

Dunbar Fishing Tournament, where the area's top female anglers cast for the cup.

For those looking to get away from the island but not from the sea, the city of Beaufort holds several fishing derbies as well. The famous Beaufort Water Festival includes an enormous fishing derby in its list of activities. Plus, the Beaufort Sportfishing and Diving Club holds a family fishing tournament every year. This year's event, the 8th annual, was held August 13-15 at Port Royal Landing Marina. The entire family can come out and work as a team, even the little whipper "snappers."

The **Hilton Head Plantation Yacht Club**, aside from social events, races and pleasure cruises, hosts several fishing tournaments throughout the year.

With so many chances to enjoy the world's most relaxing sport with an opportunity to win great prizes, expect more and more islanders to cast out.

High "Rollers"

Hilton Head is, naturally, also home to competitors who prefer to keep it above the waves. The many yacht clubs on the island host several events throughout the year to help put the salt back in the blood.

The **South Carolina Yacht Club**, based in Windmill Harbor, were recently forced to cancel their annual "Spar Wars" Challenge due to Hurricane Charley, but look forward to the Carolina Ocean Challenge, which takes place the last weekend of October. Spar Wars pits dinghys against one another, while the Ocean Challenge breaks out the keel boats. In addition, beer can races are held every Wednesday in club boats.

The **Yacht Club of Hilton Head** holds several major races throughout the year, including some of the most competitive you're likely to find

in the area. The action raises anchor in March with SailFest, a relaxed introduction to the season. The waters heat up with the Harbour Town Cup in April. Pictured opposite is last year's winner, Randy Tilly. After a few months of R&R, the fall season raises the sails with the All-Island Regatta. Finally, the season ends with the SunTrust Calibogue Cup.

Beyond the large regattas, there are several races throughout the year to enjoy hosted by the "big three" yacht clubs on the island.

"Sea" you there

With so many ways to enjoy the peaceful waters around Hilton Head, why stay dry? You may be an "old salt" or just getting your feet wet. Either way, there's no better venue for enjoying the ocean than by getting to know some of the local organizations devoted to that very pursuit. The following list should help you find a way to shine, whether you want to catch a wave or a tasty dish.

Fishing Tournaments

F&B Fishing Tournament: 842-4121

Dottie Dunbar Fishing Tournament: 342-7200

Cap'n Woody's Fishing Tournament: 785-2400

Beaufort Family Fishing Tournament: (843) 770-0908 or www.islc.net/bsdc

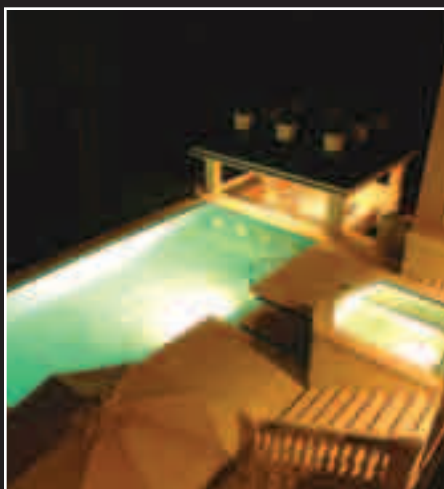
Beaufort Water Festival: www.waterfestival.com

Yacht Clubs

YCHHI, Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island www.yachtclubhh.org

HHSA, Hilton Head Sailing Association www.hhpyc.org

SCYC, South Carolina Yacht Club www.scyachtclub.com





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