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2017 LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN COMES TO A CLOSE – Leg 3 of the 4th Annual Series finishes with a touchdown by Sea Angel and an undisputed Series Champion

Los Sueños Resort and Marina, located at Playa Herradura on Costa Rica's Central Pacific Coast, held the third and final leg of the 2017 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown billfish series, presented by Chantilly Air, March 22-25. Hailed as the Super Bowl of sport fishing, this final event of the 2017 series brought together 50 of the world's most competitive billfishing teams, comprised of 147 individual anglers, to compete over three days of fishing culminating in the release of 509 billfish, including 462 sails and 47 marlin.

DAY 1

First Light, who finished third in Leg 2, called in the first fish of the tournament at 8:11 am on Thursday morning. The first marlin hook up was called in at 8:39 am by *Fish Tank* and released just two minutes later. By 10:00 am *Outlaw*, *Pez Collector* and *Fish Tank* were all on the leaderboard, each having released a marlin. By the same time, 39 billfish releases had been reported to tournament control. Word on the docks going into the final leg of the series was that fishing would be slow. Measured by Los Sueños standards it was; however, fewer fish does not mean less excitement. In fact, this time around it mean that each and every fish counted and just one sailfish release could result in an instant change in the standings, while a marlin could catapult a team to the top. At 10:55 am *Big Deal* released their first marlin, followed by another at 11:37 am and then marlin number three for the team at 11:49 am. They had hit a nice pocket of marlin and shortly thereafter, with a sailfish release, they commanded an impressive lead. At 2:15 pm *Sea Angel* called in a marlin release, after a three hour and eleven minute fight by angler Austin Angel. The estimated 600-pound blue marlin put on an amazing battle before its release. Positions changed quickly with each marlin release, so it was *Big Deal* ahead of *Team Galati* and *Numero Uno* by 2:20 pm.

By the end of the first day a total of 169 billfish, including 24 marlin, were reported over the tournament radio with *Big Deal* leading the fleet with 1,600 points, on time over *Fish Tank*, and *First Light* rounding out the leaderboard in third position with 1,200 points.



DAY 2

We aren't making a "big deal" of it, but it was *Big Deal* calling in the first two fish of Day 2 just 3 minutes after lines in. *Agitator*, the top contender for the title of Series Champion, started to come back after a poor go of it on Thursday, with their first sailfish release of the leg at 8:08 am. It was a sign of what was to come. By 11:47 am *Agitator* had released seven more sails and hooked up on a marlin, releasing it at 11:51 am and shooting from nineteenth position into third. *Agitator* was back on track to do what they do best – "agitating" the rest of the fleet. *Fish Tank*, which had placed second on Day 1, moved into the lead and *Big Deal* was in second. By lines out at 4:00 pm *Agitator* had worked their way to the top after releasing a total of 12 sails and one marlin on Day 2 alone for a total of 2,300 points, followed by *Fish Tank* with 2,200 points and *First Light* in third with 2,100 points. By the end of Day 2 a total of 346 billfish were released, including 37 marlin and 309 sails.

DAY 3

The honor of first fish of the day went to *Team Galati* on Saturday morning, positioning them in sixth place right at the beginning. *Fish Tank* released a sail at 8:34 am, effectively closing the 100 point gap with *Agitator* left over from Day 2. *Smooth Move*, in fifth place for the Series Championship after Leg 2, released a double at 8:38 am, a single at 9:29 am and then another double at 10:00 am, to move third place with 2,300 points, behind *Fish Tank* and *Agitator* on time but all tied for points. *Sea Angel*, which is very familiar with the leaderboard and awards ceremony, was located in the middle of the pack midday, in thirteenth position. They enjoyed a good morning bite with 5 sails by midday; however, their fancy footwork resulting in a comeback touchdown with a field goal happened after halftime when angler Nolan Rauswinter released a marlin at 1:50 pm followed by 5 more sails and catapulting *Sea Angel* into first place with a total of 2,900 points and winning the third leg of the 2017 Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown Series. Congratulations! *First Light* showed great consistency throughout the tournament as well as the series, ending in second place with 2,700 points, followed by *Fish Tank* in third with 2,500 points.

After all was said and done, a total of 509 billfish were released during the third and final leg, including 47 marlin and 462 sails.

Agitator was the clear leader in the running to become 2017 Series Champion going in to the third leg, with a 1,200 point lead over the closest runner up, *Big Oh*. *Agitator* did as *Agitator* does and plucked away at the sailfish, ending in fifth place for Leg 3 and taking home the distinguished honor of being crown Triple Crown Champion, with an incredible 15,000 points over all three legs, after releasing 110 sailfish and 8 marlin in just nine days of fishing. In other words, a billfish was released by this family team every 36 minutes of competition.



