Series Reflections

I started the last newsletter column with, “The season started off with a bang...” Well, it also literally ended with a bang! After the CBC, the weather and fishing began warming up considerably. During the Megadock tournament, a severe lightning storm hit the fleet ~50 miles offshore on Friday, July 13th. Two boats in particular, Miss Wy and Blue Sky sustained significant damage, with Miss Wy being completely disabled. The Blue Sky, captained by Jay Weaver, was able to get underway and take Miss Wy under tow, even though many of their electrical systems were not operating properly (the crew had to run the throttles from the engine room), leading to a long slow slog toward shore. Around 10:30 that night just off the Megadock, the Miss Wy hitched up to the Sea Tiger, who safely maneuvered her to a slip. This event basically knocked Miss Wy and Blue Sky out of contention for the Series. They were not the only boats effected that day, but most of the others were able to complete the tournament. We were very lucky and thankful that no one was hurt on any of the fleet’s vessels. The tournament itself went well, with 24 boats releasing 70 billfish, for a 2.92 billfish per boat catch rate, doubling those of the three previous events. Relative newcomers to the Governor’s Cup scene, the Gressette family aboard Man Cave won the tournament, with Sara Gressette catching all the billfish (1 blue marlin and 6 sailfish) and also winning Lady Angler for Megadock.

Heading into Edisto, we thought our luck had changed, with a strong number of boats signed up. Then lighting struck again during a late afternoon thunderstorm Tuesday afternoon. Artemis, which up to that point was in contention for Series awards, took a direct hit at the dock, with others also receiving damage. The
tournament had 36 boats that fished hard, releasing 107 billfish, resulting in 2.98 billfish per boat, which I believe is one of the highest in Series history. The fight for both Edisto and the Series Cup came down to the wire, including additional drama of a qualifying blue marlin coming to the dock aboard Anticipation only minutes before the scales closed on the final day. I am sure by now you have all seen the Facebook post by Meg, Captain Harvey Shiflet’s wife, of the boat coming to the weigh station. At last count, it had received 3.26 million views. The landed fish weighed 484.4 lbs. and was the only landed blue marlin this year, and the first landed at Edisto in 15+ years. The tournament was won with another strong showing from Mister Pete, captained by Alan Neiford, with 1 blue marlin and 8 sailfish released. Mister Pete had a great year, winning 3 out of 5 Series events. They accumulated 7,875 points for releasing 9 blue marlin and 12 sailfish, surpassing the highest total ever recorded in the 30 year history of the Series. It sure was an “electrifying” summer.

We hope to see many of you at the Awards Reception on Friday, September 28th. I will be making it just in time, after I pick up and deliver the trophies from Coco Beach, Florida. So...I might not be too lively for the event, but will be looking forward to a great steak dinner and my “signature” potatoes, compliments of A&P Catering after my 10 hours on the road. Thanks for 30 great years! *Mic drop*

~Wallace Jenkins

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the docks for the 2018 Governor’s Cup Series
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| Outstanding Billfish Boat
1st Place            | **Boat: Man Cave**
Owner: Billy Gressette
Captain: Billy Gressette
Catch: 1 blue marlin & 6 sailfish released
1800 points          | **Boat: Mister Pete**
Owner: Bob & Rusty McClam
Captain: Alan Neiford
Catch: 1 blue marlin & 8 sailfish released
2200 points          |
| Outstanding Billfish Boat
2nd Place             | **Boat: Anticipation**
Owner: Paul Coury
Captain: Harvey Shiflet
Catch: 7 sailfish released
1400 points           | **Boat: Syked Out**
Owner: Bob & Rusty McClam
Captain: Alan Neiford
Catch: 1 blue marlin & 8 sailfish released
2200 points          |
| Outstanding Billfish Boat
3rd Place             | **Boat: Sportin’ Life**
Owner: Graham Eubank
Captain: Mike Glaesner
Catch: 7 sailfish released
1400 points           | **Boat: Reel Passion**
Owner: Bill Ingram
Captain: Dan Woody
Catch: 10 sailfish released
2000 points           |
| Outstanding Billfish Conservationist | **Boat: Man Cave**
Owner: Billy Gressette
Captain: Billy Gressette
Catch: 1 blue marlin & 6 sailfish released
1800 points           | **Boat: Mister Pete**
Owner: Bob & Rusty McClam
Captain: Alan Neiford
Catch: 1 blue marlin & 8 sailfish released
2200 points           |
| Outstanding Billfish (landed) | N/A                                                  | **Boat: Anticipation**
Owner: Paul Coury
Captain: Harvey Shiflet
Angler: Drew Wilkinson
Catch: 484.4 pound blue marlin
485 points            |

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<td>Captain: Wren Fogle</td>
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<td>Angler: Charlie Branigan</td>
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| Outstanding Female Angler    | Boat: *Man Cave*  
Owner: Billy Gressette  
Captain: Billy Gressette  
Angler: Sara Gressette  
Catch: 1 blue marlin & 6 sailfish released  
1800 points | Boat: *Syked Out*  
Owner: David Sykes  
Captain: Dan Woody  
Angler: Holly McAlhany  
Catch: 8 sailfish released  
1600 points |
| 1st Place                    |                                                                          |
|                              |                                                                          |
| Outstanding Female Angler    | Boat: *Syked Out*  
Owner: David Sykes  
Captain: Dan Woody  
Angler: Holly McAlhany  
Catch: 5 sailfish released  
1000 points | Boat: *Legal Holiday*  
Owner: Fred Bergen  
Captain: Lawrence Bradham  
Angler: Eugenie Barrow  
Catch: 1 blue marlin and 3 sailfish released  
1200 points |
| 2nd Place                    |                                                                          |
|                              |                                                                          |
| Outstanding Female Angler    | N/A                                                                      |
| 3rd Place                    |                                                                          |

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1200 points | |
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|                              |                                                                          |
|                              | Boat: *Flybuoy IV*  
Owner: Gary Davis  
Captain: Todd Baxley  
Angler: Kathy Baxley  
Catch: 3 sailfish released  
600 points | |
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| Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place | Boat: *Sola Fide*  
Owner: Gary Wyatt  
Captain: Will Frederick  
Angler: Ansley Wyatt  
Catch: 2 sailfish released  
400 points | Boat: *Tighten Up*  
Owners: Kevin Overstreet & Rick Burke  
Captain: Rick Burke  
Angler: Riley Overstreet  
Catch: 3 sailfish released  
600 points |
| Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place | Boat: *Rascal*  
Owners: Foster McKissick & Norman Pulliam  
Captain: Mark Rogers  
Angler: Chappell Miller  
Catch: 2 sailfish released  
400 points | Boat: *Sola Fide*  
Owner: Gary Wyatt  
Captain: Will Frederick  
Angler: Ansley Wyatt  
Catch: 3 sailfish released  
600 points |
| Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place | Boat: *Sola Fide*  
Owner: Gary Wyatt  
Captain: Will Frederick  
Angler: Merritt Davis  
Catch: 1 sailfish released  
200 points | Boat: *Rookie IV*  
Owner: Eddie Buck  
Captain: Jay Chanplin  
Angler: Edgar Buck  
Catch: 23.4 pound blackfin |

**The record breaking continues!**

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*One of these was landed

Megadock Winners

Edisto Winners
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4. Artemis  
   4,275
5. Bad Becky  
   4,075
6. Reel Passion  
   3,775
7. Anticipation  
   3,360
8. Grander  
   3,275
9. Rascal  
   2,975
10. Man Cave  
   2,875
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