

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB



Nov 2025 NEWSLETTER



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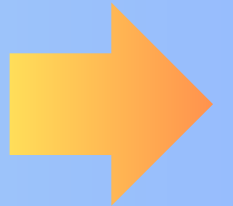
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Welcome to our “**new**” online “**magazine style**” newsletter

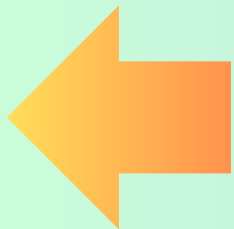


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Well, 2025 is winding down. Our charters are all done. All we have left this year is our November meeting and then our holiday party in December.

The holiday party should be fun and interesting. New location somewhere we've never tried before.. so I hope to see many of you there.

And we always look forward to your comments about meeting location, holiday party, location, charters, or anything like that.

Our elections are at the November meeting, so if you show up you get to vote! We are always looking for new people to help run the club.

Our charter committee is working on charters for 2026. With any luck should be another good year for fishing.!

The entire VCSC board hopes all club members have a great holiday season!

Chuck Brinkman, president
Ventura County Sportfishing Club



Chuck Brinkman IV, VCSC president

*happy
Thanksgiving*



November = ELECTIONS:

Our annual election will be at the November 5 Meeting. All positions are available.

Below is a summary of duties, of each position... feel free to nominate yourself, or someone else (best to check with them first). We always need new people and new ideas...!

New term starts January 1, 2026.

ELECTED Officers:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Member-at-Large (4 positions)
Charter Master
Membership Chairperson

To learn more, go to our "elections" information page on our website at:
www.vcsc.info/elections

APPOINTED:

Chumline Newsletter Editor
Raffle / Opportunity Drawing

**Next Meeting
Weds, Nov 5th**

**NEW VENUE:
BLACK BEAR DINER**



**RSVP online for the Dec 10th
"Holiday Party" at the BellRinger
click here**

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

venue change



take note:

Venue change for
NOVEMBER Meeting

“BLACK BEAR DINER”

2401 E Harbor Blvd

Ventura, CA 93001

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

club meeting

BOB SEMERAU



**NOV
05**



WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 5, 2025

As part of our agreement with Black Bear, all attendees are expected to order at least one food item and one beverage from their reasonably priced menu.

Location:

BLACK BEAR DINER

**2401 E Harbor Blvd
Ventura, CA 93001**

5:30/6:00 – Social time (food & drink)

6:30 – Meeting Starts / Club Business / Drawings

7:00 – 8:00 Speaker's presentation



MONTHLY MEETING - WEDNESDAY: Nov 5th, 2025

Special Guest Speaker:
Bob Semerau

**Sportsfisher, writer, reporter,
traveler, WON event-host,
conservationist, fly-fisher.**

Our meetings are free and open
to the public! www.vcsc.info

**Passionate about fishing, I have been a
staff writer for Western Outdoor News
(WON) for over 20-years. Getting out on
numerous WON fishing charters off-shore
along the southern California coast,
exploring Alaska and Mexico, and finding
hidden gems like Bishop and Auburn for
wild trout, makes it worth the effort.**

5:30/6:00 – Social & Dinner
6:30 – Club Business / Drawings
7:00 – Speaker(s) presentation
8:00/8:30 – Wrap up

Location:
BLACK BEAR DINER
2401 E Harbor Blvd
Ventura, CA 93001



**** Right off the 101-Ventura freeway!**

CALENDAR EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5 - CLUB MEETING / 6:30PM

Special Guest Speaker: Bob Semerau

Club Elections > [more info](#)

DECEMBER > ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!!

Dec 10, 2025 > [RSVP HERE](#)

Location: BellRinger Brewing Company

More info on our website: www.vcsc.info

CLUB ELECTIONS COMING IN NOV

We need willing and able members to be part of the board to keep the tradition of “fishing with friends” going unto the next generation!

CHARTER DATES FOR 2025

- ALL charters have concluded.
- Thank you to all who participated in these club outings!
- Looking forward to more in the 2026 season!



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's holiday party will be held on Weds, December 10 at 6:00pm at the BellRinger Brewing Company in Ventura.

* Cost \$35 per person.

Address: 472 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 | [Google Map](#)

Club member John White and his son Dan are doing a “special deal” closing the brewery just for us and will provide a wonderful buffet dinner! The restaurant is downtown Ventura, with a parking structure nearby.

Ventura's “main street” will be beautifully decorated for the holidays!

