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## **LEG TWO OF THE 2019 LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN UPS THE ANTE**

**Triple the number of billfish released during Leg 2 compared to Leg 1 of the tournament series**

Los Sueños Resort and Marina, located at Playa Herradura on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, held the second leg of its sixth annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown billfish series, presented by Chantilly Air, February 27 – March 2, 2019. A total of 45 of the world's most competitive billfishing teams comprised of 214 individual anglers challenged each other over three days of fishing. The Los Sueños Triple Crown Series is a catch and release tournament which awards 100 points per sailfish and 500 point per marlin release.

Fishing is always amazing at Los Sueños, but it was exceptionally good during this second leg of the three part tournament series. During Leg 1 in January, the 44 participating teams released 648 billfish over three days, or 15 fish per boat. This time around, with 45 boats competing, this number was passed by 3:15 pm on Day 1! It was sailfish bite all the way, with a total of 2,063 billfish released, translating to an average of 46 fish per boat.

### **TRIPLE CROWN DAY 1**

It was obvious right from the start that the bite was on. Only five minute after lines in *Scandalous* released fish number one of the tournament at 8:05 am. Just seven minutes later *The King and I* called in the first of many triple sailfish releases to follow. By 10:00 am the competitive fleet of 45 teams and 214 anglers had already released 160 sailfish. *Big Oh* was at the top of the leaderboard at 12 o'clock, having released 17 sails thus far, followed closely by *Tarheel* and *Mjolnir* with 16 sailfish releases each. By 2:00 pm *Tarheel* overtook the *Big Oh*, pushing them into third position and *Team Galati*, fishing on a brand new Viking 58' steered by captain and Galati Yacht broker Tony Carrizosa, had moved into second place matching *Tarheel's* 2,500 points. For *Team Galati* the releases now came in doubles. The team released another 11 sailfish including 4 doubles by the time lines in was called at 4:00 pm, placing them in first with 3,600 points, slightly ahead of *Big Oh* with 3,300 points and *Mjolnir* with 3,200 points going into Day 2.



### TRIPLE CROWN DAY 2

On Day 2 all eyes were on *Team Galati* who didn't call their first release in until 9:06 am. *Fish Tank*, who won the first leg of the Triple Crown, the Ladies Only Tournament, and finished in fifth place after Day 1, had already released 4 sailfish by that time. Also *Tarheel*, in fourth after day one, made up some ground. Two hours after lines in though, *Team Galati* still held their lead with 3,900 points, followed by *Fish Tank* with 3,700 points, and *Tarheel* with 3,600 points. These three teams passed the baton during the course of the day, moving within the first three spots but not giving any room for another contender. A marlin released at 12:37 pm might have sealed the deal for *Team Galati*. By the end of Day 2 they were still number one on the leaderboard with 6,100 points, followed by *Tarheel* with 5,500 points and *Fish Tank* with 5,000 points. The day had an exciting finish. *Sea Angel* untypically in 22<sup>nd</sup> position after Day 1 gave a stellar performance on Day 2; they ended up releasing the most fish of the day with a total of 26 sails. Tied for points with *Team Galati*, it was a hook up called in by birthday boy and comeback kid Captain BC Angel two seconds before lines out, that secured their win for the day and catapulted them to sixth place for the leg. What a finish! The day's total releases included 572 sails and 8 marlin.

### TRIPLE CROWN DAY 3

Day 3 followed the same trend as day one, with a much quicker pace. Would anybody be able to knock *Team Galati* off the pedestal? They kept on knocking but the door wouldn't budget. Nothing was going to stop *Team Galati* from taking home first place this leg. A marlin could make an incredible difference, but they were few and far between this time around. *Fish Tank* released an astonishing 32 sails on Day 3, which was the most for the day but not quite enough for the first place win. In the end, *Team Galati* finished first with 81 sailfish and 1 marlin release for 8,600 points, followed by *Fish Tank* in second with 82 sailfish releases and 8,200 points, with *Tarheel* finishing in third with 76 sailfish releases and 7,600 points.

*Fish Tank* is in a strong position going into Leg 3 with 12,800 points, well ahead the closest runner up, *Team Galati* with 9,900 points, to take the title of Series Champions. Anything is possible though when it comes to fishing and all it takes is a few marlin and incredible sail fishing. When all is said and done, it was an exciting tournament with great fishing and even greater teams. We look forward to another round in three weeks; Leg 3 starts on March 27, 2019. Watch the events unfold on [www.losuenostournaments.com](http://www.losuenostournaments.com) and tune in to our live scoring and tournament radio.

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 music by Acustica Lounge's Café Soul. Immediately preceding the presentation of trophies, prizes and checks to the tournament winners, guests enjoyed the

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highly anticipated dock show filmed and produced by Rich Christensen and Michael Butler. The ceremony was closed out by a spectacular fireworks display. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of \$134,000 in cash prizes, as well as other awards 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, Huck buckets, and Flor de Caña aged rum.

