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



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35th Annual SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series 2023 Tournament Schedule

May 10 - 13

Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament



Contact: Beau Anderson
1880 Andell Bluff Boulevard
Johns Island, SC 29455
(843) 768-1280
marinamanager@bohicket.com



May 24 - 27

55th Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament



Contact: David Black
P.O. Box 1704
Georgetown SC 29442
(843) 546-1776
Fax: (843) 546-7832
dblack@georgetownlandingmarina.com

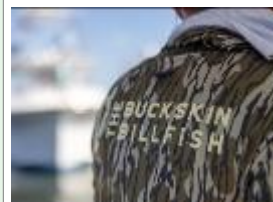


June 21 - 24

Carolina Billfish Classic



Contact: Loyd Weston
20 Patriots Point Road
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
(843) 568-5230
td@fishcbc.com



July 19 - 22

Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament



Contact: Charles Yeomans
P.O. Box 598
Edisto Beach, SC 29464
(843) 631-5055 Fax (843) 631-5065
themarinaeb@gmail.com



For more information, contact:

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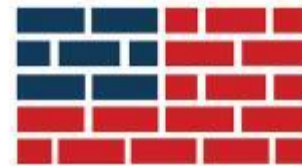
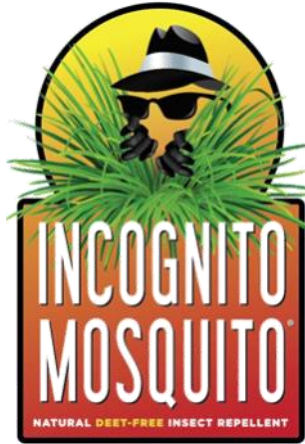
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Series Reflections

The 2023 Series is only a few weeks away, and this year, we'll be celebrating our 35th anniversary! We're proud of the many achievements accomplished by our participants, partners, sponsors, and staff over the last 35 years. Be sure to stay tuned on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for weekly conservation messages related to the Series.

We hope everyone is geared up and ready for another eventful series of tournaments this season! None of this would be possible without the support of our generous sponsors. We are so thankful for the many folks who have


contributed to ensure each year is a success. Please note our many sponsors, highlighted throughout the newsletter. We truly appreciate the commitment and dedication. For those interested, there is still time to become a sponsor. Please see page 5 for more information.

This year, we are excited to welcome back the [Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament](#). We are looking forward to four Series tournaments and one qualifying event, the [Lowcountry Cup](#), hosted by HMY. May will be a whirlwind starting with the Bohicket tournament, followed by the HMY



qualifying tournament, and finishing with the [55th Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament](#). The Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina will host the [Carolina Billfish Classic](#) as the third Series tournament in June. In July, we'll head down to the Marina at Edisto Beach for the [Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament](#). Additional details regarding these events can be found on the first page of the newsletter. Be sure to register early to ensure docking space at the marinas, as most have limited slips available!

A new season brings the opportunity to reflect on the past year. As we remember both the celebrations and the heartaches, we can take comfort in the many memories made together and the new ones yet to come. We're looking forward to seeing you on the docks next month!




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	Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner
	Social media coverage	Social media coverage	Social media coverage	Social media coverage
		Literature distributed in Series boat bags	Literature distributed in Series boat bags	Literature distributed in Series boat bags
		Logo revolving on front page of website	Logo revolving on front page of website	Logo revolving on front page of website
		Ability to use our logo in advertising	Ability to use our logo in advertising	Ability to use our logo in advertising
		Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception	Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception	Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception
			Newsletter ad (¼ page)	Newsletter ad (½ page)
			Banner displayed at all tournaments	Banner displayed at all tournaments
			VIP passes to all tournament events (2 passes)	VIP passes to all tournament events (6 passes)
			Large SCGC flag	Large SCGC flag
				Display (where space is available) at all tournaments
				Reduction in tournament entry fee (50% off)
				Recognized in tournament brochures, booklets, and/or website
				First option for subsequent year sponsorship
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1) SC Saltwater Fishing License – Every individual (age 16 and above) aboard the vessel must have a valid, official SC Saltwater Recreational Fishing License in their possession. These licenses can be purchased at <https://dnrlicensing.sc.gov/DNRLicensingSales/SalesCategories.aspx> or by calling 1-866-714-3611, and expire one year from the issue date.

2) Current vessel documentation or state registration – All vessels must possess current and valid state registration or US Coast Guard documentation in addition to being titled in the owner's name/business.

3) Atlantic HMS [Angling (Recreational) or Charter/Headboat] Permit – All owners/operators of vessels fishing recreationally, or owners/operators of Charter/Headboat vessels fishing for and/or retaining regulated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS; Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish and billfish) in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, must obtain an Atlantic Highly Migratory Species permit. These permits cost \$26.00, and will be valid from the date of issuance through December 31, 2022. Visit the NMFS website at <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/> to apply.



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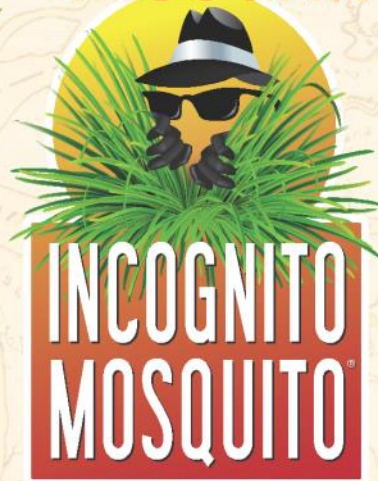


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Friday, September 29, 2023





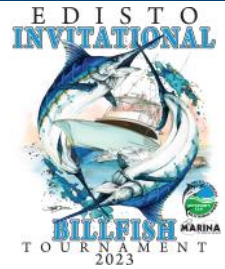
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