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2001 13TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CUP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE...

- May 2-6** *Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament*
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- May 22-27** *Georgetown Landing Blue Marlin Tournament*
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- June 6-10** *Marlin Quay Billfish Tournament*
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- June 27-
July 1** *Isle Of Palms Marina Billfish Tournament*
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- July 11-15** *Charleston Harbor Marina Billfish Tournament*
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SPORTIN' LIFE TAKES GOV'S CUP CROWN WITH TAG & RELEASE POINTS...

"Sportin' Life," owned by Manly Eubank of Charleston, is the overall winner of the S.C. Governor's Cup Billfishing Tournament Series as the Outstanding Billfish Boat with 1,150 total points in the tournament series. "Sportin' Life" tagged and released three blue marlin and one white marlin, securing them the first place position.

The Outstanding Female Angler award went to Nancy Ravenel of Mt. Pleasant. Ravenel tagged and released a white marlin aboard "Cookie Monster," owned by Nancy and her husband, Chris. Second place for the Outstanding Female Angler goes to Kimberly Smith of Walterboro, who tagged and released a sailfish on "Summer Girl," owned by Steven Leasure of Charleston and John Smith of Walterboro. The third place Outstanding Female Angler is Allison Lockwood of Mt. Pleasant who tagged and released a sailfish on "ALI-L," owned by Joe Gilchrist and Jerry Lockwood of Mt. Pleasant.

As for the Outstanding Youth Angler, first place goes to 12-year-old J. C. Darby of Mt. Pleasant, who tagged and released a white marlin on "Hot Shot," owned by Eric Burn of Charleston. The second place Outstanding Youth Angler is Royall Shore of Mt. Pleasant, age 10, who caught a 113.6-pound wahoo on board "Chasin'," owned by Smyth McKissick of Greenville, South Carolina. The third place award for the Outstanding Youth Angler goes to 14-year-old Wil Thornhill of Sullivans Island, who landed a 67.7-pound dolphin on "Mar Jen," owned by Romo, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant.

In the biggest fish categories, it is impressive that two of the three awards this year go to youth anglers. The second

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place Outstanding Youth Angler, Royall Shore, also wins the Biggest Wahoo Award for his 113.6-pound fish. Wil Thornhill gets the Biggest Dolphin Award, in addition to being the third place Outstanding Youth Angler, for his 67.7-pound dolphin. The largest yellowfin tuna, an 86.6-pound fish was caught by James Bigby of Columbia aboard "Good Buddy," owned by Tommy Goodson of Hartsville.

Jennie Davis
SCDNR, Marine Resources

DIRECT LINES...

Awards Night/Years End...

The 13th Annual Governors Cup banquet was held on August 23, 2001 at Charlestown Landing in Charleston.

An estimated 250-275 guests were in attendance for what I thought was a wonderful program. Dr. George Sedberry, a marine scientist with SCDNR, was our guest speaker and gave everyone an interesting presentation about the Charleston Bump.

This year we tried something new...an island theme. We asked everyone to "dress down" and wear their best Hawaiian/tropical/fish print shirt and it seemed to be a big hit. A great bill of fare was catered by Mike Altine Jr. of the Variety Store restaurant, music was provided by Island Trio and we had a photographer standing by for pictures.

We greeted our new board members and said goodbye to some old friends. Manly Eubank and Bill Cox were present to receive our heartfelt thanks for all their years of support. We presented awards to all series winners.

The banquet capped a year that was significant in several ways. 146 different boats participated in the 2001 tournament series, up several percent from last year. We documented that they made a total of 567 boat trips, hooked 113 billfish, successfully fought 84 to the boat and tagged and/or released alive all but 3. That's about a 96% release rate so all are to be congratulated. In addition, we had increased interest in the Blue Water Conservation Award and 58 tuna, dolphin and wahoo were tagged and released.

With the help of our tournament directors and private contributions we were able to raise over \$16,124 for deposit in the Pate Conservation Fund for 2001.

This year we tried to encourage youth and lady anglers to participate by expanding the awards in those categories. Our 2001 youth anglers made some interesting catches, not only placing in the youth division, but taking some of the major categories as well. We had 19 male and female youth anglers ranging in age from 9-15. They weighed in 29 fish, which included 16 dolphin, 6 tuna and 7 wahoo. In addition, one youth tagged and released a white marlin.

Among our female anglers, 25 ladies caught a total of 34 fish which included 2 sails, one white marlin, 17 dolphin, 9 tuna and 5 wahoo.

Perhaps most significant of all was the winning billfish boat got there by tagging and releasing *all* of it's billfish, the first time ever in series history.

