

Oceanside Senior Anglers, Inc.

Chartermaster Guidelines

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This document contains guidelines for OSA fishing charters.

Additional information is located on the Resources page of the club website.

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GUIDELINES FOR DUTIES OF CHARTER MASTER (CM)

Prior to trip:

Administer a sign-up sheet for your trip and collect payments starting at when the Head Charter Master has opened the charters. Make sign-up sheet available by 8:30AM before the meeting begins and during the break. After collections are made at the end of each meeting, sign-up sheets and monies collected are to be turned into the club treasurer, who will make copies of the sign-up sheets and return them to you before you leave. Send all payments received otherwise to the club treasurer weekly.

Shortly before the trip, the treasurer will issue a check to you for the boat charter to give to the captain or landing office. A second check will also be issued made out for you to cash for the tip and other costs related to headcount (meals, fuel, etc). Withhold the tip until everyone's filleting/galley tab has been paid, and there are no complaints. It is very unlikely, but if the service doesn't appear to be worthy of the allotted tip, then tip a lesser amount and notify the captain as to why some or all was withheld from the crew. If tip given is less than allotted, return proportionate amount to each Passenger equally. On overnight and multi-day trips, assign bunks on a 'first come first served' basis at sign-up. The fish sack rental and the bunk are also included in the total ticket cost.

Prior to Boarding:

Arrive early (Before the Anglers are scheduled to arrive), and introduce yourself and your assistant CM to the captain and crew. Have members sign the club's Liability Waiver Sheet. Distribute name tags, they need to be prepared beforehand and include the bunk, sack, trolling team numbers and color dots on each tag. Insure all anglers have their fishing license(s). If fishing in Mexican record License number on the Landing Roster or collect \$16 per day for a Mexican Fishing License. Also have the Landing forms filled out prior to arriving to the boat, bring your printed galley sheet, posting sheet and trolling Teams list. Go over trips guidelines with all anglers.

On The Boat:

Determine what type of fish will be targeted, bag limits, recommended line test, hooks and weight sizes and fishing location. Prices for fish cleaning by the crew may have been pre-determined. See Fillet-Fish cleaning price list for the club's charters. The established amount of time that will be allocated between the trolling rotations is 30 minutes, the Charter Master will keep the time. With trolling time do not count the time the boat is stationary. Post the list in plain and easy view. **When fishing at anchor**, tie ribbons at the designated points along the rail according to the fishing position board that you will display in plain and easy view. Post master rotation Board located in the Charter Master's case and keep rotation of colored dots on it. The rotation time is 40 minutes, the Charter Master is responsible for the time keeping. If the Captain doesn't mention it, ask the captain if he prefers members to bring their rods to the bait tank or leave them at the rail when we are getting fresh bait. When drifting, remind all anglers that it is imperative that everyone fish with the wind in their face and to do the "tuna shuffle or two-step" as described by the Captain or CM. This will greatly reduce the tangles and put more fish on the boat. Jackpot is always optional and is collected by the Charter Master. Charter Master will determine the jackpot winner, award the monies and take a picture of the winner and his/her catch. Make sure you weigh the winning fish. Do not let the boat's crew determine what the winning fish is unless you are present, and make sure that any and all contenders are evaluated (scale is in the case). At the end of the trip, CM will complete the Charter Report and forward it to the Head Charter Master in a timely fashion, along with the Liability Waiver sheet and any other information that the Head CM must be advised of. Send a brief report of the trip and selected photos to the Webmaster & CM for possible publication. Also he/she will see that the CM for the next scheduled charter receives the CM case and/or AED in advance of their charter date.

OSA TRIP SIGN UP GUIDELINES

1. Trips will be opened for general sign up by the Head Charter Master beginning at a general club meeting.
2. A maximum of **one-third (1/3)** of the allotted number of anglers for each trip will be allowed to pre sign up with the trip Charter Master before the first meeting designated for general sign up. The 1/3 includes the trip Charter Master and the Assistant chosen by him/her.
For example:
Trip anglers 15-16, max pre sign ups = 5
Trip anglers 20 or 24, max pre sign ups = 8
3. After signing up, anglers have 7 days to pay the full amount due. Failure to do so may result in being canceled off the trip.
To avoid disappointment, it is strongly urged that payment in full be made at the time of all sign ups.
4. If a member cannot be present at a meeting, another member (but NOT the trip Charter Master) may sign up on their behalf. Any one member can sign up a maximum of 4 people, including him/her. **Sign-ups on behalf of others must be paid for at the time of sign up.**
5. Payment for trips must be given to the trip Charter Master. **Trip money should NOT be sent or given directly to the Treasurer without prior approval from the trip Charter Master. You must be on the sign up list.**
6. If a signed up angler cannot make the trip for any reason, the angler must notify the trip Charter Master as soon as possible. It is the canceling angler's responsibility to find a substitute, in order from the list of alternates that will be provided by the trip Charter Master. If there are no alternates, the trip is considered 'open' - the angler can either find someone (member or guest) to fill in, or may ask for assistance in notifying the general club membership of the opening. The canceling angler is also responsible for arranging reimbursement from the substitute. If no substitute is found the club will **NOT** reimburse, except in exceptional circumstances, as decided by the board.
7. After the annual trip schedule is firmed up, a meeting will be held and chaired by the Head Charter Master for all members who wish to be considered for trip Charter Master. The Head Charter Master will clarify all procedures & guidelines relevant to being a trip Charter Master, and will subsequently assess all candidates and notify those selected to be the trip Charter Masters for the year and assign trips and dates to each.

