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A newsletter following the South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series

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### Series Reflections:

We want to take one more opportunity to thank our 2022 sponsors for a fantastic year! We are immensely grateful for the generous contributions.

We received support from three Corporate Sponsors this year, including Davis & Floyd, Inc., Martech Research, 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 HMY, 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 Carpet Baggers Floorcoverings, Coastal Conservation Association of South Carolina, Fairway Ford, Founders Hall, Frank's Car Wash, G. H. Smith Construction Inc., 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 \$86,750.

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 2023 season, we hope you will consider sponsoring the Series. Included is a 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 four scheduled tournaments as soon as possible. Information regarding each event is included below. We are excited for the 2023 season!





## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series 2023 Tournament Schedule

**May 10 - 13**

**Bohicket Marina Invitational Billfish Tournament**



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Johns Island, SC 29455  
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[marinamanager@bohicket.com](mailto:marinamanager@bohicket.com)

**May 24 - 27**

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament**



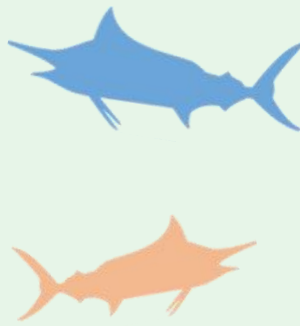
Contact: David Black  
P.O. Box 1704  
Georgetown SC 29442  
(843) 546-1776 Fax (843) 546-7832  
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**June 21 - 24**

**Carolina Billfish Classic**



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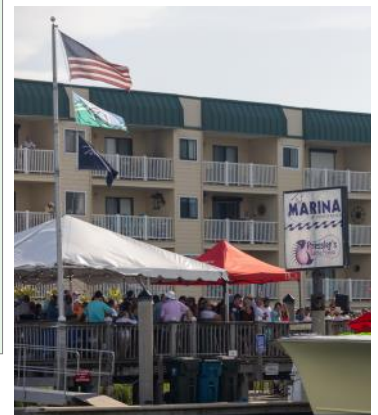
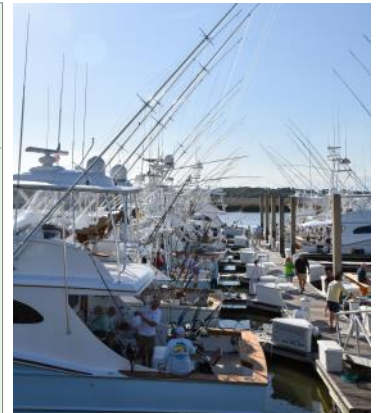
**July 19 - 22**

**Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament**



Contact: Charles Yeomans  
3702 Docksite Road  
Edisto Beach, SC 29438  
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[themarinaeb@gmail.com](mailto:themarinaeb@gmail.com)

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	Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner	Logo on Series banner
	Social media coverage	Social media coverage	Social media coverage	Social media coverage
		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
		Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception	Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception	Appreciation award presented at Awards Reception
			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)
			Large SCGC flag	Large SCGC flag
				Display (where space is available) at all tournaments
				Reduction in tournament entry fee (50% off)
				Recognized in tournament brochures, booklets, and/or website
				First option for subsequent year sponsorship
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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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## **Please consider supporting the SC Memorial Reef:**

- \* 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>

All donations are tax deductible, and a receipt will be provided.

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for your 2023 fishing season!

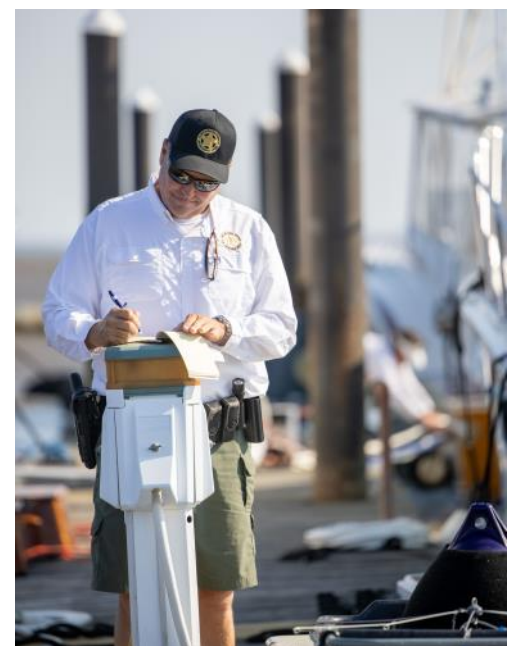


Below is a list of some of the permits, licenses, and documentation that you will need to have in your possession so that boat owners, captains, and crew are ready for a successful fishing season. (NOTE: Double check expiration dates!)

**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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