

## The Chumline

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### January Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Captain Tucker, Skipper of the sport fishing vessel, Mirage. Tucker will discuss the upcoming season and White Sea Bass prospects. The Mirage has been the consistent high count boat for local white Sea Bass.

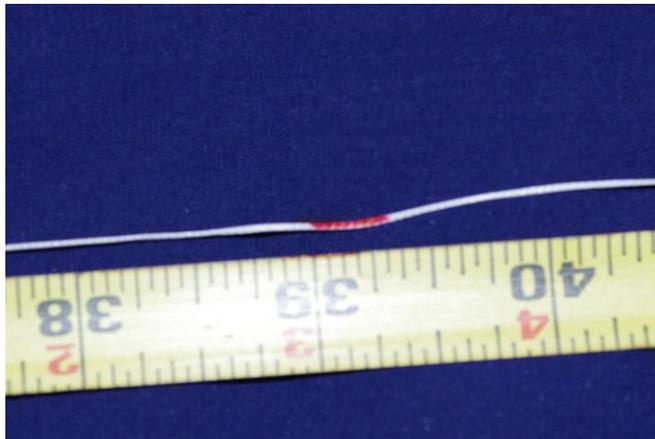
### Christmas party

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its annual Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the TO Banquet Center at the Thousand Oaks Inn. This was a great end of the year blow out. With over 80 in attendance, old friendships were renewed and new acquaintances made. The ladies from the Gold Coast Lady Anglers were in attendance, bringing along the challenge trophy as a reminder of the work ahead for us this year. The crew of the Mirage and their guest were in attendance as we showed our appreciation for their support for our club. Special thanks were made to Geoff Mosdale for his outstanding job supporting the annual kid's trip. As always, first timers marveled at what a great feeling it is to spend a day helping these kids. Outgoing President Norm Rodewald thanked all for their support this past year, and wished incoming President Chuck Brinkman and prosperous new year.

We all owe Linda Karabin a well deserved thank you for her tireless efforts making this annual affair such a great success. The venue was comfortably large enough for our growing membership, and the entertainment left everyone with a chuckle. Another great event for all to enjoy. With a wide array of member supplied appetizers and desserts, there were treats for all.

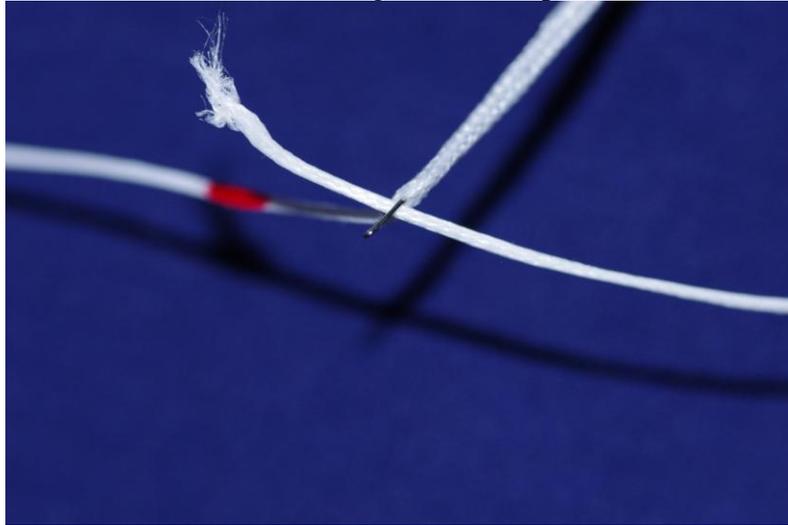
### Tackle tips: making a wind on leader

I will make a 60 lb test wind on leader using 60 lb test fluorocarbon as a demonstration. For a 60 lb wind on, we need 80 lb test hollow core spectra. To start with, measure off approximately 15 feet of 80 lb hollow core spectra. Measure 39 inches from the end, mark this point, and then 21 inches toward the shorter end from your mark and make a second mark.



**Mark 39 inches from end**

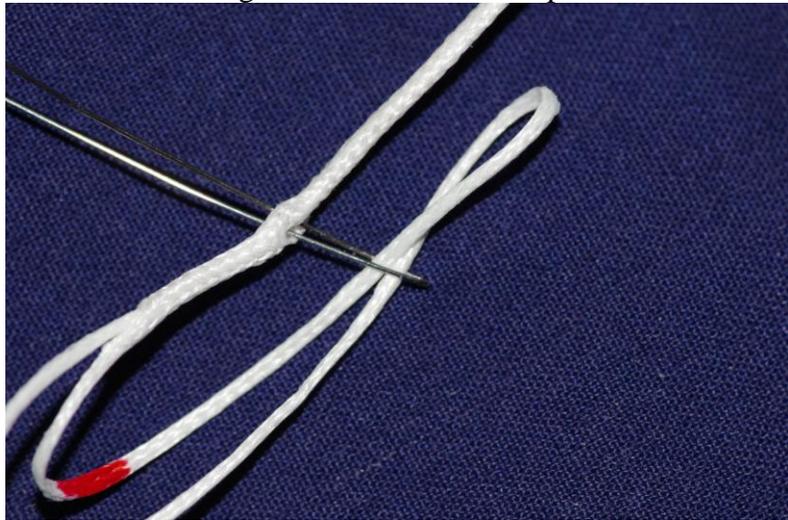
With the Sato kit, you have a folded piece of wire called an expander. You can make your own with a piece of piano wire folded at the midpoint. You can also use a reverse latch hook needle for this. Insert the folded end at your mark at 39 inches. Slide the wire toward your mark at 21 inches until you reach it. Then push it out, exposing the fold. Insert the tag end of the spectra into the fold. For a reverse latch needle, you insert it at the 21 inch mark and attach the tag end of the spectra in the latch.



