

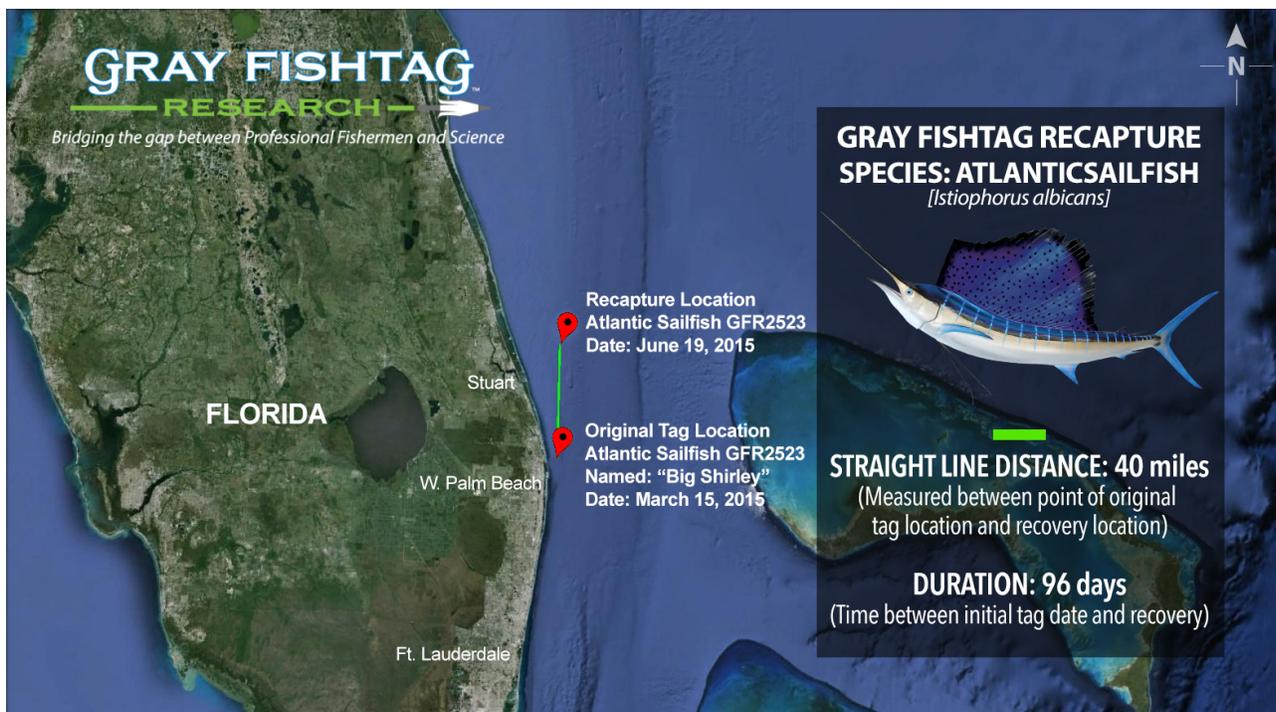
# Tag Recapture! GFR 2523 Atlantic Sailfish named “Big Shirley”

Charter boat fishermen connect with recreational fishermen to advance scientific understanding of fish movements.

The Atlantic Sailfish (*Istiophorus albicans*) named “Big Shirley” (Tag ID: GFR2523) was originally tagged & released by angler Samuel on March 15, 2015, while fishing with Captain Brian Maclean and Mate Rob Carroll aboard the charter boat *Dirty Fin* out of Sailfish Marina in West Palm Beach Florida. When the fish was tagged, it had an estimated length of 76 inches and weight of 70 pounds. Once tagged, **the *Dirty Fin* crew and angler released the sailfish in healthy condition.**

The Sailfish was at liberty in the water for 96 days until it’s recapture on June 19, 2015, by angler Dustin Graber aboard the *General Lee* fishing boat. Dustin recaptured and released the Sailfish approximately 13 miles off the coast of Port St. Lucie, Florida. This recapture location is 40 miles north of the Sailfish’s original tag location; and, once again, the fish was released in a healthy condition by the angler.

**This Atlantic Sailfish tag recovery highlights an important partnership and collaborative effort between professional fishermen and private anglers.**



The Sailfish was originally tagged and registered by anglers with a charter fishing boat and subsequently recaptured and reported to Gray FishTag by a private boater/angler. Collaborative fisheries science in action!!

The Gray FishTag Research program has been able to shatter expectations and continue to record high fish recapture rates thanks to the hard working professional fishermen on the water day in and day out.

The *Dirty Fin* charter boat crew will receive some Gray FishTag gear for their tagging efforts. The angler, Dustin Graber, 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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