



The IGFTO Observer

A newsletter for International Game Fish Tournament Observers

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Observing Today ... Conserving Tomorrow



In January 2012, IGFTO observers participated in three tournaments & witnessed the safe release of 852 billfish.

[See All IGFTO 2011 HIGHLIGHTS HERE!](#)

IGFTO Observer Greg Moore shares his story of a sailfish catch aboard the *Weez in the Keys* during the Palm Beach Double Shot - [Enjoy it Here!](#)

International Game Fish Tournament Observers is launching this new newsletter to improve communications among members, post updates on tournaments and share the latest news. We invite you to join [IGFTO Facebook](#) page and visit the [IGFTO Website](#).

Los Suenos Signature Series Leg I 622 Billfish Caught & Released - 11 Marlin & 611 Sailfish



Los Suenos Resort & Marina

IGFTO Observers participated in the 3-day Los Suenos Signature Series Leg I tournament in Costa Rica.

The fishing was fantastic and the accommodations were magnificent. The tournament directors reimbursed \$100 a day for observer expenses, which meant zero cost for housing when 4 observers shared a condo.

This is an awesome tournament with 1st class boats. A great time was had by all!

Upcoming Tournaments

Observing Opportunities:

- March 1 - 4: Presidential Challenge of Costa Rica
- May 17 - 22: International Cap Cana Billfish Shootout - Dominican Republic
- May 30 - June 2: International White Marlin Invitational - Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- June 6 - 9: Presidential Papagayo Cup, Costa Rica
- June 30 - July 2: St. Thomas USVI July Open

[Find Updated Tournament Information on the IGFTO website.](#)

IGFTO - Miami Boat Show Participation

The annual Miami International Boat Show is a great event where IGFTO observers gather - not only to promote our organization - but to emphasize to tournament directors and boat owners the importance of using IGFTO observers, who are covered with liability insurance the moment they step on their boats. That's what sets IGFTO observers apart from the rest!

So far, we have 12 IGFTO observers signed up for the boat show! We'll be wearing our dress shirts or new work shirts to promote our organization to the international fishing community. We'll also be handing out IGFTO applications for potential new members.

All members are welcomed at this event!

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New IGFTO Work Shirts are Here!

The new IGFTO Danali work shirts are now available. These magnificent shirts are rated over 50 UPF for sun protection and moisture wicking that keeps us dry and cool all day.

All current members received 1 free shirt - thanks to Greg Angel, owner of Sea Angel, who made a generous contribution to IGFTO. Several IGFTO members jointly matched his donation. The shirts are available in long-sleeve and short-sleeve styles for \$30 each in the [IGFTO Ship Store](#) for IGFTO members only.



IGFTO Observer Barbara Wolfe wears the new IGFTO "Work Shirt" during the Palm Beach Double Shot Tournament.