

# VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

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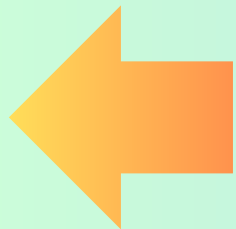
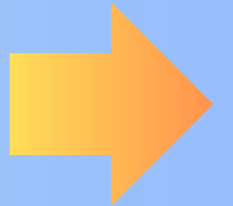
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# Welcome to our “**new**” online “**magazine style**” newsletter



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**Hello everyone, and Happy July...!**

Summer is officially here now, with many VCSC events lined up.

**Our annual Kids trip is on Wednesday July 9.** In preparation, many of your Board Members spent 2 Sunday mornings replacing all the line on the reels we use. A HUGE thank you to Art Hernandez, for storing the equipment, and allowing us to use his garage to replace the line on 40+ spinning reels - a big undertaking. After a bit of trial and error, we got a system down pretty good. Thanks Art...!!

**We have a charter on the Mirage on July 17.** Most likely full - but you can contact Rick Lane to see if any openings/cancellations at: [venturacountysportfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:venturacountysportfishingclub@gmail.com)

**Our annual Summer Picnic/potluck/BBQ** will be on Sunday July 20. We will be in Group Site # 1 this year. Camarillo Grove Park, 6968 Camarillo Springs Rd, Camarillo 93012. Parking is easier/closer, and there is better shade...! Picnic is from 1-5pm on Sunday July 20th.

As an added incentive to attend, **Brian Nguyen** (he spoke at one of our club meetings several months back) will do a **CASTING DEMO/SEMINAR** for the group - so you may want to put one of your casting rods and reels in your car, so you can practice what he teaches. 20 "member" spots are available for a **"casting clinic"**. Just email Art to be put on the clinic list at: [lorart4431@gmail.com](mailto:lorart4431@gmail.com)

**Fishing out at the Channel Islands** has been really good - with Halibut and White Seabass making regular appearances. The water is warming up, so even Yellowtail are starting to show.

**Our next General Meeting will be on Wednesday August 6** - at Flatfish Brewery where will have Frank Sullivan talk about the White Seabass pens in the Channel Island Harbor. In the meant time --- Have a GREAT Summer... and see you at the BBQ on July 20th!



**Chuck Brinkman, VCSC president**

# calendar at a glance

July 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Weds, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - No meeting. See you on the 20th!**

**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy Independence Day!**

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - Payments must be in for raffle.**

**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> - Charter on the Mirage**

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> - Raffle & Annual Picnic/Potluck.**

**Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - BOD meeting at the Alamo.**

**Weds, August 6<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at Flatfish Brewery.**



# JUST A REMINDER!

To participate in the 7/20 raffle –

**you must return**

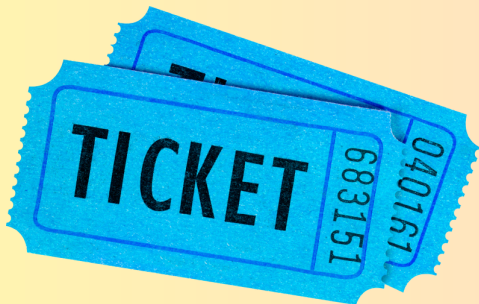
**RAFFLE TICKET PAYMENTS**

**on or before JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

**Please email Art Hernandez at:**

**[iorart4431@gmail.com](mailto:iorart4431@gmail.com)**



VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

# royal star sportfishing

[www.royalstar.net](http://www.royalstar.net)

Thank you to the ROYAL STAR  
sportfishing for providing  
the grand prize for our yearly  
“kid’s fishing trip” raffle!







# kid's trip raffle prizes

**WHO WOULDN'T  
WANT TO WIN:  
A \$500**  
GIFT CERTIFICATE TO USE ON ANY  
**"ROYAL STAR"**  
SPORTFISHING BOAT TRIP  
OUT OF SAN DIEGO?

**SCAN FOR MORE INFO!**



The image is a promotional graphic for a raffle. It features a blue background with white water splashes. The text is in bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are two yellow circular logos with the text 'VCSC' and 'Ventura County Sportfishing Club' below it. A black rectangular button with white text 'SCAN FOR MORE INFO!' is positioned above a large black and white QR code.

**READ MORE ABOUT THE  
RAFFLE PRIZES FOR THE KID'S  
TRIP IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

**MORE TICKETS  
=  
MORE CHANCES TO WIN!**

## KID'S TRIP RAFFLE PRIZES

This year we have 7+ INCREDIBLE fishing prizes. Value of all prizes totaling over \$1900!!

