

# San Diego Anglers

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## The San Diego Anglers

Are Proud to Present

**Captain Dave Hansen**

**Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**At the Bahia Hotel**

**998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA**

**Doors open at 6:00pm**

**Meeting at 7:00pm**

**Oct 1st  
Monthly Meeting**

**Oct 5th  
Big Brothers  
&  
Sisters  
Day on the Bay**

**Oct 18th  
Bass Slam  
Tournament**

**Oct 19-29  
Vagabond  
10-Day Charter**

**To Date  
Our Membership  
Total is:**

**378 Members  
196 Men  
92 Women  
90 Juniors  
88 Boats**

Captain Dave Hansen holds a 100Ton USCG Master License and is a self-confessed fishing fool. He grew up at San Clemente Sport Fishing where his Dad started a 70 year long career in the industry. His earliest memories are not of riding his bike with friends, but instead chasing bait around in the receiver. Thirty something years later, after Captaining many of the local sport boat's on the West Coast, Private Yachts, Deliveries to Mexico and beyond, he still loves doing what he loves. All those years of experience have now culminated into Captain Dave's Saltwater Guide Service. He is a CAPTAIN FOR HIRE who loves taking clients fishing on their own vessels. Captain Dave's Guide Service offers those of you that own your own boat, the opportunity to take the learning curve out of both boating and fishing, and/or refine your fishing skills, by allowing Captain Dave, to teach you various skills that are vital to successful fishing trips, including: (a) Boat handling skills(docking), (b) How to use your electronics, (c) Fishing spots along our coast, and most importantly, how to fish them, (d) Tying rigs and knots, (e) Bait selection.

## **Big Brothers and Sisters Day on the Bay**

Sunday **October 5th** is our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Day on the Bay with Big Brothers and Sisters of America sponsored by **Seaforth Boat Rentals, Everingham Brothers Bait Company, Fish Trap Lures, Subway and the Branding Iron.**

Taking these kids and their sponsors fishing for the day is a rewarding experience for everyone involved. You too can be involved, all we ask for is your time, your boat or your muscle. We need 25+ skippers/guides and 10 people for the ground crew. Whatever you choose to do, your time is appreciated as is evidenced by the all the big smiles at lunch. *If you would like to help, call Al at 619-285-1611/701-6745 or sign up at our October meeting.*

## 2014 Bass Slam Tournament

WHEN: 6 am Saturday October 18, 2014  
to 4pm Sunday October 18, 2014  
WHERE: Pacific Ocean within 80 miles of  
San Diego  
WHAT: Calico, Sand and Spotted Bay Bass  
AWARDS: **Heaviest 3 Fish Combo**  
**Adult 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4th & 5th**  
**Juniors 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
RULES: On entry forms.  
COST: **Adult \$20.00 Juniors \$5.00**  
JACK POT: \$5.00  
ENTRY FORMS: Newsletter, Club Meeting  
and Tackle Shops

QUESTIONS: **Contact**

**Dave Hanes @ (858) 272-5390**  
**or**  
**hanes4306@sbcglobal.net**

## 2014 Angler of the Year Standings

<b>MEN</b>	<b># of fish</b>	<b>Points</b>
Harry Okuda	6	667.96
Jim Johnson	6	623.35
Dennis Burlason	5	614.60
John Ashley	5	395.64
Harry Walker	5	344.82
<b>WOMEN</b>		
Millie Velez	6	513.25
Nancy Ortiz	3	379.10
<b>JUNIORS</b>		
Zack Henderson	5	380.23
Ashton Heidman	3	325.2
Gavin Terpening	3	315.8
Wyatt Cargel	4	250.24

## Tournament Angler of the Year Standings

<b>Adults:</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Dennis Burlason	15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nancy Ortiz/Mike York	14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mike Sur	12
4 <sup>th</sup> Steve Johnson	11
5 <sup>th</sup> Tony Souza	10

<b>Juniors:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Wyatt Cargel/Ashton Heidemann	7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bricen Humphrey/Schaffer	6
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gavin Terpening	5
4 <sup>th</sup> Harrison Kellerman	2

