

# REEL TIMES



112lb Bluefin Tuna caught by Dana Angling members on Fusion. Captain- Dan Barnett, Angler- Pete Flath

## Recent News

The First marlin was released on Wild Bill by Jim Kingsmill on July 26, 2025 at the 267 Bank.

Jeff Tom released a marlin the next fishing on Kingpin at the 267.

Geoff Hersch released the third Marlin on Shared Dream at the 267.

Ramble on Rose, captained by Jim Kingsmill released marlin for guest anglers, Greg Hayward and Franky Lawson on 8-13-2025

Wild Bill released another Marlin on 8-17-2025. The angler was Jim Kingsmill and the Wild Bill crew successfully placed a Satellite Tag in the released fish. Great job.

Jennie Heldoorn won the ladies Tournament by catching a 28.7 pound Bluefin Tuna at the 499 bank.

## Letter from the President

Anglers,

Dana Angler's we are in Full Swing. Everything is fairly Local. Bluefin Tuna started out below SCI and have moved up to the backside of Catalina Island (499 & Osbourn), all sizes from peanuts to jumbo.

Marlin showed on the 267 and are still local on the Slide, Avalon Bank, 14 and up to the 286.

Terrafin shows that the warm water is along the Coast. Use your Terrafin to locate the temp breaks and find your fish. With the warm water inside, the Marlin are easy to reach, get out there and get one. The kelp paddies are pretty dry but they might fill in.

First Dorado Flag is still out there along with the Junior Flags. Boat Points if you get one. There are a lot more boats on the board this year for the Top Boat Award. A good list of Angler's for the Top Angler Award is filling up with Prospects as well. Top Marlin Boat Trophy has at least 4 boats on the board.

Our Marlin Tournaments are "next" up, along with the Balboa Angling Club's Master Billfish Tournament, the Catalina Island Yacht Club's Billfish Invitational and the War Hero's on the Water!!!

Now is the time to get out and find em, Hunt em down and Hook em up!!!!

See ya on the water....

Dave Peter

## 2025 Tournament Calendar

**EL NIÑO MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**  
AUGUST 30 AND 31

**DICK TONKS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**  
SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14

**DAC MARLIN TOURNAMENT**  
OCTOBER 4 AND 5

**LOBSTER TOURNAMENT**  
OCTOBER 10 AND 11



# Tournament Results

## WHITE SEABASS TOURNAMENT

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Chris Bailey	14.5 lbs on 8# line	29 pts	Magellan
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Top Boat                  Magellan

Fish was caught on 5.31.25 at Santa Rosa Island.

## 3B TOURNAMENT

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jeff Tom	14.9 pts	Black Fin
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Graham Trimper	14.8 pts	Black Fin
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Dave Peter	8.85 pts	Wild Bill
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1 <sup>st</sup> Guest	Yutaka Suganuma	2 pts	Showtime
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Top Boat	Blackfin	30.5 pts
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Fishing was very good in spite of small craft wind advisories. Catalina, front side was the hot spot, even as a few members fished local and caught Calico and Sand Bass. 20 weigh slips were submitted by 5 member boats.

The top two places, fishing on Black Fin, caught all 3 species of Bass, Bonito and Barracuda earning the 5 point slam bonus. Standings would be the same without the bonus. The largest bass was 4 lb Sandy caught by Alex Rentizperas on Sports Barber. The largest Barracuda was 4.85 lb caught by Dave Peter on Wild Bill. The largest Bonito was 3.5 lb caught by guest Justin Baiden on Black Fin.

## YELLOWTAIL TOURNAMENT

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bill Waters	9.88 lbs on 12# line	14.82 pts
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Zach Waters	7.63 lbs on 16# line	9.54 pts
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Keaton Turner	8.56 lbs on 20# line	8.56 pts
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Top Boat	Showtime
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## LADIES AND JUNIORS TOURNAMENT

Only one weigh slip was submitted by JEFE. Jeannie Heldoorn caught a 28.7 pound Bluefin Tuna on 30 pound tackle at the 499 on August 8. This catch is worth 143.5 points. Congratulations to Jeannie and JEFE crew on a fine catch!

No Junior weigh slips were submitted.

## DAC Website Updates



The club is currently working on a new website to replace our current one. The reason is that our old site that was developed 10-12 years ago isn't very easy to maintain and keep updated and also lacks SSL protection.

