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THE 2019 LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN COMES TO AN END

1. 2. 3. 4. Count them! The number of billfish released in Leg 3, bringing the three-leg combined total to 3,945 billfish overall

Los Sueños Resort and Marina, located at Playa Herradura on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, held the third and final leg of its sixth annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown billfish series, presented by Chantilly Air, March 27-30, 2019. Forty seven of the best and most competitive teams came together to release a total of 1,234 billfish over three days.

Going in to this event, the reports were that fishing was slow with 3-6 fish a day being average. We were pleased to see the teams find the fish when the radio went off with an early bite on Day 1 and ended with a nail-bite inducing finish on Day 3. With 100 points awarded for each sailfish release and 500 points for each marlin release, marlin always end up making a difference for the podium finishers. After all the scorecards were reviewed, a three-leg Triple Crown total of 3,945 billfish were released (3,820 sails and 125 marlin) – or 444,500 points achieved by the 51 teams that participated this year, 38 of which were registered in all three events.

TRIPLE CROWN DAY 1

It was Tarheel to call in the first fish of the tournament just eight minutes after lines in, followed in the same minute by a triple sailfish release by Shoe. By 8:37 am four marlin had been released, with another two released in the following hour. In the same amount of time nine doubles were called in a three triples. Needless to say, fishing started off promising. By 10 am a total of 117 billfish had been released (111 sails, 6 marlin) and Fish Tank was in top position, followed by Sea Angel in second, and Tarheel in third. At the end of the day though, Uno Mas had taken first with 2,100 points (16 sails, 1 marlin), Sea Angel remained in second with 1,900 points (9 sails, 2 marlin), and Blue Eagle finished third on time with 1,700 points (17 sails), over Scandalous and Dragin Fly. The fleet achieved 373 billfish releases on Day 1, including 361 sails and 12 marlin.

TRIPLE CROWN DAY 2

Just four minutes after lines in, it was Pez Collector to report the first sailfish release of the day to Tournament Control. Funny enough, they also released the last fish of Day 1 at 4:02 pm on

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Thursday! At precisely 11:24 am Fish Tank released a marlin, starting a flurry of marlin releases with 5 in under 12 minutes. Fish Tank was in top spot at noon with a two-day total of 3,200 points, followed by Hey Chama with 3,100 points, and Uno Mas in third with 3,100 points. In the end though, Uno Mas pushed their way back to top spot with 16 sails and 1 marlin on Day 2 alone for a two-day total of 4,200 points (32 sails, 2 marlin), followed by Hey Chama with 3,900 points (34 sails, 1 marlin), and Fish Tank finishing in third with 3,800 points (23 sails, 3 marlin) on time, over Sea Angel. A total of 531 billfish were released on Day 2 alone (517 sails, 14 marlin) for a two-day total of 904 billfish (878 sails, 26 marlin).

TRIPLE CROWN DAY 3

The first hour of Day 3 was an explosion of marlin hook ups and releases, with the first call of the day a marlin hook up by Reel Pushy at 8:05 am, which was released only five minutes later. By 8:40 am, a total of 8 marlin had been released, including a double header striped marlin by Numero Uno, who went on to win the day with an impressive 2,100 points after releasing 6 sails and 3 marlin. By 2 pm the fleet went on to release 212 billfish, with Hey Chama then in first with 3,400 points, followed by Blue Eagle with 3,400 points, and Fish Tank also with 3,400 points. Off Duty finished the day off nicely with a triple sailfish release at 4:04 pm, bringing the total billfish releases for the day to 330 (318 sails, 12 marlin) and the three-day combined total to 1,234 (1,196 sails, 38 marlin). Uno Mas finished first for the tournament with 5,000 points (40 sails, 2 marlin), followed by Big Oh in second on time with 4,900 points (39 sails, 2 marlin), and Hey Chama in third with 4,900 points (44 sails, 1 marlin).

On behalf of the tournament committee and everyone at Los Sueños Resort and Marina, congratulations to all winners!

