

# VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

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SPORTFISHING IS 10% LUCK  
90% SKILL, GEAR & KNOWLEDGE.  
COME TO OUR MEETINGS TO MAKE  
SURE YOUR 90% IS SOLID GOLD AND  
NOT THE LUCK OF THE IRISH!

**NEXT  
MEETING IS  
WEDS,  
MARCH 4**



# March

# 2026

# CHUMLINE NEWS



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Welcome to our “**new**”  
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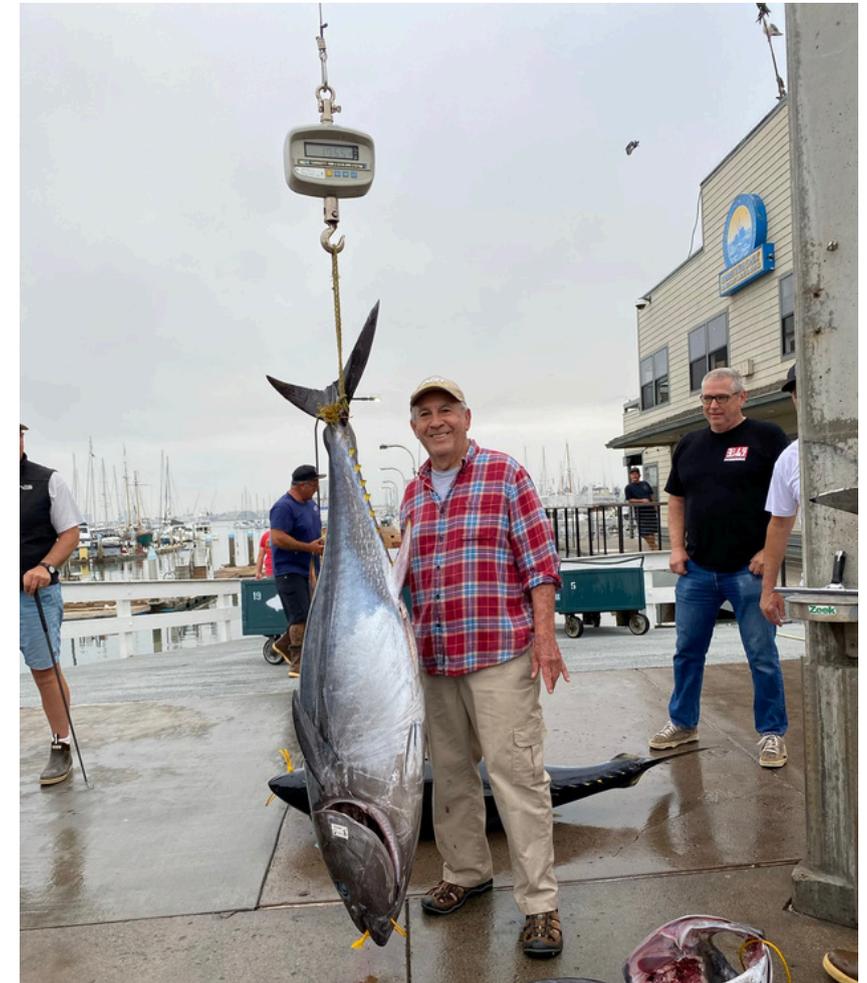
## ***Great meeting & charters!***

We had an excellent meeting in February! Club members came in to sign up for the fishing charters that our charter master Rick Lane scheduled.

We have 9 trips this year, the most we ever had. They are filling up fast, but there are still some openings.

If you are interested, you can get on the waiting list, by contacting Rick.

The next meeting is on March 4 at the Black Bear diner in Ventura with Aren Antounian from Bob Sands Tackle! Meeting starts at 6:30, come early for dinner and drinks.



