

# Norfolk Anglers Club

## Prize Fish Entry Form

Please fill out the following information. All weights must be on certified scales, witnessed, and caught using Hook & Line.

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Caught: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  Virginia  North Carolina

Lure or Bait: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs \_\_\_\_\_ oz          Length: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Jr. Angler                       Adult Angler

Fish Released \*\*       Fish Tagged

Angler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We certify that the information provided is correct.

Angler's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness/Weighmaster Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness/Weighmaster Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Anglers fishing alone must provide a clear, sideview photograph of the fish on a measuring device, which clearly shows the entire length of the fish.

Membership must be in good standing at the time of the catch to be eligible.

Please submit your Prize Fish Entry form to the Awards Director at any of the Norfolk Anglers Club regular meetings, or mail it to;

Norfolk Anglers Club  
Awards Director  
P.O. Box 8422  
Norfolk, VA 23503-0422

(Amended January 2017)

## PRIZE FISH CONTEST RULES

1. Contest will run from 01 January to 31 December. Entries must be turned in within 30 days of the date of catch. All December entries must be turned in by the regular January meeting.
2. All blanks on entry forms must be completely filled in to be considered for award.
3. Only fish caught for recreational purposes, in accordance with state regulations, are eligible.
4. The fish must be taken on hook and line only. Power reels are not permitted. No assistance at the rod or line shall be permitted, except holding the leader while the fish is being gaffed or boated.
5. The fish must be caught during the legal season for that species and from waters open to public fishing.
6. The territorial limits for this contest shall be: Virginia and North Carolina Saltwater and Freshwater bodies of water no matter the point of departure or return. This applies to the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Contest only. Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament (VSWFT) and Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) have specific requirements for each program that must be followed.
7. The contest is open to all members in good standing whose dues have been paid before the catch. There is no entry fee.
8. NAC contest rules for identifying the prize fish for each species will closely parallel the rules used to determine the annual trophy fish for the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament (VSWFT), Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) for freshwater species, and also include Release and Weight categories established by the Club. All VSWFT and VDGIF size and weights citation/trophy program requirements apply. The club size/weight requirements apply to fish caught in either VA or NC.

### Specifically:

- a. Per VSWFT/VDGIF rules, for those fish species where the heaviest weight is recognized as the trophy winning fish, so too will NAC recognize the heaviest fish entered for that species meeting VSWFT/VDGIF citation criteria. All entries must be weighed at an official weigh station. If a "weight" fish is not entered, then the longest length fish meeting the VSWFT/VDGIF citation criteria for release will be the NAC prize fish winner.
- b. For those species of fish where RELEASE ONLY citations are awarded by the VSWFT/VDGIF, NAC will recognize the longest fish in each species as the NAC prize fish winner. Per VSWFT /VDGIF rules, fish length is determined as follows:

1. Lay the fish on top of or beside a flat measuring rule. Do not lay the rule over the curvature of the fish's body.
2. Close the fish's mouth and measure from the tip of the snout (or lower jaw) to the end of the tail to the nearest ¼ inch.
3. Have an observer verify the length and complete the witness information on the application. Or, take a picture of the fish and complete the length witness information yourself.

c. For Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish and Spearfish. As estimated length and weight are difficult to determine without possible injury to the fish, NAC will recognize the prize fish winner by the number of release fish in each species by any one angler.

9. In event of a tie in any species, the earliest fish taken in the season will determine the winner.

10. A copy of the VSWFT/VDGIF citation application or the NAC PRIZE FISH ENTRY FORM must be provided to the NAC Awards Director for NAC prize fish consideration.

11. First place award winners will be recognized at the club's annual awards banquet.

12. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place points will be assigned for each species. The anglers with the highest overall points total will be recognized as the NAC Anglers of the Year in the following categories: Salt/Fresh water.

13. NAC will also recognize two Release Anglers of the Year - one saltwater, one freshwater. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place points will be assigned for each species. The anglers with the highest overall points total will be recognized as the NAC Saltwater or Freshwater Release Angler of the Year. Again, only those fish meeting the length minimums for state release citation will be considered for this NAC award.

14. The Norfolk Anglers Club - ANGLER OF THE YEAR - will be the angler with the most combined points adding both the fresh water and salt water keep and release citations.

15. The Prize Fish Committee will also consider recognition of an "Exceptional Catch(s)" such as Most Outstanding Saltwater/Freshwater Catch.

16. Youth anglers must be age 15 or less on the date of the catch. For youth anglers, there are no minimum size limits for fish and virtually all fish qualify for recognition.

17. Acceptability of fish entered in this contest will be entirely within the discretion of the Prize Fish Committee, whose decision will be final.