The purpose is to create a new website based on a more modern framework that is easy to maintain, secure and have a bit more modern look and feel to it but still provide all the weigh slip features and reports we got from the old site. In other words we should be able to maintain all parts of the site without the need for developers. We have chosen a Managed WordPress option including SSL which should make it real easy to find external help if needed since WordPress is broadly used in the market place.

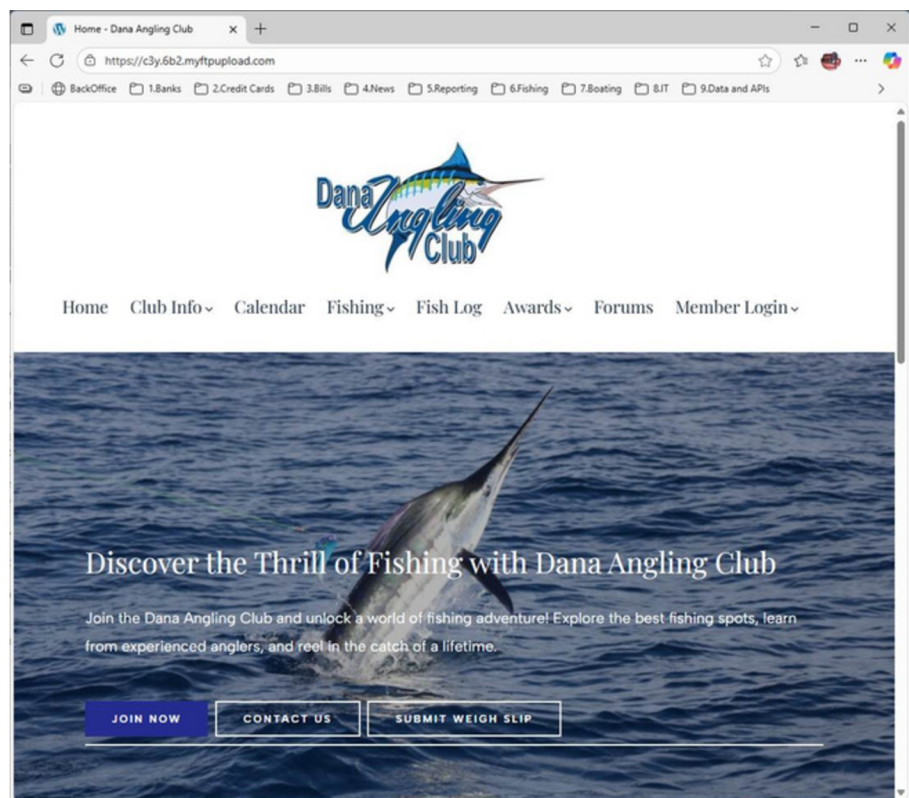
We've got a good portion of the new site implemented in a staging environment. The core parts of weigh slip management has been integrated and improved and some of the old weigh slip limitations have been removed.

Another major improvement is that the site will integrate our membership management and give us a single membership roster where members can login and manage their own information and new members can sign up using an online form.

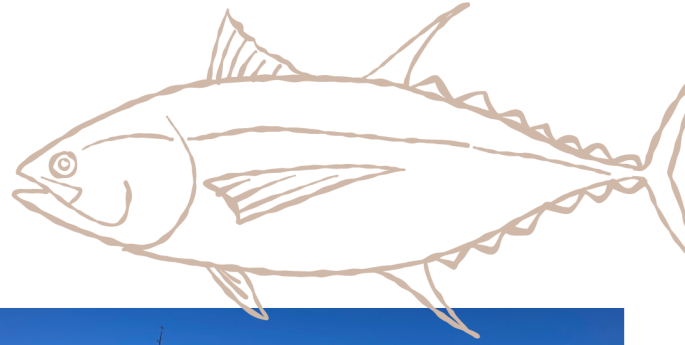
The fish log, billfish counts and button award reports all have the option to select the year for the report.

The new site will soon be opened up under for public access under the <https://www.danaanglingclub.com> domain and be running parallel to the old site so you can compare and provide feedback as necessary. We will send a separate announcement when it is ready and by that time the current membership roster should have been imported, i.e. no need to re-sign up.

The plan is to cut over by the end of this year after the season has wrapped up. Then we will import all the existing weigh slips to the new site. The old site should remain active for reference until we decide to close it down.



