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San Diego Rod and Reel Club

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Club Meeting

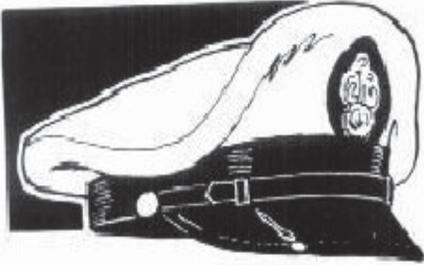
Thursday, April 2nd

At the Bali Hai

Craig Heberer

6:00 Happy Hour

7:00 Meeting



President

Alex Williamson

Greeting fellow anglers,

Wow what a month this has been. The Fred Hall show is going on and will be finished by the time you get this. What fun we are having. Rolly came up with this great idea (a prize wheel) and it has been a huge success. We are so lucky to have him on the board. He has some of the best ideas and works so hard for you as a board member. Tom is still around and he has been running the booth like a champ. I don't know what we would do without him. Me, well, I have been in the back of the booth working mostly on our website and working on new material for advertising, not much help, but what fun...

Surf Fishing Pot luck

Yeap, Norm and Mike Ito have put together a surf fishing event

for April 12th. I will bring the BBQ and it will be like the claiming event we just held. Norm's article has all the details on this and some fun club fishing charters, ¾ day and twilight trips are being planned as well.

Day of the Docks is just around the corner (April 19th). I love this event. We man most of the pins, and Norm has an arranged tagging of some of the fish for prizes that the kids catch. Have you ever seen a kid catch their first fish... it is priceless, come and help, I will have a signup sheet at the next meeting.

Rod building event

Ok, something new is in the air. Sometime in June or July we are holding a rod building event. The idea came from Tim Foote. He knows that there are a lot of you that would like to know how to build your own fishing rod (one being myself). It is being sponsored by Squidco. They have offered Josh (one of their rod builders) to come and demonstrate how to build your own rod. I got a great deal on some blanks (carbon fiber) ranging from 12-25lbs 20-35lbs and 20-40lbs.

Squidco is selling us the remaining components in a bulk price to put them together. I will have details of what is included in the next newsletter. Cost will be under 45 dollars and no profit will be made on the event. Curt and Mike will be helping as they are already experts themselves. In the next

newsletter I will be letting you know what is included in the components and the price of them. If you want to modify the components, Joey has agreed to apply a credit towards the new components you have chosen against the cost I paid and you may pay the difference for the newer, better components. Remember, the club bought these components in a very large order which included raffle items, so we got a great deal for them. Norm, our Vice President, has availability to a large conference room at his new home in Lake Jennings. He will be reserving the room for this event so everyone can have the room and time to finish the project.



"Our home"

1st Thursday of each month.

Bali Hai Restaurant

**2230 Shelter Island Dr
San Diego, CA 92106**

The project will take two weekends to complete and there is limited availability. I have 20 spots open, so get your deposit in if you want to be in the event. Deposits are 10 dollars and I need to know how many people are interested.

Picnic

Let's have a club picnic, I was thinking sometime in June. It will be a pot luck style and I will bring the BBQ. The club will provide the soda and water, and I will BBQ some chicken. Should be fun for the whole family. I will give more details at our next club meeting once I have talked with some of you as to a date time and place.

SWAP MEET

Our SWAP MEET is coming up in June, it promises to be large. We have attracted some outside people that do Swap Meets for fishing for a living. Some will even trade for fishing equipment, so bring your old rods and maybe they will swap them for a reel. Booth cost is FREE to members and 10 dollars for non-members. I have signup sheets and all you need to do is fill them out to reserve your booth. It will be at the Marina Village conference room. More to come.

So, what about my boat you may ask... most of you do. Well, we have done nothing of late, but starting next week we will start working on it. Jon is taking some time off from work, and I'm not working so we should make some great headway, so get ready, my oversize flower garden of a boat will soon be in the water. Anyone taking bets that we will have it in the water before July??? (ummmm 2015).

"FISH ON"

Alex



VP
Norm Campbell

Hello FCM's

Here are the current fishing conditions as I have experienced them... We left out of Mission Bay to a well-known rock pile with sardines from the bait barge.

