

## San Diego Sport Fisher Says His WESMAR Sonar Is Far Superior to Anything He Has Seen

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“This HD800 is far superior to any sonar I’ve seen. The resolution is excellent,” says Tom Rothery, owner/captain of the 90-foot long-range Sportfisher Polaris Supreme.

She’s part of the Fisherman’s Landing charter fleet in San Diego and fishes for albacore, blue-fin tuna, and yellowtail on 4 to 5 day trips between San Diego and Mexico during the summer. In the fall those trips grow to 8 to 10 days when the search turns to the larger yellowfin, yellowtail, wahoo and marlin, and then to 16-20 day trips in the winter when the search is for the 200-pound and larger trophy fish.

The luxuriously appointed *Polaris Supreme* might be described as a real fishing machine. Her summer season began in early June after a season of boat work included installing the new sonar and three completely rebuilt fish holds, a rebuilt lazaret, refinished sun deck, new carpeting, new paint and refurbished wood work.

Anglers come from great distances to fish with Rothery, considered one of the most skilled captains in the San Diego fleet! Guests travel in the comfort of air conditioned staterooms and relax after a day of fishing with hors d’oeuvres and delicious meals.

Rothery credits his WESMAR sonar with part of the success. He says he uses it in the open ocean looking for albacore and in the shallows to contour the bottom.

“We can see individual fish, even 15 pounders. In the open ocean we look for the individual fish or small groups of fish that are often part of a larger school. He says he keeps the sonar running at all times, day and night, so they constantly know what’s around them.

Rothery has nearly 30 years experience behind him and is no stranger to sonar. He says he has used at least 8 different sonar models, but that the latest WESMAR has “by far the best resolution” he has seen.

How important is sonar to his fishing? “If you don’t have a sonar on board, people won’t go fishing with you.” But he says on good fishing days while the sonar is important, it’s real value is on a slow day.

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a scratchy day the sonar keeps me from making a mistake and leaving an area that may come alive, so we are looking for the one or two or more fish that are part of a larger school. That’s when you really appreciate the power and resolution of the WESMAR. “

A look at the boats online fishing log gives the reader a taste of the excitement on board the *Polaris Supreme*: “On June 10 they landed slightly over 60 yellowtail averaging between 10 and 16 pounds. The following day they kept a dozen yellows including a “gorgeous 34-pounder. This was followed a day of almost all passengers limiting out.

June 20: “We spent half of our day catching BIG yellowtail at one of the pristine islands. We landed 50 of the fish, all averaging 18-30 pounds with the bulk being a solid 22 pounds.

On June 25: “Today was down right unbelievable, we rolled into an area of fish located by our fleet at around 10 a.m. Almost immediately we saw Albacore and Blue-fin. ... as the day progressed we hit bigger and better spots of fish, averaging 35-40 pounds and then 50 to 60 pounds. This was followed by another “awesome day” of angling, albacore 32-40 pounds and Bluefin between 40 and 55 pounds.



*Fishing on-board the 90-foot luxury Polaris Supreme has been greatly successful. Captain Tom Rothery credits his WESMAR sonar with part of the success.*