Ned Washburn with 125 lbs. bluefin tuna fishing on Rob Webster's boat Magellan



## Great Marlin Race Donation Update

Thank you to all who donated or will donate toward the Great Marlin Race satellite tag for Dana Angling Club. Any amount over the \$4,000 tag cost will go to DAC. \$4,800 Pledged

Thank you to the following members:

Bob Kurz  
Scott Kingsmill  
Dave Whitenack  
Bob Waters  
John Riordan  
Anthony Salicido  
Dave Peter  
Bert Vigil  
Stan Mahler

Chris Hull  
Bill Waters  
Dan Holliday  
Kirt Switzer  
Jay Lennon  
Bob Folli  
Sean Lehmann

## Insurance Chronicles of a Lowly Boater



Earlier this year (June) I called my boat insurance vendor (GEICO/BoatUS) to get a copy of my policy as it was not on their website. They informed me that my policy was not on the website as it required a survey to be completed by my September renewal. They claimed to have sent me a renewal letter that indicated a survey was required. I didn't recall the survey request, but I might have missed it. No big deal. I called Bunker Hill and they agreed to get it complete by the end of July.

A buddy of mine, with the same insurance carrier, said he had just contacted them to renew his 50 Bertram and wondered why he hadn't received a notice. Unfortunately his policy had expired a few days ago. They informed him he was sent a survey notice, his policy expired and they would not renew a boat over 50'.

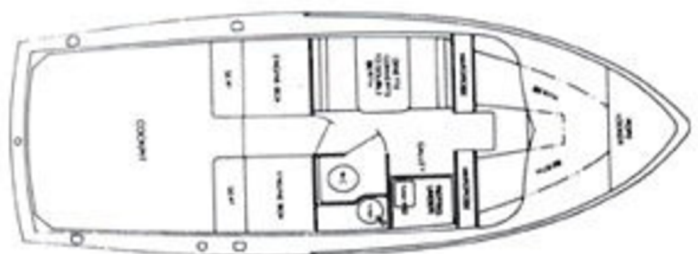
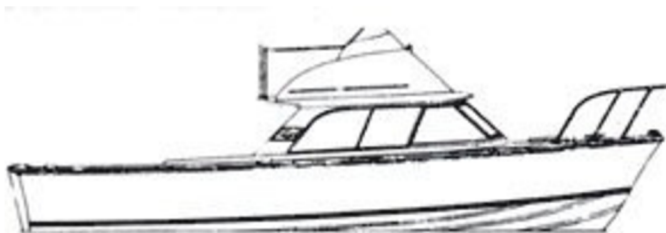
Back to my situation...I forwarded them the survey that indicated the usual items to be renewed or serviced. The survey identified a rudder box housing that should be looked at by a yard during my next haulout. No big deal as the vessel is 50 years old (Bertram 28 that had been repowered with diesel and all new electronics back in 2018). The boat was totally refreshed during the repower. 10 days later I received a reply from the insurance company with 25+ punch list items that would require a trip to Basin to haul out and about a week's worth of work. I called the insurer and tried to reason with them as it is primetime here in SoCal and I couldn't get the service done until the end of September or early October. If the work wasn't completed by September 1 and verified through a follow up survey, my insurance would be cancelled.

I started calling around...all insurers I spoke with said they would require a haul out and full survey. I called over to Basin and spoke with the owners about my predicament. The owner's son, a good friend, said he had just bought a boat he was doing a refurb flip on, went online and got insurance the same day with Progressive. Hmmm. Internet here I come! Within 5 minutes I had a policy with them (we also have our Airstream trailer insurance with them...don't know if that helped or not). The price was good and it required a few photos with their mobile app (helm, both side views, inside, motors, etc.). They did not require a survey. I was able to contact the DP harbor to get their requirements to add them as "also insured".

All is well!

I don't know if there is a moral to this chronicle other than a caveat to be proactive and don't wait until the last minute to understand renewal and cancellation policies.

