

On Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> we had our first charter with Helgren's Sportfishing in many years. We started to gather at the New Helgren's Landing at 8:45 AM, there were 30 Anglers on this charter including some Members that were eager to see how this charter would be like, their past experiences from many years ago were in the back of their minds and they kept an open mind. Our check in went very smooth, and we only two Anglers that went to the wrong area for the landing, we did find them, we boarded the Electra took some photos prior to departure and we did depart as scheduled at 10:00 A.M. On board we were greeted by Captain Tim and his crew, also Helgrens provided some fresh donuts for us on board.

On our hour ride out to the fishing grounds, members started to get their gear all set up. The crew was on hand to help and give some advice on how to set up for the day. By 10:30 we were already and started to fish. The day was slightly overcast with periods on sunshine, the water was flat making it a pleasurable day to fish. Unfortunately due to the water cooling off over the past week or so we had to go out and rock fish, all Anglers were on board for this type of fishing as well. We fished from 150 feet down to 300 feet during the day. On this trip you had to have patience and keep working at it. The deck hand Tom and Chris along with Captain Tim were all on deck to help our Anglers with some tangles and you should have seen some of them. Our cook Jolene was as friendly as could be, was always there to cater to the group.

By the end of this charter we had bagged 22 Rockfish, 15 Vermillion Rockfish, 22 Boccaccio, 22 Sanddabs and 1 Whitefish. There at least 3 Sculpin released and the descender was used a couple of times. The jack pot went to Peter Rohrich with a Boccaccio, a thank you goes out to Peter as my assistant on this charter. We also signed up two more new members, please welcome our newest members Jolene Thompson and Lisa Marlin, then we have two others that said they will be mailing in their applications. It seemed as though all our Anglers had a great time on this charter I heard so much laughter on this charter, and you could only see that everyone was having a good time. I do believe that this is a great start to a good and long relationship with Helgren's Sportfishing here in our Club's own backyard in Oceanside.

Trip Charter Master  
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