



# International Game Fish Association

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## IGFA CAPTAIN'S OBLIGATIONS AND BENEFITS

### OBLIGATIONS

#### New Captains

1. Complete, sign and date the IGFA Captain's Application Form and Oath. (This form is required by IGFA every year.) The IGFA Captain's Oath will require that applicants conduct themselves in a way that upholds the standards of IGFA.
2. Study the IGFA rules and complete and pass the Captain's open book test (true/false).
3. Submit any related document, such as a copy of your captain's license, proving that you are a professional captain and are currently active as a fishing charter captain.
4. After receipt of the completed Application Form, Oath and test, IGFA will internally review qualifications and inform applicant of their status. IGFA, at its own discretion, has the right to deny any applicants that do not meet our criteria.
5. Once credentials are vetted and applicant is accepted as a potential IGFA Captain, IGFA may also require up to three letters of recommendation, letters or email, verifying your ethical angling practices, ability, reputation, etc. IGFA agrees to keep strictly confidential and not disclose or share, directly or indirectly, any information pertaining to the references.

**Please note that final approval of all applicants will be pending until references (if required) are received by IGFA and approved.**

6. Once approved IGFA Captains are required to pay an annual fee of **\$150 (USD)**.

**At its sole discretion, IGFA has the right to rescind a Captain's Membership if complaints and evidence are received validating any misconduct, inappropriate behavior, or practices contrary to IGFA's philosophy on game fish conservation.**

#### Renewing Captains

1. Complete, sign and date the IGFA Captain's Application Form and Oath. (This form is required by IGFA every year.) The IGFA Captain's Oath will require that applicants conduct themselves in a way that upholds the standards of IGFA.
2. Submit any related document, such as a copy of your captain's license, proving that you are a professional captain and are currently active as a fishing charter captain.
3. Once credentials are vetted and applicant is accepted as an IGFA Captain, IGFA may also require up to three letters of recommendation, letters or email, verifying your ethical angling practices, ability, reputation, etc. IGFA agrees to keep strictly confidential and not disclose or share, directly or indirectly, any information pertaining to the references.
4. After receipt of the completed Application Form and Oath, IGFA internally will review qualifications and inform applicant of their status. IGFA, at its own discretion, has the right to deny any applicants that do not meet our criteria.

## **BENEFITS**

1. Official designation and recognition as an “**IGFA Captain/Guide.**”
2. Listing on the IGFA's interactive online map at [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org) as an IGFA Captain/Guide inclusive of contact info, complete description, photo, and location of services.
3. Listing on the **IGFA Mobile** App (available for Apple devices) with maps and directions to your location from anywhere in the world.
4. Listing in the **IGFA World Record Game Fishes** book and the **International Angler** magazine by area distributed in over 140 countries and territories. Digital version on the IGFA website has active links for email and website addresses.
5. Referrals from IGFA when inquiries are received pertaining to the captain's area.
6. Access to World Records on the IGFA website and the IGFA's Fish Species Database.
7. Receive an Official IGFA Captain I.D. Card, decals for boat and vehicle, and an embroidered patch.
8. Authorization to use the IGFA Captain/Guide logo on ads, business cards, brochures and website.
9. Free listing (optional) as a participant in the IGFA Member Discount Program on the IGFA website, in the **IGFA World Record Game Fishes** book, and the **International Angler** magazine.
10. 20% discount on ads in the **IGFA's World Record Game Fishes** book.
11. Five (5) free annual IGFA E-Memberships to give to your best clients.
12. 15% discount on scale certifications (maximum scale weight - 100 lb.)
13. 15% discount on IGFA catalog items and gift shop purchases.

*The International Game Fish Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rule making, record keeping and recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of angling.*

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**IGFA CAPTAINS PROGRAM OATH & APPLICATION FORM**  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

CAPTAIN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ \*WEB ADDRESS(Required) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

**(NOTE: IF MORE THAN ONE ADDRESS IS USED DURING THE YEAR, LIST 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDRESS AND DATES TO USE.)**

SECOND ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ WEB ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CAPTAIN/GUIDE? \_\_\_\_\_

**(PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR CAPTAIN'S LICENSE WITH THIS APPLICATION)**

IS CHARTERING A FISHING TRIP AS A CAPTAIN/GUIDE YOUR PRIMARY BUSINESS? \_\_\_\_\_

I FISH MAINLY IN: [ ] SALTWATER [ ] FRESHWATER

DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN BOAT? \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE OF BOAT: \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BOAT: \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE POWER: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS (REGION OR ZONE OF FISHING):

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**CAPTAIN'S OATH**

I, Captain \_\_\_\_\_ on becoming an IGFA Captain, promise to uphold the ethical standards of the IGFA and conduct myself with integrity, responsibility, and as a steward of our resources. I further resolve to support the IGFA and its mission.

I understand that, at its sole discretion, the IGFA has the right to rescind my Captain's Membership if complaints and evidence are received validating any misconduct, inappropriate behavior, or practices contrary to the IGFA's philosophy on game fish conservation.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_