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FIRST LEG OF THE 2009 LOS SUENOS SIGNATURE BILLFISH SERIES NEARLY DOUBLES CATCH FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Once again tournament organizers were pleasantly surprised by the number of entries in the first leg of the 2009 Los Sueños Signature Billfish Series, presented by Viking Yachts, which took place January 21-24, 2009. Having estimated an entry of approximately 24 boats given the current economic climate, the confirmed entry of 43 boats did much to excite tournament officials, participants and sponsors alike, while also serving as a testament to the solidity of the Signature Series as one of the key events on the tournament circuit.

During the first leg of the 2008 Signature Series, 165 anglers aboard 41 participating boats caught and released total number of 440 billfish. Meanwhile 153 anglers aboard 43 participating boats collectively caught and released an astounding 741 sails and 40 marlin for a total of 781 billfish in three days, nearly doubling the numbers from January last year.

DAY 1

The weather was calm, cool and well, tropically perfect. Mild breezes, sunny skies and flat water welcomed the anglers back to Los Sueños Resort and Marina for yet another intense fishing competition. Only 10 minutes after lines in was called out by tournament control, *C'est Tout Bon* radioed in with the first fish of the tournament, a 500 point marlin. By noon 98 billfish had already been caught and released. By 4 pm *Clean Sweep* had swept their way all the way through to the front of the pack with 12 sailfish and 2 marlin releases for a total of 2200 points, where they would remain for the rest of the tournament. *Let it Ride* came in third with 8 sails and 1 marlin for 1300 points, just behind *Da Bait* who took second with 7 sails and 2 marlin for 1700 points.

DAY 2

At noon on the second day of fishing *Clean Sweep* was still in first place with a total combined score of 3000 points, followed by *Spanish Fly* with 2100 points and *Da Bait* and *Super Fly* tied for third with 2000 points. No matter how hard the runners up fought to take over the leader board, *Clean Sweep* could not be beat. By the end of the day,



Clean Sweep had secured their position going into the last day by releasing a two-day combined total of 22 sails and 4 marlin for 4200 points. Spanish Fly maintained their second place standing for the day with a total of 18 sails and 2 marlin and 2800 points and finally, Da Bait managed to squeeze past Super Fly, landing third place for the day with a combined total of 15 sails, 2 marlin and 2500 points.

DAY 3

At the start of Day 3 it looked to everyone like there was a clear leader of the pack. By 2 pm there was no doubt that Clean Sweep was destined to take top honors for their performance in the first event of the sixth annual Signature Series. They had amassed an impressive 31 sails and 4 marlin for 5100 points in less than three days of fishing. That's not to say that the other teams weren't battling it out to the finish. In the end, Clean Sweep could not be touched and finished Leg I with an astounding 5500 points after releasing a three-day combined total of 35 sails and 4 marlin. Da Bait, tied with Super Fly on points, took second by releasing a sail only fifteen minutes before Super Fly's last fish, released the exact minute lines out was called over the tournament radio. Both Da Bait and Super Fly released 26 sails and 3 marlin for 4100 points.

AWARDS

Over 500 people gathered at the Los Sueños Beach Club Saturday evening to celebrate the remarkable accomplishment of the winning teams. Super Fly took home a check for \$22,640, the third place trophy, designed and sponsored by Gray Taxidermy, a humidor and cigars from La Casa del Habano, an original framed print of the tournament painting by Rick Bogert, a gold pendant designed and sponsored by Vanmark, Inc and four pairs of sunglasses from Costa del Mar. Da Bait took home \$33,960, the second place trophy designed and sponsored by Gray Taxidermy, a humidor and cigars from La Casa del Habano, an original framed print of the tournament painting by Rick Bogert, a gold pendant designed and sponsored by Vanmark, Inc and four pairs of sunglasses from Costa del Mar. Finally, Clean Sweep took home an impressive \$56,600, the first place trophy designed and sponsored by Gray Taxidermy, a humidor and cigars from La Casa del Habano, four pairs of sunglasses from Costa del Mar, an original framed print of the tournament painting by Rick Bogert, a gold pendant designed and sponsored by Vanmark, Inc., and a \$1500 gift certificate towards service and maintenance of the boat by International Yacht Service, and as the top boat powered by Caterpillar engines they also took home a \$2000 gift certificate towards service and maintenance of the boat by Caterpillar .

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On January 8, 2009 Costa Rica suffered a massive and damaging earthquake, which rippled through the region of Poas, less than an hour from the capital city of San Jose. Homes, businesses, schools and infrastructure were lost or damaged throughout the region. The Los Sueños Foundation for Schools is a non profit foundation dedicated to improving the future of Costa Rica one child at a time by supporting the public elementary school system. During the awards banquet donations were requested to help the region of Poas through the school foundation.



