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Tournament Reflections:

Well as the year draws to a close, we can sit back and think about last year and start planning to make next year's Series even more successful. Several things have happened since you received our last newsletter, including our annual Awards Reception at the SC Governor's Mansion which was held on Sunday, September 26. Our Sponsors and all boats that fished at least two Series events or won awards were invited. The day started with a major traffic jam on I-26 between Orangeburg and Columbia. If I had not been required to attend the ceremony, I might have turned around. Then we received word from the trophy carver Chris Costello that he was delayed in traffic as well, and was not sure if he would make it to the mansion in time for the ceremony. To make things worse, his GPS unit was unable to tell him how to get to the Governor's Mansion. It is a good thing my doctor was not there to monitor my blood pressure, because at this point it was probably pretty elevated. Finally, to top things off, Amy had her leg in a brace in anticipation of knee surgery which was scheduled for the following morning. In spite of all these minor inconveniences and drama, at the end of the day both the ceremony and banquet were exceptional and went off without a hitch. It was the sixth year in a row that we have had the good fortune to be invited to hold this event at the Governor's Mansion. In appreciation for his hospitality, the Series gave Governor Sanford a plaque with a hand-carved blue marlin on it. He was truly surprised and very gracious in his subsequent comments. In addition, we were able to acknowledge the contributions of SCDNR Law Enforcement Officer William Ladue to the Series with the surprise presentation of a carved marlin trophy. Then we handed out the awards to the recipients, most of whom had the honor of having their picture taken with both the Governor and SCDNR Board Chairman Mike McShane. Finally, it was our turn to be surprised after the Series winner's trophy and the billfish conservation trophy were presented to Bob Faith; Mr. Faith thanked the Governor's Cup staff and his crew, and then made the unprecedented announcement that,

23rd Annual SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series 2011 Tournament Schedule...

May 11-14 **Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament**

Contact: Bryan Richardson
1880 Andell Bluff Blvd
Johns Island, SC 29455
(843) 768-1280, FAX 768-3481
Dockmaster@Bohicket.com

May 25-28 **44th Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament**

Contact: John Horton
P. O. Box 1704
Georgetown, SC 29442
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June 22-25

Contact: Deidre Menefee
1625 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407
(843) 345-0369, FAX 888-758-3950
dm@fishcbc.com

Carolina Billfish Classic

July 6-9

HMV/Viking MEGADOCK Billfishing Tournament

Contact: McKenzie Hutaff
P. O. Box 759
Charleston, SC, 29402
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July 27-30

Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament

Contact: Becca Smith
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as the Series winner, he felt it was his responsibility to give something back. He then presented a check for \$20,000 to the Harry Hampton Fund for use by the Series. We were both surprised and honored that he chose to make such a donation, and happy that he challenged future winners to do likewise. Receipt of this donation officially kicked off our fundraising activities for 2011, and we are busy making contacts with potential

Sponsors. You will hear more about this in our next issue, but we have included a pledge form in this issue for those who may wish to make a contribution during this tax year. Finally, at the Advisory Board's August 2010 meeting, a motion was made and approved to reduce the number of potential tournaments from the previous maximum of eight to five. The 2011 Series schedule was also set at that time, and is printed on the front page of this newsletter. Planning for all five tournaments is well underway.

The CBC may have a change of venue, but will continue with its philosophy of raising money for charity, and I am sure it will be a great success. The other tournaments will have minor changes as well, but overall the quality of the Series events will remain a high priority. If we do not see you before the end of the year, have a great holiday season. We cannot wait to be back on the docks for our 23rd season!

Wallace Jenkins

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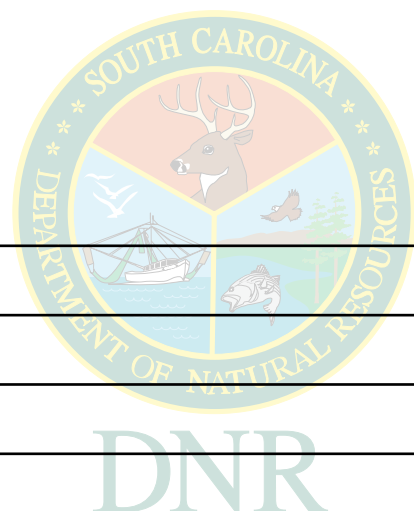
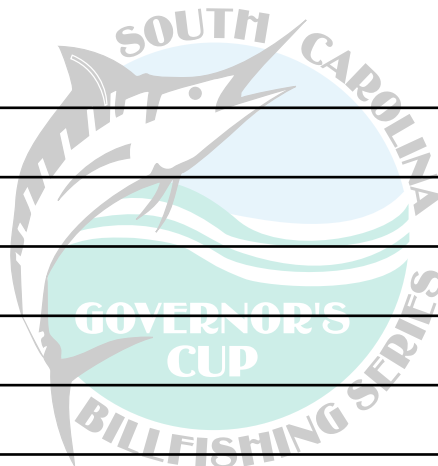
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By the #'s for 2010

Species	Bohicket	Georgetown	Carolina Billfish Classic	MEGADOCK	Edisto	Sailfish Slam	Additional Reported Releases	Total
Blue Marlin	5	6	2	14	1	2	27	57
White Marlin	2	3	1	3			26	35
Sailfish	4	4	44	64	40	21	201	378
Spearfish							1	1
Total	11	13	47	81	41	23	255	471

