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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



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May 24 - 27 55th Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament



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June 21 - 24 Carolina Billfish Classic



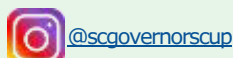
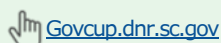
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July 19 - 22 Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament



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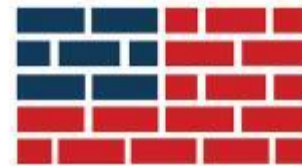
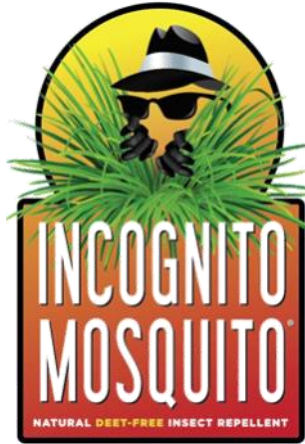


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We are halfway through the season, and we hear the fishing is still great off the South Carolina coast! During the Bohicket tournament, in just two days of fishing, 33 participating boats released 52 blue marlin, three white marlin, one spearfish, and 24 sailfish. This was a record-breaking number of billfish released at a Bohicket tournament, as well as the most blue marlin ever released in a single Governor's Cup tournament. The HMY Lowcountry Cup, a Series qualifying event, followed with a total of 16 blue marlin and 15 sailfish released by a fleet of 24 boats. The weather took a turn before Georgetown, but the tournament coordinators put on an incredible event, especially given the circumstances. In a one-day shootout, three blue marlin and five sailfish were released by 40 boats. It's been a great start to our 35th anniversary year, and we hope to see you all at the Carolina Billfish Classic and Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament!

Please continue reading for highlights from each tournament and stunning photos captured by Cameron Rhodes, owner and operator of The Buckskin Billfish.



AWARD	BOHICKET	GEORGETOWN
Outstanding Billfish Boat 1st Place	Boat: <i>Sportin' Life</i> Owner: Graham Eubank Captain: Mike Glaesner 5 blue marlin, 1 white marlin, 2 sailfish released 3700 points	Boat: <i>Miss Wy</i> Owner: Ed Holder Captain: Matt Wilkinson 1 blue marlin, 1 sailfish released 800 points
Outstanding Billfish Boat 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Trashman</i> Owner: Ben Wall Captain: Geno Sauers 3 blue marlin, 6 sailfish released 3000 points	Boat: <i>Voodoo Child</i> Owner: Dale Daly Captain: Zack Adams 1 blue marlin released 600 points
Outstanding Billfish Boat 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Syked Out</i> Owner: David Sykes Captain: Dan Woody 4 blue marlin, 1 spearfish released 2700 points	Boat: <i>Black Jack</i> Owner: Jane Eudy Captain: Wren Fogle 1 blue marlin released 600 points
Outstanding Billfish Conservationist	Boat: <i>Sportin' Life</i> Owner: Graham Eubank Captain: Mike Glaesner 5 blue marlin, 1 white marlin, 2 sailfish released 3700 points	Boat: <i>Miss Wy</i> Owner: Ed Holder Captain: Matt Wilkinson 1 blue marlin, 1 sailfish released 800 points



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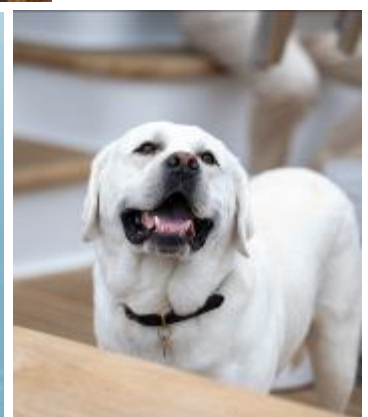
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AWARD	BOHICKET	GEORGETOWN
Outstanding Lady Angler 1st Place	Boat: <i>Sweet Spot</i> Owner: Sweet Spot Marine Captain: Chris Kubik Angler: Holly McAlhany 4 blue marlin, 1 sailfish released 2600 points	Boat: <i>Sweet Spot</i> Owner: Sweet Spot Marine Captain: Chris Kubik Angler: Holly McAlhany 14.3-pound dolphin
Outstanding Lady Angler 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Home Run</i> Owner: Steve Mungo Captain: Grant Bentley Angler: Hope Bentley 2 blue marlin, 2 sailfish released 1600 points	Boat: <i>Sand Man</i> Owner: Richard Knowlton Captain: Ashton Knowlton Angler: Jesse Beasley 8.4-pound dolphin
Outstanding Lady Angler 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Mary Agnes</i> Owner: Heico LTD Captain: Al Johnson Angler: Britta Stoeckel 1 blue marlin released 600 points	NA









