

## The Chumline

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### March Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker will be John Fuqua, owner/operator of the Island Tak and the Sea Jay. As many of you who have fished with John, these two smaller boats target Calico Bass and often go into waters sight fishing for White Sea Bass in the kelp. John will discuss issues in the local fishing scene.

### February Meeting

The Ventura county Sport Fishing Club held its regular meeting on February 6th. Our guest speaker was Rick Graham, owner of Angler's Den, Camarillo. Rick gave an inclusive presentation on how to set up for various fishing conditions. Rick showed a local yellow tail rig, a local calico bass rig, a rock fishing set up and discussed how to go surf fishing.

Rick gave detailed instructions on how to set up dropper loops for rock fish, location of the sinker, etc. He also detailed setup for calico bass in kelp, with how to work them out before they bury themselves in the kelp.

### 2018 Charter Schedule

Stan Greco has prepared our charter schedule for the year.

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. Boarding time and updated cost not yet available.

| 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.       | 10/4 | Two 1/2 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 7-14, returns 7-17, cost \$166, limit 10 VCSC anglers.

### **Openings**

We have openings on all trips, but they are going fast. There are 4 spots left on trip 1 on the Outrider. This trip will be opened after the Tuesday meeting.

### **Ling Cod trip**

Shawn Steward will run a Ling Cod trip on Monday, April 4th. There are openings, contact the boat or book online.

### **Fred Hall show**

It's March, time for the Fred Hall Show. This is the time to get excited about the upcoming season, fill up on tackle, plan major trips.

Show details, Long Beach Convention Center, Wednesday March 8th through Sunday, March 11th. Times, Wednesday through Friday, 1-9 PM, Saturday, 10-8, Sunday, 10-7:30.

### **Current Fishing Conditions**

The annual rockfish closure is over, boats are going out again. And as is typical, limits of rockfish are the rule, along with decent counts on ocean whitefish and a few ling cod thrown into the mix.

### **Tackle Tips**

How about spectra stacking. What on earth is that you ask. It is expensive and somewhat wasteful to fill a large reel with heavier spectra. Remember, many reels are manufactured with capacities for monofilament. With the thinner diameters of spectra, it takes a large amount of fill a reel. Suppose you want to fish 30 to 50 lb top shots. You would normally want 65 lb spectra backing. For a 50 yard top shot, you need at least 200 yards of 65 lb spectra backing. So instead of filling the spool with 65 lb spectra, put 200 yards of 40 lb spectra, followed by the 200 yards of 65 lb spectra.

What will happen if you ever get a fish that gets your down to the 40 lb spectra? Don't worry, the mono knots are going to be weaker than the 40 lb spectra. To load a reel with spectra, wrap the arbor with the stretch tape you wrap your fingers when fishing. You need about two layers of tape. When you put on the spectra, the line digs into the tape and will never slip on the arbor. When you get to the end of the inner backing, tie a 30 twist Bimini twist loop. On the 65 lb spectra, tie a corresponding loop. Then do a loop to loop connection with at least two passes of one loop through the other. A single loop to loop is a 90% connection, a double loop to loop is a 95% connection.

### **Cooking your catch**

This month we will fix a sea food paella with green beans and artichoke hearts. The artichoke hearts adds a distinct flavor making this a tasty one pot meal.

- 12 oz rock fish fillet
- 3 oz shrimp
- 1/2 onion finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 3 oz green beans trimmed
- 4 oz canned artichoke hearts

2 tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped  
2 1/2 cups hot stock, vegetable or chicken  
pinch of turmeric  
1/2 TBSP olive oil  
salt and pepper to taste  
fresh dill  
juice of 1 lemon

Heat the oil in a large frying pan with a cover over medium heat. Add onion and sprinkle with salt. cook until softened. Stir in turmeric, add the a beans and artichokes. Cook until beans begin to soften, about 5 minutes.

Add the tomatoes and paprika, cook for about 5 minutes. Add the rice, stir in half the hot stock. Cover and bring to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer for 15 minutes. Add the fish, shrimp and remaining hot stock, cover and let cook over low heat for at least 10 minutes until stock is absorbed.

Just before serving, stir in the fresh dill and lemon juice.