VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

November 2026 CHUMLINE NEWS

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

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November 2026 VCSC President's Report



The November general meting will be on the 4th, at the Black Bear diner in Ventura. The meeting starts at 6:30, come early (5:30) for dinner and drinks.

At this meeting will hold the elections for Board of Directors for 2027. Please come and vote for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. We also have five positions of members at large on the ballot.

Our guest speaker is Bob Semerau, member of our club and writer for Western Outdoor News. He will speak about fly fishing, on salt and fresh water. This will be a very interesting presentation.

See you on Weds, November 4th
~ Art Hernandez, VCSC President

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meeting location



Black Bear Diner

take note:

Meeting Venue

“BLACK BEAR DINER”

2401 E Harbor Blvd

Ventura, CA 93001

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

club meeting

DATE: November 4, 2026

Bob Semerau



“flyfishing primer”

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

november elections

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

Ventura County Sportfishing Club
Official Election Ballot – November 2026

Please mark the box ☑ in front of the candidate of your choice.

President
☐ Write-in: _____
☐ Write-in: _____

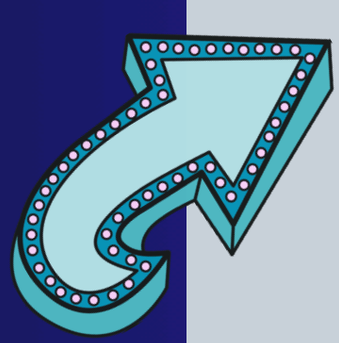
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☐ John White
☐ Write-in: _____

Treasurer
☐ Kevin Slagg
☐ Write-in: _____

Secretary
☐ Robert Groeber
☐ Write-in: _____

Members at Large
Vote for up to 4 members + 1 alternate
☐ Ira Nepus ☐ Michael StaffordCrane
☐ Kai Lu ☐ Kim Miles
☐ Alternate: _____
☐ Write-in: _____

If you are interested in helping with any position, please let any board member know—we appreciate your support!





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calendar dates

2026 Meeting SPEAKERS

LINK: CALENDAR ONLINE

Nov 4 - Bob Semerau:
"Flyfishing Primer"

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

Jan 6 - Captain Tucker McCombs

More info on our website:
www.vcsc.info

CHARTER DATES FOR 2026 are cancelled . . . read Robert's message on the next page



VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

Important Message

CLUB CHARTERMASTER - SPECIAL MESSAGE

As you all may know, we continue to struggle finding insurance for the club. Until this issue is resolved the club and Tucker came to the conclusion that it would be best for all if we cancel our last 2 trips!

He has just opened our dates up for overnight limited load open party trips. If you want to sign up before everyone else sees them and jumps on, please sign up directly online at Ventura Harbor Sportfishing: booking link

You will see the trip that has been formatted from a private charter to "open" on Saturday, November 7th is now limited to 22 folks and is a bit cheaper than our normal charter price for only 15 of us!

Sorry for this inconvenience but know that we will get a solution in place for next years trips!

So for now, we are exploring many options for next years charters depending on our insurance situation.

More on that later as insurance options firm up! If you have any questions don't hesitate to call, text, or email!

Stay safe and healthy!
~ Robert Groeber, VCSC chartermaster

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charter dates

CHARTER DATES FOR 2026 > more info

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



All dates are su ... to weather and captain's updates
*These trips are ...ays.

More info on our website: www.vcsc.info

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club notices



Annual Holiday Party
Weds, Dec 9th from 6-9pm
$40 per person



To learn more & rsvp
to the holiday party
click here

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club notices

Annual dues are now due.

SAVE FOR 2027***

You can make the $60 payment at the upcoming meeting ~ or make payment via Zelle or mail a check to: VCSC, P.O. Box 302 Moorpark, CA 93020



VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB membership



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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White Seabass Grow-Out Pens

FRANK SULLIVAN

Anglers' NOVEMBER Report for Currents

Channel Islands WSB Grow-out Facility Update:

We took delivery of about 5000 Juvenile WSB delivered to the pens over 3 days ending on Tuesday 10/27 2026. They will be released in about two months.

