

# VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

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August  
2025



NEWSLETTER

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

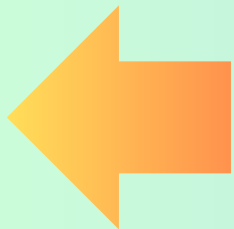


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# president's tackle box

Hello all,

we hope to see most of you at the August 6, 2025 VCSC Meeting - usual place, usual time. Flatfish Brewery... meeting will start at 6:30pm... come earlier for food, drink and socialization.

Our speaker will be Frank Sullivan - talking about the White Seabass project.

We have other speakers lined up for the next 3 months... looks to be a good assortment...!

Coming up in December.... we will be exploring options for our Holiday Party in early December. If you have any suggestions or comments, about location and/or food - let me know...!

We will also be looking at having a VCSC Swap Meet/Garage Sale - possibly in February 2026. You will be able to sell, swap or donate some of your fishing gear you no longer use or need. You can start sorting thru your stuff now.... and stay tuned for the actual event - sometime early next year.

Fishing is good off our coast - so go out and catch something....! See you Wednesday.

**Chuck Brinkman, VCSC President**



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**Next Meeting  
Weds, Aug 6  
Flat Fish Brewery**





## VCSC put on another great summer picnic!

The event area was quite the upgrade, nice and roomy with a large BBQ grill next to the tables. We'll have to utilize them next year!

Wonderful spread with plenty left over.

The weather cooperated beautifully on July 20<sup>th</sup> and our guest, Brian Nguyen took on 6 brave souls for his casting clinic.

Raffle drawing went smoothly, and we had some happy winners. All winners were present except one, but there were smiles all around and congratulatory applause for those who won.

If you want to see all the photos taken, please visit our new YouTube channel > just click on this [\[LINK\]](#) or click on the image on the next page! You can also see images on our [FACEBOOK](#) page.



## MAIN PRIZE WINNERS WERE:

John White won the main prize, the \$500 gift certificate for fishing on the Royal Star

Ed Plevack won the custom wrapped rod with the club logo

Vince Finnegan won the Avet reel.



## PICNIC EVENT IN 4K

on our NEW [YouTube](#) channel

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**GREAT FOOD**

**RAFFLES & PRIZES**

**BRIAN'S CASTING CLASS**

**MILD WEATHER**

**BEAUTIFUL PARK**

**NO PARKING FEE!**

**GOOD TIMES!**



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**WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 6, 2025**

**Flat Fish Brewing Co. / Catara Winery**

**126 N. Wood Road, #100**

**Camarillo, CA 93010**

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**GUEST SPEAKER: FRANK SULLIVAN**

Our meetings are free and open to the public!

Kids accompanied by an adult or their family are welcome!

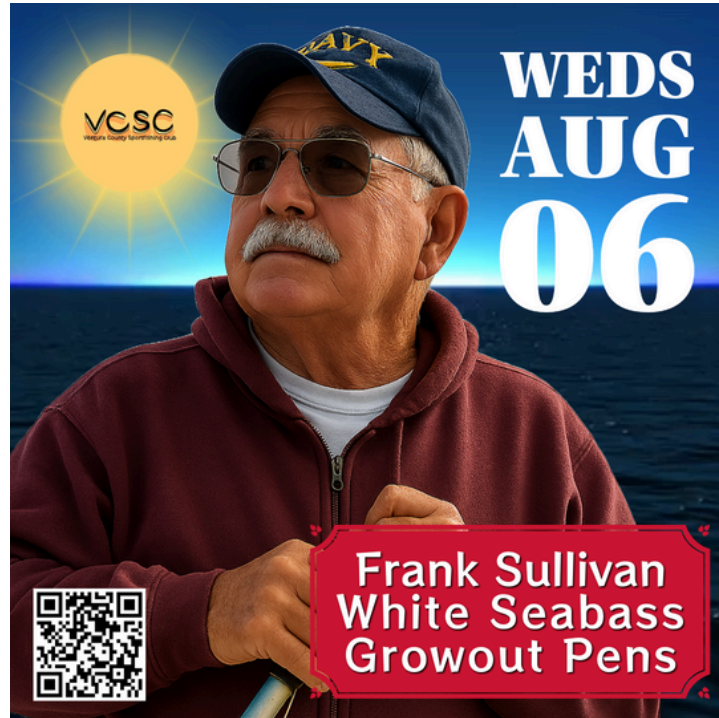
**6:00 – Social time (food & drink)**

**6:30 – Meeting Starts / Club Business / Drawings**

**7:00 – Speaker(s) presentation**

**8:00/8:30 – Wrap up**





## MONTHLY MEETING - WEDNESDAY: AUG 6, 2025

**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**Frank Sullivan**  
**Growout Pen Coordinator**  
**Channel Islands Harbor**