<b>Skipper of the Year:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Steve Johnson	22
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Souza	10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sean Davidson/Dennis Burlason	7
4 <sup>th</sup> Al Staz/Eddie Howerton	5



**Awesome Millie**



## Warriors on the Water Charter

Thursday September 18, 2014 was beautiful, warm, and sunny. At 9:15 the military started showing up at Fisherman's Landing looking forward to a day of fishing with the San Diego Anglers. Jessica, our contact with the Armed Forces YMCA had done an extraordinary job advertising our trip and we left the dock at 10am with a very packed full load on the Commander (owned and operated by Chris Switzer and Mark Gillette of Eclipse Sportfishing). It got a little choppy as we turned the corner coming out of San Diego Bay to the kelp beds. There were a couple of "chummers" but that didn't last long and soon everyone was having a good time fishing. We caught the usual half day fair; Bass, Bonito, etc. but then the yellowtail showed up which got everyone really excited! Due to military demands, we had to be back to the dock by 4pm so our fishing came to an end before we knew it but we had another little surprise for our Warriors. Thanks to so many club members and sponsors, we had put together a very nice raffle for our military members. The grand prize was a 32" Flat Screen TV, we had three \$100 bills from club members, movie tickets, Padre tickets, dinners, rods, a reel, many gift cards, our own member Shelly Hoapili made Duct Tape Wallets for each Warrior, autographed Baseballs from the Padres, and believe it or not.... The Raiders sent a large box of give-a-ways for our Warriors! There was lots of cheering and joking during the raffle which ended as we got to the dock. Lots of handshaking, hugs, thank you's, and warriors promising to be back next year! A very successful trip!

Many thanks are in order, first a huge thank you to Dave McMullen and Ocean Sciences for paying the cost of the boat, Typhoon Optics, Doug Moranville at Branding Iron, Joe & Lynda Tickey, Fisherman's Landing, The Padres, The Raiders, John Otto, George Mannschreck, Eric Heidemann, Shelly Hoapili, and all our San Diego Anglers who provided donations and their time to our event!





# OBB VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ





# *San Diego Anglers*

## **Fishing & Tackle Swap Meet**

**Wednesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**SAS Portuguese Hall**

**2818 Avenida de Portugal, San Diego, CA 92106**

**Doors open at 6:30**

It's time once again to clean out that closet or garage, dig through all of your fishing & boating gear, raffle prizes, or any other fishing related items you no longer need or want, & haul them to our November swap meet meeting to sell or trade. This is a great time to make a bit of cash to put toward those upcoming tournaments and fishing trips, or maybe buy a nice surprise for that special someone. This year's swap meet will be at Portuguese Hall to make room for all the sellers and buyers. This is a big event, so come on down and browse the tables for that special lure nobody sells anymore, or a gently used reel to replace the one you wore out pulling on big fish. The swap meet is free and open to the general public, so bring a friend or two.

**Seller's Tables are only \$10.00 each for San Diego Angler club members and \$15 each for the general public.**

**Contact Louis Almeida, Jr. to reserve a table.**

**E-mail: [louis.almeida.jr@gmail.com](mailto:louis.almeida.jr@gmail.com) or call (760) 585-6357.**



## **Just in Time for OctoberFest**

### **Beer Bread**

**3 Cups Self Raising Flour**

**½ Cup Sugar**

**12 oz. Beer**

**2 TBS Melted Butter on Top**

**Optional –**

**Sprinkle grated cheese on top**

**And or sliced Jalapeno**

**Cook for 55 min at 375**

**Submitted by Lisa Ashby**

### **PROPOSED BLUEFIN LIMITS FOR 2015**

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council ponders the Center for Biological Diversity's petition for U.S. waters. The decision was delayed until the November meeting. What is being proposed and what will likely pass and become law for 2015 is a 2 fish per day, 6 in possession for multiday trips.



