

Contribute NOW!

“Adopt a Tag” in the name of Captain Ron Hamlin’s honor and you will be able to observe migration of your tag in your computer!

Any contribution is tax-deductible through the University of Miami’s 501-C tax exempt status.

Make a gift by going to:

www.rsmas.miami.edu/about-rsmas/contribute

Or contact Dr. Nelson Ehrhardt, Professor of Fisheries at 1-305-773-1617

Each tag has an estimated cost of \$2500 in hardware and satellite data transmission. However, any contribution is notable.

Each tag will record:

Daily/hourly location for habitat utilization studies

Fish acceleration for behavior studies on feeding and bait corralling.

Depth and temperature.

The 2012 Captain Ron Hamlin Billfish Satellite Tagging Program



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Captain Ron Hamlin

Ron's illustrious sportfishing career began in St. Thomas in 1972. Since then, Captain Hamlin has fished in Venezuela, throughout the Caribbean, the United States, the Bahamas, and now Guatemala. Ron was mentored by sportfishing legends Captain Ken Lyman and John Rybovich. Throughout his career, he has been the world's biggest proponent for the use of circle hooks and is credited for having introduced them to billfishing.

Captain Ron Hamlin's Records:

124 Sailfish in one day, March 2006

300 Sailfish in 3 days

508 Sailfish in 7 days

862 Sailfish in 1 month

2809 Billfish in one season, October 2006

24,000+ Career billfish (and counting!)

Some Highlights:

2011 - Inducted into the IGFA's Captains' Hall of Fame

2007 – Inducted in the Miami-International Boat Show Big Game Room Hall of Fame

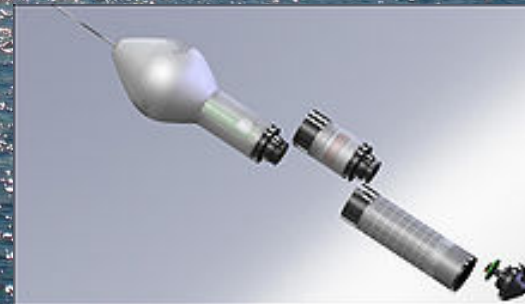
2006 – TBF Top Tagging Captain: Pacific and Top Tagging Captain Overall

2006 – IGFA Overall Captain of the Year Award.

University of Miami and CABA Billfish Tagging Initiative

In a partnership between the University of Miami, the Central American Billfish Association, and Casa Vieja Lodge- a comprehensive Billfish Ecosystem Project is underway. One key component is the use of satellite tags to track the migration and behavior of billfish species throughout the Central American region. Guatemala is the epicenter for billfishing and offers a unique place to tag, monitor, and assess billfish in the eastern tropical Pacific.

In 2012, his final year of fishing prior to his retirement, the University of Miami, CABA, and Casa Vieja Lodge want to acknowledge Captain Hamlin by naming a billfish tagging initiative in his honor. We are currently soliciting any willing contributions to honor Captain Hamlin in the name of billfish conservation (see back page). Captain Hamlin has been an ardent support of billfish conservation efforts.



(Above) Desert Star Systems pop-off satellite tag using new innovative geomagnetic geolocation technologies used in US Navy submarine navigation!