Our meetings are free and open to the public! [www.vcsc.info](http://www.vcsc.info)

Frank Sullivan is the biggest advocate for WSB and works hard to get volunteers to help with the WSB maintenance & cleaning of the pens in Ventura Harbor.

He will educate us on the process and hopefully gain some new followers who are willing to spend time helping keep these wonderful sportfish healthy and available to fish in our area.

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## MEETING & SPECIAL EVENTS

### **AUGUST 6 - CLUB MEETING / 6:30PM**

Special Guest Speaker:  
Frank Sullivan, Growout Pen Coordinator  
Channel Islands Harbor

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

Special Guest Speaker: Mike Turner

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

### **NOVEMBER 5 - CLUB MEETING / 6:30PM**

Special Guest Speaker: Bob Semerau

### **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 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







**Richard  
Hartman**

*"The Coral Sea caught  
their white seabass limit!"*

**Coral Sea  
Sportfishing Boat**



**ART  
HERNANDEZ**

**PETER  
SYAPIN**







**Aaron Levi**

**in his happy place!**



**GEAR REPORT FROM IRA NEPUS – Our guys busy at work today preparing gear for the Kid's Trip . Peter , Richard , Rick , Art , Chuck , myself stripping the line off the old reels and putting fresh 20lb. Mono. It took 2 hours to just prepare 10 rigs ...30 more to go !**





## Brian Nguyen's casting clinic at our club's picnic



# Thank you!



**“be the 10% of anglers who catch 90% of the fish”**



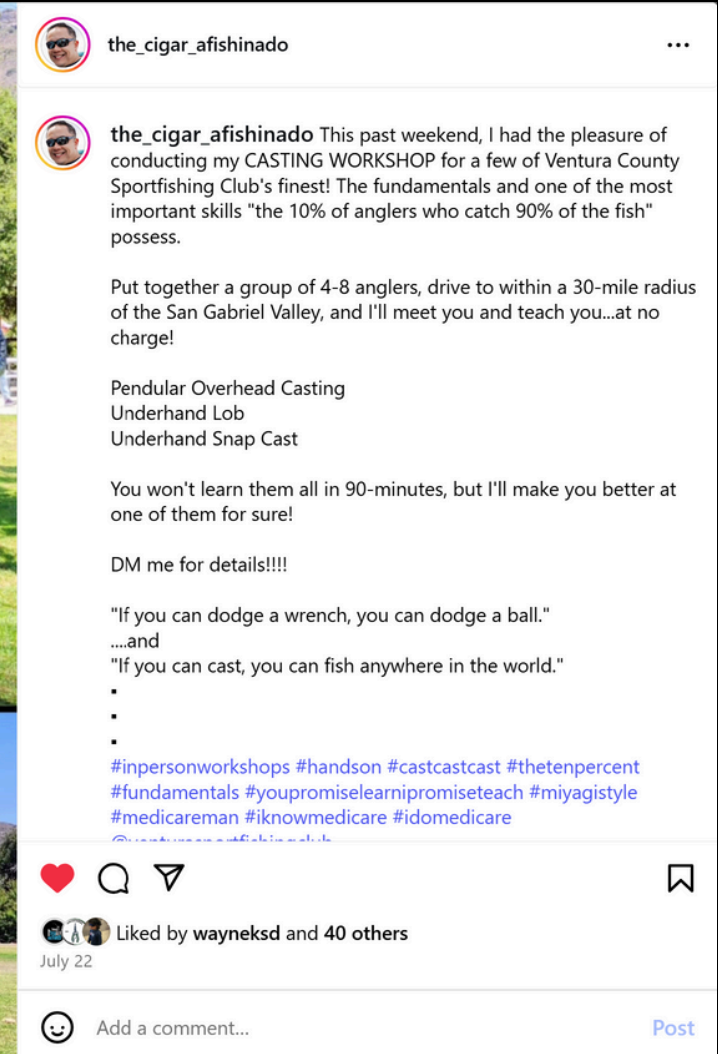
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## THE TANGLER VS THE ANGLER

**LLLLLET'S GET READY TO  
RRRRUMBLLLLLLLLLLLLLLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!**

If you've ever fished rockfish on a drift.....  
--How are there those who seem to avoid tangles and those who keep getting into them?

