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2019 LOS SUEÑOS TOURNAMENTS BEGIN WITH THE LADIES

Kicking off this year's Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown with the 1st annual Ladies Only Tournament

Los Sueños Resort and Marina, located at Playa Herradura on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, held the first leg of its sixth annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown billfish series, presented by Chantilly Air, January 16-19, 2019. A total of 44 of the world's most competitive billfishing teams comprised of 210 individual anglers challenged each other over three days of fishing, releasing a total of 648 billfish, including 582 sails and 66 marlin for a per boat average of 15 billfish releases.

LADIES ONLY ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT

Held on Tuesday, January 15th the first annual Los Sueños Ladies Only Tournament, presented by Chantilly Air and sponsored by Maverick and Galati Yacht Sales, brought together 49 individual anglers participating on 17 boats. It seemed like a clear battle between *Family and Friends* and *D.A. Sea* who were tied both for points and on time just half an hour before lines out. *Fish Tank* (anglers Laura Jessen and Michelle Keeney) surprised everyone though, calling in a marlin hook up which they went on to release at 4:04 pm for the win, having released 8 sails and 1 marlin for 1300 points. *D.A. Sea* (anglers Valerie Dunn, Susan McCart, and Judy Duffie) ended up second with 1100 points with 6 sailfish and 1 marlin release, and *Family and Friends* (anglers Jackie Kopp, Kristin Feller, and Andrea White) rounded out the leaderboard in third with 1000 points after releasing 10 sails.

Awards were presented the following day and the ladies took to the stage to receive their cash prizes and trophies, sponsored by Gray Taxidermy. A total of \$27,500 was handed out, 50% going to first, 30% to second, and 20% to third. Individual angler points follow the ladies through the Triple Crown and will be tallied to their total scores from that event to determine the Top Female Angler Overall. So far, Jackie Kopp of *Family and Friends* is well in the lead with 700 points from the Ladies Only and 1500 points from the first leg of the Triple Crown.

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Billfish TOURNAMENTS

TRIPLE CROWN DAY 1

It was *Numero Uno* who fittingly released fish “numero uno” of the tournament at 8:05 am on Day 1, January 17th. By 10:00 am the competitive fleet of 44 teams and 210 anglers had released 89 billfish, including 84 sails and 5 marlin. *Tarheel* took an early lead with 800 points, over *The King and I* and *Blue Eagle*, each with 700 points. *The King and I* showed their stripes early with 1800 points by noon, taking a 600 point lead over *Tranquilo* with 1200 points and *Outlaw* with 1100 points. Over 40 fish were released in the next two hours, but the leaderboard changed very little, with *The King and I* releasing one more sail for 1900 points, *Tranquilo* staying steady with 1200 points, and *Outlaw* rounding out the top three, also with 1 more sailfish release for 1200 points. Although *The King and I* ended the day in first with 2000 points, there was definitely some jockeying in the latter part of the afternoon; *Wire We Here* ended up releasing 6 sails and 2 marlin for 1600 points and second place, and *Blue Eagle* released the same fish for the same points, just 13 minutes later to take third for the day.

TRIPLE CROWN DAY 2

The King and I had a slow start to Day 2 with zero releases by 10 am, but managed to hold on to their first place spot. *Wire We Here* released four sails in the same period to tie *The King and I* with 2000 points, just 1 sailfish release and 100 points ahead of *Reel Pushy*. By noon the fleet had released a two-day total of 380 billfish and *Fish Tank* had pushed *The King and I* down to third on time after *Wire We Here*, both with 2100 points, and taking top spot with 2300 points. *Family and Friends* were keeping their name in front of spectators, taking top spot with 2600 points by 2 pm, followed by *Fish Tank* with 2400 points and *Reel Pushy* in third with 2300 points. By the end of the day *Family and Friends* had earned enough points after releasing 7 sails and 2 marlin for a two-day total of 2600 points, to keep their first place position. *Reel Pushy* released 7 sails and 2 marlin on Day 2 for a two-day total of 2500 points, and *Fish Tank* rounded out the top three with 2400 points after releasing 9 sails on Day 2. The top 9 teams were all within one marlin and one sail of the lead going in to Day 3.

TRIPLE CROWN DAY 3

Day 3 followed the same trend as the first two days with a good morning bite. By 10 am the fleet had released 61 billfish for a three-day total of 522 billfish (469 sails and 53 marlin). *The King and I* were vying for the leaderboard and had amassed 3300 points to take first over *Reel Pushy* in second with 3100 points, and *Tranquilo* in third with 2800 points. At noon it was still anyone’s game. *Fish Tank* was in first with 3500 points. *The King and I* was in second, now with 3400 points, and *Reel Pushy* in third with one more sailfish for 3200 points. The 2 pm leaderboard would end up being a prediction of the Leg 1 finishers, showing *Fish Tank* in first with 4200 points, *The King and I* in second with 3400 points, and *Reel Pushy* in third with 3300 points. *Fish Tank* went on to release four more sails, ending the day – and the tournament – with 4600 points. *The King and I*



and *Reel Pushy* kept the same points, *Reel Pushy* tying with *Tranquilo* on time, but releasing their last fish two hours before.

