

## The Chumline

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### April Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker will be Satn Vandenberg of Seeker Rods. Stan is an expert on long range fishing issues.

### March Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker was John Fuqua, captain of the SeaJay and Island Tak. John discussed various issues involving local fishing including calico bass set up and white sea bass fishing. John indicated that the good fishing we have been having over the past few years is not something that we should take for granted, that we should enjoy it while it lasts.

### 2019 Charter Schedule

Charter master Stan Greco has been hard at work nailing down charters for the upcoming season. Some charters shown as scheduled in January have been cancelled due to signup issues.

Trip No.	boarding date	fishing date	boat	landing	Cost	Landing
3	4/10 9:00 PM	4/11	Outrider		\$260	HOOKS
5	4/30 9:00 PM	5/1	Pacific Islander		\$190	Ciscos
7	6/12 9:00 PM	6/13	Outrider		\$260	22nd Street
8	6/26 9:00 PM	6/27	Pacific Dawn		\$195	Ventura
10	7/24 9:00 PM	7/25	Outrider		\$260	22nd Street
11	8/11 9:00 PM	7/12&13	Outrider		\$520	22nd Street
12	8/23 9:00 PM	8/24 Fish Off	New Hustler		\$150	Hooks
14	9/19 9:00 PM	9/20	New Hustler		\$170	Hooks
15	10/5 9:00 PM	10/6, 7 & 8	Pacific Dawn		\$810	Fisherman's

We have a good mix of trips, all limited load with experienced skippers and well appointed boats. We have addressed issues with the owner/operators on any issues that degraded the fishing experience of members.

All trips require a 50% deposit to confirm a reservation, with balance due 45 days prior to departure. Refunds for cancellation are only available if the charter spot is filled. Please use the trip reservation form, available on website and at the meetings.

### Trip 2 reschedule

Trip 2 fishing on the New Hustler out of Hooks landing has been rescheduled for Friday, April 5th, leaving at 10:00 PM Thursday April 4th. There are a few openings left.

### Openings and fill dates

We have openings on nearly all charters. The trips, no.s 3 and 5 are being opened up to the landing to help fill. Payment is due in full for trips 2 and 3 at this time. If we do not get more signups, we may have to cancel more trips.

### **Current Fishing Conditions**

Rock fish season opens! The two month closure is now over, boats are going out targeting rock fish once again. All three local landings ran boats for the opener and limits of rock fish were the rule. Further out, the long range fleet is enjoying decent catches of large yellow fin and wahoo on ten day and longer trips.

### **Notes on the Fred Hall show**

The annual Fred Hall show ran Wednesday, March 6th through 10th at the Long Beach Convention center. This year's show had much of what we had come to expect from past shows. I found a few items of interest.

First was renewing an old acquaintance with Steve Tennant with the Northwest Fishing Team. I first met Steve when he was guiding for Valerie Hoperich at the Queen Charlotte Safari's. Steve was skipper when I caught my largest King Salmon, a 43 lb brute. While we were there, we discovered that the albacore run off BC was just ten miles out from the prime king salmon grounds. One afternoon, we made a run out, no albacore gear or experience in any of the skippers. We still managed to land three. there was also much confusion on what could be taken back to the U. S. Steve and his partner have now worked all of those issues out. So fishing with Steve and the Northwest Fishing Team today offers typical BC salmon, halibut and lingcod with the added bonus for those who want, an albacore run! Steve has his own small lodge, two boats, 8 guest max, in Charlotte City, a ferry ride over from the airport at Sandspit in Haida Gwaii



### **Fishing Haida Gwaii**

Second item was an ingenious new reel anchor system. I saw two, looked at one seriously. Basically for larger reels, 30-50 class trolling/big game reels, these replace usual reel seat and rod clamp arrangement. With a custom rod, you put in their proprietary dovetail reel seat. You then replace the standard reel foot with their custom

proprietary slide in reel foot. The reel can then very easily be seated in the dovetail slot, a rotating cam lock turned with a screw driver and you end up with a solid attachment. No fumbling for reel clamp screws, special screw drivers as for Avet or other things. And at the end of the day, reel comes off with the simple release of locking cam, no need to leave it out in the weather.

I also looked into the issue of Cedros Island. There are a couple of outfits operating panga style fishing at Cedros, which also includes potential runs to Benitos if tuna or wahoo show there. Basically, the island is reached via flight from Ensenada. One offers custom flights from Palomar airport for larger groups, otherwise it is a van ride from San Diego to Ensenada. Fish handling now includes vacuum sealing and freezing if desired. One lodge now has added a 27 ft cabin cruiser as well as the super pangas. Prior to the closure to the larger boats, as many as half a dozen tuna trawlers and or bait boats would be there. Naturally, the fishery was being over used and changes needed to be made.

### **Kids trip**

We have set the Kids trip for July 31st. Volunteers will be needed, save the date.

### **Kids trip raffle coming**

There will be an announcement of the Kids trip raffle and prizes in the next few weeks. Some great prizes, custom rod, reel bag, fishing trip coupons, etc.

### **Cooking your catch**

Yellow tail with pasta and mushroom sauce



8 ounces yellow tail fillet cut into 1/2" pieces

1 tbsp olive oil

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1/2 cup milk

1/4 cup shredded fresh parmesan cheese  
8 ounces linguine  
6 ounces broccoli florets

Put linguini in a pot of boiling water for 11 minutes. When linguini is 4 minutes from done, add broccoli florets. When done, drain and set aside.

In a large sauce pan, heat oil over medium high heat. Add yellowtail pieces. Cook 3 minutes, turning to cook through. Add mushroom soup and milk. When heated, add parmesan cheese and mix thoroughly. Add pasta and broccoli, toss to cover completely with sauce. Serve immediately.