Outstanding Billfish Boat	<i>Caramba</i> Owner: Robert Faith Captain: Dale Lackey 3 Blue Marlin and 10 Sailfish Released 3,875 points
Outstanding Billfish Conservationist	<i>Caramba</i> Owner: Robert Faith Captain: Dale Lackey 3 Blue Marlin and 10 Sailfish Released 3,875 points



Outstanding Billfish (landed)	<i>Blue Sky</i> Owner: Greg Smith Captain: Steven Crammer Angler: Bill Dial 515 points
Blue Water Conservation	<i>Petrel</i> Owner: Harry Johnson Captain: Thomas Wynne Tag and Release of 22 Dolphin 1,100 points

Outstanding Dolphin	<i>Rascal</i> Owner: Norman Pulliam Captain: Mark Rogers Angler: Anne Brady Moore Carlson 62.4 pounds
Outstanding Tuna	<i>Small Change</i> Owner/Captain: Mike Albenesius Angler: Frasure Wilson 21.0 pound Blackfin
Outstanding Wahoo	<i>Christy II</i> Owners: Thomas Pierce, III and Stephen Godfrey Captains: Stephen Godfrey and Trey Pierce Angler: Oran Poe Ratterree 63.0 pounds



Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place	<i>Split Bill</i> Owners: Charlie Aimar, Paul Aimar, Charlie Rivers Captain: Charlie Aimar Angler: David Aimar, Age 15 1 Sailfish Released
Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place	<i>Middleton 58</i> Owner: Frank Middleton Captain: Thomas Rivers Angler: Caleb Teske, Age 13 36.2 pound Dolphin
Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place	<i>Due Course</i> Owner: Richard Gatton Captain: Bucky Copleston Angler: Taylor Gatton, Age 14 18.6 pound Dolphin



Outstanding Lady Angler 1st Place	<i>Game On</i> Owner: Victor "Bubba" Roof Captain: Trey McMillan Angler: Kelli Ann Roof 2 Blue Marlin and 4 Sailfish Released
Outstanding Lady Angler 2nd Place	<i>5 o'clock Somewhere</i> Owner: LK Bradham Captain: Lawrence Bradham Angler: Heather Bradham Fanucchi 1 White Marlin Released
Outstanding Lady Angler 3rd Place	<i>Rock N' Reel</i> Owner: Allen Bell Captain: Chris Bell Angler: Kara Slick 1 Sailfish Released

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Blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish are classified, by law, as Gamefish in SC and thus cannot be sold. There is also a national prohibition on selling marlin and sailfish captured in the Atlantic Basin. In the 1990's, it was also illegal to serve any marlin in SC restaurants, regardless of origin. However, that law was repealed in 2000 due to concerns on restriction of interstate commerce. At present, restaurants and wholesalers in SC and the nation can import and sell billfish from open fisheries in the Pacific. The problem is twofold; first, there is concern that Atlantic Basin marlin are entering the marketplace with paperwork claiming that they were harvested in the Pacific, and second, the USA is the largest importer of billfish, thus supporting the continued exploitation of these vulnerable fish populations.

This suite of events has led the International Gamefish Association and the National Coalition for Marine Conservation to promote "Taking Marlin off the Menu" in the USA. As a result of their hard work, a bill was introduced in Congress in July called the Billfish Act of 2010 (Bill # 5804). If you

support this concept, we ask that you consider writing a letter to each of your newly elected congressman indicating as such. This bill does not include swordfish, which will still be available in the marketplace. If you want to learn more before forming an opinion, just type "Take Marlin off the Menu" into your browser and you will see a number of websites devoted to this subject. You can also go directly to the website <http://www.igfa.org/Conserve/Support-HR-Bill-5804.aspx> to get the information you need to make an informed decision. At its October meeting, the SC Governors Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board authorized Chairman Foster McKissick to send letters to the respective Commerce Committee Chairman in both the House and Senate to make sure this issue is on their radar during the next congressional session.

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including such billfishing meccas as Wyoming and Colorado, and we need ALL of you to contact your congressional representatives. Working together we can make a huge contribution to the conservation of billfish worldwide by lowering market demand and incentive to harvest.



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Jeff Burton Blog Excerpt Presented by Marlin Magazine: October 8, 2010
All Efforts Coming Together
Well, it's been a while since I've been over to the shop to actually lay my hands on my new Jarrett Bay, but that doesn't mean I haven't seen it! With today's technology, we've been able to make a lot of decisions from pictures and video. The time lapse camera has also helped us follow the progress as well. The guys building the boat are real good

about calling and giving me options on how to address each custom decision, and after looking at a couple of pictures in an email, I can get a better idea of what I'm actually deciding on! Of course you need to be there for some things, but a lot of times you don't. We did the whole flybridge area, and we actually put a lot of time into the entire look and layout of the helm station, from pictures. Even though we're keeping things clean looking up there, you put



just as much electronics on a 46 as you do a 65. I decided against the whole pop-up helm — even though it would have looked nice. I thought that in this case, simpler would be better.

A lot of the big decisions are past me now, so it's mostly details like: how wide should we make the wood border on the granite counter tops, and stuff like that. But that's what's cool about a custom boat. I really enjoy the entire building process. I like to think — and not always about racing. I like to build and design things, so this project gives me something to worry about that I don't really have to worry about. And it's not trying to solve world hunger if my dash panel is an inch higher than it needs to be when it's all said and done; it's not a big deal. So this build is actually a good diversion for me.

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