

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

July 2026 CHUMLINE NEWS



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**JULY 19 PICNIC
CASTING WITH
BRIAN NGUYEN**

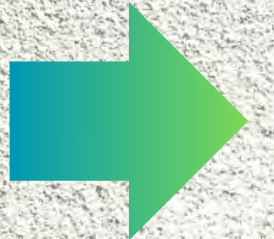
**+ SUPER
RAFFLE!!!**



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

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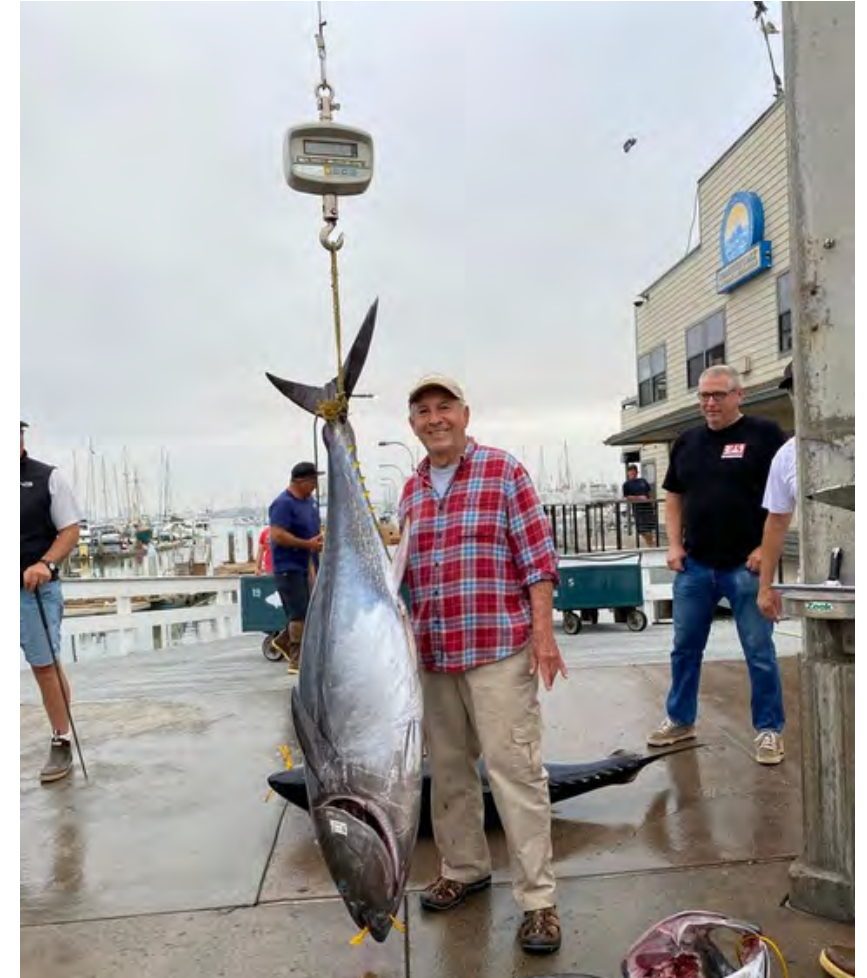
July 2026 VCSC President's Report

We had a very good June meeting at the Black Bear diner, with Merit McRea talking to the club as the guest speaker. Our club founder, Brian Zimmerman stood in front of the group and informed them that Hal Astrachan and Norm Rodewald, two long term members, have been appointed as LIFE members. This is the highest honor that the club can bestow on one of its own.

There will not be a meeting in July at the Black Bear. We will next meet at the club annual BBQ, on Sunday, July 19 at the Camarillo Grove park. The park is a great place to party, and we have reserved a wonderful spot with lots shade and parking real close. There will be hot dogs on the grill, smoked fish and lots of side dishes. It's a pot luck lunch, so please bring something to share. We will have iced bottled water.

Brian Nguyen, the cigar afishinado, will be holding a casting seminar. If you are interested, sign up on the Chum Line link.