**Art Hernandez, VCSC president**

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meeting location



***take note:***

Meeting Venue

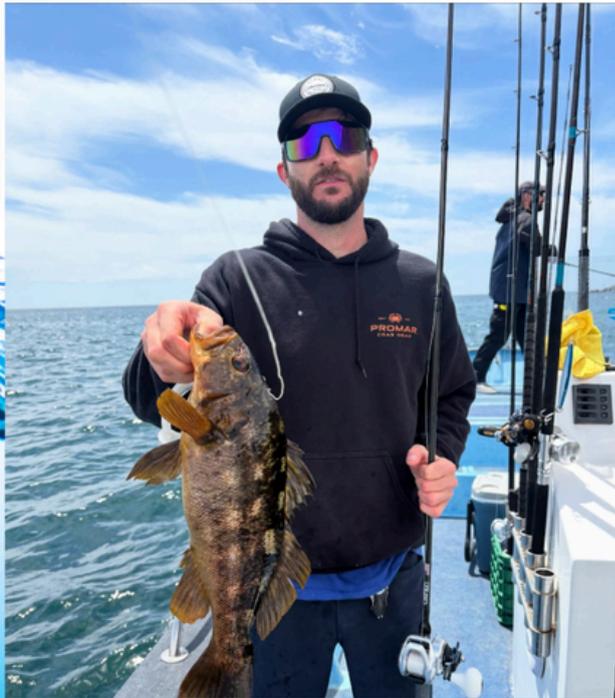
**“BLACK BEAR DINER”**

2401 E Harbor Blvd

Ventura, CA 93001

# club meeting

## AREN ANTOUNIAN



MARCH  
04



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

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 4, 2026

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

5:30-6:30 – Dinner & Social Time

6:30 – Meeting Starts which includes:

Club Business / Drawing & Speaker's presentation



## MONTHLY MEETING - Wednesday - March 4, 2026

Aren Antounian is best known in Southern California's sportfishing community as Chief Executive Officer & Director of Bob Sands Fishing Tackle, Inc. Also the Founder/Manager of Aren Rods LLC.

We look forward to having Aren as a return guest speaker as he always has his finger on the pulse when it comes to sportfishing.

Our meetings are free and open to the public! You just need to purchase a meal/dessert of food item and a beverage. Easy Peasy![www.vcsc.info](http://www.vcsc.info)

5:30/6:00 – Social & Dinner  
6:30 – Club Meeting & Speaker  
9:00 - Wrap up

### Location:

**BLACK BEAR DINER**  
**2401 E Harbor Blvd**  
**Ventura, CA 93001**



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

## 2026 Meetings > [click here](#)

March 4 - Aren Antounian > Bob Sands Tackle  
April 1 - James Kikkawa  
May 6 - Dan Hernandez  
June 3 - to be determined  
July - Annual Club Picnic & **FUN**draiser

## CHARTER DATES FOR 2026

- Visit our “charters page” > [click here](#)
- All charter info is subject to change.

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



**2026 CHARTER**  
**SIGNUPS - PLEASE**  
**CHECK WITH RICK LANE**



## CHARTER DATES FOR 2026 > [more info](#)

- #1 April 2–3 (15/\$350)
- #2 April 21-22 (15/\$350)
- #3 May 28 (25-28/\$180)
- #4 June 18–19 (12/\$380)
- Kids Trip (Tentative) July 8
- #5 July 16–17 (12/\$380)
- #6 August 1–2 (15/\$350)
- #7 September 9–11 (15/\$500)
- #8 October 28–30 (15/\$500)
- #9 November 6–7 (15/\$350)



**2026 CHARTER**  
**SIGNUPS**

**CONTACT RICK LANE**

All dates are to change” due to weather and captain’s updates

\*These trips are 1.5 days.

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club notices

# Annual dues will be due in April.

You can make the \$60 payment at  
the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting ~ or make  
payment via Zelle or mail  
a check to: VCSC, P.O. Box 302  
Moorpark, CA 93020

*Membership is as sweet as honey!*





## 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!**



## The Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission: Comments on Proposed MPA Petitions



The Santa Barbara Fish and Wildlife Commission is a county commission consisting of nine members appointed by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. The commission, among other things, aids the county board on active fish and wildlife related matters with our combined hundreds of years of local fish and wildlife experience between our fellow commissioners.

