

Sailfish Club of Florida



SPORT FISHING RULES

Welcome to the Sailfish Club of Florida's Sport of Fishing

In 1914 The Sailfish Club of Florida was founded by a dedicated group of anglers interested in promoting a tradition in Sport Fishing.

This tradition is to promote conservation, sportsmanship and the rules governing the methods of fishing.

The Fishing Committee, consisting of angling members of the Sailfish Club of Florida, holds various fishing activities and challenges for the pure enjoyment of all member anglers.

We encourage members of all skill levels to fish and submit logs.

In order to compete, each angler must know and understand the rules in this book. If any of the rules and regulations are unclear to you, please contact the Fishing Committee or the Club's office at (561) 844-0206.

Tight Lines!

Fishing Committee

Sailfish Club of Florida

FISHING RULES

All Sailfish Club of Florida fishing activities shall be conducted under the jurisdiction of the Fishing Committee which shall interpret rules, settle disputes, determine rankings in Club fishing events and disqualify entries not in accordance with these rules.

Any angler dissatisfied with a ruling has the right to appeal to the Fishing Committee and the Board of Governors.

Except as noted herein, accepted methods of fishing, the rules of angling, conduct, and ratings of lines, tackle and equipment shall be those currently used by The International Game Fish Association (IGFA). Copies are available in the Club office or in the Dock Master's office.

Any changes in the rules will become effective at the beginning of the new angling year (January 1).

ANGLING YEAR

The "angling year" will start January 1 and end December 31.

TERRITORY AND TIME LIMITS

Entries are eligible from any part of the world. If adherence to the log due date is geographically unreasonable, the rule will be waived if met as soon as is practicable.

FISHING LOGS

Anglers may submit fishing logs through the following:

1. Website: sailfishclub.com - "Submit Fishing Logs."
2. Download the SFC app from the Apple or Google Plays Stores.

Please be sure to include your full name and contact information on all logs. All information must be completed for the the log to count (including if released on live/dead bait). Please enter only eligible fish. Logs cannot be e-mailed directly to a Club employee and must be entered directly through either the website or app.

Please submit logs within the same month or within 30 days of the fish being released / caught.

Junior and Teen Anglers should include date of birth on the log sheet.

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS TO COMPETE

All members in good standing, spouses and children are eligible and are encouraged to submit fishing Logs. This rule now extends to all members, even those that may be professionals, sponsored anglers and those deriving any income from fishing.

SCORING RULES

Anglers are encouraged to submit all eligible fish released and/or weighed. The current International Game Fish Association (IGFA) Rules and Regulations shall apply in salt/fresh water, in the general division and in the fly-casting division.

POTENTIAL CLUB RECORDS

To apply for a "Potential Club Record," the angler must submit the fishing log including the signatures of the angler and the weigh master.

A quality photograph including the fish, angler, tackle (rod and reel) and the scale used to weigh the fish.

SCORING OF FISH

Eligible fish shall be scored under the following formulas.

<u>Killed Fish</u>	<u>Released Fish</u>
Fish points x 100 ÷ line weight	Fish points x 100 ÷ line weight x 2
Example: Mutton Snapper on 20 lb line	Example: Mutton Snapper on 20 lb line
10 x 100 ÷ 20 = 50 points	10 x 100 ÷ 20 x 2 = 100 points

CATCH LIMITS

As of January 1, 2020, "CATCH LIMITS" will be limited to 10 fish per species at a maximum of 3 line classes. You are encouraged to submit all fish, and your top 10 scores will be counted.

BILLFISH

When fishing for any species of billfish, it is necessary to designate the type of bait used (dead, live or artificial). Anglers using dead or artificial bait will receive a bonus (double points) of the score.

FLYFISHING

Anglers receive a 50% bonus on the total points. Please include tippet size. (i.e. 16 lbs leader / 5 lbs tippet). Please refer to the IGFA Rules regarding tippet size.

SPEARFISHING

SPEARFISHING YEAR

The spearfishing year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

SPEARFISHING ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted to fishinglogs@sailfishclub.com with the following information: *name, date, species, weight, location, pole spear / sling or speargun*. If you have a photo of you with the fish, please submit it but this is not necessary.

We will have a section on the Sailfish Club website for spearfishing entries in the near future. For the annual lionfish category, please only submit: *name, date* and *number of lionfish killed*. The annual award will go to the member who kills the most lionfish.

SCORING

Scoring will be determined based on weight and type of device used to harvest the fish. Fish harvested with a pole spear or Hawaiian sling will be awarded a 20% bonus vs those fish harvested with a speargun. For instance a 30lb. black grouper shot with a pole spear would be awarded 36 points (30lbs x 1.2) and a 30lb. black grouper shot with a speargun would be awarded 30 points.

ANGLER RATINGS

There are two "Angler Ratings" to recognize progressive levels of achievement and promote intra-club competition. Ratings are classified as ANGLER and MASTER ANGLER.