Rules for jackpot shall be as follows:

The Charter Master is directly responsible for the enforcement and any required interpretation of any interpretation of club rules.

1. Any edible legal fish except sharks, rays or eels, is eligible provided the angler has bought into the jackpot and are legally caught.
2. No fish caught at the bait barge or when making bait are eligible.
3. No trolled fish caught is eligible.
4. The Angler must cast their own bait or lure.
5. No handoffs by other Anglers or crew will count whether or not a fish has been hooked at the time of the handoff.
6. The fish must be hooked and landed or brought to gaff by the Angler, except for minor assistance from the crew in clearing line tangles or boat lines or going around the anchor.
7. The Angler is fully responsible to insure that any ineligible fish will have its tail cut or risk having all their fish ineligible for the jackpot.

The Charter Master, with the help of the crew, will determine the winner, and will in turn announce same. Any eligible fish should be brought forward by the Angler immediately.

Board of Director's approval 1-26-16

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Trolling Guidelines

1. Everyone will be assigned to a trolling team. A team consists of four (4) anglers. Your sack number will be your assigned number which determines what team you are on. Remember which team you are on.
2. Troll only when it is your turn. (See No. #8 below.)
3. Any Fish caught while trolling does not count in the jackpot.
4. When you are trolling stay with your troll pole at all times. If you must leave for a short time (bathroom, etc.) make sure that you have someone who will take over and handle your rig.
5. Troll with heavy trolling equipment. (i.e. 80 lb test). The minimum test line will be 60 lbs. Spectra with a top-shot of at least 100 yards of mono has been approved.
6. Do not abandon your trolling pole and start fishing with another pole (bait rod) until you have the troll pole completely reeled in and put in a safe & secure holder.
7. Stay alert as to what your lure and line are doing.
8. When it is your turn to troll and you do not want to, please advise the Charter Master. The Charter Master will then assign someone to the spot. Our goal is to make sure that everyone will catch fish. After everyone has at least one targeted fish on board then the rule can be relaxed.
9. The goal is for all of us to catch fish. If there are vacant trolling spots, the Charter Master may first assign them to folks who have no fish, then to those who want them.
10. Trolling teams will change rotation after the following occurs:
No one on the troll team hooks up and or catches a fish after thirty minutes on troll.
The Charter Master will keep the time.
 - If you get a strike and the fish does not hook (hit and a miss) the team will continue the troll.
 - If you get hooked up but lose the fish during the fight, your team's turn will be up.If you catch any fish (either targeted or NON-targeted such as Skipjack, Bonita etc.) your team's turn will be up.
11. Remember, when the skipper starts a troll, make sure you stay alert as to which team is up. Get your lure in the water as soon as possible. The boat's crew is there to help you and please let them do their job in assisting you if required with setting up the troll pattern and the associated things that will increase our chance of success.
12. When hooked up, retrieve the line as fast as you can. Stay in front of your fish at all times by sliding left or right along the rail so your line goes straight out from the boat.
13. If you use a boat trolling rod DO NOT change the boat's lures.

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OSA DAY TRIP GUIDELINES

- When live bait fishing, there is **no** minimum of mono topshot over spectra.
- When casting always keep your eyes on your hook!!!!
- Casting with irons is done from the bow only.
- When you're not fishing, remove your rod from the rail. No saving of a spot.
- Stay within your color group.
- Follow your line; keep it in front of you, and stay within your group.
- Do not fish the stern from the side.
- You are responsible for you own fish, from hook to bag.
- Never bring a Sculpin over the rail.
- The 'Fish Descender' will be available- members are to work it themselves.
- Be aware of what is going on around you.
- Any problems please inform trip charter master.
- Rotations will be 40 minutes.
- The Charter Master is responsible for the time keeping.
- Medical Issues-Buddy System-Let a Friend know your issues & where you meds are.

