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19TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S CUP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE...

- May 9-12** ***Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament***
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- July 25-28** ***Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament***
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A RELEASE TODAY IS A FISH TOMORROW!
Fish Responsibly!

'ARTEMIS' WINS BOHICKET TOURNAMENT IN GOVERNOR'S CUP SERIES EVENT

The 19th Annual South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series concluded over the weekend with 'Artemis' taking top honors at the Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament.

Series coordinator Tom DuPré with the S. C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said, "The tournament went smoothly except for the seas rolling in on Saturday. The tournament facility and staff were great again this year. The weather attempted to impact participation but held off and only as a light drizzle during the awards ceremony. The weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of all of the winners." Over the course of the Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish tournament, 30 boats participated and caught and released 21 sailfish, 5 blue marlin and one white marlin.

Outstanding Billfish Boat was awarded to 'Artemis,' owned by John Darby of Mt. Pleasant and captained by David Copleston. The crew of 'Artemis' caught and released 3 blue marlin and 1 sailfish during the tournament to amass 1900 points and take the lead. 'Artemis' also took home the Outstanding Billfish Conservationist.

Second place Outstanding Billfish Boat went to 'Game On,' owned by Victor O. Roof, Jr. of Lexington and captained by Dennis Brookshire. 'Game On' caught and released 2 blue marlin to earn 1200 points and second place.

'Heavy Iron' won third place Outstanding Billfish Boat. Gregg Malphrus, of Hilton Head Island, owns 'Heavy Iron' and Trey McMillan is captain. The crew caught and released 6 sailfish to garner 600 points during the tournament and third place honors.



The Outstanding Dolphin award went to 'Mutts & Jeff,' owned by Tom Stanek of Charlotte and captained by Heath Hackett. Jason Corley was the winning angler for reeling in a 41.6-pound dolphin.

The Outstanding Tuna award was won by angler Keegan Kennedy, of Hollywood, for a 29-pound blackfin tuna catch. Kennedy caught the winning fish aboard 'Sea Trace,' owned by A.J. Kennedy, also of Hollywood. Keegan Kennedy also won third place honors as Outstanding Female Angler for this catch.

Palmer Owings caught the winning wahoo to earn the Outstanding Wahoo award. Owings caught a 45.5-pound wahoo aboard 'Northstar,' owned by Anthony McAlister of Mt. Pleasant, and captained by John McNamara.

Cole Malphrus, 13, of Hilton Head Island, took home the Outstanding Youth Angler award for catching and releasing 5

sailfish. Malphrus fished aboard 'Heavy Iron,' owned by Gregg Malphrus, also of Hilton Head Island and captained by Trey McMillan.

Joseph Barrow, Jr., 15, of Savannah, won second place honors for Outstanding Youth Angler. Barrow caught and released a sailfish as well as a 37.8-pound wahoo on 'Legal Holiday,' owned by Fred Bergen of Savannah and captained by Matt Key.

Caroline Turner, 12, of Valdosta Georgia, won third place Outstanding Youth Angler. Bergen also fished on 'Legal Holiday' and won for the catch and release of a sailfish. Additionally, Bergen took home first place honors as the Outstanding Female Angler for the sailfish release.

Brooke Dixon won second place honors for Outstanding Female Angler. Dixon caught a 36.2-pound dolphin on 'Mutts & Jeff.'



Overall points awarded and the unofficial results at the end of the 19th Annual South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series after the fifth and final tournament are: 'Artemis' 2875 points, 'Game On' 2625.6 points, 'Bentley's Best' 1575 points, 'Dough Boy' 1375 points, 'Major Motion' 1250 points, 'Big Game' 1225 points, 'Northstar' 1075 points, 'Heavy Iron' 1075 points, 'Juncanewt' 1050 points and 'Cerveza' 1025 points.