BACK STORIES

SERIES CHAMPION – Agitator, a 51’ Scarborough, participated in the Los Sueños tournaments for the first time in 2016, where 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 is on fire, taking home the title of Series Champion for the second year in a row.

FIRST PLACE LEG III - Sea Angel, a 63’ F&S Boatworks with captain BC Angel at the Helm, is a legendary family team from Texas which has made Los Sueños Resort and Marina their second home since 2008. Since then, they have been on the winner’s podium several times, including as recently as the third leg of the 2016 Triple Crown where they finished third.

SECOND PLACE LEG III - First Light, is a 38’ Eastbay Boatworks captained by Corey Kennington, with anglers Jim Rodgers, Donny Moore, Gunnar Zorn, Ernie Eckelrode and Joseph Bolaños. This marks the second win for this team which scored third in the second Leg of 2017.

THIRD PLACE LEG III – Fish Tank, a 63’ Hatteras captained by Josh Ruskey, first arrived on the Los Suenos tournament scene in 2015, taking home their first win just one year later when they placed first in Leg 1 of the 2016 Triple Crown. This dynamic team has created a reputation for themselves as a top contender.

TOP ANGLER LEG III

Congratulations to John Henry of *Big Deal* for releasing 4 sails and 2 marlin over the three days for 1400 individual points.

TOP LADY ANGLER OVERALL SERIES

Laura Jessen of *Fish Tank* finished tenth overall out of over 310 total anglers in the Triple Crown series, after releasing a total of 18 sailfish and 4 marlin for 3,800 individual points.

TOP ANGLER OVERALL SERIES

Scott Rickert of *Reel Screamer* was awarded this top honor and presented with a beautifully designed 14-karat diamond studded championship ring. Over the 9 day of competition Scott released an astonishing 23 sailfish and 5 marlin for a total of 4,800 individual points.

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



CASH PRIZES & AWARDS

Over 750 guests came together under the stars at the Los Sueños Beach Club to enjoy a phenomenal buffet dinner and a live musical performance by Tico Jazz Band. 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, edited by Paige Sparks with our special host and TV personality Byron Velvick. During the ceremony, Editor-in-Chief of IntheBite Magazine presented their Captain of the Year award to Victor Julio Lopez of *Tranquilo*.

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 El Galeon Restaurant in the Los Sueños Marina Village. Tournament winners took to the stage to receive a total of \$272,000 in cash prizes, as well as other awards provided by tournament sponsors.

Series Champion	\$100,000	AGITATOR	15,000 points, 110 sails and 8 marlin
1 st Place	\$ 86,000	SEA ANGEL	2,900 points, 19 sails and 2 marlin
2 nd Place	\$ 51,000	FIRST LIGHT	2,700 points 17 sails and 2 marlin
3 rd Place	\$ 34,400	FISH TANK	2,500 points 5 sails and 4 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.

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.



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.

ABOUT THE LOS SUEÑOS SIGNATURE TRIPLE CROWN

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 5th Annual Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown are:

LEG I: JANUARY 17 -20; LEG II: FEBRUARY 28 –MARCH 3; LEG III MARCH 21- MARCH 24, 2017

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.

ABOUT LOS SUEÑOS PROPERTIES

There is no other team of real estate representatives that know the properties in Los Sueños better than the in-house Sales Team, comprised of Sandra Gutierrez, Alfredo Gutierrez and Todd Owens. If you are interested in looking at properties within the resort, we invite you to contact the Sales Team to ask about our current portfolio of inventory and previously owned properties. In the meantime, information on Los Sueños real estate properties is available online at www.lossuenosproperties.com. Call 2630-4020 to book your resort tour while at the resort or call toll-free from the US and Canada 866-865-9759.

