

A large marlin is captured mid-leap from the ocean's surface. The fish is angled upwards and to the right, with its long, pointed snout leading the way. Its body is a mix of silver and blue, with a prominent dorsal fin. The water around the fish is turbulent, with white foam and spray from the splash. The background is a deep blue sea with some whitecaps.

How to Catch GREAT FISH

ON YOUR

Deep-Sea Charter

INTRODUCTION

Thanks for downloading this brief guide. I've got 3 simple tips to help with your offshore sport fishing.

Over the many years I've been a tournament fisherman I've found you have to get the basics right. The stuff it's easy to overlook.

So think of these suggestions as Sport Fishing 101.

Of course, the best way to experience sport fishing is to come out with me on one of my boats in Costa Rica!

Originally I'm from Baton Rouge, Louisiana but more than 20 years ago I moved down to Playas del Coco on Costa Rica's northwest coast. The fishing here is so good, I call it the "Sailfish Zone."

But don't just take it from me. I think you'll [enjoy this description](#) of a deep-sea fishing day charter, written by Michael Simons – one of our leading local real estate guys.

And if you want to escape the rat-race (or the weather!) visit my website costaricafishingcharters.net to book a day out with us.



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P.S. Here's a tip: you don't need to cover the cost of the boat by yourself. Let me know if you're on your own and I'll hook you up with a few other people to make up a party. You'll enjoy it.

1. DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO CATCH

See, I told you my tips were simple!

But this is often the reason people cruise around for hours trying to catch a fish. Any fish. They didn't decide what they want, first.

Hey, there are lots of products in a supermarket, but it's not all jumbled up in one pile. You have to look for stuff in different places, according to what you want.

The ocean isn't just a big pile of fish, either. You need to decide if you want a fighting fish, an eating fish, or a trophy fish, for example.

And then you have to go to the places where those fish are.

It sounds simple, but really, it's not easy. You need a lot of local knowledge and a deep understanding of how different species behave.

By the way, it's important for you to understand that the really big fish are a **long, long way out**.

That's why they call it offshore, or deep-sea fishing. Some charter operators don't like to spend the money on fuel, but we'll often go 20 miles or more out from the coast.

And that's why, if you're only doing a half-day charter, you should aim to catch some good eating fish. You just won't have the time to get out to the big bill fish.

2. MAKE IT GOOD FOR THE FISH

Have you ever been in sales? It's not about what you want to sell, it's about what the customer wants to buy!

Yep. Same for fishing.

That's why we don't always use a lure, we mostly use live or fresh bait. But more importantly, your "sales offer" has to be the same as the fish are feeding on at that time of the season.

What they like to eat changes by location and by season, so you have to get it right.

I mean, **you** don't eat the same thing all the time, either.

Then you've got to rig the bait just right, of course, and fix the spread for how you troll the bait, relative to the boat.

But you'll know when you've made a "sale" because your smile will be wide and your arms will be sore!

3. GET THE SPEED RIGHT

Whichever fish you're using for bait has a natural rhythm and speed in the water. You've got to match this, if you want to fool the fish.

Every day we check the moon, the tides and the currents and we can pretty near tell, down to within a couple of hours, when the fish are going to be biting.

But it's tricky.

For example, if you don't allow for the current, then it doesn't matter if you've got your boat speed right because, when the fish are coming up to feed, your bait isn't traveling realistically through the water.

Hey, there's plenty of experts on YouTube, ready to tell you how to go deep-sea fishing. But in this little tip-sheet I wanted to give you some tips that'll work for you on any offshore fishing charter.

However, I've got lots more to share with you, from my years as a champion tournament sport fisherman. I really hope you'll give some thought to visiting me and my team here in the north-west of Costa Rica. We call it "The Sailfish Zone" for a reason!

Visit my website costaricafishingcharters.net and watch the video about the fun our fishing charter guests enjoy. Then come down!

You'll be glad you did.