

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

SEPT 2026 CHUMLINE NEWS



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A composite image featuring a man, Mike Armenta, wearing a cap and sunglasses, holding a large fish. The background is a light blue sky and water. Overlaid on the image are several elements: a purple circle with "sept 02" in white; the name "MIKE ARMENTA" in large white letters; "BLACK BEAR, VENTURA" in white letters; the website "VCSC.INFO" in large white letters; and two QR codes at the bottom corners. The QR code on the left has a small black silhouette of a person, and the one on the right has a small white asterisk.



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

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“Click” on the right side to go to the next page.



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*PDF readers, scroll down.



September 2026 VCSC President's Report

On July 19 we held our annual summer BBQ at the Camarillo Grove Park. We had a great time, with grilled hot dogs, raffle with lots of goodies and casting seminar by Brian Nguyen.

Last month we held our October meeting at The Black Bear Diner, in Ventura. Great presentation by Guest Speaker Phil Friedman.

The September meeting will be held on the 2nd of the month. The meeting starts at 6:30, come early for dinner and drinks.

Mike Armenta, manager of Turner's Outdoorsman sports store in Oxnard will be our guest speaker.

Mike will share his vast experience with fishing local waters and long-range trips.



Art Hernandez, VCSC president

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

meeting location



take note:

Meeting Venue

“BLACK BEAR DINER”

2401 E Harbor Blvd
Ventura, CA 93001

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

club meeting

DATE: SEPT 2, 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

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**MIKE
ARMENTA
BLACK BEAR, VENTURA**



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Ventura County Sportfishing Club | Official Election Ballot – November 2026

President

- Rick Lane
- Write-in: _____

Vice-President

- John White
- Write-in: _____

Treasurer: OPEN

Secretary: OPEN

Members at Large

Vote for up to 4 members + 1 Alternate

- Michael StaffordCrane
- Kai Lu
- Ira Nepus
- Kim Miles
- Alternate: OPEN

Appointed Positions - If you are interested in helping with any of these, please let us know—we appreciate your support!

Chartermaster: Robert Groeber

Membership Chair: OPEN

Drawings: Peter Syapin

PLEASE NOTE: this is NOT a “VCSC club sanctioned trip”.

**THIS TRIP IS AN “INVITATION” BY ART HERNANDEZ TO SET UP A
TRIP FISHING OUT OF LORETO, BAJA CALIFORNIA NEXT YEAR ON THE “BAJA STAR”
DATES: MAY 18–22, 2027**

MORE INFO

The trip dates are:

- Flying to Loreto from LAX on May 18th
- Fishing half a day, May 18th
- Fishing three more days: May 19, 20, 21
- Returning home on Saturday, May 22.

This is a prime time for fishing big yellowtail, cabrilla, amberjack, striped marlin and sailfish. If the water warms up, dorado and wahoo may be in the mix.

Two captains experienced in long range fishing out of San Diego, bought the El Capitan fishing boat and they are retrofitting it to fish out of the Marina in Loreto, starting this October.

They have an industrial vacuum sealing machine and freezer on the boat. The boat has a shower, two heads and saltwater refrigeration. Most of the same amenities of other San Diego boats.

The cost is \$2,160 and includes all meals and fish processing for 3 1/2 days.

** Flight not included. Round trip airfare from LAX right now is around \$600. That might go up in 2027, hopefully not by much.

More info about the boat: <https://bajastarsportfishing.com>

If you are interested by emailing Art at: iorart4431@gmail.com

2026 Meeting SPEAKERS

LINK: [CALENDAR ONLINE](#)

Weds, Sept 2nd
Mike Armenta
Turners Outdoorsman

Oct 7 - Stan Smith > Kids Trip

Nov 4 - to be determined

**Dec 9 - Club Holiday Party at the
Bellringer Brewery in Ventura!**

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](#)

- #7 September 9–11 (15/\$500) *
- #8 October 28–30 (15/\$500) *
- #9 November 6–7 (15/\$350)

2026 CHARTER SIGNUPS
CONTACT ROBERT GROEBER
RGROEBER2012@GMAIL.COM
559-737-1311



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



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](#)

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White Seabass Grow-Out Pens

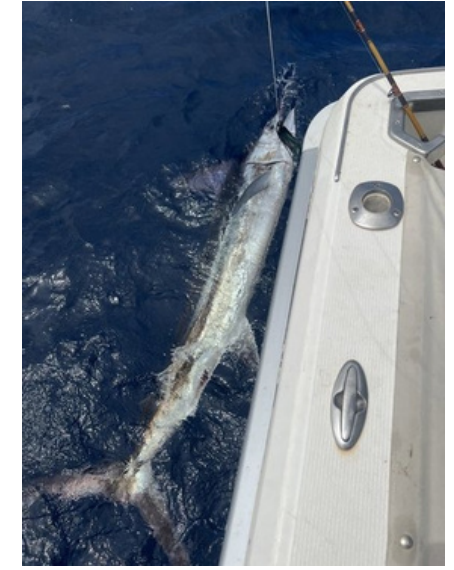
FRANK SULLIVAN

SEPT 2026 – There are no fish currently in our pens. Originally, we were scheduled to receive fish in April of 2027, however I've been contacted by the Hatchery to see if we would take another short growout session the 1st week of October through November and I agreed. There will be more information to follow.

