

# April 2011 Newsletter

**TURNER'S**  
**OUTDOORSMAN**  
Rod & Reel Club

## This Month's Program

Our speaker for the Wednesday, April 13th will be **John Fuqua**, owner operator of the Sea Jay out of Channel Islands



### **John Fuqua-**

2011-2004 Sea Jay Sportfishing  
2004-2002 Commercial Squid and Harpoon Swordfish  
2002-1996 Cat Special and commercial squid  
1996-1995 Searcher and commercial squid  
1995-1994 Pegasus  
1994-1989 Mustang

I have fished the Southern California bite my entire life. I have fished from Monterey to Cabo San Lucas. I have fished for everything from rockfish to marlin.

In 1989 I started working on the Mustang out of San Pedro. We would fish Catalina and Clemente in the winter and San Diego in the summers. After working as a deckhand for several years I got my captains license in 1994. I ran the Mustang for a brief time before the boat was sold.

After the Mustang I worked on several boats including a season on both the Pegasus and Searcher. Then from there I moved on to commercial squid fishing in the winter. I was working squid for Don Brockman, who is one of the pioneers in lighting commercial squid.

Then in 1996 I got a opportunity to run the vessel Cat Special out of Cisco's Sportfishing in Oxnard. After a year or so of learning the boat and the area we started to put together some impressive seasons. We were high White Seabass boat for three consecutive years and landed the first Albacore out of the Channel Islands area every year on the Cat.

When Russ Harmon took ill and the boat and landing were sold I took a couple seasons off from sportfishing and went to full time commercial fishing. I fished squid in the winters as I had always and Swordfish in the summers.

In 2004 I was given the opportunity to get back into charter fishing and my wife Carol and I purchased the Sea Jay. Since then we have built a loyal charter cliental. Along with the charter business we have been running some open ticket fishing.

### **John Fuqua's Accomplishments as a fresh water Bass Pro**

2003-2007 11 First Place Finishes  
2003-2007 20 top five finishes for team circuits  
with ABA, Anglers Choice, and J&T  
2003-2007 7 Big Bass Awards in tournaments

### **Treasurer's Report**

Report is available from Ron Coleman

### **Welcome New Members**

The club currently has 74 paid members.

### **Raffle Winners**

You have to be there to win!!!

### **Club Calendar**

#### **Club Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
1/12	Tom & Darlene Lee
2/09	Mike Simonowski
3/09	Captain Steve Smith
4/13	John Fuga
5/11	
6/08	
7/13	
8/10	
9/14	
10/12	
11/09	Elections
12/14	Banquet

#### **Fresh Water Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
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2004 ABA South Team Classic 1st Place at Lake Mead  
 2007 Angler of the year ABA Central Coast  
 2007 10th Place in the North American Team Classic  
 2007 11th Place in the Anglers Choice Team Classic  
 2009 FLW Stren, 8th place at Lake Roosevelt  
 2009 FLW Stren, 14th Place at Lake Orville  
 2009 FLW Stren Championship Qualifier

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**April 2011 President's Message**

Well Fred Hall is past. I hope you picked up your supplies for the year. I know I got some good items. I saw many members at the Long Beach show. Once again I did not win the Boat from Friends of Rollo, maybe next year. I did pick up a new Avet reel. Some little kid kicked Dick Guiliani and he was wearing a safety boot the last few days of Fred Hall, hope he is better.

Ron and Warren represented the club in presenting our donation to fight the MLPA closing's defense fund. I want to thank them for their time and traveling down to Del Mar for this worthy cause. I hope everyone who is able will contribute in our fight to retain our right to fish and encourage other clubs and individuals to do the same. I know the economy could be better but we need to fight this now while we can.

I began my salt water season early. Wil Ebersman, Denise, Ernie Branch and I fished the Ventura County Fish for Food program. For \$25.00 you fished one of several participating boats. You donated your catch to the local food bank but were rewarded with a Bar B Que and raffle drawing. There were approximately 300 participants that day. It was a great way to fish and help the local community. I hope to have information about the program early enough to put in future newsletters as I believe this is a worthwhile program. They used to have a similar program which benefited the Port Huneme Naval Base in November. I will check and see. It is a good way to take kids out for the day and have fun fishing.

