

The Chumline

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NO August Meeting

Current fishing conditions.

Blue fin tuna arrived to near shore waters! The Greylight out of Ciscos' hit blue fin tuna 35 miles from the harbor. Rock fish season opened for all depths in local waters on April 1st. The long range fleet has been reporting on really good quality yellowtail to 40 lbs biting aggressively. Long range boats heading to lower banks are getting #80 to #230 yellow fin plus wahoo at the rocks.

Club Charter schedule

Trip No	Date	Departure	Boat	Landing	Cost	Notes
6.	8/7	8/6 10PM	Endeavor	Ventura Landing	\$460	1.5 day, \$30 Fuel, \$80 meal package
7.	10/2	10/1 10PM	Endeavor	Ventura Landing	\$460	1.5 day, \$30 Fuel \$80 meal package

Little G Charter, Augst 31st to Sept 2, \$1575.

To confirm a reservation, 50% deposit required. Balance due 45 days prior to departure. Send Payment to Ventura County Sports Fishing Club, P. O. Box 302, Moorpark, Ca. 93020

Rick Lane has set up new payment options using Zelle and Venmo, with details listed in separate enclosure.

Summer Barbeque

The club held its annual summer barbeque at Camarillo's Grove park on July 21st. About 40 members and family attended at this beautiful outdoor venue. A wide variety of appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts were provided. Cece has added several more



picnic photos to the club's Face book page. The big Kid's trip raffle was held with Kevin slagg the winner of the Avet Reel, Richard Hartman the rod and Rick Campos the free trip on the Endeavor.

Thanks to Rick Lane and Richard Hartman for the effort securing the venue and arranging for the various insurance and usage issues.

Kids trip

Thanks to Rick Lane for the write up and the club owes a big THANK YOU to Rick for coordinating this effort.

The kids trip went off without a hitch. We had 26 kids, and with sponsors and volunteers we had 38 on the Californian, out of Ventura landing. We left the harbor just before 8 a.m. and thought it was going to be flat as glass. Were we mistaken! It was rough and waves came crashing over the boat. The kids loved it! They all piled up on the bow and got soaking wet. I was worried they would get too cold, but the sun came out from the fog and it warmed them up nicely. We got to Santa Cruz and it was flat and calm next to the island. Fishing wasn't great, but most kids caught either a bass, whitefish, red, or mackerel. The mac attack was wonderful for the kids, they don't care. We were hoping to see the two blue whales that have been hanging around but had to settle for dolphins and sea lions. One kid hooked a Cormorant and that was thrilling for him. We had a couple of large sheep head as well.

The kids ate their fill. Joey the cook made breakfast burritos and hamburgers for all. Our galley tab was \$705 with fish cleaning - not bad really. Many of the kids were on their second trip with us. Tucker, who owns the landing, let us bring our own water, fruit boxes and snacks. I ate most of the Fritos. Haha. That helped keep the galley bill very reasonable.



I really want to thank our two “anonymous donors” who contributed \$2000 for the trip. Without you guys, we couldn't have done this trip. Overall, with the raffle

money and the donors, we easily made the \$3600 the entire trip cost. The feedback was just amazing. The Ventura County Foster Program loves us. And those kids are just wonderful. They are polite, sweet kids. The ages ranged from maybe 10 to 17. They all want to go again next year.

I really want to thank Ira Nepus, Peter Syapin, Ralph Richardson, PJ, and the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy members Andy Rowley and Josh Levy. Andy and Josh donated time and cash – their donations I used to tip the crew. Cory, the captain and the two Joeys (the cook and deckhand) along with Tyler worked so hard keeping the poles rigged and the lines untangled. They were amazing.

Special thanks to the Ventura County Human Services Agency. Jaci and Laura make it so easy for me to get the kids and the sponsors! They do the sign ups and make sure the kids have licenses and are ready to go.

The Kid's trip is the main reason for our club. I am proud to take part. We have such great members!

Rick

Fishing on the New Hustler

Thanks to Stan Greco for the write up.



Phil and Peter with Halibuts

Club charter 4, a two day WSB special shared with the West Valley Sportsmen departed Hooks landing on the New Hustler. We started out at the sandy bottom of Beachers Bay on the back side of Rosa and spent a lot of our time there. followed by steady rock fish at

Miguel in deeper water, Both days were much the same, concentrating on game fish. Ironically our two-day WSB trip only netted 1 WSB, however we landed about 10 halibut, a few lings and 5 sharks. All in All, it was a great trip, lots of fun with some good guys. And our steak dinner was really good as well.

Cooking your catch

How about a one skillet dish

2 4-6 oz rock fish fillets
1/4 stick of butter
1/2 cup diced onion
1/2 cup diced celery
1 medium tomato chopped
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
salt and pepper to taste

Heat butter in a medium sized skillet. Add onion, celery tomato, and mushrooms. Cook until softened, add fish fillets, salt and pepper, cover and reduce to simmer for 10-12 minutes until fish flakes easily.

Serve over mashed potatoes or rice.