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2023 CALENDAR

FISH STANDINGS

CALIFORNIA

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|
| Calico Derby | | Open |
| Calico Bass - | Todd Farquhar | 7.8lbs |
| White Seabass - | Paul Zylstra | 71.6lbs |
| Yellowtail - | Paul Zylstra | 39.6lbs |
| Halibut - | Jacob Seto | 20.9lbs |
| Sheephead | | Open |
| Bonito | | Open |
| Barracuda | | Open |
| Dorado | | Open |
| Bluefin Tuna - | Juan Carlos Aguilar | 62lbs |
| Lobster | | Open |

OUT OF STATE/COUNTRY AWARDS

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Yellowfin Tuna | | Open |
| Reef Fish | | Open |
| Pelagic, non-tuna - | John Hughes | Yellowtail - 47.8lbs |

Kent McIntyre Award

Paul Zylstra - YT -39.6lb WSB -71.6lb 111.2lbs

Perpetual Big Fish Trophy

- **October 4th** - Monthly meeting IN PERSON at Me 'n' Ed's Pizzeria
- **October 14th** - Long Beach Neptunes Fall Classic
- **December 9th** - Long Beach Neptunes Christmas Party



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

October 4th, 7:00PM



**This month's club meeting will be held IN PERSON,
at**

Me-n-Ed's Pizzeria

**4115 Paramount Blvd, Lakewood, CA
90712**



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

An old friend of mine from my early freediving days in Laguna Beach hit me up asking me to take him spearfishing. I'm not usually one to be "beginner friendly" to people wanting to try or get into the sport but Alex is an above average surf photographer who frequents the wedge on bigger days, so he's gained my respect over the years. He sent me pictures of his new gun and his excitement was contagious, so I agreed.

With the strong red tide and low viz, I felt halibut diving would be the best strategy to potentially see some fish. With my work schedule, I'd been out of the water for about a month, so I didn't really have an idea of how bad it would be. For whatever reason, when we were deciding on a location, I started getting the spidey sense that the evening might produce.

Once we were in the water, I was surprised how much I enjoyed teaching him the hunting techniques, taking him to the right zones, pointing out shorts, etc. After 3 hours of swimming around in sensory deprivation, staring at sand, and starting to feel a little bit bad for my friend, the tide turned and like clockwork there she was right underneath me. BOOM! I sent the shaft and had the fish in my hands within 10 seconds. She went 28 inches when I measured against my gun (and later at home).

"Hey, Alex" I nonchalantly said. When he looked over I lifted up the fish and purposely let it flop in his face. And now we're having fun! I taught him how to measure, brain, bleed and string the fish and he went off looking for his own with a hunger! Within a short period of him I heard the "thunk" of his gun and, sure enough, he got a legal halibut. I held the light and watched him copy everything I had just taught him. He did an excellent job and I got to feel like I imagine a proud parent does. It was a different experience than I'm used to, going diving with seasoned fish killers, but it brought back memories of the beginning times for myself.

Needless to say, the guy is hooked (but he better stay off my spots)! I've been eating the halibut for a week and enjoying every bite. LBN forever!



