



# Tag & Release

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



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## Series Reflections:



The fishing was incredible this season, despite some unfortunate weather. Over the four Series tournaments, a total of 69 blue marlin, three white marlin, one roundscale spearfish, and 213 sailfish were caught and released! Of those 286 billfish releases, 280 were caught in only six days of fishing. Congratulations to the *Bench Mark* for breaking the record for the greatest number of releases in a single day of a Series tournament with 11 sailfish releases during Day 1 of Edisto!

The *Trashman* took home \$221,000 as Outstanding Billfish Boat with four blue marlin releases at the CBC, and *Sweet Spot* took home the win with one blue marlin and 11 sailfish at Edisto. In addition to earning top honors at Edisto, *Sweet Spot's* Holly McAlhany also was the Top Lady Angler at all four Series tournaments! Bull Adams on the *Voodoo Child* won Outstanding Youth Angler at the CBC, and Sidney Thomas won at Edisto. Fred Bergen of *Legal Holiday*, Jenny Mangum of *Reel Steel*, and Roman Paluso of *Callisto* won top meatfish awards for the CBC. During the Edisto tournament, Hal Turner of *Pistol* brought in the heaviest dolphin and wahoo, and Makyla Wyatt of *Stove Pipe* won the tuna category.

We want to extend a sincere congratulations to all our tournament and Series winners! Stay tuned for the November newsletter where we will highlight our official Series winners! We are looking forward to celebrating at the Awards Reception on September 29.

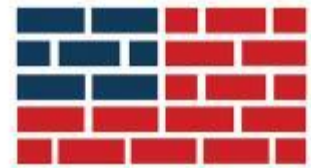
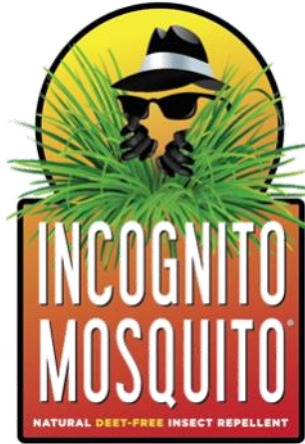


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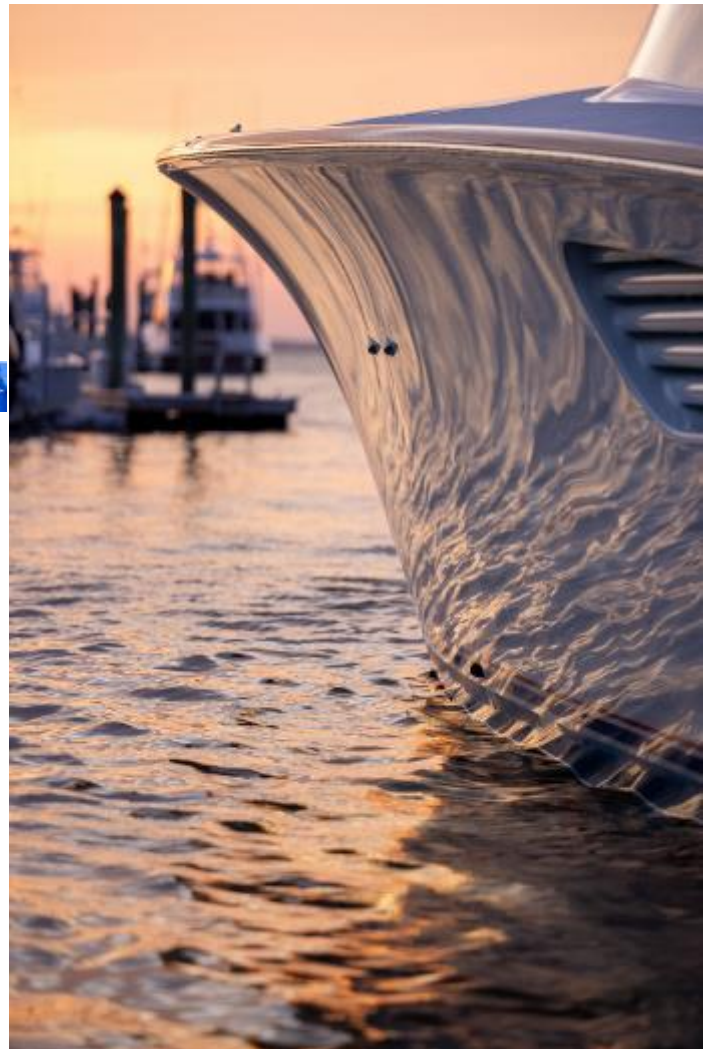
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AWARD	CBC	EDISTO
Outstanding Billfish Boat 1st Place	Boat: <i>Trashman</i> Owner: Ben Wall Captain: Geno Sauers 4 blue marlin released 2400 points	Boat: <i>Sweet Spot</i> Owner: Sweet Spot Marine Captain: Chris Kubik 1 blue marlin, 11 sailfish released 2800 points
Outstanding Billfish Boat 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Viking 64</i> Owner: Pat Healey Captain: Sean Dooley 1 blue marlin, 7 sailfish released 2000 points	Boat: <i>Bench Mark</i> Owner: Stephen Davis Captain: Jordan Parker 13 sailfish released 2600 points
Outstanding Billfish Boat 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Double G</i> Owner: G Men LLC Captain: Rob Constantineau 1 blue marlin, 4 sailfish released 1400 points	Boat: <i>Sportin' Life</i> Owner: Graham Eubank Captain: Mike Glaesner 2 blue marlin, 7 sailfish released 2600 points
Outstanding Billfish Conservationist	Boat: <i>Trashman</i> Owner: Ben Wall Captain: Geno Sauers 4 blue marlin released 2400 points	Boat: <i>Sweet Spot</i> Owner: Sweet Spot Marine Captain: Chris Kubik 1 blue marlin, 11 sailfish released 2800 points




