

2016/2017 BCFC Annual Fishing Contest

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We are very excited to roll out our new annual fishing contest format! Conserving our coastal fishery is very important to BCFC. Moving forward, our annual fishing contest will be based on LENGTH and not WEIGHT. You can now catch, measure and photo a fish, and then properly release it. This will also make it very easy for club members to participate since they won't have to be concerned about finding an official weigh station. Sharpen those hooks and get out there!

Measuring Instructions

Lay the fish on a flat surface and measure in **quarter inch increments**. Measure from the tip of the mouth to the tip of the tail. Picture of fish being measured must accompany entry form.

Fishing Contest Rules

1. Only current members that have paid their dues before catching the fish are eligible
2. Entries must be caught by hook and line, rod and reel
3. Territorial limits for the contest shall be from Little River Inlet to Carolina Beach, NC. Slight variations north or south will not disqualify entry.
4. No restrictions on the tackle with the exception that power reels are not permitted
5. All entries must be submitted within 30 days of catch
6. Entry must exceed minimum length listed below for each species
7. Contest entries will be kept updated on our website throughout the year
8. Each club member may enter as many species he/she desires, but will only be eligible for one prize.
9. In case of a tie, the fish entered first will have priority
10. Prizes will be awarded for longest fish in each species category. Prizes will be presented during the October general membership meeting
11. Youth Angler species have no minimum lengths but all entries must meet North Carolina regulations

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Eligible species and sizes

Amberjack 28"	Pompano 12"
Barracuda 30"	Red Drum 35" ***
Black Drum 35"	Sailfish 63" ***
Black Sea Bass 15"	Shark 60" ***
Blackfin Tuna 20"	Sheepshead 15"
Blue Marlin 99" ***	Spanish Mackerel 20"
Bluefish 24"	Spearfish (Release Only)
Bonito 20"	Speckled Trout 20"
Cobia 37" ***	Spot 8"
Croaker 16"	Striped Bass 36" ***
Dolphin 35"	Tarpon 77" ***
False Albacore 25" ***	Tilefish 25"
Flounder 20"	Triggerfish 14"
Gray Trout 16"	Yellowfin Tuna 35"
Grouper 24"	Wahoo 40"
Jack Crevalle 36"***	White Marlin 66" ***
King Mackerel 36"	Whiting 14"

*** See <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/recreational-fishing-size-and-bag-limits> for all NC Rules and Regulations

Annual Youth Contest Species (Anglers must be age 15 or less on the date of the catch)

Bluefish	Red Drum
Croaker	Spanish Mackerel
Flounder	Speckled Trout
King Mackerel	Spot
Pigfish	Whiting