

The Chumline

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June Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker will be a representative of FISH ON who will give a presentation on rod building. Many of us have a collection of rods, not fully understanding what makes a quality rod work and what is required to build a quality rod. Hopefully, this will be a chance to take some of the mystery out of that.

May Meeting

The Ventura county Sport Fishing Club held its regular meeting on May 1st. Our guest speaker was Merritt McCray, former boat captain, Santa Barbara harbor master and harbor commissioner. Merritt has a wealth of experience and knowledge of the history of fishing along the central coast. Merritt discussed local waters and how the el Niño periods have significantly changed our fishery over the past few years. The warmer water a greater depth allowed the yellowtail to remain year round, able to now forage at the depths of our colder water rock fish in winter.

NO JULY MEETING!!!

Due to the fourth of July holiday, there will be no July meeting.

2018 Charter Schedule

Stan Greco has prepared our charter schedule.

Trip change notice. Trip 12, the two day on the Pacific Dawn has been rescheduled as a 2 1/2 day and moved to October 4th. The cost includes meals and snacks.

| Trip No. | Date | Boarding time | Boat | Landing | Price |
|-----------|------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|
| 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.) | 10/4 | 10/4 9 PM | Pacific Dawn | Fisherman Landing | |
| San Diego | | 2 1/2 Day meals and snacks included | | | \$785 |
| NEW TRIP | | | | | |
| 14.) | 7/15 | 7/14 10PM | New Hustler | Hooks | \$160 |

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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.

Send all reservations to the club, VCSC, PO Box 302, Moorpark Ca. 93020.

Two and a half day trip

Trip 12, a 2 1/2 day trip on the Pacific Dawn out of San Diego aboard the Pacific dawn is a real bargain. This is scheduled at the peak fishing period,

Current Fishing Conditions

Limits of rockfish are the rule, along with decent counts on ocean whitefish and a few ling cod thrown into the mix. A few trips have hit good counts of white sea bass and yellowtail. The water is warming, the squid spawn from Catalina has moved north, we now have squid in local waters and really outstanding fishing is on the near horizon. The blue fin are available, up to 190 lbs on 1 1/2 day trips out of San Diego.

Fishing on the New Hustler

On a calm evening of May 23rd, 13 of us boarded the New Hustler out of Hooks landing for a club charter. We decided the best bet was to target the outer islands, a slim chance of game fish but a certainty of quality rock fish. We arrived a Santa Rosa just before dawn and attempted to get some live squid. Alas, low numbers, chased away by sea lions thwarted that.

At daybreak, we began a fruitless effort to get a few sea bass to bite. There were two other boats there, one sea bass picked up on the Pacific Islander. After a couple of hours, we targeted rock fish. Due to the great weather, we stayed in 80-120 ft water hitting lots of 2-5 lb red rock fish. As we neared limits on rock fish, we began moving into shallower water for white fish.



A NICE SHEEPS HEAD, FULL BAGS ALL AROUND

With the shallow water, I opted for an 8 oz. Jax Jig with the treble hook replaced by a 6/0 single hook. I also added a second shrimp fly on a dropper loop further up. The jig caught virtually all of my rock fish, which included one legal size ling cod. When we moved to target ocean white fish, I tried a 2/0 J hook, but was frustrated with several missed fish so I went up to a 4/0. With that, the white fish began coming over the rail at a regular pace. Just goes to show, I normally fish a 2/0 for white fish since their smaller mouth seems to hook better with the smaller hook, but this trip normal was out, so try option 2. As luck would have it, I also picked up a sheeps head in the mix.

It was a regular bonanza, rock fish, ocean white fish, a few ling cod and a few

sheep head seemed to be coming over the rail all morning long. The crew was kept busy bagging fish all morning long. At just after noon, we called it a day, FULL LIMIT 10 ROCK FISH PER ROD, PLUS FULL LIMIT 10 MORE FISH PER ROD! The final tally for the day for 13 anglers was 130 rock fish, 119 white fish, 6 Sheeps head and 5 ling cod.

Nick Nickson awarded life membership

Long time club member and one of our early presidents, Nick Nickson has been awarded a life membership by the board of directors. Nick has served the club well with years of devoted service. Thank you Nick for your support.

Kids trip stuff

Planning for the Kids trip is underway. It will be July 25th. Geoff Mosdale will be soliciting volunteers at the upcoming meeting. We need at least 15 club members to help set up and to mentor on this trip.

The Kid's trip raffle will be held at the June meeting. Once again, we will offer a collection of valuable prizes, tickets at \$5.00 each. You all should have recieved a mailer of tickets and prize lists.

Finally, to thank all who have donated for the tackle purchase, we brought in over \$1400 to help offset the purchase price of over \$2000 for the rod and reel sets.

Summer Barbeque

The annual summer barbeque has been scheduled for June 10th at Norm Rodewald's house. The normal 3:00PM to about 7:00 PM schedule will apply, and a Bob Tiedemann custom wrapped rod will be the top raffle prize.

Cooking your catch

This month we will do a maple marinated salmon with pineapple salsa



- 2 6oz salmon fillets
- 3 Tbsp maple syrup
- 3 Tbsp soy sauce

2 garlic cloves crushed
1 pat of butter
1/4 cup fresh pineapple
1/4 sweet onion chopped
2 thin slices of Serrano pepper
1/4 red bell pepper chopped
1 Tbsp olive oil
1 tsp hot sauce (optional)

Mix maple syrup, soy sauce and crushed garlic in a small bowl, pour into a sealable plastic bag. Add the fish fillets, let marinate in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes, up to two hours.

Put pineapple pieces, sweet onion, Serrano pepper, bell pepper, olive oil and hot sauce into a food processor. Chop until finely chopped, do not puree. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to let flavors blend.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Heat butter in an oven proof pan. Place Salmon fillets flesh side down to and sear for about 2 minutes. Turn fillets over to skin side down, place pan in oven for about 8 minutes to finish cooking.

Place fillets on serving plates with a generous serving of the pineapple salsa.