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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello everyone! Hope to see you all at the Wednesday, March 5 VCSC general meeting.

Our first charter is coming up real soon. Payment is due so either send us your money or pay at the meeting. The charter committee has worked hard to set up a really cool charter schedule this year, so take advantage of their hard work.

Linda and I are just getting back from a South America/Antarctic cruise. I can honestly say it is very, very cold in Antarctica! But we saw several different species of penguins, a mess of whales and lots of interesting glaciers and such.



That's it for now. See you all at the Wednesday meeting!

Chuck Brinkman IV
VCSC President



MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5th 2025 6:15pm

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club will hold its regular meeting at the [Flat Fish Brewing Company, 126 Wood Road in Camarillo.](#)

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. Lisa Rizzo from Custom Embroidery will be at our next meeting and will be taking orders. [Click here](#) for more info or share the URL with friends.

SUPPORT THE FLATFISH BREWERY
OUR HOME BASE!



The Flatfish Brewery continues to be a great venue for our club. They do not charge us a fee for the meetings, or even the Christmas party, but they do expect us to order food and drink. The problem is that there are plenty of members who do not order anything, and they have noticed a decrease in revenue. Their food is pretty good! And they even have a full bar with excellent beer, wine and mixed drinks.

We suggest ~ maybe order a pizza or a pitcher of beer or a bottle of wine to share with your table! It's nice to share and you might make new friends at the meetings, and we can continue to have our meetings at this nice open venue!

And don't forget this fine brewery is linked to the Cantara Winery! They offer a large selection of Red and White wines for you to enjoy grapes sourced from Sonoma, Lodi, and the North Coast. Another option is to order a bottle of wine or 6-pack of beer TO GO for home meals and/or parties!

Let's show our appreciation by ordering food and drinks from Flat Fish Brewing Co!!!



ONGOING / OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS

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 a ticket or tickets (still to be decided) and just by attending you're entered in the drawing!!

[CLICK HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT AN "OPPORTUNITY DRAWING IS"!

NEW & USED GEAR at a GREAT PRICE

Peter Syapin, VCSC Drawing & Raffles chair



A compiled list of mostly used fishing rods, reels and tackle that the club now has and is looking to sell to raise money for more gifts for the monthly drawing. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the available gear on our website. (Items subject to sale prior to the club meeting.)

I will have the items at the March club meeting for purchase. Pricing will be generous. Contact me if you are interested in any item.

Anyone wanting to donate gear, PLEASE reach out to Peter, Art, Rick – or really any lead chairperson in the club. We are still passionately looking for any and all ways to raise money for the kids' trip!





TIME TO GET READY FOR FISHING!

Rick Lane, VCSC Treasurer

PDF instructions for payments are on our website – [click here](#)

Instructions for sending payments to VCSC

- If you are going on any Endeavor trip, the charge is \$350. The fuel surcharge will be due at the dock.
- The Island Spirit trips are all \$180, and the Mirage is \$330.

You can contact Rick at:

venturacountysportfishingclub@gmail.com or (310) 819-7372

Option 1: Give Rick a check at our next meeting on March 5th.

Tucker is our speaker, so you will not want to miss this meeting. He owns the Ventura Harbor Landing and skippers the Endeavor. Make the check out to Ventura County Sportfishing Club. Include a note or specify in the memo what the check is for. If you are not at the meeting, then mail the check to:

Ventura County Sportfishing Club (VCSC works just fine)
P.O. Box 302
Moorpark, CA 93020

Option 2: Transfer Money with Zelle from your bank to ours (Rick's favorite option)

Log on to your online banking. Make selections to pay with Zelle. The apps are all slightly different. Look for a Transfer money option. Use our email:

venturacountysportfishingclub@gmail.com

Your bank may impose a limit on the amount of money you can transfer in one transaction (\$500). The money should show up very quickly. Rick will respond to verify.

Option 3: Pay with Venmo ADDS 2%

Start your Venmo app.