We are now cleaning the containment nets so they can be ready for the next growout season. Jimmy Fillo is taking the lead in cleaning the containment nets. We have a couple of pressure washers available, but it will take some time and extra hands to get them cleaned. **** Please call or text Jimmy at 805-901-5924 if you can help, he will schedule a time with you.**

Local Fishing: El Nino is having a very positive effect on fishing, lots of Marlin, Mahi Mahi and Tuna right offshore. Mike DeSart caught one a couple of weeks ago and Skip Miser and Rande Lance caught and released 3 right behind Anacapa Island.

Best regards ~ Frank Sullivan | WSB Grow-out pens coordinator



View grow-up map > [click here](#)



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

FRANK ALSO SUBMITS ARTICLES TO THE CHANNEL
ISLANDS YACHT CLUB.
YOU CAN CHECK THOSE OUT AT;
[HTTPS://WWW.CIYC.COM/PAGE/CURRENTS](https://www.ciyc.com/page/currents)

special report > WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS

Hot Water floods the Bight bringing exotics – 8/12/2026

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BY MERIT McCREA

CHANNEL ISLANDS – As the growing El Niño outpaces the sea temperature by day of any on record some unusual critters flooded into the Bight, including dorado all the way into the Northern Channel Islands area, yellowtail spotted cruising within local harbors, and a flood of micro yellowfin tuna the size more typically seen only south of Cabo San Lucas.

The first word of these tiny tuna came from the Ocean Odyssey fishing south of San Diego, but by week's end there were reports of masses of them far into U.S. waters – between the islands and coast.

A couple of wahoo were landed by 1-day boats fishing out of San Diego, the first aboard the boat Horizon.

Satellite imagery shows purple-blue warm waters throughout the Bight with SSTs edging close to 80°F in some areas. As of Saturday the night bluefin bite had moved close to San Nicolas Island and with it a mix of a few larger yellowfin tuna. It was strictly limits fishing for bluefin over the weekend.

One-day boats out of Channel Islands Sportfishing saw a few dorado and plenty of yellowtail and bluefin all the way into their zone as well.





LOBSTER CHARTER

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OCTOBER 8 **SAN PEDRO** **FULL DAY**

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30 anglers across 3 boats + 1 WON editor per boat (10 anglers on Triton, 10 Gail Force & 10 Sport King). \$213/angler + \$10 Lobster Jackpot included! Lobster cards are required, must show upon arrival.

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Check-in: 11:00 AM

Departure: 12:00 PM, PT On October 8th

Return: 12:00 AM, PT On October 9th

Come join Western Outdoor News on the Triton or Gail Force Sport King Lobster Combo out of LA Waterfront Sportfishing!

- 3 boats are headed to Catalina in search of the biggest lobster. The heaviest lobster between all 3 boats takes home the cash prize, an Aftco gift card and more!

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- (10) anglers per boat

- Lobster cards are required! Must show upon arrival to get onboard.

Giveaways & Jackpot Prizes! Upon arrival, each angler will receive a Western Outdoor News supply bag packed with Gamakatsu hooks, a spool of Izorline, Costa Gear, a P-line Jig, a free Cancun or Orlando vacation voucher and more!

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

Cancellation Policy: **No Cancellations within 30 Days of Departure**



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

SEPT ARTICLE LINK > [CLICK HERE](#)

CONNECTIONS CONNUNDRUM

BRIAN NGUYEN – THE CIGAR A’FISHIN’ADO

I remember studying Chuck Garrison books as a youngin', staring at knot tying diagrams for hours. It frustrated me!! Which is why when I began this journey, I promised myself I wouldn't post knot tying tutorials. But one of my followers asked, and naturally I obliged and sent to him privately. I figured I'd already taken pics and video...why knot?!?!

In the Smokin' Drags Sessions titled CONNECTIONS CONNUNDRUM, I mentioned:

- 100% knot strength is excellent
- 80% knot strength is good
- Above 100% knot strength is aiming high

I saw the AG Chain Knot break very high at the PCS Shows this year and I definitely use it...for jigging. With it being at least an inch long, I personally wouldn't use it to flyline to finicky fish though.

