

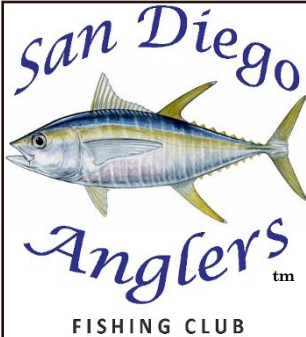
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Notice: The San Diego Anglers December 2nd, 2020 meeting will be held online/remotely via Zoom. The Zoom Webinar will open at 6:45 PM and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Earl Asbury will send a link to the Webinar in an email. To join the Webinar, open the email and click on the link to the Webinar.



December 2nd
SDA Club Meeting
Online/Remote

SDA Board Member
Holiday Party
Cancelled

December 9th
SDA Board Members
Meeting - Remote

292 Members



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The San Diego Anglers

Are Proud to Present - Guest Speaker

Captain Dave Hansen

yoursaltwaterguide.com

Dave Hansen is a 100-Ton USCG Master License holder and is the ONLY licensed guide in California, and has over 46 years of experience in captaining sport boats and private yachts on the West Coast.

Dave is the founder and owner of yoursaltwaterguide.com, a website that provides access and information on all things fishing in Southern California. He is an expert advisor for Pacific Coast Sportfishing magazine, weekly contributor on Lets Talk Hook Up and featured guest speaker on numerous fishing industry events and podcasts.



Wounded Warriors Penn Mega Raffle

By Dwayne Patenaude

As restrictions have eased rolling into November, Tackle Days at Fishermans Landing was okayed by the County. Nobody knew what the reaction would be as this would be the first large event for the fishing industry since the shutdown here in San Diego. The club was running the casting contest, and we asked Doug if the San Diego Anglers Foundation could set up our booth next door and sell Mega raffle tickets for 5 Penn rod and reel combos. A \$10 ticket for a chance to win about \$2200 in rods and reels from Penn, all the proceeds going toward taking the wounded warriors fishing in 2021. We had to dodge the rain a few times for a few minutes, but the event was a huge success. We ended up selling all 350 tickets that we printed for the event, all in one day! Wow. Because we sold them all out, we decided to pull the ticket right there. When then Friends of Rollo raffle was over at the end of the day, the crowd drifted over to the Foundation booth. The wheel was spun, Jill reached in, mixed up the tickets some more, dug deep and pulled the winning ticket. "Is Robert Wong here?" He was, along with his wife and 3 kids visiting from Las Vegas. Pictures were taken, and a family won a quiver of 5 Penn rods and reels, Penn Slammer III 3500 spinning reel, Star drags of Fathom 15, and a 25N and 2-Two Speed reels (Fathom 25N and Fathom 40N) all attached to Penn Carnage rods.

We would like to thank everyone who came down to support the wounded warrior program by purchasing tickets. It was such a success that if the Fred Hall show will be allowed to be outdoors at the fair grounds, we will try to do it again!



Winners of the Raffle



Tackle Days

By: Debbie Patenaude

On November 7th, Fisherman's Landing Tackle Days proved to be an adventure. There was an outstanding turnout considering the periodic rainstorms that soaked us. The wind had the rain blowing sideways and sent everyone running for cover. Even with that, there was a merry atmosphere and the afternoon cleared up. The San Diego Anglers were in charge of the casting contest for the landing, Thank You Jim Medlin for running this part of our day. Lots of would-be winners lined up to try their hand at the longest cast. This year Doug Kern spiced things up by adding a Junior and Ladies category. The competition was tough, but the longest cast was 87 yards. Not an easy feat! Thank you to Shimano for the prizes.

We were lucky enough to have a double booth this year and share it with our San Diego Anglers Foundation. Dwayne and Jill were busy selling raffle tickets to support the Foundation events for 2021, while Carol Asbury and myself answered club questions and took membership renewals.

Thank you to Rich Rodriguez for spotting the casting lengths, to Dave Hanes and David Ameika for racing back and forth with the spotter flag, and to Ray Broadfoot and Andrew Hauser for taking names and keeping social distancing in the line.

