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OCTOBER MEETING

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd at the Alamo Bar and Grill, 2311 Borchard Road, Newbury park at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Mike Armenata, manager of Turners' Outdoor of Oxnard. Mike has appeared before, and will discuss long range and local fishing issues.

CURRENT FISHING CONDITIONS

Shallow water rock fish fishing season has ended. Rock fish now restricted to 50 fathoms (300 ft.) and greater. The bluefin tuna bite is also going well for 1.5 day and longer trips. Mixed with the bluefin are nice catches of yellowtail, with smaller yellowfin tuna near the border. Warming local waters are bringing top water game fish, with bass and barracuda appearing in local counts.

CLUB CHARTER SCHEDULE

All charters are complete. There is some interest in a late season charter, target deep water rock fish. It would be an overnight trip with possible halibut and white fish early, followed by deepwater rockfish.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The club has selected the last Tuesday of November, November 28, for our annual Holiday Party. It will probably be at the Elks Lodge in TO if available, same catered entree's with club provided appetizers and desserts. Details as we move forward, circle the date.

CLUB ELECTIONS COMING

The annual elections are held at the November meeting. Wayne Jackson has been the club treasurer for over a decade and has decided to retire. We will need a new club treasurer for the incoming year. Also, Brian Zimmerman retired as club secretary last year. Rick Lane is vice president and has been filling in, but we need a secretary going forward. Club positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership plus 4 members at large are open for nominations. And as always, volunteers for other duties are always needed, since the club exists only by the labor of volunteers.

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FISHING ON THE ENDEAVOR | VIEW ON [YouTube](#)

Thanks to Rick Lane for the trip report.

We departed on Sept. 4 at 10 pm and got to Cortez Bank at around 9 am the next morning. It was an amazing trip.

We limited on blue fin tuna, and had plenty of yellowtail. The weather calmed down and the fishing was a good steady pick. This was our first day and a half trip, which meant we left after dusk to return home, and got back at 7 am on Sept 6.

This trip included 3 meals, which is the way to go. For 75 bucks, we got breakfast, lunch (tacos) and dinner (tri tip). Obviously, Aaron was a big fan. It was the most successful trip we have had this year. No monster tuna, but plenty of footballs and medium to large yellowtail.



FISHING ON THE INDEPENDENCE

On Sept 2 Dave Hill, myself, Scott Williams with his wife Brandy went on a 7 day trip aboard the Independence.

Since it was Labor Day weekend, there was no plan to head out to the Blue fin tuna grounds, it would be wall to wall boats. The only thing that made sense was a direct run to the ridge, which meant travel all day Saturday and all day Sunday, with arrival Monday around midday.

When we got there, it was just after lunch. A little searching and a nice school of yellow fin tuna was targeted. And it was a wide open bite on 25 to 40 lb fish. After a couple of fish, I donated one to the galley. Those who wanted to filled their entire tuna limit that afternoon. By dinner, everyone was either limited out or content with what they had and time to put a fork in it, we were done..

We departed that evening, heading up the coast for yellow tail. We arrived early morning. I went out on deck, several guys were yo-yoing iron, and a few were dropper loop fishing but no fish. I set up a 2 oz sliding sinker and 4/0 hook and dropped down. I was immediately hooked up, and was rewarded with a nice 15-18 lb yellow tail. In for breakfast, then back out for more yellow tail.

Over the next hour I caught 3 more 15 lb class fish on the slider rig. In all, with the slider,



RODS ALL BENDO ON WIDE OPEN YELLOW FIN

In all, with the slider, I had 4 of first 20 caught, a solid vote for using a sliding sinker for yellow tail when the bite is slow. So we worked our way up, with a few more yellow tail stops. I ended up keeping 6, donating a 12 lb fish to the galley and giving away a few more. I also kept a couple of calico bass and a dorado.

We then made a run for the blue fin grounds. We arrived at Tanner bank around 10:00AM, and found where much of the fleet was. We set up and began picking up 12 to

20 lb fish, but it was a pretty slow pace. After about an hour, we began a nearly 2 hour search for bigger models. We finally found them in the early afternoon. These were 25 to 40 lb fish, with an occasional bruiser mixed in. The tackle of choice was 25-30 lb flouro leader attached to a #1 hook, circle or J hook. With that, when one of the bruisers hit, there were various casualties of pulled hooks or busted line. But it was a steady bite, and by around 6:00PM, for 29 anglers we had full 1 day limits of 58 blue fin tuna aboard.



Cooking Your Catch



This month we will microwave rock fish with lemon mustard sauce.

2 4-6 oz fish fillets

1 Tbsp lemon juice

**2 tsp Dijon style mustard 1 tsp white wine vinegar 1 tsp honey
salt and pepper to taste paprika garnish**

- **Place fish in microwave safe dish.**
- **Sprinkle fish with salt and pepper to taste.**
- **Mix lemon juice, mustard vinegar and honey.**
- **Spoon sauce over fish.**
- **Cover dish with saran, one corner loose to allow steam to escape.**
- **Place in microwave and cook on high about 4 minutes until done, careful not to overcook. Sprinkle paprika over fish and serve.**

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00PM

Alamo Bar & Grill
[2311 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park, CA 91320](#)

Invite a Friend!
Membership maketh the club!

