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31st Annual SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series 2019 Tournament Schedule

May 8 - 11 Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament

Contact: Beau Anderson marinamanager@bohicket.com
1880 Andell Bluff Boulevard (843) 768-1280
Johns Island, SC 29455

May 22 - 25 52nd Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament

Contact: Ed Keelin ed@georgetownlandingmarina.com
P.O. Box 1704 (843) 546-1776
Georgetown, SC 29442

June 19 - 22 Carolina Billfish Classic

Contact: Deidre Menefee dm@fishcbc.com
20 Patriots Point Road (843) 345-0369
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

July 17 - 20 Edisto Invitational Billfishing Tournament

Contact: Brian Bell bkbell1@bellsouth.net
3702 Docksite Road (843) 631-5055
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

The Megadock will be under construction during the summer of 2019 and will be unable to host a tournament, yet will return in 2020.

For more information, contact:

Amy Dukes, SC Governor's Cup Tournament Coordinator
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Series Reflections

Our 30th Anniversary year was off the charts across the board with participation and donations! As we begin a new year, I want to once again thank all of our 2018 sponsors, whose names and ads are scattered throughout this newsletter. For the first time ever, we had 5 Corporate Sponsors: Superior Diesel/Volvo Penta; PROSPEC Electronics/Harman; Martech Research; Holder, Padgett, LittleJohn & Prickett, LLC; and GW Wyatt Contracting. I also thank our Benefactor Sponsors: Apex Automotive Group; HMY Yachts; The Island House; Sea Hunt Boats; Southern Lumber; Sportsman Boats; Release Marine; and W.W. Williams. Our Patron Sponsors were Frank's Car Wash; The Pate Foundation; CCA of South Carolina; Palmetto State Armory; The Charleston Angler and H. Hilton Yacht and Ship, thank you all. The Newsletter Sponsors, that I also want to thank, were Blanchard Power Systems; Johnson and Johnson; Carpet Baggers; Legal Holiday Fishing Team; Haddrell's Point Tackle and Supply; Fairway Ford; Portbook; Spencer Yachts; Mungo Homes and Dr. Rhett and Virginia Spencer. These individuals, as well as the Advisory Board Members and other Series participants, donated a grand total of over \$100,000 for Series operations! Without the support of all of these individuals and companies, none of what we do would be possible. With that said, we officially kick off fundraising for 2019! We hope each of you will thoughtfully consider making a contribution. There is a sponsor donor form and information on how to make a contribution later in this newsletter. We promise to make this a year to remember, and we look forward to your continued support.

On another note, as you may know, a

fourth structure may be available for deployment in the 4 x 6 mile Charleston Deep Reef MPA. We have recently been in discussions with SCDOT and their contractors regarding the removal of the old and construction of a new bridge along Highway 21 in Beaufort County. At present, we are waiting to receive cost estimates for various scenarios of removal and transport the bridge structure. The good news is that the bridge is not scheduled to be taken down until early 2021, so we have plenty of time to make our intentions known and raise funds if needed. In regards to the structures currently

deployed, we are hoping to get new ROV video from a visit planned by NOAA this summer so that we can see how the Highway 41 Bridge and other structures deployed through the SC Memorial Reef efforts are working as habitat builders and fish attractors!

Finally, we are looking forward to a productive 31st season and cannot wait until May to get here so we can get going. Don't forget to register as soon as possible for the four scheduled events, so that tournament organizers can plan accordingly. See you on the docks, and hopefully Cubby's hip will be better in time for Edisto in July!

~ Wally Jenkins



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Looking forward to seeing everyone on the docks for the 2019 Governor's Cup Series!

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- Allowed the use of Governor's Cup logo in your own advertising
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- Receive recognition of appreciation at the Awards Reception

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- Booth space at each tournament
- Included in all tournament brochures and advertising as a Corporate Sponsor of the Series

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After receiving your pledge, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. When payment has been received, we will forward the appropriate promotional items for the donor level you have chosen and request an electronic copy of your business logo for use in the Governor's Cup Newsletter, website sponsor list, and other publications as appropriate.