The rigging did not seem to matter, as I setup Sue (my better half and club secretary) with a dropper loop. I tried a three way swivel rig, with 8 oz. torpedo sinkers. Each rig had one bait. Depth ranged from 80 to 120 and water temp was about 66 degrees. We caught seven Lingcod and a beautiful Sheephead! For the record, Sue caught the largest Lingcod and the Sheephead. To my amazement, all of the lings were well over legal size limits.

The next day we went out again with leftover bait, and caught another five lings and some beautiful Reds and jumbo sized Sculpin! We released all fish, except for three Lingcod. When cleaning these fish, I discovered them to be males full of milt. The stomach contents were very cool, little shrimp with claws and unusual markings. Two weeks later, we had bait leftover from the Bay Bass Tournament, so what do you do? Had to go see if the Lings were still there!! Caught several more Lings, the largest went 14.2 and the next was a 13.9. This is some of the best Lingcod fishing I have ever experienced!

FISHERMAN'S  **LANDING**

Dare I say the new regulations may be the cause? I think possibly Norm, "the blind squirrel," found some nuts by just keeping at it! Time will tell...

On to Future Events.

The surf fishing event will be on April 12th. This will be an open format event. Turns out surf fishing anglers are pretty hard core fishermen (with secret spots), getting up pre-dawn, with tide specific rituals. That being said, we will all meet up at Torrey Pines State Beach, on McGonigle Rd., at 2:00pm, for the start of the BBQ. For the family oriented, "let's just have fun surf fishing," type folks, we will walk to the beach from the parking lot to go surf fishing. Many club members will have surf gear available for the kids to use. Strongly suggest you be there early, as parking might be an issue. Bring the whole family; kids, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and friends. Don't forget the sunscreen and coolers! Let's have a fun day at the beach. I know we will get some perch to cooperate with us! PLEASE let us know if you will be attending and how many, it helps us have enough food there to feed you! We will have some prizes for the top fish, and especially for the young anglers. Sharks and rays excluded.

How about some Twilight and 3/4 day fishing trips! Yes, we are working on these trips and will be announcing dates and times very soon. We are doing our best to keep the cost as low as possible and the family fun high! There is nothing better than the smile and excitement of a young angler on these trips. Great things are happening in this club! The vision of Lou Duchene is ever present!

Get out there and put a bend in that rod!
Norm

Picture of the Month



Sara Itogawa with a 17.3 lb Halibut!



Weigh Master
Curt Itogawa

The club tournament season got under way with a very nice day on San Diego Bay. We experienced a good incoming tide in the morning and the fishing action to match. On our first drift, my daughter, Sara, caught a 17 pound halibut. She said, "Dad, I have something on that's really heavy." I looked over to see her rod bent over and a fish pulling drag. I told her she had a shark or a very large halibut, and just take it easy and play the fish. After a few more runs we could see a large brown shape gliding up from the depths, she laid the fish out perfectly to be landed. Sara is still a junior club member, so her halibut will only count for bragging rights. Ladies, look out for next year!!

This year's Bay Bass Tournament format was changed a little to include Calico bass. To make it more challenging, a two fish combination was introduced to the tournament. The winning anglers needed to weigh their largest legal Sand Bass or Calico Bass with a legal Spotted Bay Bass for total weight. If

there is no combo for weigh in, then the single largest bass will count for prizes.

The bass fishing action was very good in the bay with most of the fish being sub-legal Spotted Bay bass. The weigh-in and BBQ were active and fun for all. Even if you cannot fish the tournament come out for the BBQ.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Men's Division:

- 1st Place; John Plemons**, combination weight of Sand Bass and Spotted Bay Bass, 3.54 lbs. (Men's sports point 5.)
- 2nd Place; Ruppert Rosas**, single Sand Bass, 2.72 lbs. (Men's sports point, 4.)
- 3rd Place; Rex Finney**, single Sand Bass, 2.18 lbs. (Men's sport points, 3.)

Side pot:

Charles Hammer, California Halibut, 14.00 lbs.

Lady's Division:

1st place Rhoda Ito, 5 pts. (single Sand Bass, 1.56 lbs.)