During the last year we have done an extensive rehab of the Pen Facility spending over $13,000 so far. This has significantly reduced our reserves for the Anglers Account and there are still some items to pay for.. After this growout season, we will need to investigate replacing the shade cloth roof.

When we have the Anglers' Awards Lobster Dinner on November 7th we will have a fundraiser as well. If you have anything to donate as a raffle or auction Items, please let me know.

Frank Sullivan
fransull@charter.net

We will also be accepting orders for our official CIYC Anglers club t-shirts with this logo (above)

White Seabass Grow-Out Pens

FRANK SULLIVAN



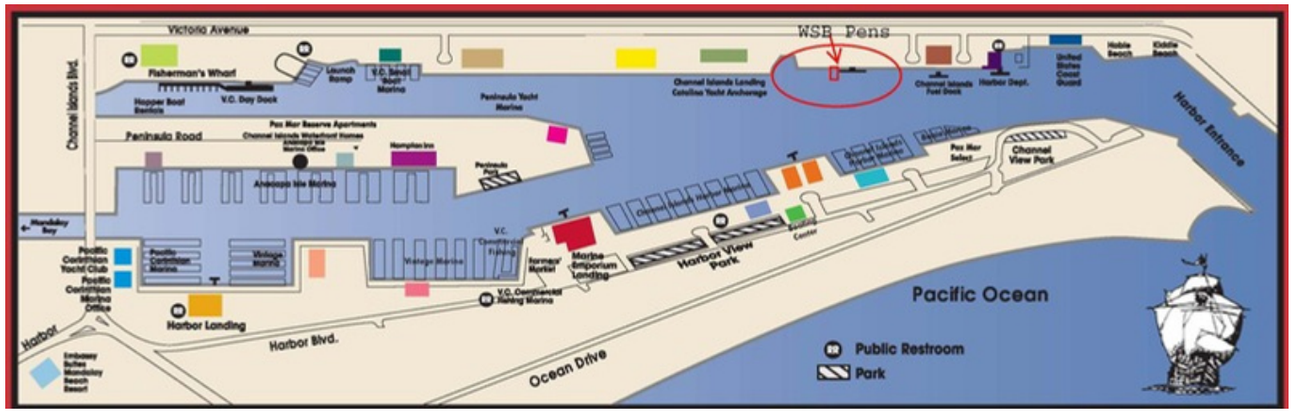






View grow-out map location

click here



FRANK ALSO SUBMITS ARTICLES TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB.
YOU CAN CHECK THOSE OUT AT;
HTTPS://WWW.CIYC.COM/PAGE/CURRENTS

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

White Seabass Grow-Out Pens

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ANGLERS' EVENTS FOR 2026

November 7th - Anglers' Awards Dinner

https://www.ciyc.com

WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS
EST. 1953

September 25, 2026 Volume 74, Issue 18

Best billfish bite in years

Stripers and blues being tracked up and down the coast



BY MERIT MCCREA
WON Staff Writer

SAN CLEMENTE – In the past several weeks there have been marlin reported in areas throughout the Bight within U.S. waters – including the Northern Channel Islands.

A Santa Barbara Harbor ba
cess commercial fisherman ha
numerous marlin at the Cha
while commercial fishing, so
to declare out for a day and do
fishing with his girlfriend. He sa
had one come right by the boa
weeks ago on the frontside of Santa Cruz Island in like 40 feet of water chasing bait!"

His sportfishing day saw multiple marlin in his spread with one finally getting hooked on a cedar plug, after several others had swatted and missed on the regular marlin jigs.

About mid-day on day one of the Balboa Angling Club's 2026 Master Angler Billfish Tournament they reported 30 stripers caught already.

