

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 off-shore fisheries in NC.

Release data is needed regardless of the size of the fish or the gear used by the angler.



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

Boat Name _____ Captain (Name/Signature) _____

Date _____ Mate (Name/Signature) _____

Complete your release form and turn into the correct tournament official, and incomplete form my disqualify releases.

| Angler | L/JG/JB/A ¹ | Release Time | Fight Time | Species ² | Est. Size | Hook Type ³ | Hook Location ⁴ | Rig Type ⁵ | Bait Type ⁶ | Leader ⁷ | Main Line ⁸ |
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Filling in your release form:

1. L/JG/JB/A— L for Lady, JG for Junior Girl, JB for Junior Boy, A for angler hooked. If it is a junior angler you must also include their age.
2. Species—Blue marlin (BM), white marlin (WM), sailfish (SF), spearfish (SP), roundscale spearfish (RS)
3. Hook type—Circle (C) or J-hook (J). Also note the hook size (i.e. circle 7/0)
4. Hook location—Jaw (J), Bill (B), Mouth Cavity (M), Gills (G), Deep/Gut (D), Fowl (F), Unknown (U)
5. Rig Type—Natural Dead (ND), Natural Live (NL), Combo-Natural/Artificial (C), Lure (L)
6. Bait Type—Ballyhoo (B), Spanish Mackerel (SM), Squid (S), Mullet (M), or Other (O). **If rig is a lure, note the number of hooks in Bait Type.**
7. Leader—Size of mono (Leader will be considered mono unless wire is noted)
8. Main Line—Size of backing