

The Chumline

The official publication of the Ventura County Sportfishing Club July 2010

Ventura County Sportfishing Club, www.vcsc.info

Editor: Norman Rodewald 805-523-8355 VCSCchumline@aol.com

June Meeting

The Ventura county Sportfishing Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 1st. Our guest speaker was Dennis Braid, long time fisherman and tackle manufacturer. Dennis gave a presentation on fishing tackle selection for a typical angler. He showed everything from typical inshore outfit for barracuda to white sea bass all the way up through 60 and 60 lb outfits for longer range trips.

July Meeting

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club will hold its regular July meeting on Tuesday July 6th at 7:00PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant 1070 E Avendia de Los Arboles. Our guest speaker will be Eric, owner of Eric's tackle in Ventura. Eric is a knowledgeable local fisherman and a great help to the club, donating terminal tackle for the kids trip. We owe Eric a great thanks.

Kids trip coming up

Jerry Stussman will be heading up the kids trip this year. He has scheduled the trip for Friday, the 23 of July. The boat will depart Captain Hooks at Channel Islands Harbor at 9:00 A. M. and return at 5:00 P. M. all volunteers are requested to arrive by 8:00 A. M. We will set a sign up list and circulate it at the general meeting.

Fishing on the Aloha Spirit.

The club charter on the Aloha Spirit was on June 4th. Twelve anglers boarded at about 4:30 for a 5:00AM departure. The plan was to hit Harrison reef for some rock fish followed by hitting the kelp beds along the coast for a few calico bass. We got to the reef and tried our luck. Fishing was slow, one and two fish at a time, with a few nice size reds. After about an hour, as things began to warm up, we saw huge patches of krill sparkling the surface. That partially explained the so-so fishing, an abundance of bait in the water. After picking up four to five fish per angler, we moved in along the shore line.

The waters were alive, patches of krill all the way in to the coast. And some of the patches were interspersed with bait fish feeding on them, birds diving on the bait, porpoise herding the bait schools and ripping through in spectacular leaps. it was marvelous to see. When we got into the kelp beds near shore, we tried various spots for calico bass. Fishing was moderate, with calico, sand bass and even a small halibut. We ended the day with averages of seven or eight fish each and a wonderful day on the water.

Big Raffle

The board of directors has once again authorized a big raffle for the year. The first prize will be a fully paid trip on the clubs 3 day charter on the First String August 9th through 11th. Second prize will be a voucher good for a \$400 discount on the trip of your choice on the Royal Star out of San Diego. Drawing for these amazing fishing trips will be held at the July 6th meeting.

Battle of the Sexes, VICTORY IS OURS!!!

Seven anglers from Ventura County Sportfishing Club faced off against seven anglers from the Gold Coast Lady Anglers on the Aloha Spirit. It was a tough match, closely fought with lots of good cheer along the way. In the end, facing defeat, Scott

Williams came through with a final large calico bass, weighed and released, to secure the victory. The outcome was decided by 16 ounces. Jerry Stussman is missing a 16 ounce sinker but he assures us, it had nothing to do with the outcome. Club members who defended the trophy are Scott Williams, Jerry Stussman, Bob Hart, Ralph Richardson, Chuck Brinkman, Bernie Droshe, and Blake Williams.

Seeker rod tour

The club finally was able to do the Seeker Rod tour. We arrived at the Seeker rod manufacturing plant at about 10:00 AM. After brief introductions, we began our tour. The first stop was the cutting table. Large rolls of glass and carbon fiber were arrayed on racks. Special resins are embedded in these rolls. For each class of rod, patterns are used to cut flags of cloth in the proper size and shape. The cloth flags are then rolled around mandrels, each sized for specific class of rod. Seeker rod mandrels originally came from the mandrels used by Saber rods.

After the cloth is rolled, the blank goes into a tape wrapping machine which binds the cloth tightly to the mandrel. The mandrels are then baked at 450 degrees to cure the resins. After the rods are cooled, they are trimmed and smoothed. They then go in for initial fitting. The rod is spined, a tip top attached to mark alignment, and the grips and reel seat are attached. Seeker uses tape bushings to size the rod to fit the reel seat, then heavy application of epoxy is used between the bushings to secure the seat.

Rod wrapping is done by contract employees, then the rods are returned for final prep. The wraps are coated with epoxy, then dried on a rotating rack to assure smooth finish of the epoxy.

Seeker rods are designed for special purposes. The inshore series is designed for coastal waters while the Black Steel and Super Seeker rods are intended for the wider range of local to long range off shore use.

Club Summer Barbeque

The annual summer barbeque will be held at Norm Rodewald's house again this year. The barbeque will be on Sunday, August 1st starting at 4:00 PM..

Oil Spill update

The spread of the oil and dispersants continues with ever increasing impact. There are now serious discussions on the impact to Atlantic Blue Fin Tuna and several bill fish species. Spring is normal spawning time for these fish species in the gulf of Mexico. It is not known whether the fry will escape the oil by avoiding the hazard areas or whether they will suffer massive juvenile losses.

Current Fishing Conditions

Warm waters are finally appearing. The first albacore are now being taken on the sport boats out of San Diego. It is not known whether they will be around for a few days or for several months.

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.

Reservations time

Now is the time to get your check book out and make reservations for the first carters of the season. All reservations require a 50% deposit with balance due 45 days before departure. There are a few slots left on the three day trip in August on the First String.

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
6/4	Aloha Spirit	5AM	Capt Hooks	\$120	Rockfish, WSB, Calico
6/24	Mirage	10PM 6/23	Channel Islands	\$150	WSB, Calico
7/15	Mirage	10PM 7/14	Channel Islands	\$150	WSB, Yellowtail, Calico
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.

Custom Rod

Bob Tiedemann has once again custom wrapped a rod for the club. This rod will be on display with a raffle drawing for this to be held at the club's annual barbeque this summer. Thanks again to Bob.

Cooking your catch

This month we will fix a halibut ganty.

- 1 1/2 lb halibut fillet cut into serving size pieces
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 onion chopped
- paprika to taste

Put the halibut and wine in a plastic bag to marinate for 2 hours in the refrigerator. Pre-heat the oven to 500 deg. After removing the halibut from the marinade, roll it in the bread crumbs to from a light cover. Mix the mayonnaise and sour cream with the chopped onion. Place the halibut pieces in an oiled baking dish. cover with the sour cream mix spreading over the fish evenly. Sprinkle with paprika for taste and color. Bake for 15 to 22 minutes, the top should brown lightly and be bubbly, and fish should flake easily. The cream topping keeps it moist.