While receiving prizes and awards for their third place win, Jimmy Taylor of team Super Fly announced that together the entire team was donating 20% of their total winnings to the foundation and that he was donating his entire winnings. The funds are going towards the rebuilding of the Vara Blanca public elementary school.

We thank Jimmy and the rest of team Super Fly for their generosity.

TOP ANGLER

Jimmy Taylor earned recognition not only for his generosity, but also his angling skill. After catching and releasing a three day combined total of 12 sails and 2 marlin for 2200 points, Jimmy took home top honors and was crowned the Top Angler for the first leg of the 2009 Signature Series. WBS representative Robbie Carter attended the awards dinner to present Jimmy with a plaque and an invitation to the WBS Grand Championship, to be held out of Los Sueños Marina December 2009.

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 owners, anglers, captains, mates, observers, committee members, Los Sueños staff and of course, our sponsors (in alphabetical order): Aero Bell, BLP Abogados, Blue Water Chairs, Caterpillar/ Ransome Engine/ Johnson Power Systems/Gregory Poole, Costa del Mar, Costa Rica Dreams, Costa Rica Luxury, Dockwise, Durman, Flor de Caña, Gray Taxidermy, Inc., HMY, IGFA, IK Yacht Design, International Yacht Service, La Casa del Habano, Landon Marine, Marriott, Motores Britanicos, MTU/Tractomotriz, Northern Lights/Luggar, Patron Tequila, Rick Bogert, Scotiabank, Stewart Title, Tropical Clothing/Global Energy, Vanmark, Inc., Viking Yachts, WBS. For more on our sponsors, please visit www.LStournaments.com.

WBS SANCTIONED EVENT

The Los Sueños Signature Billfish Series presented by Viking 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.

IGFA SANCTIONED EVENT

The winners from the January and February Los Sueños tournaments will be eligible to compete in the 2009 IGFA Grand Championship to be held in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico May 10-15, 2009. For further information, please visit www.igfaoffshorechampionship.com.



LOS SUENOS SIGNATURE BILLFISH SERIES

Entries for the second leg of the 2009 Signature Series, February 25-28, are now being accepted via the official series website, www.LStournaments.com.

For further information, please contact Ashley Bretecher, Tournament Director, at Toll-free: 1-866-865-9759, Tel: 011.506.2630.4000 or e-mail: a.bretecher@lossuenosresort.com.

Information on Los Sueños Resort and Marina is available on-line at www.lsrn.com.

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



1st Place

Boat Name:	CLEAN SWEEP	Home Port:	Los Sueños
Make:	Jersey Cape		
Model:	36	Engines:	CAT
Year:	2005		

JANUARY	First Name	Last Name	State / Province
Captain:	Christian	Saenz Campos	Puntarenas
Angler 1:	Andrew	Shapiro	NJ
Angler 2:	Mark	Christopher	NJ
Angler 3:	Jordon	Hammell	NJ
Angler 4:	Anthony	Materese	NJ





2nd Place

Boat Name:	DA BAIT	Home Port:	Georgetown, Cayman Islands
Make:	Spencer		
Model:	61 Sportfish	Engines:	Cat C-32 A
Year:	2007		

JANUARY	First Name	Last Name	State / Province
Captain:	Elliott	Cline	Puntarenas
Angler 1:	Jeff	Cohen	NY
Angler 2:	Pat	Perentu	
Angler 3:	Robert	Burnside	FL
Angler 4:	Joey	Vervino	





3rd Place

Boat Name:	SUPER FLY	Home Port:	Los Sueños
Make:	Maverick		
Model:	36	Engines:	CAT
Year:	2006		

JANUARY	First Name	Last Name	State / Province
Captain:	David	Mesen	CR
Angler 1:	Joan	Vernon	FL
Angler 2:	Jimmy	Taylor	MS
Angler 3:	Greg	Voell	NY
Angler 4:	Lauren	Taylor	MS