Tim Carpenter from the CCA, Channel Islands Chapter will come and speak to the club at the March meeting. In the meantime, you can review the docs, by clicking on the links below.

This comment letter (links below) serves to provide our input regarding the current MPA petitions requesting changes be made to the MPA network specifically around the Santa Barbara Channel and Channel Islands.

- Learn more > [click here](#) to download & read / share the PDF
- Most recent agendas and minutes online > [click here](#)
- More about the SBCFWC: <https://www.countyofsb.org/1701/Fish-Wildlife-Commission>



## KINGFISHER CHARTERS

INFORMATION ON VCSC ALASKAN CHARTER

### WHEN/WHERE:

- Holding space for a group of 8.
- Arriving Saturday, June 26, 2027.
- Fishing June 27, 28, and 29.
- Departing Wednesday, June 30, 2027.
- 3 days/ 4 nights



### HIGHLIGHTS:

- All inclusive Lodge Package.
- Full day guided charters on contracted boats (modern, fast 28 - 34' cruisers, heated and fully equipped).
- First class lodging accommodations each night.
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and soft drinks each day.
- Fish cleaning, vacuum packing, freezing, and boxing.
- All fishing gear, tackle, bait, rain gear, and rubber boots provided.
- Airport pickups and transportation in Sitka provided.

### ESTIMATED COST:

**\$3,595**

PER PERSON + SITKA SALES AND ROOM TAX

\*AIR FARE NOT INCLUDED

MORE INFO MID SUMMER OF 2026

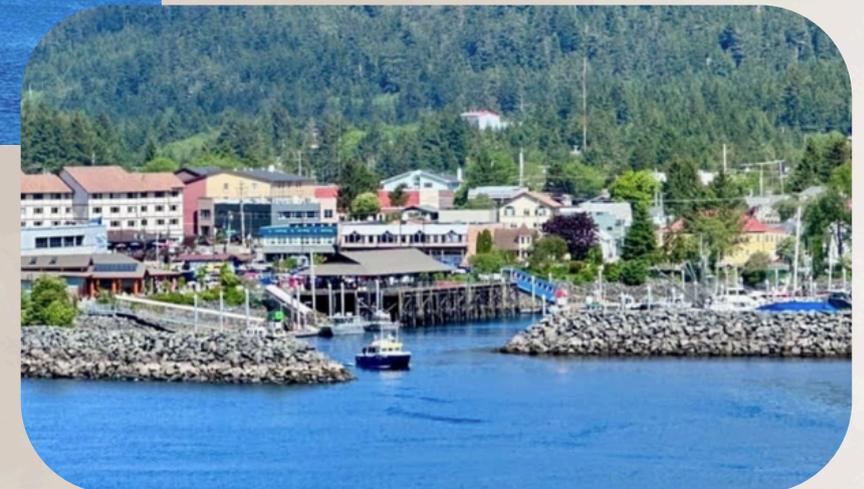
**SIGN UP NOW!**  
2027 SEASON



# courtesy posts

Richard Campos has reserved two boats for fishing with Kingfisher Charters in Sitka Alaska August 2027

[download the flyer](#)



## WHITE SEABASS

### GROW-OUT PENS ~ LATEST REPORT

The Rehab of the White Seabass pens is moving forward although not as quickly as we would like. We ran into a few hiccups and had to redo the structure covering the old pen #3 opening to reinforce the deck. This brought us to the realization that the existing floatation will not be sufficient for the weight of the new superstructure.

We have purchased 8 hollow floats that will provide 400 lbs. of lift each. That will be 3,200 total lbs. of extra lift, which should be enough.

They will be installed March 5th and 6th by our diver Kenny from Custom Care Boat Services. Once that is done we should be able to finish the project fairly quickly with lots of help.