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for your 2019 Fishing Season!



It's that time again, and we thought we would provide everyone with a brief list of some of the permits, licenses and documentation that you will/may need to have in your possession so that boat owners, captains and crew are ready for a successful fishing season. ***Please Double Check Your Expiration Dates!!!***

1) 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.

2) Purchase your Atlantic HMS Angling Permit (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 (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 (HMS) permit. 2019 Atlantic HMS permits cost \$26.00, and will be valid from the date of issuance through December 31, 2019. Visit the NMFS website at <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/> to apply for your permit.

3) Purchase your SC Saltwater Fishing License – All anglers (over 16) must obtain a SCDNR Saltwater Recreational Fishing License. These licenses can be purchased at <https://dnrlicensing.sc.gov/DNRLicensingSales/SalesCategories.aspx> or call 1-866-714-3611. Be reminded that SC Saltwater Recreational Fishing Licenses are issued on a 365 day basis, and will expire one year from the issue date.

****All participating Series vessels and recreational fishermen will at minimum need the two above mentioned permits/licenses. If you are operating a Charter/Headboat vessel, then the vessel must possess a current SCDNR Charter/Headboat license. These vessels are exempt from having anglers purchase individual saltwater fishing licenses, as long as the fishing trip is documented in accordance to SC law under the vessel's charter license. The vessel can only have six anglers, captain and crew on board. In addition, the owners/operators of these vessels must also possess the following two permits/licenses:****

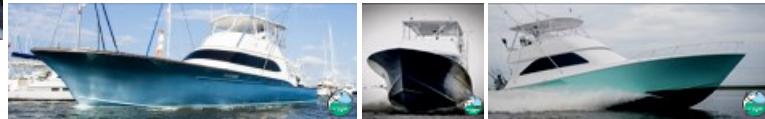
4) Purchase your Dolphin Wahoo Permit – All owners/operators of **Charter/Headboat vessels** are required to obtain an Atlantic Charter/Headboat Permit for dolphin/wahoo. The permit is \$25.00, and will be valid for one year from the date of purchase. Visit the NOAA Southeast Regional Office website (http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/permit_apps/index.html); application #1 to apply for your permit.

5) Purchase your Operator Card– All owners/operators of Charter/Headboat vessels are required to obtain an operator card when fishing for dolphin and/or wahoo. The Operator Card fee is \$50.00, and is valid for three years. Visit the NOAA Southeast Regional Office website (http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/permit_apps/index.html); application #2 to apply for your operator card.





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Save the Date!



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We have a change of venue for the Annual Awards Reception! We'll celebrate Series winners at Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing on Friday, September 27th!



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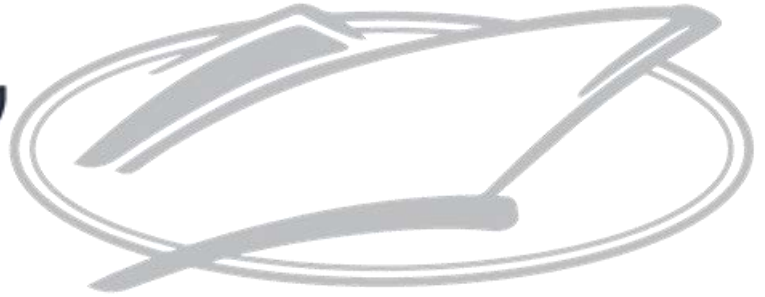
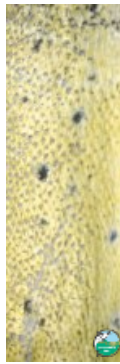
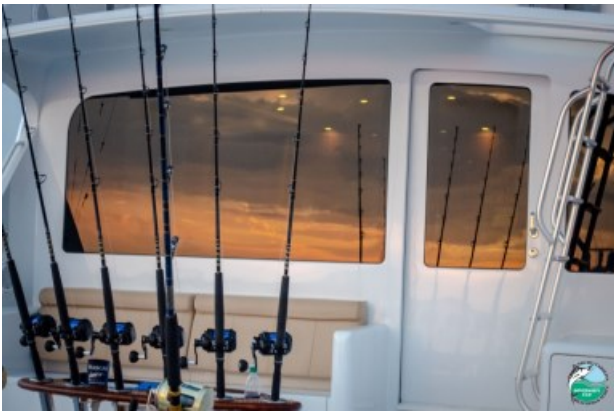