Junior's Division:

1st place Conner Bennett, 5 pts. (combination weight of Sand Bass and Spotted Bay Bass, 2.96 lbs.)

So, until our next weigh-in, stay safe and have fun.

Curtis Itogawa.



Raffle Master

Hello FCM'S,

We have made some changes to the raffle. I hope that you have noticed. We are now putting some more items on the table that the whole family can use. Things like gift cards to your favorite restaurants, like the Bali Hai. The headsets Alex got seem to be real hit and we still have some left so look for them in the next raffle. We got some really great items at the Fred Hall show, so take a look at the table for some of these. If you think something would be cool on the table, let Alex know, and we will consider it. We want to raffle off items you want, like those break apart fishing poles... yes we still have some of them. We will also be putting on some ¾ day fishing trips on the table too. Maybe one day trips if I can get them.

See you at the March meeting...

Roll the Barrel!



Membership
Gabriel Segura

Hello all,
Gabe here,

The Fred Hall Show has really been a success, we have had over 40 new members and they all want to go fishing. I have had a lot of a great help at the show. People are excited to fish again, what with the fishing season looking so promising and the economy looking better, they are wanting a place to come and start fishing. Make sure, to say "Hi" if you see



someone new and make them feel part of our family. Also, remember, bring a friend and get 10 tickets for you and 10 for them in our raffle. So tell your friends and your family, because here at the Rod and Reel Club, we always welcome new friends and members.

Now, many of you may be wondering how I came to be the Director of Memberships in one of the best saltwater fishing clubs in Southern California. It all started 31 years ago when my father took my older brother and I fishing for the first time at the 24th St. Pier in National City (now Pepper Park). I will never forget stopping by Arandas Bait and Tackle on Highland Avenue to pick up our bait, one whole Mackerel for just \$1.00.

The excitement I felt reeling in my first fish, the exhilaration that washed over me, was almost too much for me to bear. From this moment I knew I would always love this sport. To be continued...

Fish-on club members,
Gabe Segura



PR Director
Denise Lira

Hi, my name is Denise your new public relation officer,

Our Speaker this month (April 2nd at the Bail Hai) will be Craig Heberer. Craig will be speaking about Rock Cod fishing, showing several ways to be able to release undersize fish and understand there population growth and care. This topic will be most useful for our anglers in our next rock cod tournament at the end of the month. He works as a fisheries biologist with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, Southwest Region, Sustainable Fisheries Division. He serves as the lead biologist for the Fishery Management Plan for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species. Heberer, was born and raised in San Pedro, California and grew up in the Croatian commercial tuna fishing industry.

See you at the next meeting!
Denise Lira



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Gary Mouritzen



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Hello FCM's,

What? 1 ½ day boats with Blue Fin?!!! May my early prediction be that we are going to have a phenomenal year of fishing! I've already warned the wife that she may be seeing less of me this summer!! (Anybody know a good family therapist? She might need it!)

Now that my youngest is 8 ½, I might have to get him hooked up on the larger kind. I don't know, though, those arms are quite skinny. Maybe I'll give him a test run to see how he does! He'll be 9 in September, so he should have some biceps by then... LOL

Join me in taking a kid fishing – it will be the funnest experience in your lifetime!

Now... Get Bent!
Gary Mouritzen

PHOTO GALLERY



May

Bottom Fish Tournament,

Saturday May 2nd, 2015

Lines in: 6:00 am

Price: \$ 20.00 Dollars per angler for members
\$ 25.00 Dollars per non member (guests)

Weigh in: between 3:00 - 4:00 PM @ The Southwestern Yacht Club.

Species: All Rock Cod species, EXCEPT (Yellow Eyes, Cow Cod and Canary.)
California scorpion fish or sculpin and ling cod, do not qualify as Rockfish.

Junior Anglers: **Fish for free**, \$25.00 gift card. for 1st place, \$15.00 gift card for 2nd place and \$10.00 gift card for 3rd place Juniors.

Guests: All guests may fish 2 tournaments with out being a member as long as they are fishing on a Members boat or have a member with them on their boat.
All persons and guests on every boat must be entered in the tournament.

