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Tournament Reflections

Well, two tournaments are already behind us and as a result of circumstances beyond our control, only one Series tournament remains for the year. While the main reason for the Series has always been to promote billfish conservation, the events over the last few weeks have brought one word to the forefront for me. That word is INTEGRITY. Whether it is in business dealings or, in the case of the Series where much of what we do and the awards that we hand out, are based in large part on the personal reputation of the people involved, integrity is the foundation. Certainly there are ways to reduce temptation, like requiring the use of cameras, daily colored streamers, code numbers, and lie detector tests, but for the most part we still operate on the notion that billfishing tournaments are a gentlemen's sport and much is based on a handshake or someone's personal word. Although I am new to the Series, I have seen plenty of examples of the importance owners, captains and anglers within the billfishing community place on obeying the rules and doing what is right. This year alone, I have witnessed the following examples of integrity. A boat disqualified themselves simply because they had inadvertently neglected to renew a permit and had unintentionally broken a Series rule. Another boat which had caught a marlin in a tournament, but had not been heard over radio by a committee boat admitted that another boat had already released a marlin just minutes earlier to be the first boat to release a fish that day. Then there was the boat which had

21st Annual SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series 2009 Tournament Schedule...

May 13-16

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Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament

May 27-30

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42nd Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament

July 8-11

Contact: McKenzie Estes
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HMY/Viking MEGADOCK Billfishing Tournament

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Bohicket Marina Invitational's 26 Year Run Ends

By now this is old news to most of you but the Bohicket Marina officially notified us on Tuesday, May 26 that they did not intend to host a Tournament this year. This decision was difficult as the Bohicket Marina Invitational was one of the oldest continuously operating billfish tournaments in the state and was part of the former Triple Crown Billfish Series before the Governor's Cup started in 1989. It is hard to say at this point whether Bohicket will return to the Series in the future or not, that will be determined by the SC Governor's Cup Series Advisory Board, Tournament Committee, and the owners of the marina. One thing is certain, we will have fond memories of this unique event and the heightened drama manifested by its position as the last Series event each year. In the interim, we will keep moving forward towards our primary goals of promoting billfish conservation and camaraderie within the fishing community.

several dolphin strike simultaneously and the lady angler happened to grab the rod with the smaller fish on it. While weighing in the larger fish that day would have put her in the lead for the Lady Angler award, she weighed in the fish she actually caught. And finally there was the evening that Amy and I spent consoling a captain who was afraid that an angler on his boat may have weighed in the wrong fish of many in the box that had been caught that day. This fish was not in contention for any monetary award but the thought that it might have happened upset the captain so much that he could not rest. These are just a few examples of why the Series has been successful to date and why it will continue to be so in the future. It is an honor for me to be associated with such an outstanding group of people and Amy and I look forward to seeing each of you on the docks at HMY/Viking MEGADOCK Billfishing Tournament in July. —Wally Jenkins

1ST ROUND RESULTS 2009 GOVERNOR'S CUP — EDISTO MARINA

The 2009 South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series got underway at the annual Edisto Marina Billfishing Tournament. This year commemorates the 21st season of the Governor's Cup Billfishing Series, a program coordinated by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that has accomplished much towards the promotion and enhancement of marine resources conservation, most notably the 100% release rate of billfish caught and released during the 2008 Series.

Despite small craft advisories that prevented fishing on day one, the weather was excellent for both Friday and Saturday for the 27 boats participating in this Series tournament. Wally Jenkins said that the fishing was excellent. "The hospitality extended to the fleet and enthusiastic support of the citizens and leaders of Edisto Beach helped kick off what is likely to be a

great year for the Series".

Jenkins and Dukes recorded 13 billfish caught and released by participating anglers during the tournament, including 11 blue marlin and 2 sailfish. In addition, a total of 355 dolphin were landed during the weekend. However no tuna or wahoo were landed.

Angler Tara Asbill caught and released a blue marlin and earned the honor of being designated Outstanding Lady Angler aboard "Fin Addict".



Edisto Marina staff weigh-in a few dolphin during this year's kickoff event.

Outstanding Dolphin was awarded to "Rapid Pace," owned by Sam Schirmer and Trey Banks and captained by Schirmer. Angler Trey Sires landed a 52.6 pound dolphin to earn top honors.

Will Gould won first place for



Richard Coen accepting the "2008 Top Conservationist Boat of the Year" Award at Georgetown. The Aggressor received a \$500 gift certificate for Sportsman's Warehouse.



Tim Gredick and Tram Colket.

Estimated 114 inch female blue marlin released by the "Miss Magnolia" at the Edisto Marina Tournament.

Outstanding Youth Angler for a 29.4 pound dolphin catch aboard "KIKI".

