



Wednesday's Child
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Welcome aboard! This week's Wednesday's Child story takes place along the beautiful Pacific Coast in Marina Del Rey, California. Our adventure for the day? Yachting.



At the invitation of the Del Rey Yacht Club, Rene – who has a love for fishing – learned the ropes of being a boat captain so that one day he can head out to the high seas himself to hunt for his biggest catch. Before cast off, Rene got a tour of the Club from the Commandant.

Talking with Rene on this day was like taking a walk down memory lane, as Rene was profiled 5 years ago on Wednesday's Child and it was also by the water, in Redondo Beach, California where we flew kites. Rene's wish and need for a permanent and loving family to call his own hasn't changed and unfortunately has yet to be met.



Today, he's still on that quest. What we did notice was that the little boy from 5 years ago is developing into a handsome and thoughtful young man. Still very much a kid, Rene still likes video games, the WWE, riding his bike and watching movies. We've also been told that Rene is quite a dancer as well.



Still very much drawn to the water, Rene has taken up fishing and now boating is also among his interests. Rene’s Mexican heritage has always been very important to him. He is bilingual and speaks fluent Spanish and hopes to find a family who is also bilingual and who will help him preserve his language as well as his cultural identity.



While we enjoyed catching up with Rene, this day was about learning something new. The captain of the “Halibut” taught Rene a language this youngster’s never heard of before – Nautical. Aft, Stern, Starboard, Bow, Port and many other such terms are the basic language of direction when boating. After some more instruction and within the safety of the breakwater, Rene was soon able to take the helm and pilot the boat solo.



This playful, charming and friendly kid deserves the safety net of a permanent adoptive family who can guide and protect him while teaching him how to maneuver through life and all that he may encounter during his journey. For this avid angler, a family to call his own will be the ultimate catch.

If you have a heart for older children and understand the importance of helping a child like Rene maintain his cultural heritage, please drop us a line at **1-866-921-ADOPT(2367)**.



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