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WORLD RECORD TOURNAMENT – Leg I of the first annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown will go down in history with over 90 fish an hour released by 42 teams in 3 days

Los Sueños Resort and Marina, located on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, was once again home base for one of the world's foremost billfishing tournaments, the first annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown, presented by Poms & Associates. The first leg of this three-leg tournament series was held January 22-25, 2014 and welcomed 42 participating teams, comprised of 156 individual anglers. Over three days of fishing, the teams jointly released a total of 2,170 billfish, including 11 marlin and 2,159 sailfish, very clearly solidifying the event as a World Record Tournament that will go down in the history books.

DAY 1

Going into the first day of fishing, it was very apparent that this would be a tournament like no other. *Sea Angel*, the Saturday before, had released 76 billfish of 111 bites and other teams were reporting between 30 and 50 releases with a catch rate of about 50%. When lines in was called at 8 am the morning of January 23rd, it was *Uno Mas* calling in with the first fish of the tournament at 8:05 am, followed immediately by back to back doubles at 8:06 am, the first by *Uno Mas* and the second, *Clean Sweep*. What a way to start! By 9:15 am, the teams had already released 135 sailfish and by 10:33 am had doubled that number. It was *Family and Friends* who released the first marlin at 10:22 am, a mere three minutes after calling in the hook up. With 35 minutes to go before lines out was to be called at 4 pm, the teams had already released a record 648 billfish, including 646 sails and 2 marlin; the last fish of the day going to *Irish Ayes* at 4:05 pm. Once the scorecards had been checked at the end of the day though, it was official – 696 billfish had been released, including 692 sails and 4 marlin. *Pelese* finished in first for the day with 3000 points (30 sails), *Pescadora* in second with 2800 points (28 sails) and *Muy Caliente* in third with 2500 points (25 sails), winning out over *Gunsmoke* on time, also with 2500 points (25 sails).

DAY 2

Day 2 was well underway by 9:43 am, with 821 accumulative billfish released, and 2 more marlin on Day 2 alone. Nearing 12:00 pm the teams had reached 944 billfish overall, and 246 for Day 2 only. Fishing picked up in the afternoon though, by the end of the day 674 billfish had been released with a two-day total of 1,374 billfish, including 1366 sails and 8 marlin.



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DAY 3

There were eight releases within the first six minutes on Day 3, making it very apparent that this would be yet another record day. *Sea Fix* released fish number 1555 at 10:03 am and *Enjoy* brought the total number of releases to 1729 by 12:09 pm. Participants and spectators alike were rallying for a 2000 billfish tournament, which was “easily” achieved by *Xta Sea* at 2:38 pm with an exciting triple. After all the scorecards had been accounted for, it was official – the first annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown tournament was a World Record Tournament, with 2170 billfish releases, including 2159 sails and 11 marlin, representing 52 fish per boat, 14 fish per angler, over 90 fish an hour and 1.5 fish a minute. On top of all that, the second and third place teams ended up tied for points, with the tie being broken on time, *Spanish Fly* beating *Sea Angel* to 6800 points just four minutes ahead. *Xta Sea* took first overall with 7800 points and a commanding lead.

Back Stories

Xta Sea is the first boat from Nicaragua to win one of the Los Sueños tournaments. Angler and boat owner, Alexis Chamorro, is an avid fisherman and has participated in numerous tournaments along with his cousin Julio Chamorro. This year a new member of the team was added, Emilio Munkel, who will probably stay with them for some time now. Captain John Lagrone, has been with Alexis for nearly a decade and knows the waters around Los Sueños like the back of his hand.

Spanish Fly shared their touching story during the awards banquet on Saturday night. Just two years ago angler and owner Larry Drivon fell down and broke his back, angler Richard “Bimmy” Lebo was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and angler J Godwin underwent a triple bypass. Like Larry said to the audience on Saturday, “We went through all this and were able to come here and win second place against the best teams in the world. If that’s not a comeback story, I don’t know what is!” Who could argue with him?

Sea Angel is no stranger to the winner’s stage, having placed first at the Los Sueños Signature Billfish Series in January 2011, angler and owner Greg Angel was the top angler for the second leg of the 2013 Billfish Series, son and angler Austin Angel was the top angler for the first leg of the 2013 Billfish Series and has won the WBS World Champion Angler title two years in a row. The Angel family is a well oiled tournament machine.

Congratulations to all of the participating teams for breaking all kinds of records and on an outstanding job well done!



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CASH PRIZES & AWARDS

The awards ceremony was held under the stars on the white sand in front of the Los Sueños Beach Club. The weather was perfect, and about 500 anglers, captains, observers and sponsors were treated to a delicious buffet dinner, a performance by the rock band, Mustang 65, a fantastic dock show filmed and edited by Fischer Productions, and an incredible fireworks display by Faisa. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of \$135,000 in cash, as well as other prizes provided by tournament sponsors.