On behalf of the tournament committee, congratulations to all winners!

CASH PRIZES & AWARDS

Nearly 650 guests came together under the stars at the Los Sueños Beach Club to enjoy a phenomenal buffet dinner and live tropical calypso music by Acustica Lounge's Pachanga Boys. Immediately preceding the presentation of trophies, prizes and checks to the tournament winners, guests enjoyed the highly anticipated dock show filmed and produced by Rich Christensen and Michael Butler. The ceremony was closed out by a spectacular fireworks display by Faisa and a jam-packed after party hosted at the Hook Up. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of \$130,000 in cash, as well as other prizes provided by tournament sponsors, including trophies by Gray Taxidermy, apparel by Tunaskin, framed prints of this year's tournament art by Steve Goione, YETI coolers, and Flor de Caña aged rum, as well as a prize donated by CAT to the top CAT powered boat.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The entire tournament organizing committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who came together to support this event. Our gratitude goes out to all the anglers, captains, mates, observers, technical advisors, cameramen and videographers, spectators, Los Sueños staff and of course, our sponsors (in alphabetical order): BLP Legal, Bristol Marine Supply, Canvas Designers, Caterpillar/Matra, **Chantilly Air (presenting sponsor)**, Costa, CR Marine/Gato Gordo Golf Carts, Cummins, D Dey Response Group, FishTrack/Buoyweather official weather provider, Flor de Caña, Galati International Yacht Sales, Gost, Gray Taxidermy and Gray FishTag, Huck Buckets, Marlin Magazine (Bonnier Corporation), Marriott, Maverick Yachts, MTU/SVF, Los Sueños Resort and Marina, Poms & Associates, Promerica Bank, RK Creative Productions, Seakeeper/A.G. Marine Services, Sevenstar Yacht Transport, Steve Goione Marine Artist, Tunaskin Aquatic Apparel, Vanmark Inc., Viking Yachts, Yeti Coolers. For more about our sponsors, please visit www.lossuenostournaments.com and click on Sponsors.

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The top team from each leg of the Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown will be eligible to compete in the 2019 Offshore World Championship. For further information, please visit www.offshorechampionship.com.

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ABOUT THE LOS SUEÑOS LADIES ONLY TOURNAMENT

2019 marks the 1st Annual Los Sueños Ladies Only Tournament, a one-day only team event, designed to showcase truly competitive non-professional female anglers. Entry is free for boats participating in all three legs of the 2019 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown. Individual

angler points are tallied with those earned during the Triple Crown to determine the Top Female Angler Overall in March.



ABOUT THE LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN

2019 marks the 6th Annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown billfish tournament series. The Triple Crown consists of three annual tournaments, in January,

February and March each year, and is fished out of the world class Los Sueños Resort and Marina in Costa Rica. The dates for the next two legs in 2019 are Leg 2: February 27 – March 2, and Leg 3: March 27-30. Mark your calendars for the 2020 Triple Crown! Leg 1: January 15-18, Leg 2: February 26-29, Leg 3: March 25-28.



ABOUT LOS SUEÑOS RESORT AND MARINA

Los Sueños Resort and Marina is the premier luxury real estate resort in Costa Rica. Nestled on the Central Pacific Coast, Los Sueños is an 1,100-acre oasis offering incredible ocean, rainforest and golf course view properties; a gorgeous waterfront Marina Village commercial area with restaurants, shops and lively entertainment; a large

private beach club for residents; an 18-hole championship golf course; a superb 201-room Marriott Hotel; and much more, all within close proximity to world record-setting sport fishing waters. Information on Los Sueños Resort and Marina is available online at www.lossuenos.com. Information on Los Sueños real estate properties is available online at www.lossuenosproperties.com.