Tournament rules: Each Angler will weigh in their largest fish
The 3 largest fish will win first, second and third place.
All fish must comply with the Dept Of Fish and Game regulations on each individual species. (size, bag limit, area boundaries and depth.)
Its your responsibility to check the rules before fishing.

Sports Points: Each anglers largest single fish must be weighed separate for determining the sports points. The weigh master will weigh each anglers largest fish. Sports points will be given out for 1st 2nd & 3rd place (respectively 5 points, 4 points, 3 points) in Mens Womens and Juniors. (suggestion would be to clip tails or use colored zip ties.)

Side Pot: Largest Lingcod, Size limit 24 inches only if (DFG and Mexican laws permit)
All anglers per boat must be entered in the side pot to win. Cost: \$10.00

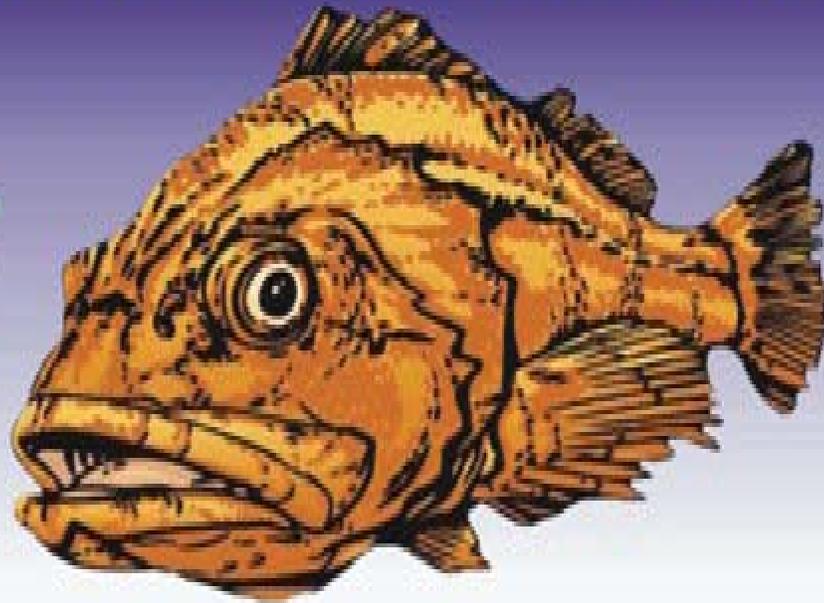
Weigh Master: (Curt Itogawa) Any and all protests must be made at the scale during the weighing of any fish. All ties will go to the angler who weighed in first. Final time is determined by the weigh masters watch. Any questions call Crut @760-791-7225

Tournament Master: (Rolly Lira) May call off any tournament. Due to small craft warnings or postpone at his discretion. Any questions call Rolly @ 619-892-4118

Tournament Channel - 68

Tides: **Low:** **High:**

BOTTOM FISHING TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

Benefiting Elder Help of San Diego

-  **Fun Day of Fishing**
-  **Complimentary Breakfast**
-  **Fish Fry Banquet**
-  **Awards Ceremony**
-  **Raffle**
-  **Live & Silent Auctions**
(Specific for Men, Women and Juniors)



Registration is \$75 per angler or submit your registration form prior to April 19, 2015. To qualify for "Early Bird" registration fee of \$65 per angler and entry in the "Early Bird" drawing!

Forms and more information at SWYC Office (619) 222-0438 or www.southwesternyc.org
Mickey Cooper (619) 857-2332 or Steve Methey (619) 857-9961

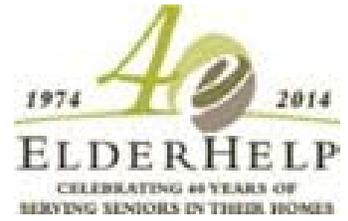

Southwestern
YACHT CLUB ANGLERS



Southwestern Yacht Club

45th Annual Bottom Fishing Tournament

Benefiting ElderHelp of San Diego



Phone: (619) 222-0438
 Fax: (619) 222-8214
 Email: info@southwesternyc.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Event Date: Saturday, May 2, 2015

Submit your Registration Form as Follows:

1. Mail this form and fees to: SWYC, 2702 Qualtrough St., San Diego, CA 92106, Attn: Mickey Cooper and Stephen Methey.
2. Your Representative may bring this form and fees in person to SWYC, 5:00am to 7:00am on the day of the tournament. Registration Forms received **PRIOR** to April 19, 2015, will qualify for an **early bird** registration fee of \$65.00 as well as entry in the "early bird" drawing. The registration fee, **ON** or after 4/19/15 will be \$75.00.

