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LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN BECOMES A MARLIN TOURNAMENT – Leg 1 of the 2017 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown achieves a phenomenal 212 marlin releases by 50 participating boats in just 3 days

Los Sueños Resort and Marina, located at Playa Herradura on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, held the first leg of the 2017 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown billfish series, presented by Chantilly Air January 18-21. A total of 50 of the world's most competitive billfishing teams comprised of 237 individual anglers challenged each other over three days of fishing, releasing a total of 997 billfish, including 785 sails and 212 marlin. The lesson this leg? That there is only one thing that can consistently be said about fishing – it's unpredictable!

DAY 1

Three minutes after lines in on the first day *Blue Eagle* called in a marlin hook up, which they would go on to release 11 minutes later. By 9:59 am the 13 marlin had been released, including a double marlin release by *Enjoy* at 9:31 am. By the same time 97 sails had been released. Despite their double marlin release, *Enjoy* was third in the pack with their 1,100 points at the 10:00 am update, with *Blue Eagle* in lead on time with 1,200 points, followed by *Big Oh* in second with 1,200 points. At midday it was still *Blue Eagle* at the top of the leaderboard, now with 2,000 points, followed by *Sea Fix* with 1,400 points and *Dealers Choice* with 1,400 points. The fleet had released 160 sails and 29 marlin. By the end of the day a total of 316 sails and 66 marlin had been released and *Tranquilo*, after releasing four marlin – three of which were released between 3:20 pm and 3:52 om - and 13 sails for 3300 points, ended up at the top of the leaderboard, followed by *Tarheel* with 3100 points (11 sails and 4 marlin) and *Agitator* with 2800 points (13 sails and 3 marlin).

DAY 2

Once again *Blue Eagle* was first to call in to Tournament Control on Day 2 with a sailfish release at 8:05 am. Within an hour of the first release a total of 6 marlin and 29 sails. *Big Oh* released a sail at exactly 10:00 am bringing the total fish count to 70 billfish, including 12 marlin and 58 sails. Rounding out the top three boats was *Tranquilo* in first with 4200 points, *Agitator* in second with 3400 points and *Tarheel* in third with 3100 points. Four hours later *Xta Sea* bumped *Tarheel* out of the standings, taking third with 3800 points, behind *Agitator* in second with 3900 points and

Tranquilo still at the top with 5200 points. Proof that this was a marlin tournament if ever there were one, *Marlin Darlin* released five marlin and ended the day in fourteenth place overall, *Xta Sea* released a two day total of 7 marlin and 4 sails and was in seventh in the overall standings going in to Day 3. Numero Uno released a marlin at 4:17 pm and Sea Angel battled a 600 pound blue marlin from 3:48 pm until 5:27 pm, when they called in the last fish of the day. The fleet released a total of 218 sails and 57 marlin on Day 2, for a two-day total of 534 sails and 123 marlin. It was *Tranquilo* in first going in to Day 3 though, with 17 sails and 7 marlin releases for a two-day score of 5200 points, followed by *Agitator* in second on time with 4200 points after releasing 22 sails and 4 marlin, and *Blue Eagle* in third, also on time, with 17 sail and 5 marlin releases, over On Location in fourth.

DAY 3

Agitator called in with the first release of Day 3, a sail, at 8:05 am. By noon the marlin count had reached 30 for the day and the fleet had released 90 sails. In the standings *Off Duty* managed to nudge *Tranquilo* out of first, taking the top position with 5500 points. *Tranquilo* was in second with 5300 points and *Fish Tank* made their way on to the leaderboard in third with 5100 points. Things picked up considerably in the afternoon and for the first time ever a boat called in a sextuple marlin release – *Enjoy* reported six simultaneous marlin releases at 1:27 pm on Day 3. One for the record book. By 2:00 pm *Alpha Bravo* enjoyed top position with 6200 points, on time over *Reel Screamer*, and followed by *Enjoy* in third with 6100 points. At 2:01 though, *Xta Sea* took top position with a 200 point lead over *Alpha Bravo* after releasing a marlin. The top seven boats were all in contention for first place overall. *D.A. Sea* had a nice run with a triple marlin release at 2:44 pm, as did *Agitator* with a triple marlin release at, according to the radio log, 3:33 pm. After all the scores were checked and the fish counted, the final three-day tally came to 997 billfish, including 785 sails and 212 marlin, 89 of which were released on Day 3 alone. *Xta Sea* was the (almost) silent contender, not even showing up on the leaderboard until 2:01 pm on Day 3 and finishing in first place overall with 6600 points after releasing 6 sails and 12 marlin. *Agitator* came in second with 30 sails and 7 marlin for 6500 points, followed by *Enjoy* in third, on time, with 13 sail and 10 marlin releases for 6300 points. *Big Oh* was close, releasing their final fish of the tournament – a sail and a marlin – at 4:03 pm, for fourth overall.