In addition to the ubiquitous
ers there were blues
which
by Capt.

That fish took down a DTX Minnow trolled on a Calstar rod with a Shimano TLD reel. *Pegasus* crew Daniel Harris, Jeffrey Janowiak, Jacob Kocaya and Stockfelt plus a few of their anglers fought the monster for about 2 hours before teaming up to drag the beast aboard through the boarding gate.

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BajaStar brings offshore sportfishing to Loreto, Mexico

BY BOB SEMERAU
WON Staff Writer

LORETO, BCS, MEXICO —Up till now, fishing Baja California from pangas and cruisers were the only options for intrepid anglers wanting to head down Mexico way.

The 65-foot sportfisher, BajaStar, is on track to change all that.

"We are bringing first class fishing to Loreto with a full, year-round schedule," explained BajaStar agent, Orchid Martinez-Guevara.

Owners and operators, Cap[illegible] ego Nuño and Adriel Quezad[illegible] stewardship of Royal Star ope[illegible] strom, purchased the El Capit[illegible] ego and immediately set abou[illegible] the vessel.

"The bunks have been redu[illegible] 12, making every trip a 'limite[illegible] better fishing. Air conditioning [illegible] added along reworking the galley and salon area and other important upgrades," continued Orchid.

Anglers bring their own tackle and reels but can use rods available on board, making it much easier to travel. US Airlines now offer daily nonstop flights from Los Angeles and Phoenix directly to Loreto. Three full meals and a couple of snacks served each day, along with fish processing and vacuum packing aboard BajaStar complete the full service operation.

Recently naturalized to Mexico with the boat's maiden voyage set for August 28, 2026. The BajaStar season gets underway with MagBay trips in October then starting the winter schedule in November, with their first Loreto multi-day trips. Featuring both open party and private charters, the owners plan to make runs for active biters, fishing the kite, trolling, jigging, and with live bait, depending on species [illegible] current conditions.

[illegible] deadlines.

[illegible] BajaStar's, Orchid, Captain [illegible] Ekstrom wanted to "pay it forward", helping the two younger skippers make their dream of ownership come true, with Ekstrom becoming the Padrino, or godfather of the operation.

As Mama Orchid explains, "The BajaStar mission is to provide the best possible opportunities for catching fish while giving exceptional customer service to our guests."

Contact: Orchid Martinez-Guevara (619)520-0097 Contact@BajaStarSportfishing.com www.BajaStarSportfishing.com



[illegible]TION with, l-r, Adriel Quezada, Tim Eckstrom & Diego Nuño.

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LIMITED TO ONLY 12-ANGLERS, each trip will maximize potential fishing opportunities offshore from Loreto, BCS, Mexico.

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Dan Hernandez, Sportfishing TV personality & educator, has two charters coming up in August with room on both.

- The Avenger out of Morro Bay on Sunday August 2nd
  learn more
- The Patriot out of Pa
  learn more
- Check out A
  more
- You can sign up for those on Dan's website at
  https://www.sport-fishing.com/



Celebrating 38 years on television

"Sport Fishing with Dan Hernandez" is California's longest running television fishing program. Every week on television Dan teaches his viewers about fishing. He helps newbies and experienced anglers become better anglers. Sport Fishing is the first television program to teach his viewers how-to cook their catch.

We are proud making history for being the longest running fishing program in California, but we are most proud of the hundreds of thousands on new anglers we have introduced to the sport we all love so much, Sport Fishing

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brian nguyen article

Brian Nguyen “the_cigar_afishinado” & the “medicare guy”

ARTICLE LINK > CLICK HERE



ENTER THE “OODA LOOP” . . .

BRIAN NGUYEN – THE CIGAR A’FISHIN’ADO

I'm not immune to dipping my toe into the waters of fear and panic when at the rail...but I am in control of how long I wanna keep it there. On the occasion that fear and panic based decisions work out, they're usually fortuitous and quite frankly not repeatable.

