

President's Report

May 1, 2020

I want to thank Bill Colburn for giving the contributors to the April newsletter a chance to update their text prior to publishing on the April Newsletter on our website.

Since that April newsletter we have seen New York losing lives at the rate of 33 per hour. Isolation has become our primary tool to deal with this pandemic. State and National finances are strained and yet the U.S. is strong and determined to protect all of us.

The 2020 fishing season will resume at some point but for now we wait. The Governors of each State have protected us through closures and restrictions. They will again protect us by using caution in lifting those restrictions and re-opening of the various activities including sportfishing. The City of Oceanside will determine when our meeting place will re-open and when we can hold a meeting of 80 or more people. Not until these conditions are met can we schedule a General Membership Meeting.

An email will go out to all members when it is determined that we can safely have another General Membership meeting or picnic. An email verifying the cancellation of future charters or the lifting of the restrictions at the Landings will keep us up to date. Isolation and social distancing is almost impossible on a boat. Try to remember when you were no closer than 6 feet from each other on a trip, NEVER.

If you feel that it is not safe for you to go on a charter trip please contact Jim Mauritz as soon as possible at 760 950-7060 to cancel. The only way it will be safe to resume with our charters is that if the Landings are re-opened and all distancing requirements are withdrawn by the State. No charters should resume until full testing of all club members and crew members are made and results are available prior to boarding. The Landing should be responsible for these tests and compliance with all State regulations. If the Landings want to resume business they will have to come up with a plan to protect us.

Your health and safety are my primary concern as your President.

The passing of member, Artie Mosgofian is just a reminder of how fragile life is. It was not until I saw the list of rods and reels he owned that I realized what an accomplished fisherman he was. Like a craftsman's tools, each rod and reel had a specific use for a specific species. He took his fishing seriously and will be missed by all that knew him. I want to thank Peter Rohrich Vice President, for putting together a meaningful memorial for Artie.

Stay Safe

Pete Graves