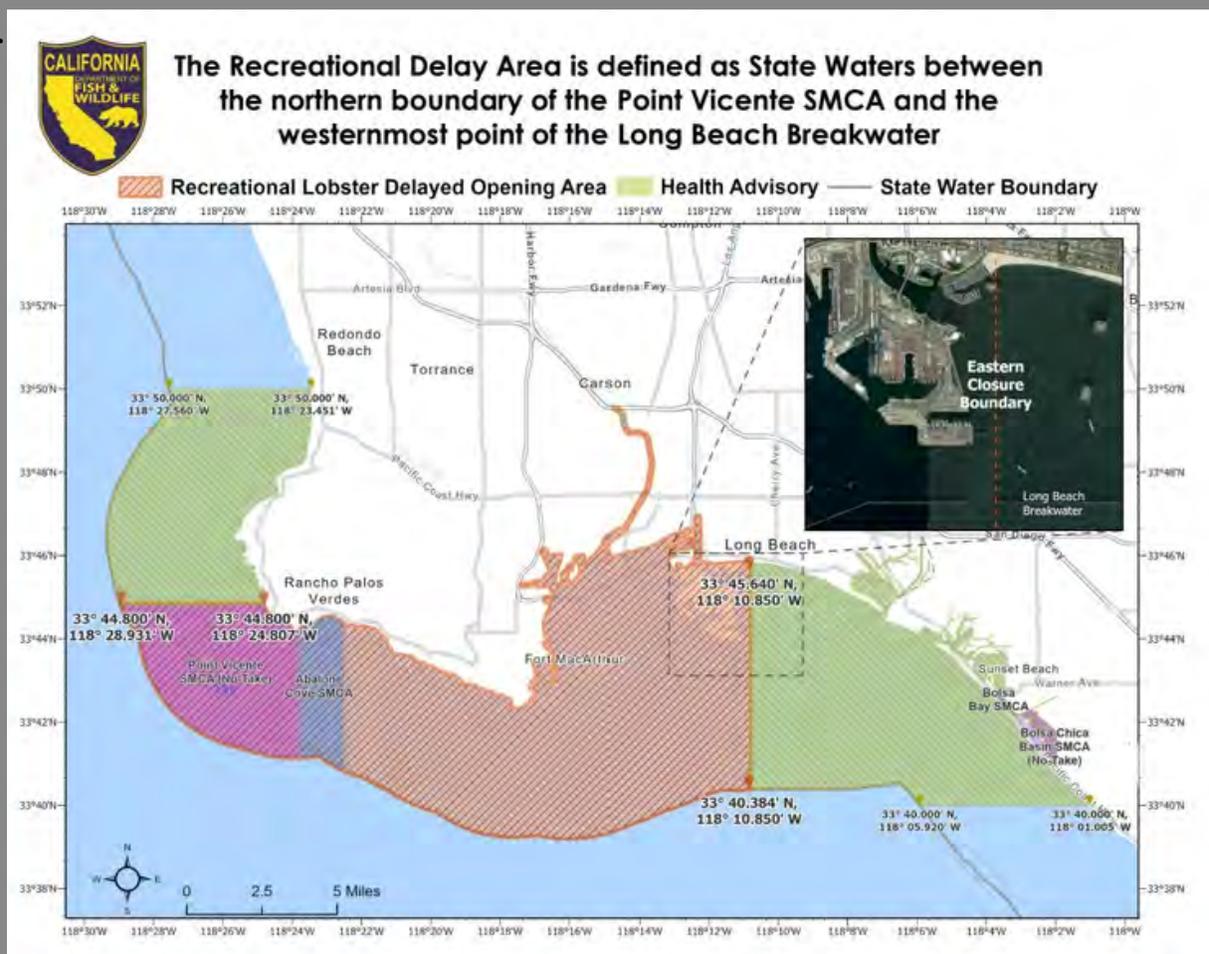
Lauren Penteria

Domoic Acid

The start of the 2023 California Spiny Lobster season is less than 24 hours away. If you haven't already, it's time to break out that 7mil suit, charge the batteries, and figure out what the game plan is going to be.

Unfortunately there have been higher than normal levels of Domoic Acid in the surrounding waters between Huntington Beach and the northern point of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Domoic acid is produced during certain harmful algae bloom events by a type of algae called *Pseudo-nitzschia australis* it accumulates in shellfish, sardines, and anchovies. It is a kainic acid-type neurotoxin that causes amnesic shellfish poisoning.