Fear and panic from not having the "right" tackle, not getting bit, losing a fish, running out of line, what others think, what others say, doing something different...it's endless at the rail.

Enter the OODA Loop. An acronym created by an Air Force Colonel as a continuous decision making model. I teach it to my son and discuss it in my sportfishing workshops:

Follow Brian on Instagram > click here

...O•BSERVE: Gather data
...O•RIENT: Analyze and interpret data
...D•ECIDE: Determine best course of action
...A•CT: Execute decisively and prepare to reassess

A WFO yellowfin bite, dorado jumping all over, the power of a yellowtail, the melee of bonita gone wild. If you just watch for a few minutes, you'll see how fish move, hear how the crew directs traffic, experience how your fellow anglers are behaving, boat drift, swinging on anchor, the effect of current. You find out why it's happening and ask questions. You learn. When it's time, you act boldly and are ready to go through the process over and over again. You absorb everything from both successes and failures. Over time, your knowledge and experience will help you go through the OODA Loop faster, stronger, and better. Thus, when fear and panic enter your mind, you now have the antidote. A powerful one.
Like it. Run it. Share it.

courtesy posts

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



download the flyer

Please note:
This is NOT a club sanctioned trip.





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Order your custom VCSC jackets, hat & gear at Lisa's "Ventura Embroidery" > click here





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** to arrange a pickup or bring your items to any of our in-person meetings.

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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



Robert Weinstock's Dad "Norm" & guide with Monster Char in Alaska

newsletter photos



A few pics from yesterday's Aloha Spirit trip to the west end of Santa Cruz.

Checking new areas in search of the yellowtail. Found about 10 small ones, 4 nice sheephead, one big halibut, a few calico bass and a few bonito, and limits of whitefish for the 30 anglers on board.

I got 4 keeper calicos out of 8 caught, a bonito, and a limit of whitefish. Great day on the water!

