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## **2018 LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN ENJOYS A STRONG MARLIN BITE**

**For the second year in a row, the first leg of the Los Sueños Triple Crown is all about the marlin**

Los Sueños Resort and Marina, located at Playa Herradura on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, held the first leg of the 2018 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown billfish series, presented by Chantilly Air January 17-20. A total of 49 of the world's most competitive billfishing teams comprised of 236 individual anglers challenged each other over three days of fishing, releasing a total of 598 billfish, including 457 sails and 141 marlin. Nearly one out of every three fish released was a marlin.

### **DAY 1**

It was *Family and Friends* that got the tournament started, calling in a marlin hook up at 8:03 am on the first day of fishing, releasing it just two minutes later. It took *On Location* a little more effort to achieve the same 500 points though, releasing five sailfish at 8:06 am, followed by a double sailfish release at 8:12 am for an early lead. By 1:12 pm *Geaux Fly* had taken over the lead with a marlin release, fish number 157. The fish numbers called out by tournament control represent the total number of billfish released to that point and by 2:00 pm the fleet had released 133 sails and 45 marlin to take them to fish number 178. At the end of the day *Geaux Fly* remained in top position with 2,700 points (2 sails, 5 marlin), *Wire We Here* was in second with 2,100 points (6 sails, 3 marlin), and *Tag Team II* finished third with 2,000 points on time (5 sails, 3 marlin), over *Tuna Trappe*.

### **DAY 2**

Fittingly, it was *First Light* to call in the first fish of Day 2 at 8:07 am. By 10:00 am the fleet had released a two-day total of 281 billfish, including 208 sails and 73 marlin. *Geaux Fly* still commanded a strong lead with 3,200 points, 800 points ahead of *Wire We Here* in second with 2,400 points and *Shoe* now in third with 2,300 points. *Agitator* though, the Series Champion from both the 2016 and 2018 Triple Crown tournaments, gained momentum after releasing the last fish of Day 1, a marlin, at 4:27 pm; by 12:00 pm on the second day of competition had plucked



away at the fish to take second place with 2,800 points on time, over *Wire We Here*. By the end of the day *Tag Team II* managed to squeeze *Geaux Fly* out of their top position, releasing a marlin at 3:32 pm and ending the day with 3,300 points (8 sails, 5 marlin). *Geaux Fly* finished second with 3,200 points (2 sails, 6 marlin), over *Agitator* in third with 3,100 points (6 sails, 5 marlin).

### **DAY 3**

Going into Day 3, *Geaux Fly* was not taking second place well and released the first two sails of Day 3 by 8:08 am, overtaking *Tag Team II* by 100 points. *Wire We Here* wanted back on the leaderboard and released a marlin at 8:55 am to overtake first. *Tag Team II*, up for the challenge, released a marlin at 9:50 am to move *Wire We Here* down the ladder. *Wire We Here* wasn't backing down though and released a marlin at 10:05 am to take first once again. By Noon *Wire We here* was still in first with 4,200 points, followed by *Tag Team II* with 4,100 points, and *On Location* in third with 3,600 points. *On Location* found the fish, releasing a marlin at 1:05 pm and moving to second, then releasing a sail at 2:01 pm for first. *Alpha Bravo*, a silent contender, moved to third position at 2:27 pm with a sailfish release. By 4:00 pm on the last day it was *Wire We Here* finishing in first with a three-day total of 4,700 points (17 sails, 6 marlin), *On Location* in second with 4,300 points (23 sails, 4 marlin), and *Tag Team II* in third with 4,100 points (11 sails, 6 marlin).

With a strong marlin bite, the stakes are much higher. It gives nearly any team in the top 10 a chance to win, and plenty of opportunity to all the teams to make big jumps in the standings. Take for example, *Blue Eagle*; they finished 10<sup>th</sup> on Day 2 and moved to 4<sup>th</sup> in the overall standings. *Dealer's Choice* finished 26<sup>th</sup> on Day 1 and moved to 7<sup>th</sup> overall. One marlin more or less makes all the difference.