The season seems to be off and running. Our first charter on the Dawn was probably exciting as it was at sea when the tsunami came our way. I understand most boats sheltered behind the islands and fishing was a "little off". I am glad everyone is safe and no serious damage was done in our area. I look forward to hearing about the adventure at the next meeting.

Day at the Docks is April 17, 2011 in San Diego, for those who make the trip.

The race begins in earnest for Fresh and Saltwater fisherperson of the Year. Remember how many categories went unclaimed last year. There are prizes to be won. I look forward to seeing everyone on an upcoming charter or freshwater event.

William  
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**Whopper Board Standings**

**YTD STANDINGS**  
**Dec 2011**

**Fresh Water**

**Trout**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Panfish / Steelhead**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Large / Small Mouth Bass**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Striped Bass**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Catfish**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Salt Water**

**Calico / Sand Bass**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Bonito / Barracuda**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Yellowtail / Dorado /  
 White Sea Bass**

1st	Dick Guiliani	46
2st	Ernie Branch	36.11
3rd		

**Tuna**

1st	Glenn Bummer	286
2nd	Jerry Watkins	216.8
3rd	Rich Jenkins	173

**Bottom Fish**

1st	Ernie Branch	17.1
2nd	Christine Tureaud	3.10
3rd	Joel Tureaud	3.0

**Angler of the Year**  
**Salt Water**  
**Dec 2011**

#	Name	Points
1	Glenn Bummer	286
2	Dick GUiliani	276
3	Ernie Branch	254.26
4	Jerry Watkins	216.8
5	Rich Jenkins	173
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## Salt Water Charter Update

I will be taking reservations for the Tak trips at the April meeting. Please fill out the form for all the Tak trips you want to go on and write the amount of money cash or check # next to each trip. Bring this form with you to the meeting and hand it to me when reserving your spots. If you do not have a form filled out when you get to me I will hand you a form and you will have to get out of line and fill it out then get back in line. NO Exceptions! You will find this form in the News Letter along with a list of all trips and the cost to go on them.

Please follow these steps and everything will flow orderly. I will be at Marie Calenders at 6:00PM to start taking reservations. So if you want on a Tak trip show up early because they go fast.

At the moment I do not know if there will be a fuel surcharge for the Tak trips but if I was a gambling man I would say yes. Soon as I know I will let the Club know.

### Turner Rod and Reel Club Charters 2011

Date	Landing	Boat	Departure	Price	Spots
2 April 11th	Ventura	Pacific Dawn April 10th	10:00 PM	\$160.00	Full
3 May 27th	Oxnard	Island Tak	4:30 AM	\$105.00	10
4 June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ventura	Pacific Dawn June 5th	10:00 PM	\$160.00	Full
5 June 23rd	Oxnard	Island Tak	4:30 AM	\$105.00	10
6 July 23rd	Oxnard	Island Tak	4:30 AM	\$125.00	10
8 Aug 27th	Oxnard	Island Tak	4:30 AM	\$125.00	10
9 Sept 18th `25th	San Diego	American Angler Sept 18th	12:00 PM	\$2275.00	24
10 Oct 22nd	Oxnard	Island Tak	4:30 AM	\$125.00	10
11 Nov 26th	Oxnard	Island Tak	4:30 AM	\$125.00	10

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## February 2011 RAFFLE NEWS

### MEETING LOCATION

Marie Callender's  
2300 E. Foothill Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
626-792-3109 | FAX 626-792-2034

Our Meeting Location team has secured the upstairs banquet room for our meetings. They serve their standard menu and also serve beer and wine.

Support Marie Callender's by purchasing your meal prior to the start of the meeting. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

Invite a fisherman to the next meeting or bring a friend. Get involved in our monthly raffles and sign up for our monthly charters and our monthly freshwater events. There is always a lot going on at the Turner's Rod and Reel Club. Come early and have dinner or a dessert before the meeting. See you there!

### 2010 Membership Drive

The 2010 Membership Drive is on!!!! Pierre will have **pre-printed forms** Just bring your check or cash and validate your personal information on the pre-printed forms.

The data on the pre-printed forms comes from the club database. This is the best time to verify and update your information.