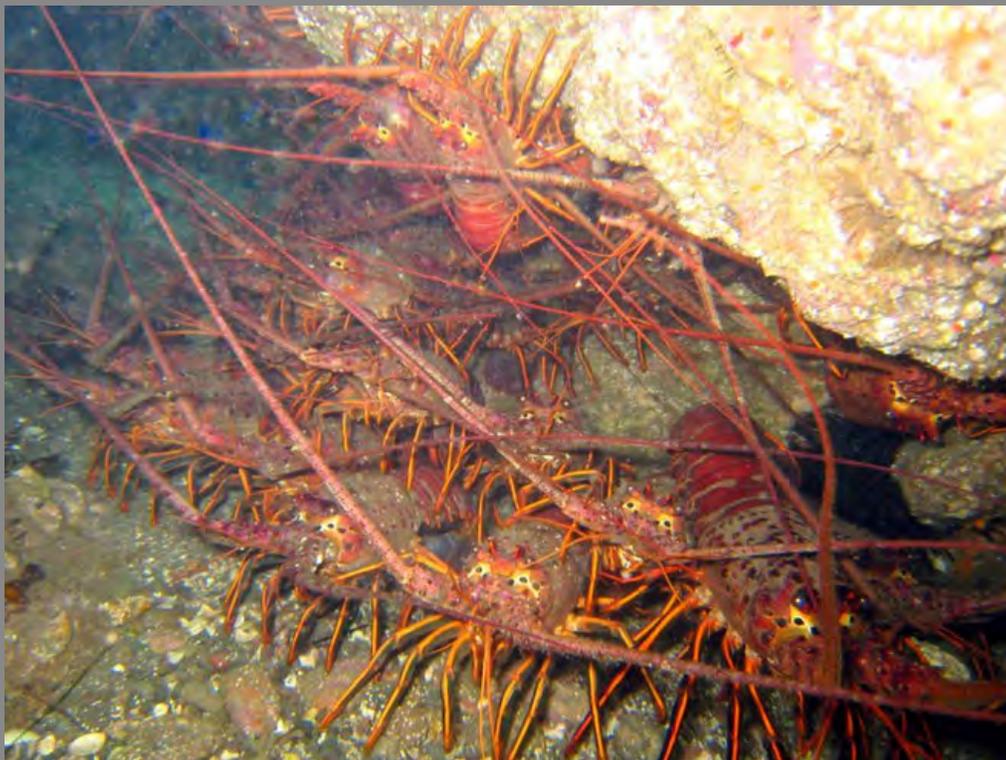
In elevated levels this toxin can cause a myriad of problems. Symptoms include vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps within 24 hours of ingestion. In severe cases, neurological symptoms develop within 48 hours and include headache, dizziness, confusion, loss of short-term memory, motor weakness, seizures, profuse respiratory secretions, cardiac arrhythmia, coma and death.



Thankfully, according to the latest data(09/23/2023)the levels of Domoic Acid have fallen under the hazardous limit and are back at a level of safe consumption. Even with that being said the California Department of Fish and Wildlife have decided to delay the opening date of the California lobster season in certain areas. They are currently waiting on the results of another test but they don't believe that they will get the results back in time before the season is supposed to open.

All is not lost though. There are still plenty of options for us to get out and go grab a limit. The Islands will definitely be a hot ticket. You can also go south or north of the closure. Unfortunately though with a lot of area close to home being in the closure, this will no doubt increase the boat traffic and people looking to get in on the action in other spots.

So if you are planning on hitting the water to try and get yourself a limit. Here are a couple things to keep in mind for the weekend. The Swell and wind appear to be picking up over the next couple of days. Just like BFT hunting and jumping in on foamers and hot paddys always maintain view of your dive partner and their location. Whether it's opening day or the action is going off it seems like all the "Qualified Captains" come out to play with zero regard for the divers in the water. Be safe out there and Happy Hunting!



