

The Chumline
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April Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5th 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Eric, owner of Seeker rods. As many of you know, Seeker has recently moved production to Oxnard. Seeker makes an extensive series of products using glass and graphite. They make fresh water, inshore and offshore rods with the top of the line series being the Super Seeker.

March Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker was Dave Bacon, owner/operator of the Wave Walker six pack sport boat and Hook, Line and Sinker tackle shop in Santa Barbara. Dave discussed fishing issues as well as showing off some products from his shop. One product of importance was artificial sand dabs. According to Dave, these little Pop Tarts are a major element of foraging fish diets.

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 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.

Payment due

The payment for is the May 29th trip now due as well as the two June trips.

Aloha Spirit openings

There are 4 slots left on the Aloha Spirit trip for May 29th. This is a fun one day trip, 5:00AM to 5:00PM for the great price of \$100.

Current Fishing conditions

The annual rock fish closure ended March 1st. 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, San Diego boats are taking regular catches of yellow tail, as well as assorted rock fish. Yellow tail are being seen in schools in local waters, with some appearing in catches.

Fishing on the Independence

Dave Hill and myself took advantage of the three day fishing trip offered on the Independence on April 10th. With a full boat load of 32 anglers, we left San Diego at about 3:30 PM. The plan was to head off shore to areas private boaters had taken scattered blue fin tuna, and with an objective of ending up at San Clemente Island. We blew through the off shore region, since winds had overturned the water, resulting in a cold upwelling and total wash out of tuna.

Early the next morning, at day break we began targeting yellow tail. We were not disappointed in numbers, though the size was small. Over the morning hours, we put approximately 45 Yellow Tail on board, most in the 6 to 15 lb range. The bite absolutely shut off around 10:00 AM. We moved up the island, venturing outside but limited by winds. We spent several hours fishing for rock fish, getting near limits for all



Rock Fish about to go into fish hold

The next morning, while waiting for the Yellow Tail bite to turn on, some of us fished for Calico Bass. Several 16" to 20" beauties were taken, many released, some kept. Then as the sun was getting well up, the Yellow Tail began to show interest. Most of the rest of the morning was spent picking up around 40 Yellow Tail. We once again went for rock fish when the bite died. The winds had abated, so we went a bit farther out which

got us more nice big reds. Nearing limits, we decided to make another run at the Yellow Tail. The bite was slower, but the quality was way up. Numerous 15 to 25 lb fish were taken over the next few hours

In all the thrill of bigger fish, I managed to get two Sea Lions! The first was lip hooked on 40 lb test, so with a buttoned down drag, I was able to pull the hook. The second was a disaster. I had a 25 lb top shot attached to 65 lb spectra. The knot head literally swam over the spectra, wrapping it in a flipper. With 65 lb spectra wrapped around a 350 lb sea lion, buttoning down the drag was useless. In the end, getting most of the spectra back and cutting the line was the only option.

The final tally for the 2 days fishing by 32 anglers was over 100 Yellow Tail and near two day limits of rock fish, plus a couple of ling cod and calico bass. The JP fish were a 27 lb and two 25 lb Yellow Tail.

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 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 relegated items, tackle, lures, fluorocarbon leader, etc.

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.

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 31st. 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 9th at Norm Rodewald's house. Save the date for this big summer blowout.

Cooking your catch

This month, we will do a light lunch or quick and easy evening bite, a smoked fish stuffed tomato.

- 2 medium tomatoes
- 8 oz smoked fish
- 2 TBSP light mayonnaise

1 TBSP sour cream
¼ finely chopped onion
2 TBSP chopped dill pickle pieces
1 tsp dill
Sliced olive or pickle pieces for a garnish

Cut the tomatoes to open as a flower. Easiest is to first cut out the stem. Then make four vertical cuts, top to bottom, leaving a small amount of skin connecting the 1/8th slices. Break the fish into small pieces, then mix fish, mayonnaise, sour cream, onion, pickle and dill in a bowl. Spoon half the mixture into each tomato, garnish with olive pieces and serve.

