



Houston Big Game Fishing Club

2017 Awards Program

The HBGFC Awards Program has been established for both Texas and International Divisions. Categories and rules are the same for each division, except where noted.

All members of the HBGFC are eligible to participate in the Awards Program. There are no entry fees. 2017 Awards will be presented to the winners at the Annual Fundraising Banquet in 2018.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

<i>Texas</i>	<i>INTERNATIONAL</i>
<p>Largest Blue Marlin - 3 Places Blue marlin caught, weighed and counted in a recognized Texas tournament that awards prize money for weighed blue marlin. One point per pound will also be awarded to the Top Boat Category, Top Male, Top Female, Top Captain, Top Mate or Top Junior Angler Categories.</p>	<p>Largest Blue Marlin - 3 Places Blue marlin caught and weighed on a certified scale. One point per pound will also be awarded to the Top Boat Category and Top Male, Female or Junior Angler Categories.</p>
<p>Largest Yellowfin, Wahoo and Dolphin - 3 Places Minimum weight is 25 pounds for yellowfin, wahoo and dolphin. Largest fish awards are given to the angler regardless of member classification, i.e. Male, Female or Junior. Fish may be weighed at any Club weigh station or certified by recognized tournaments as stated above. See weigh station information.</p>	<p>Largest Black Marlin - 3 Places Blue marlin caught and weighed on a certified scale. One point per pound will also be awarded to the Top Boat Category and Top Male, Female or Junior Angler Categories.</p>
<p>Swordfish – 1st Place Only Swordfish are worth 250 boated or released. This is a boat only category and does not count toward overall release points or angler captain or mate points.</p>	<p>Swordfish – 1st Place Only Swordfish are worth 250 points boated or released. This is a boat only category and does not count toward overall release points or angler points.</p>
<p>Top Boat of the Year: Awarded to the private boat of a member owner for most weighed blue marlin points plus release points.</p>	<p>Top Private Boat of the Year: Awarded to the private boat of a member owner for most weighed blue and black marlin points plus release points.</p>
<p>Top Male and Top Female Angler of the Year: Awarded to the adult male and female members for most weighed blue marlin points plus release points.</p>	<p>Top Charter Boat of the Year: Awarded to the charter boat of a member owner for most weighed blue and black marlin points plus release points.</p>
<p>Junior Angler of the Year: Awarded to the junior member for most weighed blue marlin points plus release points. If no blue marlin are weighed or released, the award will go to the junior member with the heaviest weighed yellowfin tuna, wahoo or dolphin.</p>	<p>Top Male and Top Female Angler of the Year: Awarded to the adult male and female members for most weighed blue or black marlin points plus release points.</p>
	<p>Junior Angler of the Year: Awarded to the junior angler for most weighed blue or black marlin points plus release points. If no blue or black marlin are weighed or released, the award will go to the junior angler with the heaviest weighed yellowfin tuna, wahoo or dolphin.</p>

- **Top Boat, Top Male and Female Anglers, Top Captain and Top Mate, and Junior Angler Divisions may only win first place two years in a row. After the second year, they must abstain from participating for one year. Membership dues may not lapse during that year. This rule does not apply to meat pots.**
- **Points may only be awarded to the Top Boat division and either the: Top Male, Top Female, Top Captain, Top Mate or Top Junior Angler Division. Points will not be applied to multiple divisions.**
- **Should there be no fish caught for awards in a category, the award may be presented based on other angling accomplishments at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**



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RELEASE SCORING

Points:

Blue Marlin - 500 Points, Black Marlin - 500 Points, White Marlin - 200 Points, Striped Marlin - 200 Points, Sailfish - 100 Points, Spearfish - 100 Points

Bonus Points:

Angler Grand Slam - 500 Points

(Any three billfish species caught by the same angler on the same calendar day)

Boat Grand Slam - 500 Points

(Any three billfish species caught on a Member's boat on the same calendar day by different anglers)

Line Class World Record - 1000 Points

RULES

Points will be awarded for all eligible fish caught on or after January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017. The angler or boat owner must be a member in good standing on the date of the catch. Renewing members must have renewal paid by the March 1, 2017 renewal deadline to receive points for fish caught prior to that date.

*White Marlin, Striped Marlin, Sailfish and Spearfish will count only toward release points. These species will not be weighed. In the Texas Division, weighed Blue Marlin are eligible only if caught, weighed and counted in a recognized Texas tournament that awards prize money for weighed blue marlin.

*A boat is eligible for boat points only if the owner is a member in good standing. Angler points will be awarded to members regardless of the boat owner's membership status.

*Any guest (non-member) catching a fish on a member's boat will not be eligible for individual awards. However, the boat will be credited boat points for that fish.

*Boats must leave from a Texas port and return to a Texas port for Texas Division. Departure from or return to any port outside Texas is considered International.

*A junior member must be 18 years old or younger on the date of catch or release.

*On weighed fish, points will only be awarded if a verification form is turned in and includes the signature of the weigh master. All weights will be verified by the committee from the tournament(s) involved. Weighed fish must be weighed on a certified scale.

*A legal Billfish release is by standard measure: The mate touching the leader, or wind-on leader to the rod tip. Tagging is encouraged but is not required.