The "Blacksheep" successfully tagged and released 11 dolphin earning then 550 points towards the Blue Water Conservation Award.



WANTED - Billfish Catch Reports

Attention SC Billfishing Anglers, please report released billfish caught in SC waters throughout the 2009 fishing season. Anglers who release a billfish will receive a SCDNR Billfish Release Certificate. Who will be named this year's "TOP CONSERVATIONIST BOAT OF THE YEAR" by reporting the most billfish releases...will it be you! To report billfish releases or to request billfish release cards, please contact Amy Dukes at 843-953-9365, or email dukesa@dnr.sc.gov. The winning boat will receive a special award to be presented at the end of the 2009 fishing season. Good Fishing!



SCSG Series Winners - Edisto 2009 Awards Summary



Outstanding Billfish Boat 1st Place	Miss Magnolia Owner/Captain: Tram Colket 2 blue marlin released 1200 pts.	Blue Water Conservation	Blacksheep Owner: John Marvin Murdaugh Captain: John Murdaugh Tag and release of 11 dolphin 550 pts.
Outstanding Billfish Boat 2nd Place	Blue Sky Owner: Greg Smith Captain: Steven Crammer 1 blue marlin released 600 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place	KIKI Owner/Captain: John Walpole Angler: Will Gould 29.4 dolphin
Outstanding Billfish Boat 3rd Place	Fin Addict Owner/Captain: Danny Massalan 1 blue marlin released 600 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place	Blacksheep Owner: John Marvin Murdaugh Captain: John Murdaugh Angler: Buster Murdaugh 26.8 dolphin
Outstanding Billfish Conservationist	Miss Magnolia Owner/Captain: Tram Colket 2 blue marlin released 1200 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place	N/A
Outstanding Billfish (landed)	None Landed	Outstanding Female Angler 1st Place	Fin Addict Owner/Captain: Danny Massalon Angler: Tara Asbill 1 blue marlin released
Outstanding Dolphin	Rapid Pace Owners: Sam Schirmer and Trey Banks Captain: Sam Schirmer Angler: Trey Sires 52.6 pounds	Outstanding Female Angler 2nd Place	Dough Boy Owners: Ben and Cynthia Dantzler Captain: Ben Dantzler Angler: Kasey Dantzler 1 sailfish released
Outstanding Tuna	None Landed	Outstanding Female Angler 3rd Place	My Time Out Owner: Frank Gibson Captain: Ralph Worrell Angler: Kym Harrington 19.2 dolphin
Outstanding Wahoo	None Landed		

2ND ROUND RESULTS 2009 GOVERNOR'S CUP — GEORGETOWN LANDING MARINA

Second Round Results from the Governor's Cup Billfishing Series

The second tournament in the 21th season of the South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series took place at the 42st Annual Georgetown Landing Marina Billfish Tournament over the last weekend in May.

Wallace Jenkins, Series Program Coordinator for S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR), noted that "The weather conditions were excellent for offshore fishing and we had three great days of fishing. Ricky Ferdon and all of the Georgetown Landing Marina staff once again were top notch and a great time was had by all." Amy Dukes, Series Tournament Coordinator for DNR added that a total of 51 boats

participated in the tournament with 23 billfish releases including 12 blue marlin, 9 white marlin and 2 sailfish. No billfish were landed.



The crew from the "El Tejano" accept their award for Outstanding Billfish Boat at the Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament.

The Outstanding Billfish Boat was awarded to "El Tejano," owned by John Hill of Wadamalaw Island and captained by David Reed. The boat crew caught and released 1 blue marlin on Thursday and 1 blue marlin and 1 white marlin on

Saturday, accruing 1500 points release points.

Outstanding Dolphin was awarded to "On The Hook," owned and captained by James Bass. Angler Jimmy Bass landed a 45-pound dolphin to earn top honors.

"Christy II" won the Outstanding Tuna award, with a 27.9-pound yellowfin tuna caught by angler Trey Pierce. The boat is captained by Hank Higgins.

The Outstanding Wahoo award went to "Brainstorm," owned and captained by Daniel Davis. John Jameson was the angler for the 69.9-pound catch.

First place for Outstanding Lady Angler went to Kathy Baxley for releasing a white marlin aboard "El Tejano".

Boyce Campson won first place for Outstanding Youth Angler for a 25.6-pound dolphin catch aboard "Bench Mark."

Only one tournament remains in this year's series the HMY/Viking MEGADOCK Billfishing Tournament, July 8-11 contact McKenzie Estes, (843) 278-4920 for more information.



