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Series Reflections

As we enter our 26th year, it is important to thank the businesses that made the 2013 season such a great success. As most of you know, the Series is a unique public/private partnership overseen by SCDNR. All expenses related to operation of the Series are funded through private donations. First and foremost, I want thank the businesses who stepped forward to make significant financial contributions to the Series in 2013. Palmetto Ford (Manly and Graham Eubank) and Superior Diesel/VolvoPenta (Arthur Bailey and Marcia Kull) and Greystar (Bob Faith) were our three Corporate Sponsors last year, donating \$10,000 each; The APEX Automotive Group (Greg Smith), HMY Yachts (Steve Moynihan and Tom Sanders) and Southern Lumber and Millwork (The Albrecht and Shuler Families) were our Benefactor Sponsors, donating \$5,000 each; while Blanchard Power Systems (Joey Coble), Captain Harry's (Carl Liederman), Frank's Carwash (Mike Hutchins) and Sportsman Boats (Tommy Hancock) were our Patron Sponsor, each donating \$2,000. In addition, the Newsletter which you are reading would not have been possible without the contributions of AWOL (Greg Combos), Bergen and Bergen Law Firm (Fred Bergen), Carpet Baggers (Stevie Leasure) CCA South Carolina (Scott Whitaker), Citadel Enterprises (Pete Loy), Fairway Ford (Foster McKissick), Forrest Land Management (Coy Myers), Holder Electric (Ed Holder), Morris Nissan (Bucky Morris), Palmetto Props (Suzi and Nelson Durant), Pearce Law Firm (Dixon Pearce), Rascal Fishing Team (Norman Pulliam/ Mark Rogers), Sea Hunt Boats (Bubba Roof), and Hanckel Marina (Hanckel Family) Spencer Yachts (Paul, Daniel and Stacey Spencer) each of whom donated \$1,000. Second, I would like to acknowledge not only the time and energy that each of our Advisory Board of Directors put into overseeing the program, but also their generous individual donations that were made toward operation of the Series. The five tournaments also made donations to the Wallace

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Carolina Billfish Classic

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MEGADOCK Billfishing Tournament

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Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament

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Pate Fund, based on the number of boat entries at their respective events. A number of other businesses also made varying donations toward the program. All of these Sponsors are listed on our web site, <http://govcup.dnr.sc.gov/Sponsors/#sustain>. Take a look, and when you get a chance, thank each of them personally by spending your money at their place of business.

While 2013 was a great success, both from a fishing and operational standpoint, we cannot rest on our laurels and must begin fundraising anew. Each level of support comes with associated benefits. There are many levels at which to give; last year we had 32 donors and received contributions from \$500 to as large as \$10,000. Of course, there are varying benefits that accrue to you or your company depending on the level at which you give. First, everyone who donates a minimum of \$100 gets an invitation to the annual Awards Reception. Those donating \$500 also get mentioned on our website and in the Awards Reception program. Those donating \$1,000 (Newsletter Sponsor) get their logo in every Newsletter, in addition to the benefits mentioned above. Those donating \$2,000 (Patron Sponsor) are also included in all Series advertising, are allowed the use of the Governor's Cup logo in their own advertising, are given the opportunity to include their company brochures in boat registration packets for all tournaments, and they receive recognition of appreciation at the Awards Reception. At the \$5,000 level (Benefactor Sponsor) companies get all of the above, plus a place to put an advertisement banner at each tournament and 3 passes to all tournament and Series events they choose to attend. Finally, at the \$10,000 level (Corporate Sponsor) your company will also be eligible for 50% discount on a single boat registration for all 5 Series Tournaments, or 6 tickets to all Series events they choose to attend but do not wish to register a boat, booth space at each tournament, and will be included in individual tournament brochures and advertising as a Corporate Sponsor of the Series. How can you afford not to take

advantage of this opportunity to associate your company with the heritage and prestige of the SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series? All you need to do to get started is either contact Amy at 843-953-9365 or DukesA@dnr.sc.gov or click the "Become a Sponsor" link on our website, <http://govcup.dnr.sc.gov/>!

Finally the 2013 season started with an effort to raise an additional \$300,000 to finalize the construction and deployment of the South Carolina Memorial Reef at the Charleston Deep Reef MPA. I must admit at the time, I felt that this was an impossible goal! However, I should have known better than to underestimate the commitment that Governor's Cup participants and supporters have to the environment and fisheries science. While fundraising efforts amped up in mid March, the real push came during the tournament season with the committee reaching their fund raising goal after only three tournaments after the auction on the last night of the CBC...it was very gratifying to know we had made it!!! We at DNR want to thank those of you who contributed both financially and with in kind donations of transportation and materials. The response was overwhelming with individual contributions ranging from \$10 to \$25,000. The volunteer committee who spearheaded this effort is to be commended for their perseverance and tenacity

in seeing this project through to completion, as it will benefit all offshore fishermen. As of this writing, the first barge, which was dedicated in a ceremony in December 2013 (see photos below) has not been deployed, it is important to note that the construction has been completed and it will be deployed in the near future, weather permitting. In addition, materials are on site for the outfitting of the second barge and work will begin as soon as the first barge has been sunk on the permitted site. Yes...we are behind schedule, but remember this structure will be out there for over 50 years so a few months here or there won't adversely affect the intended outcome.

Amy and I look forward to seeing each of you on the docks this summer.

Wallace Jenkins



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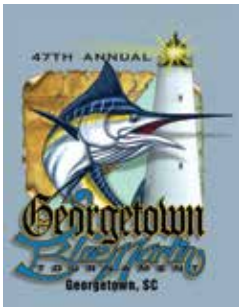
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