So I tie the Reverse Trilene Knot via Capt Justin Fleck (of the Excel) modification (at least I think it was him). There are many fine knots out there, and I'm not condemning any of them. The truth is, you tie what works best for you! I'm most confident tying this knot and love its balance of strength and stealth. It doesn't hurt that I won 1st place in the Izorline Knot Tying Contest at the 2024 Bart Hall Show! 60# Izorline broke at 96.3LBS!!

The Reverse Trilene Knot in this post was tied with 130# (1.20mm) monofilament so it's easier to see. If this helps – great! If you tie something else that works for you – even better! Be confident.

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



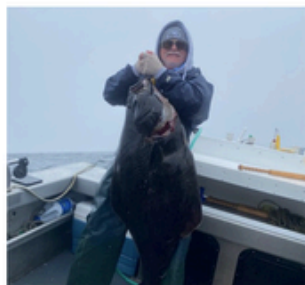


KINGFISHER CHARTERS

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](#)



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A close-up photograph of an industrial embroidery machine. In the foreground, four baseball caps are lined up on a rack. From left to right, they are dark brown, light blue, black, and tan. The black cap is the most prominent and features the words "Custom Text" embroidered in white, bold, serif font. Behind the caps, the machine's complex system of spools, threads, and needles is visible. A spool of green thread is on the left, and a control panel with buttons and a red emergency stop is on the right.

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Lisa's "Ventura Embroidery" > [click here](#)

The background of the entire image is a close-up photograph of fishing equipment. On the left, there's a blue fishing reel with a copper-colored handle. In the center and right, there's a large, complex piece of machinery, possibly a fishing scale or a reel, with brass-colored metal components and a black handle. The background is slightly out of focus, emphasizing the text in the foreground.

DONATE FISHING GEAR

ANY KIND: FRESH/SALT/FLY GEAR

 Donate Your Gear — Help Kids Discover the Joy of Fishing!

Your new or gently used fishing gear helps fund our Kid's Trip, where foster kids experience the thrill of fishing — many for the very first time! Each trip includes lunch, sunglasses, and head coverings, making it a fun-filled day on the water. When those kids catch their first fish, they're hooked for life on the joy of fishing!

Plus, your donated gear won't sit gathering dust — it'll be out there being enjoyed by another outdoor enthusiast.

To donate, reach out to President Art Hernandez at:

[**iorart4431@gmail.com**](mailto:iorart4431@gmail.com) to arrange a pickup or bring your items to any of our in-person meetings.

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**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**



*Finally got an
okay Yellowtail
local recently
on the Island Tak
on August 15th.*

Kai Liu



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Channel Islands fishing 8/21/26 - Matt Rubin



*enjoying the water
between bites
Matt Rubin &
friend Randy.*





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"He shoots,
he scores!!"

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193-pounder!
Loreto, Baja



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Warm water - "hot takes"



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Peter Correa & friends
on the Aloha Spirit





More photos shared by Peter Correa on the Island Spirit

Rob Weinstock's son Mitch, last week in Jeneau



Kid's trip Art & Rick . . . "on deck mentors"



Kid's trip in July – submitted by Kim Miles





Inspirational image by Robert Groeber



Got to fish with Dan Hernandez and my son Travis yesterday on the Stardust out of Santa Barbara Landing. Great day fishing at the west end of Santa Rosa Island. - Robert Groeber

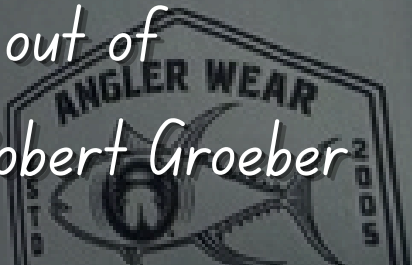




Image: Robert Groeber



Image: Robert Groeber



Robert & Travis Groeber's catch & showtime with Dan Hernandez





Michael
Stafford-Crane
on the club's charter
#7 on the
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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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thank you!



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thank you!



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RICHARD
CAMPOS
ALASKA
ADVENTURES



"YouTube" RECIPE OF THE MONTH | Sept 2026

August 22, 2022 – 4 years ago. With the warm weather here and Dorado showing up – here's a nice little YT video - "This trip Jimmy and I wandered offshore in my Parker 1801 looking for local dorado in the morning. We found one bird diving and headed that direction to find an open water school of dorado up on the surface chasing tiny sardines. We slid up on them and got a few of them to bite before several other boats saw us and ran over the school."



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