This was a great year and a great series. We are already looking to next year, scheduling events, looking for sponsors, discussing what went right and what we need to fix. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our participants, tournament directors, board members, and especially my partners in crime Tom DuPre, Nan Jenkins and Jim Goller. Thank you all for your support and patience, and especially Tom and Nan for not letting me get into too much trouble.

Wayne Waltz, Program Director
SCDNR-Marine, Charleston

8th CAROLINAS SHOOTOUT TO BE HELD IN SC IN APRIL...

The "Carolinas Shootout" has been scheduled for April, 2002 and will be held in South Carolina. Exact dates and a location have not yet been determined.

"The 'Carolinas Shootout,' a total tag and release billfish event, pits a team of the five best boats from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia against the each other for bragging rights as the best billfish anglers.

South Carolina is the current Shootout win leader with four, the last coming in April 2000. North Carolina has three wins and Georgia has none. Georgia first participated in the 7th

Carolinas Shootout held in Charleston in April 2000. Several Shootouts have been cancelled or postponed due to weather.

2001 CAROLINAS SHOOTOUT TEAM

Sportin' Life

Holy Mackerel

Cookie Monster

Home Run


Bulldog

ALTERNATE:*

Big Game

**Overspray* was incorrectly listed as the alternate boat in earlier results. Although both *Overspray* and *Big Game* earned 700 points, *Big Game* earned its points earlier in the series. We apologize for the error.

Wayne Waltz, Program Director



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FINAL RESULTS**

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Sportin' Life, owned by Manly Eubank, Charleston, is the current Series leader. SCDNR photo by Jennie Davis.

TOP TEN BOATS	TOTAL
<i>SPORTIN' LIFE</i>	1150
<i>HOLYMACKEREL</i>	1070.0
<i>COOKIE MONSTER</i>	850
<i>HOMERUN</i>	800
<i>BULLDOG</i>	775
<i>BIG GAME</i>	700*
<i>OVERSPRAY</i>	700*
<i>RISKY BUSINESS</i>	700*
<i>SKEE BO</i>	700*
<i>CLEAR CUT</i>	675

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

TOP BILLFISH BOAT

POINTS: 1150
BOAT: *SPORTIN' LIFE*
OWNER: MANLY EUBANK
CAPTAIN: MIKE GLAESNER

LARGEST BILLFISH

FISH: 428.5 lbs. Blue Marlin
BOAT: *LEGAL HOLIDAY*
OWNER: FRED BERGEN
ANGLER: FRED BERGEN

BILLFISH CONSERVATIONIST

POINTS: 1150
BOAT: *SPORTIN' LIFE*
OWNER: MANLY EUBANK

BLUE WATER CONSERVATION

POINTS: 2450
BOAT: *PETREL IV*
OWNER: HARRY JOHNSON

LARGEST WAHOO

WEIGHT: 113.6 lbs.
BOAT: *CHASIN'*
ANGLER: ROY ALL SHORE
OWNER: TARHEEL SPORTFISHING

LARGEST TUNA

WEIGHT: 86.6 lbs.
BOAT: *GOOD BUDDY*
ANGLER: JAMES BIGBY
OWNER: TOMMY GOODSON

LARGEST DOLPHIN

WEIGHT: 67.7 lbs.
BOAT: *MARJEN*
ANGLER: WIL THORNHILL
OWNER: ROMO, Inc.

1st PLACE LADY ANGLER

FISH: WHITE MARLIN T&R
BOAT: *COOKIE MONSTER*
ANGLER: NANCY RAVENEL
OWNER: CHRIS RAVENEL

2nd PLACE LADY ANGLER

FISH: SAILFISH T&R
BOAT: *SUMMER GIRL*
ANGLER: KIMBERLY SMITH
OWNERS: STEVEN LEASURE/
JOHN SMITH

3rd PLACE LADY ANGLER

FISH: SAILFISH T&R
BOAT: *ALI L*
ANGLER: ALLISON LOCKWOOD
OWNER: JERRY LOCKWOOD

1st PLACE YOUTH ANGLER

FISH: WHITE MARLIN T&R
BOAT: *HOT SHOT*
ANGLER: J.C. DARBY
OWNER: ERIC BURN

2nd PLACE YOUTH ANGLER

FISH: 113.6 lb. WAHOO
BOAT: *CHASIN'*
ANGLER: ROY ALL SHORE
OWNER: TARHEEL SPORTFISHING

3rd PLACE YOUTH ANGLER

FISH: 67.7 lb. DOLPHIN
BOAT: *MARJEN*
ANGLER: WIL THORNHILL
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