

# **The Chumline | January 2025**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to 2025... can you believe it is already 2025..?

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and that you also have a great New Year.

### **OUR FIRST MEETING OF 2025 WILL BE ON THURSDAY JANUARY 9.**

At Flatfish Brewery in Camarillo. The meeting starts at 6:30pm... come early for food, drinks and socialization. Tucker McCombs will be our speaker. He will be talking about local fishing in 2025.. his thoughts on the coming season, any new regulations, updates on old regulations, and anything else you want to hear from him.

### **ELECTIONS**

We will also have our elections for club officers (that has was postponed due to fire, and other circumstances)..... so if you want to run for any position, let me know before January 8, so we can add your name to the ballot...! Positions open are; President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 4 Board Member positions.

### **TO AFRICA AND BACK**

Linda and I went on an African cruise, in December - to South Africa, Madagascar, Mauritius and more.

*(president's message, continued)*

It is the start of Summer down there, and we had great weather. We went on a few safaris and sampled the local beer at each stop...!

We saw lots of wildlife –

Elephants, Cape Buffalo, Lions, Cheetahs, Rhinos, Giraffes, Zebra, tons of antelope, and lots more! A few photos . . .



See you all on January 9th...! Have a great 2025....!

Chuck Brinkman IV  
VCSC President  
and the VCSC Board

## **CLUB MEETING, THURSDAY - JANUARY 9, 2025 | 6:30pm**

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club will hold its regular meeting on a Thursday (**not Weds**) for January only at the Flat Fish Brewing Company, 126 Wood Road in Camarillo. | [click here](#) for more info.

Come early and join us for dinner and drinks. Our meetings are free & Open to all fishing enthusiasts! Our guest speaker will be Tucker McCombs, owner of Ventura Harbor Landing and operator of the Endeavor sportfishing boat.

At this meeting we will have elections and announce the charters dates for 2025 making sign-up available at the meeting. And always – great food, fun people and fantastic brews and wines.

## **SOMETHING NEW at our meetings!**

What's new is at most meetings we'll have an opportunity drawing - which means by coming to the meeting you automatically are entered to win a prize! Yup, you show up and get 1-10 tickets (still to be decided) and just by attending you're entered in the drawing!! To learn more about what is an opportunity drawing, [click here](#).

## **CHARTERS GALORE!**

We now have a “fishing charter committee” working alongside with Rick Lane to finish the details of the club charters. Check the club's charter page on the website, to see the fantastic line-up of trips. [Click here](#) to see the details of ALL the trips! GREAT JOB RICK!

## **CHARTER COMMITTEE**

The fishing charter committee is made up of the following members:  
Shane Busickio, Aaron Levy, Richard Hartman, Matt Rubin

If you want to get involved with planning, leading and being a part of the inner workings of the club, just let any leader or board member know and we'll see where we can "plug you in!"

## **NEW / UPDATED CHARTER PAYMENT POLICY**

The club leaders agreed on a payment policy that would streamline the process and not overly burden the charter master with last minute cancellations to fill – or expect the remaining fishers to share the balance due. Here it is:

- 45 days prior to the trip, we will start taking payment.
- 30 days prior to trip, full payment due.
- At 30 before the trip, if you are unable to go, we expect your help filling the spot. We will try to fill the spot from the landing.
- Refunds only if your spot is filled
- Any questions. Please talk to Rick Lane

## **CLUB HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BREWERY**

Check out the photo gallery of the party on our website!! > [click here](#)

Everyone had a great time with hot fresh taco bar. The combination of jazz, holiday & Christmas music was brought to us by Michael Falcone, pianist/vocalist with club member Ira Nepus sitting in on more than a few tunes! Music always adds to the festivities of the evening. And raffle prizes were flying off the table! Lot's of fun!