**FRANK SULLIVAN | 805-205-4073**  
GROW-OUT PEN VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR,  
CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR



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# 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](mailto:vcsc.webmaster@gmail.com)**

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING  
"GRAND PRIZE" WINNER  
CLUB MEMBER, RICK CUILTY  
AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.**

**AVET REEL (LX/JX, MC-CAST,  
2-speed 6/3, 4.6, 6.0, RH/LH)**

**"CONGRATS!"**





Club member  
Rob Weinstock  
with a halibut in  
Sitka Alaska.



# VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

February 2026 meeting with Tucker McCombs



**LIKE**

**WE SURF FISH TOO!  
KEVIN SLAGG SNAPPED  
THESE PHOTOS OF GARY  
THOMAS ON THE SURF!  
LEOPARD SHARK &  
CORBINA (RIGHT)**





**LIKE**

**WHAT DA HALIBUT???**  
**CLUB PRESIDENT**  
**ART HERNANDEZ'**  
**MASSIVE ALASKAN**  
**MONSTERS TROPHIES!**



## SITKA, ALASKA CHARTER

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTS FISHING



Watch on  YouTube

RICHARD  
CAMPOS  
ALASKA  
ADVENTURES



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blast from the past!



**VCSC'S  
2025  
AUGUST  
ENDEAVOR  
CHARTER**

**"WE FISH  
WITH  
FRIENDS"**



newsletter photos



Gary London, Rick Lane & Richard Hartmann

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thank you!



**ERIC'S TACKLE**  
**2127 E THOMPSON BLVD,**  
**VENTURA, CA 93001**  
**805 648 5665**

<https://www.wegetbit.com/>

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thank you!



**HYUN'S TACKLE**

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**VENTURA, CA 93001**

**+1 805 639 4131**

[www.fisherman-hyun.com](http://www.fisherman-hyun.com)

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thank you!

**BOB SANDS TACKLE**

**6743 SEPULVEDA BLVD**

**VAN NUYS, CA, 91411**

**(818) 994-1822**

[www.bobsandstackle.com](http://www.bobsandstackle.com)



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thank you!



**TURNER'S**

**C/O MIKE ARMENTA**

**2051 N ROSE AVE**

**OXNARD, CA 93036**

**805-988-2049**

**[WEBSITE](#)**

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thank you!



**ANGLER'S DEN**

**1810 VENTURA BLVD  
CAMARILLO, CA 93010**

**805 388 1566**

**FACEBOOK PAGE**



## Brian Nguyen “the cigar afishinado” & the “medicare guy”

**I've long believed to be most effective, yoyo jigs need to be "swam".**

Okay, not nearly as methodical as surface iron, but there is some technical and mechanical understanding needed to get more and consistent bites (I'll cover this to an upcoming Zoom class).

I tend to get bit better with trebles on my yoyo jigs (surface iron and poppers too). Most of my fishing is done on sportboats at local islands and local offshore. With yoyo jigs, I use 50-60# set-ups and haven't experienced too many fish-caused issues with the factory hooks on Tady and Salas jigs.

When I do upgrade, I stay closer in sizing to the factory hooks as I feel the added weight from a heavier hook can effect jig action (same for surface iron). An upgrade in strength, yes - but not in size (or to a single) unless absolutely required.

In the pics are comparisons of the hooks Tady and Salas use (VMC 9626PS and equivalent), and the 4X strong Owner ST-66. Since I like trebles, if/when I upgrade, I prefer the ST-66 to their 5X-strong offerings



I find for a better hookset, a thicker hook needs more than the 15-18lbs of drag I use with 50-60# line. I also find my hook-up and hook-to-land ratio decreases a bit. Sizing numbers will vary, but using Tady A2 and Salas 6X Jr as examples, the ST-66 size 2/0 is the closest to the size of the factory hooks. It is a reaction bite, but we have to give them a reason to react.