Robert Groeber

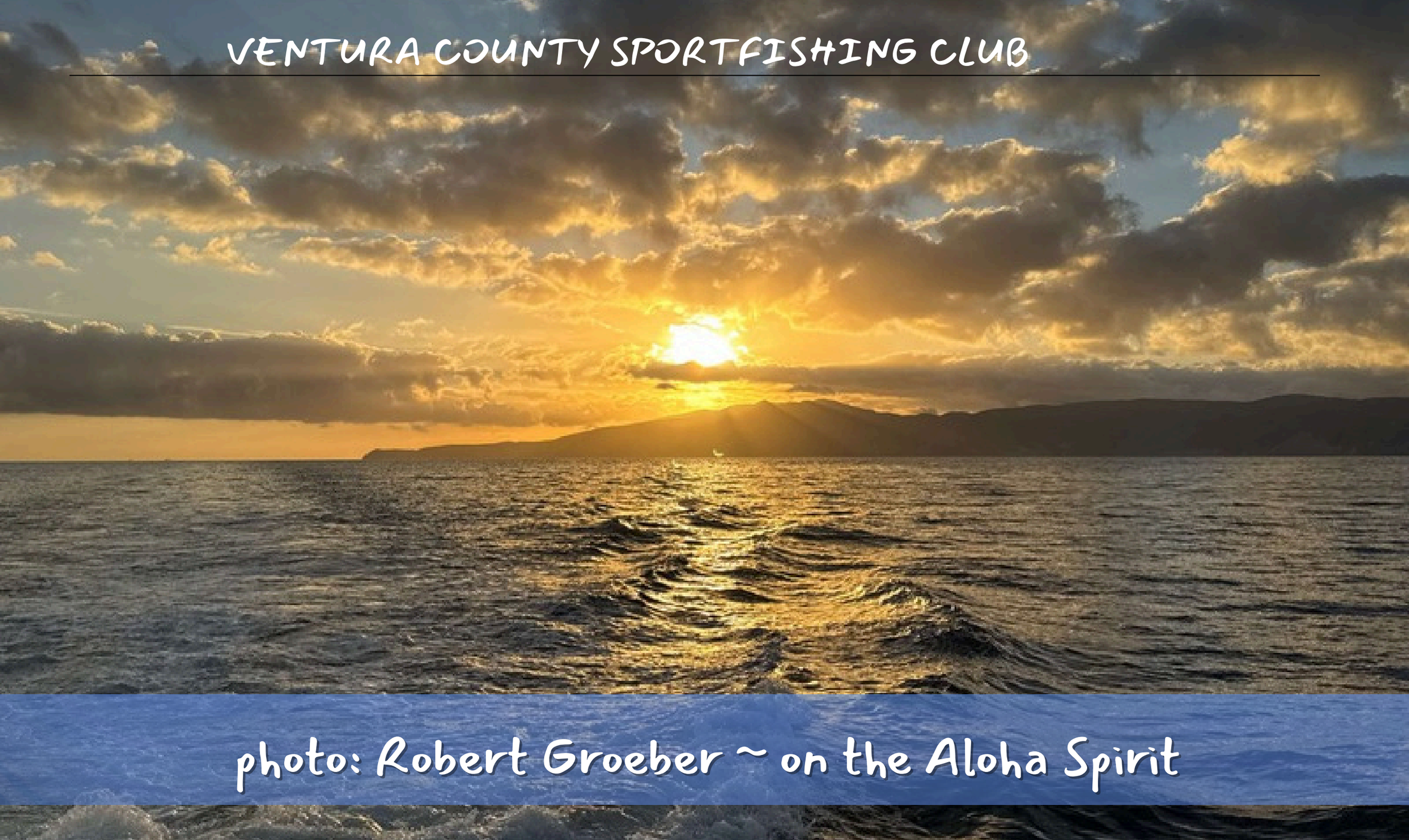


photo: Robert Groeber ~ on the Aloha Spirit



Photo: Robert Groeber



Like father, like son!

Photo: Robert Groeber

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ENJOYING A PRETTY COOL GIG ON THE ALOHA SPIRIT!

