



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Fisherman, Writer Jim Hendricks is joining us!



Jim Hendricks is an excellent fisherman and writer. This will be a great time to pick up some tips about fishing and writing articles for our newsletter.

Our speaker for Wednesday March 13, 2024, will be Jim Hendricks, West Coast Editor, Salt Water Sportsman Magazine, Marketing chair for CCA CA. Jim has built a 40-year career in the marine and sportfishing industries in capacities that have ranged from advertising and public relations, to editor and publisher. He has also fought for years for marine conservation issues & anglers' rights. In the 1980s, he campaigned against inshore set gillnets along the California Coast. Proposition 132 was placed on the 1990 state ballot, was passed overwhelmingly and led to the phase-out of set gillnets in state waters. Hendricks currently serves on the state board of directors and executive committee for the Coastal Conservation Association of California, and is the chair of CCA Cal's Marketing Committee. He is also a member of the Ocean Resources Enhancement Advisory Panel, which helps guide the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the white seabass hatchery program.

**CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024, 7 PM at
MATT DENNYS ALE HOUSE RESTAURANT ENCLOSED PATIO.
COME AS EARLY AS 5:30 FOR DINNER**

President's Message for March 2024

Hello anglers! The convention and show season is off to a wild start in anticipation of the opening of saltwater fishing. Freshwater fishing is available and if you like sculpin and bass so is saltwater to a degree. You got your gift cards from the banquet and so it's time to get that much needed terminal tackle or that new rod or reel. I tried to stay away from my favorite vendors as I have little self-control about new tackle and someday Denise is going to discover where it's hidden. Actually, it's not but one corner of my dining room is storage!

The saltwater schedule is 90% complete and the trips are filling fast. Make sure you sign up ASAP and if you have doubts place your name on the standby list. I understand things happen sometimes a good stand-in is what's called for. As of today, the saltwater charters are as follows:

1. Endeavor 1500 Anchors Way Drive Ventura, CA 93001 fishing FRIDAY May 31, 2024, leaving May 30, 2024. **4 openings**
2. Triton 1150 Nagoya Way San Pedro, CA 90731 DAY Trip fishing Saturday June 8, 2024 leaving 5am. **3 openings**
3. Amigo 22nd Street Landing 141 W 22nd Street San Pedro, CA 90731 fishing Friday June 21, 2024 leaving June 20, 2024 8pm **1 opening**
4. Fury 34675 Golden Lantern Dana Point, CA 92629 fishing Sunday July 14, 2024 leaving 8pm July 13, 2024 **6 openings**
5. Triton 1150 Nagoya Way San Pedro, CA 90731 DAY Trip fishing Saturday August 11, 2024 **14 openings**
6. Fury 34675 Golden Lantern Dana Point, CA 92629 fishing Friday September 27, 2024 leaving 8pm September 26, 2024 **20 openings**
7. Amigo 22nd Street Landing 141 W 22nd Street San Pedro, CA 90731 fishing Sunday October 13, 2024 leaving October 12, 2024 8pm **12 openings**
8. Endeavor 1500 Anchors Way Drive Ventura, CA 93001 fishing Saturday November 2, 2024, leaving November 1, 2024 8pm. **12 openings**
9. Betty O 13759 Fiji Way Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 still TBD

If you visit a show and see someone interesting, please get contact information so we can contact them as a possible speaker.

Not receiving the newsletter? Make sure Denise has your correct email address. When signing up for salt water charters make sure I have a phone number so you can receive texts AND to all members, check out our face book page and our web page. Teri Cobal and others put in some work to help keep you informed. If you haven't done so already, become a member of our face book page.

This is kind of the calm before the storm. Time to get you gear in order, new line, learn your knots etc. The season will be upon us sooner than we think and the time to prep is now.

Finally, for the past few months we've had visitors and new members. I want to thank everyone who brought in a friend and hope ALL members act as recruiters and ambassadors to our club and sport. See you at a meeting or on the water soon.

William Davis. President

OPPORTUNITIES WITH KIDS

Anglers, 2024 will have dozens of fishing and volunteer opportunities. You can take our youth fishing and/or volunteer to help mentor the next generation of anglers. Some youth fishing programs are:

1. <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing-in-the-city/LA> free kids fishing and education throughout the year
2. <https://www.laparks.org/aquatic/lakes-fishing-beaches>
3. LA County: Call each LA County Park to inquire when they sponsor fishing events such as the overnight campouts this summer
4. WWW.danskids.org Dan Hernandez hosts several kids fishing events during the year and EVERY 3rd Saturday he has a kids fishing club meeting at Legg Lake aka Whittier Narrows 8am to noon
5. Free Saltwater trips for youth groups <https://captainrollo.org>. Your group can apply for a free saltwater trip for kids by contacting the Captain Rollo organization. This is also our club's charity of choice.

