



# The Weed Line

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We look forward to seeing you all next week at the Hatteras Village Offshore Open kicks off our 2011 Season!

## Gearing Up for Tournament Season

We wanted to take an opportunity before folks head to Hatteras next week to provide everyone with a list of some permits and licenses that you will need to have a successful tournament season. *Make sure that you check the expiration on all of your permits and licenses prior to fishing.*

1. Purchase or renew your NC Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL). Every person on your vessel must possess a valid CRFL or the boat must possess a valid Blanket CRFL (if your boat possesses a valid blanket license everyone on board is covered.). Cost varies depending on your license selection. To purchase visit [www.ncdmf.net](http://www.ncdmf.net)
2. Purchase or renew your Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Permit. There are several categories of license available to select the proper one for your vessel visit [www.nmfspermits.com](http://www.nmfspermits.com). The cost of an HMS permit is \$20.00 and it is valid from the issue date through December 31, 2011. ALL Governor's Cup tournaments are registered HMS tournaments and require your HMS permit number to register.
3. Purchase or renew your Dolphin-Wahoo Permit. This is required for charter boat/headboat vessels fishing in Atlantic waters for dolphin and wahoo. The permit cost \$25.00 and is valid for one year. To purchase or renew visit the NOAA Southeast Regional Office website, <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/permits/permits.htm>
4. Purchase your Operator Card. All owners/operators of a charter boat/headboat vessel are required to obtain an operator card when fishing in Atlantic waters for dolphin and wahoo (yes, this is in addition to the permit). The operator card cost \$50.00 and is valid for three years. To purchase or renew visit the NOAA Southeast Regional Office website, <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/permits/permits.htm>

If you have any questions about these or other licenses *please* contact us before you go fishing! We will also be available to answer questions at registration for all of our tournaments prior to the start of fishing.

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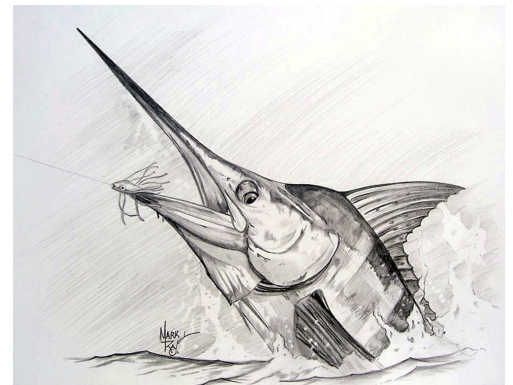
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## 2011 Shirt Preview

For the 2011 Season our t-shirts will feature the art of marine artist Mark Ray! Mark has a studio on the Morehead City Waterfront below the Big Rock Tournament Office. Stop by the studio and check out Mark's other work!

[www.markraystudio.com](http://www.markraystudio.com)

We'll have our t-shirts for sale at the HVOO!





**Thanks to our  
Sponsors, Volunteers,  
and Tournaments for  
all of your support.**

## 2011 Participating Tournaments

### **HATTERAS VILLAGE OFFSHORE OPEN**

May 11 - 14

Hatteras Phone: 1-800-676-4939

### **SWANSBORO ROTARY MEMORIAL DAY BLUE WATER FISHING TOURNAMENT**

May 27 - 29

Swansboro Phone: 252-422-9100

### **BIG ROCK BLUE MARLIN TOURNAMENT**

June 10 - 18

Morehead City Phone: 252-247-3575

### **CAPE FEAR BLUE MARLIN TOURNAMENT**

June 30 - July 3

Wrightsville Beach Phone: 910-686-9778

### **BARTA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB BILLFISH TOURNAMENT**

July 14 - 16

Beaufort Phone: 252-808-2286

### **ANNUAL DUCKS UNLIMITED BILLFISH TAG AND RELEASE TOURNAMENT**

July 28 - 30

Morehead City Phone: 336-880-3038

### **PIRATES COVE ANNUAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT**

August 15 - 19

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