# 2014 WEIGHMASTER'S REPORT

Weigh Master, Mike Sur

The **San Diego Anglers** wish to recognize club members who have managed to convert luck and skill into notable angling achievements. Anglers will be acknowledged and awarded for these catches at monthly membership meetings. Weight receipts received prior to the 10th of each month will be published in the **San Diego Anglers** monthly newsletter and awards presented at the next monthly meeting.



## PROCEDURE TO APPLY FOR AWARDS:

Submit all weight receipts within 30 days of catch.

1. Weigh your catch, any scale known to be accurate may be used.
2. Complete a **San Diego Anglers** weight receipt, enclose a photograph if possible.
3. Submit all weight receipts to: Mike Sur (858)-748-5560 mmsur99@gmail.com



**LARGEST FISH AWARDS:** will be awarded at the annual banquet.

**FIRST FISH AWARD** (local catches— within 125 miles of Point Loma)

**FIRST ALBACORE** (local)

**FIRST TUNA** (local)

**FIRST MARLIN** (local)

**Harry Okuda 28.8 lbs. BFT**

**Millie Velez 121.7 lbs**

SPECIES	MEN	WOMEN	JUNIOR
Albacore			
Barracuda (Pacific) *	Ted Phoenix 11.0 lbs		Wyatt Cargel 6.0 lbs
Bass (Barred Sand) *	Ron Ashby 8.3 lbs		Wyatt Cargel 4.3 lbs
Bass (Calico) *	Dennis Burlason 9.0 lbs	Nancy Ortiz 5.9 lbs	Gavin Terpening 4.1 lbs
Bass (Calico) **	Duane Patenaude 8.0		
Bass (Spotted Bay) *	Mike York 2.5 lbs		Zack Henderson 2.0 lbs
Bonito (Pacific) *	Jason Henderson 9.7		Ashton Heidman 15.1 lbs
Corbina *			
Dolphinfish (Dorado) *	Mike Sur 16.3 lbs	Millie Velez 8.2 lbs	Zack Henderson 16.4 lbs
Dolphinfish (Dorado) **			
Halibut (California)*	Dave McInroe 25.8 lbs	Nancy Ortiz 32.5 lbs	
Halibut (Pacific) **	Jason Pucillo 280.4 lbs		
Ling Cod *	John Ashley 16.2 lbs	Millie Velez 12.5 lbs.	
Ling Cod **			
Marlin (Striped) *		Millie Velez 121.7 lbs	
Marlin (Striped) **			
Marlin (Blue)			
Marlin (Black)			
Rock Fish *	Norm Campbell 6.8 lbs	Millie Velez 4.7 lbs	Ashton Heidman 5.7
Rock Fish **			
Sailfish (Pacific)			
Shark (Other) * +			
Shark (Other) ** +			
Shark (Mako) +			
Shark (Thresher) +			
Tuna (Big Eye-Pacific)			
Tuna (Blue Fin) *	Jim Johnson 85.0lbs	Debbie Patenaude 35.0	
Tuna (Blue Fin) **	Dave Morgan 23.8 lbs		
Tuna (Yellow Fin) *	Jason Henderson 39.5	Nancy Ortiz 24.8 lbs	Gavin Terpening 22 lbs
Tuna (Yellow Fin) **	Fred Dunham 186 lbs		
Wahoo**	Don Rolstad 60.8 lbs		
White Sea Bass *			
White Sea Bass **	Dwyane Patenaude 30.0		
Yellowtail (California) *	John Nakatani 38 lbs	Millie Velez 18.0	Gavin Terpening 22.0 lbs
Yellowtail (California) **	Mike Sur 26 lbs		
* local caught fish      ** fish caught beyond 125 miles from Point Loma      + 70lbs (gilled & gutted)			



# Award Winning Catches for 2014

**BASS 5 lbs and over:** Dennis Burlason 5.9, 5.4, 6.7 lbs., Ed Howerton 8.1 lbs., Ron Ashby 8.1 lbs., Bill Schaefer 6.0 lbs, Jim Johnson 5.4 lbs., Bill Hokstad 6.5 lbs., Nancy Ortiz 5.9 lbs., Mike Sur 6.5 lbs., Dan Hart 6.8 lbs., Dave Morgan 6.2 lbs.,

