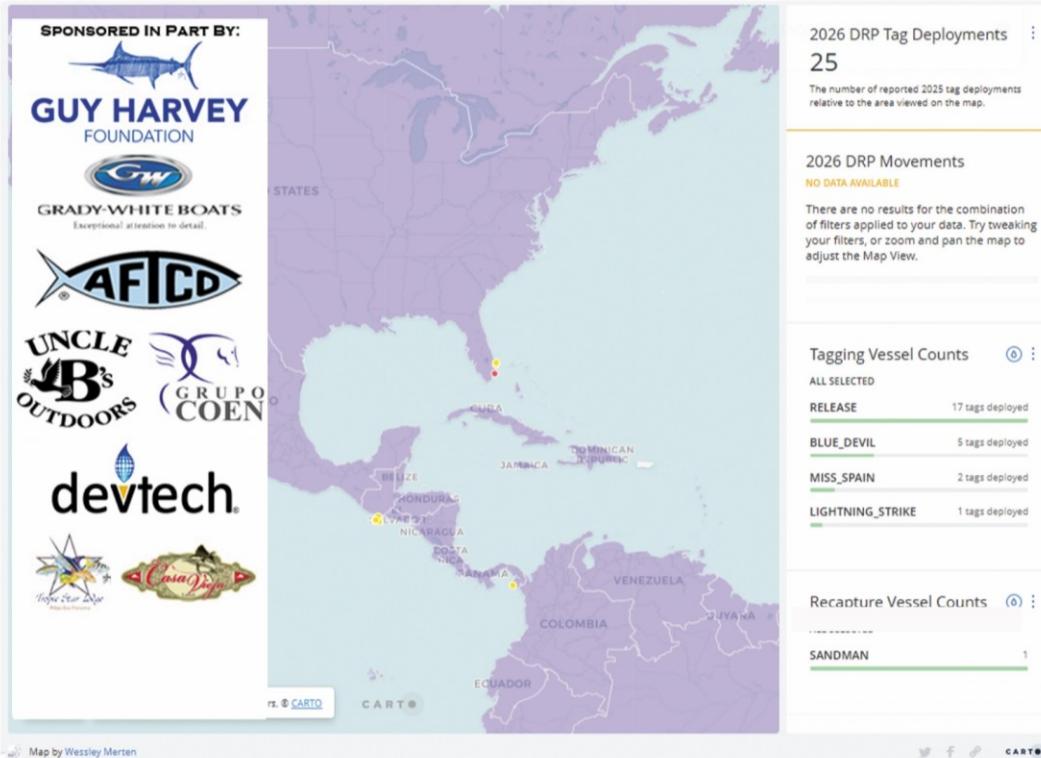


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Year to 1/29/2026 for Reported Releases:

**25 tagged & released for conservation
and science by
3 different vessels**

1 Recaptures/Movements to date in 2026

0 verified

**0 Satellite tags deployed
(5 (2025) at large)**

Reported and Received Tagging Progress from 12/19/2025-1/29/2026:

Casa Vieja Lodge (Release) 17 sailfish
Chris Frost (Lightning Strike) 1

Steve Magassy (Blue Devil) 5
Jessica Harvey (Miss Spain) 2

Reported Recaptures or Movement Data Acquired Since 12/21/2026

Bill Conover reported a fish tagged and released by Corey Inman
Manuel Valdes recaptured a fish with a satellite tag deployed aboard Miss Texas
Martin Ramon Paulino found a satellite tag deployed on a wahoo aboard Liqueo

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We would like to thank **Penn Fishing**, **Costa Del Mar**, **AFTCO**, and the **Guy Harvey Foundation**, for providing strong incentives for fishermen to tag and release small, healthy dolphinfish for the **Dolphinfish Research Program (DRP)** in 2025. These premier fishing tackle and equipment companies and sponsors of the **DRP** have shown their commitment to the conservation of this important fishery by donating top-quality equipment and art for incentive awards to encourage fishermen to assist the DRP. This year, we will distribute \$5,562 worth of gear and art to 66 captains and their crews who collectively tagged and released 1,750 dolphin and generated 26 of the 43 recoveries produced in 2025! When the value of our year-end awards is combined with

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additional tagging and recapture awards distributed in 2025, our program, through the support of our sponsors, distributed \$9,000 worth of fishing gear and products to fishermen around the world as well as cash awards to international recapture and satellite tag reporters. Below is a complete list of all 2025 tag and release award winners! Congratulations to our award winners!

award winners!



