I would like to start by recognizing the service of our outgoing Advisory Board members whose terms expired in July 2016. First is Mr. Pete Loy, who with 8 years under his belt, is the longest-serving GC Board member since the Series was reorganized in 1998 under its current Executive Order. Pete could always be counted on for his constructive input. I also want to thank our outgoing Chairman Mr. Gregg Smith, who has been a major Series supporter during his 3 years as Chairman and 6 total years on the Board. We will miss his leadership and council. I know we will continue to see both of these guys in the future on the docks, and that makes their departure from the Advisory Board somewhat more palatable.

During this period of transition, we are happy to have Mr. Mark Rogers down in the trenches with us as our new Chairman. In just a few short months, he has already demonstrated his commitment to this leadership position. Finally, we welcome Mr. Fred Bergen and Mr. Hunter Edwards who started their first terms on the Board this past July, as well as Mr. Steve Mungo who will start in July 2017. If you run into any of these people please thank them for their willingness to serve and keep the Series running strong!

As many of you know, our annual Awards Reception was once again held at the Island House on Johns Island. We cannot thank Ross Marine, especially Paul Speights and Lynn Gottleib, and their entire organization enough for their hospitality. The catering was provided by Mike Altine, Ryan Collins and the Marina Variety Store. The meal consisted of marinated filet mignon and their “secret recipe” loaded mashed potatoes, both of which I personally love. They also had a delicious vegetable entrée, but I skipped that of course, in favor of more potatoes. During the event we presented the Series awards for the year and you will see photos of the recipients throughout this newsletter. I personally want to highlight three of these awards. First, the Top Billfish Boat went to Sportin’ Life, owned by Manly and Graham Eubank and captained by Bobby...
Garmany. With this win, Sportin’ Life joins Bob Faith’s Caramba as the only boat to have won three times in the 28 year history of the Series. Another special significance is that this is Bobby’s first win as a captain. To quote myself from the last newsletter, “Here comes the judge!”

The second award I would like to mention is the Mate of the Year award. This is a new award for the Series in an attempt to recognize these unsung heroes of offshore fishing. The award is based upon characteristics including integrity, sportsmanship, reliability, leadership, fishing success, and willingness to go the extra mile. The 2016 recipient was Harrison Hughes from Sportin’ Life.

Finally, four years ago, we reestablished the Carroll A. Campbell Jr. Award, originally given to the late Governor Campbell back in 2004. It was created to recognize and honor individuals and families who have been leaders in billfish conservation. This year’s award went to Mr. Buck Morris, who started fishing offshore long ago in a 21 foot Robalo named Princess. He has been part of the Series and its conservation efforts since the beginning. Members of his family have won Series awards in virtually every category we recognize. In fact in 2002, at the age of 80, Mr. Morris’ boat, Major Motion, won the Series by releasing three blue marlin and one sailfish. He was previously honored by the Series, along with Ross Swygert and Freddy Glaezner, as a pioneer in SC billfishing. Mr. Morris is a veteran of World War II and a survivor of Pearl Harbor. The best part about presenting this award was the surprise element, as he did not know he was going to receive the award until I started reading his accomplishments, and virtually every member of the Morris extended family was on-hand for the celebration! All of the Series award recipients are to be congratulated for their outstanding achievements this season.

The event was held on September 30th, less than a week before Hurricane Matthew hit and damaged much of the South Carolina coast. The good news is that it could have been much worse, and most of our host marinas escaped without major damage. Unfortunately, our friends down in Beaufort and Jasper counties were not so lucky, and we hope that recovery efforts will soon be completed.

In conclusion, the schedule has been set for the 2017 season and again there have been some minor changes in the lineup. Please reference the front page of the newsletter and mark your calendars. We are already busy making plans for next summer and we hope to see many of you on the docks!

Wallace Jenkins
### Awards Summary: Official Series Winners

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| Outstanding Billfish Boat 1st Place | Sportin’ Life  
Owners: Manly and Graham Eubank  
Captain: Bobby Garmany  
2 blue marlin and 13 sailfish released  
3875 points |
| Outstanding Billfish Boat 2nd Place | Electric Bill  
Owner: Chad Sanders  
Captain: Phillip Fender  
3 blue marlin and 10 sailfish released  
3875 points |
| Outstanding Billfish Boat 3rd Place | Rascal  
Owners: Norman Pulliam and Foster McKissick  
Captain: Mark Rogers  
3 blue marlin and 9 sailfish released  
3675 points |

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| OUTSTANDING BILLFISH (LANDED) | Game On  
Owner: Bubba Roof  
Captain: Trey “Cricket” McMillan  
Angler: Kelli Ann Roof  
477.2 pounds  
478 points |
| OUTSTANDING BILLFISH (LANDED) | Sportin’ Life  
Owners: Manly and Graham Eubank  
Captain: Bobby Garmany  
2 blue marlin and 13 sailfish released  
3875 points |

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| Outstanding Dolphin        | *Houdini*  
Owner: Jim Shannon  
Captain: Wren Fogle  
Angler: Jeffrey Frohock  
54.0 pounds                |
| Outstanding Tuna           | *Miss Wy*  
Owner: Ed Holder  
Captain: Matt Wilkinson  
Angler: Robert Rodelsperger  
24.3 pound blackfin        |
| Outstanding Wahoo          | *Bad Becky*  
Owner: Claude Burns  
Captain: Chase Merriman  
Angler: Robert Gill  
64.9 pounds                |
| Blue Water Conservation    | *Caramba*  
Owner: Bob Faith  
Captain: Dale Lackey  
Tag and release of 2 dolphin  
100 points                |

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1st Place Lady Angler

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**OUTSTANDING DOLPHIN**

2nd Place Lady Angler

OUTSTANDING TUNA

3rd Place Lady Angler

OUTSTANDING WAHOO

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| Outstanding Female Angler  | *Game On*  
Owner: Bubba Roof  
Captain: Trey "Cricket" McMillan  
Angler: Kelli Ann Roof  
2 blue marlin and 4 sailfish released  
and 1 landed blue marlin  
2475 points                |
| Outstanding Female Angler  | *Syked Out*  
Owner: David Sykes  
Captain: Dan Woody  
Angler: Holly McAlhany  
1 blue marlin and 3 sailfish released  
1400 points                |
| Outstanding Female Angler  | *Dough Boy*  
Owner: Ben Dantzler  
Captain: Ben Dantzler  
Angler: Kasey Dantzler  
1 blue marlin and 1 sailfish released  
800 points                |
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1ST PLACE YOUTH ANGLER

3RD PLACE YOUTH ANGLER

2ND PLACE YOUTH ANGLER

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Special Recognition Awards

Thank you to Mr. Gregg W. Smith for your six years of service to the SC Governor’s Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors, including three years as Chairman.

This year the Series created a new award, the Mate of the Year, to recognize the dedication and hard work of individuals whose efforts are not sufficiently acknowledged for going the extra mile. The first recipient of this award goes to Harrison Hughes on Sportin’ Life!

A special recognition and thank you goes out to Mr. James E. Reed with Superior Diesel for his exemplary efforts and dedication to the Series and its participants over the past several years.

The Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Award was created to honor individuals and families who have been leaders in billfish conservation in our state. Congratulations to this year’s recipient Mr. Buck Morris, and thank you for all you have done for the fishery and for the Series!

We would like to recognize and honor Mr. Peter M. Loy for his eight years of service to the SC Governor’s Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors.

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## Billfish Release Numbers

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*2 of these were landed  Total Series Billfish: 183

### Total Billfish Releases by Year

![Total Billfish Releases by Year](image)

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