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A newsletter following the South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series



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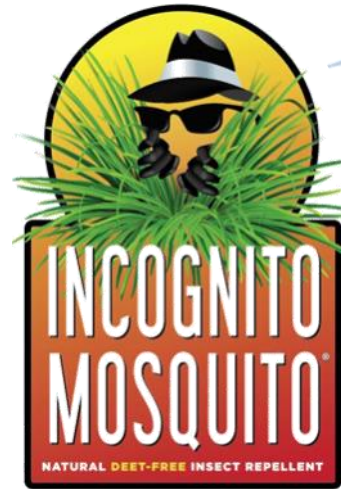
We hope everyone who attended the Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament enjoyed it! We certainly did. The top three Outstanding Billfish Boats each released seven sailfish! Sportin' Life came out on top based on a 37-minute earlier release time than Reel Hook Up. Blue Sky followed behind in third after releasing one more sailfish before lines out.

We had some impressive fishing this year, especially from our youth anglers. In Georgetown, Riley Overstreet took the lead with a 28-lb dolphin. Sidney Thomas won first place at the Carolina Billfish Classic after releasing one blue marlin and three sailfish! The Gressette girls took first, second, and third place youth angler positions in Edisto after each releasing a sailfish each during the first day of fishing, and Austin Mellichamp took over the lead on the second day with two sailfish releases.

We want to extend a sincere congratulations to all our tournament and Series winners! We are looking forward to celebrating at the Awards Reception on September 30.



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| AWARD                                      | EDISTO   |
|--|--|
| Outstanding<br>Billfish Boat<br>1st Place  | Boat: <i>Sportin' Life</i><br>Owner: Graham Eubank<br>Captain: Mike Glaesner<br>7 sailfish released<br>1400 points |
| Outstanding<br>Billfish Boat<br>2nd Place  | Boat: <i>Reel Hook Up</i><br>Owner: Michael Carter<br>Captain: Stuart Lackey<br>7 sailfish released<br>1400 points |
| Outstanding<br>Billfish Boat<br>3rd Place  | Boat: <i>Blue Sky</i><br>Owner: Greg Smith<br>Captain: Jay Weaver<br>7 sailfish released<br>1400 points            |
| Outstanding<br>Billfish<br>Conservationist | Boat: <i>Sportin' Life</i><br>Owner: Graham Eubank<br>Captain: Mike Glaesner<br>7 sailfish released<br>1400 points |

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| AWARD                         | EDISTO  |
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| Outstanding Billfish (landed) | NA  |
| Outstanding Dolphin           | Boat: <i>Trashman</i><br>Owner: Ben Wall<br>Captain: Geno Sauers<br>Angler: Brian DeMille<br>24.5 pounds                            |
| Outstanding Tuna              | Boat: <i>Anticipation</i><br>Owner: Paul Coury<br>Captain: Harvey Shiflet<br>Angler: Drew Wilkinson<br>24.4-pound blackfin          |
| Outstanding Wahoo             | Boat: <i>Rascal</i><br>Owner: Foster McKissick and Norman Pulliam<br>Captain: Mark Rogers<br>Angler: Chappell Miller<br>34.3 pounds |





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We are so fortunate to work with local photographer and writer Cameron Rhodes, owner of The Buckskin Billfish! We highly encourage you to follow The Buckskin Billfish on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Also check out her incredibly stunning work at [www.thebuckskinbillfish.com](http://www.thebuckskinbillfish.com).



We also want to extend a huge thank you to our trusty chase boat captain, Jim Reed, who skillfully maneuvers his vessel among returning sport fishers, allowing Cameron to capture action-packed photos on the water.

We greatly appreciate Cameron and Jim and the amazing work they do! Thanks also to the Johnson & Towers, Western Branch Diesel, and Volvo Penta team, a longtime sponsor of the SC Governor's Cup.





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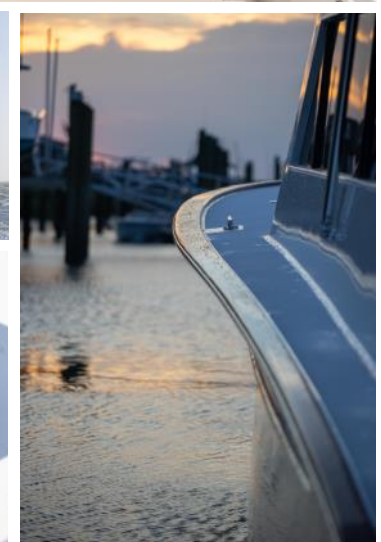
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| AWARD                                     | EDISTO  |
|---|---|
| Outstanding<br>Female Angler<br>1st Place | Boat: <i>Dough Boy</i><br>Owner: Ben Dantzler<br>Captain: Ben Dantzler<br>Angler: Kasey Goodwin<br>2 sailfish released<br>400 points          |
| Outstanding<br>Female Angler<br>2nd Place | Boat: <i>Syked Out</i><br>Owner: David Sykes<br>Captain: Dan Woody<br>Angler: Holly McAlhany<br>1 sailfish released<br>200 points             |
| Outstanding<br>Female Angler<br>3rd Place | Boat: <i>Legal Holiday</i><br>Owner: Fred Bergen<br>Captain: Lawrence Bradham<br>Angler: Fontaine Bergen<br>1 sailfish released<br>200 points |