- **GRAND PRIZE** - A \$500 gift certificate to use on any Royal Star boat trip, out of San Diego
- **Prize #2** - A custom Bob Tiedemann Rod. The rod will be a White Sea Bass/Tuna special. This 8' rod is a 20-40lb graphite composite with foam grips and stainless-steel guides. Value \$400+
- **Prize #3** - A "NEW" Avet Reel. Value \$300
- **Prize #4** - A local daytrip on one of Tucker's boats. Value ~ \$150+
- **Prize #5** - A local daytrip on one of Tucker's boats. Value ~ \$150+
- **Prize #6** - Fishing tackle box. Great for storing your supplies and on boat trips. Value ~ \$50.00
- **Prize #7** - Gift cards to local tackle shop/landing/or other. Value ~ \$100+
- **Adding more prizes every week!**

If you would like more tickets, please contact Art Hernandez at: (805) 338-4653 or email: [iorart4431@gmail.com](mailto:iorart4431@gmail.com)

**\*\* Payments received by July 13th will ensure you have your tickets in time for the July 20th drawing.**





## NO meeting on Weds, July 2nd

In lieu of the July meeting at Flatfish Brewery, we are having our annual picnic/potluck at the park.

Check out the details on the next page & see you there!

6:00 – Social time (food & drink)  
6:30 – Club Business / Drawings  
7:00 – Speaker(s) presentation  
8:00/8:30 – Wrap up



Flat Fish Brewing / Catara Winery  
126 N. Wood Road, #100  
Camarillo, CA 93010  
[google maps](#)

[WWW.VCSC.INFO](http://WWW.VCSC.INFO)

# potluck-picnic on july 20th

As always fun in the park.  
Great food & fun!  
**GREAT RAFFLE & GREAT PRIZES!!**

Are you going? IF yes, please  
RSVP to Chuck at:  
[cbrinkman4@gmail.com](mailto:cbrinkman4@gmail.com)

**VCSC's ANNUAL  
"Potluck-Picnic"**  
Sunday, July 20, 2025  
1:00-4:00PM

**SPECIAL RAFFLE  
with BIG PRIZES**

Camarillo Grove Park  
6968 E. Camarillo Springs Rd.  
>> Site #2 <<  
Camarillo, CA 93012 | [map](#)  
\*\* There is a small parking fee.

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CHUCK BRINKMAN:

The summer "Potluck-Picnic" is coming, and we are having a BIG raffle with **BIG PRIZES!!!** Winners need not be present, but you must buy tickets to win!!

We will have ice chests with water, but if you want beer, wine, or soda please bring your own. We have a lot of smoked fish, so beer is welcome! Member who caught barracuda, yellowtail & tuna will bring them to share!

The setup crew will be there at 12, and the party starts at 1. It should be a great day. That park is usually much cooler than TO.

Please consider bringing extra folding cash to "donate" to the club for the park rental and \$10 for parking.

Please RSVP with how many in your group, include yourself **and** your potluck item.

Those not attending need not send an email.

**PLEASE RSVP** to President Chuck Brinkman click on this email link:  
[cbrinkman4@gmail.com](mailto:cbrinkman4@gmail.com)

## POTLUCK RULES:

If your last name ends in bring enough for 5-10 people

- **A-G Please bring a SALAD**
- **H-P Please bring an APPETIZER**
- **Q-Z Please bring a DESSERT**

Hope to see you there!  
Chuck Brinkman IV  
VCSC President



# Brian Nguyen - Casting Demo & Workshop

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**At the JULY 20<sup>th</sup> picnic event - Brian has committed to give a “casting demo/seminar” to the whole club.**

THEN he will follow up with a “workshop”.

Brian can work with a maximum 10 people at a time for the workshop!

- 15-20min per 10-person group on the overhead pendular casting.
- 2 sessions (for a total of 20 persons)
- Bring your favorite 25-30# conventional set up with line, ready to fish.

Spots are first come first served.

If you'd like to be a participant with the workshop – please email Art Hernandez at: [iorart4431@gmail.com](mailto:iorart4431@gmail.com)

To learn more about Brian, go to his Instagram at: [https://www.instagram.com/the\\_cigar\\_afishinado/](https://www.instagram.com/the_cigar_afishinado/)



## MEETING & SPECIAL EVENTS

**JULY 2 - NO MEETING** (see July 20<sup>th</sup>)

**JULY 9 - KID'S TRIP EVENT**

**JULY 20 - "Potluck-Picnic" IN THE PARK**

**AUGUST 6 - CLUB MEETING** with Frank Sullivan  
discusses White Seabass / 6:30PM

**SEPTEMBER 3 - CLUB MEETING - TBD / 6:30PM**

**OCTOBER 1 - CLUB MEETING - TBD / 6:30PM**

**NOVEMBER 5 - CLUB MEETING** with Bob  
Semerau / Western Outdoor News! / 6:30PM

**DECEMBER'S SPECIAL HOLIDAY PARTY**  
- more info to come!

More info on our website: [www.vcsc.info](http://www.vcsc.info)

