

The Chumline

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February Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Holly Louis, marine biologist and team member with Jean-Michel Cousteau. Holly presents some truly stunning underwater photography.

January Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its first meeting of the year on January 3rd. Our guest speaker was Tucker McCombs, owner operator of the Outrider. Tucker discussed offshore fishing and the upcoming season. Tucker emphasized that with the changes that have been occurring, you need to be flexible. While the target may be rock fish in 150 ft of water, yellowtail are now in local water and may appear. With that you need to be able to fish anything from 20 lb to 40 lb at any time. His recommendation is to outfit our tackle box with spools of fluorocarbon ranging from 15 lb to 60 lbs. His recommendation on hooks is for J hooks for most circumstances.

The prospects for the upcoming season was discussed. With the La Nina' now in swing, the cooler water should bring squid spawn in good numbers, bringing in White Sea Bass. Also, the rain runoff should provide nutrients which trigger plankton growth and the return of fin bait.

Current Fishing Conditions

We now enter the annual two month rock fish closure in the southern California region. Local boats will organize occasional sand dab runs for those who need to get a line wet. With the wet weather, few boats have been going out. Long range boats are going through annual layups.

New trips!

The club has scheduled two new trips on the Outrider.

Trip one is scheduled for Thursday, April 13th. Departure will be at 10:00 PM April 12th, returning at about 5:00 PM on the 13th out of Hooks Landing.

Trip two is scheduled for Thursday July 13th. Departure will be at 10:00 PM on July 12th returning at about 5:00 PM on the 13th out of 22nd St. Landing in San Pedro.

Cost for each trip is \$236.

2017 Charter Schedule

Here is the charter schedule for 2017

Date	Boat	Boarding time	Landing	cost
5/19 Friday	Aloha Spirit	4 AM	CISCO	\$110
6/4 Sunday	Mirage	9 PM 6/3	CISCO	\$195
6/23 Friday	Mirage	9 PM 6/22	CISCO	\$185
7/9 Sunday	Mirage	9 PM 7/8	CISCO	\$185
7/27 Thursday	Mirage	9 PM 7/26	CISCO	\$175
8/9 Wednesday	Mirage	9 PM 8/8	CISCO	\$175
8/21 Sunday	First String	9 PM 8/21	H&M three day	\$895

Long Range

Sat September 8th, Independence 7 Day Tunaholics Open 11 AM Point Loma \$2895

This trip is Sold Out/ Wait List only. Contact Judy at 619-226-6006

Wed November 1st Royal Star 10 Day Ventura County Sportfishing Open 10 AM

Fisherman's Landing Contact Brian Zimmerman 818-991-0453

All trips require a 50% deposit to hold a reservation. Balance due 45 days before departure. Refunds only if spot is filled. Any open spots 45 days before departure will be sold first come/first served by the landing.

Send payments to VCSC, PO Box 302, Moorpark, Ca. 93020, note what trip payment is to be applied.

Fishing in Alaska for 2017

Wayne Jackson is heading a trip to Kingfisher Lodge in Sitka, Alaska for 2017. He has a commitment for two boats, four passengers each with six spots filled. The trip will fish August 6th through 9th with travel on August 5th and August 10th. Cost is \$3195 plus taxes and fishing license. Contact Wayne if you are interested in this trip.

Kids trip tackle

We are continuing to attempt to build up our own supply of fishing tackle for the kids trip. Geoff Mosdale has offered to store the equipment. So any usable spinning rods or reels you have which are in the 15-25 lb class that you are willing to donate will be gladly accepted.

Cooking your catch

Cool evening, a nice salmon chowder



1/2 lb salmon fillet chopped into bite size pieces

1/2 lb red potatoes diced

1 medium leek, halved, thinly sliced

1/4 red bell pepper diced

1/2 cup canned or frozen corn
1/2 tbsp fennel seeds ground
1/2 tsp chopped thyme
1/4 tsp salt
fresh ground pepper to taste
1 tbsp flour
2 cups water
1/2 cup half and half
1 tbsp oil

Heat oil in large pot. Add potatoes, leeks, pepper thyme, salt and pepper. Cover and cook about 8 minutes, until vegetables are slightly softened. Add flour and fennel seeds, cook one minute to form a roué. Add water bring to a boil over high heat, reduce heat and cook about 10 minutes until potatoes are softened. Transfer 1 cup to blender, process until smooth. Add back to chowder and stir. Over medium heat, add corn, salmon and salmon. cook three to four minutes until fish is cooked.