REEL TIMES



2026 Tournament Calendar

LADIES/JUNIORS TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 15-16

EL NINO MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 29-30

DICK TONKS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 12-13

DAC MARLIN TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 3-4

LOBSTER TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 9-10

Letter from the President

Dana Anglers,

El Nino is here!! 38 Marlin caught in July, so far by Club Boats. Dorado have been caught as well. Can't get a better or fresher Fish Taco than that. A Blue Marlin & Wahoo have been caught off San Diego. They're coming!!! Get your Boat ready, you don't want to miss out, it's going to be an epic year.

All First Flags have been caught and all the Tournaments have posted fish and winners so far. Tuna Tournament is underway. Some Yellowfin Tuna have been caught in mid channel, as well. Dolphin schools are holding YFT?!!!

Our membership is up to 120 members. Interest and participation in the Club is growing, which is very good for the Club. Our GMM's are being well attended and DPYC continues to host our meetings, through our Vice President Dave Whitenack. Kuddo's for Dave, securing DPYC for our meetings, it is such a nice venue.

I'd also like to give a special thank you to all who donated for the Great Marlin Race tags. Thank you to all!

Post your adventures and catches on the web site!!! Everyone want to know what's being caught and more importantly, where!

Go Get Em Guys & Gals!!!

Tight Lines,
Dave Peter



Don’t miss GMM #4

GMM #4 on Wednesday, August 12th being held at Dana Point Yacht Club.
Earlier starting time than normal, cocktails and fish stories starting at 5:30pm then food served at 6pm.

Speakers:
Bob Kurz - best marlin release method and will tell us about new conservation award he and Sally are sponsoring.
Alex Plambeck Daiwa Rep - Update us on all the latest rod and reel technology along with some nice Daiwa raffle items.

All donors of the two DAC satellite tags to be entered in drawing for first opportunity to deploy the tags. Two winners to be drawn.

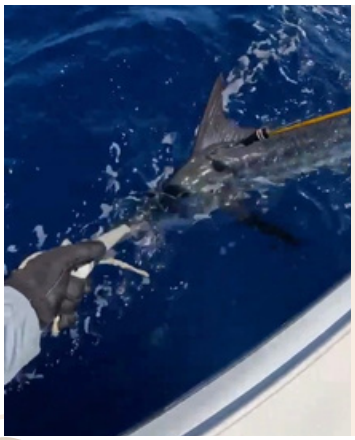
Raffle at the end.

Please RSVP when you receive your evite. We want to have enough food for everyone. If you don't receive an Evite, please email Social Chairman/VP Dave Whitenack dave.whitenack@gmail.com.









Bob & Sally Kurz have already deployed two satellite marlin tags this season.

Tournament Results

YELLOWTAIL TOURNAMENT

1st Place	Graham Trimper	34.11 lb on 20#	34.11 pts	Black Fin
2nd Place	Peter Nannis	29.5 lb on 20#	29.5 pts	Wild Bill
3rd Place	Dale Yamasaki	22.8 lb on 30#	17.11 pts	Black Fin
1st Guest	Jon Flesher	15.9 lb on 30#	11.93 pts	Jefe
Top Boat	Black Fin			
Big Fish	Graham Trimper	34.11 lbs		

WHITE SEABASS TOURNAMENT

1st Place	Graham Trimper	15.45 pts
2nd Place	Dale Yamasaki	15.45 pts
Heaviest Fish	Graham Trimper	30.9 lbs
Top Boat	Black Fin	

Jeff Tom took Black Fin to Catalina and fished West Cove. They caught 3 very nice size White Seabass for two anglers. All catches were on 50 lb line class. Only 0.2 pounds separated the two fish.

Fish Report

DAC Members. The Marlin season has officially started!

