

2023 Year-Long Catch, Photo, Release (CPR) Contest

To promote and reward good conservation principles while practicing proper Catch and Release techniques plus having some fun, the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association (ACFA) offers to members in good standing, a Year-Long Catch, Photograph and Release Contest (CPR). Participation in this contest is included only when yearly membership dues are paid prior to fishing. Your membership extends to your family: spouse, children (or grandchildren) who have not reached their 16th birthday by February 1st of the current year. ACFA members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with our Mission Purpose of providing a "Family-Oriented Atmosphere" during club functions. Unruly or otherwise disruptive behavior is unacceptable, and the membership of such offender may be forfeited (and refunded) at the discretion of a majority of the club executive officers.

1. The Categories (species) for the 2023 CPR have been revised to include the following six (6) Species:
 - a. Speckled Trout (15" minimum TL)
 - b. Redfish (16" minimum TL)
 - c. Black Drum (16" minimum TL)
 - d. Flounder (14" minimum TL)
 - e. Sheepshead (12" minimum FL)
 - f. **Jack Crevalle** (12" minimum FL)
 - i. For use in the document, the following will apply:
FL = Fork Length TL = Total Length
 - ii. **Note that Sheepshead and Jack Crevalle are measured using its FL (Fork Length)**
 - iii. **Measurements for all other species are TL (Total Length)**;
2. The Contest duration is the same as that used for the ACFA Big Fish Contest (BFC) which runs from (12:00 am November 15 until the following 12:00 pm midnight November 14).
3. You may submit your CPR Entry to Wayne Swiger, ACFA Statistician by one of the following methods:
 - a. Text to: (251) 802-5987
 - b. Use direct email link "CPR Entry" on the club website @ <https://www.acfafish.com/>
 - c. Or E-mail: swigerwayne@gmail.com

Or by U.S. Mail to:
ACFA Big Fish Contest
c/o Wayne Swiger
658 Jemison St
Mobile, Al 36606
4. When submitting a CPR entry, all CPR Rules will apply as well as the following:
 - a. **MUST** use a 2023 CPR Card, available from the Statistician or downloaded from the website @ <https://www.acfafish.com/cpr-card> (or submit the same information on paper);
 - b. **MUST** be submitted and received by ACFA Statistician within 30 days from "Date of Catch";
 - c. **MUST** include photographs (digital, print **or video**), showing the entire fish thus allowing the Statistician to:
 - i. Verify the length of the fish while lying flat, in a natural position, centered over the ruler with mouth closed and nose of fish against the ruler stop;
 - ii. Verify the angler (either member or dependent) along with their catch;
 - iii. Verify the successful release of the LIVE fish, while utilizing proper handling and release techniques;
 1. A certain amount of leeway may be required for those anglers fishing solo, however, the procurement of a photo of sufficient quality to allow verification of the items in CPR Rule 4.c.i-iii is a necessity.
 - d. It is the angler's responsibility to follow the spirit of a successful release.

- e. **** Optional: If you tag a fish prior to its release, or catch a previously tagged fish, you MUST include the Tag number along with its Source in the space provided on the CPR Card, in order to be credited and eligible for awards;**
 - f. Every reasonable effort will be made to verify all entries;
 - g. All entries must be legible and contain the same information as that required on the 2023 ACFA CPR Card;
5. All anglers submitting a BFC entry are encouraged to verify receipt of their catch with the ACFA Statistician;
 6. The ACFA Statistician is the sole judge in this contest;
 7. In case of a tie, the earliest entry and time will take precedence over the later entry;
 8. Entries not meeting **ALL** the criteria above may be questioned, changed, or rejected by the contest judge (ACFA Statistician) at his/her discretion, that is:
 - a. Photo does:
 - i. NOT allow verification of length that is, cut-off (cropped), poor quality (blurry)
 - ii. NOT show the entire length of fish to allow an accurate reading of the length to the nearest 1/8 or 1/4 inch;
 - iii. NOT exhibit proper handling **and/or** release techniques.
 9. Results will be posted (as inches and a two decimal conversion from fractions) in the Monthly ACFA Newsletter and on the ACFA Website along with all other standings and Statistics @: <https://www.acfafish.com/stats-and-records>
 10. **NOTE:** Each qualifying angler (paid member, their spouse, child, or grandchild) under age 16 as of Feb 1st, is allowed a maximum of **two (2)** fish in each CPR Category (species). “**Upgrades**” are allowed, but the third entry per species will become invalid.
 11. Points will be awarded for the top Ten (10) places in each species category as follows:

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

12. The top Three (3) places for each of the **Six (6)** Species, will be recognized with a plaque at the December Awards Banquet.
 - a. Anglers in both the Adult & Junior Divisions with the highest overall number of CPR Points will be declared the CPR Champion for that year.
 - b. **Additional recognition plaques, certificates or prizes will be awarded to those anglers who, during the course of this contest, Tag & Report their CPR Fish.**
 - i. **What that award will be is dependent on the level of participation seen from this option (including Junior anglers).**

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