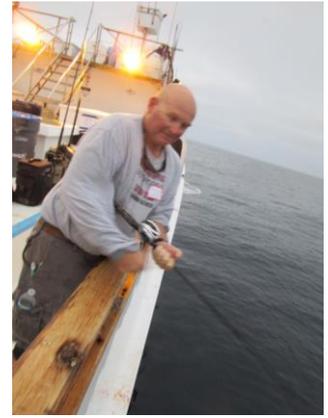


Our first 1.5 day charter with Helgren's landing in many years is now in the books. On Wednesday August 15th we started to gather at the landing around 4:45 PM to start the check in process. We had a scheduled departure time of 6:00 PM. By 5:15 PM our check in was all completed except for one Angler. Being how we had a little time to spare we went over our club's various rules and procedures. On this charter there were 24 Anglers of which there were 6 guest, the representative from Phinex Rods and 17 Members. As all our Anglers boarded at 6:35 PM except one. At five minutes till 6 PM Andy Underwood finally showed up, no one was upset because Andy did prepared our departure meal, Spaghetti with sausage in the sauce and meat balls the size of a tennis ball, this was served with some garlic bread and followed with ice cream. We departed at about 6:10 PM, everyone had started to set their gear up and then we had dinner around 7PM. We also sold some raffle tickets for a nice Phinex Rod. Our representative pulled the winning number for the rod then 2 more numbers for some nice shirts, then he had some goodies for everyone on the charter. Also he brought some rods that the Anglers could use for the charter. By 9:00 PM many of us had gone to bed.

Just before first light many of us tried to use flat falls and other various jigs, no bites. At first light we now started to try and use live bait, still no bites. So Captain Rick started our trolling for the day. During team ones first time up Gary Dunlap got a Dorado, no bait fish were caught at this point. So off we went, as the day progressed, troll teams were getting hits. Finally we started to get Skip Jack Tuna with the bait. There were a few Yellowfin Tuna in the mix. Then everything seemed to come to a halt at around 10:45 AM. We went back to trolling, and at noon we had lunch and many of us took are daily naps. It looked like that would be it. It was around 4:30 PM when it broke loose.



Here then came, more Skip Jack Tunas with a mix of Yellowfin Tuna, then we started to land more and more Yellowfin. By now it was about 6:00 PM and Captain Rick had to call it a day. It was time to turn the boat from heading south and start heading north for home. So we started to clean up our gear and get ready for dinner. At about 7 PM dinner was ready, and we started to enjoy our meal. The crew started to clean up the deck and they as well had dinner. After dessert it was about 9PM and some of us started to hit the bunks. The deck hands started in on the fish, I was told somewhere around 10 PM and after determining the jack pot fish, they commenced on cleaning all the fish, and it took them until around 4:00 AM to finish.



I can honestly say that the deck hands on the Oceanside 95 worked very hard for our Anglers. There were very few tangles, however the few tangles that there were, were very good tangles. Our deck hands, Cory, Anthony and Peanut Butter did a great job on how quickly they resolved the tangles. They help those Anglers that were having a difficult time catching some fish and worked with them and helped them hook and land some fish. Our cook Josh prepared all outstanding meals. Our total fish count on this charter was 5 Dorado, 95 Yellowfin Tuna and 120 Skip Jack Tuna. The jack pot winner was John Lopez with a 17 pound Yellowfin Tuna. I would like to thank my Assistant Charter Master Lee Mueller for his help.

Trip Charter Master
Jim Mauritz