**BASS 10 lbs and over:**

**MARLIN under 200 lbs:** Millie Vellez 121.7 lbs.

**MARLIN 200 lbs and over:**

**MARLIN on 20 lb test or less:**

**YELLOWTAIL over 25 lbs:** Harry Okuda 26.7 lbs, Steve Stalcheski 28.6 lbs., Norm Campbell 28.6 lbs. Norm Campbell 28.6 lbs., Mike Sur 26 lbs., John Nakatani 38.0 lbs.,

**YELLOWTAIL over 40 lbs:**

**YELLOWTAIL 8 lb test or less:**

**TUNA 30 lbs and over:** Harry Okuda 30.3 lbs., Dennis Burlason 32.2 lbs., Jason Henderson 40.2, 39.5 lbs., Jim Johnson 85 lbs, Mike Sur 35.1 lbs., Debbie Patenaude 35 lbs.

**TUNA 100 lbs and over:** Fred Dunham 186, 131, 117, 103 lbs., Don Rolstad 108 lbs., Charles Fouquette 113, 133, 140 lbs.

**TUNA 200 lbs and over:**

**ALBACORE over 25 lbs:**

**ALBACORE over 40 lbs:**

**ALBACORE on 12 lb test or less:**

**LIGHT LINE FISH**

**3 to 1:**

**5 to 1:**

**10 to 1**

**RELEASED BILLFISH:** John Epsten



# 2014 CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2014

5	Wed	SDA Club Annual Swapmeet (Portuguese Hall)
22	Sat	SDA/SRRC Inter-Club Tournament

## DECEMBER 2014

3	Wed	SDA Club Meeting
11	Thur	SDA Holiday Dinner
13	Sat	SDA Lobster Tournament

### Club Members

Don't forget to like us on **Facebook**.

The club has two Facebook pages. One is at [www.facebook.com/SanDiegoAnglers](http://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoAnglers), the other is at [www.facebook.com/OpenBayBass](http://www.facebook.com/OpenBayBass).

Our club sponsors are always looking to see how many likes and persons are visiting our Facebook pages, so please make sure to like us.



Visit us on  
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## OCTOBER 2014 BASS SLAM TOURNAMENT RULES AND ENTRY FORM

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1. The official starting time of the tournament is **6:00am on Saturday, October 18th, 2014**. The official ending time of the tournament is **4:00pm on Saturday, October 18th, 2014**.
2. Boats may depart prior to the official starting time of the tournament. Boats must depart from and return to any port within the county of San Diego. No tournament fishing is allowed prior to the official tournament starting time.
3. **The fishing areas of the tournament shall be limited to those waters of the Pacific Ocean within 80 miles of San Diego.**
4. **During the tournament fishing can be done from any fishing platform.**
5. Bait may be caught, purchased or acquired as available prior to the official tournament starting time. Bait may be kept aboard tournament boats, used or transferred at the discretion of the anglers or skippers throughout the tournament.
6. California Department of Fish & Game regulations will be used for this tournament. IGFA angling rules apply, **No exceptions**. Angling rules can be found in the San Diego Anglers Yearbook under General Angling Rules. Anglers are responsible for compliance of California and Mexican, fishing and boating laws/regulations.
7. Transferring of anglers and fish from a disabled boat is allowed to comply with rule #8 or to continue to fight a hooked fish.
8. Anglers must report in person with the Tournament Weigh master with their fish ready for weighing no later than the official ending time of the tournament.
9. **Species: Calico bass, Sand Bass, & Spotted Bay Bass.** (\$5.00 Optional jackpot for heaviest single bass). **All fish must be weighed on the Club scale between 3:00pm & 4:00pm at the San Diego Anglers Tournament weigh station located at SHELTER ISLAND LAUNCH RAMP.**
10. **Prizes will be awarded in the following Categories: Heaviest Single Calico/Spotted/Sand Bass (3 fish sack – one of each species). 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place for adults; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for juniors. There will be no ties in any category. When two sacks of bass of the same weight are submitted, the first fish weighed is considered the winner. Regardless of weight 3 Bass combination beats 2 Bass combination, 2 Bass combination beat 1 Bass.**
11. All anglers are responsible to stay aware of current weather/sea conditions. Monitor NOAA weather radio for info.
12. **All tournament anglers must complete, sign and submit a Tournament Entry Form prior to wetting a line in this fishing tournament and complete Boat Insurance Info on back of entry form prior to fishing the tournament including the policy's ending date and time. NO VERBAL ENTRIES INTO TOURNAMENT ACCEPTED.**
13. **The entry forms must be turned into the locations or persons listed on the back of this form by 5:00pm, Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> with the Tournament Director or Fisherman's Landing Tackle Shop.** All entrants in the tournament must be current members in good standing or non-members fishing their first introductory tournament as a guest of a San Diego Angler club member. Entry forms can be scanned and emailed to Tournament Director (Dave Hanes) with all pertinent signatures, boat insurance info if applicable, date and time stamp. By signing the application, applicant does assume all risks of injury or property damage, and does agree to hold the San Diego Anglers harmless should any injury, death or property damage occur.
14. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in the offending angler's disqualification from the tournament and possible termination of club membership.
15. **Tournament Angler, Angler of the Year and Skipper points will be awarded for this tournament.**