CCAcalfornia.org

California STAR Tournament. This Tournament is open to all California anglers at a very reasonable cost. Prizes are BIG! You can enter it by joining CCA and submitting an entry fee of only \$40. This entry fee is for the entire summer fishing season. The Tournament runs Saturday, May 25, 2024 – Monday, September 2, 2024. No special boat required but the fish must be caught in California waters. With your entry they provide a special measuring device to each person and an app to submit your entries. All the details are online at:

<https://ccacalifornia.org/star/>

Eligible fish include:

- Saltwater Bass: Sand Bass, Calico Bass, Spotted Bay Bass (18 inches)
- California Halibut (28 inches)
- Yellowtail (36 inches)
- White Seabass (36 inches)
- Tuna: Bluefin, Yellowfin, Big Eye, Albacore (36 inches)

If you are going to the Pacific Coast Sportfishing Show shows you can take advantage of CCA's show package to renew your membership and sign up for the Tournament at the same time! This Tournament is going to grow every year. This is a good time to get in at the beginning. There are weekly drawings also with great prizes.

WHOPPER BOARD

New members please READ THE RULES on the website. It is your responsibility to make sure your fish is not disqualified. You must attend a Club freshwater event sometime during the year before November 1, 2024 to be eligible for any freshwater awards and you must attend a Club Saltwater Charter to be eligible for any saltwater awards. Remember Club events, both fresh and saltwater events fished by Club members, will count as double the points towards fresh and salt water angler of the year.

The updated Whopper Board results for 2024 can be found on page 8.

February Raffle

We had two Grand prizes at the February meeting, a Daiwa rod and a trip on the Eldorado. Prizes as reported by William Davis

Single eye UFO Jig-?

Dorado Popper- Jose M Dominguez

Leadhead Chase Baits-William Davis

Wine & Pasta Basket-Oscar & Patti Dominguez (Donated by Denise Davis)

Red tube bait- Karl Penson

White Octopus Bait-Karl Penson

Pkgs Large Hooks- Jose M Dominguez

P Line Rock Cod Jigs-Karl Penson

Halibut/Rock Cod Juice-Don Merrill

Pkgs Small Hooks-Jimmy Garcia

Giuliani Weedless Jig-Conner Ross (Donated by Dick Guiliani)

Grand Prize # 1- Daiwa Proteus Rod- Jose L Dominguez

Grand Prize #2- Open Party Trip on the Eldorado-Karl Penson (Donated by William Davis)

Unused tackle laying around? Please consider donating new items to the Club Raffle.

CALENDAR

1. Dana Wharf Halibut Derby January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024
 2. March 7-10, 2024 PCS Show, Orange County Fairgrounds
 3. **March 13, 2024 Club Meeting at Matt Dennys**
 4. **April 3, 2024 Turner's Board Meeting 7 PM Online**
 5. April 9, 2024 9am - 5pm Day at the Docks Festival 2803 Emerson St, San Diego, CA 92106
 6. May 3, 4, 5 West Coast Outdoors and Sportfishing Expo, Ventura Fairgrounds.
 7. CCA STAR TOURNAMENT See CCAcalifornia.org for more details (or Denise).
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BIG BEAR LAKE WEEKEND

The weekend freshwater event at Big Bear Lake will be May 18th and 19th this year. Fishing will be both Saturday and Sunday. Each day will be a separate fishing event. Big Bear offers a variety of options, you can stay overnight or drive up one or both days. Accommodations are plentiful with advance reservations, including camping.

If you plan to bring your boat, be sure to check the regulations ahead of time. Big Bear Lake is open 24/7 year-round. While we've seen Dick Giuliani out on the lake in his boat during a blizzard, it is not recommended.

Denise Davis contacted the Lodge that many used last year and received some special rates for our group. The Lodge is right on the lake and has docks. She sent out an email with the rates in case you want to stay there. You need to call the Lodge ASAP to get the "Turners' Fishing Cub" rate.

2024 Saltwater Charter Schedule

Printed date is the date you will be fishing.

Endeavor, Ventura Landing, May 31 O/N \$240

Triton, LA Harbor, June 8, Full Day \$155

Amigo, 22nd St Landing, June 21 O/N \$270

Fury, Dana Wharf, July 14, O/N \$240

Triton, LA Harbor, August 11, Full Day \$155

Fury, Dana Wharf, Sept 27, O/N \$240

Amigo, 22nd St Landing, Oct 13 , O/N \$270

Endeavor, Ventura Harbor, Nov 2, O/N \$235

Betty O, MDR, TBD, Twilight TBD

Printed date is the date you will be fishing. Overnight trips load the night before. Full payment is required to reserve a spot. Prices subject to change if surcharge is charged to the Club. Make checks payable to William Davis. Expect to pay cash for your own food, tips and fish cleaning on the boats as always.