Participating Club Name: _____ Boat Owner's Name: _____

Name of Boat: _____ Boat Owner's Phone Number (____) _____

Boat Owner's Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____

Entry fee per Adult will be \$65.00 (early) or \$75.00 (regular). Juniors (under 16) will be \$25.00.

Entry fee includes Breakfast, Tournament Shirt, 1 Free Beer Ticket (must be 21), Awards Banquet, live and silent auctions and Opportunity Drawing for GREAT Prizes.

This year we will have prizes specifically for Men, Women, Juniors and Sail Boats.

ANGLER'S NAME	CHECK ONE						FEES	LARGEST FISH		
1.	Lady	<input type="checkbox"/>	Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sail	\$ _____	_____ lbs	
2.	Lady	<input type="checkbox"/>	Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sail	\$ _____	_____ lbs	
3.	Lady	<input type="checkbox"/>	Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sail	\$ _____	_____ lbs	
4.	Lady	<input type="checkbox"/>	Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sail	\$ _____	_____ lbs	
5.	Lady	<input type="checkbox"/>	Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sail	\$ _____	_____ lbs	
6.	Lady	<input type="checkbox"/>	Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sail	\$ _____	_____ lbs	
ADDITIONAL DINNER TICKETS		QTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	@	\$30.00 each	=	\$ _____			
ADDITIONAL SHIRTS		QTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	@	\$15.00 each	=	\$ _____			
Checks should be payable to "Southwestern Anglers" or SWYC acct _____										
TOTAL BOAT FEES:								\$ _____		
TOTAL BOAT FISH WEIGHT:									_____ lbs	
LARGEST LING COD ANGLER: _____							LING COD WEIGHT:		_____ lbs	

TOURNAMENT SHIRTS: Indicate the desired quantity by size. One shirt per angler included in fees

