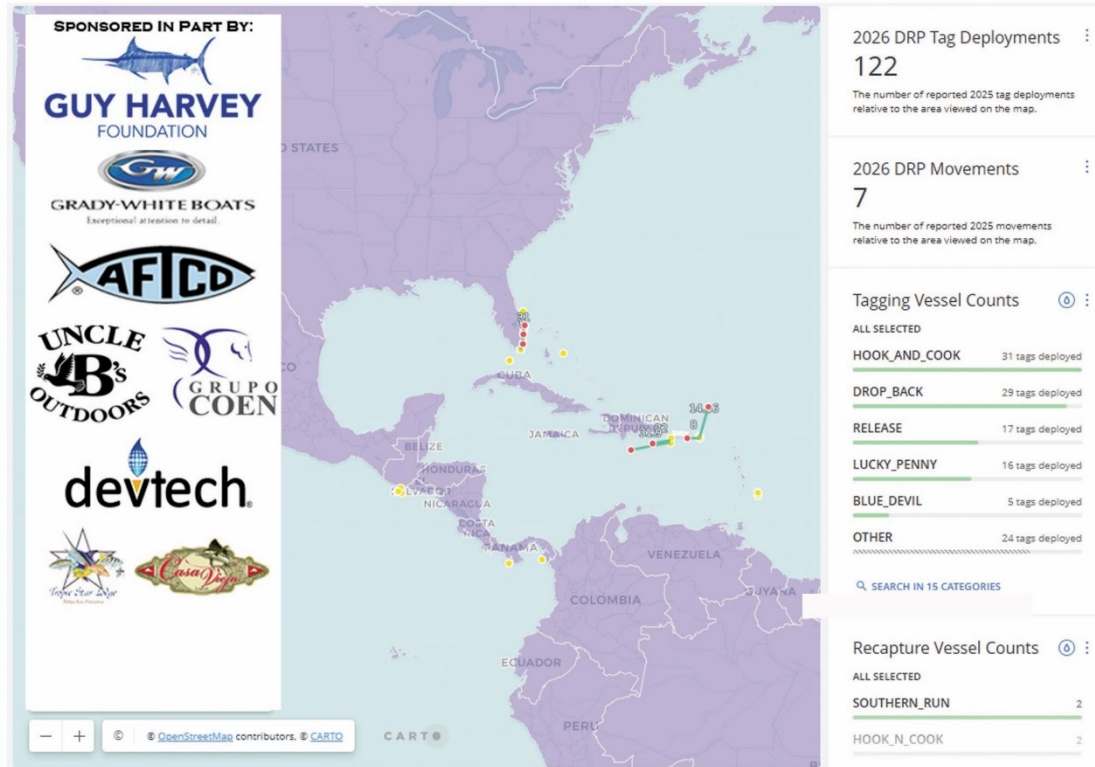


Dolphinfish Research Program™

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April 2026



Reported and Received Tagging Progress from 3/31/2026-4/28/2026:

David Claeys (Captain Cook Fishing Charters) 29 Jon Reynolds (Drop Back Fishing Charters) 29
Scot King (No Name) 3 Don Gates (Killin' Time II) 3
Rob Rollins (No Name) 1 Efrain Gonzalez (Liqueo) 1

Year to 4/28/2026 for Reported Releases:

122 tagged & released for conservation and science by 15 different vessels

7 Recaptures/Movements to date in 2026

7 verified

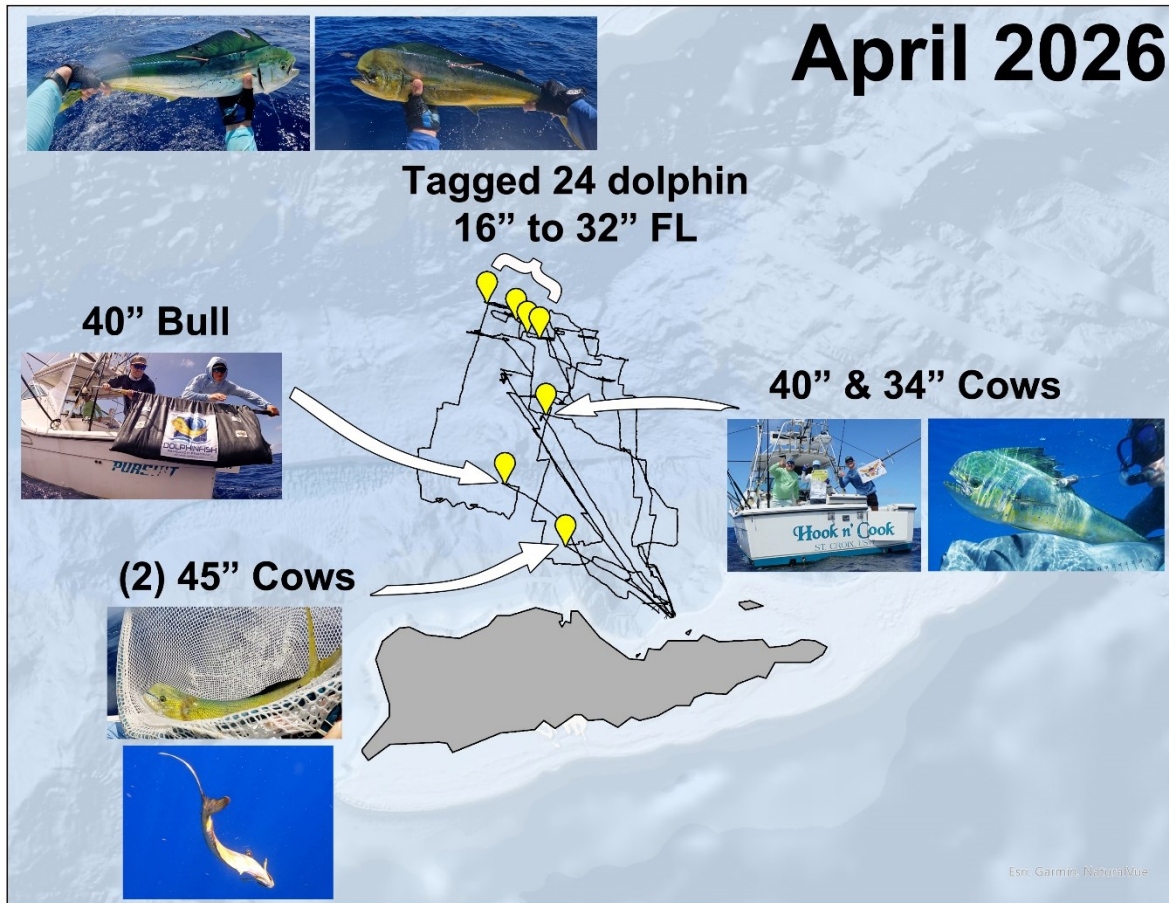
10 Satellite tags deployed (1 (2025) and 3 (2026) at large)

In April, our group embarked on a satellite tagging expedition to St. Croix, USVI, and we fished four consecutive days off the north coast in the Anegada Passage. We found large fish in small schools within 10 miles of the coast and well offshore (15-18 miles) we found large sargassum lines with abundant dolphin in the 16" to 32" fork-length range. Fishing scattered weed was difficult but we were able to find some large patches with structure, and blue marlin, which made for some exciting moments. Further to the west off PR, Club Nautico de Boqueron held their 2-day dolphin tournament and the top boat won with 4 females between 15-25 lbs, 2 males 18 and 48 pounds, with one small fish tagged and released. Further to the west, the DR south coast FAD dolphin fishery is picking up in terms of landings with boats cooperating with our program reporting X pounds landed in April. Plus, we had a recapture of a satellite tag at a FAD 50 miles to the south of Isla Saona. In the middle and upper Keys, as well as south to north Florida region, fish are showing up in good numbers although not at the same size as being observed in the islands. In the GOA, reports are of many small young of the year fish being harvested.

Reported Recaptures or Movement Data Acquired Since 3/30/2026

Corey Hardie reported a fish tagged and released by Drop Back Fishing Charters
Patrick Falowski reported a fish tagged and released by the Southern Run fishing team
Oscar "El Papa de la Pesca" retrieved a satellite tag deployed by Lalooli Fishing Charters
Two satellite tags popped up from deployment aboard Liqueo and Lalooli
Three satellite tags popped up from deployment aboard Hook n' Cook