Venmo charges VCSC 2% per transaction. Please add that to your payment. For example, if Jim paid for his charter using Venmo he would transfer \$367.20 (360*1.02).

DO NOT use Paypal. They do not transfer the money quickly and charge more fees.

CHARTERS GALORE!

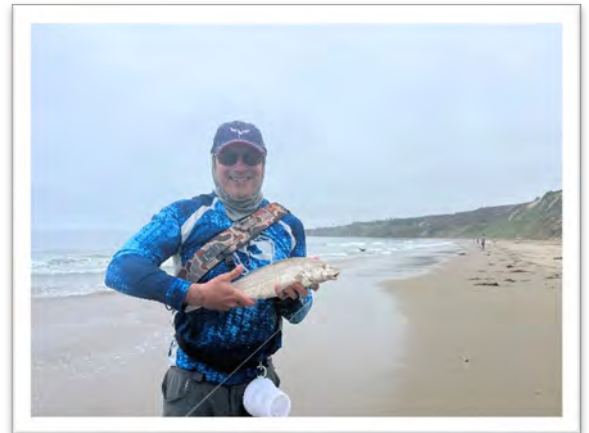
We now have a “fishing charter committee” working alongside with Rick Lane to finish the details of the club charters. Check the club’s charter page to see the beginnings of a fantastic sampling of trips. [Click here](#) to learn more. The fishing charter committee are the following members: Shane Busickio, Aaron Levy, Richard Hartman, Matt Rubin

SURF FISHING?

Excerpt from Feb 26th board meeting – thanks to meeting minutes provided by Richard Hartman:

“Matt Rubin presented an interest in Surf Fishing. There was a lot of interest with Board Members. The club will be arranging for a Guest Speaker to come to one of our meetings to speak on the subject and discuss techniques.,

So be on the lookout for information about surf fishing, a special speaker presentation. And even a surf fishing outing or two. Why wait for charters once the season is over or while waiting ~ when you can fish now?!



CURRENT FISHING CONDITIONS / FISHING REPORTS

Norman Rodewald, VCSC Editor – 2 Articles

30 BY 30 UPDATE

As many of you will recall, there is an objective for California to place 30% of all land and sea areas into a protected status, free from commercial development by 2030.

When this was first announced, I suggested that it could be achieved with incremental change with limited impact on recreational anglers. The past couple of years have followed that incremental change.

NEW NATIONAL MONUMENTS

On land, some private holdings adjacent to National Monuments or Native reservations have been incorporated into those holdings. Thus, previously private and thus closed to the general public, have been moved into a protected status, and with National Monuments, become available for public access.

The federal government has created two new national monuments, one near Joshua tree National Park and the other near the Oregon border. The Chuckwalla Mountains area of BLM land has been designated a National Monument. A larger area of Forest Service land near the Oregon border has been designated a National Monument. Again, this will have little impact on public access. Finally, with the removal of the last dams on the Klamath River, the State of California has surrendered its shoreline and submerged holdings to the indigenous tribes for reclamation.

On the water, the big change has been the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has created the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. This is a large holding both onshore and offshore along the central coast.

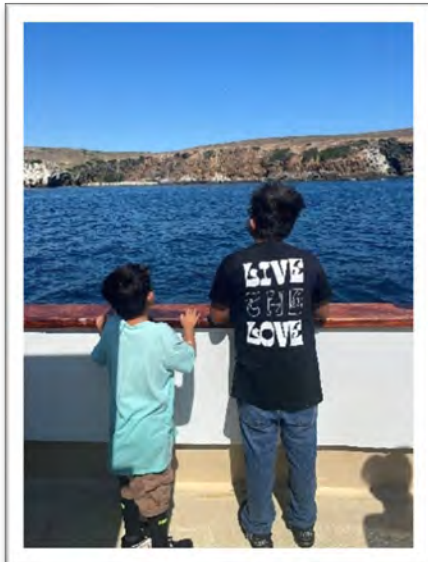
As a Marine Sanctuary, it will be closed to commercial development but remains open to recreational anglers. Management will be a joint NOAA and Chumash team. The only commercial development in the offshore area are lease holdings for wind farms. There is a clause in the sanctuary implementation to give these holdings a 5-year period for development.

