

The Chumline

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February Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Holly Lohus, marine biologist who has worked as an assistant to Jean-Michel Cousteau. She will speak on the marine ecology of the local waters and the various marine species.

January Meeting

Our guest speaker was Captain Tucker, Skipper of the sport fishing vessel, Mirage. Tucker discussed the upcoming season and White Sea Bass prospects. The Mirage has been the consistent high count boat for local white Sea Bass. As before, Tucker described the ideal white sea bass rod as an 8 foot, medium action, glass rod in the 15 to 30 lb line weight category.

Blue Fin tuna regulations

The National Marine Fisheries Management Council has issued new regulations for Pacific Blue fin tuna. The daily catch limit will be reduced from 10 per day to 2 per day, and the possession limit will be two daily bag limits or 4 fish. This is a compromise, the sport fishing vessel operators wanted 3 per day, the Pew Trust recommended 0 to rebuild stocks. To understand this better, Pacific Blue fin tuna stocks are at 4% of historical levels. A fishery is defined as collapsed when the stocks fall to 10% of historical levels. The fishery management council is required to act when the collapse level is reached.

2015 Charter schedule

Scott Williams has put together our charter schedule for 2015. Once again, we offer a variety of fishing opportunities for the club angler.

Date	Departure time	Boat	Landing	cost
5/2	5/1 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$175
5/29	5/29 5:00 AM	ALOHA SPIRIT	CISCO	\$100
6/7	6/6 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$185 GCLA Fishoff
6/12	6/11 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$165
7/12	7/11 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$175
7/30	7/29 10:00 PM	MIRAGE	CISCO	\$175
8/16	8/16 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.

7 Day Trip on the Independence from September 5th through the 12th. Trip cost, \$2695. Sponsor is Mac's tackle, limited to 30 anglers. Call Judy at 619-226-6006

10 Day Trip on the Royal Star from November 4th through November 14th. Trip cost is \$3595, limited to 23 anglers. Call 619-224-4764 or contact Brian Zimmerman 818-991-0453

Charter sales

The charter sales are going well, with a few openings left on all trips. Don't

expect these to last long. The openings on trips are as follows: May 2nd trip, 8 openings; May 29, 8 openings; June 6, 1 opening; June 11, 4 openings; July 11, 5 openings; July 29, 3 openings; and the three day, 12 openings. With these trips selling well, warm water remaining from last year, this should be another outstanding local fishing year.

As is normal, no reservations are assured until a 50% deposit has been made. Full payment is due 45 days before departure. Refunds will not be made for cancellations unless the spot is filled. If you need to cancel, arrange for your own replacement to assure refund.

Current Fishing conditions

The annual rock fish closure for January and February is in effect. Boats are going out, getting catches of sand dabs and scattered game fish. In addition, San Diego boats are going out on 1.5 day rock fish trips into Mexican waters. They are limiting on rock fish and picking up on decent yellow tail counts.

February raffle

The club Raffle for February will have as the grand prize, a Bob Tiedemann custom wrapped White Sea Bass rod. This is an American Tackle APX glass rod in the 15-30 lb line weight class, built to the specifications described by Captain Tucker as the ideal white sea bass rod; glass, medium action, 8 foot, 15-30 lb rating. Note the string art and ceramic guides, marks of a truly outstanding custom rod. This can be yours with a winning raffle ticket in the February drawing.



Life on the Wrong Coast

Club member and former local resident Bernie Droshe has moved to the Wrong Coast. Bernie is alive, well, and surviving in the vagaries of the weather of South Carolina. Ranging from heat and humidity in the summer and chilly weather in the winter, coupled with off shore winds, Bernie has found that it differs much from our

benign conditions. Bernie has gotten a chance to do some fishing, and has sent a few photos to show he is still alive and getting out.



Bernie with his off shore catch

Cooking your catch

With rock fish season about to start, we will do a Mexican style baked fish with a tequila sauce. You will need one large orange and one medium lime for this.

- 4 6 oz rock fish fillets
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- ½ Tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp fresh orange juice
- 1 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp tequila
- 2 Tbsp chopped parsley

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Mix half the garlic with 1 Tbsp olive oil and salt. Rub over the fish fillets. Place in a single layer in a greased baking dish. Let stand for 20 minutes to allow flavor to develop. Bake fish 10 to 15 minutes, until fish flakes but is still moist. While fish cooks, heat remaining olive oil in sauce pan over medium heat. Add garlic, and as garlic just begins to brown, 30-45 seconds, add orange juice, lime juice, and tequila. Bring to a boil, and then add parsley. Remove from heat. Place fish on serving plates; add fish juices to sauce, blending in well. Spoon sauce over individual servings. Serve with Spanish style rice, fresh garden greens such as lettuce and a tomato slice and a bit of Dos XX or Corona.