

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: _____ Location: _____

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/Weigh Master Signature: _____

Witness/Weigh Master Name (Print): _____

** Anglers fishing alone must provide a clear, side view 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

Additional Entries on Reverse

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: For the NAC Prize Fish Program, Shoreline and Waters of Virginia and North Carolina. Fishing guidelines for the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament (VSWFT) and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) apply to those programs.
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. 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 measured with the tail compressed along the midline, using a straight-line measure, not measured over the curve of the body 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/trophy application either/or the NAC PRIZE FISH ENTRY FORM must be provided to the NAC Awards Director for NAC prize fish consideration. More than one entry may be submitted on the Club Prize Fish Entry Form however, they must be the same species and caught on the same day. Anglers should check the “ Additional Entries on Reverse” box and legibly enter additional catch information on the reverse side of the Entry Form. *This only applies to the same species caught on the same day.*

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 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 Angler of the Year. Only fish meeting the minimum length or weight for the VSWFT, VDGIF Trophy Fish Program, or the NAC Prize Fish Program will be considered.

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

15. 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.

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

17. Norfolk Anglers Club Expert Angler recognition is achieved when an angler submits six (6) VMRC Saltwater Fishing Tournament Citations, DGIF Trophy Fish certificates, or NAC Prize Fish submissions for the same species during the calendar year (January 1st through December 31st).

18. Norfolk Anglers Club Master Angler recognition is achieved when an angler submits VMRC Saltwater Fishing Tournament Citations, DGIF Trophy Fish certificates, or NAC Prize Fish submissions for six (6) different species during the calendar year (January 1st through December 31st).