2009 Los Sueños Signature Billfish Series: Tournament Scores

Tournament I - January 21-24, 2009

DAY 3, FINAL Official Scores

	Boat Name	S	M	Last Time	DAY 1 Results	S	M	Last Time	DAY 2 Results	S	M	Last Time	2nd Last Time	DAY 3 Results	S	M	TOTAL
1	Clean Sweep	12	2	3:54 PM	2200	10	2	3:57 PM	2000	13		3:27 PM		1300	35	4	5500
2	Da Bait	7	2	4:17 PM	1700	8		1:50 PM	800	11	1	3:45 PM		1600	26	3	4100
3	Super Fly	8	1	3:51 PM	1300	6	1	3:33 PM	1100	12	1	4:00 PM		1700	26	3	4100
4	Dealer's Choice	12		2:17 PM	1200	9		4:01 PM	900	12	1	4:02 PM		1700	33	1	3800
5	Spanish Fly	5	1	1:57 PM	1000	13	1	3:31 PM	1800	7		3:25 PM		700	25	2	3500
6	Hook	7		2:55 PM	700	4		10:47 AM	400	15	1	1:51 PM		2000	26	1	3100
7	Cerveza	5		3:10 PM	500	10		3:51 PM	1000	11	1	3:46 PM		1600	26	1	3100
8	The Bite	4		2:18 PM	400	10	2	3:54 PM	2000	5		3:27 PM		500	19	2	2900
9	Rum Runner	11		3:59 PM	1100	9		1:52 PM	900	9		3:47 PM		900	29	0	2900
10	Let it Ride	8	1	3:30 PM	1300	3		3:56 PM	300	2	2	2:44 PM		1200	13	3	2800
11	Game On	9		3:36 PM	900	8		4:01 PM	800	11		3:56 PM		1100	28	0	2800
12	Dragin Fly	9		3:59 PM	900	11		3:45 PM	1100	7		2:54 PM		700	27	0	2700
13	Hattaboy	4		2:14 PM	400	8		2:30 PM	800	9	1	3:45 PM		1400	21	1	2600
14	Desperado	10		3:54 PM	1000	7		2:54 PM	700	8		2:50 PM		800	25	0	2500
15	Xta Sea III	6		3:59 PM	600	14		3:48 PM	1400	5		3:24 PM		500	25	0	2500
16	Family and Friends	5		3:10 PM	500	11	1	3:24 PM	1600	4		3:29 PM		400	20	1	2500
17	Drum Roll	5	1	3:31 PM	1000	6		2:45 PM	600	3	1	2:40 PM		800	14	2	2400
18	Gringo Honeymoon				0	5	1	4:00 PM	1000	8	1	2:48 PM		1300	13	2	2300
19	Uno Mas	5		1:16 PM	500	6		3:08 PM	600	2	2	3:34 PM		1200	13	2	2300
20	Miss Behavin	3		1:04 PM	300	3		1:18 PM	300	12	1	3:58 PM		1700	18	1	2300
21	Penny Perfect	2	2	2:18 PM	1200	8		4:06 PM	800	2		3:08 PM		200	12	2	2200
22	Penguin	6		2:22 PM	600	9		3:40 PM	900	7		3:16 PM		700	22	0	2200
23	Tuna Bite	4		3:45 PM	400	8		2:29 PM	800	9		3:20 PM		900	21	0	2100
24	Prime Time	6		4:02 PM	600	6		3:47 PM	600	8		3:28 PM		800	20	0	2000
25	Mainline	7		3:25 PM	700	7		3:07 PM	700	6		3:56 PM		600	20	0	2000
26	Reel Retirement	8		3:20 PM	800	5		2:12 PM	500	6		2:37 PM		600	19	0	1900
27	Sea Angel	6		2:14 PM	600	7		3:45 PM	700	5		3:53 PM		500	18	0	1800
28	Team Bayliss	5		3:58 PM	500	8		3:32 PM	800	4		2:27 PM		400	17	0	1700
29	High Hook	4		2:18 PM	400	3	1	3:58 PM	800	5		3:04 PM		500	12	1	1700
30	Emotional Rescue	1		11:36 AM	100	3	1	3:35 PM	800	7		3:31 PM		700	11	1	1600
31	Lady Columbo	2		12:42 PM	200	6	1	2:26 PM	1100	3		3:41 PM		300	11	1	1600
32	Ashley Nicole	3	1	3:30 PM	800	4		1:02 PM	400	3		2:59 PM		300	10	1	1500
33	C'est Tout Bon	1	1	3:46 PM	600	3	1	2:01 PM	800					0	4	2	1400
34	Miss Judy	3	1	12:12 PM	800	3		3:59 PM	300	3		10:45 AM		300	9	1	1400
35	Carolina Magic	1		12:03 PM	100	8		1:25 PM	800	4		3:00 PM		400	13	0	1300
36	Big Daddy's Hat	2		2:47 PM	200				0	6	1	3:36 PM		1100	8	1	1300
37	Gotcha	5		2:08 PM	500	2		3:55 PM	200	4		3:12 PM		400	11	0	1100
38	Predator	4		3:42 PM	400	3		1:19 PM	300	3		3:58 PM		300	10	0	1000
39	Tico Time Dos	2		1:59 PM	200	7		3:20 PM	700					0	9	0	900
40	Fish Whistle	6		3:27 PM	600				0	3		12:35 PM		300	9	0	900
41	R & J	2	1	12:42 PM	700	1		9:44 PM	100					0	3	1	800
42	Sweet Dreams				0	4		3:43 PM	400	4		12:50 PM		400	8	0	800
43	After You				0	1		9:01AM	100	1		3:00 PM		100	2	0	200
		215	14			267	12			259	14				741	40	
		229				279				273					781		