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## 2002 14TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CUP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE...

- May 1-5** *Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament*  
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3702 Docksite Rd.  
Edisto Beach SC 29438  
843-869-3504 FAX 843-869-3738
- May 15-19** *Bohicket Invitational Billfish Tournament*  
*Contact: Damien Zanetti*  
1880 Andell Bluff Blvd.  
Johns Island SC 29455  
843-768-1280 FAX 843-768-3481
- 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*  
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***A RELEASE TODAY IS A FISH TOMORROW!***

## **PARADOX WINS CHARLESTON HARBOR HMY Viking Event...**

The 14th Annual South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series wrapped up its last of six tournaments, the Charleston Harbor Marina Resort Billfish Tournament, July 11-13.

"Paradox," owned by John Hood of Mt. Pleasant, captured the Best Billfish Boat award with 400 points by tagging and releasing four sailfish at 100 points each. The four sailfish were caught by anglers John Hood, Tom Boggs and Dowse Austin of Mt. Pleasant, and John Sloan of Charleston. "Paradox" also reeled in a sailfish that got off the hook at the transom, so it was not awarded points for this fish since it was not tagged.

"The number of boats was down only slightly from last year, but that was not apparent from the number of billfish tagged and released or from the enthusiasm of the anglers during this tournament," said Tom DuPre' of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, who coordinates the tournament series. "Staff from the tournament, marina and hotel were very well organized, making this tournament an excellent wrap-up to this year's Governor's Cup Series."

A total of 46 billfish were tagged and released during the July 11-13 Charleston Harbor Marina Resort Billfish Tournament including nine blue marlin, three white marlin and 34 sailfish. Each of the 94 boats that participated in the tournament fished two out of the three days.

Finishing in second place at the Charleston Harbor tournament for tagging and releasing a blue marlin was "Triple W," owned by Williams Detroit Diesel of Savannah, Ga. The angler was Dale Morris of Summerville. Although nine blue marlin were caught during the tournament, Morris' marlin was caught the earliest.

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"Second Love III," owned by Ross Swygert of Johns Island, came in third in the tournament when three sailfish were tagged and released, at 100 points each. The anglers who caught the sailfish were Paul A. Speights Jr. of Charleston, who tagged two of the sailfish, and Jay McCormack of Mt. Pleasant.

A 62.7-pound wahoo caught aboard "Double G," owned by George Pisula of New Smyrna Beach, Fla. and chartered by Team Wachovia, earned angler Tom Clymer of Charleston the Biggest Wahoo Award. Biggest Tuna went to Dowse Austin of Mt. Pleasant, for a 91.1-pound yellowfin tuna aboard "Paradox," owned by John Hood of Mt. Pleasant.

Keith Farone of Wilmington, N.C., captured the Biggest Dolphin at 43.9 pounds aboard "Rampage 45," owned by KCS International of Charleston.

Outstanding Female Angler was Keegan Kennedy of Hollywood for a tagged and released blue marlin aboard "Sea Trace," owned by A.J. Kennedy, also of Hollywood. The Outstanding Youth Angler Award went to Rob Johnson of Charleston who caught a 22.3-pound yellowfin tuna. Johnson hooked the fish aboard "Petrel," owned by Harry L. Johnson Jr. of Charleston.

The next Carolinas Shootout, which has not yet been scheduled, will be held in North Carolina this fall.

Jennie R. Davis

## UPDATE ON DOLPHIN TAGGING PROJECT...

The Governor's Cup is a primary sponsor of the South Carolina Dolphin Tagging Research Project now well underway.

Recoveries of five dolphin tags have been received. A dolphin tagged by charter Captain Scott Goodwin 20nm SE of Cape Canaveral was recaptured 18 days later 50nm east of Jeckyl Island, GA by E. L. Thompson. A fish tagged May 17 by James Moore 65nm SE of Charleston, SC was recovered June 21 by Margaret Suppler 55 miles NE of Oregon Inlet, NC while fishing aboard the charter vessel "Propagator." Cape Canaveral anglers



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have recovered two tags, one released off Sebastian Inlet and one from Jupiter Inlet. Two tagged dolphin have been reported captured by anglers out of Swansboro and Beaufort, NC. No information has been received on either.

With recent donations from the Charlotte Offshore Sportfishing Club and the Georgia Governor's Cup Billfishing Series, sportfishing clubs and organizations from Florida to North Carolina have joined in providing financial support to the study.

More than 300 anglers from Key West to New York have volunteered to assist in tagging dolphin. Over 95 percent of these anglers own their own boats. Florida leads the field with 174 volunteers followed by South Carolina with 112. Interest in the program is growing in North Carolina with 26 vessels signed up to tag. A high level of tagging in NC is considered important to the study and hopefully more anglers will soon step forward. New Jersey and New York are represented by a single individual each.

More than 90 anglers have tagged dolphin. Twenty-one anglers and four boat captains have earned the right to wear the S.C. Dolphin Tagging Study t-shirt. Anglers tagging five or more fish have qualified for shirts while five others earned shirts by recovering a tagged fish. Additionally, four captains have earned t-shirts by having ten or more fish tagged by anglers

aboard their boats.

Recently information surfaced that some anglers were tagging dolphin while the fish was in the water or dangling from the hook. This is not a good practice.

Attempting to implant the nylon dart tag into a fish not under control could result in poor tag placement. Proper tag insertion into the fish's back muscle is critical. It's also critical that we receive precise data on each fish to maximize the value of each recapture. Lat/Lon or LORAN TDs for positioning along with water temperature, depth and a measured fork length for the fish help immeasurably.

For these reasons, we've created a web site with forms for signup plus reporting convenience and accuracy as well as an online "home" for the project. The site tells about the project's concepts, a little on dolphin life history, a how-to on tagging, rewards and sponsors page, and soon-to-come pages devoted to catch techniques and a dynamic map of the U.S. east and Caribbean island coasts that ultimately will show where each fish recovered was originally tagged.

Visit [dolphintagging.homestead.com](http://dolphintagging.homestead.com) to view the site. While there, take the time to sign up to tag...we can use your help!

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WEIGHT: 361.2  
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FISH: BLUE MARLIN T&R  
BOAT: *MAJORMOTION*  
ANGLER: HOPE HANCKEL  
OWNER: BUCK MORRIS

**TOTAL**

**YOUTH ANGLER**

FISH: BLUE MARLIN T&R  
BOAT: *JUNCANEWT*  
ANGLER: NEWT CAGLE, 13  
OWNER: JOHN CAGLE

**LARGEST WAHOO**

WEIGHT: 109.2 lbs.  
BOAT: *RAINMAKER*  
ANGLER: CHRIS BECH  
OWNER: RODNEY PROX

**LARGEST TUNA**

WEIGHT: 104.4 lbs.  
BOAT: *GRAND SLAM*  
ANGLER: ZAN EDENS  
OWNER: TOM EDENS

**LARGEST DOLPHIN**

WEIGHT: 61.4 lbs.  
BOAT: *POINT RUNNER*  
ANGLER: GREG LEE  
OWNER: DALE PROX

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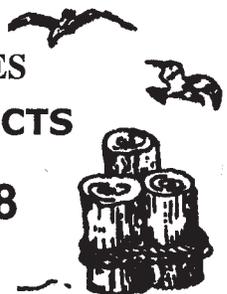



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