[RSVP TODAY > CLICK HERE](#)



COMMITTEE FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY



Dear VCSC members,

We are looking for a few good men & women to “join” the Holiday Party planning committee and to help organize on the event date: Weds, Dec 10th. For now this is the short list (see below).

Some of tasks we need covered are:

- Pre-event, set-up 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- Post-event, clean-up 9:00 to 10:00 PM
- Table decor & decorating ideas.

Email Art to join the holiday party committee:
iorart4431@gmail.com





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!



VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

newsletter photos



**Our members FISH and
we like to share their
adventures here in
our monthly newsletters!**

**Email your images,
with names and
info on your trip to:
vcsc.webmaster@gmail.com**



I had a good fishing day on the Aloha Spirit last Friday.

This is my Jackpot fish!
A 25 pound ling cod.

Lots of fun! – Allen Lee



CHARTER 7 on the
Endeavor!

October 5th & 6th!

Pictured left:
Rick Lane & white
seabass

Pictured right:
Rhanny Hufalar



**Charter #7 on the
Endeavor**

**Left - Rick getting a
tongue lashing from a
beautiful rock fish**

**Right - John White
scoring tonight's
dinner**





**Charter #7 on the
Endeavor**

**Rick's baggin'
them left and
right!!**

**Just watch out for
hand-wipe rag!!**

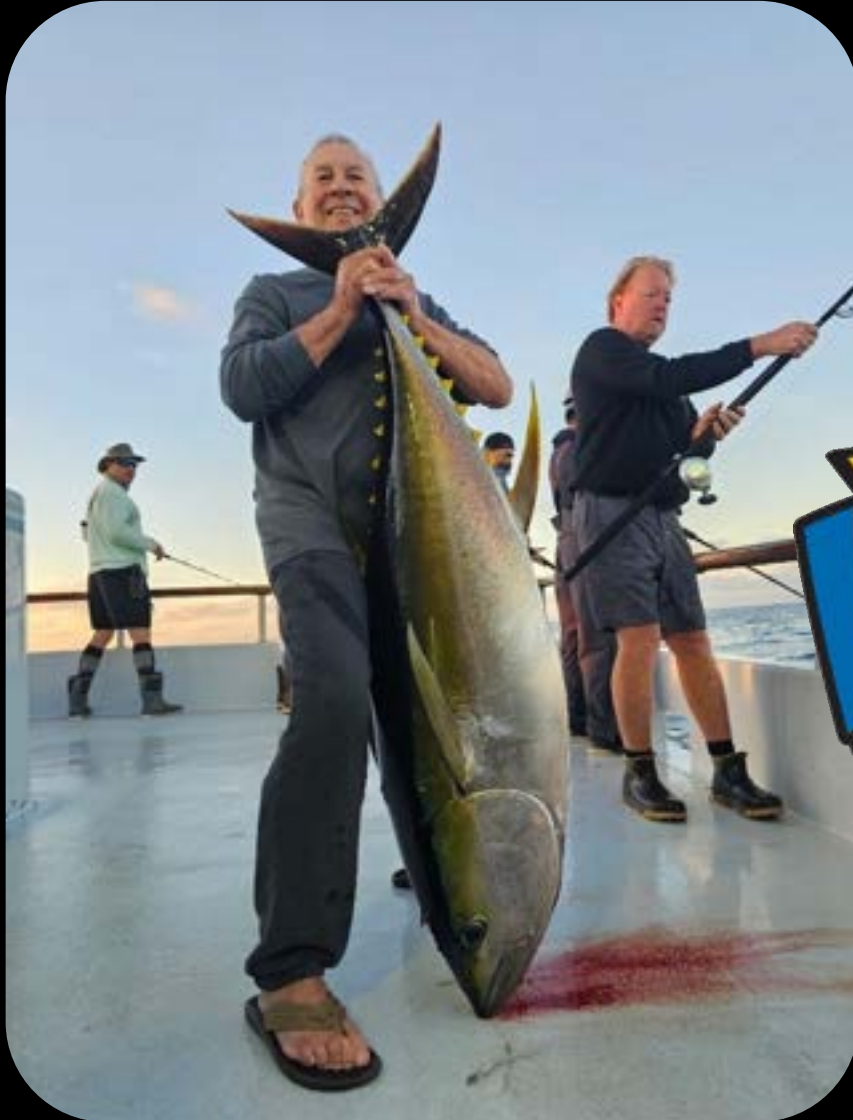




Last charter of the season. Wonderful outings, great captain, deckhands & cook.

Comfy bunks & galley. Can't ask for more, but then maybe a beautiful sunset!