## CHARTER DATES FOR 2025

- Charter 4 on the Mirage on July 16/17
- Charter 5 on the Endeavor on August 8/9
- Charter 6 is the Island Spirit on Saturday, Sept 6
- Charter 7 is the Endeavor on Oct 5/6







**Special thank you to Ralph Wilson  
for donating equipment to the club!**

*“On behalf of the club, I want to thank you for the gear that you have been donating. Especially the reel winding machine! On Sunday we had six guys at my garage putting new line on 40 reels for the kid’s trip. It really made the work a lot easier.”*

*Art Hernandez, VCSC Membership Director*



**If you would like to donate equipment or any item that would benefit the club raffle or opportunity drawing, please contact Art Hernandez or any club officer!**



CAPTAINS TIFFANY VAGUE  
& DAVID BACON

SPEAKERS FOR THE JUNE  
MEETING AT FLATFISH

## **RECAP of the JUNE 2025 MEETING AT FLATFISH BREW**

Tiffany brought some of the rods she has built. They were very artistic. She talked about the different blank she uses.

Captain Dave Bacon talked about White Sea bass fishing in local waters, using various techniques for different weather and sea conditions.

Tiffany donated the six vouchers for her on line rod building class, we will raffle them off at the annual club picnic on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Report submitted by Art Hernandez



**Kevin Slagg,  
Alijos Rocks  
Jack Crevaili on a popper!**



**John White  
got the bite!  
Halibut & White  
Seabass**







**John Fitzgerald**

**Pictured left:  
Club member John  
Fitzgerald aboard the  
Island Tak.**

**The boat fished the  
Malibu coastline .  
Notice the  
background.**

**Driving PCH we never  
notice the beauty of  
those hills and homes.**

**- IRA NEPUS**





## WE FISH!



Send your fishing  
photos to Cece at:  
[vcsc.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:vcsc.webmaster@gmail.com)



Gary Thomas on the  
"Aloha Spirit"

John Fitzgerald on the  
Island Tak





**Tucker McCombs of the Endeavor teaching a proper dropper loop on Instagram.**

**8" dropper loop,  
4' between loop and sinker!**

**[click here](#) to view!**

**Tucker's IG channel, click to view:  
[@venturaharborsportfishing](#)**

**Thank you to Tucker for donating two  
trips to the Kid's raffle prize list!**



## TUTORIAL ON Instagram / fishing for white seabass



[click here to view video tutorial](#)

West Coast IRON Fishing for White Seabass...LESSGO!

Thanks to all who joined us LIVE but if you weren't able to make it - it's on now!

And a HUGE THANKS to [@tady\\_lures](#) for sharing their knowledge on the what/when/how/why on fishing the iron for WSB!

Brian's IG: [the\\_cigar\\_afishinado](#)



## MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are where we share the technical aspects of sportfishing with speakers who educate and inspire us!

We talk about upcoming charters, gear, line, bait, lures – and have a great social time together with like-minded people!



## CLUB CHARTERS

Members have access to book “club charters” with limited loads with our own club Chartermaster overseeing the organizational process of each charter especially for first timers!

[CHARTERS, LEARN MORE](#)



## PEOPLE PERSONS

Being on charters with super NICE and HELPFUL people! Have a question while on a charter? Ask any club member for help!

Being on charter with people with good temperaments and manners can “make or break” a fishing trip



## **BOTTOM LINE** We are fishing fanatics!!

WE share our love and passion for sportfishing – you will KNOW that when you see us in action on the deck, lines in the water, fish on, fish on the deck!

[MORE INFO](#)

**JOIN THE CLUB, BOOK A CHARTER — AND GET HOOKED FOR LIFE! > [CLICK HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE OR TO JOIN!**





## Brian Nguyen's WSB Ceviche Recipe! < [LINK](#)

What better way to appreciate an incredible White Seabass season than to enjoy it with family....it is indeed one of my favorites for ceviche! **The Cigar A'fishin'ado's Favorite Way:**

- 1.5lbs of White Seabass, diced
- Juice of 8 limes
- 1/2 a small onion, finely chopped
- 2 seeded Roma tomatoes, diced
- 1/3 Jalapeño pepper, minced
- 2 Tablespoons minced cilantro
- 2 Tablespoons minced green olives
- 2 Teaspoons sea salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 Teaspoon of sugar
- 1 Tablespoon Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Soak White Seabass and onion in the fridge (covered) with enough lime juice that they float in your bowl. After 2-3 hours, carefully drain all liquid.

Mix in remaining ingredients, serve on tostada shells or tortilla chips, add a cold beer, and ENJOY!



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# board of directors

## 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- **NEWSLETTER** “The Chumline”: Norman Rodewald
- **DRAWINGS:** Peter Syapin
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