**THERE WILL BE A BBQ AFTER THE TOURNAMENT.**

**ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE SAN DIEGO ANGLERS IN GOOD STANDING**

October 18th, 2014		BASS SLAM TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM	
Angler #1 _____	Man / Woman / Junior	Signature _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Angler #2 _____	Man / Woman / Junior	Signature _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Angler #3 _____	Man / Woman / Junior	Signature _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Angler #4 _____	Man / Woman / Junior	Signature _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Angler #5 _____	Man / Woman / Junior	Signature _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
Boat Name _____		Total \$ _____	
Skipper's telephone number (in case of cancellation) (____) _____		Date _____	
Rec'd _____			

**ADULT MEMBERS \$20.00, JUNIOR MEMBERS \$5.00**

**\$5.00 OPTIONAL JACKPOT FOR LARGEST SINGLE BASS.**

**Contact: Dave Hanes (858) 272-5390. Weigh Master: Mike Sur (858) 735-3342**  
**dhanes4306@sbcglobal.net mmsur99@gmail.com**

# OCTOBER 2014 BASS SLAM TOURNAMENT TOURNAMENT RULES/ENTRY FORM

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## PROTESTS

1. The Protest Committee will be made up of:
  - a. David Hanes
  - b. Louis Almeida
  - c. Al Stasukevich
2. The Protest Committee has the right to disqualify any angler who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Any protest relative to the weight of a fish, manner of weighing, or the manner of catching/landing the fish must be made prior to the fish being removed from the scale. The protest must be made to the Tournament Weighmaster and Tournament Director at that time.
4. Any protest, except weight, must be filed in writing with the protest committee no later than 24 hours after the ending time of the tournament. The protest may be filed with any member of the protest committee.
5. The San Diego Anglers take no responsibility for personal injury, death or property damage resulting from any misconduct, negligence, and adverse weather conditions or otherwise, of any persons or its members at sponsored events and tournaments.
6. The San Diego Anglers does not investigate weather or sea conditions, or the possibility of other boating activities when scheduling its events. (See rule #11 on page 1)
7. By signing this application, the applicant does assume all risks of injury, death or property damage, and does hold the San Diego Anglers harmless should any injury or damage occurs.

## RECOGNIZED TOURNAMENT APPLICATION DROP OFF POINTS

- Fisherman's Landing - Point Loma
- David Hanes (Tournament Director - 4181 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego Ca. 92117) or at a monthly club meeting given to a CURRENT Board Member.

