



December 2022 Rooster Tails Newsletter

Message from the Board of Directors

Dear Rooster Tails Fishing Club Members:

The Rooster Tails Fishing Club Board of Directors would like to thank all the returning and new members who participated in the club breakfasts and activities in 2022. Your support helped keep the club alive and set us up for a good start in 2023.

We would also like to thank Past Board Members Mac McKendree and Ed Pigeon for their support in 2022 and new Board Members Dave Stallions, Yvette Meador, John Warren, and Steve Burgess for volunteering at the Board meetings, breakfast meetings, Jackpot contest, membership records, web page and newsletters. Without their support the club could not have made it through the recent COVID shutdowns and restarts.

Our speakers also deserve a special thank you for taking time from their busy schedules to present their skills to the membership. Craig Newton of Will Fish Tackle, Alan Fong of Fisherman's Warehouse, Cal Kellogg of Fish, Hunt, Shoot Productions, Mike Peckham of MJP River Adventures and Guide Service, Jerry Lampkin of TNG Motorsports and Guide Service, Curly of Curly's Guide Service and Mike Walker all gave their time in support of the club and its members.

The Board would also like to offer a special thank you to Craig Newton of Will Fish Tackle of Auburn for his monthly fishing reports and continued support for the club.

We would like to say goodbye again to long time board member Mel Ewing and Past Board Member and Secretary Judy Miller who we lost in 2022.

The Club will start breakfast meetings again in January on the 20th at 7 AM at the Auburn Elks Lodge. Also, the first 2023 Board of Directors meeting will be on January 16th at 2PM at Lyons Real Estate Office in Auburn. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting as a guest, we could use your input. The club is already planning group fishing and camping trips for next year along with our annual Ocean trips. Details will be in next year's newsletters and announced at the breakfast meetings.

Happy Holidays and see you next year.

RTFC Board of Directors.

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Our January 20th Speaker will be **James Stone, Executive Board President of the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association**. James will share the latest information on the groups work advocating for our Northern California hunting and fishing opportunities. You can find more information at the website, NCGASA.ORG

CLUB UPDATES

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- Jackpot Contest Winners will be announced in January.
 - A For Sale table will be set up in the back for members to sell off unwanted fishing gear.
 - Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting January 16.
 - Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting January 20.
 - James Stone of Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association will speak at the January 20th Breakfast Meeting.

Rock Fish/Crab Combo Trip A Success!



Pacific Pearl Fishing Trip - 11/21/22

The boat left the dock at 6:00am with 20 fishermen, 2 deckhands and the captain. We headed out to the Farallon Islands. A little more than halfway there the two deckhands put out the 34 hoop nets for the crabs – 2 nets at a time and it took about 45 minutes to get all the nets out in 120-130' of water.

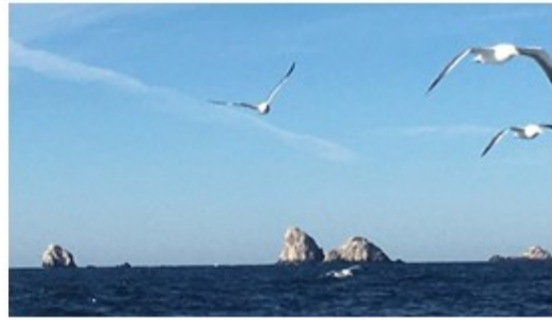
We had calm seas all day and no one experienced sea sickness. At our first fishing stop just past the Islands in 180' of water the rock fish were slow to bite. We moved to a second spot that wasn't better. The third stop was the jackpot. Within a little over one hour all had limits of rockcod plus three lingcod were caught. The jackpot fish was a lingcod maybe 7 pounds caught by guest Vince Howe winning \$150.

The two deckhands pulled the hoop nets on the way back in. It took 26 nets to get 230 crabs. The most legal crabs in one pot was 14 and most pots also had undersized crabs that were thrown back. Then the two deckhands filleted the catch for those on board. Each fisherman went home with a limit of rockcod plus ten crabs. At Fishemeryville there is a Crab Shack that cooked our ten crabs for \$20 or for \$30 to both cook and clean a limit of crabs after we were back on shore. We got back to the dock just before 4pm.

The two deckhands worked well together and did a great job of setting up the tackle, boating fish, and untangling lines. Thank you Fishemeryville!

by Mike Walker





Will Fish Tackle Report by Craig Newton



12/19/2022

Winter is here and the recent rains have increased flows in the local rivers resulting in added turbidity and debris for anglers to deal with. Unfortunately for those who were hoping for an active end to the river salmon season, the conditions significantly impacted any chance of success. The rain should improve the prospects for steelhead fishing in the new year. Put and take lakes like Collins and Camanche are providing good trout action for those willing to brave the cold mornings.

COLLINS LAKE: The winter trout stocking continues and the fish have acclimated to the lake and the winter pattern is in place. Run off from recent storms has colored the water making trolling difficult. Bait fishing during the winter months when the water is stained has been the best approach.

ENGLEBRIGHT: Trout trolling continues to produce in front of the marina and up river provides a chance to land a few browns drifting worms where runoff is entering the lake.

FOLSOM LAKE: The 5 MPH speed limit is still in place unless you are bass fishing (not really, speed limit applies to all but if you have a boat that goes 85mph its hard to putt around at 5mph). Bass bite continues to be the bright spot for Folsom with lots of spotted bass being taken on slow presentation ned rigs and worms on shaky heads. Anticipate. Trout fishing has improved with trollers finding fish in the top 25'.