#### **Tag end inserted into folded wire**

Now, slowly pull the tag end through the hollow core until you have pulled it out at your 39 inch mark. When you pull the line tight, the tag end should slide into the hollow core, disappearing from view. You now have a loop made with about three inches of line and 18 inches of doubled line.

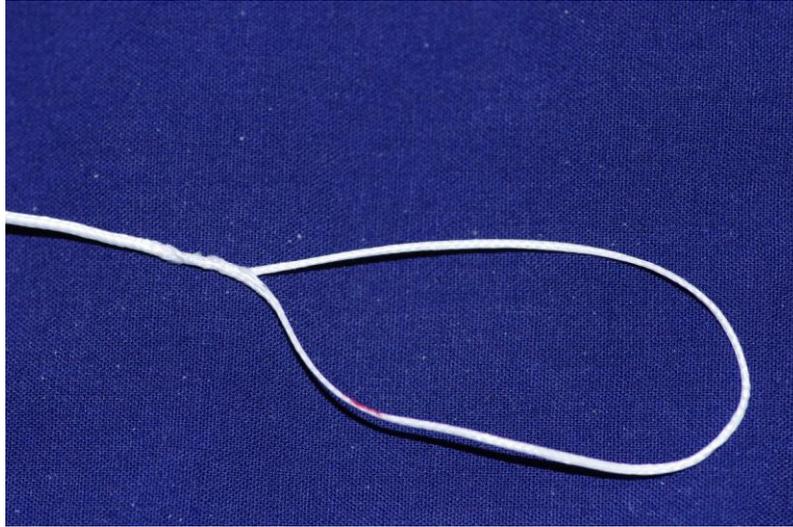
Now, we need to lock the loop in place. You can tie a knot or put a dab of glue on the spectra near where the loop starts, but there is a much cleaner way to secure the loop. Insert the folded end of your wire through the doubled line approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch below where the doubled line begins. Then insert the loop into the folded wire.



#### **Loop inserted in folded wire, pushed through doubled line**

Now gently pull the loop through the doubled line, working it slowly to allow it to pass through both lines. When you have pulled it through, pull it tight working your

fingers down the line to smooth it out. The result will be a clean loop locked in place without extra knots or glue.



**Final loop**

Next you need to insert the fluorocarbon into the line. The easiest way is to use a threading needle. Alternatively, you can run your wire expander at least five feet into the spectra to expand it enough to allow the leader to feed through on its own. If you use the Sato crimp system, you need to thread a crimp onto the hollow core spectra. If you opt to serve the end, you don't need a crimp.

If you use a Sato crimp, put the crimp on the line at this point. Run the fluorocarbon at least **five feet** into the hollow core spectra. Patience threading the line using an inch worm approach will get the leader threaded in cleanly. Again, make sure the end of the leader material is buried inside the spectra, assuring there is no rough spot. Slide the crimp down over the spectra and leader until you get near the point where the fluorocarbon enters the spectra. With at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of spectra showing beyond the crimp, use the crimping pliers per directions to secure the connection. If you choose to serve the end instead, carefully wrap from at least one inch from the end of the spectra over the end of the spectra and onto the fluorocarbon, then wind back over your first wrapping. Secure with three or four half hitches. Finally, glue the connection using either spectra glue available from various sources, or simply a high quality penetrating glue such as Gorilla Glue. If you served the line, cover the serving as well as at least two inches up the line from the serving. If you used a crimp, glue from the crimp up at least two inches. Wiping the excess glue will leave a neat finished product.

Some final notes: for 40 to 60 lb wind on leaders, use 80 lb hollow core spectra; for 80 to 100 lb wind on leaders, use 125 lb or 150 lb hollow core spectra; for higher weights, you need 200 lb or up spectra.

### **Cooking your catch**

This month, we will try salmon scallops.

To make salmon scallops, take a salmon fillet with the skin on. Using a very sharp knife, cut thin slices from the fillet with the knife almost parallel to the skin, cutting toward the tail. These scallops are then fried in a very hot pan with olive oil. There are

several variation you can do from this basic technique. The scallops can be served with a northwest style berry jam, or served with any of several sauces.

For a garlic confit:

2 whole heads of garlic

1 cup olive oil

½ tsp ground black pepper

8 to 10 sprigs of fresh thyme, or 1 tsp dried flakes

10 fresh basil leaves.

Peel the garlic, lightly cutting the cloves to make them easier to peel. Combine the garlic, olive oil, pepper and thyme in a sauce pan over medium heat. Simmer slowly until garlic is soft and lightly browned, about 30 minutes. When done, puree the garlic mix with five basil leaves.

Serve the salmon scallops with garlic puree, decorate with strips cut from remaining basil, with a slice of lemon.