The first Marlin Flag was captured on 6-28-2026 by Frank Myers on Ramble on Rose. Captained by Jim Kingsmill. Congratulations.
Since then, Club Members have released 32 Marlin.
Leading the way is Gadzukes with 14 Marlin released. Wow!
Next is Royal Slam with 5 Marlin. Sally and Loren have 2 each and Bob has 1.
Wild Bill has 3 Marlin releases.
Three other boats have 2 releases.
Please see below for a detailed breakdown.

The Tuna Tournament is ongoing. I have not received a weigh slip yet. There is still many days left to fish.
Bluefin Tuna are far away, but I have heard reports that Yellowfin Tuna are in the southern area under the Dolphin.

Current 2026 Standings

TOP ALL AROUND BOAT STANDING (FIRST FLAGS AND TOURNAMENTS)

Hawk	17 pts
Black Fin	14 pts
Dock Holiday	11 pts
Fish Styx	11 pts
Showtime	8 pts
Changes in Latitude	6 pts
Magellan	5 pts
Bikini Bottom	5 pts
Kingpin	4 pts
23 Striper	3 pts
Wild Bill	3 pts
Salao	2 pts
Reel Obsession	1 pt

OUTSTANDING ANGLER (TOURNAMENTS ONLY)

Graham Trimper	10 pts
Yutaka Suganuma	6 pts
Pat Holmes	5 pts
Rob Webster	5 pts
Trevor Blackann	5 pts
Dave Peter	5 pts
Alex Plambeck	4 pts
Dale Yamasaki	4 pts
Peter Nannis	4 pts
Geoff Heldoorn	3 pts
Chris Bailey	1 pt
Don Girkis	1 pt

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR ANGLER

Luke Blackann	6 pts

FIRST DORADO FLAG

Alex Plambeck	Fish Styx	10.2 lbs	7.9.2026

Current 2026 Standings

OUTSTANDING BOAT (BILLFISH ONLY)

Boat	Captain	Marlin	Spearfish	Swordfish
Gad Zukes	Greg Zucchero	16		
Royal Slam	Bob Kurz	6		
Wild Bill	Scott Kingsmill	6		
Ramble On Rose	Jim Kingsmill	5		
Second C	Rod Halperin	3		
TYEE	Todd Mansur	2		
Dock Holiday	Trevor Blackann	2		
Showtime	Bill Waters	2		
Hawk	Pat Holmes	2		
Kingpin	Chris Bailey	1		
Old Bill	Bill Kingsmill	1		
Reel Obsession	Don Girskis	1		
Inevitable	Jack Raub	1		
Magellan	Rob Webster	1		
Lady II Di IV	Donavon Fink	1		
Paradisio	Frank Baldwin	1		

The real Wild Bill, Bill Kingsmill, fishing solo on is 26ft. Skipjack "Old Bill" caught and released a marlin on July 12th. It was a jig fish on 30# tackle caught on an old Collector marlin lure. The 1hr. and 10 minute battle took him around his boat several times. He finally leadered his catch and got all his leader back including his lure except for the hook when the marlin decided he wasn't hanging out any longer. I think Bill's body is still feeling it 3 weeks later.



First Catches of the 2026 Season

First Yellowtail	Peter Nannis	52.1 lbs*	Jan 10, 2026
First Jr White Sea Bass	Charlie Holmes	14.2 lbs	Feb 15, 2026
First White Sea Bass	Pat Holmes	14.05 lbs	Feb 15, 2026
First Tuna	Jason Bibelheimer	97.9 lbs	May 5, 2026
First Marlin	Frank Myers	Released	June 28, 2026
Largest Tuna	Jack Raub	129 lbs	July 22, 2026

Welcome New Members!

