

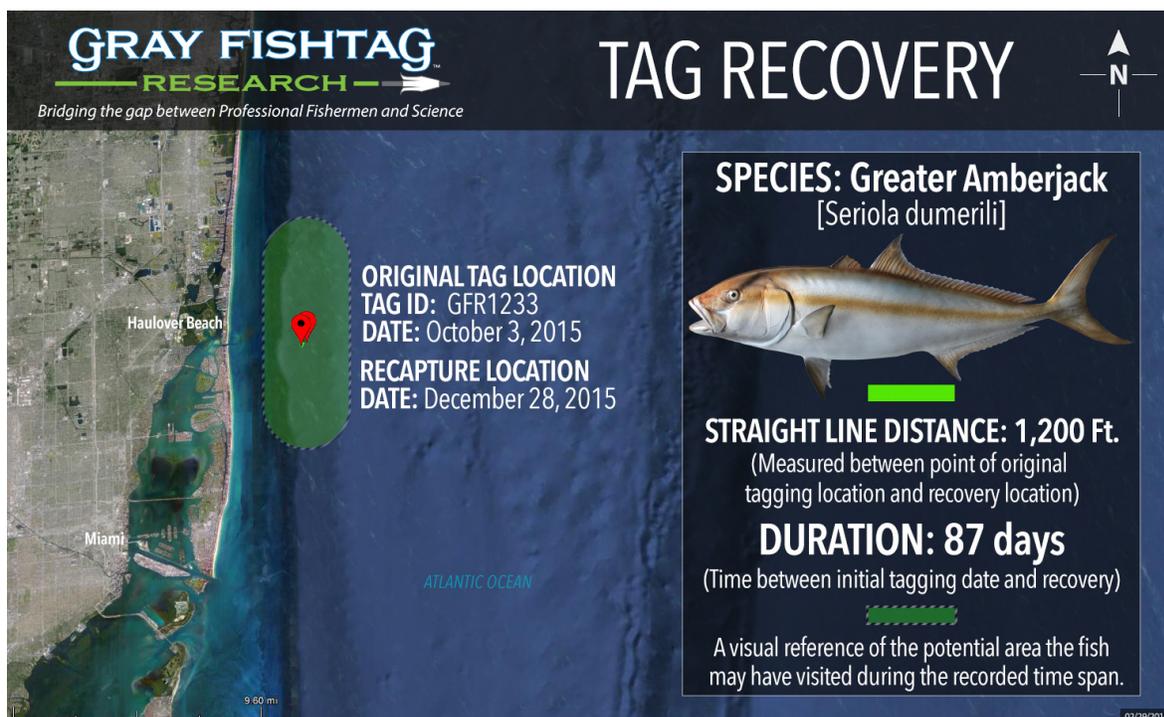
# Tag Recapture!! GFR1233 Amberjack, Named “Jamie”

## Amberjack recaptured and re-tagged off of Haulover Beach, FL

The Greater Amberjack (*Seriola dumerili*) named “Jamie” (Tag ID: GFR1233) was originally tagged & released by angler John Sorkuist on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 while fishing with Captain Stan Saffan and mate Chris Matarazzo aboard the charter boat *Therapy IV*, out of Haulover Park Marina, in Miami Beach, Florida. The Amberjack was measured to be 46 inches (116.84 cm) total length and had an approximate weight of 45 pounds.

The Greater Amberjack was recaptured 87 days later on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by angler Mark Hutchinson while fishing with Captain Mike Rodriquez and Mate Keith Delgado on the charter boat *Therapy IV* out of Haulover Park Marina, in Miami Beach, Florida. **Not only did Mark recapture the Greater Amberjack, but he re-tagged the fish as well.** Since he re-tagged the fish, he was able to rename it. The Greater Amberjack, now named “Carl” was recaptured in the waters off North Miami Beach, approximately 1,200 feet away (0.23 miles) from the original tag location. At the time of recapture, the Amberjack was measured at a length of 52 inches (132.08 cm) and weight of 50 pounds.

During that 87 day time period, the Greater Amberjack most likely stayed in the local waters which is ideal habitat. Greater Amberjacks are often associated with rocky reefs and wrecks in waters ranging from 60-240 feet in depth. They opportunistic predators feeding on small fishes, squids and crustaceans.



The Greater Amberjack exhibits a brownish to bluish/gray dorsal side, and a silvery white ventral side. They have a pronounced dark amber stripe running from the nose to just in front of the dorsal fin. The Greater Amberjack can be confused with other fish species (Lesser Amberjack and Almaco Jack), but is distinguished by the number of gill rakers (11-19) and a long anal fin base. Juvenile Greater Amberjack's tend to school together, but as the fish grows older the schooling behavior decreases. Older Greater Amberjacks are primarily solitary.

After the tag information was recorded, the fish was re-tagged by the angler and subsequently released healthy and unharmed. This tag recovery highlights the safe handling and responsible fishing practices that are exercised by the *Therapy IV* captain and crew members. This fish was tagged, recaptured, and subsequently tagged again by the same boat.

The Gray FishTag Research program has been able to shatter the expectations for fish recapture rates thanks to the hard-working professional fishermen on the water day in and day out. Tags are provided free-of-charge to the collaborating professional fishermen, and the tag data is available to the public at [www.GrayFishTagResearch.org](http://www.GrayFishTagResearch.org)

The *Therapy IV* charter boat crew will receive some Gray FishTag gear for their tagging efforts. The angler Mark Hutchinson will receive a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses, a Tag & Recovery Certificate, and Gray FishTag gear for reporting the tag recovery.

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