Questions: William L Davis 626-390-7673 phone or text. Email: WilliamLDavis7@gmail.com

Checks payable to William Davis. Mail to 897 W Huntington Dr #D, Arcadia CA 91007. Please write the trip number in the memo on your check. Verbal reservations will not be accepted from anyone. Departure times are tentative. They can change if everyone shows up.

I ask that younger more agile members and guests take the upper and lower bunks leaving the middle bunks to the more senior(age) members and guests.

Due to limited tackle box space, please consider bringing smaller or soft sided tackle box.

THE CHARTERMASTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OVERBOOK THE TRIPS BY ONE PERSON TO ENSURE THE CLUB DOES NOT LOSE MONEY.

Each trip stands alone. By that I mean each trip is a separate entity. You can write a check for multiple trips.

Bring your own bedding on trips. Do not show up sick.

All Club members and guests are expected to abide by the Department of Fish and Wildlife rules.

I will contact you prior to each trip. Each trip is best fishing available so don't call and ask.

2024 Saltwater Charter Reservation Rules:

1. All club charters are available for reservation immediately.
2. Full amount will be required to confirm your reservation for any trip.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your membership dues should already be paid for 2024. If you have not yet paid dues, please get them in. They were due in January. Your dues must be paid in order to participate in the Whopper Board before you can submit any fish.

2024 MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL OFFER

Jose is again offering a limited time special for those members who recruit new paid members for the Club. This is for new members only, people who have never been in the Club previously. For anyone who recruits 2 new members, you will receive your \$60 membership cost back. Help us grow. Jose has business cards for recruitment purposes if you request them. Jose reserves the right to revoke this offer at any time, so get these new folks active ASAP.

CLUB SHIRTS, POLOS AND JACKETS

We have given everyone plenty of time to get orders in for the Items you want. When the order comes in, we will have a few extra T shirts for sale in limited numbers. jdominguezjr22@gmail.com is Jose's email or you can TEXT him at 323-356-1507. He does not answer phone calls from unknown numbers. Club hats are WON on Charters or Freshwater events and are not usually for sale.

We do not submit orders for one or two items. Our vendor is very busy and prefers larger orders. Once you submit an order it may take several months to get it in, because we wait until we have a decent sized order.

3. No refunds until the Charter is full & the Club has been able to sell your reservation. The Club makes no guarantee that we will be able to fill your reservation once the Charter is full. Changes MUST go thru the Charter Master.

4. All charters are open to members and their invited guests.

5. If you need to cancel a charter reservation it must be done in writing, text or email to William Davis. Once you cancel you cannot change your mind and show up for the trip.

Bart Hall Shows Featured Women in Fishing Symposium

The Hall Shows both at Long Beach and Del Mar held a Women's Symposium. The Women's panel was moderated by CCA's Assistant Director Tonie Bangos. In addition to Tonie, also participating was Wendy Tochiara of Izorline and CCA's board, Lori Byron Sachau of San Diego Turner's Outdoorsman, Capt. Tiffany Vague of Vague Custom Rods, JoJo Pemberton co-owner of Hookup Baits, Celia Condit of Searcher Sportfishing, Donna Kalez of Dana Wharf Sportfishing, and Sophia Huynh of Seeker. Sponsors stated that by far the fastest growing segment of the sportfishing industry is women. It was an interesting discussion of how women have continued to work and thrive in the sportfishing industry at all levels.

After briefly introducing themselves and sharing the time they have spent in the fishing industry, the gals went on to answer questions from the moderator as well as the crowd. Some of their discussion focused around their success in the fishing industry, whether they married into it or worked their way up through the ranks. Many years in the fishing industry were represented, and it was interesting to hear what education and additional skills the ladies had that enabled them to reach their current status.

Also mentioned were possible barriers in the industry and how to overcome them. While one man posed the question of how to get his wife out on a fishing boat, other questions focused on the availability of clothing and fishing gear appropriate for women. Even the topic of women's tournaments came up. While some of these panelists fish together already, it was agreed that more female oriented fishing charters were needed to welcome new ladies to the sport. The ladies on the panel agreed to continue to work together with the mutual goal to support women who sportfish as well as to attract more women to the sport.

Editor's Note: While Turner's Rod & Reel does not have a Lady's Charter, we have expanded over the years with female members as well as more family memberships that are welcome to all of our club events.