Photo: Robert Groeber

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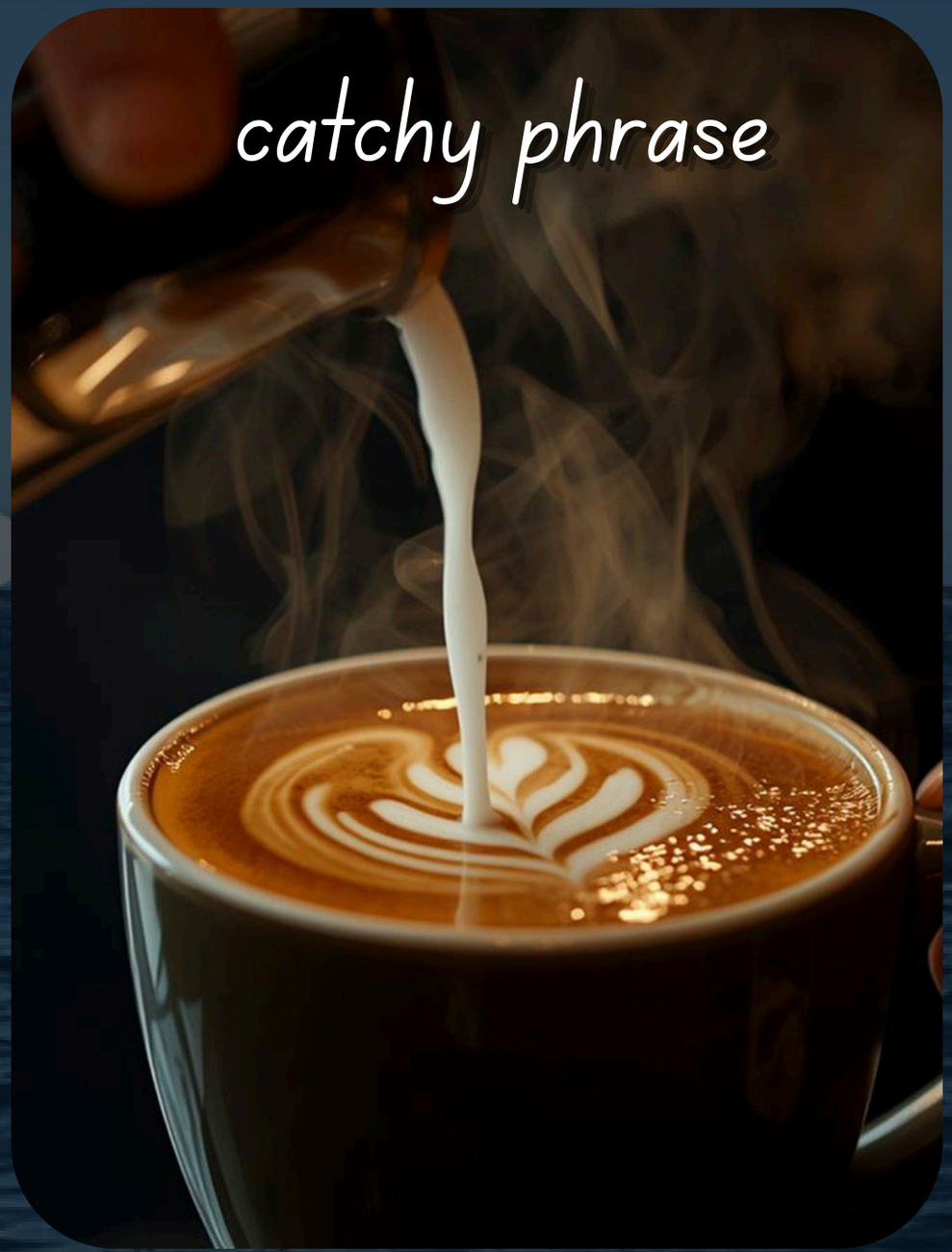


Photo: Robert Groeber



Founding Member
Brian Zimmerman
29 years ago!!

Brian coined the
club's motto,
"Fish with Friends"


catchy phrase


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

Please support all our tackle shops. Where would we be without them!



cook your catch / YouTube

RECIPE OF THE MONTH | Nov 2026

I Caught 2 Giant Yellowtail on My Jet Ski and Made Crudo!



