, captain and two witnesses (if available) on board the boat at the time of the release on the Official Release Form provided by the Tournament Committee. This form shall be turned in to the OFFICIAL WEIGH-MASTER AT TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS, or any OFFICIAL REPORTING STATION. Release forms must be turned in no later than 10:00 p.m. on the day the fish is released to qualify. Release reports will be taken over the phone from the reporting station personnel to the Tournament Headquarters staff each morning of the tournament. The forms will then be forwarded to the Tournament Headquarters by the reporting station for verification.

In the event a Boat Designates on the "Release Form" a release as a Blue Marlin, and the captain, mate and angler or others as deemed necessary by tournament officials, is unable to successfully pass a polygraph as to the same, the Boat shall be penalized 400 points under the "Release Category". No points shall be awarded for the "fish" in any category. Further the Boat shall be penalized 400 points from the weight of the largest Blue Marlin weighed in by the Boat.