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Series Reflections:

Well as most of you know, a big one (515 lbs.) hit the docks at the Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament. Owner Greg Smith, angler Bill Dial and company from the boat *Blue Sky* were rightfully very proud of their accomplishment. I have to admit that that was the first blue marlin, live or dead, that I had ever seen up close. If any of you were there, you know that before the night was over I was very familiar with the fish as Amy and I collected biological samples including: the whole stomach, gonads, and tissue samples for genetic and body burden analyses. In the past, I have worked with some big fish including live 400+ lb Atlantic sturgeon females, one of which almost broke my arm during a particularly violent thrashing incident as I tried to obtain an egg sample from her to see if she was ready to ovulate. I probably deserved what I got. But what impressed me most about the blue marlin landed at Bohicket was the sheer size and length, as well as the difficulty of handling even a dead fish. When measured from the tip of the bill to the tip of the tail, the fish was 144 inches long. The federal legal length, which is a straight length measured from the lower jaw to the fork of the tail, was 112 inches while its Governors Cup Series length, which is a curved length measured from the lower jaw to the fork of the tail, was slightly over 113 inches. I was also impressed that the crew of the boat could get so close to estimating the size of the fish in the water before deciding to boat it. Fortunately for them, it eclipsed the Series minimum length of 105 inches curved lower jaw fork length. If the fish had been smaller, I would hate to be the one who decides whether to land it or not. Last year one boat in North Carolina estimated the length of fish before boating it, returned to the docks with a fish shorter than the federal limit of 99 inches and got the honor of paying \$25,000 in fines. A second boat in NC brought in a fish that did not meet the minimum length requirement for the tournament and which disqualified the fish. If that had happened in one of our tournaments, the boat would have also lost 600 Series points. So be careful when you measure fish; many boats use a pole with a 105" length

22nd Annual SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series 2010 Tournament Schedule...

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of line attached to put by the fish when it is brought to the boat, so be prepared.

During the week following the tournament, Amy and I started receiving calls about a "potential" state record blue marlin which was released by a local boat. While the photos we were sent indicated that it was a large fish, in reality it did not appear to be as big as the fish landed by *Blue Sky*, which had a girth of 56 inches, nor did it appear to be as large as the current state record fish landed in 2005 by W. C. Taylor aboard the *Rascal*. The record blue marlin weighed 881 lbs 13 oz, had a girth of 71½ inches with a lower jaw fork length of 135 inches. While its total length was not measured at the time, you can go to Georgetown Landing to see just how big

the fish that breaks the state record is going to need to be. Using a rough formula from the recently landed fish at Bohicket, it will have to be over 14 feet long or roughly 168 inches from the tip of the bill to the tip of the tail. In addition, since records are not based on length, to beat the current record the fish will have to weigh at least 1 pound more than the current record, be weighed on state certified scales, be witnessed by two individuals not associated with the catch, and verified by a SCDNR fisheries biologist. For more information on the SC State Record Program, see the following link on the SCDNR website <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/fish/saltrecs/fishrecrules.html>; Amy currently oversees this program. Fortunately for those of you fishing in a Series event, all of this will be done once you land the fish. For

those of you who are fishing at another time or location and looking to challenge the record, please contact us as soon as you can so arrangements can be made to get an accurate weight and length. In addition, you must have an HMS permit to land a billfish, and it is your responsibility to report any landed billfish within 24 hours to <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/permitidlandings.asp>. You will need your permit number to log in.

We bought a higher capacity scale this year in anticipation of someone catching a fish over 1,000 lbs, so make sure all the I's are dotted and the T's crossed so that your catch can be certified. See you on the docks.

Wallace Jenkins



1ST ROUND RESULTS 2010 SC GOVERNOR'S CUP BILLFISHING SERIES — BOHICKET MARINA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The first tournament in the 22nd season of the South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series took place over the weekend of May 12-15 at Bohicket Marina on Seabrook Island. The Series features five tournaments along the coast beginning at Bohicket and ending on July 31st at the Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament.