Tucker McCombs
Jan 6, 2027

Black Bear Diner
Ventura

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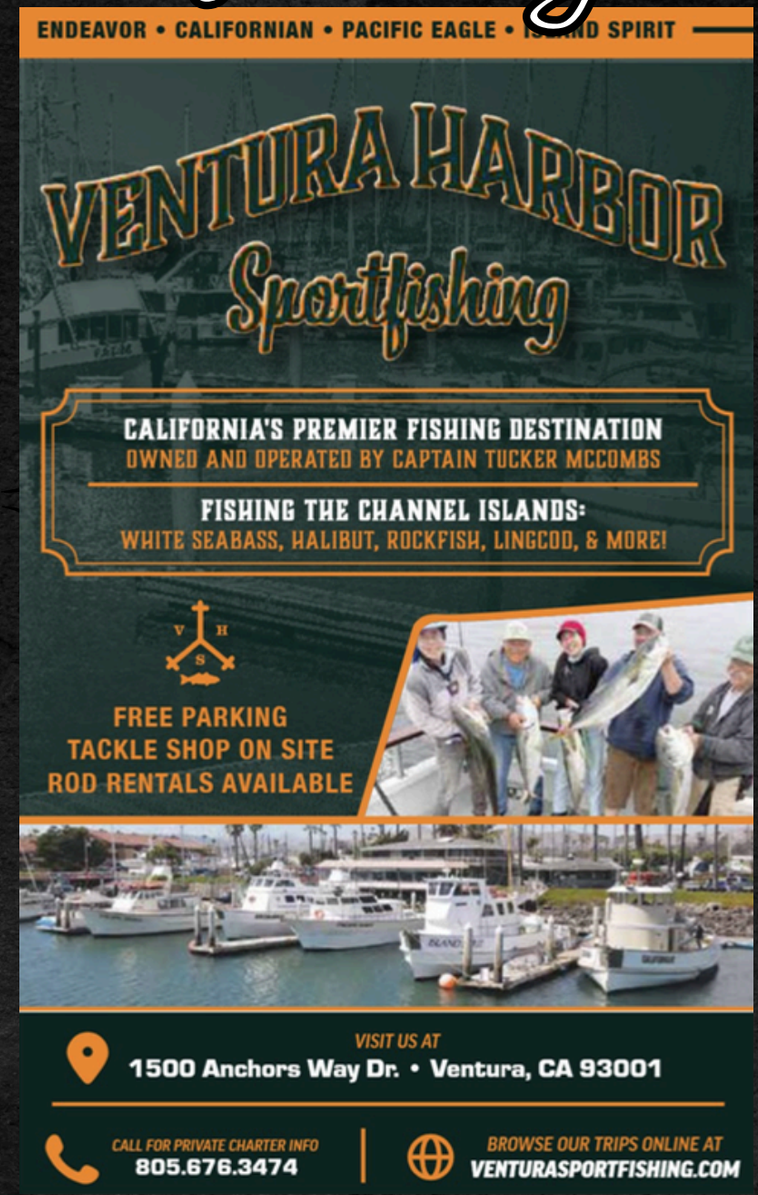



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thank you!



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RICHARD CAMPOS ALASKA ADVENTURES





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cook your catch

Cook Your Catch: Thai Coconut Fish

Mercury Marine



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RECIPE LINK

download & print recipe

YouTube

If you've ever had the pleasure of eating good Thai food, you know what incredible flavor combinations this cuisine can bring. Thai dishes often include fish in combination with little-used – but easily found – ingredients ranging in taste from subtle to bold and spicy. A single meal often leaves people wondering why they don't seek it out

- 1/2 cup coconut flakes fo
- 1 tablespoon chopped ci
- 1 teaspoon lime zest
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped ginger root
- 2 tablespoons chopped lemongrass
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons red curry paste
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 13 ounces (one can) coconut milk
- 1/2 to 1 pound white fis

r skillet and toast for about 10 minutes, stirring every

x is toasting, prepare the rest of the ingredients. Chop the cilantro, shallots and ginger root. Peel off the outer layer of lemongrass and chop the softer inner stalk. Grate the lime zest.

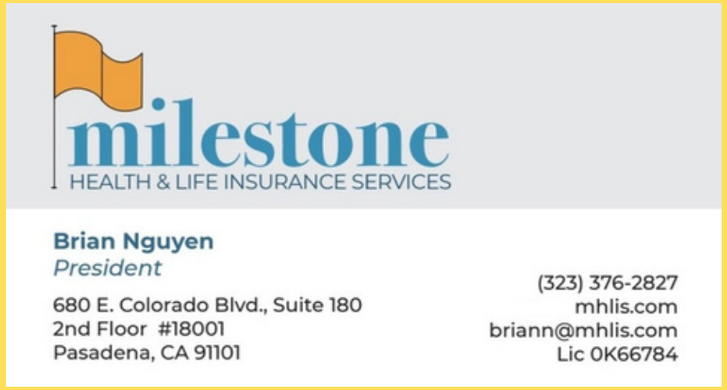
3. In a bowl, mix the coconut, cilantro and lime zest to create the topping. Then set aside.
4. Warm a skillet over medium heat. Garrett prefers cast iron for its ability to retain heat. Now melt the butter, ensuring that it coats the entire bottom of the skillet.
5. Add the shallots. Sauté for 3 to 5 minutes until shallots are soft, stirring often with a wooden spoon.
6. Add the red curry paste. Mix it with the shallots.
7. Reduce to medium-low heat.
8. Add the fish sauce, coconut milk, lemongrass and ginger root. Stir together.
9. Simmer for 5 to 8 minutes. The coconut milk should start to cook down.
10. Add the fish chunks and gently mix them in. Cook for 5 to 7 minutes, but be careful not to overcook the fish to the point it starts to flake apart.
11. To serve, ladle the fish, vegetables and a generous amount of juices over a bowl of rice. Then add some of the pre-mixed toppings to taste.