(Please make every effort to use the pre-printed forms rather than fill out a blank form. I have had instances when people supplied "new" or "revised" information (or I couldn't read their writing), only to have to change the information back at a later date! Thanks for your consideration and cooperation.)

### Membership Card Reminder

All members are reminded that your club membership entitles you to a 10% discount on NON-SALE fishing tackle items at Turner's Outdoorsman stores. This discount is not available for guns or ammo. You are also reminded that after January 1 2011, your 2010 membership card is void. In order to receive the discount, a current 2010 membership card will be required. All store managers are aware of this and there are **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

### Website Update

All of the updates have been entered



into the Website. If you have anything you would like to add, e-mail it to [newsletter@turnersrodandreelclub.com](mailto:newsletter@turnersrodandreelclub.com).

### Name of Trip

<b>Boat</b>	<b>Island Tak</b>	
<b>Landing</b>	<b>Channel Islands</b>	
<b>Departure</b>	<b>4:30 AM</b>	<b>May 27th 2011</b>
<b>Return</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>May 27th 2011</b>
<b>Channel Island Harbor</b>		
<b>4151 South Victoria Ave</b>		
<b>Oxnard Ca 93035</b>		
<b>Phone # (805) 985-8511</b>		
<b>11 Anglers</b>		
<b>Trip Fare</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>	

No personnel ice chests allowed on the boat. There will be a big ice chest in the bow of the boat for your food and beverage. There is a micro Range for our use, also beer, soda and water are on sale on the boat.

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### Fresh Water Event Update

#### Freshwater Schedule

April 16 Silverwood or Bolsa Chica

May 14 Bolsa Chica or Silverwood

I am new to the sport so any and all help or suggestions are welcomed. Also if you have a favorite lake to fish let me know. I would love to explore some new spots with all of you freshwater folks. These dates are not set in stone so let's brainstorm and get as many people involved for all of our freshwater events. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Hugo Gutierrez the freshwater guy.  
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#### March RAFFLE NEWS:

From the Secretaries Office of Denise Davis  
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## Members Reports



Ron Coleman & Warren Harper from Turner's Rod and Reel Club presents Bob Fletcher (PSO) with the Turner's Rod and Reel Club's \$1,000.00 check made out to Partnership for Sustainable Oceans (PSO). The fishing club feels that every fishing club should be making donations to the PSO to support the ongoing litigation. Furthermore, all clubs should get involved now, before they have to change the names of their clubs to 'We Wish We Could Be Fishing' clubs."

### **March 12<sup>th</sup> Dawn Trp By Jim**

Thursday evening Lanney, Mike and I rode together. We got to Ventura at 9pm. Boarded the boat. signed in. bought the approved shrimp flies. talked with everybody. Skipper said it would be a bumpy ride out to Santa Rosa. Woke up early. Birds were fling and staying even with the boat at anchor. Daylight comes and we move. We fish with stern to wind. Caught a few. Everybody in catching something. Later at a stop I thought I snagged the bottom but I could gain line. Finally got the fish up. A 5.9 lb. red. It was decided by all that it was poor conditions to fish. wind blowing, rough seas. We called it a day at noon. Get to harbor and wait outside for a good time to enter. Tsunami surge still happening. Got into harbor going down channel at 9 knots with engines at idle. A little trickier docking. Skipper docked first attempted. Harbor looked a river that changed directions every 5 minutes. Had multiple messages on phone from kids and grandkids. Picture is of jackpot fish. Trip rescheduled for 5/13. good breakfast burritos. Great crew. Good day with friends. Thanks everybody, Jim



### **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Dawn Trip By Christine Tureaud**

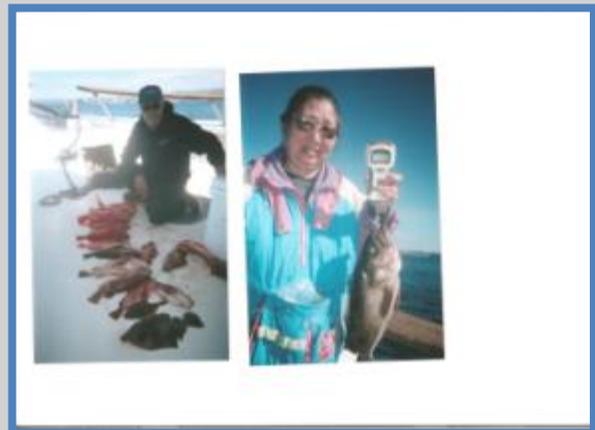
Joel and I started our journey to Ventura Harbor about 2:00 P.M. It was quite easy to find. Upon arrival to Ventura, The first item on the agenda was to sign in at the front desk at which time you were given a boarding pass.

