



From 4H Youth Program participant to the Making of a Boat Captain - The Catch

Adam Thomas Salas San Gil began participating in 4-H workshops around 2008 when he was about 11 years old. A devoted advocate of the 4-H Youth Development Program, he has participated as a member and now a volunteer for over 12 years. Adam grew up in a family of fishermen that takes pride in their culture and family values. Every time he and his family return ashore from spearfishing, bottom fishing, or trolling, they share their catch with friends and neighbors. According to Adam, the 4-H Youth Development Program helped him learn more about different types of fishing and the science behind those practices. He also learned leadership skills that helped him achieve his OUPV-Operator License as a boat captain in 2019. From his 4-H experience, he was able to work with different boat captains and handle the intensity of working in tight and small spaces, especially during challenging weather. When asked what one piece of advice he would give today's youth, Adam emphasized, "Most youth today fear nature, especially the ocean, and I want to encourage them to experience nature, by either hunting or fishing." He also stated that he would advise the youth to spend less time playing video games and more time exploring the outdoors or participating in hands-on activities as he learned through the 4-H Youth Development Program.



From left to right: Capt. Storm Manglona, 4-H Alumni Capt. Adam San Gil, 4-H Alumni Davin Rojas, and 4-H Alumni Joshua Calvo July 25, 2020 Fishing Vessel Amber Marie

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