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## **FIGHT TO THE FINISH**

### **No clear winners until the bitter end**

The second leg of the seventh annual Signature Triple Crown billfish series, presented jointly by Los Sueños Resort and Marina and Chantilly Air, was held at Los Sueños February 26-29, 2020. Forty one team comprised of two hundred two individual anglers worked through the heat and the adrenaline of competition to release a three-day combined total of 870 billfish, including 703 sails and 67 marlin.

### **DAY 1**

The tournament kicked off with a sailfish release by Shoe eight minutes after lines in was called at 8:00 am. Gallo Pinto took an early lead with a marlin release at 8:24 am, but HT Hook moved into first at 9:05 am with a striped marlin and three sails and stayed there until after 11 am, ahead of Team Galati and Gallo Pinto. By noon the field had released 164 sails and 8 marlin, and it was HT Hook still in first, but on time only, with 1200 points, followed by Tarheel also with 1200 points, and Team Galati with 1100 points. Off Duty made their first appearance on the leaderboard, moving to first with a marlin release at 12:44 pm, but were bumped out by Team Galati with a double sailfish release at 1:28 pm, only to take the lead back at 1:44 pm with another marlin release. Game Changer entered the fray, moving to second with a marlin release at 3:06 pm. War Party plucked away at the sailfish all day long, finishing with 16 sails, the most releases of any boat on Day 1, but secured their second place finish for the day with a marlin release at 3:12 pm. As the sun set Thursday evening, the official scores showed Off Duty in first with 2200 points (12 sails, 2 marlin), followed by War Party in second with 2100 points (16 sails, 1 marlin), and Team Galati in third with 2000 points (15 sails, 1 marlin).

### **DAY 2**

D.A. Sea started the day off with a sailfish release at 8:07 am and by 10 am the 41 participating teams had released a two-day combined total of 415 sails and 20 marlin with Off Duty in first with 2300 points, War Party in second with 2200 points and Game Changer in third with 2100 points. Between 10 am and noon, War Party went on to release three more sails, taking first with 2500 points as of the midday update. Reel Joy enjoyed the top spot with two marlin releases at



12:30 pm, which they kept until Team Galati released their second marlin at 1:17 pm, taking them to the front of the pack, where they remained for the rest of the day. At 4 pm, it was Team Galati in first with a two-day total of 3500 points (20 sails, 3 marlin), followed by Reel Joy in second on time with 3000 points (15 sails, 3 marlin), and Tarheel in third, also with 3000 points (20 sails, 2 marlin).

### **DAY 3**

Outage started the day off with a marlin hook up at 8:04 am, which they released five minutes later. In under an hour, seven more marlin had been release by the fleet and by 10 am the leaderboard looked almost completely different, with Off Duty in first with 4100 points, Team Galati in second with 4000 points, and Outage in third with 3300 points. Team Galati was in first at noon, over Off Duty and Fish Tank. Outage went on to bump Fish Tank out of third just before 1 pm and then moved to first with a marlin just 20 minutes later. Team Galati took the top position back with a double sailfish release before 2 pm. At 2:21 pm Team Galati, Off Duty (who had just released a triple), and Outage were all tied on points. No sooner had this report been shared on the official tournament radio, Outage released a double and moved ahead of the pack. Team Galati then took first with a marlin just before 3 pm and stayed there until the end, where they finished with a three-day combined total of 5000 points after releasing 25 sails and 5 marlin. Team Galati was followed by Outage in second on time, with 4800 points after releasing 23 sails and 5 marlin, and Tarheel released 33 sails and 3 marlin, also for 4800 points and third place.

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

### **TOP ANGLER LEG 2**

The top angler award is usually always a surprise and it was so much so this time around that the man of the hour, Mike Ivancevic of Fish Tank, wasn't present to receive his award. Mike achieved the highest score out of all the non-professional anglers after releasing 8 sails and 2 marlin for 1800 individual points. Congratulations!

### **SERIES CHAMPION**

Going in to Leg 3 Outage has the highest score, with a two-leg total of 8400 points, 400 points ahead of Tarheel, in second position, and 900 points ahead of Team Galati, rounding out the top three.

### **CASH PRIZES & AWARDS**

Tournament participants, observers, sponsors, and guests arrived at the Los Sueños oceanfront Beach Club Saturday evening to enjoy Acustica Lounge's Coco Hits under twinkling lights and a starlit sky. The audience was treated to this leg's Dock Show filmed by Rich Christensen and



edited by Michael Butler. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of \$122,000 in cash, as well as other prizes provided by tournament sponsors, including trophies by Gray Taxidermy, framed prints of this year's tournament art by Steve Goione, Flor de Caña aged rum, Vodka by Driftless Glenn Distillery, coolers by Yeti, and hand painted custom tequila bottles by Mexico's Cabo Unico.