Wally Jenkins, Series Program Director for the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said, "We were very excited to have Bohicket return to the Series this year! The weather cooperated and we had three beautiful days for offshore fishing." The billfish bite was good, with 5 blue marlin, 2 white marlin, and 4 sailfish releases, plus one blue marlin landed. She weighed in at 515 pounds, and was 112 inches straight line measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail. "As usual, the Bohicket Marina Staff was very hospitable, Red's Ice House was a perfect venue, and a great time was had by all."

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).

Points for Governor's Cup tournaments are awarded as follows: 600 points for a released blue marlin, 300 points for a released white marlin, and 200 points for a released sailfish. In addition, boats are awarded 25 participation points for each Series tournament entered up to a maximum of three events.

The tournament's Outstanding Billfish Boat and the Outstanding Billfish Conservationist were awarded to *Game On* owned by Sea Hunt Boats, of Lexington, SC and captained by Victor (Bubba) Roof. The winning boat earned 800 points for the catch and release of one blue marlin and one sailfish.

My Time Out III owned by Frank Gibson of Beaufort, SC and captained by Ty Cordray earned second place Outstanding Billfish Boat, with 600 points, for the catch and release of one blue marlin.

Third place honors for Outstanding Billfish Boat went to *Rascal* owned by Norman Pulliam of Spartanburg, SC and captained by Mark Rodgers. *Rascal* caught and released one blue marlin to garner 600 points.

Petrel, owned by Harry Johnson of Mt. Pleasant, SC and captained by Thomas

Wynne was the Blue Water Conservation winner with the tag and release of 8 dolphin over the course of the tournament.

Outstanding Billfish was awarded to *Blue Sky* owned by Greg Smith of Pawley's Island, SC and captained by Steve Crammer. Bill Dial was the angler that landed the 515-pound blue marlin, which was the only billfish landed during the tournament.

Trust Me owned by Jim Foulke of Doylestown, PA and captain Bob Ogden earned honors for the Outstanding Dolphin. David Petterson was the angler that caught the 44.8-pound dolphin.

Small Change took the Outstanding Tuna award. Owned and captained by Mike Albenetios of Johns Island, SC, the 21.0-pound Blackfin tuna was caught by Frazier Wilson.

The Outstanding Wahoo award was earned by *Miss Magnolia*, owned and captained by Tram Colket of Hilton Head, SC. Angler Zach Lyman caught a 35.0-pound wahoo.

Outstanding Youth Angler was awarded to Caleb Teske, age 13. Teske was fishing aboard the *Middleton 58*, owned by Frank Middleton of Johns Island, SC and captained by Thomas Rivers, and caught a 36.2-pound dolphin.

Kelli Ann Roof of Lexington, SC earned top honors as Outstanding Female Angler for the release of one blue marlin and one sailfish aboard *Game On*, owned by Sea Hunt Boats and captained by Victor (Bubba) Roof.



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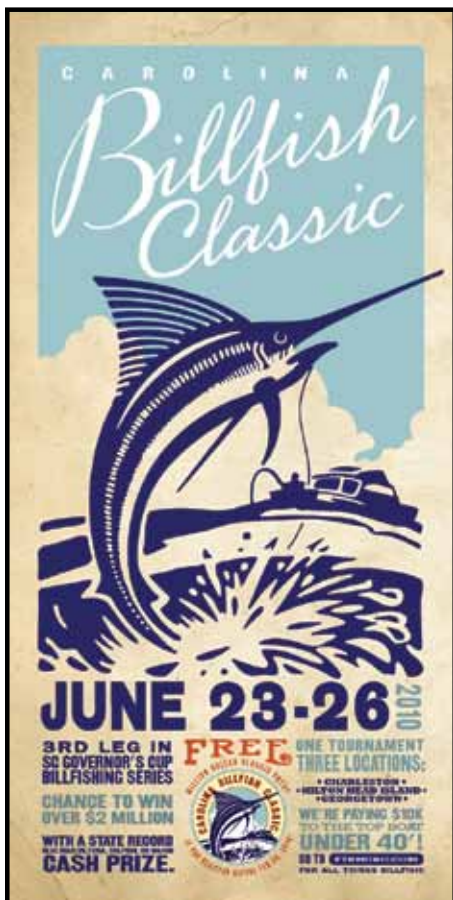


