

The Chumline

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February Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker will be Rick Graham, owner of Angler's Den, Camarillo. Angler's Den is a full service tackle shop offering fishing tackle, reel and rod repair. Rick will discuss fishing offshore issues.

January Meeting

The Ventura county Sport Fishing Club held its regular meeting on January 2nd. Our guest speaker was Tucker Coombs, owner/operator of the Outrider sport fishing boat. Tucker discussed fishing offshore, both last year and prospects upcoming for this year. Tucker also talked at length about the Blue Fin Tuna that seem to be a standard for the past couple of years.

Tucker recommends a 60-80 lb. set up for the Blue Fin. For a reel, he recommends the Okuma Makaira 20 two speed, 100-120 lb spectra backing with a 60-80 lb top shot. He recommends the flat fall 250 gm jig, rigged with 4 hooks attached to a short 200 lb fluorocarbon leader. The heavy short leader is required because Blue Fin will gulp down the jig, hooks will be set deep with leader being raked over jaw as the fish fights the hook.

Tucker discussed why he was always high boat on White Sea Bass. Most overnight boats, as with his went to the outer islands. He made it a point to always give the White Sea Bass a shot while most other skippers would skip the opportunity and target rock fish exclusively.

2018 charter planning

Stan Greco has prepared next year's charter schedule.

Trip No.	Date	Boarding time	Boat	Landing	Price
1.)	3/15	3/14 10PM	Outrider	Hooks	\$255
2.)	4/12	4/11 10PM	Outrider	Hooks	\$255
3.)	5/17	5/16 10PM	Pacific Dawn	Ventura	\$190
4.)	5/24	5/23 10PM	New Hustler	Hooks	\$166
5.)	6/7	6/6 10PM	New Hustler	Hooks	\$166
6.)	6/21	6/20 10PM	Outrider	22nd Street	\$265
7.)	6/28	6/27 10PM	Pacific Dawn	Ventura	\$190
8.)	7/12	7/11 10PM	Outrider	22nd Street	\$265
9.)	7/26	7/25 10PM	New Hustler	Hooks	\$166
10.)	8/10	8/9 10PM	New Hustler	Hooks	\$166
11.)	8/17	8/16 10PM	Outrider	22nd Street	\$265
12.	9/11	Two day	Pacific Dawn	Fisherman Landing	
San Diego		TBA			\$522
13.)	9/23	8day	Spirit Of Adventure	H&M LANDING	
San Diego	9/23	9/23 12AM			\$2695.

Note price change on trips 3 and 7 aboard the Pacific Dawn, now \$190. Price increase is

due to update pricing by the boat. This new pricing is consistent with other boats, Dan Hernandez has also now priced similarly for similar trips.

For all trips, fill out a charter reservation form, copy attached. Identify all trips by trip number, it will remain fixed even if date changes for any reason. This will avoid confusion if you send in a check, the reservation form and trip number nails it down.

New Trip.

There is a new trip being added, overnight on New Hustler, the fish off against the lady anglers, Departs 10 PM August 14, Return August 15, cost \$166, limit 10 VCSC anglers.

Current Fishing Conditions

The annual rock fish closure begins 1 January, lasts through 1 March. Expect limited trips for sand dabs or top fish. Most boats will undergo annual maintenance.

Giant Blow out sale

Our inventory of club tee shirts is getting down, with mix of sizes, short sleeve and long sleeve. We are CLEARING OUT INVENTORY! Your pick, any size any style for our cost \$18.00 each.

Tackle tips, rod selection

As you consider your arsenal for the upcoming season, a few points about rod selection. For casting rods, there are glass, graphite, fast action, slow action, parabolic, and a bunch of other terms. Here is a bit of info on what all this means, and what you should consider when selecting a rod.

First, glass versus graphite. There are two types of fiberglass in regular use, S-type and E-type. Nearly all fiberglass rods are made of E-type glass simply because S-type is so expensive, an S-type glass rod would cost almost as much as a graphite rod. Thus S-type glass is only used on high end graphite rods such as Super Seeker where they transition to glass at the tip. Regular E-type glass rods are both considerably heavier and softer action than a comparable graphite rod.

Graphite rods are in actuality nearly all hybrid, with mix of glass and graphite. Most transition to glass in the last 18-24 inches at the tip for two basic reasons. First, graphite is brittle, and excessive bend will result in a catastrophic failure if flexed too far. Second, glass is softer, thus allows more give with light bites allowing more time for load up and fewer hook pullouts before getting set.

Rod action is usually referred to as slow or fast, with some also using parabolic as a term. Parabolic is simply a slow action rod. A fast action rod, as for example the Super Seeker John Grabowski SS6470-7 has a thick butt and a fast taper. A slower action rod such as the Calstar GFGR 700-M has a much narrower butt and tapers slower. These two rods fish virtually the same class, 40 lb line. The Super Seeker is rated 30-50 lb while the Calstar is rated 20-50. But they fish entirely different! The fast taper on the Super Seeker results in most of the flex while fighting a fish being concentrated in the upper third of the rod, while the slower taper on the Calstar results in flex all along the length of the rod. The fast taper allows you to put more pressure on the fish, but also allows the fish to put more pressure on you! So if you are one who likes to really put pressure on, the faster taper is for you. The slower rod allows for wilder action for things like dorado, while the fast action is to horse in a tuna ahead of the sharks at Guadalupe.

Finally guides. With nearly everyone using spectra lines, you need harder, ceramic insert guides. The older style chrome metal guides work great for monofilament

lines, but simply do not offer the protection needed for spectra. The ceramic inserts are much harder, thus resist grooving by the line, and are much smoother, thus less likely to nick the microfibers that make up spectra lines.

Cooking your catch

This month we will do a simple sesame crusted Ahi Tuna salad.

2 pieces Ahi tuna, approx 1.5" by 5" rectangular or triangular pieces.

1 Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp sesame seed

Green salad mix of your choice.

Ginger and soy salad dressing. (Ken's Steak house makes an Asian Sesame with Ginger and Soy dressing that goes very well with this.)

Heat a lightly oiled non-stick pan over high heat. Remove fish from refrigerator, works best if fish cold to start. Pat dry, then brush with olive oil. Lightly coat each piece with sesame seeds. Place in heated pan. After about a minute, turn, cooking on each side for 1 to 1.5 minutes, to lightly brown.

Remove fish from heat, thin slice and place on bed of green salad on serving plate. Top with Ginger and Soy dressing.

