



PRESS RELEASE

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Los Sueños Resort and Marina

### **BIG POINTS DEFINE FIRST ANNUAL LOS SUEÑOS MARLIN INVITATIONAL**

With 1000 points given for each marlin release and 100 points for each sailfish, it was no surprise that the first annual Los Sueños Marlin Invitational, held out of the Los Sueños Marina in Costa Rica November 19-22, 2008 tallied some majorly high scores.

Tournament organizers were unsure whether they would make the minimum of 10 boats to even hold the tournament, so when the final registration confirmed the participation of 15 teams, they were elated. Fifteen teams with a total of 48 anglers ended up catching and releasing 219 billfish (of which 21 were marlin) representing a total combined score of 40,800 points over the three day competition.

#### **DAY 1**

Strong winds and rocky waters set the stage for mixed moods Thursday morning as the men made their way down the docks. The weather seemed to agree with *Prime Time*, though. They released the very first sailfish of the tournament and by 10 am, just two hours after lines in, had 1200 points with two sails and a marlin. They went on to release 12 sails and 1 marlin for a total score of 2200 points on Day 1. Despite their efforts they took second place for the day. It was *Hook* that ended at the top of the leaderboard with 5 sailfish and 2 marlin releases for a total of 2500 points.

#### **DAY 2**

*Hook* and *Prime Time* continued to challenge each other and by 10 am on Day 2 were tied for first place, each with 3600 points; *Prime Time* with 16 sails and 2 marlin releases against the *Hook's* 6 sails and 3 marlin releases. By noon *Hook* had taken a 200 point lead over *Prime Time*, but it was the *Penguin* that shotgunned past both of them to take top spot for the second day of fishing with a two-day total of 4800 points with 18 sailfish and 3 marlin releases. *Prime Time* and *Hook* were tied for second with 4500 points each.



### DAY 3

Again on Day 3 it was *Hook*, *Prime Time* and *Penguin* battling it out. At 2 pm *Penguin* had amassed 5300 points and a significant lead over *Hook*, who trailed with 4800 points. *Prime Time* came in third with 4700 points. Despite the attractive lead, all it would take was one marlin release by any of the first three runners up to steal *Penguin's* position at the top of the leaderboard. By 3:49 pm, it looked like *Penguin's* fate as the winner of the first annual Los Sueños Marlin Invitational was sealed. However, at 3:50 pm, only 10 minutes before lines out, *Prime Time* hooked up to a marlin and had *Penguin* sitting on the edge of their seats.

*Prime Time* battled for 15 very long minutes, as fellow competitors, tournament control and mostly those aboard *Penguin*, held their breath to see if they would bring it in. At 4:05 pm, 5 minutes after lines out, the fateful call came over the radio- *Prime Time* had release the marlin and snatched *Penguin's* victory away. With 28 sailfish and 3 marlin releases for 5800 points, *Prime Time* sealed their first place win and went down in history as the champion of the inaugural Los Sueños Marlin Invitational 2008. *Penguin*, with an amazing 23 sailfish and 3 marlin releases and 5300 points took second and *Hook* ended third with 4800, after releasing 18 sails and 3 marlin.

### AWARDS

Nearly 150 people gathered at El Galeon Restaurant Saturday evening to celebrate the glowing accomplishment of the winning teams. There *Hook* took home a check for \$24,000, the third place trophy, designed and sponsored by Gray Taxidermy, a humidor and cigars from La Casa del Habano and four sunglasses from Costa del Mar. *Penguin* took home \$36,000, the second place trophy designed and sponsored by Gray Taxidermy, a humidor and cigars from La Casa del Habano and four sunglasses from Costa del Mar. Finally, *Prime Time* took home an impressive \$60,000, the first place trophy designed and sponsored by Gray Taxidermy, a humidor and cigars from La Casa del Habano, four sunglasses from Costa del Mar, an original framed print of the tournament painting by Rick Bogert and a \$1500 gift certificate towards service and maintenance of the boat by International Yacht Service.

### TOP ANGLER

There were two superior anglers in this tournament. Cindy Shufflebarger, who was aboard *Hook*, deserves to be recognized for her incredible angling skills. Cindy caught and released a total of 7 sails and 2 marlin over three days for 2700 points. It was George Ross aboard *Prime Time* though, who really excelled during this



event. George released an astonishing 22 sails and 2 marlin for a total of 4200 points and the title of Top Angler. Not only did George take home a beautiful marlin trophy designed and sponsored by Gray Taxidermy and a gorgeous gold, diamond and sapphire champion ring, designed and sponsored by Vanmark, Inc., but he took the most important thing of all- bragging rights for the entire year!

