



2017 Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament

OFFICIAL BILLFISH RELEASE FORM

Please complete the form for each billfish released. 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. Release data is needed regardless of the size of the fish or the gear used by the angler. Please be truthful with your answers. This form is required for all participating boats.

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



Form must be turned in to the Weigh Station or any Official Reporting Station or photographed and emailed to forms@thebigrock.com no later than 10:00 p.m. on the day the fish is released to qualify. If you do not receive an email confirmation, call The Big Rock Office at 252-241-1515 to confirm.

Please complete all information on this form – Incomplete forms may disqualify release

<p>Boat Name _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Release Time _____</p> <p>NC Gov. Cup Participant? (circle one) Yes No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Species (circle one)</p> <p>Blue Marlin White Marlin Sailfish Spearfish</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Blue Marlin Only: SD Card, Micro SD Card or Compact Flash Card Attached</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(circle one) Yes No</p> </div> <p>Size (estimated) _____ lbs</p> <p>Fight Time _____</p>										
<p>Hook Type (circle one) Circle Hook J-Hook</p> <p>Hook Size _____ No. Hooks on Bait _____</p> <p>Hook Removed? (circle one) Yes No</p> <p>Hook Location (circle one)</p> <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Jaw</td> <td>Corner of Jaw</td> <td>Bill</td> <td>Mouth Cavity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gills</td> <td>Deep (Gut)</td> <td>Foul</td> <td>Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Jaw	Corner of Jaw	Bill	Mouth Cavity	Gills	Deep (Gut)	Foul	Unknown	<p>Was the fish bleeding? (circle one) Yes No</p> <p>What was the condition of the fish?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		
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All Must Sign

Angler _____		
Name (printed)	Signature	Date
Captain _____		
Name (printed)	Signature	Date
Mate _____		
Name (printed)	Signature	Date

Please circle if applies Lady angler *Jr. Boy *Jr. Girl *Age _____

13. 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.

14. RELEASE POINTS FOR Levels VII and VIII - 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 are awarded as follows:

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

Blue Marlin will be scored at 400 points if the team provides indisputable video or **photo** evidence to the Rules Committee. In order to qualify for the 400 points, teams must turn in a Release Form in person along with the **SD Card, Micro SD Card or Compact Flash Card from their** camera. Forms and **Media** Cards can be turned in at the Official Weigh Station in Morehead City or to the tournament representative at Hatteras Harbor Marina. The **Media** Card and Release Form must be turned in no later than 10:00 p.m. on the day fish is released to qualify. The **Media** Card must show continuous video or a **clear single photo** of the mate touching the leader and clear and indisputable evidence that the fish is a blue marlin. It is the responsibility of the participants to ensure that their **camera's** Clock/Date is set accurately to reflect the time and date of the Releases to qualify for the 400 points. All videos will become property of the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament. In the event that the rules committee is unable to see indisputable evidence that the fish is a blue marlin, the release will be scored at 125 points. The tournament will NOT allow photo's or video from cell phones.

All other 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. Other than blue marlin, billfish forms may also be photographed and emailed to forms@thebigrock.com. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please call tournament headquarters to confirm. 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 of ties, the first boats to achieve the winning totals shall be declared the winners.

Reporting Stations:

Atlantic Beach:

Anchorage Marina
Sea Water Marina

Beaufort:

Town Creek Marina
Olde Town Yacht Club
The Boathouse
The Boathouse at
Front St. Village

Morehead City:

Tournament Headquarters
710 Evans Street
opens 6:00 am on fishing days

Morehead City Yacht Basin

Hatteras:

Hatteras Harbor Marina
Teach's Lair
Hatteras Landing

Wrightsville Beach:

Bridge Tender Marina