I started sportboat fishing in the late...when it was all chovy. I'm gonna admit: I was the kid you wanted to stay away from! Every mistake, I made. Casting over people, stepping left when I should have gone right, going over when I should have gone under. It wasn't pretty and I was tangling everyone up who was within "social distance"!

Thinking back, I can't recall any type of rigging or piece of tackle that would minimize or prevent my tangles from happening. What helped? Asking the right questions. How did I arrive at the right questions? It wasn't from praying for others to just stay away from me at the rail. I swore it was them, not me! Or so I thought. But I realized what (or in this case) who the common denominator was in each tangle I got involved in: ME!!

## Brian Nguyen



When self-realization kicked in, so did my education. I wanted to be self-sufficient on a sportboat. If someone "in the know" (captain, crewman, cook, or passenger) wasn't outright with teaching, I was asking them questions. And vice versa, if they were outright with sharing their knowledge, I was listening. I looked into everything to learn how to not be a liability to myself or others.

I can comfortably fish with anyone. Newbie, expert, legend, whomever, and whatever. I don't impede on anyone's progress, and certainly not my own. I worked hard for this. In fact, I'm still working at it, and I still ask tons of questions. But no matter what level I ever felt I was at, I always wanted to do better. And because of this, I indeed got better. Fishing is a sport, a proactive one. The ones who get it DO WORK before their trip, during their trip, and after their trip.

"Knowing is not enough, we must apply.  
Willing is not enough, we must do."  
-Bruce Lee



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## FEATURED SPEAKER for AUGUST: FRANK SULLIVAN

The topic for the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, will be a short history of the White Seabass Growout program at Channel Island Harbor – and an update about this year's growout.

### Frank's Bio:

Frank Sullivan retired from Colton Police department as a Detective Lieutenant after 29 years in law enforcement in 2000. He then moved to Channel Islands Harbor to pursue his dream retirement, fishing for Billfish and other species out of the Channel Islands Harbor.

He purchased a 1979 Viking 35 Convertible Sportfisher and began his journey. Fished the Channel Islands Billfish Tournament every year from 2004 to 2019 when sold Valkyrie because of medical reasons.

He joined the Channel Islands Yacht Club in 2003 and found that they had built and staffed the White Seabass Grow out Facility in the Channel Islands Harbor. He began as one of the volunteers and in about 2010 became the Growout pen Coordinator and continues today.







## 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!**



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# board of directors

## 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- **MEMBERS AT LARGE:**
  - Shane Busicko, Ira Nepus, Matt Rubin, Norm Rodewald.

## Non-board Leaders / Volunteers

- **SOCIAL MEDIA & Website:** Cece Rubin





Gordon Ramsey??? Yes! In this YouTube video, Gordon tackled a British Classic....Fish & Chips. Simple and easy to do at home. Gordon shows you how to make this Classic by Shallow Frying but can he get it done in 10 Minutes? Everything IS a competition with him,

In Gordon's words, "In this super easy & tasty fish recipe cooking video I am going to reveal one of the fastest ways that I like to cook fish. I will show you a couple of tricks along the way. I am cooking rockfish (and a bonus sand dap) that I caught from the ocean the day before. I use a simple and healthy recipe that anyone can duplicate at home without any effort or even having to go shopping!

All you need is yellow bell peppers, oil of your choice, FISH MEAT, green onions, garlic, honey, soy sauce and your choice of spicy peppers. (If you don't like spicy food, then don't add peppers.)

Bake in the oven at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. If you enjoy this cooking video. ~ The Perch Jerker (LINK)

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**FUN VIDEO OF THE MONTH FROM “[CRACKHEAD FLUKE](#)” ON [YouTube](#)**

**BEST COMMENT: “Finally one that commits”**





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