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Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:00:10] I started through my family, my father. He's been sport fishing since he was walking, and I was kind of following, following the same thing. I had a chance to keep studying, but when I was 18, then I decide, not school, no anything, just keep going on the business, on the family business.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:00:36] Well, I like the, the motion, the noise, the everything on the, on the, on the reels. You know, when it sounds, the clicker. I like the, the nature, the sea. I like surfing. I like everything about the water. I wish I can do more stuff, like diving. But so far, I have enough to do. So, yeah, I like, especially tuna, marlin, everything on fishing. Even when I go, when I have the chance to do ice fishing, and stuff like that, I still love it, because everything, it all depends, the tackle, and the size of the fish. That's what it makes, the, the motion.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:01:31] Colorado, some friends there.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:01:39] Yeah, it's less, definitely. We still have some great, great days, where we say, "OK, no more fishing, stop." But, we don't have those days pretty often. It's very seldom. And if we do have a day like that, like I said, maybe one day, and then maybe 10 days more. We're learning to, not catching a lot of fish. Just make, a special, one fish, make it special for, for the client. Like: you hooked them, you do everything like I used to do. Normally, it's hook the fish and give it to him. We're trying now to: "Okay you, this is what it's going to happen, and you do it by yourself." So that way you can feel you're doing everything, it's not just reeling. So, we make one fish, make it more special, and that way, we don't need to catch, like, 10 or 12, I don't know.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:02:44] It's been, it's been something, a problem. Because the way of thinking, for some guys is, 'OK, I release fish. But why, I'm releasing this fish if somebody else is going to catch it and kill it?' And then they say, "OK I'd prefer, I kill it, and, and, because anyway, somebody else is going to kill it." Especially, on the commercial long liners. That's what is the most dangerous thing for them, for the place.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:03:24] A little bit of, a little bit of both. It hasn't been like, restricted, on numbers. So that's why, the commercial fishing takes more fish, definitely, than a sport fishing fleet. Like I said, one fish can give you a good tip. Commercial fishing, they have to catch the whole thing, so they can make money. They, they can't just show up there with one fish. It's not gonna, that's not worth it. Unfortunately, the rules, the laws, sometimes they're not, they're not. They, what's the word for, to, to make illegal. So they skip, skip it, and there's no control about the fish. So, we can see that, less numbers. These places, it has a lot of migratory? Like, they're moving? So, maybe we take care of the fish here. But sooner or later, they're moving, and somewhere else, somebody is going to take it. So that's what, especially with tuna. They are always moving, with the dolphins, and I just went to Mainland, and I saw the big fleets of the big tuna boats. And they, they have families to, to, they're workers there. They have to fish, they have to... Kill fish to, make means, to keep their, their families alive. And we understand that, that's what we're doing, but on a different level.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:05:22] I guess we are, we're still in the chance, like my kid has four years, four years, right now. He will still have some fish, he will still have the chance to see good fishing, when he gets to be a teenager or older. But he's going to, like, if he wants to do, follow the same business as I am doing it, he has to work more harder.

He, my dad, we like to use kite fishing. My dad never use it, there's no, no reason. Now we're doing it. That's one example. Now the boys, the big, the big yachts, they're using lot of teasers, and stuff like that, so bring the fish up. Years before, we didn't use that, so we are, we have to be changing, because the fish are getting more, more picky. Like, I think, so concern about my, the next generations, it's our time to take care of that. It's my, my, my, my generation, and, and try to teach the youngsters, that are coming. How the kids to take, take care. Otherwise, it's not going to last too long. Pollution, pollution is not, and the global, and all that, I don't think this is that, this is more us, that we don't take care of the fishing. We don't take care of the place.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:07:10] That's good. That's a good one. Actually, I haven't, I haven't made that, I haven't get that question, to me, like that. It's a good business. It's a good business, it's, it's, it's amazing how people can pay a fishing day, like on a boat like this. Easy, a thousand bucks. And, and plus, you are giving them, or you are having a good day of fishing, and then you have a nice tip. It's a good business, and, I can mentalize only on that, on the good tip, and on the money, but I can lose the experience, or giving experience to somebody, to have a great day, and enjoy, and love the the water, or the sea. I always tell the people, "Today, when we go out fishing, it could, it could be your best day, or your worst day." Hopefully, everybody likes for the best day. But we're, I enjoy more that we give the chance to make somebody happy on a, on a nice day of fishing. And, obviously, for that, my, my, my attitude has to be right, and the boat has to be right too. Keep it clean, keep it nice, because it's a service that I'm giving, and that's what it makes. That's how I met good people. And there's bad people too but, OK maybe, we, it still is the things that you have to do anyway in life, good, good and bad.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:09:03] Oh, definitely. If you, if you fall asleep, or if you didn't see that fish jump, or that bird passing by, and, and you are not ready, you can, you can lose the whole day of fishing. So, I know we can go out. Put the lure,s put the baits, whatever we're going to do, and just drive. Keep going forward, and maybe, whatever I'm dragging, whatever I'm pulling, is gonna make the work, and I'm just driving. But if you really want to be a captain, definitely you have to be working for that, using binoculars, pay more attention sometimes, listening on the radio, somebody is giving you a nice report or, yeah it's, it's very important to not just be a driver, it's just be a captain, and any detail is very important, on the day.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:10:16] Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, definitely. And I know there are some other, even better, but who cares? What you like, what you live is, is, is important for you. I have one, very recently, with my kids. I think for them, that's my, the important thing in my life. I can say another one, that I spend two, three hours, or more, eight hours, hand line, and finally we catch this fish, but I guess, the most excited for me, lately, I took my kids; they were a little younger. 3 and 5, the girl, 3 the boy. And we were catching, we went on this boat. We were catching some tunas. Not too big, small. They're still too young to bring a fish like that, but they were on top on the bridge, and I was down there. So when I was bringing in this tuna, my wife was there, taking care of the kids, and I was bringing in this tuna and I saw a shark. But they, the fun part is, that they spot it first. I was trying to catch the fish, and then I hear, they were yelling, "A shark! Shark!" For them, every kid, a shark is like, 'Wow.' because it's, it's not, it's not just a sardine, or just a little Nemo, whatever. So he spotted it, he knew what it was, he took part of my tuna. At the same time, I was trying to take it off from the fish, from the shark, and I hit my hat, and it fall into, in the water. The boat was moving just, just a little bit forward, so my hat, so my hat was like, maybe couple meters from the boat. And then they, they saw the shark grab my, and they were, everything, they saw everything, since the fish grabbed the tuna, the, the shark