Pete Flath



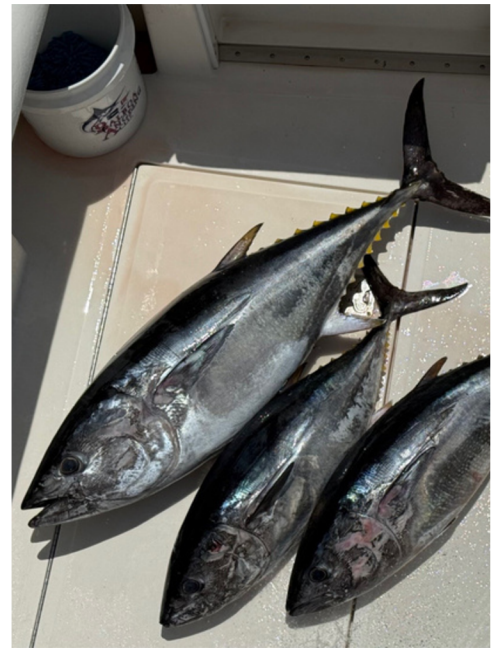
Blind jig strike on a purple cedar plug near Osborne bank. Nailed a second BF on a 160 madmac -pink stripe. Credit Doug Steele



Chris Bailey with a 112# tuna and a big yellowtail



Dave Peter with a nice yellowtail in the wrong tournament



1st Marlin of Season caught by Jim Kingsmill July 26th at the 267 Spot on Wild Bill. Peter Nannis was the leader man