### **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): Bristol Marine Supply, Cabo Unico, Caterpillar/Matra, **Chantilly Air (presenting sponsor)**, Costa, CR Marine/Gato Gordo Golf Carts, Cummins, D Dey Response Group, Driftless Glenn Distillery, FishTrack/Buoyweather official weather provider, Flor de Caña, Galati International Yacht Sales, Gost, Gray Taxidermy and Gray FishTag, HUK Apparel, Los Sueños Resort and Marina, Marlin Magazine (Bonnier Corporation), Marriott, Maverick Costa Rica, Northern Lights, Pro Diesel (MTU), Promerica Bank, RK Creative Productions/Seas & Summits Photography, Seakeeper/A.G. Marine Services, Sevenstar Yacht Transport, Steve Goione Marine Artist, Vanmark Inc. jewelry, Viking Yachts, Yeti Coolers. For more about our sponsors, please visit [www.signatretriplecrown.com](http://www.signatretriplecrown.com) and click on Sponsors.

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### **ABOUT THE LADIES ONLY TOURNAMENT**

2020 marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 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 Signature Triple Crown. Individual angler points are tallied with those earned during the Triple Crown to determine the Top Female Angler Overall in March. Get ready for 2021 when the ladies will be competing on Tuesday, January 19.

### **ABOUT THE SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN**

2020 marks the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 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 third and final leg this season are March 25-28. **Mark your calendars for 2021! Leg 1: January 20-23, Leg 2: February 24-27, and...NOTE: We have changed the dates for Leg 3 to March 17-20.**



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# 2020 Signature TRIPLE CROWN



