

The Sanctuary Classic

Summer 2012



The Sanctuary Classic, sponsored and coordinated by [Sportfishing Conservancy](#), is a summer-long fishing and photo contest highlighting four [National Marine Sanctuaries](#) (Gray's Reef, Florida Keys, Monterey Bay and Channel Islands).

By providing conservation and ethics guidelines to casual anglers, the Classic aims to support conservation and fishing, show the value of balancing resource management and recreation, foster environmental stewardship through a family-friendly activity, and reach a broad spectrum of recreational fishing enthusiasts.

All participants must register online at [sanctuaryclassic.org](#), follow all federal, state and local regulations, and agree to observe conservation and ethics guidelines provided by the Sportfishing Conservancy. As this is a photo competition, catch and release is encouraged for participants. The Classic runs all summer from June 9 through September 3, 2012 with the last submissions due Labor Day.

Submit and Win! \$100 gift card for the person who submits the photo; 10 new winners every week. The Sportfishing Conservancy will award a total of four scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, to the parent or guardian of children under the age of 18 whose photos were properly submitted to the Classic and were judged to best exemplify one or all of the following themes: Kids Fishing, Kids and Family Fishing Values, Kids in the Sanctuaries, Kids in the Outdoors, Kids and Conservation.

- While the primary purpose of the National Marine Sanctuary System is to protect the resources of our nation's special places, legislation also calls for allowing compatible uses which include recreational fishing.
- NOAA's most recent economic report shows saltwater angling supports a half million jobs and generates \$82 billion in sales each year.
- Most (98 percent) of National Marine Sanctuary waters are open to recreational fishing and provide an incredible outdoors experience. NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service and NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries support sustainable recreational fishing.
- Last year NOAA's National Marine Sanctuaries supported 50,000 jobs and more than \$4 billion in local economies. These special places continue to build stronger communities, support local economies and maintain coastal cultures - true American treasures.