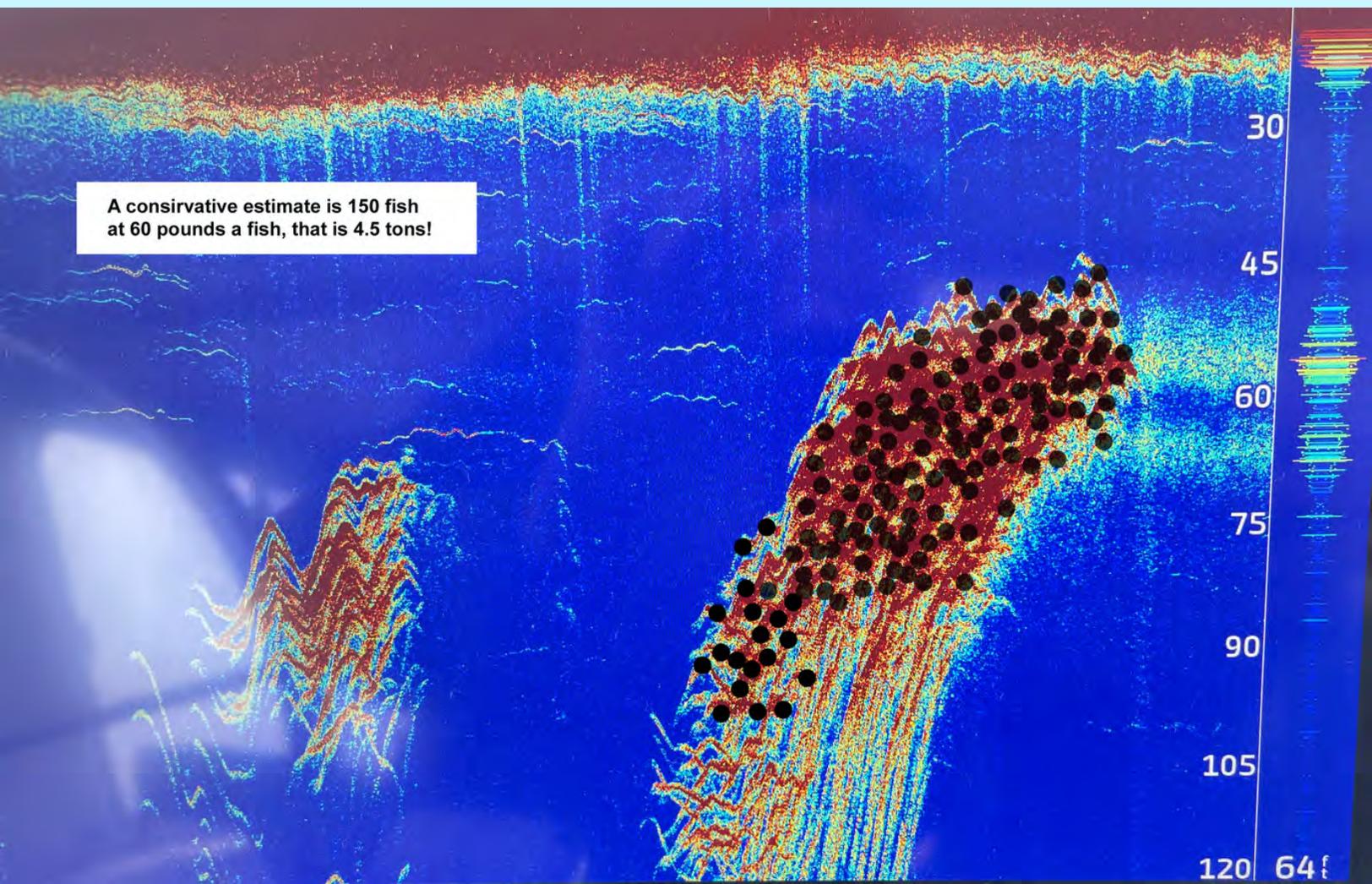
Lets Welcome our newest
Member



CRAIG BOND

At the end of September, we found bluefin tuna outside Anacapa Island. They would foam at the surface for a few minutes and disappear. In frustration, we drove straight into the area we last saw them. Here is a massive school we found lurking under tons of fish scales floating in the water. We speared one from the school averaging at least 60 pounds.

Terry Maas



Steve Parkford



Jeff Billhorn



Will Withers



Russ Mitchell



Mark you calender and don't forget to

sign up!

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**FALL
CLASSIC**

OCTOBER 14TH



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