Pat Cavanaugh our captain, Mike Nickerson our deckhand, Whitney our cook, Derrick Whitneys other half and our new second ticket Patrick from Henderson, Nevada were in preparation of the fishing enthusiasts for the March opener. The bait tank was filled with live squid. Various types of rods and reels from a nine/0 to the smallest Avet, monofilament to spectra, eight oz. to a pound in a half sinker. We left at approximately 10:00 P. M. as we awaited the late angler to board.

Finally we were on our way with freshly laundered pillowcases an immaculate vessel which produced comfortable feelings. The ride was a little bumpy on the way out to the west end of Santa Rosa Island. The morning smell of coffee, beacon, hash browns and a rush to the bathroom drew everyone to the top of the stairs. Standing at the rail, over looking the horizon a dark background and a forefront produced a beautiful sunrise. Pink clouds surrounded by calm waters made you feel so refreshed.

We dropped our lines at various locations from 90 to 250 feet of ocean and couldn't wait to see what was at the end of our gangions. The use of different fishing gear, frozen reel, slow reaction in setting the hooks did not deter me from such a great trip. Every sack was bulging with limits of rock fish. Jackpot was a 13lb. sheephead. Plastics and metal jigs were also used.

A Half charter, half open party trip, everyone seemed to come together quite well. A lot of people from the movie studios, were on the trip. Edgar Ylanan of Sportsfishing.com took many photos of our trip. We look forward to our next adventure on the Pacific Dawn.



## "Havasu Spring Training told in the third person"

By  
Big ED

Pictures  
By Big ED

2 days, no shower, 1 minor food poisoning bout, 1 broken rod, 1 sorry pullout sofa to sleep on.. But i'd do it again in a minute.

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The abridged version goes like this:

2 days, Lake Havasu, water temps in the high 60s, air temps ranging from 60 to 80 degrees, visibility, your standard Havasu 30 foot-.

Fish are extremely active, as smallmouths are on beds, and largemouth are in transition. Most fish caught using plastics, but there was a decent crankbait bite that developed. We estimated 60 fish on the first day between 3 people. The final day, the largemouth were no where to be found, and I believe all smallmouth were caught. About 35 to 40 fish between the 3. Similar patterns, similar areas. You had to key in on these similar areas, as other pieces of structure were not holding as many fish. Doing that math, it was 90% smallmouth, and 10% largemouth during the 2 days.

Catchers and pitchers reporting to Spring Training signifies 2 things:

1. The Dodgers will begin sucking again, and
2. The fishing will not.

Big Ed, Scott (aka, Coot), and Miguel set off for our Colorado River adventure on Wednesday night. The chit chat made the 5 hour drive a lot shorter and by the time we had reached Parker, it was about 4 in the morning, and our stomachs' needed some fuel, as we would be out on the water until check in time today at the Sandpoint Resort, which was around 3 pm. At 4 am, there are not a lot of establishments open, except for a hole-in-the-wall Mexican joint that was open 24 hours, "Ruperto's." After some breakfast burritos, tacos, and 2 scoops of just straight meat (Big Ed's on the Atkin's Diet) we were off to Sandpoint, where we'd park, get some shut eye, and launch around 6:30.

There was evidence of fish making beds throughout the marina. As Coot parked the trailer, Big Ed managed to wack a nice little buck that was doing some Homeland Security and ate the worm dangled in front of his face. That was a sign of things to come, and we blasted off towards the California side as soon as Coot jumped in the boat.

As soon as we put the trolling motor down and began investigating the shallows, we could tell the water was crystal clear, pretty typical for Havasu. Some say the Quagga mussels are contributing to the water clarity. All I know is that fishing Havasu is like fishing in a swimming pool.

