

## The Chumline

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### February Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 PM at Brendan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 495 N Ventu Park road, Newbury Park. Our guest speaker will be Kerry Kreuger. He will talk about fishing rights and preservation of angling opportunities.

### January Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its regular January meeting on January 8th. Our guest speaker was Tucker McCombs, owner/operator of the Outrider. Tucker discussed fishing issues, blue fin tuna in local waters and prospects for the new year. He gave extensive tips on tackle selection for specific targeted species.

### Brendan's change

Brendan's will require us to move back to the previous location for one month only due to a large party scheduled for the 5th of February.

### 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
2	3/28 9:00 PM	3/29	New Hustler		\$170	HOOKS
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.

### Current Fishing Conditions

Almost all fishing is closed in the Southern area, south of Point Conception. Open seasons include sand dabs and surface species, but the annual two month rock fish closure is in effect.

### 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.

### **El Niño'**

The long range forecast for the upcoming year places a 70% probability for an El Niño' event to begin by early June of this year. As you can see from our charter schedule, we have several trips scheduled for late June through October. There is great potential for exotics such as yellow fin tuna and dorado for trips out of 22nd street and San Diego. Last El Niño' saw free swimming wahoo at Catalina Island!

### **Ocean Warming**

In 2013, the International Panel on Climate Change issued a report on ocean warming. It showed that much of the heat that is driving our climate is being absorbed in the ocean. Since that report, data from a series of offshore buoys has become available. These buoys measure ocean temperature and salinity to depths of 3000 feet. Two separate groups of scientists analyzed data from these buoys late last year. They both reached the same conclusion, the 2013 was overly optimistic, the actual warming was 40% higher than the 2013 report.

So what does this mean to us? Warming water degrades coral reefs, with now 20% of the world's coral reefs dead or dying. These reefs serve as the protective habitat for the young of many fish species. The warming water also becomes unsuitable for resident fish species. The result has been measured, fish species are following cooler water toward the poles at the rate of 45 miles per decade. We know we have not seen albacore in our local waters for over a decade. We may never see them again in our lifetime. In the 1950's, the dory fleet out of New Port Beach regularly brought in black cod, also called sable fish. These are now found in waters off South East Alaska.

We may see more frequent appearance of so called exotics from tropical waters as the warming continues, but we will lose some of the cold water rock fish and bait fish such as anchovies.

### **Cooking your catch**

This month we will do a parmesan crusted broiled halibut.



2 6 oz halibut fillet pieces, less than 1" thick  
1 1/2 TBSP mayonnaise  
1 1/2 TBSP fresh grated parmesan cheese  
1/2 TSP salt  
2 green onions chopped  
juice of half a lemon

Place halibut pieces in a broiling pan, and place it under the broiler for 8 minutes. While fish is cooking, mix together mayonnaise, cheese, onions, salt and lemon juice. After 8 minutes, remove fish from broiler, spread cheese mix over the top. Return to the broiler for 2 minutes. Cheese should show a light brown crust. Garnish with lemon slices from other half of lemon.