Scores Last Updated At Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 06:45 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 I	LEG II	TOTAL
1	Team Galati	15	1	4:02 PM	2000	5	2	3:53 PM	1500	5	2	2:48 PM	1500	25	5	5000	2500	7500
2	Outage	5	0	2:05 PM	500	6	3	2:45 PM	2100	12	2	2:46 PM	2200	23	5	4800	3600	8400
3	Tarheel	13	1	3:46 PM	1800	7	1	3:47 PM	1200	13	1	3:48 PM	1800	33	3	4800	3200	8000
4	Off Duty	12	2	3:38 PM	2200	2	1	2:38 PM	700	7	2	2:47 PM	1700	21	5	4600	1600	6200
5	Fish Tank	11	0	3:27 PM	1100	5	2	3:16 PM	1500	12	1	3:44 PM	1700	28	3	4300	3000	7300
6	Grand Slam	11	1	2:41 PM	1600	8	0	3:33 PM	800	15	0	3:52 PM	1500	34	1	3900	3100	7000
7	Reel Development	13	0	3:30 PM	1300	4	1	2:06 PM	900	11	1	3:45 PM	1600	28	2	3800	1900	5700
8	Dragin Fly	11	1	3:57 PM	1600	5	1	3:27 PM	1000	6	1	1:50 PM	1100	22	3	3700	3300	7000
9	Reel Joy	8	0	4:03 PM	800	7	3	1:14 PM	2200	7	0	3:15 PM	700	22	3	3700	3100	6800
10	Big Oh	9	0	3:03 PM	900	3	0	8:56 AM	300	14	2	3:37 PM	2400	26	2	3600	1800	5400
11	Vaquero	13	0	3:27 PM	1300	10	0	3:17 PM	1000	9	0	2:02 PM	900	32	0	3200	2200	5400
12	Max Bet	8	0	2:58 PM	800	7	1	3:15 PM	1200	7	1	3:49 PM	1200	22	2	3200	1600	4800
13	Jaruco	13	1	3:58 PM	1800	2	1	2:05 PM	700	5	0	2:18 PM	500	20	2	3000	2300	5300
14	War Party	16	1	4:08 PM	2100	4	0	11:33 AM	400	5	0	2:24 PM	500	25	1	3000	2300	5300
15	Game Changer	14	1	3:05 PM	1900	5	0	2:34 PM	500	6	0	3:18 PM	600	25	1	3000	4000	7000
16	D.A. Sea	8	0	3:51 PM	800	4	2	3:26 PM	1400	8	0	3:22 PM	800	20	2	3000	1800	4800
17	Dealers Choice	6	0	3:46 PM	600	9	1	3:29 PM	1400	9	0	3:06 PM	900	24	1	2900	2500	5400
18	Uno Mas	8	0	2:49 PM	800	10	0	4:00 PM	1000	0	2	11:42 AM	1000	18	2	2800	2700	5500
19	Chasin Tail	3	0	2:59 PM	300	2	1	2:48 PM	700	8	2	3:45 PM	1800	13	3	2800	1100	3900
20	Sea Fix	9	0	3:45 PM	900	4	2	3:46 PM	1400	4	0	3:07 PM	400	17	2	2700	1900	4600
21	Huntress	8	0	3:45 PM	800	6	1	1:49 PM	1100	2	1	3:22 PM	700	16	2	2600	900	3500
22	Nsatiabill	5	0	3:56 PM	500	2	0	1:43 PM	200	9	2	3:42 PM	1900	16	2	2600	2300	4900
23	Pez Collector	7	0	3:36 PM	700	9	1	2:49 PM	1400	4	0	3:04 PM	400	20	1	2500	2500	5000
24	Blue Eagle	6	0	3:28 PM	600	4	1	3:50 PM	900	4	1	2:38 PM	900	14	2	2400	2400	4800
25	Shoe	6	0	1:26 PM	600	4	0	2:27 PM	400	9	1	3:42 PM	1400	19	1	2400	1700	4100
26	Numero Uno	5	0	2:01 PM	500	6	0	2:41 PM	600	2	2	3:00 PM	1200	13	2	2300	2400	4700
27	Family and Friends	6	1	3:27 PM	1100	3	0	11:42 AM	300	4	1	3:56 PM	900	13	2	2300	900	3200
28	HT Hook	9	1	4:02 PM	1400	2	0	9:00 AM	200	6	0	11:48 AM	600	17	1	2200	0	2200
29	Amarula Sun	8	0	2:44 PM	800	6	1	3:26 PM	1100	3	0	2:50 PM	300	17	1	2200	2000	4200
30	Morgasm	6	1	4:03 PM	1100	6	0	12:24 PM	600	4	0	3:18 PM	400	16	1	2100	1400	3500
31	Sea Angel	6	0	3:13 PM	600	10	0	3:47 PM	1000	5	0	3:50 PM	500	21	0	2100	1300	3400
32	First Light	5	0	3:41 PM	500	9	0	2:55 PM	900	7	0	4:01 PM	700	21	0	2100	2700	4800
33	Scandalous	3	0	1:57 PM	300	3	0	11:39 AM	300	14	0	1:40 PM	1400	20	0	2000	5200	7200
34	Rum Runner	5	0	11:57 AM	500	0	1	11:04 AM	500	8	0	3:07 PM	800	13	1	1800	0	1800
35	Vamonos	6	1	3:58 PM	1100	2	0	11:14 AM	200	5	0	3:59 PM	500	13	1	1800	700	2500
36	Smooth Move (on Game Plan)	6	0	3:57 PM	600	2	0	2:01 PM	200	9	0	3:40 PM	900	17	0	1700	3300	5000
37	Reel Pushy	10	0	3:27 PM	1000	2	0	9:17 AM	200	4	0	1:57 PM	400	16	0	1600	2300	3900
38	Gallo Pinto	9	1	3:02 PM	1400	0	0		0	2	0	2:09 PM	200	11	1	1600	0	1600
39	Salemwolf	4	0	3:47 PM	400	3	1	3:19 PM	800	4	0	2:30 PM	400	11	1	1600	1700	3300
40	Gunsmoke	5	0	1:22 PM	500	2	0	3:43 PM	200	6	0	3:21 PM	600	13	0	1300	0	1300
41	Pura Vida	5	0	3:08 PM	500	2	0	8:55 AM	200	1	0	2:50 PM	100	8	0	800	3300	4100
		336	14	350		192	28	220		275	25	300		803	67	870		

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



*Team Galati*, a 62' Viking captained by Tony Carrizosa. Anglers Carmine Galati, Pat Healey, Drew McDowell, Eric McDowell, and John Lagrone\* released 25 sails and 5 marlin for 5,000 total points and the win. Team Galati seems to like to win the second leg of the Triple Crown; they won first in 2014, 2015, 2019 and now in 2020. They also took third in Leg 3 in 2015.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: OUTAGE



*Outage*, a 61' Jim Smith captained by Ian Wichers, with anglers Neil Subin, Tom Wichers, Skyler Wichers, Alan Sadler, Joey Trefelner, and Thomas "Smalls" Garmany\* released 23 sails and 5 marlin for 4800 points. The team seems to be feeling comfortable on stage. This is their second win, after taking third in Leg 1. They had a slow start in Leg 2, finishing 35<sup>th</sup> on Day 1, but moved to fifth on Day 2 and finished second on the leaderboard for the tournament, on time.

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



*Tarheel*, a 62' Bayliss captained by John Bayliss, with anglers Smyth McKissick, Bubba Brizendine, John Bayliss, Jr., Sean O'Donnell, and Jorge Carrillo Agüero\* released 33 sails and 3 marlin for 4800 points. *Tarheel* is no stranger to the winner's circle, having finished first in Legs 1 and 3, making them the Series Champion in 2015, then taking second in Leg 2 and becoming the Series Champion in 2018, and finally winning second in Leg 2 2019.

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