

OSA Voyager Trip Report
Aug 4 - 5, 2018

Our group of thirteen members and 2 non-members all arrived at Seaforth Landing early and prepared for the Club's first overnight offshore trip in hopes of departing early. However, we loaded up and headed out just ahead of our 10:00 pm scheduled departure.

Captain/Owner Todd Meyer advised us to prepare for paddy hopping 60 – 85 miles south in Mexican waters. He recommended 20# and 30# outfits topped with fluorocarbon and size 2 thru 1/0 hooks. Our bait was smaller sized sardines with a few large models mixed in.

After rigging instructions, Club angler, Frenchy LaBarge, served a strawberry filled, devil's food cake from a special family recipe. The frosting had a secret ingredient from his grandmother's liquor cabinet. It was delicious and enjoyed by all.

The weather was in the 70s the entire trip with calm seas and little or no wind. It was overcast Sunday morning, but burned off by mid-morning.

The trolling rods went out at 5:30 am and there was no action during the first full rotation. During the second rotation, Team 3 nailed three Dorado while passing a piece of kelp and bait put 2 more on the boat, but those seemed to be the only 5 fish willing. The next troll team nailed two dodos at 10:15 on a nice kelp paddy, and it was game on from there.



Dorado to 10 lbs, Yellowtail to 23.5 lbs, and smaller Yellowfin tuna bit on all sides of the boat for about an hour. The bite tapered after drifting from the paddy, and the capable crew counted and put our fish down to chill. Captain Todd drove us back to the paddy to top off our limits in short order. The final tally was 30 Dorado, 68 Yellowtail and 7 Yellowfin tuna.

After deciding, our jackpot winner was Greg Thompson with a beautiful 23.5 lb Yellowtail, we relaxed and enjoyed a steak dinner on the calm ride home.

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Thanks to Captain Todd Meyer, Second Ticket Chuck, Cook/Deckhand RJ, and Deckhand Josh for a great trip with good food and capable service on deck.

Special thanks to my friend and Assistant CM, Michael McIntire for all of his help.

The final thanks is to the great bunch on this trip that made it successful and fun by communicating during the frenzy, avoiding tangles, and helping each other when lines did cross.

This is one of those “yesterday” trips...(Shoulda’ been there.)

Chris Bentley
Charter Master