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Outstanding Lady Angler 1st Place	Boat: <i>Sweet Spot</i> Owner: Sweet Spot Marine Captain: Chris Kubik Angler: Holly McAlhany 2 released 400 points	Boat: <i>Sweet Spot</i> Owner: Sweet Spot Marine Captain: Chris Kubik Angler: Holly McAlhany 1 blue marlin, 9 sailfish released 2400 points
Outstanding Lady Angler 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Home Run</i> Owner: Steve Mungo Captain: Grant Bentley Angler: Hope Bentley 2 sailfish released 400 points	Boat: <i>Reel Steel</i> Owner: Bryant Stuart Captain: Bryant Stuart Angler: Elle Todd 2 sailfish released 400 points
Outstanding Lady Angler 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Micabe</i> Owner: Mike Larrow Captain: Chris Jennings Angler: Halle Boring 1 sailfish released 200 points	Boat: <i>Legal Holiday</i> Owner: Fred Bergen Captain: Lawrence Bradham Angler: Eugenie Barrow 2 sailfish released 400 points



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AWARD	CBC	EDISTO
Outstanding Dolphin	Boat: <i>Legal Holiday</i> Owner: Fred Bergen Captain: Lawrence Bradham Angler: Fred Bergen 38.0 pounds	Boat: <i>Pistol</i> Owner: Hal Turner Captain: Ed Keelin Angler: Hal Turner 38.4 pounds
Outstanding Tuna	Boat: <i>Reel Steel</i> Owner: Bryant Stuart Captain: Bryant Stuart Angler: Jenny Mangum 23.9-pound blackfin	Boat: <i>Stove Pipe</i> Owner: Gary Wyatt Captain: Kevin Ball Angler: Makyla Wyatt 22.2-pound blackfin
Outstanding Wahoo	Boat: <i>Callisto</i> Owner: Robert and Bo Mason Captain: Steve E. Crammer Angler: Roman Paluso 43.7 pounds	Boat: <i>Pistol</i> Owner: Hal Turner Captain: Ed Keelin Angler: Hal Turner 53.1 pounds






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Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place	Boat: <i>Voodoo Child</i> Owner: Dale Daly Captain: Zack Adams Angler: Bull Adams, age 13 1 blue marlin, 1 sailfish released	Boat: <i>Sea Fix</i> Owner: Harry and Fran Johnson Captain: John Thomas Angler: Sidney Thomas, age 14 7 sailfish released
Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Sea Fix</i> Owner: Harry and Fran Johnson Captain: John Thomas Angler: Sidney Thomas, age 14 2 sailfish released	Boat: <i>Tighten Up</i> Owner: Kevin and Joanne Overstreet Captain: Kevin Overstreet Angler: Harper Burke, age 13 2 sailfish released
Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Callisto</i> Owner: Robert and Bo Mason Captain: Steve E. Crammer Angler: Roman Paluso, age 16 1 sailfish released	Boat: <i>Holy Mackerel</i> Owner: Tom Blanchard Captain: Tom Blanchard Angler: Michael Blanchard, age 15 1 sailfish released



# SC Governor's Cup Series Awards Reception

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Friday, September 29, 2023



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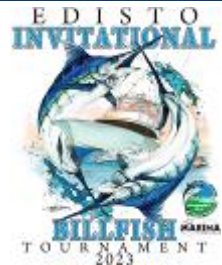


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