



OBSERVER INFORMATION GUIDE

Certified Observers are a key and valuable part of the Tournaments. To qualify 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 for their fishing experience and by their physical ability to withstand three consecutive days on the water in a location on the boat that properly allows them to follow all tournament-related activity.



ONE DAY ONLY EACH LEG

LEG I: January 20th · LEG II: February 24th · LEG III: March 17th

MONDAY | Registration Day

5:00 PM Virtual tournament meeting, mandatory for all observers. An invitation will be sent to you by email. Check in with Esteban Lizano at least one hour prior to the meeting by email to elizanovillarreal@shmarinas.com. You also can call +506-2630-4201 or send him a WhatsApp to +506-8720-0117.

TUESDAY | Fishing

4:50 AM – 5:45 AM Observer assignments are handed out by the Marina office. Breakfast to go will be provided by the tournament. **Observers must be on boats by 5:35 am at the latest or within 5 minutes of the tournament announcing that all observers have checked in, whichever is earlier.**

6 AM or sooner Boats may leave the marina and go to the fishing grounds (as soon as Tournament Control confirms all Observers have checked in and Observer is on board the boat).

8 AM – 4 PM Lines In at 8 AM – Lines Out at 4 PM. Lunch is provided by boat.

7 PM or sooner Signed Scorecards must be handed in to Tournament Committee at the Marina office at the Marina office immediately after boat returns from fishing.



LEG I: January 21-24 · LEG II: February 25-28 · LEG III: March 18-21

WEDNESDAY | Registration Day

8 AM – 5 PM Check in with Esteban Lizano by email to elizanovillarreal@shmarinas.com. You also can call +506-2630-4201, send him a WhatsApp to +506-8720-0117, or come by registration between 2-5 pm.

5 PM Tournament meeting for Captains and Observers. The meeting will be followed by a welcome buffet dinner.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY | DAYS 1 & 2 Fishing

4:50 AM – 5:45 AM Observer assignments are handed out by the Marina office. Breakfast to go will be provided by the tournament. **Observers must be on boats by 5:35 am at the latest or within 5 minutes of the tournament announcing that all observers have checked in, whichever is earlier.**

6 AM or sooner Boats may leave the marina and go to the fishing grounds (as soon as Tournament Control confirms all Observers have checked in and Observer is on board the boat).

8 AM – 4 PM Lines in at 8 AM – Lines Out at 4 PM. Lunch is provided by the boat.

7 PM or sooner Signed scorecards must be handed in to Tournament Committee at the Marina office immediately after boat returns from fishing. Dinner vouchers to be provided.

SATURDAY | DAY 3 Fishing

4:50 AM – 5:45 AM Observer assignments are handed out by the Marina office. Breakfast will be provided by the tournament. **Observers must be on boats by 5:35 am at the latest or within 5 minutes of the tournament announcing that all observers have checked in, whichever is earlier.**

6 AM or sooner Boats may leave the marina and go to the fishing grounds (as soon as Tournament Control confirms all Observers have checked in and Observer is on board the boat).

8 AM – 4 PM Lines in at 8 AM – Lines Out at 4 PM. Lunch is provided by the boat.

- 7 PM or sooner** Signed Scorecards must be handed in to Tournament Committee at the Marina office at the Marina office immediately after boat returns from fishing.
- 7:30 PM** Dinner buffet opens at 7:30 PM prior to the awards ceremony, which generally starts between 8:30 and 9 PM, followed by fireworks.

TRAVEL PLANNING

OBSERVERS NEED TO COORDINATE THEIR OWN FLIGHTS, TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING.

TRANSPORTATION

Trans Ruiz airport shuttle offers a discounted rate for observers. Refer to rate code Triple Crown 2026 for a flat rate of \$110 (cash only) each way for up to 4 people (each additional passenger will pay \$10 extra, also cash only). If you pay with a credit card your fee will be \$130 each way for up to 4 people.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many options for accommodations in and around Los Sueños; however, the two most convenient are the on-site Marriott Hotel www.marriott.com/sjols, or a condo rental.

You can reserve a condominium rental through Stay in Costa Rica (SICR), the only vacation rental office located in our Marina Village. They offer a considerable 30% discount for observers.

To book your stay, just email reservations@stayincostarica.com and/or concierge@stayincostarica.com, or call Toll-free: +866-439-5922 or Direct: +506-2661-9300.

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FOOD & BEVERAGE

The tournament will provide breakfast packages to go to and a dinner voucher for each of the fishing days. Lunch is provided by the boats.

OBSERVER COMPENSATION

To assist with some of your travel expenses, Observers will receive \$150 for each individual day observed on the water. It may be that you are not assigned for all of the fishing days and may be asked to serve as an alternate for that day. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with the tournament team if this occurs.

Alternates per lay day	Each day on the water or in case of boat failure
\$50	\$150

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We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 tournaments!