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*A verification form must be submitted by mail or fax to the club, a committee member or club board member for each fish **within 30 days of capture/release. No verification form, no points.**

*In case of a tie on total points, the first angler or boat to reach that total wins. This will be determined by the time/date of last reported catch on the verification form.

*All IGFA saltwater angling and tackle rules apply with the exception that an angler may receive assistance getting the rod to the chair or harness.

*Any protest of rule violations must be filed by a current HBGFC member within 30 days of the potential violation and will be reviewed by the HBGFC Board of Directors.

TEXAS WEIGH STATIONS

Fisherman's Wharf - Port Aransas - 361.749.5448

Hours of operation are:

Monday - Sunday 6:00am - 6:00pm

Galveston Yacht Basin - Galveston - 409.765.3088

Hours of operation are:

Monday - Sunday 6:00am - 8:30pm

Pelican Rest Marina - Galveston - 409.744.7754

Hours of operation are:

Monday - Sunday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Port O'Connor Fishing Center - 361.983.4440

Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 5am - 6pm, Friday - Sunday 5am - 7pm

Fishing Center scales will only weigh up to 100 pounds.

Russell's Bait and Tackle - Matagorda - 979.863.7620

Hours of operation are:

Sunday - Thursday 5:30am - 6:30pm

Friday - Saturday 5:30am - 7:30pm

Surfside Marina - Freeport - 979.230.9400

Hours of operation are.

Monday - Sunday 6:30am - 6:30pm

PLEASE TIP YOUR WEIGHMASTER

Club Awards Program Committee:

Chairman, Kevin Deerman, 409-789-2975, e-mail: captkd@comcast.net



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2017 Awards Program Verification Form

TEXAS DIVISION

****Boats must depart from and return to a Texas port for fish to qualify for Texas Division Awards. Any out of Texas departure or return port is considered an International Division trip and requires an International Division Verification Form****

ONE FORM PER DAY OR PER WEIGHED FISH

Boat Name: _____	Angler Club Member: Yes _____ No _____
Angler's Name: _____	If Yes: Male _____ Female _____ Junior _____
Captain's Name: _____ (Required to earn Top Captain points)	Captain Club Member: Yes _____ No _____
Mate's Name: _____ (Required to earn Top Mate points)	Mate Club Member: Yes _____ No _____
Owner's Name: _____ (Required to earn Top Boat points if angler is not a member)	
Date of Capture/Release: _____	Time: _____

<u>Species Released</u>	<u>Indicate Number Released</u>	<u>Swordfish</u>	<u>Indicate Number Released/Boated</u>
Blue Marlin - 500 pts	_____	Swordfish <small>(<u>boat only category</u>; 250 points boated OR released)</small>	_____
White Marlin - 200 pts	_____		<u>Weight</u>
Sailfish - 100 pts	_____	Yellowfin Tuna - 25 lb min.	_____
Spearfish - 100 pts	_____	Wahoo - 25 lb min.	_____
		Dolphin - 25 lb min.	_____
		Blue Marlin <small>(weighed and counted at recognized Texas tournament...see rules & format)</small>	_____
Angler's Signature & Phone Number <small>I certify that fish were caught in accordance with the HBGFC Awards Program rules.</small>		<u>Location weighed - Circle One:</u> Freeport Galveston Port Aransas Port O'Connor	
Boat Captain / Mate Signature & Phone Number <small>(If participating in Top Captain and Top Mate Division)</small>		Name of Tournament: _____	
Witness' Signature & Phone Number <small>(Weigh Master or Scale Keeper if weighed fish)</small>			

Mail of Fax this form within 30 days of capture of release to:
Houston Big Game Fishing Club
305 21st Street, Suite 241, Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: 409-744-2313

For questions about capture or release verification:
Call: HBGFC, 409-744-2307 or
E-mail: info@hbgfc.com
Call: Kevin Deerman, 409-789-2975



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INTERNATIONAL DIVISION**

Boats may depart from and/or return to any out-of-Texas port, anywhere in the world

ONE FORM PER DAY OR PER WEIGHED FISH

Boat Name: _____	Private _____	Charter _____
Angler's Name: _____	Angler Club Member: Yes _____ No _____	
Owner's Name: _____ <small>(Required to earn Top Boat points if angler is not a member)</small>	If Yes: Male _____ Female _____ Junior _____	
Date of Capture/Release: _____	Time: _____	

<u>Species Released</u>	<u>Indicate Number Released</u>	<u>Swordfish</u>	<u>Indicate Number Released/Boated</u>
Blue Marlin - 500 pts	_____	Swordfish <small>(boat only category; 250 points boated OR released)</small>	_____
Black Marlin - 500 pts	_____		
Striped Marlin – 200 pts	_____		<u>Weight</u>
White Marlin – 200 pts	_____	Blue Marlin	_____
Sailfish - 100 pts	_____	Black Marlin	_____
Spearfish - 100 pts	_____	<i>Only Blue and Black Marlin qualify for weighed fish points. Fish must be weighed on certified scales.</i>	

_____ Angler's Signature & Phone Number I certify that fish were caught in accordance with the HBGFC Awards Program rules.	_____ Location weighed – Port & Country:
_____ Boat Captain's Signature & Phone Number	_____ Name of Tournament:
	_____ Witness' Signature & Phone Number <small>(Weigh Master or Scale Keeper if weighed fish)</small>

Mail of Fax this form within 30 days of capture of release to:
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