



Liar's Corner

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Presidents Corner by Tom Fitzgerald

Greetings Saltwater Anglers,

It was great seeing so many of you at the August meeting!! Hopefully, you are getting a chance to get out on the water for some fishing. The club did get a trip out last weekend and **Dan Keck's** report is below. The club trips for the rest of the year are full although that could change at any time. We have waiting lists for each trip, and it is beneficial to get on a list if you are interested in going on a trip. Last-minute openings happen frequently. Contact **Steve Berczik** if you are interested in getting on a list.

Just a reminder that some of the club members are going out on the **Pursuit** out of **22nd Street Landing** on **September 13th**. It looks like the boat still has room.

We are still looking for a place to hold the **March 2024 Banquet**. If you have a place that you feel would work, please contact **Dave Kush** or myself.

Our guest speaker for the **September** meeting is **Doug Lasko**. He is president of **Okuma Fishing Tackle Corp**. **Doug** has been a part of the fishing tackle industry for over 25 years. He started his career with **Okuma** in 1995. He was recently elected to serve as the West Regional board member of the **American Sportfishing Association (ASA)**. In March of 2022, he was elected president of **The Coastal Conservation Association of California (CCA)**. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the **Center for Sportfishing Policy**. Throughout his tenure at **Okuma**, the company has continually supported a wide range of charitable foundations and groups ranging from **Captain Rollo's Kids at Sea** to support **first responders and veterans**. He will be updating us on what is going on with **CCA** and California fishing.

Our next meeting is **September 6** at **Brandon's** located at **370 N. Mountain Ave.** in **Upland**. The meeting starts at **7:00 pm**. Many of us come **early** to have dinner and **socialize before** the meeting. Newcomers are always welcome.

Tight lines,

Tom

August Pacific Dawn trip by Dan Keck

No one likes it when the weather dictates your trip, but it always happens and is accepted as a part of fishing. The August trip out of Fisherman's Landing was one of those occasions. This past weekend the wind was blowing on Tanner Banks and the rough weather would have made conditions on the bank miserable for the club members on the charter. After long consideration, we advised the captain Mike Loust that we wanted to take a shot at finding kelp and looking for dorado, yellowfin tuna, and yellowtail.

Saturday night we traveled to a region near the border and by the early morning we were looking for kelp. With two deckhands in the crow's nest, it did not take long to find kelp. After a few stops, we found the fish that wanted to eat, and they did. The Dorado were not line shy and they ate almost any bait you tossed in the water. One particular stop the deckhand hooked a nice Yellowtail and handed it off to the club member **Kayla Alvarez**. She did a great job battling her fish and landed a very nice 21.45-pound fish. By mid-day, we had close to the limits of Dorado and continued to look for some tuna and more yellowtail. Later that afternoon we were on another Dorado stop and some yellowfin tunas were in the mix of the school. Both **Jim Padilla** and I hooked and landed two fish that were very similar in size. **Steve Berczik** claims to have hooked to a third tuna but was broken off at the hook. The moral of the story is this, "Retie your hook if the line is damaged." It will only take a few moments to cut and retie your damaged line and return to the bite.

At sundown, we returned to the grounds where we were earlier and could not find a school fish that wanted to play. We continued to look late into the night well past midnight. The trip was called, and the big fish were weighed. **James Lund** ended up with a very nice 15.4-pound Dorado. **Jim Padilla** took second place in the jackpot with his 19.55-pound Yellowfin Tuna, and **I** ended up with the jackpot fish that weighed 20.75- pounds (YFT). In closing, remember that the skipper and crew are always going to make each of our charters as best as possible. Tip them well, they work very hard to make each trip special, even when the weather and fishing are not perfect. Until our next trip, I look forward to hearing your fish report.

2023 FISHING SCHEDULE

TRIP/ STATUS	LEAVE	RETURN	BOAT	LOAD	PRICE	LANDING	TRIP DETAILS
7 is FULL	10/06	10/08	Pacific Dawn	18	\$560	Fisherman's Landing	Day & 1/2
8 is FULL	11/11	11/13	Pacific Dawn	18	\$560	Fisherman's Landing	Day & 1/2
9 is FULL	12/02	12/02	Spitfire	20	\$65	Marina Del Rey	Twilight

Cost on trips 7, and 8 includes meals. If you would like to get on a full trip get on the waiting list, we do have cancellations.

Monthly Club Meetings

Brandon's Diner
370 N. Mountain
Upland, CA
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
First Wednesday of the month

Board Meetings

Brandon's Diner
370 N. Mountain
Upland CA
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm
Third Wednesday of the month

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