ADVANCEMENT OF ANGLER RATING

To receive an ANGLER rating, the angler must enter 5 different species (1 must be a Sailfish) worth a minimum of 50 points. These species may be caught in either the general or fly-casting division.

For an ANGLER to advance to MASTER ANGLER, the angler must enter 15 different species (5 of which need to be on 12 lb. test line or less) in the general division worth a minimum of 100 points and 5 different species in the fly-casting division worth a minimum of 100 points on 20 lb. tippet or less.

Any angler winning the "Overall Club Champion" will automatically advance to the Master Angler Rating.

MASTER ANGLER *

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David H. Anderson

Kelly Kirkpatrick

Hunter Beall

Christopher Lazzara

Keith D. Beaty

Dr. Richard Lazzara

Clark Beaty

Rodman W. Leas

Douglas Buck

Dr. Jack Liggett

Lachlan Cheatham

Robert Lorello, Jr.

Tonya Love Cheatham

Kevin McCluskey

Anthony F. Cummings

George G. Matthews

David Frisbie

Byron Russell

Andres B. Fanjul

Laura Russell

Alexander L. Fanjul

Andrew Stewart

Alexander N. Fanjul

George Straub

Jose F. Fanjul, Jr.

Glenn Straub

Thomas C. Ferguson

Enrique Tomeu

Molly Fleming

Erik Waldin

Louis B. Hager, Jr.

Serena Wilson

Gregg Hemingway

Winston Wren

Brian Kirkpatrick

Errors and Omissions Accepted

ANGLER *

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Robb Allan

Bennie Bray

William Bryan

G. Ryan Bridger

Gregory Coleman

Robert Frisbie

Donald DeWoody, Jr.

Oliver Grace, Jr.

Lamont Harris

Sean Healey

Kevin Jaffé

Richard Johnson, Jr.

Scott A. Johnson

Silvia Lorello

John “Jebb” McCracken

Joseph McDevitt

James P. McKelvy

John Phelan

Allison Ridder Johnstone

Hillary Ryan

William Shockley

Theodore Tarone, Jr.

Richard R. Williams

Larry G. Wilson

Peter Wolfe

** For questions regarding angler ratings, please e-mail: fishing@sailfishclub.com and a representative from the Fishing Committee will respond to the inquiry.*

ELIGIBLE FISH

SALTWATER		MAX LINE CLASS	RELEASE VALUE
BILLFISH* <i>(Release Only)</i>	Black Marlin	130#	300
	Blue Marlin	130#	200
	Striped Marlin	130#	150
	White Marlin	130#	100
	Atlantic Sailfish	50#	50
	Pacific Sailfish	50#	50
	Spearfish	80#	200
	Swordfish	130#	200
GROUPER	Black	50#	25
	Gag	50#	20
	Goliath	130#	200
	All Others	50#	10
JACKS	Amberjack	50#	10
	Jack Crevalle	50#	10
	Giant Trevally	50#	200
	All Other Types	20#	5
MACKEREL	King	20#	10
	Cero	50#	10
	Spanish	20#	5
SHARKS	Mako	80#	200*
	Spinner	80#	25*
	Thresher	80#	200
	Blue	80#	200
SNAPPER	Cubera	50#	30
	Mutton	50#	10
	Red	50#	10
	Schooled	50#	5
TUNA	Albacore	80#	40
	Big Eye	80#	50
	Blackfin	30#	20
	Bluefin	80#	50
	Giant Bluefin (300 lbs)	130#	300
	Skipjack	30#	15
	Yellowfin / Allison	80#	50

ELIGIBLE FISH

SALTWATER	MAX LINE CLASS	RELEASE VALUE
African Pompano	30#	40
Barracuda	30#	10
Black Drum	50#	20
Bluefish	20#	5
Bonefish	16#	20*
Bonito	20#	10*
Carp	20#**	10
Cobia	50#	25
Cod (Atlantic/Pacific)	80#	20
Dolphin	80#	10
Dorado	20#	50
Halibut	80#/130#	25/150
Ladyfish	20#	5
Permit	30#	50*
Pompano	20#	10
Rainbow Runner	30#	20
Redfish	30#	20
Roosterfish	50#	50*
Seatrout	20#	10
Sheepshead	20#	10
Snook	30#	20
Spearfish	80#	200*
Striped Bass (Fresh/Salt)	30#	25
Tarpon	50#	50*
Tripletail	20#	20
Wahoo	80#	50

* Denotes Release Only Species

** Denotes Fly rod only - please include tippet size when logging fish

ELIGIBLE FISH

FRESHWATER		MAX LINE CLASS	RELEASE VALUE
BASS	Large Mouth	30#	10
	Small Mouth	20#	10
	Spotted	20#	10
	Peacock	20#	10
	Sunshine	20#	10
SALMON	Atlantic	30#	50
	Pacific	30#	20
	Arctic Char	30#	20
	Grayling	20#	10
TROUT	Brook	20#	10
	Brown	30#	10
	Bull	20#	10
	Cutthroat	20#	10
	Dolly Vardon	20#	10
	Lake	20#	50
	Rainbow	20#	10
	Steelhead	20#	50
Atlantic Sturgeon		30#	20*
Chain Pickerel		20#	10
Muskellunge		40#	50*
Northern Pike		30#	30
Pacific Sturgeon		130#	300*
Tiger Muskellunge		80#	30*
Tigerfish		80#	30#

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AWARDS

ADULT DIVISIONS

Anglers cannot win the Overall Club Champion two (2) years consecutively.

