

The Chumline

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September Meeting

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 PM at the Flatfish Brewing, 126 wood Rd #100 Camarillo, Ca. Our guest speaker will be Aren Antounian, manager of Bob Sands tackle. Bob Sands tackle is a well known full service tackle shop in the San Fernando Valley.

Current fishing conditions.

Local fishing has been primarily rock fish, with some white Sea Bass and Halibut thrown in for game fish. The Blue fin have moved further west, thus day and half trips are required for good catches. The long range fleet has been reporting on really good quality yellowtail to 40 lbs biting aggressively.

Club Charter schedule

Trip No	Date	Departure	Boat	Landing	Cost	Notes
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.

New Hustler Moved

Ciscos has announced that the New Hustler and the Estrella have moved joining the fleet out of Channel Islands.

Holiday Party Planning

The club is planning for our annual Holiday Party. As yet, details of event venue, entertainment, and date have not been finalized. It is anticipated that it will be the first week of December, main entree catered with members providing appetizers and desserts.

Fishing on the Endeavor

Club charter 6 on the Endeavor left with 13 aboard. The trip out to Santa Rosa was uneventful. There was limited success on white sea bass, with a couple taken. A series of halibut drifts brought more success, with several legal halibut taken to fill out the targeted game fish for the trip. Honors went to Richard Hartman for a 25 lb class halibut easily besting the white sea bass.



Fishing on the Independence

Dave Hill and I went on a 7 day Avet sponsored trip on the Independence. We departed San Diego on Saturday, headed south for the next day and half. At about 8:00AM Monday, we began searching for a large school of yellow fin tuna. At about 8:30 we set up on them. For the next several hours, it was a steady bite, 2-5 fish going at any one time. The fish were nearly all 35-45 lbs, with a few smalls. I only wanted a max of three tuna, so after 2, I stopped fishing. On a later move, we hit some larger fish and I got a 52 lb tuna.

We then headed down to the ridge, getting to the 13 bank in the early morning hours. Those who got up after we anchored had a brief yellowtail bite, but they were generally small 7 to 15 lb fish. I got up and after breakfast, got one of the smaller ones, then just before noon, picked up a nice 25 lb fish. With little other action we headed down to the 23 bank.

What a big disappointment. There was practically no bird life, and even less showing of fish life. Red tide was in large blooms all around, with a brown scum on the surface. Communication with the Excel showed scattered action on wahoo at Alijos Rocks. We decided best bet was head offshore for kelp paddies, then move closer inshore for possible yellowtail action further north.

As we worked offshore, a couple of paddies had little action, then we hit one with lots of dorado. It seemed like a wild explosion of hookups everywhere, with cutoffs, and chaos. I went up the side to get out of the chaos and watched a nice bull dorado take my bait. After getting it to the boat only to see it run out to the stern, and dodging through the lines, I got it back to gaff. It was a 15 lb bull dorado.



We then worked up and toward inshore below Cedros. We had some luck on large calico bass, then moved into an area mixed with barracuda and white sea bass.

I took half a dozen white sea bass, and hooked and released two one hundred pound class black sea bass.

In all, boat took over 50 white sea bass and hooked over half a dozen black sea bass.

The largest white sea bass was about 20 lbs.



Cooking your catch

This month we will have rock fish fillets with veggies

2 4-5 oz rock fish fillets
1/4 cube of butter plus 1/8 cube for potatoes
2 stalks celery, chopped
6-8 medium mushrooms, chopped
1/2 medium onion, chopped
2 medium tomatoes, chopped
1 sprig fresh rosemary
6 small new gold potatoes
salt and pepper to tasted
2 Tbsp water as required



Bring a small pot of water to boil. Cook potatoes until done (20-25 minutes). Melt the 1/4 cube of butter in a medium skillet. Add the vegetables, saute' until softened (5 minutes). Salt and pepper fillets to taste, place in pan with vegetables. Add water if required. Cover and reduce heat and cook until fish flakes easily (5 minutes).

Place 3 of cooked potatoes on each serving plate, mash with fork and lightly add butter. Place fish fillet over potatoes, then spoon vegetables and liquid over fish.

