

We have completed our 18th scheduled charter for this past fishing season. On Wednesday September 5th, everyone started to gather at 4:45 PM at Helgren's Landing. Our check in went very smooth, and by 5:10 PM everyone was present and was checked in. So we did our Charter Master's talk about Jack Pot Rules, Trolling Rules and all the other pertinent Club Information for the charter. At 5:25 PM myself along with Assistant Charter Master Andy Underwood were permitted to board. We got everything set, then at 5:40 PM the other 21 Anglers were permitted to board the Oceanside 95. The boat left the dock a couple of minutes prior to 6:00 PM as scheduled. After speaking with Captain Rick it was decided to head down South. All week long the weather reports were showing some great weather for our trip, then on Tuesday, the reports had changed. Now we were looking at up around 15 to 18 knots of wind. Still not as bad as our last charter. As the crew started to load the bait, our cook Josh with his assistant Dre, started to serve dinner, we had Andy's homemade lasagna with salad and garlic bread, followed with some ice cream for dessert. Then we had our safety and information talk from Captain Rick. Then we all got our gear set for the next day and by 8:00 PM many Anglers went to bed.



At first grey light we were ready to start trolling, and off we went. It was defiantly a fishing trip vs. a catching trip. We worked at it hard, I have never seen so many troll fish lost at the boat, and this was all due to Angler's errors. We did manage to land a few bait fish throughout the day. Most of the fish on this charter we caught by trolling. By 3:30 PM it started to cool down rapidly and the seas started to get a little rough. Our last fish caught for the day was around 4:20 PM on the troll.



Many kept fishing until 7:20 PM and then dinner was being served. By days end we had managed to land 5 Dorado and 15 Skipjack. Our Captain tried very hard to find fish. As it turned out, all boats except for the Tornado from Pierpoint had very low fish counts. Our jackpot winner was Hector Gomez with a 16 pound Dorado, congratulations Hector. A big thank you goes out to Andy Underwood for performing all his duties as an Assistant Charter Master and for making the lasagna for us. Also a thank you to the Oceanside 95 and her crew for some outstanding service on this charter.



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Jim Mauritz
Trip Charter Master