We have some wonderful prizes for the kid's trip raffle! The drawing will be held at the BBQ. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Art Hernandez, VCSC president

VCSC KIDS' FISHING TRIP RAFFLE



**Return all completed
ticket stubs by JULY 13th
along with a \$50 check**

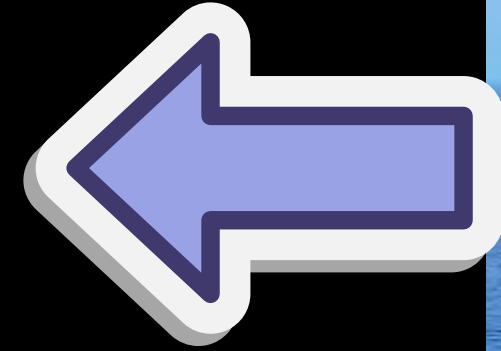
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**VCSC, P.O. Box 302,
Moorpark, CA 93020**

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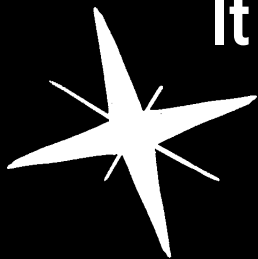


GARAGE SALE AT THE JULY 19TH CLUB BBQ-PICNIC!

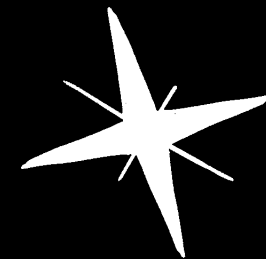


At the club BBQ on July 19, we will be selling some donated rods and reels. The gear is either nearly new, gently used or equipment for starter anglers. There is gear for San Diego fishing and local waters.

It has been cared for very well by the previous owner.



Bring your check book or cash!



VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

club meeting



Click on the button to RSVP to the
SUNDAY PICNIC - JULY 19TH

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**VCSC ANNUAL
POTLUCK-PICNIC &
Casting with Brian
Nguyen in the park!**

**6968 Camarillo Springs Rd
Camarillo, CA 93012**

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

club meeting

SUNDAY PICNIC - JULY 19TH

VCSC ANNUAL POTLUCK-PICNIC!

- Please bring a side or main dish.
- The club will BBQ grilled hot dogs, bun, water, plates, cups & utensils

**6968 Camarillo Springs Rd
Camarillo, CA 93012**



**CASTING IN THE
PARK WITH
BRIAN NGUYEN**

2026 Meeting SPEAKERS

LINK: [CALENDAR ONLINE](#)

July 19 - Annual Club Picnic
& FUNdraiser with **Brian
Nguyen** casting with the club!!

August 5th - Phil Friedman
Sept 2nd - tbd
Oct 7th - tbd
Nov 4th - tbd
Dec 2nd - tbd

More info on our website:
www.vcsc.info

CHARTER DATES FOR 2026

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



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

- 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:

VENTURACOUNTYSPORTFISHINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM



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

***These trips are 1.5 days.**

More info on our website: www.vcsc.info

Brian Nguyen is a Southern California angler and industry veteran best known online as "The Cigar Afishinado."

He has spent over two decades in the fishing-tackle industry, working in sales, marketing, and product development for major manufacturers. During the mid-2000s, he was part of the Shimano team that helped popularize vertical jigging in the United States, especially on the West Coast.

Expertise & Contributions

- **Vertical Jigging Pioneer (West Coast):** Helped introduce and promote modern jigging techniques beginning in 2005, contributing to the widespread adoption of heavy-jig bluefin tactics used today.
- **Educator & Seminar Leader:** Regularly teaches free in-person workshops on the science and mechanics of fighting tuna on jigging gear, aimed at helping anglers land big bluefin more efficiently. These workshops often fill quickly due to demand.
- **Media & Public Presence:** Featured guest on multiple fishing podcasts and livestreams, including The Big Nasty Show (Episode 1), where he discusses his fishing origins and motivation to educate the public. Also appears on Friedman Adventures, offering expert tackle advice for both private boaters and sport-boat anglers.
- **Industry Insight:** Known for deep technical knowledge of rods, reels, line systems, knots, jigs, and rigging, with a focus on bluefin tuna and SoCal saltwater fisheries.

Current Roles

- **Fishing Educator & Influencer:** Active on social media as @the_cigar_afishinado, sharing jigging techniques, gear breakdowns, and trip reports.
- **Community Mentor:** Provides guidance to retailers, manufacturers, and anglers, helping keep tackle information current and accessible.
- **Professional Career Outside Fishing:** President of Milestone Health & Life Insurance Services, where he works with Southern California residents on Medicare planning.

JULY POTLUCK PICNIC & CASTING

As always fun in the park.
Great food. Great fun.
Casting session with
Brian Nguyen!