Casting Contest Winners



2020 10-Day “Vagabond” Trip

By Debbie Patenaude

When Covid hit this Spring, nobody knew how it would affect the sportfishing industry. As the data grew, it became evident that close quarters with people was a problem. People started to bale from the trip in reaction to the info. As the summer progressed, it became evident the virus was difficult to spread in an outdoor situation like the deck of a boat. Restrictions were lifted by late June and the industry was opened back up again. We tried hard to fill the vacancies, but people still had concerns, and I don't blame them one bit. But a contract was signed and we were going. Mike suggested, for peace of mind, a Covid test be performed on everyone that was going by Friday before we left and then everyone self-quarantine until Monday morning, when we left. All tested negative.

When Monday morning rolled around, the 12 remaining people gathered at Point Loma Sportfishing. Most of us had not seen each other for months, so it was a happy reunion. We loaded on the boat with our usual ton of stuff, mostly wahoo stuff, and headed out to get bait. The crew went through the Covid requirements on masks, eating in the galley, spacing, bunkrooms, etc., as okayed by San Diego County, and we loaded our bait. Captain Mike said we would start the trip by gathering flying fish at San Clemente Island and then head west to the Tanner Bank (another 50 miles to the west). The fishing for the big bluefin had been spectacular recently, and we were about to find out. These fish had been caught on flyers in the daytime and flatfalls, at night. We were loaded for bear, to say the least with the Vagabond supplying all the Penn kite gear (200 lb Spectra with 400lb leader wound on Penn International reels and Calstar rods). The fishing was spectacular as we all watched the 2 kite rigs that were deployed get exploded on by giant fish every 20 minutes or so. We had fish going all the time. As your rotation spot came up, you waited in a designated spot by the kite rod and waited for Mike to deploy the flyer. Sometimes it was only out a few minutes before it was exploded on, like a mine going off under the bait. It was amazing, to say the least. We were all spectators as we waited our turn. The best bite was just as the sun went down. Norm Campbell was up to bat. His fish fought him into the dark, and after an hour, with Mike maneuvering the boat to keep it straight up and down. they sunk the gaffs into a monster which taped out at about 350 lbs. WOW as this fish was a pig and we all went into the galley to lick our wounds, take Advil, apply Ben Gay or what ever it took to make the muscles feel better.

During dinner, while watching the World Series, Mike came down from the wheelhouse (we were drifting in the dark) to let us know that if anyone was interested, there was a ton of 100-to-200 lb. fish right under the boat that you could drop a flatfall on. Nobody budged as they were tired, with some already taken showers and were in clean clothes. A second plea came from Mike about 30 minutes later that the fish were even thicker. Nobody moved as the Series was pretty exciting. The game finally ended a short time later, and I ventured out as it was only about 7 :00 or so. I dropped a flatfall and hooked up immediately on the first drop. Paul comes out, drops his flatfall and gets ripped right under the boat. two are now on, and the excitement was about to begin again. Pretty soon everyone was back to fishing, convincing the freshly showered and clean-clothed anglers to change out and join the party. When it was all said and done, we put bluefin up to 220 lbs on the deck that night. It was pretty insane.

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2020 -10 Day “Vagabond Trip” (continued)

We did not know what was in store for us the next day. I rolled out of bed after the sun came up, and no one was fishing. Mike was eating breakfast in the galley. I asked what was going on, and they said we needed a little more wind to get the kite up. I sat down with Mike and asked if the fish stayed with the boat all night long. He just smiled and said we were surrounded by tons of 200-300 pounders circling the boat. I kind of felt like Custer at that point! Little did we know what was in store for us. Typically, they fish two kite rods: one in the bow, one in the stern. We would not need the bow setup today. The first bait Mike deployed got exploded on while letting it out. He put out another bait - same thing: instant explosion by the boat. We all stood in amazement as these monster tuna stood in their own line under the boat, just waiting for us to put another bait out. We could not get the bow rod out as all deck hands were up at this point keeping the chaos on the deck manageable. And Mike just kept the fish coming. It was an orchestra on the boat and Mike was the conductor. It was amazing. By midday, we caught our limits, and many quit fishing. Debbie got a personal best 280-pounder and said to everyone, "I'm done!. I can't do this again." Many had the same sentiment, so we packed it in and left them biting for the next boat.