The first cove we hit was full of largemouth. Big Ed had missed a good bite on a jig, and had moved to fishing other parts of the cove when he noticed a pretty largemouth sitting in about 10 feet of water, guarding a nest, about the size of a dinner plate. As he was trying to get that fish to go, I was throwing a jig off a long point, near the area where Ed had missed his bite. As my attention was turned head to Ed, watching his bass nose his bait, I felt a thump on the other end.

I set the hook, and am surprised I hooked the fish, considering the amount of slack I had on the line. I was also surprised at the weight behind the head shaking. I can see color almost immediately, and can tell the fish may have been a larger female that we spooked upon coming across that point. She makes 2 drag screaming runs, before I was able to land her. We estimated the mom to be about 6 to 6.5#, a GREAT way to start our morning. She was released and swam back into that general direction, hoping to make more Havasu largemouth. We ended up getting 3 or 4 more largemouth from this area, before we decided to start exploring the lake a bit further.

I had mentioned that I was surprised we had caught all largemouth so far. At Site Six, the ratio the last time I was there was about 75/25, smallie to largie. But, I also had noticed the area that we were fishing further south didn't have the type of structure that I was used to fishing at Site Six. Ed told us to strap our rods in and we

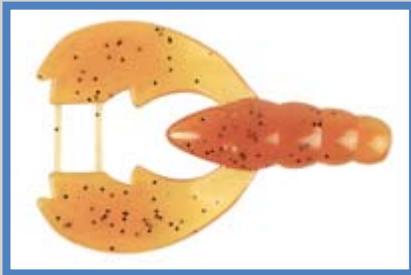


flew upriver. Having at 225 HP at Havasu was the key to our success. We must have gone up 6 or 7 miles before the scenery starts changing. Less tulles and small rock, and more red canyons, and steeper slopes. You could see the drop offs of 40 feet in the crystal clear water, and we dropped the trolling motor down and start working our way from a point into a cove, on the Arizona side.

We immediately start getting bit on anything that is tossed to the shore and worked back to the boat. Ed was using a People's Worm, (aka, People's Choice Award Worm), which I'm sure Coot is very fond of now. Coot was nailing 'em on the drop shot as well, using a Desert Craw Roboworm pattern, which according to sources, is a great pattern as it mimics the crawfish that are found in Lake Havasu, which apparently had orange claws. I was throwing a jig. I elected to go with the 1/4 ounce instead of the 3/8, and trailed it with a, you guessed it, an orange-ish trailer.



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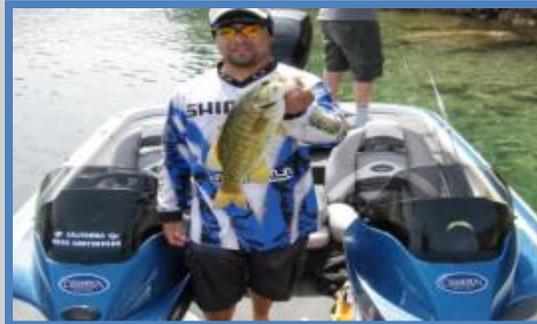
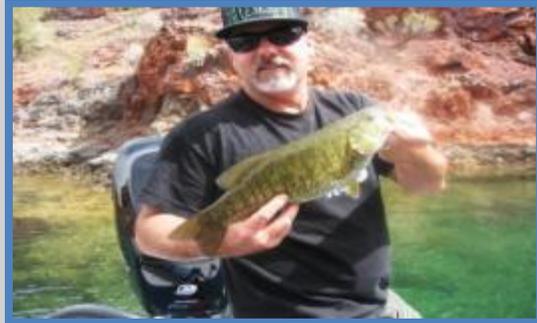


We caught about 10 smallies between the 3 of us, but they were 6 to 12 inches, and we all knew this lake had to hold some larger specimens. I know that smallmouth tend to school in packs of similar sizes, so if you're catching small ones, you'll probably continue to do that in the general area.

Ed made a move across back to the California side, in some areas that looked similar to the first spot we had fished where we had nailed the largemouth. This place had the 'cages' that Ed talked about, and I was amazed to see these giant crates that presumably Arizona Fish and Game had dropped down there as fish habitat.