April St. Croix, USVI, Satellite Tagging Expedition

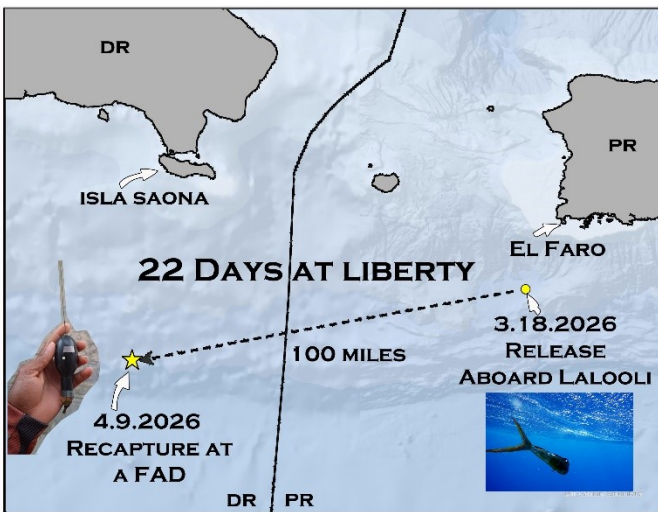


This past month, our team embarked on a satellite tagging expedition to St. Croix, USVI. We are happy to report that, in four consecutive fishing days aboard [Captain Cook Fishing Charters](#), our team was able to deploy five satellite tags on a pair of 45" females from the same school, a 34" and 40" female from the same school, and a 40" male. In addition to these deployments, 24 other dolphin were tagged and released, which ranged in size from 16" to 32" fork-length. These deployments were redemption after last year's expedition returned no data from two deployments on a 42" and 45" bull and cow tagged from the same school on February 21, 2025. These tag deployments were conducted in association with our ongoing work with the [Caribbean Fishery Management Council](#), and we hope the fish sent back this month showcase this species' amazing capabilities moving through the Caribbean Sea to aid our program, its participants, and partners to better understand, conserve, and manage this iconic species. [Click here](#) to learn more. To view video action from these outings [click here](#) and [click here](#).

April Satellite Tag Recapture



On March 18th, 2026, our team deployed a satellite tag on a 42" bull caught and released aboard Lalooli Fishing Charters based in La Parguera, Puerto Rico. On April 9th, the tag began to transmit from San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, and we were able to work with our DR contacts to locate and retrieve the satellite tag. The DR anglers involved in the return of the satellite tag received a cash reward for their effort. In 2019, our group began deploying satellite tags annually off of the south coast of Puerto Rico. Since then, we have deployed 22 tags and 4 have been recaptured. This represents an 18% recapture rate and 13% for those caught in the DR south coast dolphin fishery. Click here to read more.



April Seminar with CFSA

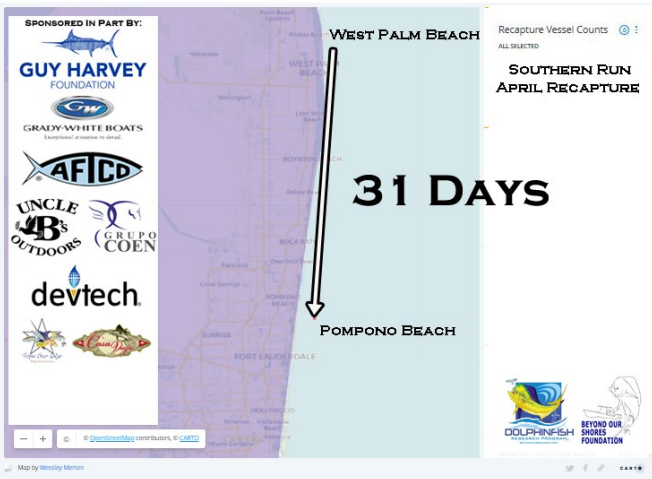


A huge thanks goes out to the [Central Florida Saltwater Anglers](#) (CFSA) and [Mud Hole Custom Tackle](#) for hosting a Dolphinfish Research Program (DRP) seminar on April 22, 2026. CFSA has been a long-term supporter of the DRP, and we enjoyed meeting with CFSA members and delivering a comprehensive seminar on DRP research. If your club is interested in hosting a DRP seminar, please contact us. [Click here](#) for contact details.

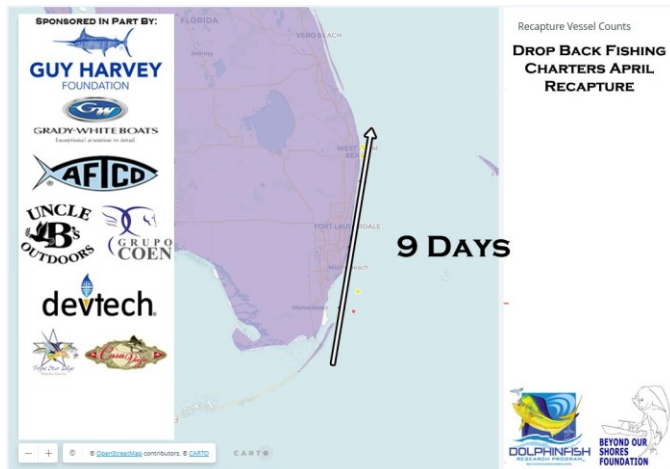
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April Seminar with CFSA



On April 18th, our tagging program received a recapture report from Captain Patrick Falowski and vessel *Megalicious*. He reported the recovery of a dolphin tagged and released by Captain Daniel Kubiak and angler Corey Inman from the vessel *Southern Run*. *Southern Run* tagged and released the fish off West Palm Beach on March 18th, 2026. The movement to Pompono Beach represents another southerly movement for our program. In addition to this recapture, we just received another short-term Florida recapture for a dolphin tagged and released by Captain Jon Reynolds and Drop Back Fishing Charters and recaptured by *Corey Hardie* aboard *Realin in the Dream*. [Click here](#) to see these movements on our online map.



Support 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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