REGULATION UPDATE SAND BASS

The California Fish and Game Commission held a public hearing on the changes to bag limits for Sand Bass to protect spawning aggregates. The California Conservation Association (CCA) made a strong pitch for allowing a continuation of fishing while doing population studies.

The CCA offered support in conducting such studies. In the end, the Commission decided to reduce the bag limit from the present 5 to 4 while retaining the overall bass congregate limit of 5 consisting of Calico Bass, Sand Bass and Spotted Bay Bass.

WORTH THE REPOST ~~ 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 meetings, we discussed ways to fundraise for the kid’s trip. IF you want to be part of a fundraising committee just for that event, let us know! (Photo, left if from last year’s fishing trip!)



COOKING YOUR CATCH

Suggested recipe by Peter Syapin

This recipe comes from the SOCAL SPEAR-IT web site. We like it with big hunks of fish like White Seabass, Halibut, or Yellowtail. [RECIPE LINK](#)

SUMMER SAUCE FOR WHITE FISH (WHITE SEA BASS, HALIBUT, CABEZON, CALICO, LINGCOD)

- 1 cup mayo
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 2 tbs Lillet Blanc (or Vermouth or sherry)
- Juice of 1 fresh lime
- 1/2 tbs sesame oil
- 2 minced garlic cloves

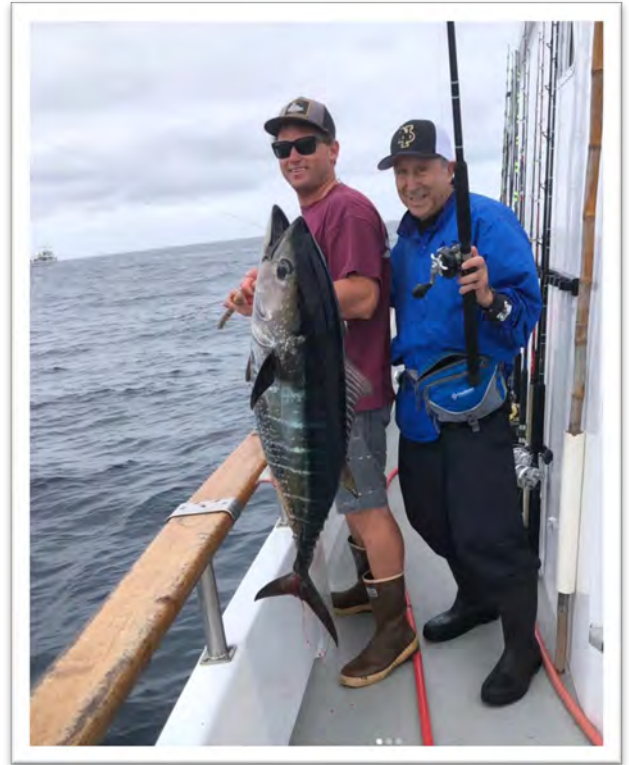
Handful fresh chopped fresh herbs like cilantro, Italian parsley, marjoram, basil, and tarragon. Couple dashes of Tabasco.

RECIPE / SUMMER SAUCE FOR WHITE FISH

Combine ingredients, stir well. It will have the consistency of salad dressing and look disgusting, but after it's cooked with the fish it is terrific.

Thaw fish if frozen, then place on a large piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Cover thick fillets of fish in a very generous portion of the sauce and wrap in foil.

Bake 25 minutes at 475F, or lay on hot grill. For the oven place fish on, or over, a rimmed baking sheet as I've had the foil leak. Sealed in the foil with the sauce, the fillets will come out super moist, rich, and flavorful. It can also be used as a marinade and brushed on fish which is cooking right on the grill. Use the cooked sauce left in your pan as a gravy to serve with sides like rice or veggies. In the refrigerator, the premade sauce will keep for weeks, for quick and easy fish meals.



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