

The Chumline
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March Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club will hold 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 will be John Fuqua, captain of the SeaJay and Island Tak. John is a well known captain in local waters who targets White Sea Bass and Calico Bass so popular with experienced anglers. John will discuss the upcoming season.

January Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its regular January meeting on January 8th. Our guest speaker was Kerry Kreuger. He discussed fishing rights, the Coastal Conservation Association and preservation of angling opportunities

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.

Openings and fill dates

We have openings on nearly all charters. The first three trips, no.s 2, 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.

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.

Fred Hall show

The annual Fred Hall show opens Wednesday, March 6th at the Long Beach Convention center. The show runs Wednesday through Sunday, and is the biggest outdoor recreation show of the year. All of your favorite lodges, boats and gear dealers will be on display. This is the time to see what is new, to buy those items you will use during the season and to renew old friendships. Great discounts abound, with 2 for 1 and 1 for 2 being quite common on hooks, leader, line and specialty lures and jigs.

El Niño'

An el Niño is officially underway. It is marked by plume of warm water stretching from the western pacific along the equator to the western coast of America. It has not yet become the fully developed plumes running north and south from the equator, reaching our shores. This is a weak el Niño and forecast models show it disappearing in the early fall. we can expect warmer than normal water temperatures through the summer months.

Social media

It is clear that social media such as Facebook and Twitter are part of the communication tools of modern society. We as a club have no presence in this realm! the club needs someone savvy in this area to set up and manage a Facebook presence, links to our web page. With this we can broadcast charter openings and upcoming events to a wide audience outside our present club membership. Volunteer needed!

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.

Cooking your catch

This month we will do rock fish with angel hair pasta.

6-8 oz rock fillet fish pieces cut into 1/2" squares

8 oz angel hair pasta

2 tbsp freshly grated parmesan cheese

1 medium onion finely chopped

2 medium tomatoes chopped

2 cloves garlic finely chopped

1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

1 tsp sea salt

2 Tbsp olive oil



Cook the pasta in boiling water for 6-7 minutes for al dente. Drain and set aside. In a large fry pan, heat the olive oil over medium high heat. Add the onions, cook for about 2 minutes. Add the garlic and the fish pieces. Cook until the onions are transparent, about five minutes, stirring regularly to keep garlic from browning. Add the tomatoes, basil and sea salt. Reduce heat, stir and cover for 3-5 minutes until the tomatoes liquefy. Add the angel hair pasta and toss until thoroughly mixed. Serve pasta with a sprinkling of parmesan cheese on serving plates.