We turned toward Alijos rocks, where we would try for Wahoo. It was a two-day journey with great seas, and we all prepared for our next chapter of the trip. Mike said the sharks had been real bad down there, eating most of the Wahoo hooked. He would try to get us one Wahoo each. We arrived at the rocks and started hooking Wahoo immediately. There did not seem to be any shortage of Wahoo. Nor sharks. We did our best and maybe boated 15 Wahoo before the sun went down. We woke up to the same thing the next day, and Mike decided to make a little move to a bank that is about 10 miles or so to check it out. We got down there and immediately hooked up. Lots of sharks, but they did not seem to be as aggressive, allowing many Wahoo to reach the gaff. As the morning went on, the fishing got better and better. I think I got 7 on then the bomb that day with no losses to the sharks. And then right in the middle of a great Wahoo bite we got attacked. We could not get a bait out to the Wahoo. No, not sharks, but marlin. A school of marlin found us, and we had many hookups going at the same time. They were swimming around the boat, all lit up in blue. If you wanted to fight a marlin, they were there for the picking. I even hooked one on the bomb. We had fun for about an hour, hooting and hollering as they would greyhound after hooking up. They finally left us so we could get back to our job at hand: Wahoo. We ended up with about 60, way more than any other boat fishing for them. We were very grateful that the sharks did not eat breakfast and lunch that day !

Mike heard of the big wind that was expected, and we were about 200 miles offshore and he did not want to get stuck out there. We hightailed it for the beach and got there just in time. Mike went to one of his honey holes next to shore. We had a choice: yellows out the back or calicos off the starboard side. It was pretty wide open for us for two days, bait or iron. They were gobbling the surface iron pretty good. At one point I had to put down my surface iron rod as my arms were sore from catching yellows. "I know, I will rest by throwing a Hook-up bait for bass." That was a lot of fun until a yellow grabbed the Hook-up bait on my medium spinning outfit. Everything was fine and then I felt a thump on my rod, and in about 6 seconds I lost all my line on my reel. POW went the knot. Mike walked up and said I hooked one of his pet groupers. It came up and ate my yellow while I was fighting it. Same thing happened to Kezele about an hour later: He hooked a yellow on a surface iron, was finishing the fight, and he hooked something large that spooled him.

See photos on the next page.

**10-Day Vagabond
Photos
By Debbie Patenaude**



Tournament Anglers of the Year.

Sam Lindsey, Tournament Master

Even with all of what is going on, we were still able to have 4 successful tournaments this year.

As always, the competition was up to it and from all of the stories we have heard it was a good time out on the water.

- ◆ Adult Tournament Angler of the Year: Linda Power
- ◆ Junior Tournament Anglers of the Year was a tie: Justin Larson and Vincent Hauser
- ◆ Tournament Skipper of the Year: Andrew Hauser.



San Diego Angler David Ameika Sets World Record

By Andrew Hauser

Club member David Ameika not only beat the previous world record but he destroyed it. When on the club's ten day "Vagabond" charter David decided he was going to get himself a world record fish. With monster Bluefin being caught, giant Yellowtail coming over the rail, and huge world-class Wahoo coming over the rail, David knew this trip was going to be the trip that was going to get him that world-record fish. After catching triple-digit-sized Bluefin, David went on the hunt for massive wahoo down by Alijos Rocks. He saw the world record fish free swimming and knew he was in the right zone but just couldn't connect with the right one after three days of trying. Heading back up the line,

David knew the best water to catch that record fish was still to some. As the "Vagabond" positioned itself on the

high spot, David knew this was his last shot, so he rigged up his "all tackle" dropper-loop setup. It didn't take long for huge yellowtail to come over the rail, but that wasn't what David was looking for. He was on the search for that Starry Rockfish. Bam bam his rod tip twitches, and he knew he had the right kind. Pulls it over the rail and just shy of the current record, so he rebaited and sends it back down. Bam bam, the rod tip twitches, and he knew this was the



one he was looking for. By now the crowd has gathered around him, watching as he pulls this world record fish over the rail. The crowd erupted with cheers as emotions flood David senses. He did it folk!!!! He set the igfa world record for Starry Rockfish with a whopping 3.6lbs. Some would say this was the story of David vs Goliath. **Great job, David!**

2021 San Diego Anglers Open Bay Bass Tournament

By Dwayne Patenaude

Cancelled

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Port of San Diego contacted the club in September, telling us that they would get back with us in November on the permissibility of next year's Bay Bass Tournament because of the virus. Well, it is official now: All events surrounding the bay have been officially cancelled through March 1, 2021. We will plan for the OBB Tournament in 2022 and are hoping that it will be safe enough to do it then.

