

11. 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.

12. RELEASE POINTS - A cash prize will be awarded to the boat that scores the most number of points first. In order for a billfish to be counted as a release, a member of the fishing team or a 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Marlin	400 points
<input type="checkbox"/> White Marlin, Spearfish, Hatchet Marlin	125 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailfish	125 points

In the event of a tie, in total release points, the tie breaker shall be the largest single gamefish (yellowfin tuna, dolphin, wahoo) by weight. Gamefish scales close at 5:00 pm. Released fish must be attested to by signature of the female 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 WEIGHMASTER, TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS, or any OFFICIAL REPORTING STATION. Release forms must be turned in (no later than 10:00 pm on the day the fish is caught) to qualify.

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