

We have completed our first of three Military Charters for this year. Our volunteers all gathered at 5:30 AM on Thursday July 26th, 2018 at the Helgren's Landing. It was explained how the program was going to run this year. This was a charter that was co-sponsored with the Escondido Rotary Club. Joey, the owner of Helgren's had upgraded us to the Oceanside 95 for our first charter. At 6:00 AM five of our volunteers lead by Peter Rohrich, loaded all our gear and got the rods all set up for our participants. Then three of us started with the check-in of our participants. By 6:45 AM we all boarded the boat with sixteen participants and nine volunteers and off we were by 7:00 AM. With a discussion that I had with Captain Rick, it was decided that we would take our Military guest out for some Sculpin to start the day. On the way out our guest and volunteers had some breakfast burritos, fruit and Danishes, the Danishes were donated by Kelly Kissinger. Then Deck-Hand Anthony gave an explanation on how to use the club's spinner gear and how to use the conventional loaner gear from Helgren's (Joey lent us some conventional gear at no cost to us). Anthony explained the basics of fishing for bottom fish. Also on the way out, we all basically got to know our guest. As we arrived to the spot, the fishing began. It wasn't long before those guest that go out fishing were bringing up some Sculpin, for others it was a challenge at the start. After about an hour or so, then just about everyone was bring up good size Sculpins. With all this fish, it kept all the volunteers and the three Deck Hands very busy. At around 11:30 AM we just about had limited out with the Sculpin. There was a discussion on whether we go inside for possibly Calicos or go a little farther out for some other Rock Fish. Taking into consideration of listening to our guest and how much fun they were having reeling in fish, it was decided to go look for some more Rock Fish. So on the move many of us had our lunch, cheeseburger, chips & a beverage (water or soda). Josh was our cook, who did an excellent job in taking care of everyone's galley needs. As we got into fishing for the other bottom fish, we finally started to see some nice Vermilions, White Fish and other various Rock Fish. We fished there until it was time to call the day. As the crew Chris, Anthony and Cory started to get ready for fish cleaning, our guest got their one biggest fish out of their bags for the jack pots. Our winners were first place Keith, Second place was Jeff and third place was Ivan. All three places were taken with Sculpins. As the winners were presented with Thank You cards and the winnings inside, they were very excited and grateful. Our second place winner Jeff, asked me to please donate his

winnings back to help take more military out fishing. As we docked and were ready to disembark the boat, the crew handed out the fish and all the volunteers made a line to shake each and every guest's hand and thanked them for their service.

I would like to say thank you to Joey, Amber and all the rest of the office personal at Helgren's, Captain Rick and his crew, the Escondido Rotary Club for their financial support for this charter, also a thank you to the following Rotarians, Ken Manell, Ron Smith, Wendy Shafer, Trent Cooper and Ron Parker. Also a thank you to O.S.A. Members, Peter Rohrich, Kelly Kissinger, Don Bomar and Russ Pfaff. All volunteers did an excellent job in helping all our Military guest. By days end, I know that many of the Military guest were worn out as well as all our volunteers. Our guest had landed 98 Sculpin, 84 Vermillion, 4 White Fish, 15 Sanddabs and 26 other various bottom fish. I do believe that everyone had a great time. Also a thank you to all Members of the Oceanside Senior Anglers for your support and donations to make this and other charters possible. Please keep it up!

Trip Charter Master

Jim Mauritz

Anglers 4 Military Chairman