They looked like giant cubes in the lake, and although we didn't get any fish off of 'em, it was a sight to see. We didn't get any fish to go in this area, so we pulled up trolling motor again, and went hunting. This time, it was Copper Canyon.

The majority of our fish were caught around this area. All smallmouth, and all fish between 15 and 18 inches, all extremely healthy specimens, and some hard tuggers. A lot of fish were caught shallow, and some were caught blind casting into deeper areas that had access to these spawning grounds. Whenever there'd be a nice bronzeback on a bed, this was what I was throwing at them with the light stuff:





Apparently the smallmouth didn't mind having party goers around them splashing around, diving off cliffs, or running their boats on land. They were still actively hitting the baits, and we had a cheering session as we landed our fish. It was the most impressive smallmouth fishing I had done in my life. As we motored back towards Sandpoint around 1:30 so we can check into our rooms and get some grub, I was giddy, and was extremely tired. We ate some lunch, checked in, and decided whether we should take a nap before our afternoon run.

The answer was obviously NO, so we hopped back onto the Champion, and this time, made a run down river, to the ole Bill Williams River, a place that looked like nothing I've ever fished before. Tullies to the left, tuelles to the right...and a bunch of stickups.

The water was green with an algea bloom and we didn't get a single bite. We rolled the dice, gambled, and came up with snake eyes, but that's the way things go sometimes. With the way the morning went, I didn't mind getting skunked during this run. After fishing a few more areas near the entrance of the Bill William in vain, we made it back to the marina and hunkered the boat down in the slip we had rented and made our tired legs find a way to get us back to our trailer. We put all our stuff in, and took off to get dinner at a buffet in a Indian casino in Parker.

Don't eat the potato salad.

After being curled in the back seat in the fetal position all the way home, I passed out the moment my head hit the metal pole that stuck out in the sleeper sofa. The other metal pole was jabbing my ribs, and the maintenance people had set the AC so low, that in the middle of the night, I had to grab my bath towel to wrap around my legs because I was shivering. Oh yeah, that's because I had forgot to pack blankets and pillows.

We launched day 2 at 6:45 and headed over to the same spot we started catching the largemouth the day before, only to find zero action, and no signs of life. Instead of messing around, we took off north, to find more willing smallmouth to go. After a small pit stop because Ed had to stock some brown trout in a toilet, it was back to the fish slaying.

We headed back to Copper Canyon and picked off some fish there, and decided to jump off a small outcropping into the frigid water for good measure. After giving myself my only shower of the trip, I got back on board and began getting more fish in the boat. By the time noon hit, we had a good 35 fish on the boat. All smallmouth.

We took off on another trip in vain towards London Bridge and Site Six, which was relaxing as we got to see eye candy from end to end. After the sight seeing, it was back to slaying fish.

From 1 to 2:30, I got into an impressive crankbait bite, and landed

ten fish before the day was through, and shook off several nicer size fish since my barbs were crimped. The main rocky shorelines adjacent to main lake points were the ticket, and maybe it took a bit of wind to get the bite going. I would toss my Lucky Craft "Skeet Reese" SKT Mini DR, in a color called "Japan Craw" against the bank and slowly reel it in, banging against the shallow rocks and then moving into deeper water.



I'd get smacked and the fight was on. It was the best crankbait bite I've been in, and it gave me confidence in throwing the baits even more. I tied that bait off and put on a piece I had just received as a belated gift, and the majority of the fish came on that.



2:30, and we called it quits. We trailered the boat, and made our way back home to LA, just in time for a late dinner.

Ed, once again, a pleasure being on the water with you. If my sides didn't hurt from all the hook sets this morning, it'd be hurting because of all the laughing. It was great fishing with Scott as well, and he's a very laid back guy. I'd definitely take him into battle any day.

The fish porn, thanks to Ed, our great photographer. For a little video of our trip copy and paste the link below into your browser. I apologize in advance for a couple words of profanity, it slipped out and I didn't know it would be caught on tape. Video below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WkvDnqn3P0>

Thanks; Big Ed!

Edward Cazares