

The Chumline

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February Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Holly Lohuis, marine biologist and team member of Jean Michel Cousteau. Holly will present new videos of her 2015 expeditions to Cozumel and the Sea of Cortez. Holly's presentations are always exciting and educational.

January Meeting

The club held its first meeting of the year on January 7th. Our guest speaker was Captain Tucker of the Mirage. Tucker discussed outlook for the coming year. This year, the el Niño is expected to begin easing. The residual warmer water will still hold exotics during the early part of the year. Outlook for White Sea Bass and yellowtail remain excellent.

Tucker also discussed tackle issues. He now favors loading reels used for local waters with 50 to 65 lb spectra and using a short top shot of 20 to 30 lb monofilament or fluorocarbon leader. The past issues of spectra tangles are now better managed, and the extremely durable spectra allows for better retrieval from kelp forests. He favors j hooks for all local species. Circle hooks may be more appropriate for larger tuna, but are unnecessary for local species.

Current Fishing Conditions

The annual rock fish closure goes into effect for the first two months of the year. We should see some top water trips as well as sand dab runs. The new sport fishing regulations are scheduled for release prior to February 28th. Occasional trips focusing on sand dabs are going out on weekends.

2016 Charter Schedule

Charter master Scott Williams has arranged for our 2016 charter schedule. Reservations go on sale at the January meeting. A 50% deposit is required to hold a reservation, with the balance due 45 days before sailing. Be present at least one hour before departure.

Date	Boat	Departure time	Landing	Cost
5/7	Mirage	5/6 at 10 PM	Channel Islands	\$180
8 spots available				
5/19	Aloha Spirit	5/19 at 5:00 AM	Channel Islands	\$110
5 spots available				
6/5	Mirage	6/4 at 10 PM	Channel Islands	\$195 Fish off!
SOLD OUT				
6/10	Mirage	6/9 at 10 PM	Channel Islands	\$185
7 spots available				
7/10	Mirage	7/9 at 10 PM	Channel Islands	\$185
5 spots available				
7/28	Mirage	7/27 at 10 PM	Channel Islands	\$175
4 spots available				

8/21 First String 8/21 at 9 PM H&M landing \$895
18 spots available

In addition, club members are signing up on the Tunaholics Open on the Independence seven day departing September 10 at 11AM. Cost is \$2895.00 for seven days. Call Judy at 619-226-6006. Currently, there are 9 spots open.

The club open ten day charter on the Royal Star November 2nd is sold out, wait list only. Cost is \$3695.

For all club trips, send payments to VCSC at PO Box 302, Moorpark, Ca. 93020.
All trips not filled 45 days prior to departure will be opened to the public.

Cooking your catch

This month we will do baked rock fish fillets with parmesan cheese and slivered almonds.

- 2 6 oz rock fish fillets
- 1/4 tsp plain salt (non-iodized)
- 1/4 tsp fresh ground pepper
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1/4 cup Panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1 Tbsp minced parsley
- dash of lemon zest

Preheat oven to 450 with rack at least 6-8 inches from broiler. Sprinkle both sides of each fillet with salt and pepper, then place on greased baking sheet.

Mix dry ingredients with parsley, lemon zest and 1/2 tsp olive oil. Brush top of fillets with olive oil, then cover evenly with almond mixture. Bake until fish is done, 6-to 8 minutes, depending on thickness.