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Second Round Results from the SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series



The second tournament in the 22nd season of the South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series took place at the 43rd Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Billfish Tournament over the last weekend in May at the Georgetown Landing Marina.

Wallace Jenkins, Series Program Director for S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), noted that "After the wind finally dropped out on Wednesday evening, we had great conditions for fishing most of the Memorial Day weekend. John Horton, in his first year as the manager of the Georgetown Landing Marina, did a great job and had top notch marina crew. The Land's End restaurant staff provided excellent service and great food made the event a great success." Amy Dukes, Series Tournament Coordinator for SCDNR, added that a total of 39 boats participated in the tournament with 13 billfish releases

including 6 blue marlin, 3 white marlin and 4 sailfish. No billfish were landed.

The Outstanding Billfish Boat was awarded to *Caramba*, owned by Robert Faith of Mt. Pleasant and captained by Dale Lackey. The boat crew caught and released a blue marlin on Friday and a second blue marlin on Saturday, to accrue 1200 release points.

Second place for Outstanding Billfish Boat went to *Daymaker*, owned by Mark Daniels. Jay Weaver captained the boat which caught and released one white marlin and two sailfish to accumulate 700 release points.

Game On won third place for Outstanding Billfish Boat. The boat is owned by Sea Hunt Boats and captained by Victor "Bubba" Roof, the boat crew caught and released one blue marlin to earn 600 release points.

Outstanding Dolphin was awarded to *Daymaker*, angler Miles Herring who landed a

31.4-pound dolphin.

Christy II won both the Outstanding Tuna and Wahoo awards, with a 12.4-pound blackfin tuna and a 63.0-pound wahoo caught by anglers Steve Godfrey and Poe Ratterree, respectively.

First place for Outstanding Lady Angler went to Kelli Roof for releasing the blue marlin aboard *Game On*. Second place for Outstanding Lady Angler went to Kathy Baxley on *El Tejano* who caught a 24.6-pound dolphin. Tara Asbill won third place Outstanding Lady Angler on *Crystal Blue* for her 23.6-pound dolphin catch.

Taylor Gatton won first place for Outstanding Youth Angler for an 18.6-pound dolphin catch aboard *Due Course*. Second place for Outstanding Youth Angler went to Joe Bost aboard *Dem Boys* for catching a 17.0 pound dolphin, while Kelsey Jones came in third with a 15.8-pound dolphin caught aboard *Due Course*.

