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Series Reflections

Wow, what a whirlwind this SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Season was. After nearly 4 weeks with no tournament on the schedule, things got back underway at the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina. Weather forecasts had been iffy in advance, but 42 boats made their way to the Carolina Billfish Classic. Unfortunately, the first day of fishing had to be called off due to sea conditions. That night a most impressive front came through right around dinner, and I ended up having to run over a half mile back to my car in an effort to keep from being out in the middle of a lightning storm that came on very quickly. My knees are still paying for that trot, but it's better than getting electrocuted. The second day started with a severe thunderstorm coming though Charleston around 6:30 am and capsizing boats fishing at the jetties. That afternoon, I saw several pictures from boats showing me what that storm looked like when it passed over the fleet later that morning. As usual, I was glad I was on land. While sea conditions of Friday were marginal, people had a good day of fishing while catching and releasing good numbers of sailfish and blue marlin. During the final day of fishing, it came down to a shootout between *Blue Sky* and *Jackpot*. *Blue Sky* was the eventual winner after having released two blue marlin and three sailfish to *Jackpot*'s one blue marlin and five sailfish. Just like clockwork, around the time scales were closing on Saturday another front was headed

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

May 8 - 11 Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament

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May 22 - 25 52nd Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament

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June 19 - 22 Carolina Billfish Classic

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July 17 - 20 Edisto Invitational Billfishing Tournament

Contact: Brian Bell bkbell1@bellsouth.net
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The Megadock will be under construction during the summer of 2019 and will be unable to host a tournament, yet will return in 2020.

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our way, which necessitated moving the awards ceremony into the Reel Bar instead of under the tent. The room was packed, but somehow we and Deidre pulled it off without any serious issues. With no Megadock tournament this year, we had three weeks to get ready for Edisto; it was much needed. Edisto had perhaps their largest turnout in quite some time with 46 boats fishing. While the theme at CBC had been thunderstorms, at Edisto it was just plain hot with actual temps approaching 95°F every day. However, the fishing was good with catches of 14 blue marlin and 54 sailfish which was by far the highest total for any of the tournaments held this summer. With numerous boats fishing out of other marinas, it kept the crew working until late to reconcile all the photos and release affidavits each evening. When the dust settled on Saturday evening, *Trash Man* was declared the winner

on time for releasing three blue marlin. The boat owner, Mr. Burke Wall, could not have been more gracious in acknowledging both the tournament and the Series during his comments at the awards ceremony. *Jackpot* came in second for releasing one blue marlin and six sailfish while *Bench Mark* was third after releasing one blue marlin and four sailfish.

Next week we will meet with the Tournament Committee to begin the process of certifying the results for this summer. *Jackpot* was the overall winner with 4,075 points, followed by *Blue Sky* with

3,075 points and *Home Run* took third, on time, with 3,075 points. For the first time since 2015, no blue marlin were landed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September at the Awards Reception at Founders Hall, the indoor air-conditioned venue owned and managed by our partners at SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Peace out!!

~ Wallace Jenkins



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





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AWARD	CBC	EDISTO
Outstanding Billfish Boat 1st Place	Boat: <i>Blue Sky</i> Owner: Greg Smith Captain: Jay Weaver 2 blue marlin & 3 sailfish released 1,800 points	Boat: <i>Trash Man</i> Owner: Burke Wall Captain: Shelby Myrick 3 blue marlin released 1,800 points
Outstanding Billfish Boat 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Jackpot</i> Owner: Joe McKinney Captain: Sean Dooley 1 blue marlin & 5 sailfish released 1,600 points	Boat: <i>Jackpot</i> Owner: Joe McKinney Captain: Sean Dooley 1 blue marlin & 6 sailfish released 1,800 points
Outstanding Billfish Boat 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Glazed</i> Owner: Miles Herring Captain: Miles Herring 2 blue marlin & 1 sailfish released 1,400 points	Boat: <i>Bench Mark</i> Owner: Stephen Davis Captain: Bobby Garmany 1 blue marlin & 4 sailfish released 1,400 points
Outstanding Billfish Conservationist	Boat: <i>Blue Sky</i> Owner: Greg Smith Captain: Jay Weaver 2 blue marlin & 3 sailfish released 1,800 points	Boat: <i>Trash Man</i> Owner: Burke Wall Captain: Shelby Myrick 3 blue marlin released 1,800 points
Outstanding Billfish (landed)	N/A	N/A