BACK STORIES

Team *Xta Sea*, headed by Alexis Chamorro, fished aboard Reel Doc, a 61' Viking captained by Ronnie Riebe. Alexis and fellow anglers Julio Chamorro, Emilio Munkel and Jacob Graves, have been fishing Los Sueños tournaments for over a decade. They placed eighth on Day 1, seventh on Day 2 and won first place in the 2014 Triple Crown Leg 1. This tournament they were the silent thunder, releasing few fish but making them count by focusing on the marlin. *Xta Sea* is the only team from Nicaragua and was proud to represent their country.

Agitator, a 51' Scarborough, participated in the Los Sueños tournaments for the first time in 2016, in which they ended up taking first in both the second and third legs, as well as Series Champion. This family team, captained by Jon Duffie, with anglers Jonathan Duffie, Jeremy Duffie, Judith Duffie, Danny Gough and Charles Gerlach finished third on Day 1 and second on Day 2.

Enjoy, a 55' Revenge captained by Andy Helms, was not expecting their third place finish when their name was called at the awards ceremony. Representing the Triple Crown presenting Sponsor, Chantilly Air, it was a pleasure to invite them back on stage after being the Series Champion of the 2014 Triple Crown. *Enjoy* finished ninth on Day 1 and twenty-fifth on Day 2, but their sextuple marlin release on Day 3 landed them in third place overall, giving anglers John Gudelsky, Jason Brown, Frank Tardonia and Michael Murray something to write home about.

On behalf of the tournament committee, a heartfelt congratulations to all of the participants!

CASH PRIZES & AWARDS

Over 700 guests came together under the stars at the Los Sueños Beach Club to enjoy a phenomenal buffet dinner and a live musical performance by Chocolate. 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 Christenson and Adam Moffat. The ceremony was closed out by a spectacular fireworks display by Faisa and a jam-packed after party with DJ Charlie Stevens was hosted at the Terrace Lounge in the Los Sueños Marina Village. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of $172,000 in cash, as well as other prizes provided by tournament sponsors.

1st	**$86,000**	**Xta Sea: 6,600 points, 6 sails and 12 marlin**
2nd	**$51,600**	**Agitator: 6,500 points, 30 sails and 7 marlin**
3rd	**$34,400**	**Enjoy: 6,300 points, 13 sails and 10 marlin**

Trophies by Gray Taxidermy

Other prizes and awards by: Tunaskin- apparel; Steve Goione- framed prints of the 2017 Triple Crown tournament art; Costa– sunglasses for the winning anglers; Tito's Vodka; and Flor de Caña- aged rum.

TOP ANGLER

Congratulations to Hubert Lagane of *Alpha Bravo* for releasing 3 sails and 5 marlin over the three days for 2800 individual points and landing the distinction of Top Angler for Leg 1.

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): A.G. Marine Services, BLP Legal, Bristol Marine Supply/Los Sueños Resort Wear, Canvas Designers, Caterpillar/Matra, Chantilly Air, Clinica Herradura, Costa Sunglasses, Costa Rica Dreams Sport Fishing, CR Luxury, CR Marine/Gato Gordo, Cummins, Fish Track official weather provider, Flor de Caña, Galati International Yacht Sales, GMRgold, Gray Taxidermy, Gregory Poole GP Link, Grupo Mecsa, Marriott Hotel, Maverick Yachts, Natural Instinct, Los Sueños Resort and Marina, Poms & Associates, Promerica Bank, RK Creative Productions, Sevenstar Yacht Transport, Steve Goione Marine Artist, Tito's Vodka, Tunaskin Aquatic Apparel, Vanmark Inc., Viking Yachts. For more about our sponsors, please visit www.LStournaments.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 2017 Offshore World Championship. For further information, please visit www.offshorechampionship.com.