**It has to get bit, and it has to hold fish. Balance, the story of our lives. | Article Link > [click here](#)**

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

# PACIFIC COAST SPORTFISHING SHOW

TACKLE x BOAT

TRAVEL x OUTDOORS

PRESENTED BY

**GEICO**

**Orange County - March 5-8, 2026**

OC Fair & Event Center

88 Fair Drive - Costa Mesa, CA 92626

**San Diego - March 19-22, 2026**

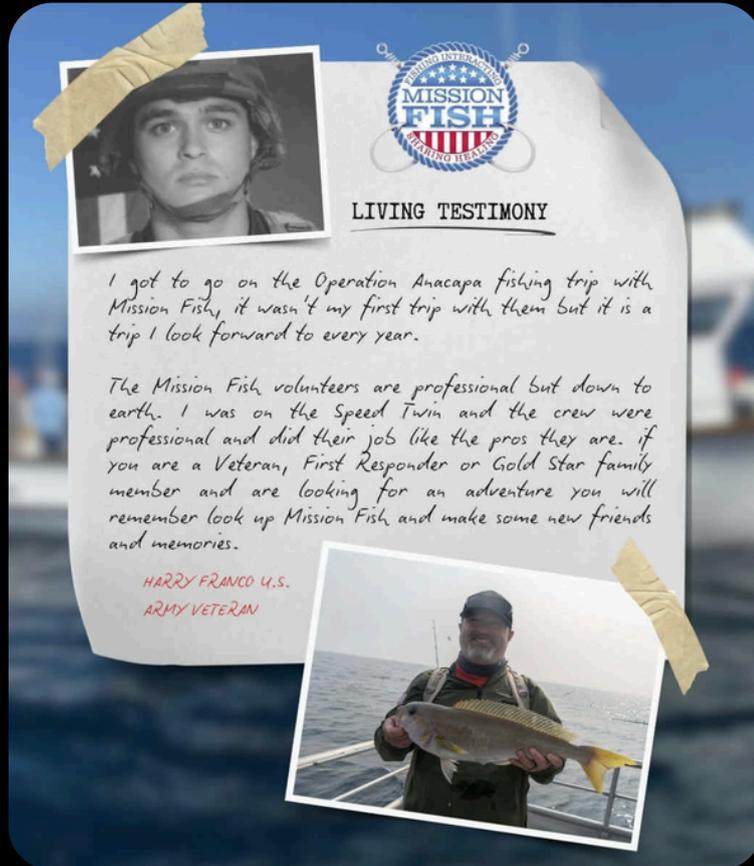
Del Mar Fairgrounds

San Diego 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014



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OUTDOORMAN





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## MARCH Recipe: Cast Iron Monkfish in Butter

Mercury Marine | [YouTube](#)

Emily Hayes cooks up this tasty bottom dweller with butter, lemon, parsley and a touch of paprika for a simple dish sure to be a hit at any dinner table.

### Ingredients:

- 3 to 4 monkfish fillets
- 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 1 1/2 sticks butter, melted
- Dash of paprika



### Instructions:

1. Get started by preheating your grill to 375 degrees. Then, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of melted butter to a cast iron skillet, spreading it evenly across the bottom of the pan.
2. Next, remove any excess moisture from your monkfish fillets by either patting them dry or gently rolling them in paper towels.