grabbed the tuna, and then grabbed my hat. Then they drop it, and the little [unintelligible] and came back. And then we came and, and got it, and we still have it. They leave the marks on the hat. They saw everything, and if, and if we go right now and find the kids, they're in school, and we ask, they're going to say, exactly, they have it here. They're not gonna, they're not gonna forget that, nice, what they saw, and it was a regular day.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:12:51] Yes, actually. It's nice to have a nice trophy. It's nice to, get some, get some pictures, and all that. But when you do this every day, what you really want, how can I say? It's nice to see everything, since the beginning. It's easy for any client, if we're dragging the lures, he can look up the bridge, looking for the cabin, he's just driving, like I said earlier. I'm just driving, and he might think, 'This guy's just taking me for a boat ride. He's not doing anything, there's nothing happen.' But, I always try to tell the people and understand that, always, always keep looking. You can miss the nice action, the fun part of fishing is, before they, how they eat, how they grab the lure, how they grab the bait, that's the fun part. And that's how you can make your, the whole picture. You can, you can get the whole picture, since the fish grabbed it, and you had it onboard, the whole thing. Some people they are, they get boring, about watching until the fish bites. And they just go for, for a nap, and just wait for the clicker, but I guess they, they already, they got used to, they just want to bring. There's all different.

Jim Thull [00:14:33] Different kinds of fishermen?

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:14:34] Exactly, of fishermens, yeah. Some, they like to wait until, until the fish bites, and some, they want to wait until it's already on, and just to bring them in.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:14:49] I guess, the islands. The island of Revillagigedo, the Socorre islands.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:15:06] Tuna.

Jim Thull [00:15:07] Tuna. Is that your favorite thing to fish for?

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:15:10] Yeah, I guess, I like tuna. It's a, it's a powerful fish. I like the way they, they eat, they're aggressive. I like Marlin too, but definitely, at least, the tuna you can eat.

Jim Thull [00:15:25] Excellent.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:15:35] Well it's nice. It's nice to be on the water, but I know that not anybody can handle that. The movement and all that. But if you have the, the chances, the, the money sometimes, because it's, it's expensive. But you can go on on a panga, and still, it can be a great day, not necessarily has to be a bigger boat. If you have the chances to do that, don't, don't waste that, that time. Because, the day of fishing starts since you wake up, like since the, since the sun, sunrise come. And maybe one, one fish can make the difference, or there are more coming. Why not? But always... Enjoying what God has made for us, and, and definitely taking care. You know, when, if you take care, if you take care of animals, and all that, and the sea, how big it is, and next time, and think if you're going to drop a bottle, plastic bottle, whatever, you're going to remember how beautiful is, is the sea. Or if you're going to kill another fish, if you already have enough. And you're, you're going to, you're going to have the chance to kill another fish, you might, you might think like: take it easy. It's we have to be a good administrator of,

even if we don't work, if you don't work here, it still is part of the same world. So it's, it's like, like everybody said, just put your, your, your little, little, how do you call the sand?

Jim Thull [00:17:28] Grain of sand.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:17:29] Grain, grain of sand. Exactly. Si. Do what you have to do, and do it right. I don't know if that fulfilled...

Jim Thull [00:17:37] Yeah, I think what you're saying is that everybody, it's everybody's responsibility to take care of the Earth, right?

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:17:41] Exactly.

Jim Thull [00:17:43] Exactly.

Roberto Olascoaga Moran [00:17:43] It's our responsibility...