RAFFLE & PRIZES!!!
Sunday, July 19, 2026
1:00-5:00PM
Camarillo Grove Park

RSVP for the picnic > [click here](#)
RSVP for the casting > [click here](#)
Raffle tix & prizes > [click here](#)

RSVP for the casting_
clinic with Brian!



AS USUAL, WE HAVE INCREDIBLE FISHING PRIZES OVER \$2,000 IN TOTAL WORTH THAT GOES TOWARDS FUNDING THE “KID’S FISHING TRIP” FOR UNDERPRIVELED CHILDREN!

[CLICK HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE OR BUY TICKETS (\$5.00 EACH!)



- Rod and reel combo, Penn 5010TF 6-ft rod coupled with Shimano Tyros 30-II 2-speed reel, \$750.00 value.
- \$500 voucher for fishing on the [Royal Star](#) out of San Diego
- \$250 gift certificate from [Hyun’s Tackle](#) in Ventura
- TWO VOUCHERS for 3/4-day trip(s) on the [CALIFORNIAN](#) (Ventura Landing). Each \$130 (Total Value: \$260) > * Fuel surcharge might apply.
- TWO VOUCHERS for 1/2-day trip(s) on the [ISLAND SPIRIT](#) (Ventura Landing). Each \$110 (Total Value: \$220) > * Fuel surcharge might apply.
- A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE from [Bob Sands Tackle](#) in Van Nuys.
- AND MUCH MORE!!!



REQUEST TO CLUB MEMBERS: TEN RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO THE CLUB MEMBERS MID APRIL. THE TICKETS ARE WORTH \$5 EACH. TRY TO SELL OR KEEP THEM FOR YOURSELVES – SEPARATE THE TICKETS, WRITE THEIR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK AS INSTRUCTED. REMEMBER TO KEEP THE “STUB” AND MAIL THEM BACK TO PO BOX 302, MOORPARK, 93020 – WITH A \$50 CHECK, OR THEY CAN BRING THEM TO THE NEXT CLUB MEETING. **TICKETS MONIES MUST BE MAILED, SUBMITTED OR DROPPED OFF TO BE CONSIDERED “VALID”.** IF YOU WANT MORE TICKETS CALL OR TEXT ART HERNANDEZ AT 805-338-4653.

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Kid's Trip - Raffle Ticket Sales



Dear Club Members,



Ten raffle tickets will be mailed to all club members in mid-April. Each ticket is valued at \$5. You're encouraged to sell them—or keep them for yourself if you prefer.

Please separate the tickets and write the buyer's name and phone number clearly in ink on the back. Be sure to give the "Keep" the coupon stub to the buyer.

Return all completed ticket stubs by **JULY 13th** along with a \$50 check to:
VCSC, P.O. Box 302, Moorpark, CA 93020

You may also bring your stubs and payment to the next club meeting.
Tickets and funds must be submitted, mailed, or dropped off to be considered valid.

If you'd like additional tickets, or have questions
please call or text Art Hernandez at 805-338-4653.





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!