CASH PRIZES & AWARDS

Nearly 700 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 Coco Hits. 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 La Trinidad. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of \$240,000 in cash prizes, as well as other awards provided by tournament sponsors, including custom trophies by Gray Taxidermy, apparel by Tunaskin, framed prints of this year's tournament art by Steve Goione, YETI coolers and tumblers, Huck buckets, Costa sunglasses, 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,

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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.



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.

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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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.lossuenosrealestate.com.

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#	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 III	LEG II	LEG I	TOTAL
1	Uno Mas	16	1	3:36 PM	2100	16	1	3:56 PM	2100	8	0	3:06 PM	800	40	2	5000	6000	2900	13900
2	Big Oh	9	1	3:11 PM	1400	16	1	3:58 PM	2100	14	0	3:13 PM	1400	39	2	4900	7000	1700	13600
3	Hey Chama	15	0	4:01 PM	1500	19	1	3:31 PM	2400	10	0	3:41 PM	1000	44	1	4900	2100	1200	8200
4	Reel Pushy	10	1	3:46 PM	1500	11	1	3:23 PM	1600	12	1	3:28 PM	1700	33	3	4800	5700	3300	13800
5	Smooth Move	11	0	3:52 PM	1100	20	0	1:33 PM	2000	12	1	3:52 PM	1700	43	1	4800	0	2700	7500
6	Fish Tank	10	1	3:38 PM	1500	13	2	2:56 PM	2300	8	0	3:50 PM	800	31	3	4600	8200	4600	17400
7	Sea Angel	9	2	2:35 PM	1900	19	0	4:02 PM	1900	7	0	2:03 PM	700	35	2	4500	6600	2800	13900
8	Game Changer	7	0	3:02 PM	700	14	2	3:30 PM	2400	9	1	3:36 PM	1400	30	3	4500	5100	600	10200
9	Blue Eagle	17	0	2:04 PM	1700	19	0	3:45 PM	1900	8	0	3:47 PM	800	44	0	4400	4800	2400	11600
10	Pez Collector	8	0	4:02 PM	800	21	1	3:36 PM	2600	7	0	2:22 PM	700	36	1	4100	6000	2700	12800
11	Shoe	14	0	2:50 PM	1400	17	0	3:40 PM	1700	10	0	2:51 PM	1000	41	0	4100	4900	2000	11000
12	Team Galati	4	0	2:53 PM	400	15	0	3:39 PM	1500	10	2	3:08 PM	2000	29	2	3900	8600	1300	13800
13	Perfeita	14	0	3:59 PM	1400	14	1	3:02 PM	1900	5	0	3:27 PM	500	33	1	3800	5500	1400	10700
14	Max Bet	9	1	3:47 PM	1400	14	0	3:48 PM	1400	9	0	3:41 PM	900	32	1	3700	0	1300	5000
15	Tarheel	13	0	2:57 PM	1300	16	0	3:53 PM	1600	7	0	3:55 PM	700	36	0	3600	7600	2200	13400
16	War Party	9	0	3:38 PM	900	22	0	3:49 PM	2200	4	0	3:40 PM	400	35	0	3500	4400	0	7900
17	Reel Screamer	7	1	3:10 PM	1200	9	1	3:58 PM	1400	9	0	3:45 PM	900	25	2	3500	4100	1100	8700
18	Seacario	5	1	11:49 AM	1000	13	0	2:50 PM	1300	6	1	3:29 PM	1100	24	2	3400	4400	0	7800
