

The Chumline

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July Meeting

The Ventura county Sportfishing Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 5th. Our guest speaker Eric of Eric's Tackle of Ventura. Eric gave an open discussion on tackle and local fishing conditions. Eric is a strong proponent of using tackle which fits your comfort level. Simple is better than new and fancy if you are comfortable and confident with what you have.

Eric also discussed the current local fishing conditions. He noted that many of the normal effects that we have become used to are happening this year only much later. The repeated wind and storm fronts have kept waters cooler into later in the year.

NO August Meeting

There will be no August meeting in lieu of the barbeque. The barbeque will be held on Sunday, August 1st at 4:00 PM. Bob Tiedemann has built a beautiful rod which will be raffled off at the barbeque.

Kids Trip a roaring success!!

Jerry Stussman was so stoked by his time leading the kids trip, I will let him share it with you in his words. Thanks, Jerry

O.k , so we only got about 300 fish for 45 kids! So what if they ate the paint off the boat! Who cares if John Herweg wrapped a little girl in his arms and sweatshirt and gave her (a machia, yiddish for a blessing!) Yeah, I know, Jordan the captain and his crew members had almost as good a time as the club members, chaperons and kids. Who cares? Al Steinberg and I have new careers in the fast-food business, taking orders and serving! One kid took the filet remains, slid a sardine in the mouth and watched it exit the stomach. Biology 101!

Special thanks to L. A. Rod and Reel, and Eric's tackle shop Ventura for rods, reels and terminal tackle. Avet reels for hats and stickers, and Wescom Credit union for bandannas and pens

Cars4Causes, Friends of Rollo and all the VCSC members who helped finance the trip.

Bob Hart and Doug Mahoe for help with tackle.

Al Steinberg, Iran Nepus, Ralph Wilson, Bob Prodohel, Mickey Plante, John Herweg, Dave Hill, Hal Chiprin, Richard Imhoff and anyone else I forgot who made it a great day for me!

Want details? Here goes.

We arrived at the east end of Anacapa in about 45 minutes. This was enough time for the crew to rig 45 rods with double dropper loops and 6oz sinkers , for the kids to eat 45 burritos, consume 2 pots of coffee and the first of probably 100 sodas. It also gave them time to fish in the bait tank and get soaked! We anchored and pretty soon the first rhino perch came aboard. A drift didn't do much better but stop #3 or 4 did the trick. There was a delay in the gap between these stops so the kids took the opportunity to consume 45 hamburgers,

cheeseburgers, or hotdogs. Fortunately this didn't stop them from eating numerous bags of chips, cookies, etc. To the kids, a fish is a fish so everything from sand dabs to square spots to starries, to reds, chuckles, blue bass, sculpin, and at least one widow went in the cooler. My guess is the kid that got 12 fish was a contender but many got 8-10 and everyone caught fish. Toward the end, with a full cooler we tried for barracuda in the fast moving current, hooking three but landing none. We closed the galley on the ride home, but that didn't stop the kids from eating the variety of cookies chips, etc brought by the club members. I had a chance to get some bubble makers so we saw numerous expert bubble-makers ply their trade.

What sticks out in my mind: three things

- 1.. John Herweg and his now lifetime friend
2. Justin, a kid I helped get a fish
3. the kids crowding around to get their bag of filets

Well, maybe one more thing. I'm damned lucky

Thanks to all

Jerry Stussman

Fishing on the Mirage.

The club charter on the Mirage for July 15th was another fun trip. We had a full load of anglers, abetted by a couple of fill ins provided by the Mirage. We left the dock with both fin bait and squid, headed for Santa Rosa.

We arrived at Santa Rosa before dawn and began attempting to make squid. It didn't take long before they were swarming around the boat. The crew quickly filled the tanks and began filling sacks to subsequently freeze for later trips. At dawn, we began fishing for White Sea bass. There was limited success, with three brought on board. We then tried for rock fish, but due to the heavy off shore winds, we were restricted to shallow waters. In the end, we all got plenty of fish and had a great day of fishing.

Current Fishing Conditions

Warm waters are finally appearing. The albacore are now being taken in good numbers on the sport boats out of San Diego. The fishing has been up and down, with scattered bites one day and large counts the next. Go figure.



Local Landings

Local landings are CISCO Landing, Oxnard, (805) 985-8511; Captain Hook's Sportfishing, Oxnard, (805) 382-6233, Ventura Sportfishing at (805) 649-3611.

Fishing schedule for 2010

Charter Master Scott Williams as put together an outstanding schedule for 2010. As you review the schedule, note he has a weekend charter in October for those of you who have had trouble meeting the weekday schedule. This is a great opportunity, since October is normally prime fishing in local waters, and due to the lack of pressure from summer vacationing anglers, we can get a great price. All charter trips are on sale now. Bring your checkbook!

Charters

Date	Boat	Departure time	Landing	Cost	target species
8/9-8/11	First String	9PM 8/8H&M	San Diego	\$750	Albacore, Yellowtail
8/27	Mirage	10PM 8/26	Channel Islands	\$150	WSB, Yellowtail
10/17	Mirage	10PM 10/16	Channel Islands	\$150	Yellowtail, Calico

Charter reservation 50% deposit due at sign up, balance due 45 days before departure Send payment to VCSC, P. O. Box 302 Moorpark, Ca. 93020 All charters not filled 45 days before departure will be opened to the public.

Cooking your catch

This month we will fix rock fish with pasta. This is a simple Mediterranean dinner.

- 2 small rockfish fillets, about 6 oz each.
- 2/3 lb linguini
- 1/2 small onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 16 oz can of tomatoes or 3 cups peeled and seeded fresh tomatoes.
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley (optional)
- 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Slice the onion into thin slices crosswise, and slice garlic. Place the oil in large skillet over medium heat. Sauté the onions until they start to soften, then add the garlic. Cook until the garlic starts to brown. Remove from heat and with a slotted spoon, carefully remove all of the garlic and onions. Return the pan with the oil to the stove and if using fresh tomatoes, add the tomatoes. Cook, stirring regularly, until they soften and begin to liquefy. Bring the pasta water to boil. Place the fish fillets atop the now liquefied tomatoes along with half the parsley and cover to continue cooking. Cook the pasta until done, 9-10 minutes for linguini, cooking the fish with the tomatoes. Drain the pasta and serve in pasta bowls. Gently transfer a fish fillet to each pasta serving, then spoon the sauce over the top. Sprinkle with the grated cheese and garnish with parsley. Serve with garlic bread and a nice red wine to complete the Mediterranean effect.