_____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X Large _____ XX Large _____ XXX Large

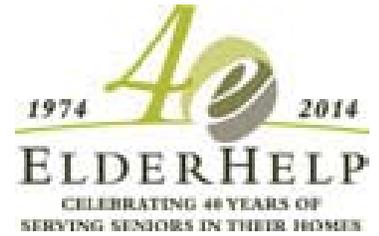


Southwestern Yacht Club

45th Annual Bottom Fishing Tournament

Charity Benefit

RULES & REGULATIONS



Phone: (619) 222-0438

Fax: (619) 222-8214

Email: info@southwesternyc.org

Event Date 5/2/15

1. Registration may be accomplished by mail, or in person at SWYC between 5am and 7am on the day of the tournament. Those registering by mail must have a representative of the boat sign in at the SWYC on the day of the tournament. Registered anglers may enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet at the Yacht Club.
2. **Registrations** received **prior to 4/19/15** qualify for an “**Early Bird**” registration fee of **\$65.00** and entry in the “Early Bird” drawing. On or after 4/19/15 the registration fee will be \$75.00.
3. Registrants wishing to bring their boats to the Yacht Club on Friday night should contact the office at (619) 222-0438 to obtain a slip or side tie as soon as possible. These accommodations are available on a first come first served basis. **Guest dock will be available for weigh in. Do not occupy any slip without authorization.**
4. The fishing boundaries will be: The 120 fathom curve from La Jolla to the Rock Pile.
5. Local fishing regulations (Ca or Mexican depending on fishing location) will apply.
6. Channel 72 is the official channel for this tournament.
7. It is the responsibility of the boat owners to ensure that all crewmembers are licensed for Mexican and/or US waters as appropriate.
8. Only Rock Cod and Ling Cod will count in this tournament. There is a separate and special award for the largest Ling Cod. All other awards are for Rock Cod only. Cow Cod, Halibut, Sheepshead, and Whitefish will not be counted.
9. Perpetual Trophy to the Top Club: The two top boats from each participating club will constitute a team for the Perpetual Trophy. Each team will weigh in their five largest Rock Cod. The total weight per boat, of the top two boats, will determine the trophy winner.
10. All boats will depart at 7am (**SAILBOATS @ 6:30**) and will return to weigh in their catch no later than 4pm or will be disqualified. All fish will be weighed in at SWYC. Boats from Mission Bay may leave from Mission Bay, but must register at SWYC before 7am and may not clear the breakwater before 7am. Mission Bay boats will have until 4:30pm to present their fish for weigh in at SWYC. (Anglers’ Scales are in the North/East corner of the parking lot. Marked with Anglers’ sign)
11. Individual Awards
 - a. **Largest Rock Cod taken by a Lady 1st \$250.00, 2nd \$200.00, 3rd \$150.00.**
 - b. **Largest Rock Cod taken by a Man 1st \$250.00, 2nd \$200.00, 3rd \$150.00.**
 - c. **Largest Rock Cod taken by a Junior (under 16 years old as of 5/1/15) 1st \$150.00, 2nd \$100.00, 3rd \$50.00.**
 - d. **Largest Rock Cod taken by an angler on a Sailboat \$200.00**
 - e. **Special award for the largest Ling Cod (this is the only award for Ling Cod) Custom Rod.**All bottom fish weighed in for trophies will be used for the evening fish fry, to help offset the cost of the tournament and ensure top quality fresh fish. SWYC and **Chesapeake Fish Co.** will fillet the fish at SWYC. Any additional volunteers are welcome to fillet also.
12. Only one Adult (male or female) and one Junior prize per boat (2 prizes maximum).
13. Cocktails start at 5pm and Dinner will be served at 6pm. The awards ceremony and an opportunity drawing will immediately follow dinner. Additional dinner tickets will be sold at the door for \$30.00 on a space available basis.
14. In the event of weather cancellation, we will still have the breakfast, dinner and drawings.
15. This is a “fun” tournament for charity. Please have a good time and catch a lot of fish!

From California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:

New Recreational Groundfish Regulations Now In Effect

The California Fish and Game Commission adopted several changes to the current recreational groundfish regulations that apply to ocean fishing in state waters up to three miles from shore. The new regulations were adopted by the Commission at its Feb. 11 meeting and became effective March 10.

The open season dates and allowable fishing depths for the recreational Groundfish Management Areas are as follows:

- Northern - Open May 15 through Oct. 31, in 20 fathoms (120 feet) or less
- Mendocino - Open May 15 through Oct. 31, in 20 fathoms (120 feet) or less
- San Francisco - Open April 15 through Dec. 31, in 30 fathoms (180 feet) or less
- Central - Open April 1 through Dec. 31, in 40 fathoms (240 feet) or less
- **Southern - Open March 1 through Dec. 31, in 60 fathoms (360 feet) or less**

Staff from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) worked closely with recreational stakeholders to develop the regulations prior to submission to and approval by the Commission. "The changes are designed to allow as much fishing opportunity as possible while remaining within allowable catch limits," said Marci Yaremko, CDFW's State/Federal Fisheries Program Manager. "However, as we do each year, we will be closely monitoring catches up and down the state during the open season to ensure we don't exceed any limits."

Other changes include:

- An increase in the lingcod bag limit from two to three fish
- A sub-bag limit of five black rockfish within the 10-fish Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling (RCG) complex bag limit
- Statewide closure of the California scorpionfish fishery from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31

Take and possession of bronzespotted rockfish, canary rockfish, cowcod and yelloweye rockfish will remain prohibited statewide.

For more information about recreational groundfish regulations and to stay informed of in-season changes, please call the Recreational Groundfish Hotline at (831) 649-2801 or check CDFW's Marine Region Groundfish Central [website](#).

- **April 2nd** – Club Meeting Craig Heberer from NOAA at the Bali Hai
- **April 12th** – Pot Luck Surf Fishing Family Event
- **April 19th** – Day At The Docks
- **May 2nd** – Bottom Fish Tournament (in conjunction with SWYC)
- **May 7th** – Club Meeting Jim Holden from CCA and Friends of ROLLO at the Bali Hai
- **June 4th** – Swap Meeting Marina Village