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2017 SERIES CHAMPION

AGITATOR

15,000 points

110 sails and 8 marlin

61 Scarborough

Homeport: Los Sueños

Captain: Jon Duffie

Anglers:

Jeremy Duffie

Jonathan Duffie

Judith Duffie

Daniel Gough

Charles "Billy" Gerlach





FIRST PLACE LEG 3

SEA ANGEL

2,900 points

19 sails and 2 marlin

63' F&S BOATWORKS

Homeport: Los Sueños

Captain: BC Angel

Anglers:

Greg Angel

Austin Angel

Nolan Rauswinter

Jason Nolan

James Lagrone





SECOND PLACE LEG 3

FIRST LIGHT

2,700 points

17 sails and 2 marlin

38' EASTBAY BOATWORKS

Homeport: Los Sueños

Captain: Corey Kennington

Anglers:

Jim Rodgers

Donny Moore

Gunner Zorn

Ernie Eckelrode

Joseph Bolaños





THIRD PLACE LEG 3

FISH TANK

2,500 points

5 sails and 4 marlin

63' HATTERAS

Homeport: Los Sueños

Captain: Ben Horning

Anglers:

Laura "Lola" Jessen

Christopher Jessen

Christopher "Kit" Tormey

Chris "Shark Bait" Gornell

Darren Helwig





TOP ANGLER LEG 3

Johnathan Henry

BIG DEAL

4 sails and 1 marlin



TOP ANGLER OVERALL SERIES

SCOTT RICKERT

REEL SCREAMER

23 sails and 5 marlin



TOP LADY ANGLER OVERALL SERIES

LAURA JESSEN

FISH TANK

5 sails and 4 marlin



Scores Last Updated At Saturday, Mar 25, 2017 06:41 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 III	LEG II	LEG I	TOTAL
1	Sea Angel	4	1	2:20 PM	900	5	0	3:13 PM	500	10	1	3:23 PM	1500	19	2	2900	2400	3800	9100
2	First Light	12	0	4:01 PM	1200	4	1	3:34 PM	900	1	1	2:36 PM	600	17	2	2700	5100	1300	9100
3	Fish Tank	1	3	3:40 PM	1600	1	1	12:18 PM	600	3	0	12:26 PM	300	5	4	2500	4000	5900	12400
4	Team Galati	1	2	12:25 PM	1100	6	0	2:44 PM	600	3	1	3:21 PM	800	10	3	2500	4000	2300	8800
5	Agitator	6	0	2:09 PM	600	12	1	3:25 PM	1700	2	0	3:47 PM	200	20	1	2500	6000	6500	15000
6	Smooth Move	2	1	3:46 PM	700	1	2	2:34 PM	1100	6	0	11:23 AM	600	9	3	2400	4900	3700	11000
7	Outlaw	6	1	2:58 PM	1100	3	0	3:26 PM	300	8	0	3:29 PM	800	17	1	2200	4700	3000	9900
8	Pelese	3	1	3:22 PM	800	7	0	3:03 PM	700	2	1	3:50 PM	700	12	2	2200	3100	4600	9900
9	Big Deal	1	3	2:51 PM	1600	4	0	10:29 AM	400	1	0	12:56 PM	100	6	3	2100	1200	0	3300
10	Pez Collector	4	1	3:59 PM	900	8	0	3:29 PM	800	3	0	12:55 PM	300	15	1	2000	2700	3600	8300
11	Southern Pride	6	0	3:21 PM	600	3	0	3:07 PM	300	6	1	2:52 PM	1100	15	1	2000	4900	3000	9900
12	Big Oh	11	0	2:38 PM	1100	1	1	3:11 PM	600	2	0	11:58 AM	200	14	1	1900	5000	6300	13200
13	Caramba	1	1	3:51 PM	600	4	1	2:57 PM	900	4	0	12:38 PM	400	9	2	1900	2800	1900	6600
14	Bolita	3	1	4:00 PM	800	3	0	1:25 PM	300	3	1	1:28 PM	800	9	2	1900	0	0	1900
15	Off Duty	0	0		0	1	1	2:58 PM	600	8	1	2:53 PM	1300	9	2	1900	2700	6100	10700
16	Sea Fix	1	2	3:14 PM	1100	5	0	3:21 PM	500	2	0	3:00 PM	200	8	2	1800	3000	4200	9000
17	Gunsmoke	2	0	1:02 PM	200	1	2	3:11 PM	1100	4	0	3:14 PM	400	7	2	1700	2300	2100	6100