Board Members Wanted



Want to be a part of a dynamic group doing important work to support recreational fishing in San Diego?

Then consider running for the board of The San Diego Anglers. We are seeking committed and energetic board members for the 2021-22 year starting in March, 2021. The San Diego Anglers is the largest and most recognized family fishing club in San Diego, with close to 400 members. The board is responsible for planning membership activities, charitable activities, and to manage the financial resources of the organization in a responsible manner. It you are interested in running, you must be a member in good standing with at least one year as an active member. Please submit your intent to run and tell us why you should serve on the board and your qualifications by January 6th to Ray Broadfoot at raybroadfoot@gmail.com

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It's that time of the year to renew your SDA membership for 2021

Your Board of Directors has decided to reduce the Membership cost by 50% for those who were members in 2020, so an Individual Membership will be \$35.00 and a Family Membership \$40.00 for 2021.

New 2021 memberships remain the same: Individual \$70.00 and Family \$80.00.

All memberships expire on December 31, 2020 and should be renewed by the February 3, 2021 club meeting in order to maintain your membership in good standing. Also, don't forget if you renew your membership during the months of November and December, you will automatically be entered into the drawing for TWO FREE TICKETS to the San Diego Anglers Annual Awards Banquet in April, 2021. Let's make this club a greater success in 2021.





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

For our upcoming online/remote Club Meeting on 12/02/2020, we will have a drawing to give away prizes to 4 randomly selected attendees. 3 Zoom attendees and 1 Facebook attendee will win a prize.



The drawing will be done at the end of the meeting.

You must still be signed on at the end of the meeting to win.

No purchase is necessary.

So please join us for our next meeting and a chance to win.

Winners will be informed of their prize and we will arrange delivery.

Raffle Winners:

- Kevin Charito - Bullbuster Fishing Line, Surface Iron and Jigs
- Jorge Secola - Bullbuster Fishing Line, Surface Iron and Jigs
- David Hanes - Bullbuster Fishing Line, Surface Iron and Jigs

Facebook Winner:

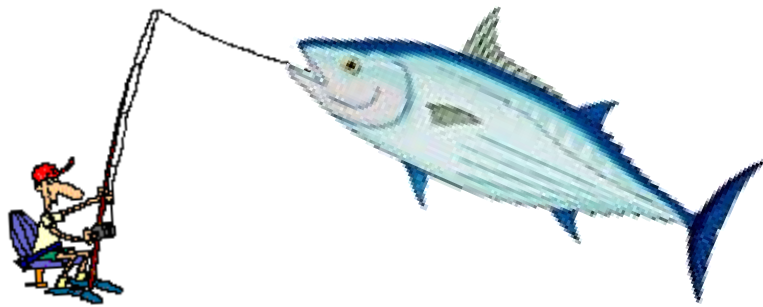
♦ TBD



SDA 2020 Calendar

This is a tentative calendar of events. Please make sure to visit SDA website for revised dates.

December 2020			January 2021		
2	Wed	SDA Club Meeting (REMOTE)	6	Wed	SDA Club Meeting (REMOTE)
3	Thurs	SDA Board Meeting Holiday Party (Cancelled)	13	Thurs	SDA Board Meeting (REMOTE)
9	Wed	SDA Board Meeting (REMOTE)			



2020 Award-Winning Catches as of October 22, 2020

**Bass 5 lbs and over: Jack Smith 5.27 Sand Bass, Adam Larson 5.16 Calico Bass,
Chris Dedo 6.5 Calico Bass**

Bass 10 lbs and over:

Marlin under 200 lbs:

Marlin over 200 lbs:

Marlin on 20-lb test or less:

Yellowtail over 25 lbs: John Gleaves 27.7, Dennis Burlason 38.6

Yellowtail over 40 lbs:

Yellowtail on 8-lb test or less:

Tuna 30 lbs and over: Lori Heath 66.36, Robert Tressler 71.62

Tuna 100 lbs and over: Robert Tressler 137.5, John Gleaves 122.1

Tuna 200 lbs and over:

Albacore over 25 lbs:

Albacore over 40 lbs:

Albacore on 12-lb or less:

Light-Line Fish

3 to 1

5 to 1

10 to 1

2020 Angler-of-the-Year Standings as of 11/24/2020

Men's Division			Women's Division			Junior Division		
Angler	Qualified	Points	Angler	Qualified	Points	Angler	Qualified	Points
Dennis Burlason	Y	884.70	Lori Heath	Y	785.77	Vincent Hauser	Y	582.49
Andrew Hauser	Y	754.31	Linda Power	Y	769.92	Jack Smith	Y	550.03
Ken Pucillo	Y	531.71	Janice Krause	Y	539.05	Luke Wiese	Y	492.44
Reminder - Adults need 7 species to qualify.						Reminder-Juniors need 5 species to qualify		



2020 WEIGHMASTER'S REPORT

Andrew Hauser, Weighmaster

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 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: Andrew Hauser, at dadsells@yahoo.com



LARGEST FISH AWARDS will be awarded at the annual banquet.

Weighmaster Report as of November 24, 2020

	MEN'S	WOMEN'S	JUNIORS
First Albacore			
First Tuna			
First Marlin			
Albacore *			
Barracuda (Pacific) *	Ty Wiese (12.9 lbs.)	Linda Power (6.37 lbs.)	Vincent Hauser (6.01 lbs.)
Bass (Barred Sand) *	Dennis Burlason (7.97 lbs.)	Linda Power (4.21 lbs.)	Jack Smith (5.27 lbs.)
Bass (Calico) *	Chris Dedo (6.5 lbs.)	Lori Heath (4.8 lbs.)	Vincent Hauser (4.70 lbs.)
Bass (Calico) **			
Bass (Spotted Bay) *	Ron Lee (2.73 lbs.)	Linda Power (1.38 lbs.)	
Bonito (Pacific) *	Andrew Hauser (9.21 lbs.)	Linda Power (9.84 lbs.)	Justin Larson (12.2 lbs.)
Corbina *			
Dolphinfish (Dorado) *	Ron Lee (10.9 lbs.)		Luke Wiese (9.10 lbs.)
Dolphinfish (Dorado) **			
Halibut (California) *	Dennis Burlason (13.1 lbs.)	Lori Heath (6.54 lbs.)	
Halibut (Pacific) **	Bobby Rollins (48.0 lbs.)	Alisa Garrett (55.9 lbs.)	
Ling Cod *	Andrew Hauser (13.18 lbs.)	Linda Power (11.70 lbs.)	Luke Wiese (20.2 lbs.)
Ling Cod **			
Marin (Striped) *			
Marin (Striped) **			
Marlin (Blue)			
Marlin (Black)			
Rock Fish *	Dennis Burlason (5.70 lbs.)	Janice Krause (5.90 lbs)	Luke Wiese (7.1 lbs.)
Rock Fish **			
Sailfish (Pacific)			
Shark (Other) *			
Shark (Other) **			
Shark (Mako) *	Ken Pucillo (released)		
Shark (Mako) **			
Shark (Thresher) *			
Shark (Thresher) **			
Tuna (Big Eye-Pacific) *			
Tuna (Big Eye-Pacific) **			
Tuna (Bluefin) *	Norm Campbell (333.0 lbs.)	Debbie Patenaude 279.0	Jack Smith (248.2 lbs.)
Tuna (Bluefin) **	Adam Larson (27.0 lbs.)		Justin Larson (29.0 lbs.)
Tuna (Yellowfin) *	Robert Tressler (54.1 lbs.)	Lori Heath (638.40 lbs.)	Jack Smith (36.0 lbs.)
Tuna (Yellowfin) **	John Gleaves (54.0 lbs.)		
Wahoo *			
Wahoo **	Steve Carson (40.0 lbs.)		
White Sea Bass *		Shelly Cochlin (32.8 lbs.)	
White Sea Bass **			
Yellowtail (California) *	Ron Lee (41.0 lbs.)	Lori Heath (28.10 lbs.)	Vincent Hauser (18.34 lbs.)
Yellowtail (California) **	John Gleaves (27.7 lbs.)		

* local caught fish

** fish caught beyond 125 miles from Point Loma