White Seabass Grow-Out Pens

FRANK SULLIVAN

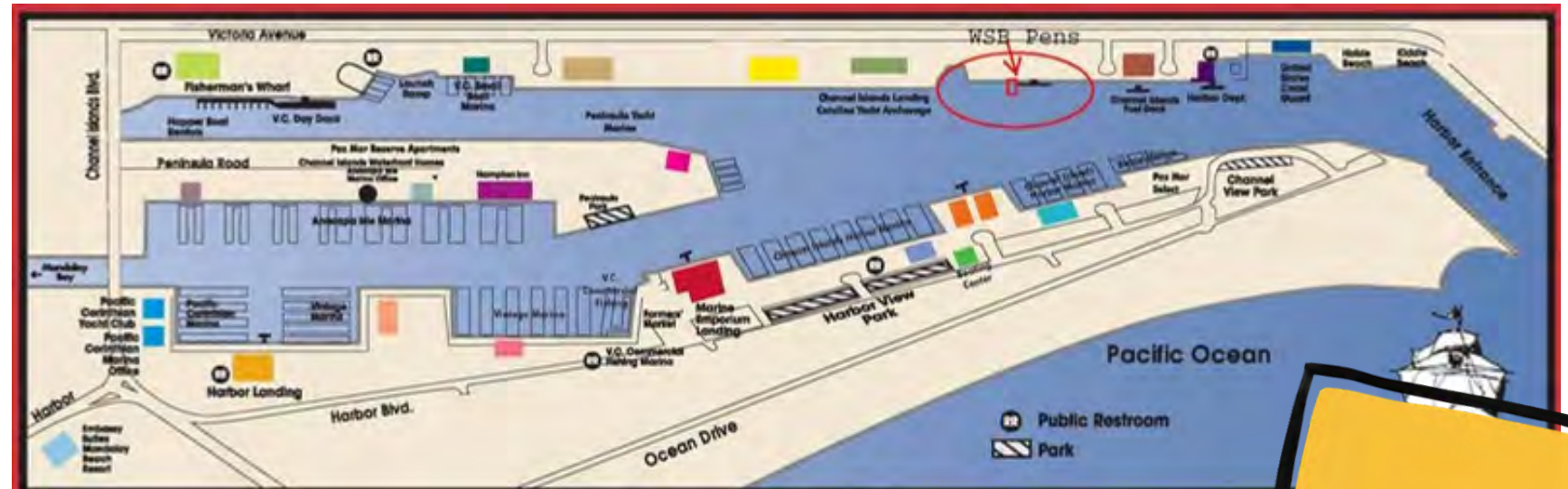
NEED VOLUNTEERS: WHITE SEABASS GROW-OUT PENS

We currently have 13,000 juvenile WSB that we expect to release on Monday, July 13th at about 10am. We will be releasing ½ into the Channel Islands Harbor and ½ will be transported in the Gentleman to be released offshore the same as last year.

If you wish to help, please wear work clothes and either boots or old shoes. If you just want to come and watch that is fine, you will get to see the newly renovated facility.

We are located off of Murre way and Victoria Blvd, next to the Harbor master's temporary office trailers. (see image right w/red arrow).

Frank Sullivan
805-205-4073



View map > [click here](#)

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

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JULY 13
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JULY 9TH, 2026

		
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JULY 9, 2026

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Come join WON in a 3-boat jackpot for the heaviest fish!

Price includes the \$10 Grand Jackpot entry.

3 boat jackpot paying out over \$800(pending sell out)
and other prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

We will be doing raffles for other prizes!

Every angler will receive a raffle ticket when they check in.

All 3 boat are going for sure!

- Island Spirit (30 anglers - limited load from previous years!)

- Pacific Eagle (19 Anglers)

- Californian (35 anglers - limited load from previous years!)

- Okuma's latest rods & reels available to demo for anglers on board!

Giveaways & Jackpot Prizes! Upon arrival, each angler will receive a Western Outdoor News supply bag packed with Gamakatsu hooks, Izorline, Costa Gear, a free Cancun vacation voucher and more!

Book online or call WON's Landon Thomas for bookings or questions at (949)366-0726

courtesy posts

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

[download the flyer](#)



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

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MORE INFO MID SUMMER OF 2026

SIGN UP NOW!
2027 SEASON



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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**

Fish Report for 6-4-2026



Graftech Rods/Turner's/ Avet Reels 8 Day



Kevin Slagg's "WAHOO!!"
on an eight-day trip.

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June 2026 meeting – speaker Merit McCrae



Norm
Rodewald
installed as
a lifetime
member!

Founder Brian (left)
Norm (right)

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Ira Nepus wins the
June meeting
grand prize!
Beautiful Avet Reel!





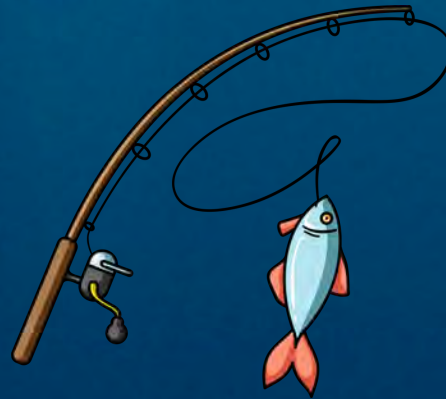
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Freshwater

Angler	Location	Fish	Weight
Frank Kasyouhannon	San Vicente Res.	Largemouth Bass	9.16
Brady Garrett	Lake Wohlford	Largemouth Bass	8.2
Todd Kline	DVL	Largemouth Bass	8, 7.3
George Kramer	Lake Skinner	Largemouth Bass	7.94
Robert Schneider	Lake Skinner	Largemouth Bass	6.57

