

361 Billfish

186,548 Miles



IGFA Great



Marlin Race

STANFORD



21 countries

| 57 events

| 361 deployments

| 186,548 nautical miles

Dear IGMR Supporter:

We have exciting news regarding the International Game Fish Association Great Marlin Race (IGMR)! In August 2018, we will host our first-ever IGMR Expedition at the world famous Tropic Star Lodge in Pinas Bay, Panama. For those who have fished Tropic Star, you already know that this destination is hard to beat when it comes to blue and black marlin. And for those who have not, get ready for the angling adventure of a lifetime!

As a strong supporter of the IGMR, we are giving you the first opportunity to sign-up for this inaugural event. Our brochure provides an overview of the all-inclusive Tropic Star IGMR Expedition. IGMR Expedition participants will have exclusive use of the Lodge to fully enjoy the Tropic Star fishing experience with the company of fellow anglers. The trip includes lodging, meals, and three full days of fishing with two or three anglers per boat. Each boat will also have a satellite tag to be deployed on either a blue or black marlin.

Since its inception at the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (HIBT) in 2009, the IGMR has deployed 361 satellite tags on billfish in 21 different countries, generating over 180,000 nautical miles of billfish tracks! While a handful of IGMR tags have been deployed in Panama previously, this is the first organized and concerted effort to deploy a large number of tags!

Several important questions have been raised about the marlin caught in Panamanian waters. Where do they go once they leave? Are the blues that anglers catch off of Tropic Star also the same fish that are caught in Hawaii? Do black marlin encountered in Panama make extensive migrations and show up in Australia's fabled Great Barrier Reef fishery? The inaugural Expedition to Tropic Star could shed light on these questions and provide a unique opportunity for you, the IGFA and our scientific partner Stanford University to learn more about marlin migration and habitat in this region of the world.

Participants will also enjoy a special IGMR presentation by IGFA Conservation Director Jason Schratwieser. The IGMR is now the world's largest "citizen science" billfish satellite tagging project and freely provides data to scientists and fisheries managers the world over with the objective of better conserving these magnificent fish.

Save these dates: August 14-19, 2018. A refundable deposit of only \$2,500 will reserve your boat. Space is limited so don't delay! United States citizens may be able to deduct \$5,000 of the trip cost as a charitable contribution since it covers the cost of a satellite tag and scientific-related expenses.