Editor's Note: The following is a charter story submitted in 2007 by member Mike Maurizio. I'm sharing it to give the members, new and old, some ideas of how great member-written stories were in the past. Mike wrote this story because he was the Jackpot winner of the trip. Reading this story sure brought back a lot of memories of that trip that I was on. We need to continue this tradition of sharing our fishing trips and events with the entire membership. We need to do this for every trip. Some of the "characters" are still in the Club while others have moved away or passed on. I hope you enjoy the story.

Island Tak Trip Oct 27 2007 as told by Mike "Mikie" Maurizio.

As I arrive at Laney's house Friday night and precede to load my gear into his truck, I tell him I have this cosmic, karma feeling that something good is going to come out of this trip. I'm sure everyone has felt it, it's unexplainable, but we all know the feeling. A very positive, adrenaline pumping flow that runs through our veins as every trip begins. Maybe the white seabass will break loose, or a big school of yellowtail will come through, or it'll be a calico bass bite that'll top all others. The usuals are on the boat, Glen, Gary, Paul, Warren, our glue that

holds these trips together Rich Jenkins, and a surprise to me William and Denise show up, Jim and Dennis to round out the field. Unbeknownst to us, I think Steve Kelly already had game plan in his mind. The water had been cold, no calicos had been caught, and all other gamefish were non-existent. At early light we pass Anacapa and head out in the direction of Santa Cruz , maybe doing some rockfish/lingcod fishing. But as we head in towards the far west end of S.C. close to the island, Steve's plan is to target shallow water rockfish or whitefish (heaven forbid). Now generally speaking we consider whitefish as a last resort to fill our sacks to get limits as a good count for the boat. Needless to say, these would be the only thing biting this day, and what's so exciting about catching 1 & 2-pound fish that don't pull very hard!! Well as it turns out this day will top out as good as any albacore trip, rockfish, bass, or any other trip that we all have experienced. I had that Karma feeling mentioned earlier, hooking the first large whitefish of the day, a 6 1/2 pounder on the scales. Many of us were already catching 3 and 4 pounders, so when a big one was pulled over the rail, I eyeballed it hoping my fish was still in contention as the jackpot fish. Soon 7 & 8 pounders were being caught. So much for my JP lead. But low and behold I catch a 9 lb. fish to take the lead again. Now a story in itself. Dennis seemed to have one of those days where nothing wanted to bite his hook. It's frustrating when everyone is catching fish and you're not. Good old Glen (Mr. Lucky) helped him by changing his RED line, but that didn't to get more bites either. Steve Kelly, the Island Tak's captain, even helped by rerigging his gear. I told Dennis not to give up as we all had such days. I had one of those days on the May or July trip. I couldn't buy a bite. It was only after the drifts for sculpin that I started catching fish. And I mean big toad sculpin. So, within those last two drifts I limited out on those big rattlesnakes. As the saying goes it isn't over til the fat lady sings or the last hook is out of the water. Well as it turns out Dennis hooks up to probably the largest whitefish of the trip. Now I'm pissed in a competitive way, but very happy for him to see a smile from ear to ear as we all shake his hand in congratulations. There went my JP fish. When someone starts catching fish or their rod is bendo all the time on this small boat everyone knows. No secrets here. Now I hook another monster fish that burns drag and takes me from one side of the boat to the other. After I YELL for a gaff, the fish is pulled over the rail but Dennis's fish still looks like the top dog , and I'm convinced he's got the JP in the bag. In the end John scales both fish and mine happens to be a bit heavier. To my surprise I get the jackpot. What a trip, any one of us could have been in contention for first place, as many freakishly big whitefish were caught. Imagine these brutes as small yellowtail and pulling just as hard, taking you around the boat from side to side. That's the kind of trip we all had. That's it.



Whopper Board Entries 2023-24 (To date)

1. Robert Lopez Rainbow Trout 1.16lb. 11/4/23
2. Davy Schweickert Bluefin Tuna 18.45lb. 11/11/23
3. James Speck Largemouth Bass 3.30lb. 11/16/23
4. Karl Penson Sheephead 6.61lb. 11/26/23
5. Karl Penson Lingcod 7.11lb. 11/26/23
6. Davy Schweickert Sheephead 4.40lb. 11/29/23
7. Tom Loy Rainbow Trout 3.25lb. 2/17/24

Will start posting point totals and standings after 10 Freshwater and Saltwater entries are received.

Plenty of time and opportunities remaining. Everyone get out there and go fishing!

Submitted by Randy Kroll



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Eligible Fish
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Saltwater bass (18 inches)
California halibut (28 inches)
California yellowtail, white seabass, and tuna (36 inches)

Grand Prize Sponsors

Tentative Freshwater Dates

- April 27th Castaic Lagoon
- May 18th & 19th Big Bear
- June 15th Perris
- July 20th Skinner
- August 24th Santa Fe Dam
- September 14th Legg Lake & Picnic
- October 26th Puddingstone