**Our membership director,
Art Hernandez, who
“nailed” a 125-lb PLUS
yellow tail while on a 10-
day trip on the
Independence.**

**That monster is
as big as he is!**

In case you missed this last month

—

Michael Stafford Crane got a last minute call to join us on the Endeavor on August 8/9 – he grabbed the open spot, came fishin' and SCORED!!

He reeled in more than just a legal catch—this halibut was a stunner. Sure, he bagged plenty, but this one stole the show.





DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS OR LIFE FROM A FEW FIREFLIES....

I wasn't born a naturally gifted fisherman. Everything I accomplished, I had to work ten times harder than those around me. But chasing every rabbit hole and turning over every stone in my quest for knowledge started to feel counterproductive.

I'm as guilty as anyone—these days, alternative uses of my time have become overwhelming. The internet, for example, makes everything so easily accessible that we quickly become agreeable to the overload. It's easy to get programmed.

Many people use accomplishments, titles, and status to gauge the validity of their resources. That makes sense. But the thing about knowledge is—someone will always know more. So where does it end? More rabbit holes? More stones?

Brian Nguyen “the cigar afishinado”



I've learned to narrow my resources to those who offer three things:

- Clear and concise information
- The ability to inspire and motivate
- A platform where I can ask questions and receive respectful answers

Watching, seeing, reading, and hearing things certainly provide insight. But practicing, doing, failing, and succeeding—that's what gives us knowledge. And knowledge alone is only potential power. Real power comes from action.

“Too much darkness can hurt, and too much light can blind.”

Follow Brian on Instagram > [click here](#)

If you missed the Oct 7th meeting, fret not. Here it is on YouTube!
Phil Friedman's Inspiring Journey ([LINK](#))
Faith, Fishing, & Giving Back | Ventura County Sportfishing Club



[Watch video on YouTube](#)

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After our meeting, on Oct 7th - Phil got rearended in an auto accident on the way home.

He's okay but will be sore and have some recovering to do.

We wish him our best, and again, thank him for coming all the way from Long Beach to present to our club!

Understanding Red Snapper

Red snapper, scientifically known as *Lutjanus campechanus*, is a fish renowned for its vibrant pinkish-red skin and delicate white flesh. Its firm texture makes it suitable for a variety of cooking methods, while its mild flavor allows it to pair well with various spices and accompaniments.

Rich in protein and omega-3 fatty acids, red snapper is not only delicious but also a healthy choice for any meal. The fish is often sold in fillets, making it easy to prepare and cook.

Seasoning

Red snapper doesn't require heavy seasoning to shine. A simple rub of olive oil, salt, and pepper works wonders. However, feel free to experiment with additional spices like paprika, garlic powder, and fresh herbs to enhance the flavor.

Techniques for Tenderness

To ensure your red snapper remains tender and juicy, avoid overcooking. Use a meat thermometer to check for doneness; the internal temperature should reach 145°F (63°C).

red snapper

What is the Best Way to Cook Red Snapper?

Pan-Searing Red Snapper

Pan-searing is another excellent way to cook red snapper, providing a crispy exterior while keeping the interior moist.

Instructions for Pan-Searing:

1. Heat a skillet over medium-high heat and add olive oil.
2. Pat the fillets dry and season with salt and pepper. Optionally, dust with flour for a golden crust.
3. Place the fish in the hot skillet and cook for about 4 minutes without moving it.
4. Carefully flip the fish and cook for an additional 3-4 minutes until golden brown and cooked through.
5. Serve with a lemon-caper sauce for a flavorful finish.

This method creates a beautifully caramelized crust, enhancing the overall taste.



RECIPE LINK

Instructions for Baking:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
 2. Place the fillets on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
 3. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt, pepper, and any additional herbs or spices.
 4. Bake for 15-20 minutes, flipping halfway through, until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily.
 5. Garnish with fresh herbs before serving.
- Baking locks in moisture and is perfect for a quick weeknight dinner.

<https://landandseadelivery.com/blogs/seafood-guide/what-is-the-best-way-to-cook-red-snapper>

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB club elections in november

CLUB ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN NOVEMBER

We are looking for club members to join the team.

The leaders meet once a month for dinner to discuss events, speakers, charters, fundraisers and promotion idea for the club, so if any of that sounds like would enjoy being part of, please reach out to any board member or leader, and we can see where you'd like to be plugged in to help.

Right now some leaders are holding down two roles and would welcome extra hands!

Again, if interested, reach out to any club leader or email club president, Chuck Brinkman at: cbrinkman4@gmail.com



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