

We have just completed our club's first off-shore charter for 2018. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> there were 13 of us that went out looking for Tuna & Yellow-Tail. We all started to gather at H&M landing around 5:30 PM. This charter was originally set to depart at 6 PM, however with schools of Blue-Fin being so close the departure time was rest to about 9:30 PM. As we started the check-in at 5:45 PM, Captain Mikey allowed our Anglers to go ahead a put their gear on the boat then return to the landing. At about 6:30 PM we were able to board the boat and set up our gear. It was good to be able to get everything ready early. Captain Mikey had provide some fruit, Member Sammy Gordon brought some home-made pulled pork, rolls & Cole Slaw, then the Charter Master brought a Duck, Smoked Tuna, Tuna Salad, Sausage & Salami with cheese and crackers, also some ice cream, there were absolutely no complaints about sitting at the dock for a couple of hours. Just before we departed Captain Mikey explained what was the best option for us, first we would start offshore for the grey light bite then we could move in close to the Islands to fish for the Yellow-Tail and if we need we could go back out for the night bite. Then finally we departed and went to get some bait, by then just about everyone had hit the sack.

By 5 AM we were South West of the Coronado Islands about 50 miles. As the grey light was appearing we started to fish for the Blue-Fin. The tuna were on the fish finder. We all tried very hard and with no luck no bites, after a couple of hours we decided to start working our way to the islands for the Yellow-Tail. We did some trolling, there would be more markers and we would try again and again, over and over, still no bites. As we got to the spot where the Captain tried for the Yellow-Tail. We started off with some very nice size Bonita, the club record was almost taken missed by six ounces with a 11.2 pound Bonita, we did catch some decent size Yellows, however it wasn't as wide open as we were hoping for. We worked at it for most of the day, and in the late afternoon the Captain suggested that we go back out and try for an evening bite for the Blue-Fin, so off we went. Many Anglers fished up until around 8:45 PM with absolutely no Blue-Fin bites. By the end of the fishing day we landed, 22 Yellow-Tail, 4 Bonita, 2 Barracuda, 5 Calico and 1 Sculpin. The jack pot was a 19 ½ pound Yellow-Tail, this was taken by Jim Mauritz.

As we sat down for dinner the crew came by to see how each Angler wanted their fish cleaned, they also announced that with such a small catch they were waving

all fish cleaning cost. Thank you Relentless. Also a Thank you to my Assistant Charter Master Peter Rohrich, thank you to Sammy Gordon for the great pulled pork and to all the Members that came out and made this a great trip for all of us, we all had fun, and lots of laughs. We signed up a new member so please welcome Doug Copeland to our club.

I know that it wasn't as wide opened as we all would have loved it to be. However the fish are out there and it's just a matter of time when it burst wide open!

I hope to see many more of our Members out on our charters and supporting your club.

Trip Charter Master  
Jim Mauritz