

The Chumline

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October Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold 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 will be 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. Who can forget the stark beauty of dozens of hammerhead sharks circling overhead or the colorful inhabitants of the coral reefs of the Pacific.

September Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker was Pete Haynes, long time local angler, boat captain and well known championship caster. Pete gave both an informative presentation on angling and a discussion of the techniques of casting.

Brendan's upgrade

While we would love to take credit for the upgrades currently underway at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, we can only applaud the action. Here is what is happening through this weekend: All of the tables and chairs in our present meeting room are being moved out; the pool tables and other tables in the back pool room are moving to our present meeting room; the back pool room will become an open dance area on weekends and will be outfitted with tables and chairs for our meetings. This will give us a much larger room, further removed from the noise of the bar area, thus much more conducive for our guest speakers and far less crowded for members. Not available for this month but definitely on track for next month will be a double door closure for the back room, thus further enhancing the bar noise separation.

2018 Charter Schedule

The remaining charters are all SOLD OUT.

Please pay all outstanding balance due on trips you have booked.

Trip No.	Date	Boarding time	Boat	Landing	Price
12.)	10/4	10/4 9 PM	Pacific Dawn	Fisherman Landing	
San Diego		2 1/2 Day meals and snacks included			\$785

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 payments to the club, VCSC, PO Box 302, Moorpark Ca. 93020.

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.

Fishing on the Independence

Five VCSC anglers, Gary Christopher, Art Hernandez, Rhanny Hufalar, Dave Hill, and Scott Williams went on a seven day adventure aboard the Independence out of San Diego. We were joined by former club member, Daryl Neher. The overall plan for the trip was motor down to the ridge and fish there for yellow fin and other exotics such as wahoo and dorado, then move up for yellowtail along the coast.

Scott Williams continued his winning streak, last year winning a flat screen TV in the raffle and this year copping a new Phenix graphite offshore rod. Amazingly, Scott was not interested in several offers to break in his new rod.

We left Saturday morning at about 11:00 AM, baited up and headed south. Motored all day Sunday. On Monday, as we neared the ridge area, one angler put out a trolling rod. After a couple of uneventful hours, the rod lit up and the fight was on. He was able to bring in a solitary 55 lb wahoo.



Dolphins in the bow wave

On the way down, we hit several pods of dolphins, with periods of wild leaps and playful surfing in the bow wave.

We finally arrived at the ridge, with 15 to 20 lb schoolie yellow fin and an occasional 10 lb yellow tail. I grabbed my 25 lb outfit, ready for action. With the quality disappointment, we made a short move and found much better grade tuna, to over 40 lbs. One fish on the 25 lb outfit and it was obvious, I was outgunned. 40 lb outfits were the rule for the remainder of the time on the ridge. We tried trolling a couple of times while the bite was slack, picking up 4 more wahoo, all troll fish.

A few tried night fishing for yellowtail. In general, the results were disappointing, a few home guard 30 lb'ers were taken but the below 10 lb was the more common result. Scott Williams managed to snag a 25 lb grouper.



Scott following his fish

After two days, all who wanted had their 15 fish limit on yellow fin tuna. A bit of humor occurred after one of the inevitable multi-line tangles which occur with such a wide open bite. I ended up with about 40 yds of loose line stacked on my reel which I needed to dress before fishing. To simply pull it off and let it hang in the water would only generate a new bird's nest so I took a 2 oz. torpedo sinker and hung it on the hook. I then let the line play out until I got all of the slack line cleaned up. With that, I began the retrieve and HOOKUP!. Yep, I hooked a 30 lb yellow fin using a torpedo sinker for bait!!



Rhanny in camo with bent rod

We then headed up to San Pablo for hoped for yellow tail fishing. We arrived at about 10:00 AM and it was the real deal. We had a wide open bite of 15 to 25 lb yellow

tail with no sign of slacking off. All who wanted got their 15 fish limit. By 3:00 PM, there were at least 10 anglers who were blocked out, all 30 tags used!

We then headed north for more inshore adventure at Santa Roselea. We tried several spots, with varying success early. Gary Christopher landed an about 8 lb grouper. I followed almost immediately (was hooked up when his was landed) with a 12 lb'er. We finally hit the magic time and spot, a wide open calico bass bite, a few sand bass thrown in and lots of 10 lb yellow tail. A few of us with tags left tagged both the groupers and a few calico's. But it was mainly catch and release, dozens of calico bass and about 1 yellowtail for every two calico bass. Everyone was satisfied that the trip had a perfect ending.

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.

Cooking your catch

We will do a fillet with pasta and tomatoes. This is recommended for grouper but sturdy rockfish such as copper or vermillion will work.

- 1 1/2 Tbsp olive
- 1 dried hot pepper
- 1 clove of garlic lightly crushed
- 1 cup chopped, seeded and peeled tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp dried rosemary
- 1/2 lb fish fillet, cut into two pieces
- 1/2 lb spaghetti, linguine or capellini
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- freshly grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 300. Set a large pot of water to boil for pasta. Heat oil over medium high heat. Add peppers and garlic, stirring until garlic starts to brown. Remove and discard peppers and garlic, add tomatoes. Cook about five minutes, until tomatoes start to liquefy, add rosemary. cook for five more minutes, then add fish fillets. Cover skillet, cook over medium heat to cook fish, 5 to 8 minutes. Remove fillets, cover and place in oven to keep warm, stir parsley into sauce. Cook pasta. Place serving of pasta on plate, cover with sauce and parmesan, add fish to serve.