DON WILSON OVERALL CLUB CHAMPION

Given in Memory of Mr. Don Wilson to the angler accumulating the most points during the angling year. The winner will qualify for the next higher angler rating.

SAILFISH CLUB SAILFISH RELEASE AWARD

Given by the Sailfish Club to the angler releasing the most Sailfish worldwide.

ANN SODAHL LIGHT TACKLE CHAMPION

Given in Honor of Mrs. Ann Sodahl for her dedication to the Gold Cup to the angler accumulating the most points on 30 lb. test line class or less during the angling year.

ALLAN BONEFISH AWARD *

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Robb Allan to the angler releasing the most Bonefish worldwide.

"HAP" WILSON MARLIN RELEASE AWARD

Given in memory of Mr. Don "Hap" Wilson to the angler accumulating the most points releasing Marlin worldwide. Three points for Blue, **four points for Black Marlin**, two points for Striped and one for White.

WILSON SNOOK AWARD *

Given by Mrs. Serena Slater Wilson to the angler releasing the most snook worldwide.

SPEARFISHING CHAMPION

Given to the angler accumulating the most points during the angling year.

LIONFISH AWARD

Given to the angler who removes the most lionfish during the angling year.

** Maximum number of catches do not apply*

CHILDREN & YOUTH DIVISIONS

METTLER OVERALL CHILDREN'S AWARD

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Mettler, Sr. to the anglers accumulating the most points in the Junior and Teen Divisions.

ANNUAL DOCK FISHING AWARD

Given to the top junior angler who averages the most releases during all four Junior Dock Fishing Tournaments (Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Boxing Day).

JUNIOR DIVISION

Anglers ages 10 and under as of January 1st of the angling year.

TEEN DIVISION

Anglers age 11 to 16 as of January 1st of the angling year.

Junior and Teen Division winners may hold their Division Championship for two (2) consecutive years.

The top five Juniors and top five Teens will receive an overall yearly award.

Juniors and Teens will compete within their own divisions for the All-Florida Award. The Fishing Committee reserves the right to add or delete other awards (most Tarpon, most Marlin, most Snook, most Sailfish and fly-casting) as angler participation dictates.

QUARTERLY AWARDS

Given to the angler accumulating the most points in four months of the Angling Year. No angler is eligible for more than one "Quarterly Award" during the Angling Year.

OTHER AWARDS AVAILABLE

COFFIN HEAVY TACKLE CHAMPION

Given in honor of Mrs. Mary K. Coffin and the late Mr. Dexter D. Coffin, Jr. to the angler accumulating the most points on 50 lb. test line class or higher during the "ANGLING YEAR."

NATAROS FLYCASTING CHAMPION

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Nataros to the angler accumulating the most points in fly-casting in fresh and saltwater during the "ANGLING YEAR."

FLEMING ALL-FLORIDA POINTS AWARD

Given by Ms. Molly Fleming to the angler accumulating the most points while fishing in the State of Florida.

STOLL OWNER/OPERATOR BOAT AWARD

Given by the Stoll Family to the angler accumulating the most points fishing without professional assistance onboard.

HUNDLEY GRAND SLAM AWARD

Given by the Hundley Family to individual anglers catching the **most grand slams caught by an individual in the Atlantic and Pacific. (Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Sailfish in the same day.)**

ELLIOTT INSHORE SLAM AWARD

Given by Neil and Kathy Elliott to all individual anglers who qualify for an "INSHORE SLAM" by catching a Bonefish, a Tarpon and a Permit in one fishing day.

FLEMING BACKCOUNTRY SLAM AWARD

Given by Ms. Molly Fleming in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fleming to all individual anglers who qualify for a "BACKCOUNTRY SLAM" by catching a Snook, a Redfish and a Tarpon in one fishing day.

WOLFE BEST FISH AWARD

Given by the Peter Wolfe Family for the three most outstanding catches during the Angling Year. Best fish are determined by the Fishing Committee. Fish entered by Junior and Teen Anglers are included in this award.

STEWART MOST SPECIES AWARD

Given by Andrew and Catherine Stewart to the angler catching the most species for fresh and saltwater on the Sailfish Club's Eligible Fish list during the Angling Year.



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