Top Private Boat: **Don Gates Killin' Time II** - 669 Tagged
2nd Private Boat: **David Wamer and Charlie Jamison Wam-Jam** - 121 Tagged

Top Charter Boat: **Jon Reynolds Drop Back Charters** - 138 Tagged
2nd Charter Boat: **Dwayne Sapp Sea Swamp Charters** - 28 Tagged

Top Boat in the SAB: **Ed Kattel Cool Cat** - 197 Tagged
2nd Boat in the SAB: **Mike Prendergast Reel Therapy** - 37 Tagged

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Top Boat in the Tropics: Julien Brossel Madatet Fishing - 61 Tagged

2nd Boat in the Tropics: Luis Burgos CFA - 26 Tagged

Top Boat in the GOA: **Jaselyn Berthelot** *Rising Sons* - 30 Tagged

2nd Boat in the GOA: No qualifier - Needed 20 tagged, released, and reported to qualify

Top Boat in the MAB: **Dr. Iyke Blakemore** *Marlin Gull* - 113 Tagged

2nd Boat in the MAB: No Qualifier - Needed 20 tagged, released, and reported to qualify

2ND TOP BOAT TROPICS
CFA (PUERTO RICO)
26 TAGGED



Top Captain with the Scouts
- Marshall Ruffo - 25 Tagged

TOP BOAT MAB
MARLIN GULL (NC)
113 TAGGED



TOP CAPTAIN WITH THE SCOUTS
MARSHALL RUFFO
MAN O' WAR SCOUT (FL)
25 TAGGED



Notable Mentions for Tagging >=10 Dolphin (received shirts or hats or art with tags):

Angelo Masullo Levon (27); **Chris Frost** *Lightning Strike* (23); **Gary York** *Mag E III* (20); **Daniel Kubiak** *Southern Run* (20); **Dane Dellenbach** *Knot Workin'* (19); **Tropic Star Lodge** *Miss Texas* (19); **Jimbo and Rick Thomas** *Thomas Flyer* (18); **Christian Sanchez** *Miami Sailfish* (17); **Willie Howard** *Captain Willies Charters* (17); **Wilmer Sanchez** *The Big Deal* (16); **Todd Floyd** *Nemenches* (16); **Chris Jobes** *Pair of Docs* (13); **Jason and Casey Hampson** *Early Retirement* (13); **Jim Henrichsen** *Lucky Lady* (14); **Frank Betz** *Leviathan* (11); **John Dudas** *Sandman* (11); **David Claeys** *Hook n Cook* (11); **Joel Nulman** *Sedative* (10); **Gregg Smith** *Patriot* (10)

DOLPHINFISH RESEARCH PROGRAM TAGGING AWARDS



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In order to qualify for **2026 Dolphinfish Research Program Year-End Awards**, a minimum of 20 dolphinfish need to be tagged, released, and recorded with the **DRP**. We also issue recapture awards for taggers and reporters. A special thanks to [AFTCO](#), [Costa Del Mar](#), the [Guy Harvey Foundation](#), and [Penn Fishing](#) for their support of our tagging awards program.

Tag Maps Updated Thru 12.31.2025

Through the end of 2025, our angler-driven effort has resulted in **39,686** dolphinfish tag deployments, of which **902** dolphinfish were reported as recovered. Additionally, a total of **161** satellite tags have been deployed between **dolphinfish** (n=145), **wahoo** (n=12), **yellowfin tuna** (n=1), blue marlin (n=1), and **silky sharks** (n=2). Click on the [map](#) below to view the data. This year, we also included a table below the map that includes tag deployment and recapture counts by region for anglers to become better educated about documented dolphin movements. The data is available for download by the public. Request a tag kit to get involved this year and contribute to our data collection program on dolphinfish! [Click here](#) to get a kit. .

Through the end of 2025, in the **Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean**, **1,429** dolphinfish tag deployments and **46** dolphinfish conventional recapture movements were compiled. In addition, a total of **86** satellite tags have been deployed on **dolphinfish** out of **Tropic Star Lodge** (n=67), **Casa Vieja Lodge** (n=17), and **Salinas, Ecuador** (n=2). Click on the map below to examine the ETP data. If you fish in the ETP, request a tag kit to get involved! [Click here](#) for a kit.

While our research focus is dolphinfish, there are several species that lack movement data. **Wahoo** is prime example. As a result, we now offer kits for anglers to tag wahoo. Through the end of 2025, 22 wahoo were tagged and released with conventional tags. Anglers have also tagged **yellowfin tuna**, **blackfin tuna**, **albacore tuna**, **rainbow runners**, and **silky sharks**. Click on the map below to examine the data we collect on these species. [Click here](#) to get a wahoo kit.



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Help Fund Our 2026 Tagging Effort



A special thanks to everyone who has contributed to our tagging program since the beginning of our 2025/2026 fundraising campaign. With your support, we were able to start

2026 strong. Our goal is to distribute 400 kits and 4,000 tags in 2026. While we have an operational budget to begin the year, we still need support to help us fund our online tagging maps ([click here](#)), acquire additional satellite tags to deploy on adult dolphinfish and wahoo in 2026, support overhead and staff costs, and increase our tagging kit and education supplies to meet our growing demand for tagging kits. Our tagging program is at the forefront of educating anglers, advancing discussions and actions surrounding conservation of the species, and gathering additional data to help inform data-driven decision making at the state, federal, and international levels. Help the **DRP** expand in 2026. Click the icons below to shop or donate to support our program.

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