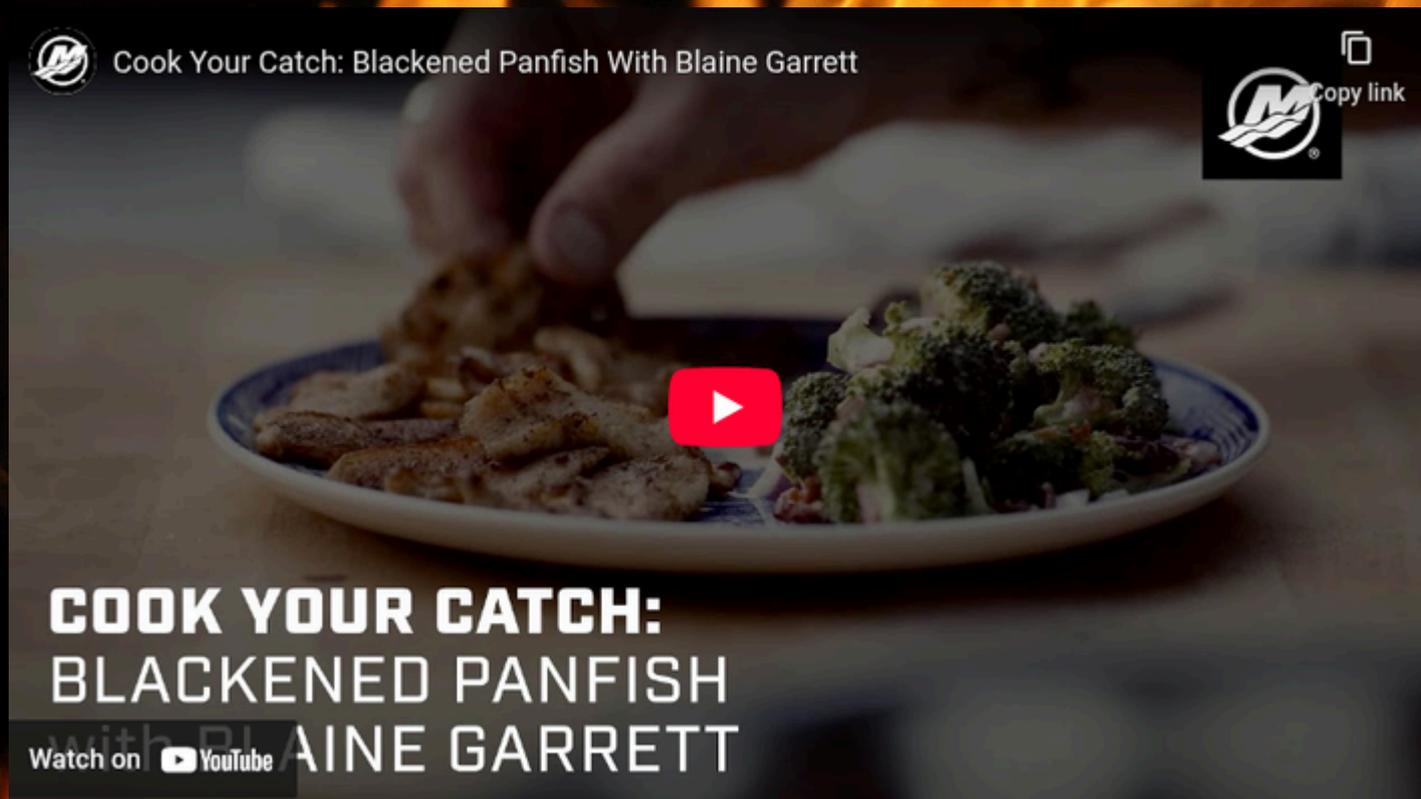
## [RECIPE LINK](#)

### Instructions continued

3. Then, coat the fish in the remaining melted butter. After you have your fillets coated in butter, place them in your cast iron skillet. Transfer the skillet to your grill, close the lid and cook for approximately 18 minutes. You can also use an oven if you prefer.
5. While your fish is cooking, chop the parsley and slice your lemon.
6. After 18 minutes, remove the cast iron skillet from the grill, and put the monkfish on plates. Sprinkle the fillets lightly with paprika and parsley and finish by squeezing some fresh lemon on top. That's all there is to it. Serve alongside some couscous, orzo or rice and some grilled asparagus or a side salad and get eating!

## "YouTube" RECIPE OF THE MONTH | March 2026

For this Mercury Cook Your Catch video, veteran outdoorsman **Blaine Garrett** shows how to make one of his favorite recipes – blackened panfish cooked on the grill and served with a homemade cold broccoli salad. It's a wonderful combination of spicy and cool, savory and sweet, that is both affordable and easy to prepare.



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# LINKS TO GREAT STUFF



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