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## The International Game Fish Association Announces the 2017 IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Inductees

**DANIA BEACH, FL** – The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) approved the addition of five new members to IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame at their Annual Meeting that was held at IGFA Headquarters on January 28, 2017. The Class of 2017 will include individuals from recreational angling, the marine science community and tournament anglers: **Rick Clunn, Larry Dahlberg, Peter Fithian, Mike Levitt and Dr. Eric Prince.**

This year's inductees bring an array of talents and contributions to the angling community. **Rick Clunn** is the only 4-time Bassmaster Classic winner and one of the all-time bass tournament money winners. **Larry Dahlberg** has fished for more than 50 years in 80 countries and is the host of *The Hunt for Big Fish*. **Peter Fithian** founded the iconic Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament in 1959 and the tournament has been used as a model for many of today's most successful tournaments worldwide. **Mike Levitt** is a former Chairman of the IGFA, holds several IGFA line class records for marlin, and helped develop the large sportfishing boats so widely used today. **Dr. Eric Prince** is a world-renowned marine scientist with over 35 years working on Atlantic blue marlin.

More information about the event will be announced in the coming months. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact **Julia Shafer** at 954-924-4222 or email: [jshafer@igfa.org](mailto:jshafer@igfa.org).

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### About the IGFA

Founded in 1939, the IGFA is a non-profit organization and is best known for conservation efforts of fisheries, educational programs, rule-making and for maintaining worldwide game fish records in freshwater, saltwater, fly fishing and junior angler categories. IGFA members are located in over 125 countries.

### About the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame

The IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame recognizes extraordinary achievements in recreational fishing around the world by anglers, captains, scientists, conservationists, writers, or fishing industry leaders. The first class, honoring 29 of the sport's luminaries, was inducted in 1998. Since then, 81 additional fishing greats have been welcomed to the Hall at the annual induction ceremony in October of each year. For further information, contact the IGFA, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, Florida 33004; phone [954-927-2628](tel:954-927-2628), fax: [954-924-4299](tel:954-924-4299), website: [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org).