

The Chumline

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October Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Valerie Hoperich, owner of Queen Charlotte Safaris. Queen Charlotte Safaris is a salmon and halibut fishing lodge located in Sandspit, Queen Charlotte Islands, Canada. Valerie will discuss fishing in Canada and the Queen Charlotte Islands.

September Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker was from Chris Lowe's oceanographic laboratory at California State University, Long Beach. He gave an excellent presentation on the research done on barred sand bass at the EPA toxic waste site off Palos Verdes. The toxic levels at this site are so high that this is a NO TAKE area. Research consisted of tagging sand bass and then following their movements. The research showed that adult sand bass from this site travel to the Huntington flats area late every summer to breed. As a result, unknowing anglers will catch these toxin laden fish and consume them despite their residence in the NO TAKE area. Research is beginning on sculpin in this same area.

Elections

The club's annual election of officers is coming in to the November meeting. The club is seeking candidates for all offices. In particular, candidates are need for Vice President and several members at large, as the present holders of these offices will either be leaving the board or standing for other offices. The Vice President serves as president in the absence of the president. This would entail serving as host for an occasional club regular meeting and any other duties as the board might assign. Members at large are the way to get feedback from the rank and file membership to the board. This helps define charter trip desires, club direction on specific issues including charity activities and social activities. As a member at large, you will be a member of the board of directors and participate in monthly board meetings.

Sound man

Bob Tiedemann has been graciously supporting the club sound equipment, but we need a volunteer to take over this job. We are currently attempting to make arrangements to store the sound equipment at Marisco's to avoid having to lug it around every month.

Christmas party

The planning for the club's annual Christmas party has begun. We are currently researching venues and caterers for this big social event. We plan to hold this event on the second Tuesday of December, 9th. More details will be provided as the details are finalized.

Current Fishing Conditions

The water is warm; a burst of yellow fin and blue fin tuna are being caught in U. S. waters off San Diego. Yellow tail hit local waters in large numbers. Fine quality fish

were being taken off Sycamore Canyon. Yellow fin are in abundance off San Clemente Island and Blue fin tuna are at Cortez Bank. It doesn't get much better than this for local anglers.

Fishing in Alaska

The dates for the Salmon and Halibut fishing trip to Kingfisher lodge in Sitka, Alaska are; arrive in Sitka Monday July 27, 2015 . Fish July 28,29 ,30 and 31. Return Saturday Aug. 1, 2015. The trip has proven to be highly popular. The original two boats reserved and eight anglers have now been subscribed to a total of 14 fishermen. This will be three boats plus two anglers paired with other anglers.

Fishing on the Independence

Several club anglers went out on the Turner's/Izorline open charter seven day trip on the Independence. The trip was a once again and real treat that seemed to fly by just as last year's did. The trip began with a run down to Cedros Island for yellow tail. Two days of fishing with yellow tail filled all who wanted to go for limits.

With plenty of yellow tail, the Independence moved to San Clemente Island where it hit a wide open bite on yellow fin tuna. Then came the Navy, closing the hazard area and chasing the boats off the bite. After four hours, the area was opened, but the fish had done a Houdini disappearing act. Several hours were then spent in scratch bites.

Finally, a run to Cortez Bank to fish for blue fin. Over the next day, a good number of blue fin, in the 20 to 30 lb range were taken. Anglers were always on the alert to keep track of their total fish. As per normal, the limit was 30 fish, no more than 15 of any one type. With 30 tags, one could run the risk of running out of tags and end up fishing for fun, catch and release of quality fish. Really, not a terrible problem to have to manage!

Cooking your catch

How about open faced tuna sandwiches? Combine with a bit of Cole slaw or potato salad and you have a comfortable easy living meal.

First, in lieu of canned tuna, we will make poached tuna.

¾ lbs tuna loin.

1 qt water

½ cup white vinegar

2 Tsp salt

1 bay leaf

On medium onion sliced

One carrot sliced

In a sauce pan, combine the liquids, add the bay leaf, onions and carrot. Bring to a boil and simmer for a few minutes. Place fish in a baking dish, pour mix over the fish. Cover baking dish with foil, then place in a 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Remove fish from liquid to chill for at least an hour.

Now for the open faced sandwiches

Two slices sour dough bread toasted

¼ stick margarine
¾ cup milk
6 oz poached tuna flaked
4 oz sautéed mushrooms
1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
4-5 dashes hot sauce
1 Tbsp lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste
½ cup grated cheddar cheese

In a skillet, melt margarine, add flour and milk stirring until thickened. Add remaining ingredients except cheese and continue heating. Spoon over bread slices, sprinkle with cheese and broil until cheese melts.