1 st	\$65,000	Xta Sea, 7800 points: 78 sails
2 nd	\$39,000	Spanish Fly, 6800 points: 68 sails
3 rd	\$26,000	Sea Angel, 6800 points: 63 sails, 1 marlin

Trophies by Gray Taxidermy

Other prizes and awards by: Costa Rica Dreams- a fishing trip with accommodations in a Del Mar condominium; Tunaskin- apparel; Rick Bogert- framed prints of the 1st annual Triple Crown tournament art; Vanmark, Inc.- gold pendants; and Flor de Caña- aged rum for winning teams and top angler.

TOP ANGLER

No one was able to guess who would be crowned Top Angler for the first leg of the 2014 Triple Crown. So much so that the Top Angler himself missed the awards ceremony! It must have been the exhaustion from reeling in 36 sailfish in just three days all by himself that put him to bed early. Congratulations Phil Arklin of Gunsmoke on achieving this honor.

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, Los Sueños staff and of course, our sponsors (in alphabetical order): BLP Abogados, Bristol Marine Supply, Caterpillar/Gregory Poole, Costa Sunglasses, Costa Rica Dreams Sport Fishing, Costa Rica Luxury Rentals & Tours, Durman, Flor de Caña, Fortis Accounting Services, Galati International Yacht Sales, Gray Taxidermy, Los Sueños Resort and Marina, Lucantha, Marriott, MTU/Tractomotriz, Rick Bogert, Scotiabank, SeaDream, Sevenstar Yacht Transports, Smith-Merritt Insurance, STCR - Fidelity, Travelers Insurance, Tunaskin Aquatic Apparel, Vanmark Inc., Viking Yachts, Weather Routing Inc. For more about our sponsors, please visit www.LStournaments.com and click on Links.



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WBS QUALIFYING EVENT

The Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown is sanctioned by the World Billfish Series (WBS). Anglers competing in the Los Sueños tournaments who wish to earn points for the WBS World Tour and compete for points in the Pacific Rim Division need to become a WBS Member. For further information, please visit www.wbs.com.

OWC QUALIFYING EVENT

The top team from each leg of the Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown will be eligible to compete in the 2014 Offshore World Championship. For further information, please visit www.offshorechampionship.com.

ABOUT THE LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN

2014 marks the 1st 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 2014 are Leg I: January 22-25, 2014, Leg II: February 26 – March 1, 2014, and Leg III: March 12-15, 2014.

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 what is the world's best sport fishing waters. Information on Los Sueños Resort and Marina is available online at www.lsrn.com.

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1st Place:

Boat Name:	XTA SEA
Make:	Hatteras
Model:	60
Captain:	John Lagrone
Anglers:	Alexis Chamorro
	Julio Chamorro
	Emilio Munkel





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2nd Place:

Boat Name:	SPANISH FLY
Make:	Maverick
Model:	42
Captain:	Daniel Espinoza
Anglers:	Larry Drivon
	Richard Lebo
	J Godwin





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3rd Place:

Boat Name:	SEA ANGEL
Make:	Custom F&S
Model:	53
Captain:	BC Angel
Anglers:	Greg Angel
	Austin Angel
	James Lagrone
	Mike Hardy





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Top Angler:

Phil Arklin	GUNSMOKE
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OFFICIAL LEG I SCORES