19	Numero Uno	6	0	1:38 PM	600	7	0	3:34 PM	700	6	3	3:36 PM	2100	19	3	3400	3100	1800	8300
20	Dragin Fly	17	0	3:44 PM	1700	9	0	10:04 AM	900	8	0	3:43 PM	800	34	0	3400	5700	1200	10300
21	Scandalous	17	0	3:07 PM	1700	10	0	3:40 PM	1000	6	0	1:33 PM	600	33	0	3300	4500	2800	10600
22	Wire We Here	8	0	12:25 PM	800	5	2	3:55 PM	1500	7	0	3:36 PM	700	20	2	3000	4600	2400	10000
23	D.A. Sea	11	0	3:38 PM	1100	6	0	3:21 PM	600	12	0	3:14 PM	1200	29	0	2900	3200	600	6700
24	Off Duty	5	0	2:54 PM	500	13	0	3:37 PM	1300	11	0	4:04 PM	1100	29	0	2900	3900	0	6800
25	Tranquilo	7	0	3:45 PM	700	10	0	3:40 PM	1000	6	1	1:36 PM	1100	23	1	2800	4900	3300	11000
26	Jaruco	5	0	2:59 PM	500	14	0	3:55 PM	1400	7	0	4:01 PM	700	26	0	2600	3900	2000	8500
27	Miss Judy (on Frenzy)	6	0	1:17 PM	600	13	0	3:28 PM	1300	6	0	2:30 PM	600	25	0	2500	0	0	2500
28	Amarula Sun	7	0	3:26 PM	700	8	0	3:57 PM	800	10	0	3:34 PM	1000	25	0	2500	4700	1500	8700
29	Enjoy	7	0	3:29 PM	700	9	0	3:38 PM	900	9	0	3:49 PM	900	25	0	2500	4100	1900	8500
30	Sea Fix	7	0	12:42 PM	700	15	0	4:00 PM	1500	2	0	10:46 AM	200	24	0	2400	3600	1400	7400
31	Spanish Fly	10	0	2:35 PM	1000	5	1	2:25 PM	1000	4	0	3:31 PM	400	19	1	2400	5800	1900	10100
32	Gunsmoke	5	1	3:17 PM	1000	3	0	12:38 PM	300	4	1	1:20 PM	900	12	2	2200	6600	2400	11200
33	Vaquero	5	0	3:11 PM	500	10	0	3:18 PM	1000	5	0	3:48 PM	500	20	0	2000	3800	1500	7300
34	Family and Friends	6	0	2:44 PM	600	7	0	3:55 PM	700	6	0	1:31 PM	600	19	0	1900	4500	2900	9300
35	Geaux Fly	6	0	3:05 PM	600	9	0	2:29 PM	900	4	0	2:00 PM	400	19	0	1900	3200	900	6000
36	Tag Team II	6	0	2:14 PM	600	9	0	3:02 PM	900	4	0	3:03 PM	400	19	0	1900	4100	1500	7500
37	Mjolnir	3	0	12:40 PM	300	13	0	2:30 PM	1300	2	0	11:56 AM	200	18	0	1800	5000	2000	8800
38	Outlaw	4	0	1:18 PM	400	10	0	2:51 PM	1000	4	0	3:21 PM	400	18	0	1800	4500	2700	9000
39	First Light	3	0	3:00 PM	300	5	0	3:02 PM	500	5	1	3:41 PM	1000	13	1	1800	3100	2200	7100
40	Pelagic Magic	3	1	1:34 PM	800	4	0	4:00 PM	400	6	0	3:48 PM	600	13	1	1800	4300	2400	8500
41	The King and I	4	0	12:27 PM	400	7	0	3:28 PM	700	5	0	3:22 PM	500	16	0	1600	3800	3400	8800
42	Tijereta	3	0	3:08 PM	300	7	0	1:22 PM	700	6	0	3:58 PM	600	16	0	1600	0	0	1600
43	Pacific Fly	2	1	3:23 PM	700	8	0	1:58 PM	800	0	0		0	10	1	1500	5500	2000	9000
44	Morgasm	4	0	1:28 PM	400	4	0	9:22 AM	400	5	0	3:39 PM	500	13	0	1300	4300	1300	6900
45	Dealers Choice	1	0	8:16 AM	100	5	0	3:25 PM	500	7	0	4:01 PM	700	13	0	1300	5100	1700	8100
46	Harambe	5	0	12:03 PM	500	0	0		0	4	0	4:01 PM	400	9	0	900	1900	600	3400
47	Salemwolf	1	0	1:39 PM	100	4	0	1:51 PM	400	2	0	12:33 PM	200	7	0	700	3800	0	4500
		361	12	373		517	14	531		318	12	330		1196	38	1234			