## 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.losuenostournaments.com](http://www.losuenostournaments.com) and click on Sponsors.

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## ABOUT THE LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN

2019 marks the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 date for the third and final leg in 2019 is: 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.**

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### 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](http://www.lossuenos.com). Information on Los Sueños real estate properties is available online at [www.lossuenosproperties.com](http://www.lossuenosproperties.com).

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Scores Last Updated At Saturday, Mar 2, 2019 06:17 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	LEG II	LEG I	TOTAL
1	Team Galati	36	0	3:46 PM	3600	20	1	3:27 PM	2500	25	0	3:43 PM	2500	81	1	8600	1300	9900
2	Fish Tank	26	0	3:43 PM	2600	24	0	3:43 PM	2400	32	0	3:38 PM	3200	82	0	8200	4600	12800
3	Tarheel	32	0	3:39 PM	3200	23	0	3:34 PM	2300	21	0	3:43 PM	2100	76	0	7600	2200	9800
4	Big Oh	33	0	3:49 PM	3300	16	0	3:56 PM	1600	21	0	4:02 PM	2100	70	0	7000	1700	8700
5	Gunsmoke	16	0	3:54 PM	1600	24	0	3:31 PM	2400	16	2	3:58 PM	2600	56	2	6600	2400	9000
6	Sea Angel	16	0	3:39 PM	1600	26	0	4:01 PM	2600	24	0	4:03 PM	2400	66	0	6600	2800	9400
7	Pez Collector	19	1	4:05 PM	2400	13	0	3:08 PM	1300	23	0	3:54 PM	2300	55	1	6000	2700	8700
8	Uno Mas	20	0	4:00 PM	2000	15	0	3:31 PM	1500	20	1	4:03 PM	2500	55	1	6000	2900	8900
9	Spanish Fly	21	0	3:41 PM	2100	8	0	3:49 PM	800	29	0	3:52 PM	2900	58	0	5800	1900	7700
10	Reel Pushy	18	0	3:06 PM	1800	15	0	3:52 PM	1500	24	0	3:46 PM	2400	57	0	5700	3300	9000
11	Dragin Fly	18	0	3:33 PM	1800	18	0	4:03 PM	1800	21	0	3:56 PM	2100	57	0	5700	1200	6900
12	Perfeita	26	0	3:53 PM	2600	11	1	4:07 PM	1600	13	0	3:08 PM	1300	50	1	5500	1400	6900
13	Pacific Fly	20	0	4:04 PM	2000	17	0	3:37 PM	1700	13	1	4:01 PM	1800	50	1	5500	2000	7500
14	Dealers Choice	13	0	3:46 PM	1300	24	0	3:20 PM	2400	14	0	2:09 PM	1400	51	0	5100	1700	6800
15	Game Changer	15	1	3:24 PM	2000	13	0	3:30 PM	1300	18	0	3:46 PM	1800	46	1	5100	600	5700
16	Mjolnir	32	0	3:28 PM	3200	7	0	3:20 PM	700	11	0	3:15 PM	1100	50	0	5000	2000	7000
17	Shoe	17	0	3:57 PM	1700	9	2	3:42 PM	1900	13	0	3:24 PM	1300	39	2	4900	2000	6900
18	Tranquilo	12	0	4:06 PM	1200	14	0	4:02 PM	1400	18	1	4:01 PM	2300	44	1	4900	3300	8200
19	Blue Eagle	10	0	3:16 PM	1000	9	0	3:17 PM	900	24	1	4:03 PM	2900	43	1	4800	2400	7200
20	Amarula Sun	18	0	4:02 PM	1800	8	1	3:55 PM	1300	16	0	3:19 PM	1600	42	1	4700	1500	6200
21	Wire We Here	16	1	3:59 PM	2100	7	0	3:25 PM	700	18	0	3:40 PM	1800	41	1	4600	2400	7000
22	Scandalous	14	0	3:50 PM	1400	13	1	3:36 PM	1800	13	0	3:17 PM	1300	40	1	4500	2800	7300
23	Outlaw	13	0	3:21 PM	1300	12	0	3:42 PM	1200	20	0	3:55 PM	2000	45	0	4500	2700	7200
24	Family and Friends	14	0	3:33 PM	1400	8	0	3:50 PM	800	23	0	4:00 PM	2300	45	0	4500	2900	7400
25	War Party	21	0	4:01 PM	2100	10	0	2:56 PM	1000	13	0	3:14 PM	1300	44	0	4400	0	4400
26	Seacario	13	0	4:02 PM	1300	10	0	3:38 PM	1000	21	0	3:47 PM	2100	44	0	4400	0	4400
27	Morgasm	18	0	4:03 PM	1800	16	0	3:55 PM	1600	9	0	12:01 PM	900	43	0	4300	1300	5600
28	Pelagic Magic	10	1	3:57 PM	1500	12	0	4:00 PM	1200	16	0	3:55 PM	1600	38	1	4300	2400	6700
29	Plan B	13	0	2:38 PM	1300	10	0	3:56 PM	1000	19	0	3:36 PM	1900	42	0	4200	2000	6200
30	Tag Team II	19	0	3:43 PM	1900	9	0	3:51 PM	900	8	1	2:25 PM	1300	36	1	4100	1500	5600
31	Reel Screamer	9	0	3:53 PM	900	9	1	3:26 PM	1400	18	0	3:46 PM	1800	36	1	4100	1100	5200
32	Enjoy	15	1	3:42 PM	2000	6	0	11:20 AM	600	15	0	3:51 PM	1500	36	1	4100	1900	6000
33	Huntress	12	0	4:02 PM	1200	14	0	4:01 PM	1400	14	0	3:51 PM	1400	40	0	4000	2800	6800
34	Jaruco	12	0	2:41 PM	1200	12	0	3:59 PM	1200	10	1	2:35 PM	1500	34	1	3900	2000	5900
35	Off Duty	20	0	3:52 PM	2000	10	0	4:00 PM	1000	9	0	3:41 PM	900	39	0	3900	0	3900
36	The King and I	14	0	3:54 PM	1400	16	0	3:41 PM	1600	8	0	3:59 AM	800	38	0	3800	3400	7200
37	Salem Wolf	7	0	3:53 PM	700	10	1	3:15 PM	1500	16	0	3:39 PM	1600	33	1	3800	0	3800
38	Vaquero	16	0	3:54 PM	1600	10	0	3:15 PM	1000	12	0	3:50 PM	1200	38	0	3800	1500	5300
39	Sea Fix	11	0	3:28 PM	1100	10	0	3:23 PM	1000	15	0	3:48 PM	1500	36	0	3600	1400	5000
40	Geaux Fly	12	0	3:25 PM	1200	11	0	3:30 PM	1100	9	0	1:55 PM	900	32	0	3200	900	4100
41	D.A. Sea	11	0	3:24 PM	1100	11	0	3:27 PM	1100	10	0	4:01 PM	1000	32	0	3200	600	3800
42	Numero Uno	12	0	3:49 PM	1200	8	0	3:07 PM	800	11	0	2:52 PM	1100	31	0	3100	1800	4900
43	First Light	8	0	3:43 PM	800	10	0	3:47 PM	1000	13	0	3:52 PM	1300	31	0	3100	2200	5300
44	Hey Chama	3	0	1:01 PM	300	8	0	3:16 PM	800	10	0	3:42 PM	1000	21	0	2100	1200	3300
45	Harambe	6	0	3:16 PM	600	6	0	3:28 PM	600	7	0	3:35 PM	700	19	0	1900	600	2500
		737	5	742		572	8	580		733	8	741		2042	21	2063		

