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Attention Swordfish Anglers



Illustration by Diane Rome Peebles

Swordfish MUST have a catch card completed AND be tagged BEFORE being legally removed from the vessel. Catch cards are available from reporting stations at most marinas, tackle shops and online.

Exchange completed cards for a billfish tag (white) at the reporting station. Be sure to write the tag number on the card and place the tag on the swordfish.

If reporting stations are closed, obtain a billfish catch card by either:

- 1) printing a catch card PDF from dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/coastal/tagging.aspx;
- 2) using the card provided below, or
- 3) visiting the after-hours kiosk at the Colonel Jack Taylor Boat House.



MD DNR - Catch Card and Tagging Program
Learn more here

Complete both the card AND the receipt on the side. Retain the receipt and deposit the completed catch card into the Bluefin Tuna, Billfish and Shark kiosk located on the outside of the Natural Resources Police office in the Colonel Jack Taylor Boat House, 12917 Harbor Road, Ocean City Maryland.

Maryland Billfish Catch Card



TODAY'S DATE: MM DD YYYY

HMS PERMIT #: _____

BILLFISH TAG #: _____

Today's Date:

Species (circle one): *White Marlin / Roundscale Spearfish / Blue Marlin / Swordfish / Sailfish*

Vessel Name: _____

Registration # (State ID): _____

Permit Holders Name: _____

Atlantic HMS Permit #:

Trip Type: *Charter / Private / Headboat*

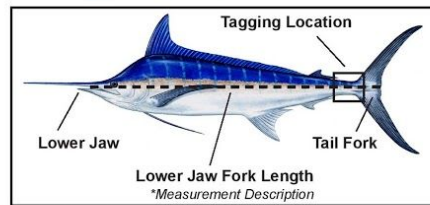
Was this fish caught during a tournament? Yes / No

Tournament Name: _____

Reporting Station: _____

Billfish Tag #: _____
(Obtain at Reporting Station)

Lower Jaw Fork Length (inches):** _____ *Weight (lbs)** _____



NOTE: All BILLFISH (White Marlin, Blue Marlin, Roundscale Spearfish, Swordfish and Sailfish) landed in Maryland must have a LANDING TAG affixed before removal from the vessel. Tags are available at all BILLFISH REPORTING STATIONS. To obtain a LANDING TAG, captains or operators of the permitted vessel must complete and submit a catch card for every billfish landed. Anglers only need to fill in one discard table per species per trip.

Information about Releases from this Trip.

SPECIES	#Released Alive	#Released Dead
Blue Marlin		
White Marlin		
Roundscale Spearfish		
Sailfish		
Swordfish		

* Measure from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail.

** Scale weight ONLY. Do not record estimated weight.

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