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## INSURANCE CERTIFICATION FORM

In order to participate in a San Diego Anglers club sponsored event and/or fishing tournament in which you provide and/or use your own, borrowed or leased boat, you must certify that you have the necessary BOAT & PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE and that is in effect during the event and/or tournament.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THE NECESSARY BOAT/PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE AS NOTED BELOW:

SIGNATURE _____	PRINT NAME _____	DATE _____
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1. Name of the insurance carrier: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Names of insured: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Year of boat: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Make of the boat: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Model of the boat: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Last three digits of the boat Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Effective and expiration dates of the liability coverage: \_\_\_\_\_



# UPCOMING CHARTERS FOR 2014

The San Diego Anglers has a number of charters scheduled for this year. Please remember that these charters sell out fast and may require a deposit to hold your spot. Members paying a deposit in advance get first priority and choice of bunk assignment. Prices listed do not include California or Mexican fishing license, Mexican Visa, fuel surcharge, food, drinks, crew tips or fish cleaning fees, unless otherwise noted.

DATE	LENGTH	BOAT	LANDING	Price
Oct 19-29	10-Day Charter	Vagabond	Point Loma Sportfishing	TBA/person (a)
(a) Charter price includes fuel surcharge, food, snacks and drinks (no alcohol).				



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With my adventure in La Paz mostly about hurricane Odiel, let me tell you a little bit about the great service from Tailhunter International.

When you book a trip to La Paz with Jonathan and Jillene, you can rest assured that you will be taken of. You are picked up at the airport (La Paz or Cabo) by your friendly Tailhunter shuttle driver who takes you the Tailhunter restaurant where Jonathan and/or Jillene greet you with a complementary refreshment, load up with any needed supplies, water, beer, fishing license, and tackle. If you wanted to, all you would need to bring is clothes and terminal tackle. The Pangas all have rods and reels to use, or you can arrange with Jonathan in advance and reserve some rods. In our case, we brought our own reels and Jonathan had Calstar rods waiting for us when we arrived. A big thanks to Dwayne Patenadue for the heads up. If you

carry-on your reels, they must have no fishing line on them. Otherwise, pack your reels with your check-in luggage. I took spools of line and loaded my reels when we got to the hotel.

From the restaurant you are taken to the hotel were you check-in and get ready for the next day of fishing. There are two options to fishing with Tailhunters. Option 1 is to fish with their La Arenas fleet that takes you to the East Cape side for what must be some of the best fishing down there. You do get up early as the shuttle van picks you at the hotel about 4:45am. You have some breakfast burritos on the shuttle ride to Las Arenas (about 45 mins) and then board Super Pangas for about 6 hours of fishing. Lunch, water, soda and ice and a cooler is provided to you for the day. Option 2 is fish the La Paz fleet in the bay of La Paz. This is where you can catch anything from Dorado, Roosterfish, Yellowtail, Wahoo, Pargo, Marlin, and Sailfish. You fish on Deluxe Pangas out of La Paz which have cushioned bench seats and shade to keep you out of the sun. With the Las Arenas fleet, you purchase bait (\$20-25), but with the La Paz fleet, you spend the first hour catching bait (Sardinas). The nice thing about the La Paz fleet is that you are picked up and dropped off on the beach in front of your hotel (if you stay at the La Concha Hotel).

After your day of fishing, the Panga captains fillet your catch and you can take them to Jonathan where he vacuum packs your catch and freezes it so you can take it back with you at the end of the trip. You must however bring a cooler with you to La Paz. Pricing for this option is very affordable. Otherwise you can do what I did. I gave my catch except one Dorado to the Panga captain who are always grateful. They don't sell the catch, they use it to feed their family. With the Dorado I kept, I dropped it off at the Tailhunter Restaurant where it was cooked up for dinner for us upon arrival Saturday night. Nothing better than eating your own fresh fish you just caught earlier that day. And you won't be disappointed with the dinner you are served. The dinner we had that night, plus all our meals and drinks we had at Tailhunter Restaurant was top notch. We never ate any place else.

There are other things you can book with Tailhunters. There are tours of La Pa available, scuba diving, spearfishing, fly fishing, spa days for the spouse. Give Jillene or Jonathan a call and hear about everything that is available while down in La Paz.

To learn more about Tailhunter International visit them at [www.tailhunter-international.com](http://www.tailhunter-international.com). I am already looking to go down again soon for another adventure, minus any hurricane.

Louis Almeida, Jr.