Scores Last Updated on Saturday, Jan 25, 2014 07:11 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	Xta Sea	23	0	3:07 PM	2300	23	0	3:31 PM	2300	32	0	3:35 PM	3200	78	0	7800
2	Spanish Fly	20	0	3:37 PM	2000	21	0	1:31 PM	2100	27	0	3:57 PM	2700	68	0	6800
3	Sea Angel	21	0	3:41 PM	2100	21	1	3:26 PM	2600	21	0	4:01 PM	2100	63	1	6800
4	Blue Eagle	24	0	3:32 PM	2400	22	0	3:57 PM	2200	20	0	4:02 PM	2000	66	0	6600
5	SeaFix	21	0	3:38 PM	2100	13	0	3:13 PM	1300	26	1	3:12 PM	3100	60	1	6500
6	Pelese	30	0	3:37 PM	3000	12	0	3:47 PM	1200	23	0	3:50 PM	2300	65	0	6500
7	Enjoy	18	0	3:15 PM	1800	25	0	3:52 PM	2500	22	0	4:03 PM	2200	65	0	6500
8	Fuujin	19	0	2:04 PM	1900	17	0	4:02 PM	1700	26	0	4:04 PM	2600	62	0	6200
9	Team Release Marine	15	0	3:19 PM	1500	22	0	3:30 PM	2200	25	0	4:04 PM	2500	62	0	6200
10	Gunsmoke	25	0	3:48 PM	2500	14	0	4:01 PM	1400	22	0	3:50 PM	2200	61	0	6100
11	Dragin Fly	6	0	2:19 PM	600	34	0	3:33 PM	3400	21	0	4:02 PM	2100	61	0	6100
12	Pescadora	28	0	3:58 PM	2800	14	0	3:06 PM	1400	18	0	3:40 PM	1800	60	0	6000
13	Wire We Here	14	0	4:02 PM	1400	24	0	3:50 PM	2400	17	1	3:40 PM	2200	55	1	6000
14	Cest Tout Bon	12	0	3:55 PM	1200	25	0	2:26 PM	2500	23	0	4:02 PM	2300	60	0	6000
15	Reel Screamer	11	0	1:37 PM	1100	21	0	3:53 PM	2100	22	1	3:54 PM	2700	54	1	5900
16	HT Hook	16	0	2:57 PM	1600	25	0	4:01 PM	2500	17	0	2:39 PM	1700	58	0	5800
17	Family and Friends	17	1	3:11 PM	2200	7	0	10:37 PM	700	29	0	3:52 PM	2900	53	1	5800
18	Miss Behavin	17	0	2:47 PM	1700	14	0	3:45 PM	1400	27	0	4:03 PM	2700	58	0	5800
19	Let it Ride	15	0	3:55 PM	1500	19	0	2:52 PM	1900	23	0	3:21 PM	2300	57	0	5700
20	Muy Caliente	25	0	3:18 PM	2500	5	1	3:27 PM	1000	22	0	3:53 PM	2200	52	1	5700
21	Uno Mas	16	1	3:09 PM	2100	14	0	3:53 PM	1400	22	0	4:01 PM	2200	52	1	5700
22	Rum Runner	18	0	3:46 PM	1800	20	0	3:58 PM	2000	18	0	4:01 PM	1800	56	0	5600
23	Penny Perfect	20	0	3:36 PM	2000	13	0	3:17 PM	1300	21	0	3:46 PM	2100	54	0	5400
24	Tuna Bite	10	0	3:55 PM	1000	14	0	3:24 PM	1400	30	0	3:57 PM	3000	54	0	5400
25	Team Galati	13	0	3:58 PM	1300	19	0	3:59 PM	1900	21	0	3:44 PM	2100	53	0	5300
26	Sweet Dreams	14	0	3:58 PM	1400	18	0	3:51 PM	1800	20	0	3:30 PM	2000	52	0	5200
27	Clean Sweep	18	0	3:57 PM	1800	13	1	4:02 PM	1800	15	0	3:49 PM	1500	46	1	5100
28	Boo Lo	6	2	3:35 PM	1600	15	0	3:57 PM	1500	16	0	2:38 PM	1600	37	2	4700
29	Tijereta	18	0	3:44 PM	1800	13	0	3:53 PM	1300	16	0	3:05 PM	1600	47	0	4700
30	Mjoliner	17	0	3:57 PM	1700	18	0	3:24 PM	1800	11	0	2:46 PM	1100	46	0	4600
31	After You	19	0	3:14 PM	1900	10	0	3:55 PM	1000	16	0	3:50 PM	1600	45	0	4500
32	Irish Ayes	19	0	4:05 PM	1900	14	0	2:21 PM	1400	12	0	3:52 PM	1200	45	0	4500
33	Nemesis	8	0	4:03 PM	800	17	0	2:53 PM	1700	18	0	3:21 PM	1800	43	0	4300
34	Eternal Summer	16	0	3:49 PM	1600	13	0	3:52 PM	1300	14	0	3:43 PM	1400	43	0	4300
35	Vintage	19	0	2:06 PM	1900	10	0	3:33 PM	1000	13	0	3:21 PM	1300	42	0	4200
36	Drum Roll	17	0	3:30 PM	1700	8	0	3:37 PM	800	14	0	3:08 PM	1400	39	0	3900
37	Morgasm	14	0	3:16 PM	1400	10	0	1:17 PM	1000	10	0	2:10 PM	1000	34	0	3400
38	Marlin Darlin	10	0	3:53 PM	1000	16	1	3:49 PM	2100	3	0	2:34 PM	300	29	1	3400
39	El Chupacabra	9	0	2:20 PM	900	13	0	3:53 PM	1300	12	0	3:57 PM	1200	34	0	3400
40	Tres Amigos	9	0	3:35 PM	900	10	0	3:41 PM	1000	13	0	3:02 PM	1300	32	0	3200
41	Gringo Honeymoon	12	0	1:38 PM	1200	10	0	3:59 PM	1000	9	0	3:52 PM	900	31	0	3100
42	Outlaw	13	0	3:47 PM	1300	7	0	3:56 PM	700	7	0	12:46 PM	700	27	0	2700
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