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Scores Last Updated At
 Tuesday, Jan 15, 2019
 06:37 PM

#	Boat Name	S	M	Last Time	TOTAL
1	Fish Tank	8	1	4:04 PM	1300
2	D.A. Sea	6	1	3:29 PM	1100
3	Family and Friends	10	0	3:45 PM	1000
4	Dealers Choice	4	1	2:03 PM	900
5	Team Galati	4	1	2:58 PM	900
6	Dragin Fly	3	1	1:13 PM	800
7	Uno Mas	7	0	2:52 PM	700
8	Morgasm	1	1	3:38 PM	600
9	Sea Angel	5	0	3:00 PM	500
10	Tranquilo	5	0	4:02 PM	500
11	Max Bet	4	0	12:28 PM	400
12	Perfeita	3	0	12:54 PM	300
13	Numero Uno	3	0	3:17 PM	300
14	Vaquero	3	0	4:03 PM	300
15	Spanish Fly	2	0	9:02 AM	200
16	Jaruco	1	0	1:43 PM	100
17	Tres Amigas (On Pacific Fly)	0	0		0

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1st Place: FISH TANK



Fish Tank, a 63' Hatteras captained by Ben Horning, with anglers Laura Jessen and Michelle Keeney. Michelle was the top angler for this event, with 900 individual points after releasing 4 sails and 1 marlin.

2nd Place: D.A. Sea



D.A. Sea, a 60' Viking captained by Climaco Rodriguez, with anglers Valerie Dunn, Susan McCart, and Judy Duffie.

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3rd Place: FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Family and Friends, a 50' Craig Blackwell captained by Joshua Porras, with anglers Jackie Kopp, Kristin Feller, and Andrea White.

LOS SUEÑOS Billfish TOURNAMENTS



Scores Last Updated At
Saturday, Jan 19, 2019
06:34 PM

#	Boat Name	S	M	Last Time	Day 1 Results	S	M	Last Time	Day 2 Results	S	M	Last Time	Day 3 Results	S	M	Total
1	Fish Tank	10	1	3:59 PM	1500	9	0	12:06 PM	900	12	2	3:38 PM	2200	31	3	4600
2	The King and I	5	3	2:10 PM	2000	1	0	10:56 AM	100	3	2	11:26 AM	1300	9	5	3400
3	Reel Pushy (on Chach)	8	1	3:13 PM	1300	7	1	3:46 PM	1200	3	1	12:59 PM	800	18	3	3300
4	Tranquilo	2	2	11:17 AM	1200	1	1	1:32 PM	600	5	2	3:05 PM	1500	8	5	3300
5	Family and Friends	4	1	3:40 PM	900	7	2	1:56 PM	1700	3	0	10:29 AM	300	14	3	2900
6	Uno Mas	10	0	3:53 PM	1000	9	0	3:00 PM	900	5	1	3:09 PM	1000	24	1	2900
7	Sea Angel	12	0	3:29 PM	1200	6	1	3:05 PM	1100	5	0	3:01 PM	500	23	1	2800
8	Scandalous	11	1	3:48 PM	1600	5	0	11:09 AM	500	7	0	3:21 PM	700	23	1	2800
9	Huntress	6	1	3:29 PM	1100	8	0	3:35 PM	800	4	1	3:39 PM	900	18	2	2800
10	Outlaw	8	1	2:39 PM	1300	4	0	3:48 PM	400	0	2	12:05 PM	1000	12	3	2700
11	Pez Collector	5	1	11:43 AM	1000	7	0	3:33 PM	700	10	0	1:01 PM	1000	22	1	2700
12	Smooth Move (on Game Plan)	5	1	1:03 PM	1000	3	0	10:55 AM	300	4	2	2:38 PM	1400	12	3	2700
13	Wire We Here	6	2	3:23 PM	1600	5	0	10:48 AM	500	3	0	9:41 AM	300	14	2	2400
14	Blue Eagle	6	2	3:36 PM	1600	4	0	2:48 PM	400	4	0	12:53 PM	400	14	2	2400
15	Gunsmoke	5	1	3:07 PM	1000	3	0	11:35 AM	300	1	2	2:00 PM	1100	9	3	2400
16	Business Stinks (on HT Hook)	5	1	12:27 PM	1000	12	0	3:53 PM	1200	2	0	2:13 PM	200	19	1	2400
17	Pelagic Magic	3	0	9:24 AM	300	3	3	3:44 PM	1800	3	0	3:52 PM	300	9	3	2400
18	First Light	3	0	3:18 PM	300	2	3	3:17 PM	1700	2	0	2:50 PM	200	7	3	2200
19	Tarheel	9	1	2:44 PM	1400	4	0	1:38 PM	400	4	0	3:26 PM	400	17	1	2200
20	Rum Runner	5	1	2:36 PM	1000	5	1	11:42 AM	1000	1	0	8:56 AM	100	11	2	2100

