



## 2018 Observer Information Guide

### 2018 TOURNAMENT DATES:

Leg One: January 17 – 20 // Leg Two: February 28 – March 3 // Leg Three: March 21 – 24

### *THE INVITATION*

Certified Observers are a key part of the Los Sueños tournaments. We value your commitment to the sport of billfishing and your support of our events. Every year we welcome dozens of observers from the U.S. and Costa Rica. In order to qualify to observe in the Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown tournaments you need to be certified by the IGFTO, IGFA or by the Los Sueños Observer Certification Program (LSOCP) and submit the Observer application form. Observers are selected on their fishing experience and by their physical ability to be stationed in the cockpit, near the action. We are looking forward to this upcoming tournament season and hope to see many familiar faces and introduce new observers to our resort and tournaments.

**Transportation:** Observers need to coordinate their own flights, transportation and lodging. Transancho airport shuttle offers a discounted rate for observers. Contact Vanessa for reservations: US phone: (607)330-0688, [info@transancho.com](mailto:info@transancho.com) or book online at [www.transancho.com](http://www.transancho.com).

**Lodging:** Costa Rica Luxury Rentals offers a 30% discount for observers on condominium rentals. Call toll-free: 866-525-2188, direct: 011-506-2637-7105 or e-mail [info@crluxury.com](mailto:info@crluxury.com) for more information. [www.crluxury.com](http://www.crluxury.com).

There is also an onsite Marriott Hotel and many lodging options are available in the nearby beach town of Jaco which is only a 10 minute taxi ride away with a large selection of hotels and condominiums.

**Meals:** A light breakfast including muffins, fresh fruit, juice and coffee is served daily at The Hook Up, starting at 5 am. Lunch is provided by the boats. The evening of registration, the first and second fishing days we host a dockside cocktail and heavy “bocas” for dinner, and there is a wonderful awards gala and impressive buffet dinner the last evening at the Los Sueños Beach Club.

**Payment:** Observers will receive \$100 per fishing day (\$300 per tournament) to help offset expenses.

## *SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

Day One

### **WEDNESDAY** Registration Day

- 4 pm – 5 pm: Check-in and registration for Observers with Tina Mueller under the Tournament Tent
- 5 pm – 6 pm: Mandatory Tournament Meeting for Captains and Observers, snacks and beverages provided

Days Two & Three

### **THURSDAY** Day 1 Fishing & **FRIDAY** Day 2 Fishing

- 5 am – 5:30 am: Observer assignments handed out at the Hook Up; Breakfast: Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Juice provided for Observers; Observers must be on boats by 5:45 am
- 6 am or sooner Boats can leave the marina and go to fishing grounds (or as soon as Tournament Control confirms all Observers have checked in and observer is on boat)
- 8 am – 4 pm: Fishing hours; Lunch: Provided by boat
- 5 pm – 8 pm: Dinner: Dockside cocktail and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the tent area
- 7 pm: or sooner Scorecards must be in to Tournament Committee at the Tournament Tent

Day Four

### **SATURDAY** Day 3 Fishing & Awards Banquet

- 5 am – 5:45 am: Observer assignments handed out at the Hook Up; Breakfast: Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Juice provided for Observers; Observers must be on boats by 5:45 am
- 6 am or sooner: Boats can leave the marina and go to fishing grounds (or as soon as Tournament Control confirms all Observers have checked in and observer is on boat)
- 8 am – 4 pm: Fishing hours; Lunch: Provided by boat
- 7 pm or sooner: Scorecards must be in to Tournament Committee at the Marina Entrance
- 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm: Dinner: Awards banquet and ceremony at the Los Sueños Beach Club



*STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW.*

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