## **OPPORTUNITY & RAFFLE CHAIRMAN (Peter Syapin)**

- The club currently has four reels on hand
- At Monthly Club Meetings we will have “Opportunity Drawings” and each individual at the meeting will be handed an envelope with 10 tickets which will be used at the “Opportunity Drawing”.
- Each individual be asked to “donate” funds for the foster kids that the club supports.
- A regular “Raffle” will be held each year at Christmas and at the club BBQ. These events will need the State’s approval prior to having said events.
- In April the club will hold an Annual Kids Raffle and will give each club member 10 tickets at a cost of \$5.00 each. Said members can keep the tickets and pay for them (or) sell them to friends, relatives etc. At the June Monthly Club Meeting prizes will be given out to the winning ticket holders.

## **CURRENT FISHING CONDITIONS / FISHING REPORTS**

The annual rockfish closure is now in place locally through March 31. There is only a six-month shallow water rockfish season.

The rockfish rules are complicated by a new 50 fathom line, which is a line connecting a set of GPS waypoints. The rules now define inshore versus offshore of this line.

- April 1st to June 30th, all depths.
- July 1st to September 30th, inshore of 50 fathom line only.
- After October 1st, offshore of 50 fathom line only.

*(current fishing conditions \* fishing reports – continued)*

Expect a few weekend trips to be available for a mix of sand dabs and white fish. The Federal fisheries management council will meet in April to establish rules for any potential salmon season.

Long range boats have been getting consistent quality yellowfin tuna at the ridge since mid-August and no sign of drop off yet. San Diego boats will begin runs to Colnet reef for rockfish and occasional yellowtail.

### **CLUB ELECTIONS COMING**

It's time for membership to vote on the 2025 candidates to make up the VCSC board.

The election slate is as follows:

- President.....Chuck Brinkman
- Vice President.....Aaron Levi
- Treasurer.....Rick Lane
- Secretary.....Richard Hartman

Board members:

- Shane Busickio
- Norm Rodewald
- Ira Nepus
- Matt Rubin

## **APPOINTED POSITIONS & VOLUNTEERS**

In the past, we held a summer barbeque, a holiday party and a kids' trip. We will continue to need volunteers to help coordinate these events. The following are appointed positions and volunteers are always welcome:

- Chumline editor
- Fundraising Committee. We hope to get a few people.
- Historian
- Program/Speakers Committee

## **BART HALL LONG BEACH SHOW | [Website](#)**

The big Long Beach Bart Hall fishing and boating show will be from Thursday, January 30th to Sunday February 2nd. It is reduced to 4 days from the previous 5 as they try to rebuild after the covid closures. As always, this will be at the Long Beach convention center.

- Thur. Jan. 30, 2025; 12:00pm - 8:00pm
- Fri. Jan. 31, 2025; 12:00pm - 8:00pm
- Sat., Feb. 1, 2025; 10:00am - 8:00pm
- Sun., Feb. 2, 2025; 10:00am - 6:00pm

## **PACIFIC COAST SPORTFISHING BOAT AND TRAVEL SHOW**

The Pacific Coast sport fishing boat and travel show will be March 6th through 9th at the Orange County Fair and event Center. Details will be released later but expect it to be bigger and better as it continues to attract more vendors.

## **KID'S TRIP / DONATE!**

The club has its heart on sponsoring a “kids trip” and now with restrictions on raffles – we will be relying on donations. If everyone donates at each meeting, every little bit will help.

At our monthly board meeting, we discussed ways to fundraise the kid's trip. IF you want to be part of a fundraising committee just for that event, let us know!

## **COOKING YOUR CATCH**

**Macadamia crusted yellowtail**

**Submitted by Norm Rodewald**

1 lb yellowtail fillets  
1/2 cup macadamia nuts  
1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs  
1/4 cube butter  
1 Tbsp olive oil salt and pepper to taste



Preheat oven to 350.

Pat dry fillets. Chop macadamia nuts in food processor to rough chop. Mix nuts and panko in a pan and brown for 3-4 minutes in oven, place in large plate. Place butter in saucepan and heat over medium heat until lightly brown, transfer to shallow bowl.

Dip fillets in butter then dredge in nut mix, pressing mix into fillets to bond. Heat olive oil over medium heat in an oven proof skillet. Place fillets in skillet, cook for 4-5 minutes, nuts should be brown but not burned. Turn fillets in the pan, then finish in oven for 5-6 minutes.



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