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1st Place: UNO MAS



5,000 points, 40 sails and 2 marlin

Uno Mas is a 60' Bayliss captained by owner Brooks Smith, with anglers Sam Peters, Matt Traber, Justin DeBoom, Terry Robinson, and Jeremy Agüero. *Uno Mas* came in sixth in Leg 1 this year and eighth in Leg 2. They previously took first in Leg 2 in 2018, as well as second in Leg 3 in 2015, where Brooks was crowned Top Angler.

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2nd Place: BIG OH



4,900 points, 39 sails and 2 marlin

This is *Big Oh*'s first win since 2015 when they fished on Trophy Box and took third both in Legs 1 and 2. *Big Oh* is a 63' Scarborough captained by Ronnie Fields, with anglers Gray Ingram (owner), Jimmy Fields, Anthony Rizzo, Rodney Ingram, and Bo Ingram. *Big Oh* previously won several of the Signature Billfish Series and Marlin Invitational tournaments, which were run by Los Sueños prior to the formation of the Triple Crown.

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3rd Place: HEY CHAMA



4,900 points, 44 sails and 1 marlin

Hey Chama, a 65' Bayliss captained by Irving Irausquin, with anglers Leonard Chapman, Manoel de Silva, and Marlon Prendas, comes to us from Curacao. They fished the Triple Crown for the first time in Leg 2 of the 2018 series. These young up and comers finished 39th in Leg 1 and 44th in Leg 2, and gave a tremendous show in Leg 3 for a podium finish.

TOP ANGLER LEG 3

Congratulations to Manoel de Silva of *Hey Chama* who is the Top Angler for Leg 3. Manoel achieved 1,800 individual points (13 sails, 1 marlin), tying with James Kontos of *Pez Collector*, but releasing his last fish 3 hours earlier, by 11:26 am to be precise, for the top position.

Our apologies to Kevin O'Connor of *Reel Pushy*. Kevin was recognized at the awards ceremony. He is a hard working mate, and obviously skilled angler, but professional anglers are not eligible for the Top Angler prize. Congratulations on a job well done!

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Series Champion: FISH TANK



17,400 points, 144 sails and 6 marlin

Fish Tank, a 63' Hatteras captained by Ben Horning, with owners/anglers Chris and Laura Jessen, and their fellow anglers Kitt Toomey, Mike Ivancevic, Darren Helwig, and Joe West. Despite not making the podium for Leg 3, *Fish Tank* was the clear and undisputed Series Champion of the 2019 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown, finishing with an almost unbelievable 17,400 points (144 sails, 6 marlin), 3,500 points ahead of the closest runner up, Sea Angel (on time ahead of Uno Mas with the same 13,900 points). Going in to Leg 3 *Fish Tank* already had a 2,900-point lead, and the 31 sails and 3 marlin they released in Leg 3 alone sealed their fate. Kudos to Laura Jessen who, despite a broken foot, released 6 sails this tournament alone and 34 sails over all three legs!

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TOP ANGLER OVERALL 2019

This is far from Austin Angel's first time on stage. Austin fishes aboard the *Sea Angel*, a 63' F&S. He was crowned Top Angler in Leg 1 in 2015 and was the Top Angler Overall for that season. The *Sea Angel* team took third in Leg 1 in 2014 and again in Leg 3 in 2016, then first in Leg 3 in 2017. Austin released 45 sails and 2 marlin over the three legs of the 2019 Triple Crown for 5,500 individual points.



TOP LADY ANGLER OVERALL 2019

Jackie Kopp of *Family and Friends*, a 50' Blackwell, gave an impressive show, finishing fifth out of all 300+ anglers that participated in the 2019 Triple Crown. Jackie released a total of 43 sails and 2 marlin this season, including the first annual one-day Ladies Only Tournament held in January, for 5,300 individual points. Jackie was also the Top Lady Angler Overall in 2018.