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2017 marks the 4th 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 2017 are Leg II: February 22-25, and Leg III: March 22-25.

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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.lossuenosproperties.com.

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1st Place:

Boat Name:	**XTA SEA FISHING ON REEL DOC**
Make:	**VIKING**
Model:	**61**
Captain:	**Ronnie Riebe**
Anglers:	**Alexis Chamorro**
	Julio Chamorro
	Emilio Munkel
	Jacob Graves

2nd Place:

Boat Name:	**AGITATOR**
Make:	**Scarborough**
Model:	**51**
Captain:	**Jon Duffie**
Anglers:	**Jonathan Duffie**
	Judith Duffie
	Danny Gough
	Charles Gerlach

3rd Place:

Boat Name:	**ENJOY**
Make:	**Revenge**
Model:	**55**
Captain:	**Andy Helms**
Anglers:	**John Gudelsky**
	Jason Brown
	Frank Tardonia
	Michael Murray

Top Angler

Name:	**Hubert Lagane**
Boat:	**Alpha Bravo**

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OFFICIAL SCORES LEG 1: January 18-21

	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	3	4	3:52 PM	2300	1	3	3:51 PM	1600	2	5	3:12 PM	2700	6	12	6600
2	Agitator	13	3	3:48 PM	2800	9	1	2:27 PM	1400	8	3	3:32 PM	2300	30	7	6500
3	Enjoy	6	3	2:53 PM	2100	1	0	9:29 AM	100	6	7	2:47 PM	4100	13	10	6300
4	Big Oh	10	3	2:15 PM	2500	7	1	3:28 PM	1200	11	3	4:03 PM	2600	28	7	6300
5	Alpha Bravo	8	2	3:30 PM	1800	1	3	2:12 PM	1600	3	5	1:32 PM	2800	12	10	6200
6	On Location	5	3	3:27 PM	2000	7	3	3:51 PM	2200	10	2	3:13 PM	2000	22	8	6200
7	Tranquilo	13	4	3:52 PM	3300	4	3	1:02 PM	1900	5	1	3:41 PM	1000	22	8	6200
8	Off Duty	4	0	12:41 PM	400	11	4	3:17 PM	3100	1	5	1:47 PM	2600	16	9	6100
9	Fish Tank	11	1	3:08 PM	1600	8	2	3:40 PM	1800	5	4	3:30 PM	2500	24	7	5900
10	Reel Screamer	6	0	1:43 PM	600	3	4	3:17 PM	2300	10	4	3:31 PM	3000	19	8	5900
11	Tarheel	11	4	4:00 PM	3100	8	0	3:27 PM	800	9	1	4:02 PM	1400	28	5	5300
12	Caliente	9	1	3:48 PM	1400	11	3	2:50 PM	2600	6	1	3:20 PM	1100	26	5	5100
13	Dealers Choice	13	1	3:47 PM	1800	6	2	2:48 PM	1600	6	2	2:21 PM	1600	25	5	5000
14	Pescadora	4	3	3:35 PM	1900	3	1	3:44 PM	800	7	3	3:43 PM	2200	14	7	4900
15	Blue Eagle	8	3	1:51 PM	2300	9	2	3:48 PM	1900	6	0	3:08 PM	600	23	5	4800
16	Pelese	8	1	3:36 PM	1300	8	1	3:49 PM	1300	5	3	3:54 PM	2000	21	5	4600
17	Family and Friends	2	0	3:02 PM	200	4	4	3:42 PM	2400	4	3	3:59 PM	1900	10	7	4500
18	Sea Fix	16	2	3:42 PM	2600	4	1	3:40 PM	900	2	1	12:23 PM	700	22	4	4200
