

## The Chumline

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### July Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday July 1st at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Captain John Fuqua, owner operator of the Sea Jay out of Channel Islands harbor.

### June Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing club held its regular meeting on Tuesday June 3rd. Our guest speaker was Captain Dave Bacon. Dave gave several tips on angling techniques, set up and equipment. Dave also presented his favorite line of rods, manufactured by Cousins Tackle of Huntington Beach. Dave has opened a tackle shop and gun store in Santa Barbara at 4010-5 Calle Real, Santa Barbara. Dave also operates the Wave Walker, a six pack operating out of Santa Barbara Harbor.

### Barbeque set

Save the date, the club has set Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> for the annual club barbeque. As usual, it will be from 3:00 PM to dark, with fish entrées, drinks and good cheer provided. Guest will bring appetizers, salads and desserts.

### Current Fishing Conditions

The water is warming; a burst of White Sea Bass followed by wind and shut off has come and gone. Barracuda have moved in large numbers this past week. Squid are plentiful at the islands, thus White Sea Bass and halibut add to the regular catches.

### First String openings

The club charter on the First String is in danger of being converted to an open party charter. The current signups are just over half the needed 26 anglers.

### 2014 Charter schedule

Scott Williams has put together our charter schedule for 2014. Once again, we offer a variety of fishing opportunities for the club angler.

Date	Departure time	Boat	Landing	cost
7/13	7/12 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$160
7/31	7/30 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$160
8/10	8/10 9:00 PM	FIRST STRING	H&M Landing	\$780 Three day

In addition to these, there are two long range open charters which club members are invited to participate.

A seven day trip on the INDEPENDENCE out of Point Loma departing on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> of September at 9:00 AM, returning on Saturday, September 20 Cost \$2695. This is an Izorline/Turners Sporting Goods charter with many prizes available for largest fish of each species. Contact Judy at Independence sport fishing, (619) 226-6006

A ten day trip on the ROYAL STAR out of Fisherman's Landing departing November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, returning November 15<sup>th</sup>, cost \$3495. This is a VCSC open charter, with about half the spots filled by club members. This is a great trip to fish with your friends. Contact Brian Zimmerman, (818) 991-0453 or Tracy at (619) 224-4764

All reservations require a 50% deposit to confirm. Final payment is due 45 days

prior to departure. No refunds will be made unless the spot is filled from a waiting list. If you wish to cancel, to assure getting a refund, sell your spot to someone else, save us the hassle!

### **Openings**

The July 31<sup>st</sup> trip has seven openings and there remain 11 openings on the First String. We have been assured that the First String is seriously upgrading their galley service both in quality and variety of offerings.

### **Fishing on the Mirage**

With 17 anglers, we left for Santa Rosa on June 6th. The wells were full of live squid, White Sea bass were on the bite, so with high expectations, we set out. Arriving at Santa Rosa, we began fishing a first light. It didn't take long for the first fish to hit. Over the next hour and a half, we boated a full limit of White Sea Bass. It was the type of fishing we love to see.

With limits of White Sea Bass, we went into deeper water to fill the sacks with rock fish. Again, all was wide open, with abundant fish. By shortly after noon, we had limited on rock fish. With limits all the way around, we headed home early.



**VCSC anglers with full WSB limits**

### **Kid's trip set**

The kid's trip has been set. We have chartered the Sped Twin for Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Geoff Mosdale is once again heading up this effort. If you are willing to serve in either on water mentoring or off water logistical support, signup and let us know what you want to do.

### **Climate Change comes sooner than expected**

One of the predictions of climate models was increased acidification of the ocean

from absorbing Carbon Dioxide. As all of you know, a coke has a slightly acidic taste, that is the absorbed carbon dioxide that makes it fizz. The same thing happens as the ocean absorbs carbon dioxide. This acidification interferes with shell fish making shells.

A major food source for growing game fish such as salmon and halibut is a lovely little free swimming snail called a pteropod. A recent survey sampled pteropods from Los Angeles to Seattle, inshore to 200 miles out. Distressingly, over 50% of the snails collected showed severe shell damage as the more acidic ocean ate away at their shells.

In Oregon and Washington, there is a large Oyster industry. The more acidic ocean has severely impacted this industry, as it is now too acid for the non-native species of oyster fry. Since non-native species are the primary commercial species, a commercial oyster hatchery has opened in Hawaii. The fry from this hatchery are then transplanted to the oyster beds in Oregon and Washington.

It is unfortunate, but the most negative effects are occurring years to decades earlier than predicted. And with pteropods and shell fish, we are at the lower rungs of the oceanic food chain.

### **Gold Coast Lady Anglers win Again**

We tried mightily, but were humiliated again! Eighteen anglers, nine GCLA ladies and nine VCSC anglers set out for Santa Rosa on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The tanks were full of squid, and all reports were squid and WSB were plentiful at the islands. We arrived at Santa Rosa and began fishing at first light. It was pretty windy to start, but the wind died down as the sun warmed the air. It didn't take long for the first White Sea Bass hit the deck. Over the next several hours, the bite was intermittent, with no real solid period with multiple hookups. In the end, eighteen WSB, one halibut and one ling cod hit the deck.

At the weigh up, it was clear we were in trouble, each team had accounted for nine WSB, but unfortunately, five of ours were taken by two anglers. Conversely, the GCLA WSB were well distributed among the team. So we put five WSB and one halibut into the sack against seven WSB. Even though Rhanny Hufualar's halibut was easily the Jack Pot winner, the GCLA bag was two to three pounds heavier. Once again, close with total weights of over 60 lbs each, they beat us by a few pounds.

### **Cooking your catch**

This month we will fix baked rock fish stuffed with rice, tomatoes, onion and green pepper.

When you have the deckhands clean your fish, have them head and gut one or two smaller (1-2 lb) rock fish.

- 1 rock fish, head and gut removed.
- ½ medium onion finely chopped
- ½ medium green pepper chopped
- 2 medium tomatoes chopped
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 tsp oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook rice (1 cup boiling water, ½ cup rice). Sauté onion with green pepper, add tomatoes and rice, oregano, salt and pepper. Stuff cavity of fish with rice mixture, then add remaining to around the fish in baking dish. Cover and bake for about 20 minutes. The skin will easily peel off, and half the fish will come out

easily. The bones can then be easily removed and the other half then served.



Baked rock fish with rice, served with a zinfandel