Jeff Tom with a catch and release marlin on Kingpin

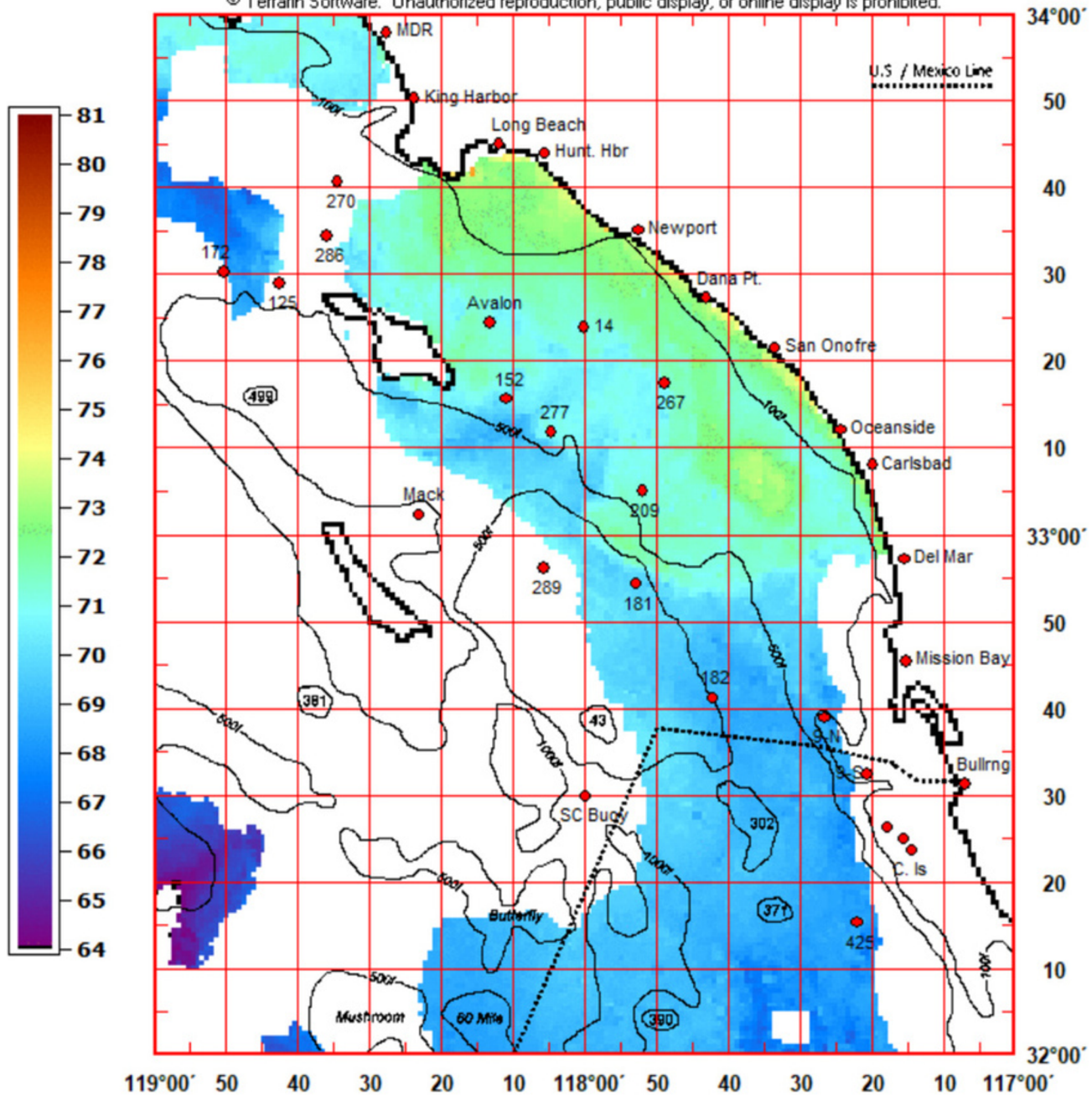


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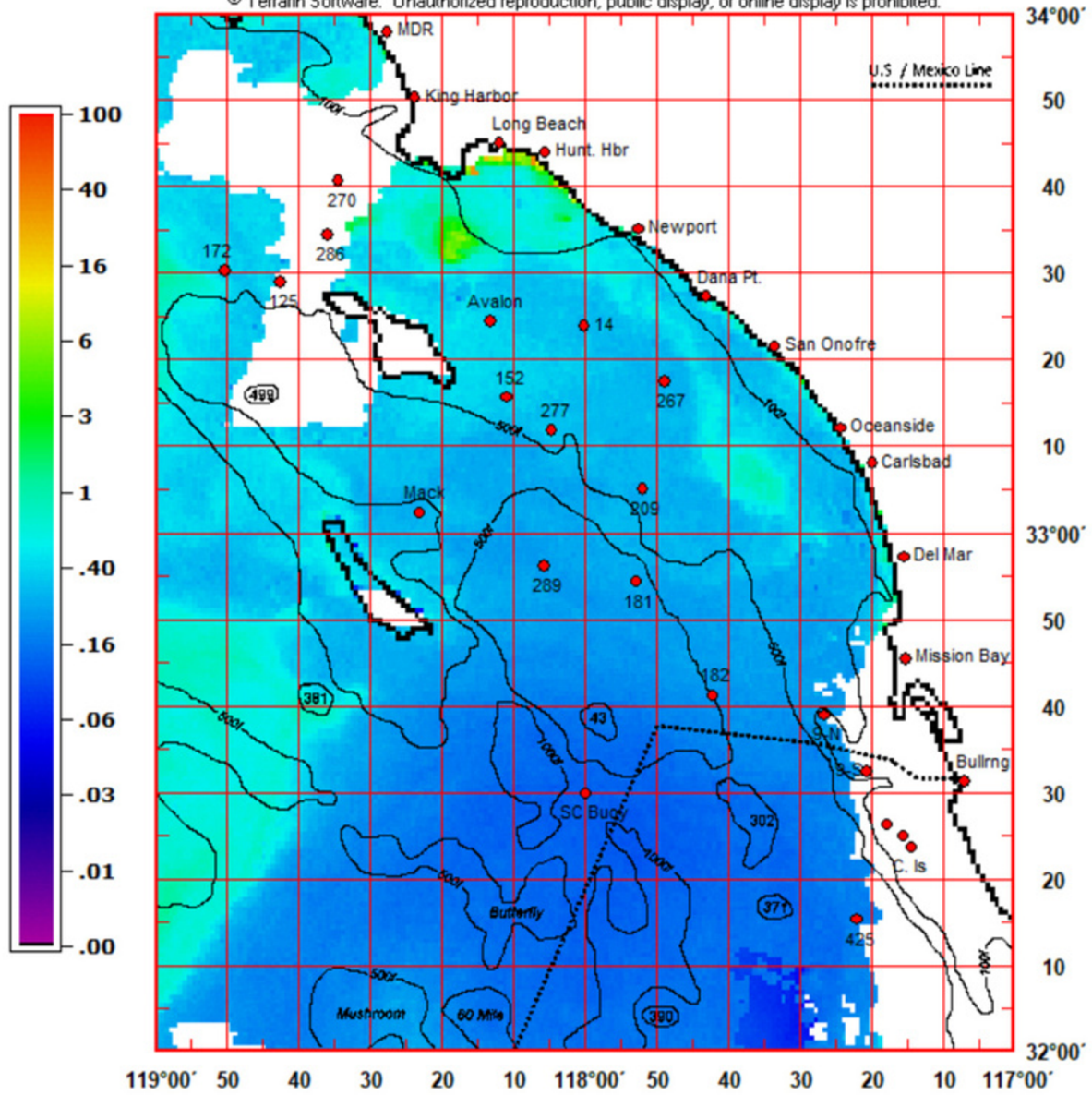
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