We want to give a warm welcome to all our new members this season:

Richard Bein
David Schwab
Vince Baldwin
Richard Statler
Andrew Gonzalez
Michael Thompson
Tom Kennedy
Cooper Allen
Mason Allen
Donavon Fink
Frank Baldwin











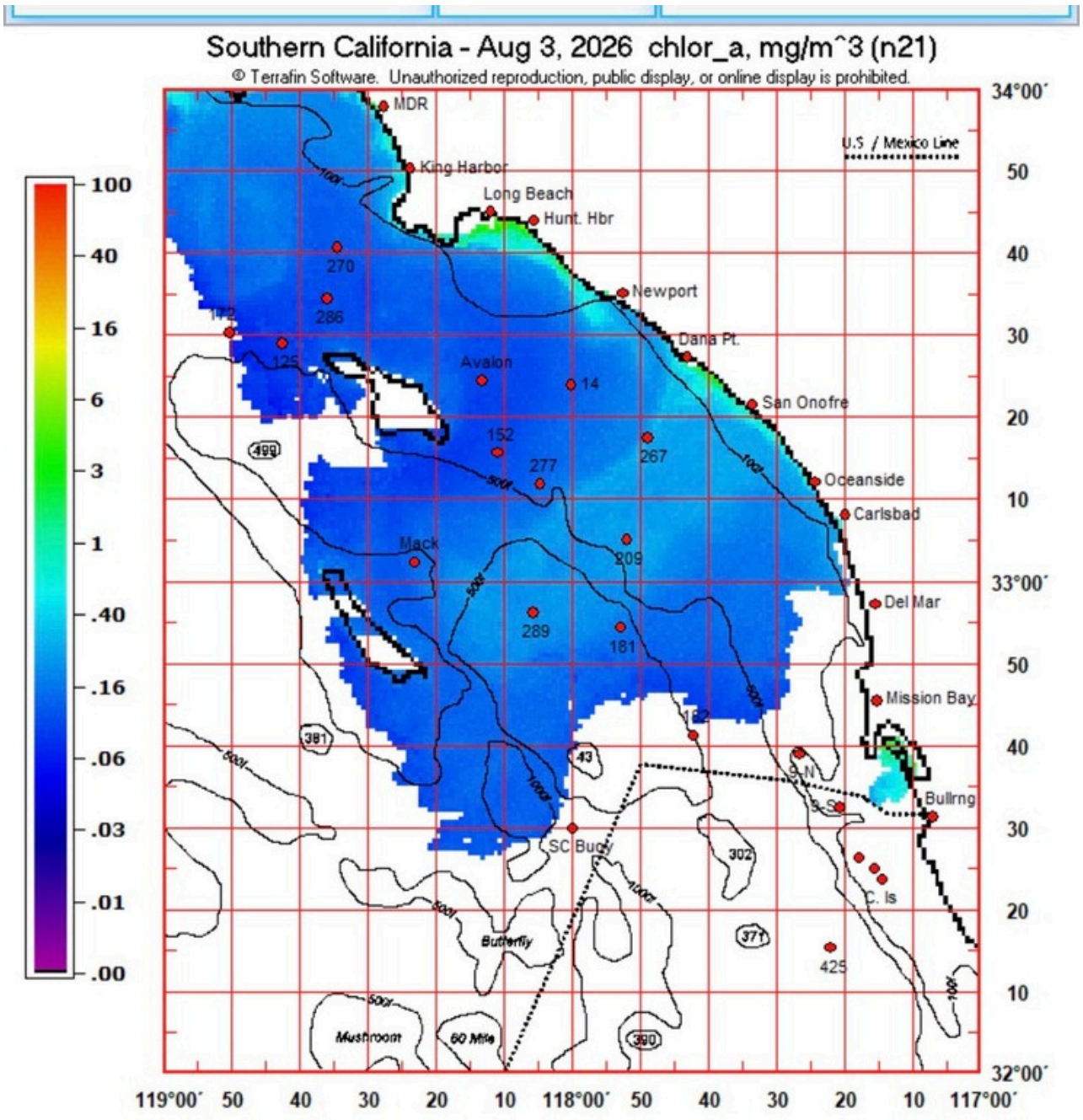




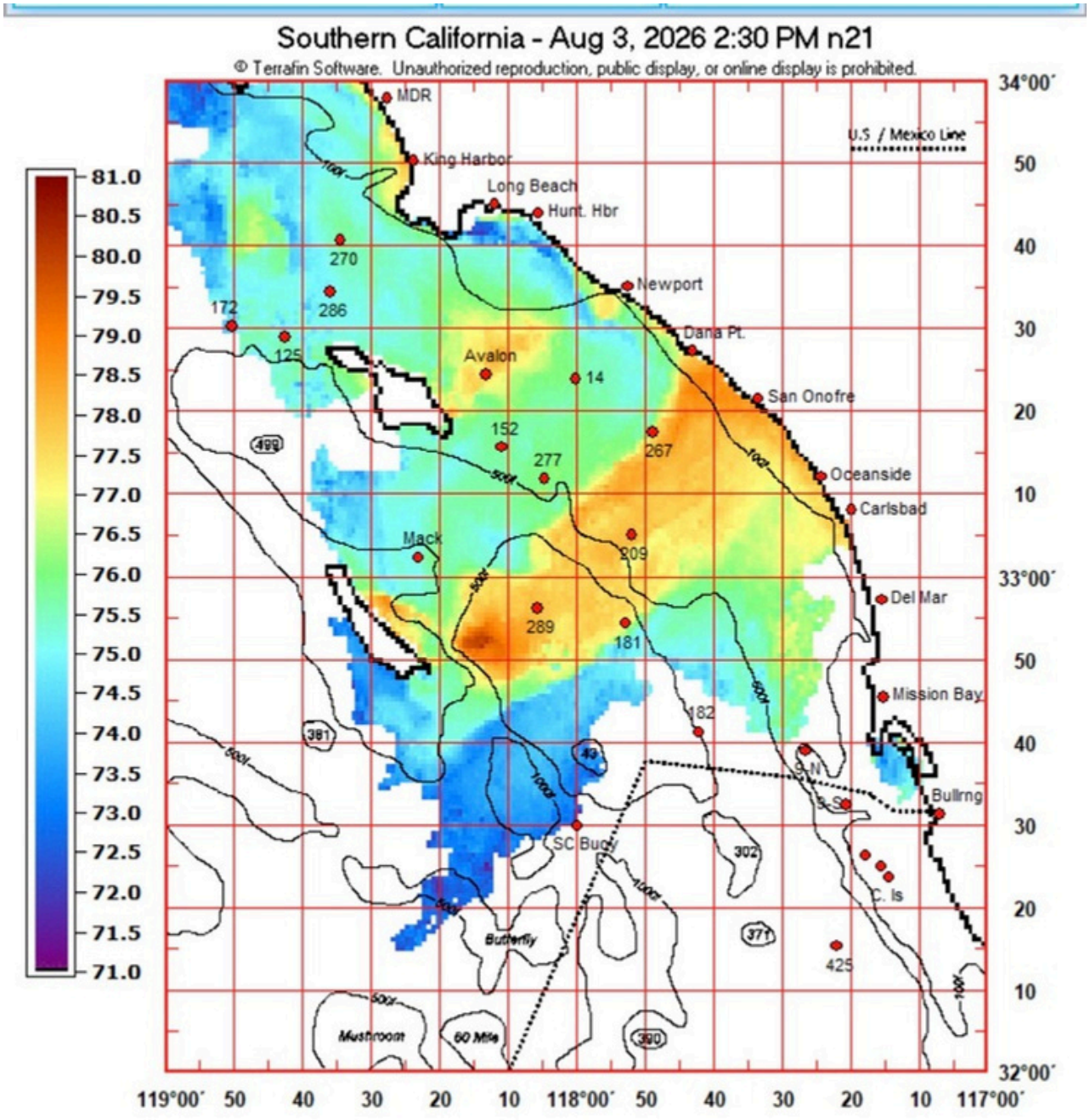


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