

Massive margarita at California fair sets Guinness record

Entrepreneur Nick Nicora/Ovations Food Services set the Guinness World Record for the largest cocktail ever made – 10,500 gallons – set last year at Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville in Las Vegas. He made the “Calarita” at the California State Fair this month.

The name Calarita honors the California State Fair and the margarita. It will take a few weeks for Guinness to certify the record.

Nicora has 134,000 Calaritas to sell from the 30-foot-tall, custom-built chill tank, known as the World’s Largest Cocktail Shaker, located on Palm Avenue between the Main Gate and the State Fair’s landmark fountain.

Nicora super-sized the Hussongs recipe for the record-setting Calarita, and here it is:

2,100 gallons of Jose Cuervo tequila

4 gallons of Cointreau

2,800 gallons of Margarita mix

75 40-pound bags of ice

5,190 gallons of water

50 gallons of lime juice

Ovations’ partners for the world record attempt were Brett Enright of Juicy’s catering services, Jose Cuervo tequila and Joe Belli of Westec Tank and Equipment Co., which built the enormous Chardonnay tank outfitted with five chill sleeves and

a spigot.