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Place: TEAM GALATI



### 8,600 points, 81 sails and 1 marlin

*Team Galati* fished on a brand new 2019 Viking 58' captained by Tony Carrizosa, with anglers Carmine Galati, Pat Healey, Drew McDowell, Eric Mc Dowell and John Lagrone. On Day 1 alone they released 36 sailfish which was the most sailfish released by any team in a single day during this tournament. On Days 2 and 3 they showed consistency adding one marlin and another 45 sailfish for a total of 8,600 points. This is not the first time that *Team Galati* ends up on stage. This first class contender won first place in 2014 Leg 2 and 2015 Leg 2.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: FISH TANK



### 8,200 points, 82 sails

*Fish Tank*, a 63' Hatteras captained by Ben Horning, with owners/anglers Chris and Laura Jessen, and their fellow anglers Kitt Toomey, Mike Ivancevic, and Darren Helwig, released 82 sailfish, more than any boat in the competition for 8,200 points. *Fish Tank* is having an amazing year. Not only did they win Leg 1 of this tournament series, they also won the first Ladies Only Tournament held at Los Sueños earlier this year. They go into Leg 3 with confidence, having broadened their lead for the Series Championship to 2,900 points over the runner up.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: TARHEEL



### 7,600 points, 76 sails

*Tarheel*, 48' Scarborough captained by boat builder and team captain, John Bayliss, is a legend in his own right. Over his 30 years on the water, John has compiled considerable winnings on the international tournament circuit. Anglers Smyth McKissick, Bubba Brizendine, Wells Hula, John Bayliss Jr., Jorge Carrillo\* won Series Champion in 2015 and most recently placed second in 2018 Leg 2.



### TOP ANGLER

It is always a surprise when the Top Angler is announced. This year that surprise was to the delight of yet another familiar face, James Kontos of *Pez Collector*. James released a total of 20 sails and one marlin in three days for 2,500 individual points, tying with John McNally of *Pelagic Magic* and separated by just one minute. Tight finish!