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2. Blue Sky	3075	7. Mister Pete	1675
3. Home Run	3075	8. Syked Out	1475
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Outstanding Dolphin	Boat: <i>Full Pull</i> Owner: John Floyd Captain: Ryan Riggs Angler: John Warren Floyd 44.0 pounds	Boat: <i>Sea Tiger</i> Owner: Jerry Smith Captain: Jerry Smith Angler: Scott Nolff 37.2 pounds
Outstanding Tuna	Boat: <i>Hydrosphere</i> Owner: Peter Lorris Captain: Geoff Rosenberry Angler: Sean Pendarvis 24.0 pound Blackfin	Boat: <i>Dealer's Choice</i> Owner: Riser, Campbell, Warner & Araneo Captain: Jimbo Warner Angler: Jackson Smith 22.5 pound Blackfin
Outstanding Wahoo	Boat: <i>Mister Pete</i> Owners: Bob & Rusty McClam Captain: Alan Neiford Angler: George Campsen 38.7 pounds	Boat: <i>Soundwaves</i> Owner: Robert Cauthen Captain: Charlie Morrow Angler: Matt Cauthen 71.0 pounds
Blue Water Conservationist	N/A	N/A



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AWARD	CBC	EDISTO
Outstanding Female Angler 1st Place	Boat: <i>Home Run</i> Owner: Steve Mungo Captain: Grant Bentley Angler: Hope Bentley 2 blue marlin released 1,200 points	Boat: <i>Syked Out</i> Owner: David Sykes Captain: Dan Woody Angler: Holly McAlhany 2 sailfish released 400 points
Outstanding Female Angler 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Syked Out</i> Owner: David Sykes Captain: Dan Woody Angler: Holly McAlhany 2 sailfish released 400 points	Boat: <i>El Tejano</i> Owner: John Hill Captain: David Redd Angler: Kathy Baxley 2 sailfish released 400 points
Outstanding Female Angler 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Tina's Trippin'</i> Owner: Tripp Rice Captain: Brett Wood Angler: Mackenzi Truluck 1 sailfish released 200 points	Boat: <i>Legal Holiday</i> Owner: Fred Bergen Captain: Lawrence Bradham Angler: Eugenie Barrow 1 sailfish released 200 points

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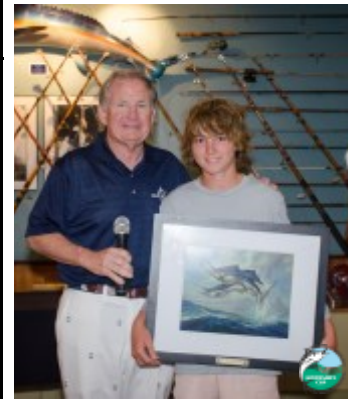



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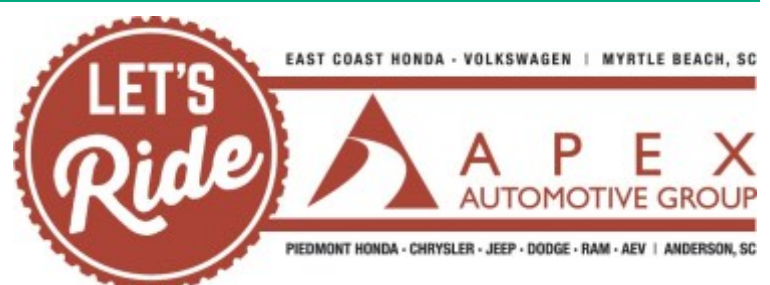
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AWARD	CBC	EDISTO
Outstanding Youth Angler 1st Place	Boat: <i>Man Cave</i> Owner: Billy Gressette Captain: Billy Gressette Angler: Will Gredick, age 12 3 sailfish released 600 points	Boat: <i>Bad Becky</i> Owner: Claude Burns Captain: Chase Merriman Angler: Addie Burns, age 8 1 sailfish released 200 points
Outstanding Youth Angler 2nd Place	Boat: <i>Man Cave</i> Owner: Billy Gressette Captain: Billy Gressette Angler: Julia Gressette, age 9 1 sailfish released 200 points	Boat: <i>Man Cave</i> Owner: Billy Gressette Captain: Billy Gressette Angler: Leila Gressette, age 7 1 sailfish released 200 points
Outstanding Youth Angler 3rd Place	Boat: <i>Tighten Up</i> Owners: Rick Burke & Kevin Overstreet Captain: Rick Burke Angler: Riley Overstreet, age 13 9.1 pound dolphin	Boat: <i>Tighten Up</i> Owners: Rick Burke & Kevin Overstreet Captain: Kevin Overstreet Angler: Riley Overstreet, age 13 1 sailfish released 200 points



	BOHICKET	G'TOWN	CBC	EDISTO	TOTALS
BOATS	33	56	42	46	
BLUES	3	9	11	14	37
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