

The Chumline

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March Meeting

The Ventura County Sport Fishing Club held its March meeting on March 2nd at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant 1070 E Avendia de Los Arboles. Our guest speaker was Valerie and Ron Hoperich of a Queen Charlotte Safaris of British Columbia. They showed a film on the halibut and salmon fishing opportunities in British Columbia. Their lodge is located at Sandspit in the Queen Charlotte Islands. The lodge is located near the migratory paths of King and Silver Salmon so they have a regular turnover of fish schools throughout the entire season. The lodge is convenient to Vancouver airport via regular air service.

April Meeting

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club will hold its regular April meeting on Tuesday, April 6th, at 7:00PM at Marisco's Cancun Restaurant 1070 E Avendia de Los Arboles. Our guest speaker will be Ben Frazier, representative of Avet reels. Ben will give a hands on presentation on Avet reels.

Seeker Rod Tour

The Seeker rod tour is coming up on Saturday, the 10th of April. We will meet at the park and ride lot in Newbury Park and carpool down.

Salmon Season Opens

In a surprise relief, the Pacific Fisheries Management Commission has opened a recreational fishing salmon season for King salmon along the Southern California coast. The season opened April 3rd and runs through April 30th and allows any species except Coho 20" inches and up. The ling cod season opened April 1st.

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.

The Tax Man

Any of you who have fished long range at Guadalupe Island are familiar with the tax man, the local Great white Shark population which taxes about 5% of the hooked fish. There have been recent studies on the Great Whites which included implanting tracking devices to follow their migrations. We all accepted as fact that they feed on seals, an occasional surfer and hooked fish. The tracking turned up a big surprise. There is a large area of ocean South East of Hawaii where great whites congregate. Even more surprising, there appears to be a resident population here in addition to the migratory fish. The only reliable food source resident in this area are large squid.

Humboldt Squid

Over the past decade. the Humboldt squid have moved out of their home range in the Sea of Cortez to appear up and down the pacific coast from Cabo to Oregon. The

move has been fast and devastating to many populations. We have seen the barracuda at Huntington flats blown apart in three days. We have seen the sand bass spawn on the Rincon torn to shreds in days. There is now more understanding of these voracious predators.

Humboldt squid are very short lived. They only live an average of two years. In those two years, they grow from the size of a rice grain to 50+ lbs. Each squid must eat 10% of its body weight each day to support this tremendous growth rate. Each female squid can produce up to three massive mats of fertilized eggs containing thousands of squid during her life. With this phenomenal growth rate and reproductive capacity, there does not appear to be any natural check which will reverse the plague of these creatures off our coast line for years to come. Clearly, the best check will be from large predators, toothed whales, large sharks and big fish.

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
4/22	Aloha Spirit	5AM	Capt Hooks	\$120	Rockfish, WSB
5/7	Mirage	10PM 5/6	Channel Islands	\$150	Rock fish, WSB
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 8/8&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.

**10/23-11/2 Royal Star 1PM 10/23 Fisherman's Landing \$2995 Yellowfin, Wahoo
Royal Star Open Party Contact Tracey (619)224-4764 or see Brian Zimmerman**

**Alaska, Kingfisher Charter, Sitka Alaska
7/20-7/23 Travel 7/19, 7/24 Kingfisher Charters Salmon, Halibut**

Volunteers for the kids trip

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.

Cooking your catch

This month we will fix rock fish fillets Mexican style in foil packets

- 2 tsp unsalted butter
- 2 medium tomatoes chopped
- 1 small white onion sliced very thinly
- 2 serrano chiles minced with seeds
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 4 6 oz rock fish fillets
- 1/2 tsp salt
- fresh ground pepper to taste
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 2 tsp dry white wine

Pre heat oven to 450 deg. lay 4 12 inch long sheets of aluminum foil on flat surface. Rub 1/2 tsp butter in center of each piece. Evenly distribute the tomatoes, onion, serranos and cilantro. Lay fish fillet on top vegetables, season with salt and pepper. Drizzle each fillet with 1/2 tsp olive oil and 1/2 tsp white wine. Fold packet closed and seal the edges. Bake on large baking sheet for 20 minutes, test one package to make sure fish flakes. Baking time may increase if vegetables and or fish are cold when you start. Place packet while still hot on serving plates to be opened at the table