#### 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, committee members, Los Sueños staff and of course, our sponsors: La Casa del Habano, Aerobell, Costa del Mar, Costa Rica Luxury, American Export, International Yacht Service, Motores Britanicos (Land Rover), Rick Bogert (tournament artist), Vanmark Jewelers (top angler ring), Durman, Landon Marine, Scotiabank, Gray Taxidermy, the World Billfish Series (WBS) and the International Game Fish Association (IGFA).

#### WBS SANCTIONED EVENT

The Los Sueños Signature Billfish Series presented by CABO Yachts is sanctioned by the World Billfish Series (WBS). Anglers competing in the Los Sueños tournaments are automatically enrolled in the WBS and compete for points in the Pacific Rim Division. For further information, please visit [www.worldbillfishseries.com](http://www.worldbillfishseries.com).

#### LOS SUENOS SIGNATURE BILLFISH SERIES

Entries for the 2009 tournament series (January 21-24 and February 25-28) are now being accepted via the official series website, [www.LStournaments.com](http://www.LStournaments.com).

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Information on Los Sueños Resort and Marina is available on-line at [www.lsrn.com](http://www.lsrn.com).

FINAL RESULTS, DAILY FISH TOTALS AND DETAILED INFORMATION FOR THE WINNING TEAMS ATTACHED.

**Boat Name:** PRIME TIME

**Home Port:** Jupiter, FL / Los Sueños, Costa Rica

**Make:** Bertram

**Model:** 60

**Engines:** CAT

**Year:** 1999

NOVEMBER	First Name	Last Name				City	State / Province	Country
<b>Captain:</b> Substitute:	Russell	Nixdorf				Okeechobee	FL	USA
<b>Angler 1:</b> Substitute:	Robert	Yanover				Juno Beach	FL	USA
<b>Angler 2:</b> Substitute:	George	Ross				Marieta	GA	USA
<b>Angler 3:</b> Substitute:								
<b>Angler 4:</b> Substitute:								
<b>Mate 1:</b> Substitute:	Roger	Perez Alvarez				Jaco	Puntarenas	Costa Rica
<b>Mate 2:</b> Substitute:	Keylor	Vindas Vindas				Jaco	Puntarenas	Costa Rica
<b>Observer:</b> Substitute:	Carlos	Arguedas						

**Boat Name:** PENGUIN

**Home Port:** Cape May, NJ

**Make:** Viking

**Model:** 48

**Engines:** CAT- C18

**Year:** 2005

NOVEMBER	First Name	Last Name				City	State / Province	Country
<b>Captain:</b> Substitute:	Joshua	Ruskey				Baltimore	MD	USA
<b>Angler 1:</b> Substitute:	Robert	Pacilli				Mullica Hill	NJ	USA
<b>Angler 2:</b> Substitute:	Matthew	Traber				Cape May	NJ	USA
<b>Angler 3:</b> Substitute:	Chris	Lepping				Vegreville	PA	USA
<b>Angler 4:</b> Substitute:	Bob	German				Cape May	NJ	USA
<b>Mate 1:</b> Substitute:	Charlie	Coronado						Costa Rica
<b>Mate 2:</b> Substitute:								
<b>Observer:</b> Substitute:	Leonard	Parks				Berlin	MD	USA

**Boat Name:** HOOK  
**Make:** Maverick  
**Model:** 42 Flybridge  
**Year:** 2007

**Home Port:** Los Sueños, Costa Rica  
**Engines:** 2x CAT C-7 475hp

NOVEMBER	First Name	Last Name				City	State / Province	Country
<b>Captain:</b> Substitute:	Ronnie	Riebe				Herradura	Puntarenas	Costa Rica
<b>Angler 1:</b> Substitute:	Harry	Shufflebarger				Coral Gable	FL	USA
<b>Angler 2:</b> Substitute:	Cindy	Shufflebarger				Coral Gable	FL	USA
<b>Angler 3:</b> Substitute:	Brian	Barrett				Ft. Lauderdale	FL	USA
<b>Angler 4:</b> Substitute:	Catherine Allen	Barrett				Ft. Lauderdale	FL	USA
<b>Mate 1:</b> Substitute:	Stetson	Turney				Jupiter	FL	USA
<b>Mate 2:</b> Substitute:	Jeff	Villareal						
<b>Observer:</b> Substitute:	Guillermo	Núñez Lopez						

