

The Chumline

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January Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant, 1070 E Ave De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks. Our guest speaker will be Tucker McCombs, owner operator of the Outrider. Tucker will discuss offshore fishing in the coming year.

December Holiday Party

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 6th. This annual blowout was a huge success, approximately 75 members and guests present. Club members provided a wealth of appetizers and desserts to augment the buffet dinner. Entertainment was provided by comedians from the Ventura Harbor comedy club. Brian Zimmerman lit up the evening with his Christmas sweater, literally, festooned with lights. Brian presented a cut glass award for Scott Williams for his decade of effort as out charter master.

AVET reels provided a LX reel for the raffle to go along with a custom rod wrapped by Bob Tiedemann and numerous other prizes including bottles of wine and gift cards.

Once again, we owe a large thank you to Linda Karbin for her efforts making this annual event a big treat for all of us.

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.

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. Long range boats are into cow season, which means 10-15 day trips, 200 lb and up fish. Side catches of yellow tail fill out the larder.

Tackle tips, reel selection

There has been some discussion about reel selection for various purposes. First, we are in the midst of a technological revolution as manufacturers are adopting newer, more compact designs to accommodate spectra lines. The result has made it difficult to evaluate reels based just on size and gear ratio. What needs to be considered is inches of line retrieve per single crank of the handle.

I have an old style Diawa SeaLine 30, designed for bait fishing with a 3.2 gear ratio. The result, 23" inches of line per full crank. Next is a Shimano LD 20 with a 5.2 gear ratio and 28". Moving up to a Avet SX 5.3 gear ratio, we get 29" inches, an MX 5.8 goes to 32" while an LX with 6.0 ratio produces a whopping 37". The SeaLine, Shimano and MX are all 25-30 lb class reels, while the SX is a 15-20 lb class and the LX is a 50 lb class.

First, the Diawa SeaLine is the only reel that is an excellent bait reel. It's low gear ratio and relatively short retrieve per crank means it works really well dragging in stubborn 30 to 40 lb class albacore and yellow fin tuna. If you try it throwing jigs, it only works for candy bar type surface jigs, they will swim with that relatively slow retrieve. I absolutely love this reel for albacore and smaller yellow fin fishing, have replaced the drags three times already. Bomb proof plus great pulling power on stubborn fish.

The SX and MX work well for a wide variety of fishing techniques, bait, plastic and smaller jigs. But they are geared so high that you don't get a lot of torque pulling on a fish. The Shimano was designed to fish jigs, and works well for both surface iron and heavy iron for yellowtail.

The LX 6.0 is a jig reel, works great pulling shiny things for Wahoo and yoyo iron for deep yellow tail. If you want a 50 lb class reel for a dropper loop for yellow tail or bait fishing for 30 to 60 lb class tuna, you would want the LX with 4.6 gear ratio and a line retrieve in the 27-28" range. The JX has same characteristics for a 40 lb class reel.

I hate to say this, but the manufacturers have done a marketing scam on us fishermen. Note that all of these newer reels have ratios of 4 to one or higher. So how do you get a reel with a ratio which is appropriate to really putting some pulling power on a fish? Buy a two speed of course, only \$150 more, thank you very much. The Avet SX/MX two speeds are 6/4 gear ratios while the JX/LX are 6/3. So for the 40-50 lb class reels where you really need cranking power on larger fish, you can only get it by buying a two speed reel. It is so bad, deck hands routinely tell you to get a two speed reel for dropper loop fishing for 30 lb class yellow tail, not because you need two speeds, but because that is the only way you can get a low enough gear ratio to effectively bring up these bruisers.

I am not opposed to two speed reels, they have their place. What I want is a wider selection of single speed quality reels with a 3.2 to 3.4 gear ratio. Everyone believes they can throw iron like the guy that fishes 90 times a year but the reality is, very few anglers can throw iron effectively, and more importantly, even tell the difference between a jig that swims and one that simply makes a mess in the water. With plastics, you routinely cast out and make slow jerky returns, bouncing the action to entice a strike, no need for a high gear ratio. With that, high gear ratios are a marketing feature that works to the

detriment of the average fisherman.

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

This month we will make pole (pronounced po-kee) a Hawaiian staple

1 lb sashimi grade yellow fin tuna cut into 3/4" pieces

1/2 sweet Hawaiian onion finely chopped

3 green onions finely chopped

1 tbsp sesame oil

1 tbsp soy sauce

1/4 tsp paprika

1 tbsp toasted sesame seeds

Mix sesame oil and soy sauce with paprika. Place fish, chopped Hawaiian onions and green onions in a bowl, pour liquid over fish. Sprinkle the sesame seeds over top and toss mixture to coat thoroughly. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to get the flavors to blend and soak into the fish. Serve Hawaiian style with rice and veggies.