LAKE CAMANCHE: Like Collins the winter trout stocking continues. Camanche is a grub or speedy shiner lake in the winter. The grub bite has been the best approach lately. Start trolling the shoreline in the morning and move out into the main body after the sun comes up.

OROVILLE LAKE: Bass fishermen are doing well on spots. Bass anglers have boated a few landlocked kings while fishing the banks of the middle fork. Biggest king topped 7lbs.

DELTA: Striped Bass fishing has been fair with decent catch counts when you find the school that wants to bite. Water conditions with increased color and debris from recent storms has impacted the trolling opportunities. Bait fishing is the best bet until water conditions improve. Spooning has been productive when schools on the edge of the channel are located.

SACRAMENTO METRO: Late fall Salmon ended with a whimper. Poor water conditions after storms made the fishing difficult and the catching impossible. A fitting end to a lackluster river salmon season in the metro area.

PYRAMID LAKE: Getting over the pass and then braving the morning temperatures and winter winds has made the decision to make the trip difficult. However, the lake has settled down and the fishing has improved significantly. Fish are cruising the top 25' and readily taking toplined lures. Scaling down the presentation is making the difference when the cutthroats are being finicky.



Boating Safety Information

Recent regulations requiring fire extinguishers for recreational vessels may be found at the [Federal Register](#). The regulation is in 33 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter S Part 175 Subpart E.

The rule takes effect on April 20, 2022. Your disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguisher should have the Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Trade-mark and a date of manufacture stamped on the bottle. If it is older than 12 years since the date, the extinguisher is considered expired and must be removed from service. Look for wording on the bottle stating, "This product must be removed from service within 12 years after date of manufacturing".

The label on the bottle should state "Marine Type – USCG Approved". Underwriters Labs approves fire extinguishers on behalf of the USCG.

If your boat was required to carry a fire extinguisher, it is still required to do so under this new regulation. There is also no change to the quantity required. (See the above link to the chart explaining on what boats are required to have extinguishers and how many are required.)

All recreational boats with:

1. Permanently installed fuel tank(s), or
2. Spaces that are capable of trapping fumes, such as a
 - a. Closed compartment under thwarts and seats wherein portable fuel tanks may be stored.
 - b. Double bottom not sealed to the hull or that is not completely filled with flotation material.
 - c. Closed living space.
 - d. Closed stowage compartment in which combustible or flammable materials is stowed.

You can download a copy of the ABCs of California Boating [here](#).

More Boating Safety Information

Engine Cut-off Switches and propeller safety for both the Recreational Boater and Manufacturers.

[\(Taken from the US Coast Guard website.\)](#)

On April 1, 2021 a new federal law goes into effect that requires the operator of a boat with an installed Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) to use the ECOS link. The link is usually a coiled bungee cord lanyard clipped onto the operator's person, Personal Floatation Device (PFD) or clothing and the other end attached to the cut-off switch, but there are plenty of variations on the market, including electronic wireless devices. The law applies on all "Navigable Waters of the US".

When an operator is wearing a link while underway, the engine will cut-off if the operator is separated from the operating area, an occurrence that can happen if the operator is ejected from the vessel or falls within the vessel. The shutdown of the engine is essential for safety reasons. If the operator is ejected from the vessel, the shutdown may prevent the operator from impacting the vessel's spinning propeller, and may aid the operator in safely returning to the drifting vessel.

The law applies to "Covered Recreational vessels" which means any motorized boat with 3 or more horsepower that is less than 26 feet in length and takes effect on April 1, 2021.

Operator Requirement: An individual operating a covered recreational vessel shall use an engine cut-off switch link while operating on plane or above displacement speed.

An earlier law, passed by congress in 2018, required manufactures to install an Emergency Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS). The law passed on December 4th 2018, and went into effect 1 year later. Even though it is now a law, most U.S. boat manufacturers have voluntarily installed an ECOS on their boats for decades.

The terms Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) and Engine/Propulsion Cut-Off Devices are used interchangeably to denote a system that disables the propulsion engine when the operator is unexpectedly displaced from the vessel.

[For more information on the law that went into effect on 1 April 2021, click here to visit the ECOS FAQ section](#)

Rooster Tails Website Updates

We continue to update the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club website](#) and hope you will visit soon. You can find membership lists, this newsletter, membership form, Jackpot Fishing Tournament Entry Form, and the **Active Buddy List**. We continue to work on making it a useful website for members.

The BOD encourages fishing with a buddy, or two. We have members who are new to fishing and would like to join more experienced anglers for a day on the water. Also there are those who don't own a boat who would like to go out and learn how things work in a watercraft. Of course you can get help with expenses for fuel and bait but you can also share a day with a new friend.

The [Active Buddy List](#) is in the Members Only section of our Website. There you can let everyone know what type of fishing you prefer, whether or not you have a boat, do you prefer salt or fresh water fishing, etc.

Check it out and add your name to the list. Sign up sheets will be at each Breakfast Meeting or you send us a note at info@roostertailsfishingclub.org

Fishing Reports from Members

A group of five Rooster Tails members left Bodega Bay on November 14 on the Sea Prowler, Captained by Brian Potter. Ten crab hoops were dropped just north of the bay in about 100' of water.

Rock fish were then chased for a while and efforts resulted in limits for all. Several larger Blues and Vermillion were brought to the boat. The rest of the catch were of a respectable size.

Rooster Tails members Dennis Arrettia, Steve Burgess, Craig Newton, Mike Peckham and Jamie Schultz enjoyed a beautiful day, relatively calm seas, limits of rock fish and almost limits of crab.