19	Mjoliner	4	3	2:08 PM	1900	8	0	3:25 PM	800	4	2	2:42 PM	1400	16	5	4100
20	Hooray	2	2	1:54 PM	1200	4	1	3:29 PM	900	4	3	1:57 PM	1900	10	6	4000
21	Morgasm	5	2	3:16 PM	1500	4	1	2:04 PM	900	5	2	3:42 PM	1500	14	5	3900
22	Sea Angel	5	0	3:58 PM	500	9	1	5:27 PM	1400	9	2	3:32 PM	1900	23	3	3800
23	Smooth Move	8	3	3:28 PM	2300	2	0	2:31 PM	200	7	1	4:02 PM	1200	17	4	3700
24	Pez Collector	10	1	12:59 PM	1500	2	0	11:10 AM	200	4	3	2:38 PM	1900	16	4	3600
25	No Agenda	10	1	3:56 PM	1500	0	2	2:36 PM	1000	1	2	4:03 PM	1100	11	5	3600
26	Shoe	3	2	2:36 PM	1300	6	1	3:37 PM	1100	6	1	3:51 PM	1100	15	4	3500
27	Marlin Darlin	6	0	2:48 PM	600	0	5	3:29 PM	2500	2	0	11:25 AM	200	8	5	3300
28	Da Sea	3	0	3:27 PM	300	1	2	1:22 PM	1100	4	3	3:24 PM	1900	8	5	3300
29	Plan B	11	0	4:00 PM	1100	8	0	3:36 PM	800	4	2	3:58 PM	1400	23	2	3300
30	Jaruco	4	3	3:03 PM	1900	4	0	3:04 PM	400	8	0	3:11 PM	800	16	3	3100
31	Outlaw	9	0	3:04 PM	900	4	1	3:47 PM	900	7	1	3:16 PM	1200	20	2	3000
32	Boo Lo	3	2	3:58 PM	1300	5	0	3:34 PM	500	2	2	3:29 PM	1200	10	4	3000
33	Southern Pride	4	1	2:36 PM	900	6	1	3:58 PM	1100	5	1	3:32 PM	1000	15	3	3000
34	Wire We Here	4	0	3:55 PM	400	2	1	2:56 PM	700	9	1	2:03 PM	1400	15	2	2500
35	Team Galati	12	0	3:49 PM	1200	4	0	1:41 PM	400	2	1	1:07 PM	700	18	1	2300
36	Singularis	5	2	2:37 PM	1500	2	0	3:33 PM	200	1	1	2:05 PM	600	8	3	2300
37	Spanish Fly	5	0	3:18 PM	500	1	1	1:07 PM	600	7	1	3:09 PM	1200	13	2	2300
38	Numero Uno	0	0		0	2	2	4:17 PM	1200	1	2	3:10 PM	1100	3	4	2300
39	Dragin Fly	4	1	4:01 PM	900	5	0	2:21 PM	500	9	0	3:31 PM	900	18	1	2300
40	Sueltalo (on Angeles)	3	0	1:10 PM	300	3	0	11:04 AM	300	0	3	10:47 AM	1500	6	3	2100
41	Gunsmoke	3	1	4:02 PM	800	8	0	4:03 PM	800	5	0	2:42 PM	500	16	1	2100
42	Caramba	8	1	3:35 PM	1300	4	0	3:32 PM	400	2	0	1:06 PM	200	14	1	1900
43	Perfeita (on Sea Fly)	2	2	3:35 PM	1200	2	0	1:20 PM	200	5	0	3:02 PM	500	9	2	1900
44	Uno Mas	13	0	3:17 PM	1300	2	0	9:28 AM	200	4	0	4:02 PM	400	19	0	1900
45	Bob Along	4	0	1:52 PM	400	2	0	3:37 PM	200	4	1	11:36 AM	900	10	1	1500
46	Good Times	3	1	4:01 PM	800	3	0	3:02 PM	300	3	0	1:21 PM	300	9	1	1400
47	First Light	7	0	3:12 PM	700	2	0	10:07 AM	200	4	0	1:44 PM	400	13	0	1300
48	Fionna	2	0	1:25 PM	200	3	0	3:22 PM	300	7	0	1:21 PM	700	12	0	1200
49	Reinas de Costa (on Geaux Fly)	1	0	2:33 PM	100	1	0	1:20 PM	100	5	1	1:37 PM	1000	7	1	1200
50	Just B	3	0	1:26 PM	300	4	0	2:25 PM	400	5	0	3:46 PM	500	12	0	1200
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