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OSA TUNA TRIP GUIDELINES

- Troll with minimum of 100 yards of mono top shot over spectra.
- Troll with no less than 60 pound test line.
- If you use a boat trolling rod, **DO NOT** change their lures.
- Use your trolling number as your position, moving one space to the right each turn.
- Notify the Charter Master if you do not want to troll. The Charter Master will be the one to find your replacement.
- When hooked up reel in your fish as quickly as you can.
- Do not cast live bait next to a trolling rod when the angler is bringing in their fish.
- Know the "Tuna 2-step" / "Tuna Shuffle".
- Cast live bait from downwind, work your way up wind.
- Keep the wind in your face.
- Follow your line; keep it in front of you
- When casting always keep your eyes on your hook!!!!
- Cast irons from bow only.
- Communicate with your fellow anglers.
- Be aware of what is going on around you.
- Give the right away to the angler with a fish on.
- Only one rod in the first 10 holders per side.
- Remember which holder you take, it's your spot for the trip.
- You are responsible for you own fish, from hook to bag.
- Any problems please inform trip Charter Master.
 - Medical Issues-Buddy System-Let a Friend know your issues & where you meds are.

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OSA CHARTER SIGN UP ROSTER

BOAT: _____ DATE: _____ DEPARTING FROM: _____

DEPARTURE TIME: _____ BOARD AT: _____ RETURN APPROX: _____

DISCLAIMER: The undersigned people hereby agree to absolve the Non-Profit Club called Oceanside Senior Anglers, its officers and fellow members from any and all Liability for any accidents, illness, or mishaps resulting from any activity engaged in, organized by and or sponsored by the Club.

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MEMBERS WHO NEED TO CANCEL FOR ANY REASON MUST FIND AN ALTERNATE. THE TRIP CHARTER MASTER WILL SUPPLY NAME & PHONE NUMBER OF ALTERNATE FOR MEMBER TO CONTACT WHEN POSSIBLE.

ALTERNATES

1			5	
2			6	
3			7	
4			8	

Charter Master: _____

Cost per Person \$ ____ X ____ = ____

Assistant C/M: _____

CHARTER MASTER TRIP REPORT

Date of Event: _____ Trip/Type: _____

Charter Master: _____ Number of Anglers: _____

Landing & Boat: _____

Skipper: _____

Deck Hands: _____

Jackpot Winner & Photo: _____

Biggest Fish of the year Contender: (Species, weight, photo) _____

SPECIES CAUGHT QUANTITY

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TOTAL FISH CAUGHT ON THIS TRIP :		

Breeder 5lbs up CALICO catch and release - PIN: _____

Trip Charter Master Signature: _____ Date: _____

** Sharks, Rays, Billfish and any troll fish caught are not eligible for the jackpot in Class 1
But may qualify for the biggest fish of the year award.*

** See other sheet to note potential species record fish (with Photo of contender).*

As soon as possible after the trip, turn this report into the Head Charter Master

OSA SPECIES RECORD APPLICATION

The Oceanside Senior Anglers have two categories for club record fish.
Circle one class:

CLASS 1. LOCAL WATERS FISHING RECORDS

Includes any Club Charter leaving from a Southern California landing, no matter the duration of the trip.

CLASS 2. NON CLUB CHARTERED TRIP RECORDS

Includes any trip initiated by a club member for clubs members. This includes any trip along the Pacific Coast, Mexico, or Alaska. This class is for anyone who, while a club member in good standing, has independently taken a trip anywhere and caught a record fish and has acquired a picture and a written acknowledgement by a witness. Trolled fish of any species are eligible in this category.

Fish Species: _____ **Weight:** _____

Club Member Name: _____

Date of Catch: _____ **Location:** _____

Boat: _____ **Skipper:** _____

Photo Taken? Yes _____ **No** _____ **Bait used:** _____

Was fish caught on troll? Yes _____ **No** _____

This application is for a legal fish caught by legal means.

Angler Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Trip Charter Master Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OR

Witness on side trip Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Head Charter Master Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OSA FISH CLEANING & FILLETING PRICES

The fish cleaning & filleting prices below are in effect for
Oct. 4 2017 thru Oct. 31, 2018.

FISH CLEANING — FILLETING, GUTTING, ETC.

Gunny Sacks to carry whole fish off boat	\$5.00 ea.
All Bass, Barracuda, Sculpin & misc. fish	\$1.00 ea.
Rock Cod, Lingcod	\$2.00 ea.
*Yellowtail under 15 pounds	\$2.00 ea.
*Yellowtail 15 to 20 pounds	\$3.00 ea.
*Large Yellowtail over 20 pounds	\$4.00 ea.
Small Tuna & Dorado up to 12 lbs.	\$3.00 ea.
Medium Tuna & Dorado 13 to 20 lbs.	\$4.00 ea.
Dorado 20 pounds and over	\$5.00 ea.
Tuna 21 to 30 pounds	\$5.00 ea.
Tuna 31 to 40 pounds	\$6.00 ea.
Tuna 41 to 50 pounds	\$8.00 ea.
Tuna 51 to 60 pounds	\$10.00 ea.
Tuna over 61 pounds	\$?
*Yellow Tail that are outlined like tuna add	\$1.00 ea.

**Any other species or size to be determined between the anglers,
Charter Master & the crew prior to the start of fish cleaning.**

BOAT NAME: **Pacific Star** _____

OWNER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

HEAD CHARTER MASTER: _____ DATE: _____

Has agreed to the above fish cleaning prices.