

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 HBGFC are eligible for the Awards Program. There are no entry fees. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Annual Members Celebration and Awards Banquet to be held March 31, 2012.

## AWARDS CATEGORIES

### TEXAS

#### **Largest Blue Marlin** - 3 Places

Only blue marlin caught, weighed and counted in the following recognized Texas tournaments:

The Lone Star Shootout, World Cup, Poco Bueno, ROC, TIFT, The Legends.

1 point per pound.

#### **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. Junior, Male, or Female. Fish may be weighed at any of the Club weigh stations or certified by any of the recognized tournaments above. See weigh station information.

#### **Top Boat of the Year:**

Awarded to the private boat of a member owner for most weighed blue marlin points plus release points.

#### **Top Captain of the Year:**

Awarded to the top professional captain member on any HBGFC boats combined for most weighed Blue Marlin points plus release points.

**Female Angler of the Year:** Awarded to the adult female member for most weighed blue marlin points plus release points.

#### **Male Angler of the Year:**

Awarded to the adult male member for most weighed blue marlin points plus release points.

#### **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.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### **Largest Blue Marlin** - 1st Place Only

Must be weighed on certified scales.

1 point per pound.

#### **Largest Black Marlin** - 1st Place Only

Must be weighed on certified scales.

1 point per pound.

#### **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.

#### **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.

**Female Angler of the Year:** Awarded to the adult female member for most weighed marlin points plus release points.

#### **Male Angler of the Year:**

Awarded to the adult male member for most weighed marlin points plus release points.

#### **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.

**\*\*Note:** 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.

## RELEASE SCORING

### **Points:**

Blue Marlin - 500 Points, Black Marlin - 500 Points, Swordfish - 250 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

Double points for release in the Houston Big Game Fishing Club Billfish Tournament, The Lone Star Shootout.



## RULES

**For 2012, points will be awarded for all eligible fish caught on or after January 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012. 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, 2012 renewal deadline to receive points for fish caught prior to that date.**

\*Swordfish, 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 tournament (The Lone Star Shootout, World Cup, Poco Bueno, ROC, TIFT, The Legends).

\*Any Texas Division Blue Marlin release requires a date/time stamped photo. Points will be awarded based on the highest species identified in the photo. No date/time stamped photo required for International Billfish Division.

\*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.

\*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.**

\*Pictures of fish in a boat will NOT count for any 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.



## WEIGH STATIONS

Weigh station hours of operation are subject to change. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you call in advance for availability and be prepared to keep your catch on ice until normal business hours the next day.

**Galveston Yacht Basin - 409.762.3168**

Hours of operation are:

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

**Surfside Marina - 979.230.9400, Scott 850.527.2882, Chris 850.348.1498**

Hours of operation are.

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

**Fisherman's Wharf - Port Aransas - 361.749.5448**

Hours of operation are:

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

**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.

## PLEASE TIP YOUR WEIGHMASTER

**Awards Committee:**

Chairman, Kevin Deerman, 409-789-2975, e-mail: [astuart1@comcast.net](mailto:astuart1@comcast.net)

Randy Bright, 713-816-2165

Marc Gentry, 713-828-4273

Jim Peachey, 979-482-4040



# Houston Big Game Fishing Club 2012 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's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Member: Yes  No   
If Yes, Male  Female  Junior

Captain's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required to earn Top Captain points)

Club Member: Yes  No

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required to earn Boat points if angler is not a member)

Date of Capture/Release: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Species Released**

(indicate number released)

Blue Marlin (500 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
(date/time stamped photo required)

Swordfish (250 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

White Marlin (200 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Sailfish (100 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Spearfish (100 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

**PICTURES OF FISH IN BOAT WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS RELEASE POINTS**

**Weighed Fish**

**Weight**

Yellowfin Tuna \_\_\_\_\_  
(25lb minimum)

Wahoo \_\_\_\_\_  
(25lb minimum)

Dolphin \_\_\_\_\_  
(25lb Minimum)

Blue Marlin \_\_\_\_\_  
(weighed and counted at recognized tournament...see rules & format)

Location weighed: (circle one) Galveston

Name of Tournament: Freeport  
Port O'Connor  
Port Aransas

**Angler's Signature**

I certify that this fish was caught in accordance with the HBGFC Awards Program Rules.

**Phone Number:**

**Boat Captain Signature**

(If participating in Top Captain Division)

**Witness Signature**

(Weigh Master or Scale Keeper if weighed fish)

*Mail or Fax this form within 30 days of capture or release to: For questions about capture or release verification:*

Houston Big Game Fishing Club  
1902 Shipyard Drive  
Seabrook, Texas 77586  
Fax #: 281-474-2201

Call: HBGFC, 281-291-8889 or  
E-mail: info@hbgfc.com  
Call: Kevin Deerman, 409-789-2975  
Download forms: www.hbgfc.com



Houston Big Game Fishing Club  
 2012 Awards Program Verification Form  
*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: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member: Yes  No  If Yes,  
 Male  Female  Junior   
 Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required to earn Boat points if angler is not a member)  
 Date of Capture/Release: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Species Released**

(indicate number released)

Blue Marlin (500 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black Marlin (500 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Swordfish (250 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Striped Marlin (200 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
 White Marlin (200 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sailfish (100 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spearfish (100 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

**Weighed Fish**

**Weight**

Blue Marlin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Black Marlin \_\_\_\_\_

Only Blue and Black Marlin qualify for weighed fish points. Fish must be weighed on certified scales.

Location  
 (Port & Country): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Angler's Signature**

I certify that this fish was caught in accordance with the HBGFC Awards Program Rules.

Boat Captain or Witness Signature (Weigh Master or Scale Keeper if weighed fish)

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