

Fishing Reports/Photos

Thursday, February 26, 2009 Tournament Report, Day 1

Day 1 of leg 2 of the Los Suenos tournament and we're right where we were after day one of the last tournament, 7th place, but still within striking distance of the money.

Today was an epic marlin bite, the problem was that we started the day targetting sailfish and quickly catching 5. About 30 miles away, the rest of the fleet was working on the 500 point marlin. We picked up and ran to the bite, within 20 minutes of arriving, we released 4 striped marlin, then picked up a blue for the grand slam, later landing another stripe.

First place boat, Let it Ride, landed 18 marlin today.....we'll work on catching up with them tomorrow.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:02 PM

Monday, February 23, 2009 Overnight to Drake Bay

We kept a journal on the boat for the past couple of days....

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6:45 am. The boat is loaded up with PLENTY of food "provisions", we're heading out of the marina and off to Drakes Bay for a three day adventure. The crew of Capt. James, Alberto and Chela are ready for a change in scenery, the fishing has been a bit tough out of Los Suenos. Also on board: ME (George), Del Taylor, Marty Moore, Ford Rogers, Corey Cottle, Tom Hatcher.

8:30 am Minor engine problems? Fuel pump? Getting ready to roll again.

9:00 am On the troll.....back to Los Suenos on one engine for repairs.

9:45 am 1 marlin raised....no bite

10:25 am sailfish release....all is not lost

1:30 pm Add a small amberjack and bonito to the sailfish, caught right in front of Jaco, we're almost there.

2:00 pm Arrive at Los Suenos, the CAT guys are on the dock waiting on us. Fortunately, we've got all the parts that we need. Corey is planning an "Imperial Fest".....hurray, one more night in Jaco.

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5:30 am Leave Los Suenos to try again. Smooth seas and the engines sound top notch.

7:05 am We run across a school of spintter dolphins, but no tuna bites, the journey continues.

7:55 am Lines in the water, just this side of the Furuno Reef

8:00 CR time = 9:00 US time and OK for Mimosas

9:16 We've trolled our way to Furuno and are now catching live bonito, hopefully to feed to a tuna or big malrin, gonna try some slow trolling around the reef for a while first, maybe a marlin bite.

10:15 No bites although we did catch a nice snapper by casting a rapala. A big school of them popped up on the surface for a little while. Putting the spread back out and continuing the troll towards Cano Island and the big sailfish bite.

11:15 am First sail

11:30 am Found another school of spinner dolphins, but not tunas. We did raise a marlin, but it didn't want anything that we had, including the live bonita

12:45 pm Sail # 2, things are a bit slow

1:20 3rd sail, followed by lunch of hot chicken burritos. Prior to lunch we had a series of courses including just-baked pastries and banana bread, ham/cheese breakfast sandwiches, fresh pineapple and watermelon, guacamole, tuna salad.

1:50 pm Sail # 4

2:30 George sancochos two sailfish, considering throwing him overboard

3:00 pm George comes hooks # 5, maybe we'll keep him around

3:45 Double header. Marth finds out what happens when you accidentally throw the reel into free spool.....backlash and busted off. He doesn't understand the concept of a fishing reel, usually just uses cane poles.

4:15 Finally some steady action, ending the dy with a triple header. I think that we've found our starting point for tomorrow. Off to Drake Bay and Pirate's Cove Hotel. We'll get an early start in the morning.....

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7:00 am The planned departure time of 5:45 am was delayed an hour....some folks needed a little longer to get their crap together after a night of Centenario, Crown Royal and Vodka. Corey will now be referred to as "El Guapo". He was the last to arrive at the beach for the water taxi, he had to say goodbye to his boyfriend with the white turtleneck. Marty says no backlashes for him today. Capt. James is kind of pissed about the late departure. The "Gringo Honeymoon" is already 6 for 15!!!!

8:00 am We stop on the edge of the birds, lines in the water, just short of where we left them biting yesterday

8:20 am Hooked up w/a double header, land them both

8:25and another

8:30and another double header

8:45 am 5 sails so far

8:47....and another double header

9:00 Just raised 5 more....caught another double header

9:15 Tom "the Bull" Hatcher just makes the count # 10

9:40 The bite is slowing, just got # 11, wish we had been here earlier...

10:30 am. Thing slowed for everyone, but the Gringo Honeymoon started getting them again, he's a little offshore of us. Back in the action?

10:40 YES! Triple header, catch 2

10:50 # 14

11:05 # 15

11:10 # 16 and 17

11:15 ...and # 18

11:20 Now we're getting them REAL good. Got 4 of them hooked up at one time.

11:35 Got 'em all, that's 22

11:40 another double

12:10 #25

12:17 #26 and 27

12:40 #28 and 29

1:07 Just landed # 30. Putting out some lures and looking for a marlin as we troll back towards Los Suenos, cutting the distance

2:30 pm Get wiped out by sailfish, catch 1 of 3, then pick up and run towards home.

5:00 pm. Back at Los Suenos and getting ready to do it again.....this time staying close to home and getting ready for the tourney.

2/23 I just spoke to the boat and they caught 10 sails and a nice snapper today. Sounds like things have improved a little closer to hom.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 4:15 PM
sailfish pics, report to follow









posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:51 PM

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
few pics, making a move





The past few weeks have been tough with the best of the bite heading south. We've been "making the day" with several sailfish and daily shots at marlin, with marlin releases 2 of the last 3 days.....but today was just too tough.....the Dragin Fly released only one sailfish.

We're packing our bags and planning some overnights until the tournament next week. By then, things will have changed around Los Suenos and we'll have a better idea of what's happening closer to home.

Although the bite has been tough, we're still having fun, here are some shots to prove it.

We'll give you a report when the plans are finalized, but it's gonna be a really good trip..... Quepos, Furuno, Cano Island, Drake Bay, beyond?

Will keep you posted.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:50 PM

Monday, February 16, 2009



Congrats to Larry Fox for a nice striped marlin last week on the Super Fly
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:49 AM

Sunday, February 15, 2009
picking away at them

We had a good day on the Dragin Fly on Friday, releasing 15 sails. For the most part, the last couple of weeks have been about the same. Seeing 10 billfish/day, including the occasional marlin. If they are biting good/we're hooking them good, it's not a bad day and everyone is getting a turn.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:32 PM

Friday, February 06, 2009
Inshore report