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- hyun's tackle, ventura
- Angler's Den, Camarillo
- Mission Fish USA



The MEDICARE Open Enrollment Period is upon us! All the mail you've been receiving, and the calls you've been receiving....it's signature hunters - and I'm not! So what do I do?

First: No charge for conversation... No charge for consultation... Never any obligation...

Let Brian Nguyen, help you either find or create LONG-TERM MEDICARE SOLUTIONS for you, your Medicare eligible friends, families, or loved ones who have been blessed with 65 years or more on this Earth.

I standby ready, willing, eager, and able to assist! Thanks for your time and have a great weekend! Ask me about MEDICARE! Visit mhlis.com for more information! -

VCSC - 2026 board members

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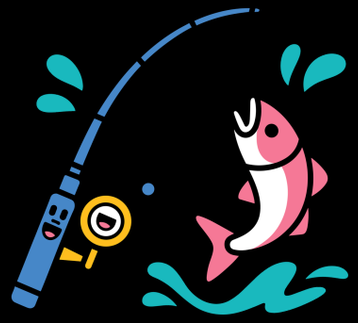
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GARAGE SALE AT THE JULY 19TH CLUB BBQ-PICNIC!

IN HIDDEN MODE

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!

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club garage sale!

Club members – we are looking for donations for a "garage" type sale to host at our July 20th "Potluck-Picnic".

PLEASE DONATE

Fishing Gear - new or used. Whether it's saltwater heavy, saltwater surf fishing, freshwater or fly-fishing gear - rods, reels, vests, waders - you name it.

Got camping gear?
We'll take that too. Tents, chairs, outdoor "stuff", backpacks, camping nick-knacks, umbrellas.

Did you get some weird gift for the holidays or some clothing item that did not fit – or something from a gift exchange that's new in the package. Please consider donating that too! That "unloved" gift might be a treasure for someone else!

Got brand new clothes with the tags still on? You know we all do! Please consider donating that also.

And just note, for clothing we request it would be new or used/worn once. Any well used or well-loved clothing, consider donating to the local thrift store!

OKAY - we think you get the picture.

Please consider donating any new item and we mean ANY new item.

We want to turn your donated items gathering dust into items we can sell to help pay for the Kid's Trip in 2026!

Bring those items to the June 4th meeting and we'll figure it out from there!

If you have any questions, please email Art at; iorart4431@gmail.com

IN HIDDEN MODE

VENTURA COUNTY SPORTFISHING CLUB

special sale!

USED RODS AND REELS TO BE SOLD AT JUNE 4TH CLUB MEETING!

The following used items were donated to be sold to raise money for the kid's trip.



Three Reels: - $30 each

Shimano Trilon Lever Drag (TLD):
Reels sizes TLD10, TLD15, and TLD30

Six Rods - $40 each, except as noted

Four (4) Fenwick Pacifics ik fenglass rods (listed below)
6.5' model 789-C 20-60# line
6.0' model 727-C 12-30# line
6.0' model LB723 no line info
6.5' model and line info rubbed off, heaviest Fenwick rod of the 4.

Two (2) - 5.5' Sabre STROKER ST657C 30-80# rods
one STROKER with reel seat pitting for $35 (discounted)

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