18	Perfeita	1	1	10:52 AM	600	4	0	1:08 PM	400	1	1	11:01 AM	600	6	2	1600	3000	1900	6500
19	Jaruco	6	0	2:51 PM	600	7	0	4:02 PM	700	3	0	2:23 PM	300	16	0	1600	4300	3100	9000
20	Numero Uno	1	2	2:02 PM	1100	2	0	3:28 PM	200	3	0	2:45 PM	300	6	2	1600	2000	2300	5900
21	Blue Eagle	4	1	2:57 PM	900	4	0	3:36 PM	400	3	0	2:54 PM	300	11	1	1600	4400	4800	10800
22	Uno Mas	2	1	3:53 PM	700	2	1	3:44 PM	700	1	0	9:10 AM	100	5	2	1500	4500	1900	7900
23	Just B	4	0	3:34 PM	400	4	0	3:49 PM	400	6	0	1:16 PM	600	14	0	1400	4200	1200	6800
24	Enjoy	6	0	3:05 PM	600	4	0	3:19 PM	400	3	0	3:11 PM	300	13	0	1300	3100	6300	10700
25	Fionna	3	1	2:32 PM	800	0	0		0	5	0	3:55 PM	500	8	1	1300	2400	1200	4900
26	Sueltalo (on Angeles)	5	0	1:04 PM	500	1	1	3:30 PM	600	0	0		0	6	1	1100	2800	2100	6000
27	Plan B	2	1	1:17 PM	700	2	0	3:53 PM	200	2	0	2:12 PM	200	6	1	1100	2500	3300	6900
28	Reinas de Costa (on Geaux Fly)	1	0	12:12 PM	100	1	1	2:01 PM	600	4	0	3:14 PM	400	6	1	1100	2300	1200	4600
29	Reel Screamer	0	0		0	0	0		0	6	1	3:20 PM	1100	6	1	1100	3600	5900	10600
30	Wire We Here	2	0	1:58 PM	200	2	0	2:10 PM	200	1	1	1:28 PM	600	5	1	1000	2900	2500	6400
31	Dealers Choice	1	0	9:47 AM	100	7	0	1:38 PM	700	2	0	1:59 PM	200	10	0	1000	5100	5000	11100
32	Singularis	2	0	3:29 PM	200	6	0	3:51 PM	600	2	0	2:07 PM	200	10	0	1000	4600	2300	7900
33	Pescadora	2	0	1:56 PM	200	4	0	3:27 PM	400	4	0	3:24 PM	400	10	0	1000	4400	4900	10300
34	Tarheel	4	0	1:01 PM	400	2	0	1:52 PM	200	4	0	3:44 PM	400	10	0	1000	4400	5300	10700
35	Alpha Bravo	2	0	4:01 PM	200	3	0	3:13 PM	300	4	0	3:39 PM	400	9	0	900	3100	6200	10200
36	Da Sea	4	0	2:24 PM	400	1	0	3:50 PM	100	4	0	3:50 PM	400	9	0	900	2000	3300	6200
37	Spanish Fly	4	0	3:39 PM	400	3	0	3:45 PM	300	2	0	3:12 PM	200	9	0	900	2400	2300	5600
38	Shoe	3	0	3:29 PM	300	4	0	3:36 PM	400	1	0	9:31 AM	100	8	0	800	4500	3500	8800
39	Rajin Cajun	6	0	3:24 PM	600	1	0	3:09 PM	100	1	0	10:28 AM	100	8	0	800	0	0	800
40	Xta Sea (on Reel Doc)	2	0	11:30 AM	200	4	0	12:38 PM	400	2	0	11:55 AM	200	8	0	800	2900	6600	10300
41	Bob Along	2	0	3:23 PM	200	5	0	2:34 PM	500	1	0	1:27 PM	100	8	0	800	2200	1500	4500
42	Mjoliner	2	0	3:17 PM	200	1	0	1:27 PM	100	5	0	3:47 PM	500	8	0	800	2400	4100	7300
43	On Location	1	0	2:32 PM	100	6	0	3:52 PM	600	0	0		0	7	0	700	4500	6200	11400
44	Morgasm	1	0	12:04 PM	100	3	0	3:53 PM	300	3	0	1:29 PM	300	7	0	700	2500	3900	7100

45	No Agenda	1	0	9:31 AM	100	4	0	3:54 PM	400	2	0	2:41 PM	200	7	0	700	4200	3600	8500
46	Marlin Darlin	4	0	1:45 PM	400	1	0	9:58 AM	100	2	0	2:57 PM	200	7	0	700	3500	3300	7500
47	Family and Friends	0	0		0	3	0	9:59 AM	300	3	0	2:27 PM	300	6	0	600	3200	4500	8300
48	Tranquilo	1	0	1:34 PM	100	3	0	11:15 AM	300	1	0	2:06 PM	100	5	0	500	2700	6200	9400
49	Hooray	1	0	1:14 PM	100	1	0	11:39 AM	100	2	0	3:42 PM	200	4	0	400	3800	4000	8200
50	Dragin Fly	1	0	11:06 AM	100	0	0		0	2	0	2:55 PM	200	3	0	300	4600	2300	7200
		145	24	169		164	13	177		153	10	163		462	47	509			