

Cape Fear BMT Billfish Release Affidavit

We the undersigned do hereby swear and attest to the authenticity of the below described released billfish. We further swear and attest that the fish was: (1) caught in full accordance with all rules of the individual tournament being fished; and (2) properly released in as good condition as possible without having been boated, harpooned, gaffed, shot, or otherwise injured other than what may have occurred during the fight on rod and reel and that the information contained hereon is true and correct. I understand that falsification of any information on this form will result in disqualification from this tournament.

*****J-Hooks may be used with artificial lures regardless of main line size or leader size. J-Hooks may be used with natural bait or natural bait/artificial lure combinations if the main fishing line class is greater than or equal to 80 lb test line and the leader is greater than or equal to 200 lb test line. If using wire leader, #12 piano wire or greater or #15stainless or greater can be used.*****

Please complete all information on this form – Incomplete forms may disqualify release				
Boat Name _____ Date _____ Release Time _____				<u>Species</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Blue Marlin White Marlin Sailfish Spearfish
<u>Fight Time</u> _____	<u>Size</u> <small>(estimated)</small> _____ lb.	<u>Hook Type</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Circle Hook J-Hook	<u>Number of Hooks on Bait</u> _____	<u>Hook Location</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Jaw Corner of Jaw Bill Mouth Cavity Gills Deep (Gut) Foul Unknown
<u>Hook Size</u> _____	<u>Main Line Size</u> <small>(lb. test)</small> _____	<u>Leader Size</u> <small>(lb. test)</small> _____	<u>Leader Type</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Monofilament Wire	
<u>Bait Type</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Natural Dead Natural Live Artificial (Lure) Natural/Artificial Combination	<u>Bait Species</u> <small>(natural bait only circle one)</small> Ballyhoo Spanish Mackerel Squid Mullet Other _____	<u>Hook Removed?</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Yes / No		
<u>NC Gov. Cup Participant?</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Yes / No		<u>Was the fish bleeding?</u> <small>(circle one)</small> Yes / No		
		<u>What was the condition of the fish?</u> _____ _____ _____		
<u>All Must Sign</u> Angler _____ <small>Name (printed) Signature Date</small> Captain _____ <small>Name (printed) Signature Date</small> Mate _____ <small>Name (printed) Signature Date</small>				<u>Please circle if applies</u> Lady angler *Jr. Boy *Jr. Girl *Age _____

RULES & REGULATIONS

RULES COMMITTEE - Bobby Brown, Ben Smith, Jon Huff, Chris Bailey, Jimmy Vass, Rob Tennille

COMMITTEE BOAT - To Be Announced WEIGH MASTERS - Randy Gregory, George Lott

REPORTING STATION - Wrightsville Marina shall be the official weigh/reporting station

1. All boats must be registered by 6:00 p.m. Thursday July 5th and entry fee paid to qualify for prizes. Entry fees may be paid by cash or check no credit cards accepted. Any boat entered in the CFBMT may not be entered in another tournament simultaneously except for the NC Governor's Cup. Blue Marlin take priority over game fish at the scales. The same scales will be used for all fish including those entered in the Governor's Cup series. The tournament or tournament host reserves the right to deny entry to anyone for cause. Withdrawal from the tournament: 90% of the entry fee will be refunded 21 days after the tournament and clearing of funds.
2. Polygraph test shall be administered to top money winners, (captain or mate), and by signing the entry form participants agree to the final decision of test. Refusal to submit to the test will be automatic disqualification from the tournament and winnings.
3. Fishing time will be 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Official times will be GPS time. Friday, July 6th & Saturday. July 7th.
4. All boats fishing the CFBMT must fish between Loran coordinates North 39550 and South 39000.
5. All Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Sailfish must be reported to committee boat when hooked, lost released or boated. Fish hooked prior or after fishing hours are not eligible. All Blue Marlin and Game fish eligible for prizes must be offloaded at the official weigh station from the boat landing the fish unless authorized by the weigh master. Scales open at 4:00pm and close at 8:00pm.
6. Meat fish- 1st and 2nd place tuna, dolphin and Wahoo will be determined by weight. If two or more entries are the same weight the fish with largest total measurements (length & girth), shall be deemed winner. If weight and measurements are same the earliest fish weighed will win. All fish must adhere to State and Federal regulations. Yellowfin tuna - 27" curved fork length and 3 per person per day Wahoo - 2 per person per day, Dolphin - 10 per person per day.
7. This is a total points tournament. All billfish except Blue Marlin weighing more than 400 lbs, or measuring 110 inches or more (from tip of lower jaw to fork of tail), must be released to obtain points. **Released fish must be attested to by signatures of captain, mate & angler at time of release on form provided by CFBMT. Form shall be given to weigh master, tournament host or faxed to (910)256-5796. All release forms must be received no later than 8:00 pm the day of release.** The crew can not attempt to boat or gaff a released fish. In event of ties the 1st boat to achieve winning points will be winner. Released points: Blue Marlin 400 White Marlin/Sailfish & Spearfish 125 Captured Blue weighing 400-599.9 1 pt./pd. Weighing 600 lbs. Or more 1.5 pt./pound. If Blue Marlin does not meet requirements boat will be penalized 400 pts. From their total score. No fish may be transferred unless original boat breaks down. Fish is boated when it breaks the plane of boat. All fish must adhere to State and Federal regulations. One marlin per vessel per trip.
8. One person from each boat is responsible for knowing rules including any changes made.
9. Prize money checks will be written to person/entity on registration form. S.S. # or tax I.D.# must be provided. 90% of prize money paid at awards brunch, last 10% in 2 weeks pending clearance of checks.
10. Disputes must be made in writing to rules committee. Protest must be made by 9 am the following day or 7 pm last day of tournament. Weigh master has right to hold any fish qualified for prize deemed questionable. If retention refused, fish is disqualified. Rules committee may cut open any fish for inspection. Fish with weight alteration are disqualified. IFGA rules apply regarding fish.
11. This is a rod & reel, hook & line tournament. Double line and leader may not exceed 40 ft., neither of which may exceed 30 ft. No participant may transfer from one boat to another.
12. In the event no qualifying fish are caught prize money will be refunded less 10%.
13. All fish must adhere to state and federal regulations to qualify for prizes.
14. Any boat breaching above rules will be disqualified.
15. Decisions of the Rules Committee are final.
16. **J-hooks may be used with artificial lures regardless of line class or leader* size. J-hooks may be used with natural bait or natural bait/artificial lure combinations if the main fishing line class is greater than or equal to 80 lb. test line AND the leader* is greater than or equal to 200 lb. test line. In line classes below 80 lb. test main line or leader* size below 200 lb. test line, non-offset circle hooks must be used with natural bait or natural bait/artificial lure combinations. Circle hooks are defined as any hook regarded as a circle hook designated by the manufacturer and the hook must be non-offset. *If using a wire leader, #12 piano wire or greater or #15 stainless or greater can be used.**

Registration Form - By signing the entry form and paying the entry fee, I have read and understand the rules for the 2007 Cape Fear Blue Marlin Tournament.

HMS Permits - All boats must have one of the following valid permits - HMS Angling (recreational), HMS Charter/Headboat, or Atlantic Tunas General Category Permit (commercial). Permits expire annually on May 31 each year. Permits must be on board the vessel when engaged in fishing. The 2007 Cape Fear Blue Marlin Tournament is a registered recreational HMS tournament. For more information on HMS permits (888)-872-8862.

Rule - State and Federal Size and Bag Limits. Blue Marlin - 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL). To be eligible for prize money, Blue Marlin must weigh 400 pounds or measure at least 110" LJFL.