

The Chumline

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March Meeting

The Ventura County Sportfishing Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 4th of March. Our Guest speakers were Shawn Pennell and Grant Holland from Oak Bay Marine Group. Oak Bay Marine Group owns a collection of fishing lodges and mother ships in Canadian waters stretching from Vancouver Island north to the limits of the Canadian Queen Charlotte Islands.

Shawn is the Fish Master for the northern most mother ships located at Langara Island. The lodges offer both guided and self guided fishing. The guided trips are aboard cruisers designed for up to four anglers while the self guided are skiffs designed for two anglers. All self guided skiffs are equipped with depth finders and radios, and salmon fishing is mooching using trolled bait.

Canadian fishing regulations differ in several respects from Alaskan. First, ling cod is not slot limited as they are in Alaska and the season is open all year. Salmon are limited to four per day, no more than two of which may be kings. Halibut are limited to one per day, as are yellow eye. Annual possession limits are the sum of two daily limits.

April Meeting

The club will its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 1st at El Torrito Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be Accurate reels representative Jason Fulton. Jason has given lively discussions of both Accurate reel products and their use in both on shore and off shore fishing. Accurate reels, with their twin drag systems offer significant drag capabilities in the smaller reel sizes, making them ideal for new techniques using braided lines and fluorocarbon leaders.

Raffle

The club will be mailing out tickets for the big Royal Star fishing trip raffle. The trip this year will be on a Sept five day open charter. Tickets will be \$5.00 and all proceeds go to fund the annual kid's trip. Remember, you can sell these to your friends and help both the club and introduce someone to the thrill of long range fishing. This is a great opportunity for all.

Changes in local opportunities

With the increase in popularity of both the local waters and the comfort of longer range fishing, more opportunities exist for extended trips. As you know, the club has included two day charters aboard the Mirage. In addition, the Apollo out of Santa Barbara and the Pacific Islander from CISCO's are also adding two day trips this year. These will add more opportunity to fish areas such as San Nicholas Island and the off shore banks.

Fishing in Alaska

The club will be going again to Kingfisher Lodge in Sitka. This is a great lodge for big halibut and plentiful salmon. In addition, several club members will be trying other lodges, including Highliner Lodge in Pelican. As of this time, I am unaware of any trying the inland lodges for the outstanding trout fishing opportunities. If any are going to try this, let us know the results.

Wear the gear

Show off your club, wear the gear. We have club tee shirts (\$10.00), hats (\$10.00) and sweat shirts (\$25.00). When you wear your club gear on the docks or to the gym, you are showing who you are and helping other fishermen find friends to fish with. Scott Williams has a full supply, see him at the next meeting.

Kids trip

The kids trip has been scheduled for the 4th of August. Geoff Mosdale is seeking a volunteer list of club members to help make each kids fishing experience a truly unique joy.

New Reservation Policy

As a result of confusion over deposits and reservations, **ALL** charter trip reservations now are based on a 50% deposit. The balance is due 60 days before sailing time. Refunds will be made only if the original slot reserved can be filled. It is your responsibility, not the charter master's responsibility to fill that slot if you can't make your reserved fishing trip.

Charter Schedule for 2008

Nick has put together the charter schedule for the year. All reservations are on sale now.

Date	Time	Trip type	Fishing days	Boat
Wed 5/28	10:00PM	Overnight	5/29	Mirage
Tue 6/24	10:00PM	2 Days	6/25-26	Mirage
Wed 7/9	10:00PM	Overnight	7/10	Mirage
Mon 7/21	9:00PM	3 Days	7/22,23,24	First String
Wed 8/20	10:00PM	Overnight	8/21	Mirage
Tue 9/9	10:00PM	2 days	9/10-11	Mirage

Fees are

Overnight	\$135
2 Days (meals included)	\$430
3 Days (meals included)	\$800

For the 2 and three day trips, a 50% deposit is required for a reservation, with the balance due 60 days prior to departure. The 2 day Mirage trips have been very popular and if club members do not fill the slots, open registration will fill remainder of openings. Get your reservations in if you want to be sure of a spot.

Charter status

The first two Mirage Charters (5/28 and 6/24) and the First String three day (7/21) are sold out. Nick is maintaining standby lists for all charters to support late cancellations.

Full payment is currently due for the 5/28 trip. The 6/24 trip full payment will be due by April 24th.

Royal Star fishing

The club will be sponsoring an open charter aboard the royal Star leaving the 25th of October. This is a great trip and offers the finest fall off shore fishing available.

Local fishing Opens!

The local fishing for rock fish has opened. There have been some runs for halibut but now with the rock fish season is here, expect more boats and more variety. Local contacts are Sea Landing, Santa Barbara, (805)963-3564; CISCO Landing, Oxnard, (805) 985-8511; Captain Hook's Sportfishing, Oxnard, (805) 382-6233; Port Hueneme Sportfishing, Port Hueneme, (805) 488-2212. The Coroloma is at Ventura harbor at

Ventura Sportfishing at (805) 649-3611.

Ling cod opens

The ling cod season opens April 1st. There are boats which will be offering these as a targeted catch. Check with the local landings if you are interested in getting in on these tasty fighters.

Exotic locales

The Fred Hall show had a wide array of exotic fishing lodges offered. Some club members are going to Baja this year. More exotic locales offered included Patagonia, New Zealand, and the barrier reef in Australia. I just returned from a hiking trip to Patagonia, and I can tell you the scenery is lovely, fish are plentiful in the streams, and the prices are modest. While the dollar is falling in Europe, the Argentine peso goes for about 3.15 to the dollar, and restaurant meals run 30-35 pesos, \$10-\$12 while hotel rooms are 150-200 pesos, or \$50-65 a night. A beer will run about 15-16 pesos in a restaurant, about \$5.

Cooking your catch

We will fix a citrus flavored salmon fillet.

- 1 salmon fillet, cut into serving size pieces, skin on
- 2 limes
- 2 lemons
- 1 bunch fresh chives
- 1 bunch fresh dill
- ½ cup butter, softened

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Juice one lime and one lemon, placing the juice in a large mixing bowl. Add half the chives and half the dill, finely chopped with the softened butter and mix thoroughly. Place the fillet skin side down on greased baking sheet. Cover each piece with the flavored butter. Place remaining dill and chives atop the buttered pieces. Thinly slice the remaining lemon and lime and place one slice of each on each piece. Bake until done, approximately 20 minutes.