2002 14TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR’S CUP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE...

May 1-5  Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament  
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May 15-19  Bohicket Invitational Billfish Tournament  
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Johns Island SC 29455  
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May 29- June 2  Georgetown Landing Blue Marlin Tournament  
Contact: Ricky Ferdon  
P.O. Box 1704  
Georgetown SC 29442  
843-546-1776 FAX 843-546-7832

June 5-9  Marlin Quay Billfish Tournament  
Contact: Charles Stone/Lori Bryngelson  
P.O. Box 549  
Murrells Inlet SC 29576  
843-651-4444 FAX 843-651-7795

June 26- July 1  Isle Of Palms Marina Billfish Tournament  
Contact: Brian Berrigan  
P.O. Box 550  
Isle of Palms SC 29451  
843-886-0209 FAX 843-886-0058

July 10-14  HMY - Viking Charleston Harbor Marina Billfish Tournament  
Contact: Deidre Menefee  
19 Forde Row  
Charleston SC 29412  
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FAX 843-406-4775

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A RELEASE TODAY IS A FISH TOMORROW!
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“Fat chance!” Some would take that as a challenge.

The teams are as follows:

**Georgia**
- “Lonesome Dove” 50’ Hatteras
- “Evans B” 42’ Gillkin
- “Trashman” 46’ Buddy Davis
- “Coastal Mover” 50’ Post
- “Rockin’ Robin” 38’ Bertram

**North Carolina**
- “Salty Fare” 54’ Jarrett Bay
- “Builder’s Choice” 48’ Jarrett Bay
- “Magic Moment” 63’ Ricky Scarborough
- “Anticipation” 61’ Paul Spencer

**South Carolina**
- “Sportin” Life” 58’ Whitaker
- “Holy Mackerel” 45’ Viking
- “Cookie Monster” 46’ Merritt
- “Home Run” 46’ Viking
- “Bulldog” 30’ Gamefisher
- “Big Game” 58’ Mann

Tom DuPré, Program Coordinator
SCDNR-Marine Div.

FROM THE CHAIR...

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I’m happy to welcome you to the 14th Annual Governor’s Cup Billfishing Series. 2001 was an outstanding year... significant in many ways.

146 boats participated in the six-tournament series. We documented 567 boat trips on which 113 billfish were hooked, 84 fought to the boat, and all but 3 were released alive. This is nearly a 96% release rate and all participants are to be congratulated.

2001 saw increased interest in the Blue water Conservation Award with 58 tuna, dolphin and wahoo tagged and released. For the first time ever, the winning billfish boat, Manly Eubank’s “Sportin’ Life” won by tagging and releasing all billfish. There were excellent catches from our youth anglers...Royall Shore landed a 113.6 lb wahoo and Wil Thornhill made his mark with a 67.7 lb dolphin.

2002 promises to be even better. With your help and that of our sponsors, folks committed to the program, we continue to make headway in blue water conservation and education. The Governor’s Cup series is supported by donations and sponsorships. The SCDNR provides the staff to coordinate the program, but the program operates on dollars from concerned citizens and companies.

We are happy to have with us sponsors like Carolina First, First Union/ Wachovia, HMY, Williams Marine Power, Cummins Atlantic and Marine, Palmetto Props, Mike Brown/HMY, The Stover Company, and Cox Industries...companies who support the program and its values.

We are continually looking for new partners and ways to maintain a solid financial base. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the program we have a variety of sponsorship categories at many levels.

Also, please consider entering the new Carroll A. Campbell Sportsman Competition. This is a way to support the program and have fun while testing your fishing knowledge and skill.

I hope to see all of you on the docks and out in the water. Good fishing, good luck and be safe. Regards Bobby

Bobby Hood, Chairman
SCGCBS, Charleston

NEW TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES...

Recent additions & clarifications...

- White marlin and sailfish are tag and release only.
- A penalty of 300 points will be assessed against a boat for each blue marlin brought to the dock not meeting the minimum South Carolina Governor’s Cup Series size requirements.
- White marlin and sailfish may not be brought into the boat. Any white marlin or sailfish boated for pictures or any other reason will not receive tag and release points. Blue marlin brought into the boat for measurement without the use of a gaff, harpoon or other device will qualify for...
NEW REGULATIONS...
2002 and beyond...

- NMFS has implemented a system for recreational billfish anglers to report landings of Blue and White marlin, Sailfish and Atlantic Swordfish. Anglers must report all landings within 24 hrs to NMFS by calling 1-800-894-5528. This does not include fish landed during a fishing tournament already registered by the NMFS. Additionally, in regards to Atlantic swordfish, NMFS has established a one swordfish per vessel per day limit. This limit applies regardless of the length of the trip, no more than one Atlantic swordfish may be possessed on board a vessel.

- NMFS has received a petition to list Atlantic White marlin as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Within the next year, NMFS will determine if this action is warranted and if so, will publish a proposed rule and take public comment before developing and publishing a final rule. The billfish foundation has come out in opposition of this petition, citing that although the white marlin is overfished and in need of more recovery measures, the ESA rating was the wrong tool. It would have no impact on the mortality resulting from foreign fishing vessels.

- Effective March 29, 2002, the US Coast Guard will implement new PFD requirements that will make it mandatory of children under 13 to wear a PFD. Children 12 and under aboard a vessel underway will be required to PFDs. The only exception will be if the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin or if the vessel is not under way. Currently, in SC, children 12 and under are required to wear a PFD if the vessel is 16' or less.

Wayne Waltz
SCDNR-Marine Div.

NEW NOAA WEATHER GUIDELINES ADOPTED FOR 2002

“SCGCBS Rules Governing Participating Tournaments”...

The SCGCBS Board of Directors, in an effort to avoid confusion concerning cancellations of tournament fishing due to weather, amended the rules governing participating tournaments as follows:

10. In consideration for the safety of all participants, Series tournaments will adopt the use of a posted NOAA Weather Service “Small Craft Advisory” (winds 25 to 33 knots and/or seas 6 feet or higher) to cancel that day’s fishing. Tournaments must set a specific time that can be no later than 5:00 am when a “Small Craft Advisory” will cancel that day’s fishing. The safety of the participating vessel is ultimately the responsibility of the Captain.

All tournaments agreed to use the above weather rule, however, any tournament may still exercise discretion to cancel a day’s fishing based on other pertinent information.

Sportin’ Life, owned by Manly Eubanks, Charleston, won the 2001 Governor’s Cup.

TOP TEN 2001 BOATS TOTAL

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*Listed in order of points earned the earliest in the Series.

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