Saltwater

Angler	Location	Fish	Weight
Cristian Catian	San Quintin	White Seabass	65
Mark Pierpont	Cedros Island	Yellowtail	44
Craig Yamashita	La Jolla Kelp	White Seabass	31
Casey Johnson	Cortes Bank	Lingcod	28
Derrek Stewart	Catalina	Calico Bass	9.2

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WON Charter / Courtesy Post



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AUGUST 20

WON CHARTER: NEW CALIFORNIA DAWN

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\$234 per person, 24 anglers + 1 WON reporter/photographer. Fishing for Rockfish & Lingcod, with a potential shot at halibut. Giveaways & Jackpot Prizes! Upon arrival, each angler will receive a Western Outdoor News supply bag packed with Gamakatsu hooks, Izorline, Costa Gear, a free Cancun vacation voucher and more! Book at WONews.com or call WON's Landon Thomas for bookings or questions at (949)366-0726

California Fish and Game Commission takes emergency action to prevent white shark take

Anticipating a larger presence of white sharks in Southern California as a result of warmer El Niño ocean conditions, the California Fish and Game Commission adopted emergency regulations at its June 17-18, 2026 meeting to further protect the large ocean predator and reduce the potential for dangerous interactions with ocean users. These regulations will prohibit the use of certain fishing gear from beaches and nearshore that are used to hook large sharks and could create hazards for nearby beachgoers.

Forecasted warmer waters shift the preferred range for juvenile white sharks northward from Mexico and lead them to stay in California nearshore areas later in the year. The emergency regulations protect not only white sharks but also people recreating in the ocean, decreasing the risk of dangerous human encounters with sharks

that are hooked with wire leaders from piers and beaches.

Specific gear types used to target large sharks, including hooks greater than 1.5 inches in maximum inside measurement and wire or metallic lines and leaders, will be prohibited when recreational fishing from shore or within 1,000 yards of shore from Pigeon Point (San Mateo County) south to the U.S.-Mexico border. Shore fishing includes beaches, banks, piers, jetties, breakwaters, docks and other man-made structures connected to the shore. Unless extended, the emergency regulations will expire 180 days after being filed with the secretary of state. The Commission may pursue up to two 90-day extensions of the emergency action and, ultimately, may propose continuing the restrictions through a regular rulemaking if the regulations prove to be effective.



[Read the news release](#)



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

ARTICLE LINK > [CLICK HERE](#)



Full moon, new moon, half moon, quarter moon, full Monty, this tide, that tide, slack tide, they bit well yesterday, the last trip was epic, we went here last time, this jig killed it last trip, this boat is better than that boat...

***Clint Eastwood said it best,
"If you want a guarantee, buy a toaster."***

No doubt that luck plays a hand in fishing. But luck has a shelf life, and relying on it can be costly. I've mentioned RETURN ON INVESTMENT quite a bit this year, and in sportfishing, the investment is your time and money. To maximize my ROI, these dry-land exercises keep me sharp and help me stay in the game in the toughest of conditions:

-Practice pendular overhead, underhand, and underhand snap casting with both conventional and spinning. No, not with a sinker, but a 5" Big Hammer paddletail swimbait without a leadhead. Just poke a hole through the swimbait, thread your line thru and secure with an overhand knot.

-Establish and practice efficient body mechanics for fish fighting. I set my drags accordingly, tie off to something secure, and study how my body responds. Key is to minimize exertion on me, and maximize pressure on the fish.

-Make sure all my knots are sano. I may "knot" (sorry I had to) have a testing machine at home, but I can see that the wraps look good, I have no lines crossing, that the standing line hasn't been compromised, and if my knots are cinched down hard enough. I practice my knots on a variety of mono and fluoro in different pound tests.

-Practice rigging. Yes, rigging. Everything from tying up rockfish gagnions, crimping, rigging plastics onto leadheads straight...you may waste \$10, but this has really helped with my on-the-water success.

Let go of any expectations of how each fishing trip should be, and allow yourself to experience how each fishing trip can be.

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



Did you know that we send out “promo posters” every month for club meetings to our local “loyal” tackle shops?

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RICHARD
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thank you!



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thank you!



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thank you!



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"YouTube" RECIPE OF THE MONTH | July 2026

Southern California Rockfish Tacos – In this Mercury Cook Your Catch video, Ali Hussainy of BD Outdoors brings a taste of SoCal to wherever you call home with his Southern California rockfish taco meal. It's simple and easy, but with a bold flavor that brings to mind beachside outdoor dining in the sunshine. > [RECIPE \(PDF\)](#)



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