### **BACK STORIES**

**3<sup>rd</sup>     \$34,000     *Tag Team II*: 4,100 points, 11 sails and 6 marlin**

*Tag Team II*, a 55' Viking captained by Victor Julio Lopez, with anglers Dan Lewis, John Sercu, Rick Nelson, Fred Michanie, Hector Moreno Muñoz, and Emilio Munkel, finished participated for the first time in the 2018 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown. The new boys on the dock finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on Day 1, and 1<sup>st</sup> on Day 2, and ended the competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Not too shabby for their first go in the tournament and on a new boat to boot.

**2<sup>nd</sup>     \$51,000     *On Location*: 4,300 points, 23 sails and 4 marlin**

*On Location*, a 57' Capps Sportfisher, captained by Drake Sawyer, has been participating in the Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown since 2015. This is their first podium finish. Anglers Paul Knowles, Darrell Atkins, David Bullock, Cameron Roberts, and Katie Coeckelenbergh fished their way to 7<sup>th</sup> place on Day 1, remained at 7<sup>th</sup> on Day 2, and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.



**1<sup>st</sup> \$85,000 Wire We Here: 4,700 points, 17 sails and 6 marlin**

*Wire We Here*, a 61' Garlington captained by Scotty Bob Jones, finished on the Triple Crown podium for the second time in their Los Sueños tournament career, having previously won 2<sup>nd</sup> place during the second leg of the 2015 series. Anglers Hunter "H Bone" Fleming, Steve "Bebo" White, Stephen Fleming, Mike Wells, and Arturo Nuñez López garnered the enthusiastic praise of owner, JR Fleming at Saturday night's awards ceremony. *Wire We Here* finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on Day 1, 4<sup>th</sup> on Day 2, and came in 1<sup>st</sup> for the overall tournament.

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

### **CASH PRIZES & AWARDS**

Over 700 guests came together under the stars at the Los Sueños Beach Club to enjoy a phenomenal buffet dinner and an interesting live musical performance by the electronic band, Patterns. 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 hosted for the first time at the Hook Up. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of \$170,000 in cash, as well as other prizes provided by tournament sponsors, including trophies by Gray Taxidermy, apparel by Tunaskin, framed prints of this year's tournament art by Steve Goione, YETI coolers, and Flor de Caña aged rum.

### **TOP ANGLER**

Congratulations to Eduardo Mata, otherwise known as "Macho", the Top Angler for this leg. Fishing on *Geaux Fly*, Macho achieved a total of 2,700 individual points over the three days competition after releasing 2 sails and 5 marlin, finishing 700 points ahead of the closest runner up.

### **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): BLP Legal, Bristol Marine Supply, Canvas Designers Costa Rica, Caterpillar/Matra, **Chantilly Air (presenting sponsor)**, Clinica Herradura, Costa, Costa Rica Dreams Sport Fishing, CR Luxury, CR Marine/Gato Gordo, Cummins, FishTrack official weather provider, Flor de Caña, Galati International Yacht Sales, Gray Taxidermy, Marriott, Maverick Yachts, MTU/Tractomotriz, Los Sueños Resort and Marina, Poms



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#### **OWC QUALIFYING EVENT**

The top team from each leg of the Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown will be eligible to compete in the 2018 Offshore World Championship. For further information, please visit [www.offshorechampionship.com](http://www.offshorechampionship.com).

#### **ABOUT THE LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN**

2018 marks the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 are Leg II: February 28 – March 3, and Leg III: March 21-24.

#### **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 world record-setting sport fishing waters. Information on Los Sueños Resort and Marina is available online at [www.lossuenos.com](http://www.lossuenos.com). Information on Los Sueños real estate properties is available online at [www.lossuenosproperties.com](http://www.lossuenosproperties.com).

