

## The Chumline

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### June Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Captain Robb, San Diego skipper who will demonstrate a new line of light weight salt water reels.

### May Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speakers were representatives of Seeker Rods. Seeker has moved part of its production to Ventura County. The result has been using a manufacturing facility in Washington to produce raw rod blanks, prepping and painting in Oxnard, with assembly and wrapping in Long Beach, with final inventory and shipping out of Oxnard. Seeker has maintained its existing lines of Inshore, Black Steel and super Seeker. In addition, it has added professional lines and the Athena line for lady anglers.

### 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
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 5<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 a few trips. Don't expect these to last long. 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

Near limit catches are the rule for rock fish, with plenty of ling cod thrown in. White Sea Bass are being seen regularly at Catalina, with an occasional one taken. In

addition, both local boats and San Diego boats are taking regular catches of yellow tail, as well as assorted rock fish. The May 2<sup>nd</sup> charter was a blow out on ling cod, with limits for all anglers.

### **Hawaii adventure**

Linda and Chuck took a fishing and diving vacation to Hawaii. Linda shows her nice wahoo.



### **Big Raffle**

The big kids trip raffle is underway. This a major fund raiser for the kids trip, with great prizes. Sell tickets to your friends as a way to introduce them to the club. The big prize is a fully paid 3 day trip on the First String with the club, a \$780 value. Second prize will be a Bob Tiedemann custom wrapped White Sea Bass Special rod, designed specifically for local white Sea Bass. Third prize will be a \$400 discount on a trip on the Royal Star. Fourth and fifth prizes will be gift bags worth \$125 in fishing related items, tackle, lures, fluorocarbon leader, etc.



White Sea Bass Special Custom Rod

The drawing for winners will be held at the clubs regular June meeting. All sales must be completed prior to the drawing. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

### **First Charter Ling Cod blowout**

The first charter of the season on May 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Mirage was a great success. There is a real lack of fin bait, with make your own mackerel being the only fin bait available. Also, the squid spawn has not begun so no luck on fresh squid. With these limits, rock fish was the expected target.

We headed out to San Miguel Island, targeting large red rock fish. Plan was load up on reds, then search for ling cod. Bob Tiedemann didn't listen, and his first fish was a nice legal ling cod. The rest of the trip, we hit reds with lots of ling cod, with Bob hitting doubles on lings just showing off.

Ling cod fishing was best with some form of artificial. One angler was using the Shimano deep drop butterfly jigs and snagging lings consistently. I used an 8 oz Jax Jig outfitted with a single hook and took several lings. Bob Tiedemann used the Dan Hernandez buck tail jigs on dropper loops.

The final total was full limits of red rock fish and ling cod for all anglers. In fact, late in the day, we were consistently releasing legal size lings as nuisance fish as we tried to finish limits on reds.

### **Roster maintenance**

The club roster is maintained by the membership chair. Currently, Walt Kainz is maintaining the roster, but is retiring and desires to off load this effort. Basically, the roster is an Excel spread sheet, updated monthly to reflect new members, dropped members, and occasional change of address, phone or e-mail. The effort requires about an hour each month, a very small effort, but an ongoing necessity for the club. A volunteer is needed to take over this effort. If interested, contact President Chuck Brinkman or other board member to find out about this opportunity to give back to the club.

### **Kids trip**

The kids trip has been scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the big event of the year. We need volunteers to mentor these kids. This is one of the most rewarding activities you can do each year. Everyone who has participated in the past has been changed by the sheer joy of working with these kids. Geoff Mosdale is coordinating this for the club, and we need plenty of volunteers.

### **Barbeque coming**

The annual summer barbeque is scheduled for Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Norm Rodewald's house. Save the date for this big summer blowout.

### **Cooking your catch**

This month, we will do a wahoo with a Hawaiian style pesto. The Hawaiian style pesto is made with cilantro, mint and macadamia nuts.

For the Pesto

1 bunch fresh cilantro, stems removed, about 1 ½ cups

½ bunch fresh mint leaves, about ¾ cups

½ cup toasted macadamia nuts

1 tsp minced fresh ginger

Juice of one lemon

3-4 cloves garlic, chopped

Pinch of salt

Pinch of cayenne pepper

Canola oil to blend

## Fish

1 ½ lb wahoo fillet cut into 4 6oz pieces

Place the cilantro and mint leaves in food processor. Add the lemon juice, garlic, ginger, nuts, salt and cayenne pepper. Process on high speed, scraping down sides periodically. With the processor running, slowly add the canola oil until you get a thick paste. Place fish in large baking dish. Cover fish pieces with pesto smearing all sides. Refrigerate for at least an hour to set up the pesto.

In a large skillet, heat over high heat, a couple of Tbsp's of canola oil. Place fish pieces in the hot pan, searing for 2-3 minutes on each side. Fish should be crusted on both sides.

Serve fish over baby greens such as baby spinach or julienned peppers and Hawaiian sweet onions. Garnish with macadamia nuts and a vinaigrette.

I also tried this baking the wahoo with this pesto, really a tasty variation.