Boats participating in the Series amass points for billfish either landed or caught and released. Tagging is optional and not required for Series points. Anglers compete for four major awards: Outstanding Billfish (single heaviest billfish), Outstanding Billfish Boat (most accumulated points) and Outstanding Billfish Conservationist (most points for tagged or released fish), and the Blue Water Conservation Award (most accumulated tag and release points for dolphin, wahoo, and yellowfin tuna).



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BILLFISH REPORTED LANDED IN SC WATERS IN 2007 - AS OF AUGUST 6, 2007

Boat	Blue Marlin	White Marlin	Sailfish	Spearfish	Swordfish	Boat	Blue Marlin	White Marlin	Sailfish	Spearfish	Swordfish
AGGRESSOR			1			LEGAL HOLIDAY	2		8		
ARTEMIS	4		4			LOCK N LOAD			1		
BAK BAR	2	1	1			LOOSE CREW			1		
BARRIER IS. MAR.	1		1			MACK ATTACK			1		
BENCHMARK		4	8			MAJOR MOTION	2				
BENTLEY'S BEST	1	1	6			MARKET VALUE	1		4		
BIG GAME			2			MARY AGNES			2		
BIG TEASE	1					MERRITT TIME			3		
BILLFISHER	1		33			MICABE			3		
BILLFISHIN			1			MISS MAGNOLIA			1		
BILLISTIC	1					MY TIME OUT III			1		
BLESSED ADVEN.			7			MY THREE SONS	2	2	2		
BLUE BOY	1	2				NAVICULA			2		
BLUE HEAVEN	1		1			NORTHSTAR	1		3		
BLUE SKY	1		1			OUT OF CONTROL			1		
BOONDOGGLE	1		1			OVERSPRAY	1				
BOTTOM LINE			1			PAIN KILLER			1		
CARAMBA					3	PATRIOT			1		
CERVEZA	1		4			PENNY DEAR			1		
CHASIN			2			PETREL		2	4		3
CHERIE AMOUR			3			PISCES IV			1		
COOKIE MONSTER	1				3	PROWESS	1		3		
COSTA-LOT			1			RAPID PACE			5		
COWBOY		1	2			RASCAL			9		
C-TIME			1			REEL DEAL	1				
DATA POINT			1			REEL FUN 2			1		
DAWG DUE	1					REEL HUNGRY	1				
DAYMAKER	1	2	5			REEL JIM			1		
DAY MAKER			1			RISKY BUSINESS	1				
DEACON BLUE			1			ROOKIE IV		1	3		4
DEM BOYS	2		3			RUSSELLHATT	1		1		
DOUGH BOY	2		1			SEA BABY			1		
DUE COURSE	3		12			SEA FIX	2	1	3		
EVANS B		1	6			SEA FOX	1		3	1	
FAT BOY			1			SEA J'S			3		
FIN-ADDICT	1					SHARK BYTE			1		
FISH N GRITS			2			SHORT PEOPLE		1	2		
FISHWRAPPER			6			SIMPLE INTEREST			1		
FLYBOUY			1			SOUNDWAVES II	1				
FRENZY			3			SPECIAL LADY			3		
GAME ON	4		2			SPORTIN LIFE			1		
GIVE EM HELL	1					SPORTSMAN			8		
HALF MINE			1			SUMMER GIRL	2		2		
HATTITUDE			7			SWAMP FOX	1				
HEAVY IRON			9			SWEET HARMONY	1				
HEAVY WEIGHT			1			TAG A LONG			1		
HIGH COTTON			1			THE OFFICE			1		
HIGH MAINTENANCE			4			TRUE BLUE			2		
HIGH ROLLER					3	ULTRA			8		
HOME RUN		1	5			VIKING 54	1		1		
HOUDINI			2			WILD CAT II	1		4		
HOY BOYS			1			YARD BOY			1		
JUNCANEWT	2	2	16			YO YO	1		1		
JUST ONE MORE V			1								
KAT DADDY			1			TOTALS	55	18	273	1	16
LADY M			1			OVERALL	363				
LAFFALOT			1								



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The Coast Watch hotline number (1-800-922-5431) is toll-free and available 24 hours a day.