

The Chumline

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November Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 6th at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker will be Rich Tauber, fresh water bass fishing guide. For those of you who enjoy fishing our local lakes, Cachuma, Lake Castaic, Casitas, etc, Rich will give you lots of information on fishing these water as well as tips and guidance.

October Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker was Holly Lohuis, marine biologist and assistant to Jean Cousteau. Holly has been our guest a couple of times before and has presented some of the most dramatic underwater photography we have seen. Holly presented a stunning visual show of tropical coral reefs and the reef fishes that abound there. Some of most surprising photos were of various species of sea horses. Ranging in size from extremely small to several inches overall, they were stunning. She also discussed the fragile nature of the reefs. Among the problems of natural cycles of heat induced bleaching has been added man caused degradation including of all things, sun block. Hawaii has banned several types o sun block because they contain a chemical that is lethal to corals in very small amounts. Holly also discussed the problem of over fishing, which is a world wide problem.

Brendan's upgrade

Brendan's upgrade allowed us to move into their back room. We had much more space and were treated to a great reduction of outside noise. The upgrade continues this month with the addition of a set of double "barn" doors to allow even more noise reduction. For those of you put off by the past noise and crowded conditions, both problems have been significantly reduced.

2018 Charter Schedule

Charters are done for season, though we hope to get an additional local charter in before the season ends. Planning for next year is well underway, with Outrider trips, both local and at San Pedro being locked in.

Current Fishing Conditions

Fall fishing conditions are now the rule, with rock fish predominating the catch, with showings of calico bass, yellow tail, and an occasional white sea bass. Longer range, some Blue fin are still in U. S. waters. Further south, decent size yellow fin and yellow tail are being caught. The big blue fin are still there, a couple of miles off San Clemente Island, up to 200 lbs. Most are taken on trips of two days or longer, since the bite is mainly flat fall jigs at night and kite fish during the day. With a multi day trip, fishing all night becomes a real possibility.

Alaska 2019

Once again, there will be an Alaskan trip to Kingfisher Lodge, Sitka Alaska. Trip

is scheduled for July 21-25, fishing 22-24. We have two boats, 8 slots, six filled. Richard Campos is charter master, contact at 805 377-1295 if interested.

Fishing on the Aloha Spirit

My son-in-law was out visiting and so we booked a local trip on the Aloha Spirit in early October. It was right after the brief storm, which allowed for a perfectly calm day. With the promise of great weather, Sean Stewart, Captain of the Aloha Spirit opted for the long run to the west end of Santa Cruz Island, an unusual move for a 5:00 AM boat.

We made the nearly three hour run and began hitting rock piles for rock fish. We never had a real bonanza bite on any rock pile but we had plenty of action all morning. By around noon, we had full bag limits of rock fish all around, most reds and chuckleheads. We had a few ling cod thrown in. We moved into shallower waters to try for more ling and white fish. Again, we had plenty of fish to go around. For the day, with 19 anglers, we had 190 rock fish, 13 ling cod, and 175 white fish. Near bag limits for all.

Elections coming

Our annual club elections will be held at the November meeting. As always, both elected positions and appointed positions are up for renewal. The elected include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Charter master, Membership, and four member at large positions. There are the appointed positions of raffle chairman and Chumline editor, plus others as the President may see fit.

We have real needs to get new blood into the executive leadership. Many of us are getting older, we need new people to step up. In our membership, we see a stagnation, one to two new people, one to two leaving each month. One of the problems hurting us is our lack of presence in social media. We need someone knowledgeable in these media. Of particular need is Facebook. We need a well maintained Facebook page to get visibility. For those familiar with Facebook, there are Facebook groups, one of which is long range anglers. If we had a well maintained Facebook page, we could be present on the normal viewing of nearly 1000 long range anglers. If you have any computer skills and would like to serve as a social media person, step up, this is your club and it can only be as good as you make it.

Holiday Party

The club's annual Holiday Party is fast approaching. The party will be at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, 158 North Conejo Road, Thousand Oaks. The party will be on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 PM. Linda is working out details of entertainment as well as how much will be catered. We will once again provide beer and wine, with mixed drinks available at the open bar.

The missing catch

One of the problems of fish regulation has been accounting for fish taken. Without reliable statistics, no regulations will make sense. A simple example, the Bahamas are a popular tourist destination. One of the things tourists do is eat some of the local fish prepared in either restaurants or local fish shacks. When a simple calculation was made, it was easily established that tourists were eating nearly twice the reported catch. There is a very large market in local fishermen providing coolers of fresh caught fish to their favored restaurant or fish shack, much of it by passing the normal catch totals from fish markets and regulated sellers.

A second, also significant problem was the sport caught fish by tourists.

Thousands of tourists every year go out on a local charter boat for sport fishing for everything from rock fish to tuna to swordfish. Again, only a small part of the catch was recorded.

While this discussion dealt with the Bahamas, in nearly every nation in the world including in our local waters, a large amount of the catch is never reported. When we go out on a charter boat, the catch is recorded and reported, however sport fishermen in their private boats do not regularly report their catch.

When the rock fish regulations were tightened about 15 years ago, going down to 10 fish limits, 20 fish bag limit with a max of two hook gannions, recreational fishermen were taking almost as many pounds of rock fish each year as commercial fishermen. Obviously, if we want to maintain our fishery, we need to be part of any solution.

Cooking your catch

This month we will do a siracha-honey glazed salmon.

- 1 Salmon fillet, about 12 ounces, enough for two servings, skin on is okay.
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1-2 Tbsp siracha sauce
- 1 clove garlic crushed
- a few sprigs of cilantro, chopped
- salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350. Mix honey, soy sauce, siracha and garlic in a sauce pan. Place over medium heat and bring to a low boil, simmer for a few minutes to reduce slightly. Place in an oiled oven proof pan, skin side down. Salt and pepper the salmon fillet to taste. Pour about 2/3 of the sauce mix over the top, spooning to cover fillet fully. Bake for 12 to 13 minutes, depending on thickness of fillet. Remove from oven, cut into serving pieces and place on serving plates. Spoon sauce over top and garnish with chopped cilantro. The sauce is a bit spicy alone, but when served over the salmon, it tames down considerably.



