



Reel Times

March 2010

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Upcoming Events

General Meeting – March 11th
Dana Point Marina Inn at 6pm

Artificials Tournament – March 13th and 14th

Halibut Tournament – March 27th and 28th

DAC Awards Banquet Recap

The banquet came with a fresh new look this year, since we were moved to a new room at Aliso Creek. As the board kicked things off, we were sad



to learn that Rick Fuller was not able to attend due to a death in the family. Dan Upchurch stepped in as MC, and ran the show. Anyone who tried to lift the new All-Around Top Boat award might have needed to visit their chiropractor afterward.

We're looking forward to pictures of the new room addition that Steve Mras – the first ever winner – will make to house the award!



Salsipuedes made quite a showing, with frequent teammate Mike Hulsey winning Outstanding Angler. The club had a great world record year, and the board was proud to announce



Kathy Pomo's and Steve Mras' new world records. Way to represent the club! The Wild Bill again had an outstanding year with 18 marlin released, which is leaps and bounds above any other family boat on the west coast.

Most contributing member was awarded to Jim Kingsmill for his paramount contributions in teaching and sharing with club members in 2009.



All around a lovely evening, and a great way to start the 2010 ball rolling!



2010 Board of Directors: Dan Upchurch, Chris Bailey, Sara Holmes, Ken Hession, Sean Lawlor, Jeff Priegel, Geoff Heldoorn



2009 World Records: Kathy Pomo and Steve Mras.

Dangers of Fishing in the Harbor

It was reported that both Randy Moore on Moore Fun and Geoff Heldoorn on Hattaboy hooked into the respective catches of their lives recently while fishing in the harbor. They each pulled and pulled from their separate boats, neither making much headway on what could only be a pair of tremendous fish. Most unfortunately, they soon became aware that they had indeed hooked into something big – each other! And thus the tug-of-war ended. That’s one way to keep in shape in the off-season!

Fishing

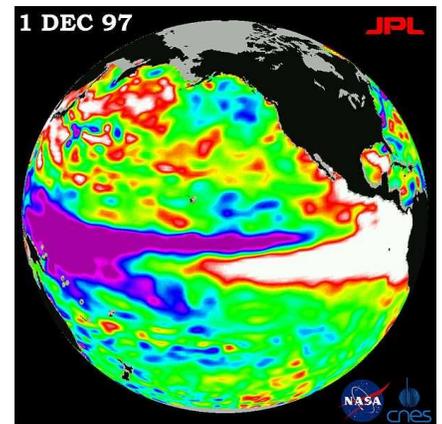
Dave Peter and crew on Teaser had a nice time catching halibut and a few giant squid! Moore Fun also got in on the giant squid action in February.

Pat and Sara had a lovely morning recently white seabass fishing. Up at 3am, and out in the cold. Sara fell asleep, and woke up shivering and seasick – still dark. Kept fishing until about 7:30am. Got to the beach to learn that a kayaker near to us had landed a 60# WSB very near to where they were fishing. Aaarrggghh!

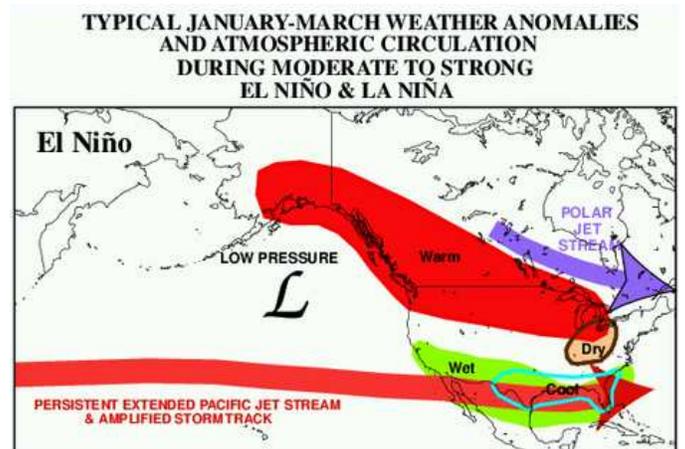
El Nino 2010 - By Geoff Heldoorn

The first El Nino was recorded in the early 1500’s. The phenomenon usually lasts for several weeks, but major events can last longer than a year. Recent El Niño’s occurred in 1957, 1965, 1976, 1982, 1983, and 1997. The ’97 El Nino lasted from 9/06-7/07.

El Nino is generated along the equator in the Pacific. The normal trade winds cease, which allows warm water from the Western Pacific to surge eastward along the equator.



While Southern California anglers associate El Nino with *excellent sport fishing*, many other areas affected by El Nino have negative consequences. For example, the arrival of warm water off the coast of Ecuador and Peru suppresses the upwelling of cold, nutrient rich water and disturbs the local fisheries. In 1972 El Nino led to the collapse of the once large Peruvian Anchovy fishery.



The warm water event travels all the way up the West coast of the U.S. and even affects Alaska. NOAA reports that the current El Nino continues in

the tropical Pacific with temp's averaging from 1-2 deg Celsius above normal. This should impact U.S. surfaces temp's for March, April, May (MAM), and April, May, June (AMJ). NOAA's model shows a weakening of El Nino after this point, but still predicts an average of 0.5 deg Celsius above normal through JJA.



As we prepare for the upcoming season there is much anticipation across the Southern California

sport fishing industry. We all remember the stories of past El Nino's and many of us have experienced "once-in-a-lifetime" catches that we will keep with us the rest of our lives.

I was lucky enough to catch a yellowtail from a 2-man life raft (budget boat in college) while floating off a kelp bed in Santa Barbara in 1983. We were surrounded by red crabs swimming just below the surface.

In 1984 we caught Albacore within sight of Oceanside Harbor.

In 1997 Ken Hession saw an Albacore swimming along the dock in Dana Point Harbor. Thinking quickly, he grabbed a gaff and ran down the dock and free gaffed it. Now that surely qualifies as a "once-in-a-lifetime" event.

In September of 1997 Pat Holmes fished solo on his Blackman 23, 2 mi below the 277. Lots of Marlin and Dorado around. In the afternoon he

got a jig strike and stuck a fish. It smoked his reel and never got a crank on it. The fish spooled 450



yds of line down to the knot and broke him off. Later in the day a spotter plane reported seeing 450 # Blue Marlin in the exact area of his strike! In October he was catching 15-30# Yellowfin 1 mi outside the Dana Point barber pole buoys.

Pat also remembers the 1983 El Nino (from the young age of 8) when he watched guys hanging 60-80lb Albacore outside the 14 mi Bank. They'd only hit 15# test and were breaking off one after the other. Nothing like this has been seen since.

I'm sure there are many more stories and we can all look forward to telling a few more at the upcoming General Meeting on Thursday March 11 at the Dana Marina Inn

So, dust off your rods, break down your reels, replace the drags and grease the bearings, because this season could be a burner! Let's all get out there and make some more memories for a lifetime.

In Other News...

A tsunami did hit the coast of Southern California, on Feb. 27th but few would have noticed if they weren't paying attention. The biggest casualty was probably the Dana Point bait barge, which was broken, and has since been repaired.

Membership Info

Remember – New Member Dues are only \$100 for the 1st year. Complete a printed out application form and send it to:

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