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Chantilly Air  
LOS SUEÑOS  
Signature TRIPLE CROWN 2018

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

BOAT NAME:	WIRE WE HERE
MAKE:	GARLINGTON
MODEL:	61
CAPTAIN:	SCOTTY BOB JONES
ANGLERS:	HUNTER FLEMING
	STEPHEN FLEMING
	STEVE WHITE
	MIKE WELLS
	ARTURTO NUÑEZ LÓPEZ



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

BOAT NAME:	ON LOCATION
MAKE:	CAPPS SPORTFISHER
MODEL:	57
CAPTAIN:	DRAKE SAWYER
ANGLERS:	PAUL KNOWLES
	DARRELL ATKINS
	DAVID BULLOCK
	KATIE COECKELBERGH
	CAMERON ROBERTS





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

BOAT NAME:	<b>TAG TEAM II</b>
MAKE:	<b>VIKING</b>
MODEL:	<b>55</b>
CAPTAIN:	<b>VICTOR JULIO LÓPEZ</b>
ANGLERS:	<b>JOHN SERCU</b>
	<b>RICK NELSON</b>
	<b>FRED MICHANIE</b>
	<b>EMILIO MUNKEL</b>
	<b>DAN LEWIS</b>
	<b>HECTOR MORENO MUÑOZ</b>



## Top Angler

Name	<b>EDUARDO "MACHO" MATA</b>
Boat	<b>GEAUX FLY</b>





Scores Last Updated At  
Saturday, Jan 20, 2018  
06:34 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	Wire We Here	6	3	12:57 PM	2100	9	0	3:53 PM	900	2	3	3:15 PM	1700	17	6	4700
2	On Location	12	1	2:46 PM	1700	6	1	3:53 PM	1100	5	2	2:00 PM	1500	23	4	4300
3	Tag Team II	5	3	2:53 PM	2000	3	2	3:32 PM	1300	3	1	11:09 AM	800	11	6	4100
4	Blue Eagle (on Hooker)	1	2	3:39 PM	1100	9	1	3:44 PM	1400	5	2	3:11 PM	1500	15	5	4000
5	Geaux Fly	2	5	3:31 PM	2700	0	1	9:45 AM	500	3	0	11:11 AM	300	5	6	3500
6	Agitator	3	2	4:27 PM	1300	3	3	2:50 PM	1800	3	0	12:10 PM	300	9	5	3400
7	Dealers Choice	3	1	2:12 PM	800	2	1	1:21 PM	700	4	3	2:33 PM	1900	9	5	3400
8	Tarheel	8	0	3:10 PM	800	12	1	3:25 PM	1700	3	1	10:58 AM	800	23	2	3300
9	Morgasm	3	2	11:50 AM	1300	2	1	1:45 PM	700	3	2	1:15 PM	1300	8	5	3300
10	Fa La Me	3	0	3:35 PM	300	2	2	3:30 PM	1200	1	3	1:37 PM	1600	6	5	3100
11	Gunsmoke	2	2	3:20 PM	1200	1	2	4:01 PM	1100	3	1	2:51 PM	800	6	5	3100
12	Alpha Bravo	7	1	2:42 PM	1200	6	2	2:35 PM	1600	2	0	2:23 PM	200	15	3	3000
13	Shoe	2	3	2:10 PM	1700	2	2	2:50 PM	1200	0	0		0	4	5	2900
14	Outlaw	2	1	11:34 AM	700	5	1	3:14 PM	1000	7	1	2:57 PM	1200	14	3	2900
15	Scandalous	4	0	2:20 PM	400	5	3	2:43 PM	2000	3	0	12:56 PM	300	12	3	2700
16	The King and I	8	1	2:49 PM	1300	0	1	3:20 PM	500	4	1	1:47 PM	900	12	3	2700
17	Tuna Trappe	5	3	3:21 PM	2000	5	0	1:33 PM	500	2	0	2:13 PM	200	12	3	2700
18	Sea Fix	2	2	3:36 PM	1200	3	0	3:06 PM	300	2	2	2:42 PM	1200	7	4	2700
19	Big Oh	1	2	11:20 AM	1100	9	0	4:02 PM	900	2	1	3:14 PM	700	12	3	2700
20	D.A. Sea	3	3	3:00 PM	1800	0	0		0	3	1	1:35 PM	800	6	4	2600
21	Family and Friends	3	1	3:42 PM	800	3	2	3:05 PM	1300	5	0	2:16 PM	500	11	3	2600
22	Sea Angel	3	1	3:49 PM	800	4	1	3:16 PM	900	4	1	3:20 PM	900	11	3	2600
23	Goose	5	1	3:17 PM	1000	4	1	2:03 PM	900	6	0	12:49 PM	600	15	2	2500
24	Billfish	3	0	2:39 PM	300	2	1	12:54 PM	700	5	2	3:36 PM	1500	10	3	2500