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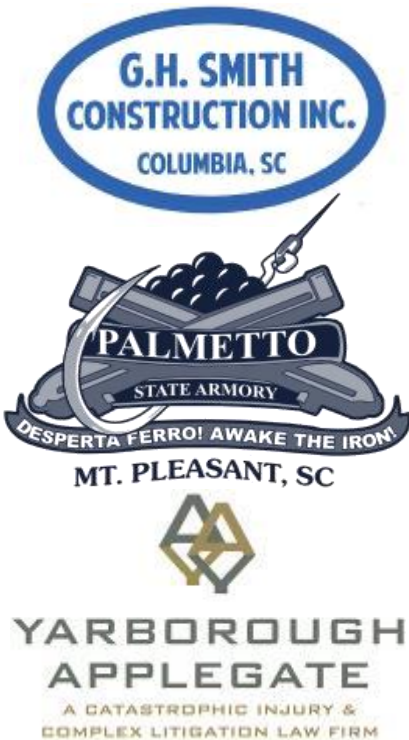


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AWARD	BOHICKET	GEORGETOWN
Outstanding Dolphin	Boat: <i>Pistol</i> Owner: Hal Turner Captain: Ed Keelin Angler: Justin Cromer 24.4 pounds	Boat: <i>Callisto</i> Owner: Robert and Bo Mason Captain: Stevie Crammer Angler: Perry Peace 50.7 pounds
Outstanding Tuna	NA	Boat: <i>Reel Steel</i> Owner: Bryant Stuart Captain: Bryant Stuart Angler: Zach Mangum 18.2-pound blackfin
Outstanding Wahoo	Boat: <i>Mister Pete</i> Owner: Bob and Rusty McClam Captain: Alan Neiford Angler: Bob McClam 15.7 pounds	Boat: <i>Run-A-Wade</i> Owner: Wade Harper Captain: Jack Harper Angler: Jay Thompson 63.6 pounds






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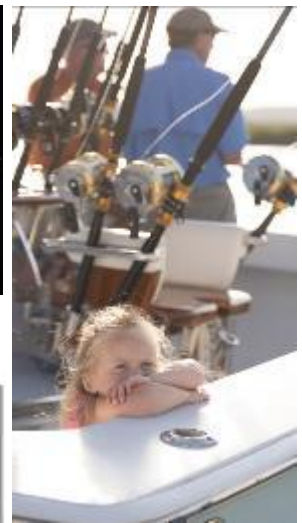
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Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place	Boat: <i>Just One More</i> Owner: Michael Schlicksup Captain: Michael Schlicksup Angler: Ford Schlicksup, age 9 11.4-pound dolphin	Boat: <i>Retainage</i> Owner: Mendal Nettles Captain: Jack Cantey Angler: Charlie Nettles, age 9 11.1-pound blackfin tuna
Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Just One More</i> Owner: Michael Schlicksup Captain: Michael Schlicksup Angler: Maddie Schlicksup, age 11 10.6-pound dolphin	NA
Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Just One More</i> Owner: Michael Schlicksup Captain: Michael Schlicksup Angler: Joshua Koon, age 9 10.4-pound dolphin	NA





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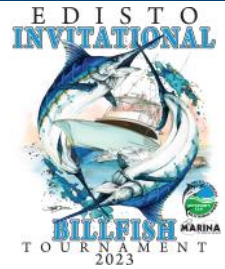


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