



OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS



OSA Kids Fishing Trip Program

Oceanside Kids Fishing trips initially began during the year of 1994 when some of our club members supported Kids fishing trips out of **Helgrens Landing** in Oceanside. OSA members volunteered their time and fishing knowledge, assisting the Captain of the **New Tortuga** to provide Kids a fishing trip and a lunch at no cost to them. These kids were accompanied by some of the OSA Members who instructed each child by one on one training. In 1998 the OSA helped out with Fishing Seminars and hands-on fishing education onboard the **Seawatch**. This new program was run by **Gary Abbermonte** of Seaforth Landing in Mission Bay. Gary found the sponsors and the Oceanside Senior Anglers, the Escondido Senior Anglers and the Rancho Bernardo Fishing club provided the help necessary to teach these kids the how to's of Salt Water Fishing .

In 2000, OSA members decided to provide a one day trip each summer that was fully sponsored and paid for by the club. Club members provided donations and volunteered their time so that Kids ages 6 to 15 were able to have the opportunity and experience of ocean fishing, many for the very first time. The Club continued one trip each summer until 2003 when set out to expand our program, based on the availability of funds. With funds the club received from donations, along some outside funding, the club was able to increase the number of summer fishing trips for Kids. Starting in 2007 OSA we began using the **Sea Star** out of Helgrens Landing, skippered by **Capt. Joe Cacciola**. This increased the club's ability to provide more time teaching and educating Kids on proper boat procedures, ocean safety, rod & reel training, live bait handling, legal size fish (keepers) & limits, clean ocean environment protection, and very importantly ocean conservation education. On these trips we further provide meals, soft drinks, and a trophy to each Kid which identifies all kids as winners and provides a remembrance of their trip experience.

The majority of Kids we sponsor are from **North County Boys & Girls Clubs** located in Oceanside, Vista, San Dieguito, Carlsbad, Escondido, Poway and Ramona. Additionally we set aside trips for kids from **Camp Pendleton YMCA** along with summer camps from Escondido, San Marcos, and Vista. Many of these youngsters are from single parent households. Since the Oceanside Senior Anglers Kids Trips have been established, we have provided over 1200 kids the opportunity to realize the pleasure of open sea fishing, an appreciation of the marine environment, the value of conservation, and the great joy that nature presents.

The Oceanside Senior Anglers motto is ..."**Fish & Play The Senior Angler Way**" and the Oceanside Senior Anglers Kids Trip motto is ... "**Old Kids Helping Young Kids**"

Fred Kaczmarek, Chairman

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