25	Caramba	4	1	12:42 PM	900	1	1	2:08 PM	600	5	1	4:10 PM	1000	10	3	2500
26	Dragin Fly	3	2	4:01 PM	1300	4	0	9:53 AM	400	1	1	2:49 PM	600	8	3	2300
27	Reel Screamer	1	2	2:57 PM	1100	1	0	1:10 PM	100	6	1	3:38 PM	1100	8	3	2300
28	Spanish Fly	4	1	3:22 PM	900	1	2	3:53 PM	1100	3	0	10:13 AM	300	8	3	2300
29	Smooth Move	3	1	1:52 PM	800	2	0	9:44 AM	200	2	2	2:56 PM	1200	7	3	2200
30	Uno Mas	5	0	12:46 PM	500	5	2	2:48 PM	1500	1	0	2:22 PM	100	11	2	2100
31	Big Deal	5	1	1:32 PM	1000	3	0	1:08 PM	300	3	1	3:15 PM	800	11	2	2100
32	Numero Uno	4	0	1:03 PM	400	1	0	2:03 PM	100	5	2	2:22 PM	1500	10	2	2000
33	Jaruco	7	1	12:14 PM	1200	4	0	2:52 PM	400	4	0	3:07 PM	400	15	1	2000
34	Perfeita	0	3	2:22 PM	1500	1	0	10:29 AM	100	2	0	9:48 AM	200	3	3	1800
35	Enjoy	4	0	3:58 PM	400	3	1	11:33 AM	800	0	1	10:25 AM	500	7	2	1700
36	First Light	5	0	2:22 PM	500	2	1	12:05 PM	700	5	0	3:20 PM	500	12	1	1700
37	Tranquilo	5	0	3:14 PM	500	4	1	3:22 PM	900	1	0	9:48 AM	100	10	1	1500
38	Plan B	5	1	3:28 PM	1000	3	0	4:00 PM	300	2	0	2:41 PM	200	10	1	1500
39	Marlin Darlin	2	0	2:07 PM	200	2	1	12:19 PM	700	1	1	3:27 PM	600	5	2	1500
40	Fish Tank	5	0	3:56 PM	500	3	1	2:25 PM	800	2	0	3:39 PM	200	10	1	1500
41	Reel Pushy	1	0	3:32 PM	100	2	2	2:43 PM	1200	1	0	9:18 AM	100	4	2	1400
42	Pez Collector	1	1	12:50 PM	600	0	0		0	2	1	1:43 PM	700	3	2	1300
43	Hooray (on Game On)	1	1	11:59 AM	600	0	0		0	2	1	2:19 PM	700	3	2	1300
44	Team Galati	0	1	8:14 AM	500	0	1	8:54 AM	500	3	0	2:55 PM	300	3	2	1300
45	Tijereta	0	2	10:03 AM	1000	1	0	9:13 AM	100	1	0	8:49 AM	100	2	2	1200
46	Huntress	6	0	1:55 PM	600	3	0	12:29 PM	300	1	0	9:01 AM	100	10	0	1000
47	War Party	3	0	12:24 PM	300	0	1	9:45 AM	500	2	0	10:07 AM	200	5	1	1000
48	Mjolinir	1	0	2:08 PM	100	0	1	2:03 PM	500	1	0	9:07 AM	100	2	1	700
49	HT Hook	3	0	2:37 PM	300	3	0	3:59 PM	300	1	0	2:09 PM	100	7	0	700

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