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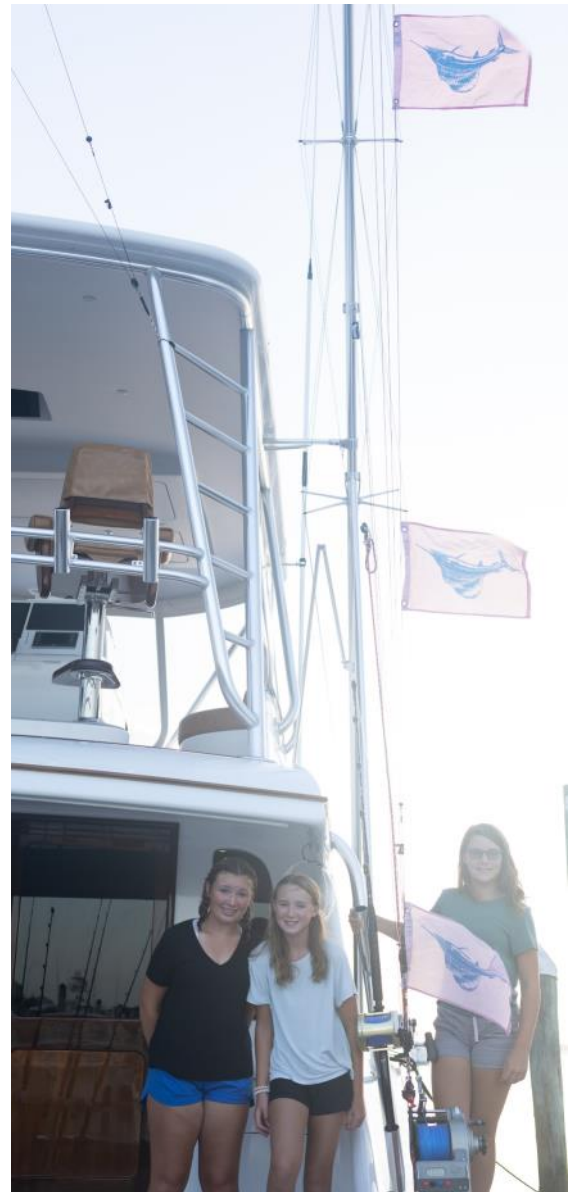


**Friday, September 30, 2022**  
Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing

| AWARD                                 | EDISTO  |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Outstanding Youth Angler<br>1st Place | Boat: <i>Reel Hook Up</i><br>Owners: Michael Carter<br>Captain: Stuart Lackey<br>Angler: Austin Mellichamp, age 16<br>2 sailfish released<br>400 points |
| Outstanding Youth Angler<br>2nd Place | Boat: <i>Man Cave</i><br>Owner: Billy Gressette<br>Captain: Chase Merriman<br>Angler: Anna Gressette, age 14<br>1 sailfish released<br>200 points       |
| Outstanding Youth Angler<br>3rd Place | Boat: <i>Man Cave</i><br>Owner: Billy Gressette<br>Captain: Chase Merriman<br>Angler: Leila Gressette, age 10<br>1 sailfish released<br>200 points      |





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## SERIES STANDINGS



## TOTALS

|  | G'TOWN | CBC | EDISTO | TOTALS  |
|---|--------|-----|--------|---|
| BOATS   | 70     | 53  | 35     |  |
| BLUES   | 18     | 16  | 3      | 37  |
| WHITES  | 1      | 0   | 0      | 1   |
| SPEARS  | 0      | 0   | 0      | 0   |
| SAILS   | 8      | 85  | 60     | 153   |

## TOP SERIES BOATS

|                 |      |                  |      |
|-----------------|------|------------------|------|
| 1. Blue Sky     | 6075 | 6. Mister Pete   | 2357 |
| 2. Buddy Rowe   | 3275 | 7. Sportin' Life | 2275 |
| 3. Trashman     | 3250 | 8. Showtime      | 2250 |
| 4. Reel Hook Up | 2550 | 9. Sea Fix       | 2050 |
| 5. Syked Out    | 2475 | 10. Game On      | 1450 |

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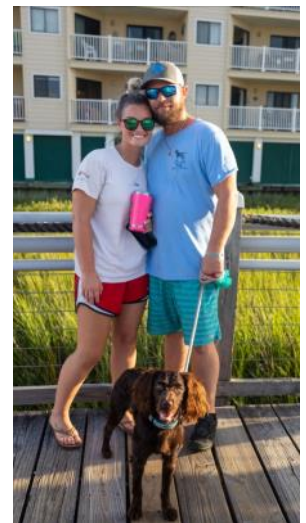
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