2010 Winners — Bohicket and Georgetown — Awards Summary

AWARD	BOHICKET	GEORGETOWN	AWARD	BOHICKET	GEORGETOWN
Outstanding Billfish Boat 1st Place	<i>Game On</i> Owner: Sea Hunt Boats Captain: Bubba Roof 1 Blue Marlin and 1 Sailfish released 800 pts.	<i>Caramba</i> Owner: Robert Faith Captain: Dale Lackey 2 Blue Marlin released 1200 pts.	Blue Water Conservation	<i>Petrel</i> Owner: Harry Johnson Captain: Thomas Wynne Tag and Release of 8 dolphin 400 pts.	<i>Petrel</i> Owner: Harry Johnson Captain: Thomas Wynne Tag and Release of 6 dolphin 300 pts.
Outstanding Billfish Boat 2nd Place	<i>My Time Out III</i> Owner: Frank Gibson Captain: Ty Cordray 1 Blue Marlin released 600 pts.	<i>Daymaker</i> Owner: Mark Daniels Captain: Jay Weaver 1 White Marlin and 2 Sailfish released 700 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place	Middleton 58 Owner: Frank Middleton Captain: Thomas Rivers Angler: Caleb Teske, Age 13 36.2 pound dolphin	<i>Due Course</i> Owner: Richard Gatton Captain: Bucky Copleston Angler: Taylor Gatton, Age 14 18.6 pound dolphin
Outstanding Billfish Boat 3rd Place	<i>Rascal</i> Owner: Norman Pulliam Captain: Mark Rodgers 1 Blue Marlin released 600 pts.	<i>Game On</i> Owner: Sea Hunt Boats Captain: Bubba Roof 1 Blue Marlin released 600 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place	Legal Holiday Owner: Fred Bergen Captain: Matt Key Angler: Matthew Key, Age 12 13.6 pound dolphin	<i>Dem Boys</i> Owner: Tommy Hancock Captain: Reid Bost Angler: Joe Bost, Age 11 17.0 pound dolphin
Outstanding Billfish Conservationist	<i>Game On</i> Owner: Sea Hunt Boats Captain: Bubba Roof 1 Blue Marlin and 1 Sailfish released 800 pts.	<i>Caramba</i> Owner: Robert Faith Captain: Dale Lackey 2 Blue Marlin released 1200 pts.	Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place	Middleton 58 Owner: Frank Middleton Captain: Thomas Rivers Angler: Tripp Boggus, Age 15 11.8 pound dolphin	<i>Due Course</i> Owner: Richard Gatton Captain: Bucky Copleston Angler: Kelsey Jones, Age 14 15.8 pound dolphin
Outstanding Billfish (landed)	<i>Blue Sky</i> Owner: Greg Smith Captain: Steven Crammer Angler: Bill Dial 515 pts.	None Landed	Outstanding Female Angler 1st Place	<i>Game On</i> Owner: Sea Hunt Boats Captain: Bubba Roof Angler: Kelli Roof 1 Blue Marlin and 1 Sailfish released	<i>Game On</i> Owner: Sea Hunt Boats Captain: Bubba Roof Angler: Kelli Roof 1 Blue Marlin released
Outstanding Dolphin	<i>Trust Me</i> Owner: Jim Foulke Captain: Bob Ogden Angler: David Petterson 44.8 pounds	<i>Daymaker</i> Owner: Mark Daniels Captain: Jay Weaver Angler: Miles Herring 31.4 pounds	Outstanding Female Angler 2nd Place	5 o'clock Somewhere Owner: LK Bradham Captain: Lawrence Bradham Angler: Heather Bradham Fanucchi 1 White Marlin released	<i>El Tejano</i> Owner: John Hill Captain: David Redd Angler: Kathy Baxley 24.6 pound dolphin
Outstanding Tuna	<i>Small Change</i> Owner/Captain: Mike Albenetious Angler: Frazier Wilson 21.0 pound Blackfin	<i>Christy II</i> Owners/Captains: Stephen Godfrey and Trey Pierce Angler: Steve Godfrey 12.4 pound Blackfin	Outstanding Female Angler 3rd Place	Legal Holiday Owner: Fred Bergen Captain: Matt Key Angler: Fontaine Bergen 21.2 pound dolphin	<i>Crystal Blue</i> Owner: Sam Hankins Captain: Jim Bost Angler: Tara Asbill 23.6 pound dolphin
Outstanding Wahoo	<i>Miss Magnolia</i> Owners: Tram Colket Captains: Tram Colket Angler: Zach Lyman 35.0 pounds	<i>Christy II</i> Owners/Captains: Stephen Godfrey and Trey Pierce Angler: Poe Ratterree 63.0 pounds			

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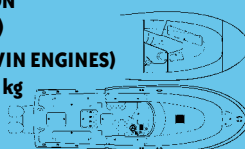
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