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21	Plan B	5	0	2:26 PM	500	7	1	3:49 PM	1200	3	0	10:46 AM	300	15	1	2000
22	Mjoinir	3	1	12:42 PM	800	0	0		0	2	2	1:41 PM	1200	5	3	2000
23	Jaruco	5	1	12:00 PM	1000	4	1	1:28 PM	900	1	0	2:24 PM	100	10	2	2000
24	Shoe	6	0	2:22 PM	600	4	1	3:28 PM	900	5	0	3:17 PM	500	15	1	2000
25	Pacific Fly	2	0	10:47 AM	200	6	0	3:19 PM	600	7	1	3:53 PM	1200	15	1	2000
26	Enjoy	6	0	3:36 PM	600	3	0	12:53 PM	300	5	1	3:31 PM	1000	14	1	1900
27	Spanish Fly L1	2	2	3:34 PM	1200	4	0	2:43 PM	400	3	0	3:53 PM	300	9	2	1900
28	Numero Uno	3	0	1:34 PM	300	5	1	3:28 PM	1000	5	0	3:17 PM	500	13	1	1800
29	Dealers Choice	5	0	3:38 PM	500	1	0	10:33 AM	100	1	2	9:50 AM	1100	7	2	1700
30	Big Oh	7	0	2:35 PM	700	5	0	2:47 PM	500	5	0	3:23 PM	500	17	0	1700
31	Amarula Sun	3	1	3:06 PM	800	5	0	3:29 PM	500	2	0	1:22 PM	200	10	1	1500
32	Tag Team II	4	0	12:43 PM	400	6	0	11:09 AM	600	5	0	1:28 PM	500	15	0	1500
33	Vaquero	7	0	3:32 PM	700	1	0	3:25 PM	100	7	0	2:12 PM	700	15	0	1500
34	Perfeita	4	0	3:46 PM	400	7	0	3:54 PM	700	3	0	1:18 PM	300	14	0	1400
35	Sea Fix	4	0	12:00 PM	400	4	0	2:37 PM	400	6	0	2:22 PM	600	14	0	1400
36	Morgasm	4	1	2:17 PM	900	4	0	3:18 PM	400	0	0		0	8	1	1300
37	Team Galati	3	1	3:10 PM	800	3	0	2:20 PM	300	2	0	10:53 AM	200	8	1	1300
38	Max Bet	6	0	2:51 PM	600	2	0	3:49 PM	200	5	0	3:46 PM	500	13	0	1300
39	Hey Chama	4	0	11:11 AM	400	1	1	11:25 AM	600	2	0	10:30 AM	200	7	1	1200
40	Dragin Fly	4	0	12:25 PM	400	5	0	12:47 PM	500	3	0	11:08 AM	300	12	0	1200
41	Reel Screamer	4	0	3:09 PM	400	4	0	2:44 PM	400	3	0	3:19 PM	300	11	0	1100
42	Geaux Fly	2	0	1:55 PM	200	2	0	11:40 AM	200	5	0	2:26 PM	500	9	0	900
43	Harambe	1	0	3:04 PM	100	1	0	2:58 PM	100	4	0	1:45 PM	400	6	0	600
44	D.A. Sea	3	0	1:51 PM	300	2	0	12:04 PM	200	1	0	2:32 PM	100	6	0	600

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1st Place: FISH TANK



4,600 points, 31 sails and 3 marlin

Fish Tank, a 63' Hatteras captained by Ben Horning, with owners/angler Chris and Laura Jessen, and their fellow anglers Kitt Toomey, Mike Ivancevic, and Darren Helwig, finished fifth on Day 1, third on Day 2 and released more sails than any boat in the competition, along with 2 marlin on Day 3 for the win. *Fish Tank* also took third place in Leg 1 of the 2016 Triple Crown and third place in Leg 3 2017. Laura Jessen is familiar with the stage, having also been the Top Female Angler in 2017. *Fish Tank* also placed first with anglers Laura Jessen and Michelle Keeney in the first annual Ladies Only Tournament on January 15, 2019.



TOP ANGLER

Chris Jessen of *Fish Tank* achieved the highest points out of all participating non-professional anglers after releasing 6 sailfish and 2 marlin for 1600 individual points and took home the title of Top Angler for Leg 1.

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2nd Place: THE KING AND I



3,400 points, 9 sails and 5 marlin

The King and I, a 50' Ocean Yacht, captained by Victor "Pia" Ceballos is from Guatemala and first started fishing the Triple Crown in 2018. Anglers Pablo Sechel, Sergio Alvarado, Juan Pablo Ramos, Juan Andres Morales and Charles Donato finished first on Day 1 and although Day 2 was a little slow, they finished in 7th place and made up the difference with two marlin releases on Day 3 for a second place finish in Leg 1.

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3rd Place: REEL PUSHY



3,300 points, 18 sails and 3 marlin

Reel Pushy, a 58' Monterey co-captained by Chris Workmon and Dave Dalfo also just started competing in the Triple Crown in 2018. This is their second year and angler/owner Robert Banker along with his fellow anglers Patrick Lanahan, Samantha Mumford, Tyler Wall, and Kevin O'Connor finished eighth on Day 1, moved up to finish second on Day 2 and ended the tournament in third place on time over *Tranquilo*, achieving their 3300 points four hours earlier.