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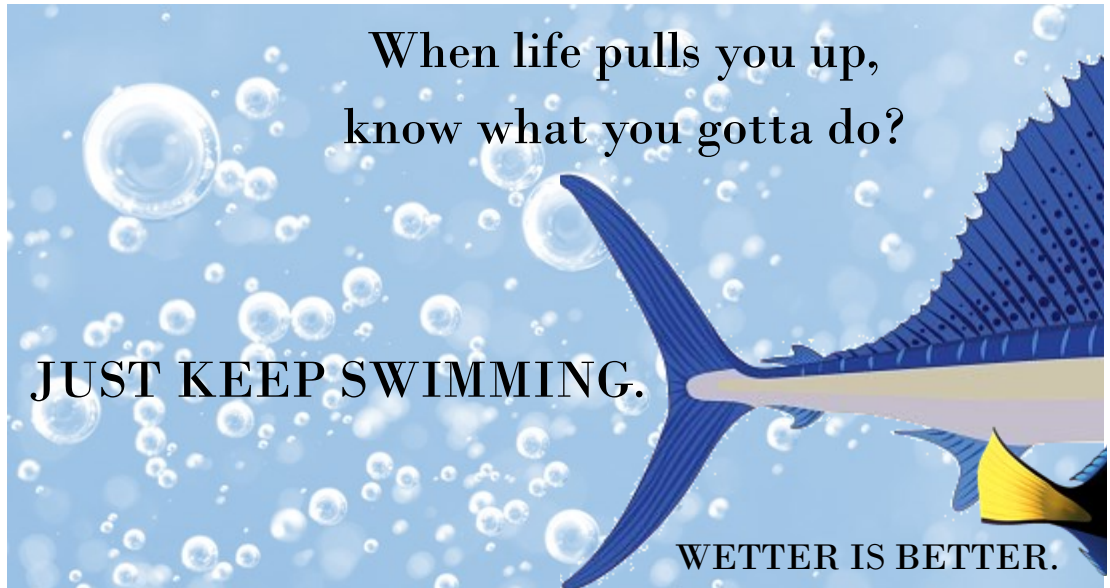


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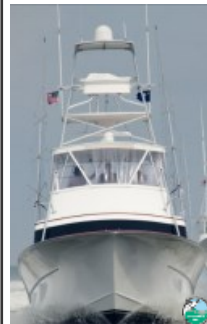


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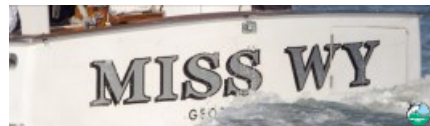
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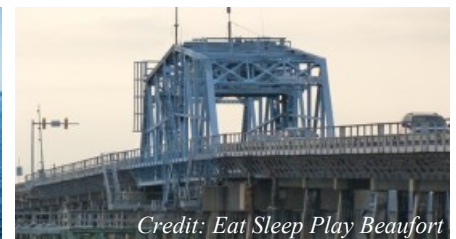
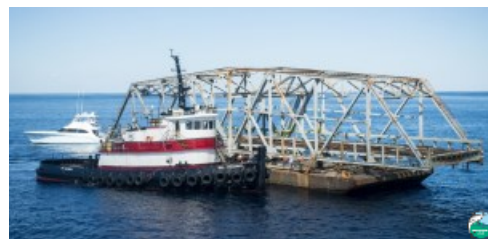
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• Make checks payable to:

Harry Hampton Fund - The SC Memorial Reef, C/O Amy Dukes, PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422

Or:

• Visit www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org and click the "DONATE NOW" button (via PayPal) on the left side of the page. After specifying donation amount, please write "SC Memorial Reef" in the instructions box to make sure it is accredited to the appropriate project. A tax-deductible receipt will be provided for your records.

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