## 2008 Los Sueños Marlin Invitational: Team Information

<b>Team</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Observer</b>
1 After You	Eduardo Lizano	Cabo 40	CAT	Jose Edwin Chavarria Rodriguez
2 Clean Sweep	Christian Saenz	Jersey Cape 36	CAT	Tom Stipp
3 Desperado	Jeffrey Schatman	Viking 54	Mann	Dick Tanner
4 Drum Roll	Richard Fifer	Viking 61	MTU	Ronnie Roussel, Jr.
5 High Hook	Mike Parr	Cabo 45	CAT	Randall Garcia
6 Hook	Ronnie Riebe	Maverick 42	CAT	Guillermo Nuñez Lopez
7 Let it Ride	Tom "Mac" McConloughe	Viking 68	Detroit	Matt Douglas
8 Lucky Devil	Mike Springer	Warren Oneil 48	CAT	Scott Jones
9 Penguin	Josh Ruskey	Viking 48	CAT	Leonard Parks
10 Prime Time	Russell "Rusty" Nixdorf	Bertram 60	CAT	Carlos Arguedas
11 Reel Screamer	John Peerson	Viking 74	MTU	Lawrence Rowland
12 Sea Angel	Billy Chase "BC" Angel	F&S 63	CAT	Jimer Delgado
13 Tico Time Dos	Mike Hester	Post 50	CAT	Jimmy Barreto
14 Uno Mas (Osborn)	Tony Gutierrez	Rebel 41	Detroit	Bob McAfee
15 Team Bayliss (Uno Mas)	Doug Kneer	Bayliss 60	CAT	Terry Cleary

**2008 Los Sueños Marlin Invitational: Tournament Scores**

**November 19-22, 2008**

**Official Scores**

	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Last Time</b>	<b>DAY 1 Results</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Last Time</b>	<b>DAY 2 Results</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Last Time</b>	<b>2nd Last Time</b>	<b>DAY 3 Results</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	Prime Time	12	1	3:47 PM	<b>2200</b>	13	1	4:02 PM	<b>2300</b>	3	1	4:05 PM		<b>1300</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5800</b>
2	Penguin	9	1	4:00 PM	<b>1900</b>	9	2	3:53 PM	<b>2900</b>	5		1:29 PM		<b>500</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5300</b>
3	Hook	5	2	3:46 PM	<b>2500</b>	10	1	3:30 PM	<b>2000</b>	3		1:10 PM		<b>300</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4800</b>
4	Team Bayliss (Uno Mas)	3	1	3:48 PM	<b>1300</b>	8	2	1:04 PM	<b>2800</b>	4		2:50 PM		<b>400</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4500</b>
5	Clean Sweep	10	1	3:53 PM	<b>2000</b>	10		3:52 PM	<b>1000</b>	2		1:22 PM		<b>200</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3200</b>
6	After You	3		3:35 PM	<b>300</b>	11		3:50 PM	<b>1100</b>	2	1	2:07 PM		<b>1200</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2600</b>
7	Let it Ride		2	3:23 PM	<b>2000</b>	2		2:47 PM	<b>200</b>	3		3:48 PM		<b>300</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2500</b>
8	Drum Roll	2	1	3:32 PM	<b>1200</b>		1	2:42 PM	<b>1000</b>	1		3:59 PM		<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2300</b>
9	Lucky Devil	3		3:29 PM	<b>300</b>	5		3:03 PM	<b>500</b>	1	1	3:04 PM		<b>1100</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1900</b>
10	High Hook	7		2:47 PM	<b>700</b>	7		3:15 PM	<b>700</b>	2		12:29 PM		<b>200</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1600</b>
11	Uno Mas (Osborn)	1		12:27 PM	<b>100</b>	3	1	2:34 PM	<b>1300</b>	1		11:17 AM		<b>100</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1500</b>
12	Sea Angel		1	10:08 AM	<b>1000</b>	3		3:10 PM	<b>300</b>	2		11:26 AM		<b>200</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1500</b>
13	Tico Time Dos	2		12:10 PM	<b>200</b>	9		3:37 PM	<b>900</b>	4		1:23 PM		<b>400</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1500</b>
14	Reel Screamer	10		4:01 PM	<b>1000</b>	1		12:41 PM	<b>100</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1100</b>
15	Desperado	5		2:46 PM	<b>500</b>	2		12:46 PM	<b>200</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>700</b>
		<b>72</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>17200</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>17300</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>6300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40800</b>
		<b>82</b>				<b>101</b>				<b>36</b>					<b>219</b>		