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Series Reflections:

We want to take one more opportunity to thank our 2023 sponsors for a fantastic year! We are immensely grateful for the generous contributions.

We received support from four Corporate Sponsors this year, including Davis & Floyd, Inc., Martech Research, US Brick, and Western Branch Diesel/COX/Volvo Penta. We want to extend a special thanks to Western Branch Diesel/COX/Volvo Penta (formerly Superior Diesel) for sponsoring the Series at the Corporate Level for over ten years.

We also want to thank our Benefactor Sponsors, including Apex Automotive, Cummins Inc, Grescon Development LLC, HMY, Pain Specialists of Charleston, Sea Hunt Boats Inc, Southern Lumber and Millwork Corp, Sportsman Boats, Units Moving and Portable Storage, and W.W. Williams.

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And lastly, we want to thank our Newsletter Sponsors, including Coastal Conservation Association of South Carolina, Fairway Ford, Legal Holiday Fishing Team, Mungo Homes, and Spencer Yachts. Contributions from sponsors, as well as SC Governor's Cup Advisory Board of Directors members and Series participants, totaled around \$119,600.

The Series would not be possible without the generous support of each of these contributors. We want to express our sincerest gratitude. As we begin our 2024 season, we hope you will consider sponsoring the Series. We have made some changes to the 2024 sponsorship structure and invite you to check it out. We included the sponsor form and additional information regarding each contribution level at the end of the newsletter. We are looking forward to this year's tournaments, and we greatly appreciate your continued support!

Please remember to register for the five scheduled tournaments as soon as possible. Information regarding each event is included below. We are excited for the 2024 season!



36th Annual SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series 2024 Tournament Schedule

May 8 - 11

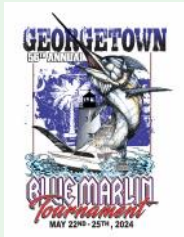


The Charleston Billfish Invitational

Contact: Stan Jones
49 Immigration Street
Charleston, SC 29403
843-790-4001
billfish@seabreezemarina.com



May 22 - 25



56th Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament

Contact: David Black
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Georgetown SC 29442
843-546-1776; 843-546-7832 (fax)
dblack@georgetownlandingmarina.com



June 19 - 22

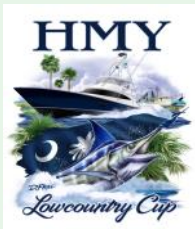


Carolina Billfish Classic

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



July 3 - 6



HMY Lowcountry Cup

Contact: Tia Mazziotta
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Charleston, SC, 29401
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July 17 - 20



Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament

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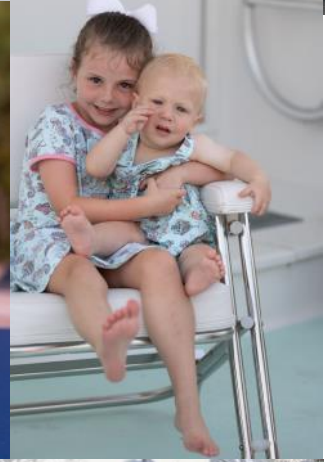
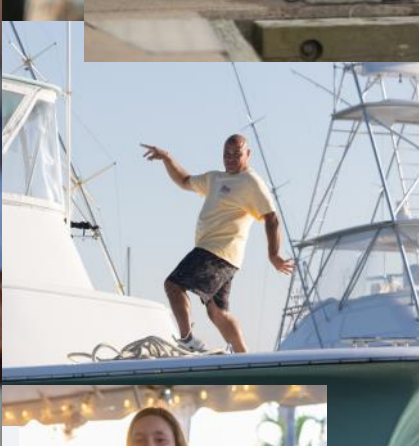
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Name: _____

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Primary Contact Name (if different from above): _____

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If including payment, please make checks payable to: Harry
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Please also submit your business logo to be included in the newsletter, on the website, and in other relevant publications. Preferred formats include PNGs or transparent background files.

After receiving your completed form, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Once payment has been received, we will send you additional information and/or promotional items pertaining to your donor level.

All sponsor donations are tax deductible through our 501(c)3 organization.

Bronze \$2,000	Silver \$5,000	Gold \$10,000
Recognition in the Series newsletter	Recognition in the Series newsletter	Recognition in the Series newsletter
Invitation to and recognition at the Awards Reception	Invitation to and recognition at the Awards Reception	Invitation to and recognition at the Awards Reception
Logo link on website	Logo link on website	Logo link on website
Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner
Social media (general coverage)	Social media (general coverage, minimum of 1 dedicated post during the Series)	Social media (general coverage, minimum of 2 dedicated posts during the Series)
Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception	Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception	Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception
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
	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) OR \$1000 off tournament entry fee
	Large GCBS flag	Large GCBS flag
		Recognized by each tournament
		Display at all tournaments (where space is available)
		Ex-officio member on the Advisory Board of Directors

If none of these sponsorship levels fit your needs as an organization or individual, please contact us for further discussion on customizing a sponsorship. All social media coverage is at staff's discretion.



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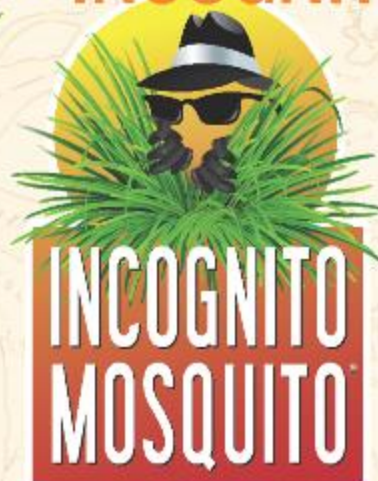


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- * Make checks payable to Harry Hampton Fund - SC Memorial Reef and send c/o Amy Dukes to PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422
- * Donate online at <https://www.scmemorialreef.com/donate>
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Below is a list of some of the permits, licenses, and documentation that you will need to have in your possession so that boat owners, captains, and crew are ready for a successful fishing season. (NOTE: Double check expiration dates!)

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://license.gooutdoorsouthcarolina.com/Licensing/CustomerLookup.aspx>.

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. For vessel registration information, please visit <https://vessel.gooutdoorsouthcarolina.com/Vessel/CustomerLookup.aspx>.

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. To obtain an HMS permit, please visit <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>.

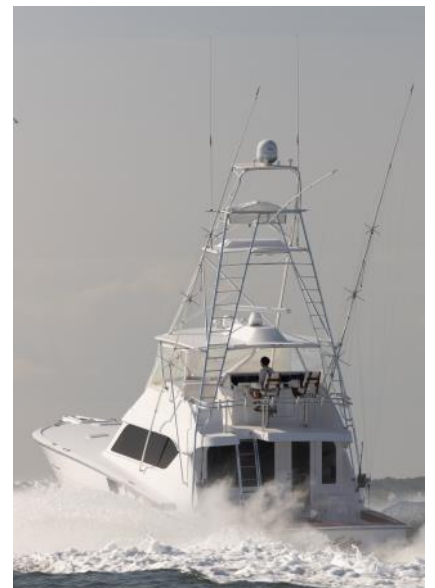


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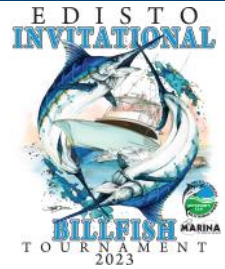
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Friday, September 27, 2024**



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