

## **The Chumline**

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### **May Meeting**

The Ventura county Sportfishing Club held its monthly May meeting on May 4th. Our Guest Speaker gave a presentation on fishing on board the Eric out of San Filpe. The Eric operates weekly and fishes the midriff islands in the Sea of Cortez. The Eric has been completely refurbished with new fish hold and freezer, galley, and bar lounge. The Eric utilizes nine super pangas with three anglers per panga. Fishing from the mother ship, the boats leave in the morning, return for lunch and leave around two for the late afternoon fishing. Fish are processed daily, with coolers loaded with packaged fish fillets the last afternoon.

### **June Meeting**

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club will hold its regular Jun meeting on Tuesday, June 1st at 7:00PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant 1070 E Avendia de Los Arboles. Our guest speaker will be Dennis Braid, well known angler and fishing tackle manufacturer. he will discuss long range techniques.

### **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 Royal Star**

I went out on a two day tuna exploratory trip on the Royal Star on May 22nd and 23rd. We were planning on a the hour run to the offshore tuna grounds but the weather reports were dismal. The forecast for Tanner Bank was 45knot winds, 16ft seas, with 11 second period between swells. With that, we ran down to the Coronados and anchored for a quiet night. Saturday morning, we fished for yellowtail, searching for diving birds or boiling fish. the yellowtail were available and biting. Over the first four hours we picked up 17 yellowtail with a largest of 22 lbs. the bite died out in the afternoon so we hit the reefs with mixed luck. After anchoring again in the lee, we tried the yellowtail again Sunday. By then, the offshore winds had come in, rolled the water over and really cooled everything down. Despite a lot of work, we only picked up four fish.

### **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. Look for a letter and tickets in the mail to participate in this great raffle.

### **Fishing on the Mirage**

The club charter on the Mirage kicked off our summer charter schedule. And consistent with the up and down nature of late spring, it was a mixed bag. We made squid for a while at Santa Cruz. Ah, sea life. With squid showing in abundance, nets out, ights attracting and a large ball of squid into the net when a pod of porpoise showed up. Game

over, they were very appreciative of the free meal, but our squid efforts were done.

Ronnie Hufalar took advantage of the squid and hooked the first sport caught White Sea bass at the local islands. The rest of the day was spent working for scattered reefs of rock fish.

### **Club Summer Barbeque**

The annual summer barbeque will be held at Norm Rodewald's house again this year. The barbeque will be the first weekend of August. Look for more details soon.

### **Battle of the Sexes**

The gauntlet has been thrown down. Fish hard or shut up and go home. The Gold Coast Lady Anglers has challenged the Ventura County Sportfishing club to a fish off. On Sunday, June 13th, seven VCSC anglers and seven ladies from the GCLA will board the Aloha Spirit out of Captain Hooks. It will be a demonstration of fishing, winners will get bragging rights and to display a trophy for the coming year. The fish caught will be filleted and donated to feed the underprivileged in Ventura County.

### **Oil Spill**

With the disaster spreading through the gulf coast from the oil blow out, it is worthwhile to recall some of the painful lessons learned from the Valdez oil spill. While the TV images of oil covered birds are heart wrenching, there is much more going on unseen. Biologists have identified what they called a delayed environmental collapse. Basically, the oil kills or seriously injures eggs and larvae from many marine species. Many of these have life spans of seven to ten years and reach breeding size after about three. The loss of eggs and larvae shows up about three years later, and many of the survivors are unable to produce viable offspring. The true dimensions of the loss only becomes apparent three to four years after the spill and then lasts for decades. Environmental surveys of the Exxon Valdez spill area shows about 1/3 of all species have fully recovered, approximately 1/3 are in recovery, and a remaining 1/3 are still severely impacted. These spills require several decades for recovery.

### **Current Fishing Conditions**

Spring time conditions were reversed with the last series of storms. Local waters are once again rock fish with scattered lingcod thrown in. More exotic warmer water fish such as barracuda and yellowtail are once again found in San Diego waters while we begin warming again.

### **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 five openings available for the June 4th trip on the Aloha Spirit. 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 Halibut with Balsamic glaze

- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp honey
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 4 (6oz) halibut fillets

Whisk the vinegar, honey, oil and garlic in a bowl. Arrange the fillets on an 8 inch square baking dish. Marinate for at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator

Pre-heat the broiler. Line a baking sheet with foil, spray with non-stick spray. arrange fillets on sheet and brush with sauce. Place fish in the broiler, and while they cook, heat and reduce the marinade. Baking time should be about 6 minutes per side.