

The Chumline
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May Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday June 3rd at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Captain Dave Bacon, long time local captain, fishing author, and expert on many products for fishermen.

April Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing club held its regular meeting on Tuesday April 1st. Our guest speaker was Ken Franke., an ocean fishing expert discussed rock fish preservation, Mexican fishing regulations and this year's coastal fishing forecast. Ken gave an excellent presentation with underwater photos of various rock fish species including ling cod and cow cod. Ken also presented status on getting ground fish depth limits increased from the present 50 (300 ft) fathoms

Barbeque set

Save the date, the club has set Sunday, August 24th 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. And if all goes well, the gold Coast Lady Anglers will humbly return the trophy acknowledging the heroic efforts this coming month to recover it.

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.

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
6/6	6/5 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$160
6/22	6/21 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$175 GCLA Fishoff
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, 13th 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 5th at 10:00 AM, returning November 15th, 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 31st 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 May 2nd. There were a few squid in the wells, and a few picked up overnight, but little prospects for significant White Sea Bass. And we were not surprised to find none in the usual spots. So we headed off shore for rock fish. After a few hours, we were near limits on quality rock fish. So a few minutes on sand dabs for ling cod bait and then we targeted ling cod. Over all, we had full limit on rock fish and an average of 1.5 ling cod per angler. A good day in great weather, warm but overcast so not too hot, and good fishing with friends.



Weighing the jackpot with two nice lings

Kid's trip set

The kid's trip has been set. We have chartered the Sped Twin for Friday, the 1st 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.

Kids trip raffle

You should have received ten tickets for the big kids trip raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. We have great prizes. First prize is a full paid three day trip on the First String, a \$780 value. Second prize is a custom rod built by Bob Tiedemann. This is a great White Sea Bass special glass rod, rated 15-40 lb. Third prize is a \$400 gift certificate for the Royal Star. Fourth prize is an Avet JX reel. I have a JX and absolutely love it for yoyo'ing jigs for yellowtail and throwing surface iron.



Raffle rod with custom inlays

This beautiful hand crafted White Sea Bass special rod can be yours. At 8 ft. 15-40 lb fiberglass with custom feather inlays, premium titanium guides, this is one of the finest rods you will see.

Boat offer

Wayne Pulver is interested in selling his boat, proceeds to help benefit the club. It is an older model 17.5 ft glass boat, 115 hp motor and trailer. Has not been in the water for the past decade, so work and some money will be required to get it operational.

Contact Wayne at (818) 519-3449

Fishing on the Aloha Spirit

On the morning of May 30th, 17 VCSC anglers set out for a day of local water fishing. With good catches of barracuda showing in the local area, we targeted them in the early morning light. After about 30 minutes searching, we found a nice school willing to bite. For the next hour, we made good catches of these fighters.

After catching 45 fish, all that members wanted, we headed south along the coast to look for some calico bass, with whatever else happened to be in the warmer near shore waters. And we were not disappointed, hitting the kelp beds near the county line and experiencing some fine bass fishing. In addition, there were bits of excitement with bat rays, halibut, and assorted shallow water rock fish.



Alex with Captain Shawn holding a nice scooter

After hitting the kelp beds, we went out to a reef area to pick up some fish taco rock fish to round out the sacks. Again, in a short time and we were loading up on rock fish, with a legal ling cod thrown in.



The Jackpot halibut, easily over 20 lbs.

Finally back to the kelp beds on the way home to see if a few more calico's could be enticed aboard. Linda added a sand bass to the mix. The thrill of the day was the catch and release of a 30 lb King salmon.

Cooking your catch

How about a simple salmon en papillote (in parchment or foil packet)?

- 1 ½ lb salmon fillet cut into serving size pieces
- 1 large orange peeled
- 1 fennel bulb cleaned and trimmed
- Fresh sweet basil leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

Pre-heat oven to 375. Place fish piece on parchment piece. Salt and pepper to taste. Carefully cut orange sections from peeled orange. Place a couple of sweet basil leaves on fillet. Place two orange sections on each fillet. Cut fennel in half, then thinly slice bulb placing two half slices on each fillet piece. Seal packet and place on baking sheet. With all packets on baking sheet, place in oven to bake for 12 to 15 minutes, fish should be opaque in center, with all flavors blended. Open packets on serving plates.