SCSG Series Winners — Georgetown 2009

Awards Summary Awards Summary



Outstanding Billfish Boat 1st Place	El Tejano Owner: John Hill Captain: David Reed 2 blue marlin and 1 white marlin released 1500 pts.	Blue Water Conservation	Summer Girl Owners: Smith, Leasure, and Hooker Captain: Stevie Leasure Tag and release of 10 dolphin 500 pts.
Outstanding Billfish Boat 2nd Place	Daymaker Owner: Mark Daniels Captain: Jay Weaver 1 blue marlin and 2 white marlin released 1200 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place	Bench Mark Owner: Steven Davis Captain: Bobby Garmany Angler: Boyce Campsen 25.6 dolphin
Outstanding Billfish Boat 3rd Place	Ol' Fish N' Grits Owner: Ernie Knight Captain: Mark Noble 2 blue marlin released 1200 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place	Compromise IV Owner: Robert Hood Captain: Larry Branham Angler: Steven Craig 23.5 dolphin
Outstanding Billfish Conservationist	El Tejano Owner: John Hill Captain: David Reed 2 blue marlin and 1 white marlin released 1500 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place	Summer Girl Owners: Smith, Leasure, and Hooker Captain: Stevie Leasure Angler: Lauren Leasure 20.5 dolphin
Outstanding Billfish (landed)	None Landed	Outstanding Female Angler 1st Place	El Tejano Owner: John Hill Captain: David Reed Angler: Kathy Baxley 1 white marlin released
Outstanding Dolphin	Rapid Pace On The Hook Owner/Captain: James Bass Angler: Jimmy Bass 45.0 pounds	Outstanding Female Angler 2nd Place	Fin Addict Owner/Captain: Danny Massalon Angler: Tara Asbill 20.7 wahoo
Outstanding Tuna	Christy II Owner/Captain: Hank Higgins Angler: Trey Pierce 27.9 pound Yellowfin	Outstanding Female Angler 3rd Place	Bench Mark Owner: Steven Davis Captain: Bobby Garmany Angler: Martha Green 19.6 dolphin
Outstanding Wahoo	Brainstrom Owner/Captain: Daniel Davis Angler: John Jameson 69.9 pounds		

Top Series Boats/Point Standing

Barrier Island	1550
El Tejano	1525
Miss Magnolia	1250
Daymaker	1225
Ol' Fish N' Grits	1225
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Jarrett Bay 77 Custom Sportfisherman

New to market, the Jarrett Bay Boatworks 77 Convertible is designed for the individual who knows exactly what they want in a sportfisherman. The 77 is the largest build in the Jarrett Bay line, and represents an evolution in custom sportfish design. This latest addition to the family possesses a modern, streamlined take on Jarrett Bay's traditional custom Carolina design—An additional rounded corner radius built into the side and front panels of the cabin and bridge is combined with a sleek profile and rakish front to make for one exceptional head turner. This modern vessel combines the classic Carolina styling of aft tumblehome sections and impressive bow flare at the same time utilizing the latest design developments to give you a more efficient hull and the best performance in the sportfish marketplace.

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Length Overall (LOA): 77'0"

Beam: 21'6"

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Choose from a variety of 1, 2 & 3 bedroom floor plans. Floor plans have dramatic nine and ten-foot ceilings with crown molding, built in computer niches, private balconies, washer and dryer provided, 2-inch faux wood blinds, black GE appliances, built in microwaves, upgraded 42-inch custom cabinets, walk-in closets, oversized garden tubs and many more features! The townhome style floor plans are over 1600 sq. feet and very private with 2 levels!

Community Features include: distinctive low country views, lushly landscaped courtyards and green spaces, swimming pool, fitness center, clubhouse with fireplace and pool table, coffee bar, summer kitchen with barbecue grill, playground area, on-site nature preserve, spacious outdoor patio with Wi-Fi connectivity. Conveniently located right next to the Daniel Island walking trail with over 30 miles of trails, public parks and work out stations! Call or stop by today for your personal tour 843-849-1849, or visit our website at www.greystardanielislandvillage.com.

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The South Carolina Memorial Reef will host a Silent and Live Auction in conjunction with the HMY-Viking Megadock Tournament under the "MegaTent" at the Charleston City Marina on July 10, 2009. Happy Hour begins at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner and a Silent Auction at 7:00 PM, with the Live Auction to begin at 8:00 PM. Please come join us for a great evening! All funds raised for the SC Memorial Reef will be dedicated to the memory of Robert "Robbie" C. Johnson.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Shannon Seabrook at 843-270-0003 ss@scmemorialreef.org or McKenzie Estes at 843-278-4920 me@scmemorialreef.org



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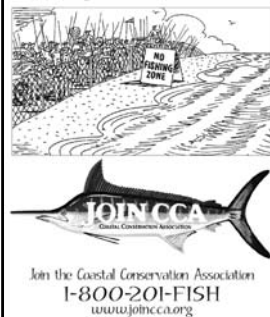
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