



June 2023 Rooster Tails Newsletter

Greetings Rooster Tails!

Summer is coming and hope springs eternal for a banner year of fishing. Hopefully you and yours are well and getting ready to capitalize on this seasons offerings.

This month's speakers will be Captain Brian Potter of Sea Prowler out of Bodega Bay.

See below for more information.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th at the Elks Lodge! Remember, doors to the Elk's Lodge open at 7am, Breakfast begins at 8 and our speaker begins at 9. Fishing reports, Monthly Raffle and fellowship continue after the speaker.

CLUB UPDATES

- 2023 Jackpot Contest is open. You can sign up at the meeting. Remember, you have to have your application in two weeks before any submission.
- 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 for June will not be held in Auburn this month as most of us will be at the Stampede Tournament. You can join us at the lake after the tournament. See Board Members for details.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting June 16 - Speaker Captain Brian Potter, Sea Prowler, Bodega Bay
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting July 17 - 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Dinner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting July 21- Speaker to be announced later.
- Wolf Pack outing to Pyramid Lake in October (watch for details)
- Rooster Tails Kokanee Tournament at Stampede June 15 (more info below)

June Speaker: Brian Potter Fish Bodega Bay

Captain Brian Potter grew up fishing Long Beach to Catalina inland with his grandpa. He first fished Bodega Bay in 1981 and fell in love with the Sonoma Coastline. He has owned a commercial salmon vessel for 22 years, primarily fishing out of Bodega Bay. Potter currently owns a 28x10 Farrallon Fishermen Impw as the Sea Prowler and has spent the last seven years focusing on charter trips out of Bodega Bay.

Brian will speak to us on his Rockfish and Crab Combo trips and other potential fishing opportunities for his clients. He will also speak on boating safety.

Monthly Fishing Report

6/9/2023

While water conditions continue to fluctuate, the overall trend is for things settling down.

Shad are coming into the **American River**. Quiet a few large fish are being taken.

Whiskeytown is turning out a quiet a few Kokanee at 20-55' on the downrigger trolling at 1.2-1.5mph. Most any Paulina Peak Tackle offerings have been working but a Cotton Candy dodger with a Pink Lemonade hoochie was the recent hottest setup with a Cosmos dodger also bringing in fish. Just past the 5mph bouy out of Whisky Creek was home to most of the fish.

Folsom Lake seems to be slowing down but the bass bite is still there, if you work for them. Ned rigs on off-shore rock piles produced large bass. Salmon/Trout are rather shy these days with a trout or two being picked up here and there.

New Melones is still on a hot Kokanee bite. Try the points in 70' water column around 20-30'.

Bullards Bar continues to produce Kokanee in the 10-11" range. Pinks and orange hoochies seem to be the favorite color

Stampede is open and very active. Limits are coming on AF Kokanee Flies as well as the usual pink and orange hoochie behind matching dodger.

The **Pyramid Lake** season is winding down and there are reports moss is taking over the lake. Trollers are able to avoid the moss and are taking feisty trout as they chase bait like crazy. Ladder anglers push through the moss to pick up a few trout.

As the weather is heating up, fish at **Collins Lake** are moving into deeper water. Trout are being caught in the 15-40ft depth. Night crawlers are the hot bite. Bass are being caught on ned rigs as well as trolling, again in deeper waters.

Sacramento River in the Colusa area is still producing. Live bait seems to still be the hot ticket. The **Delta** bite has slowed down but those who put in the time and distance pick up a few fish.

Get ready for a busy fishing season !



Members Only
Stampede Kokanne Fishing Tournament
Wednesday June 14th, 2023
Stampede Camping

Monday June 12th 2023 - Thursday June 15th (Checkout Day)

The Rooster Tails Fishing club members only Stampede Kokanee fishing Tournament (June 14th) and group camping trip (June 12th-15th) is on for next week. The club has reserved the Prospector group campsite for club members at the Emigrant Group campground starting on Monday June 12th (2pm check in) through Thursday June 15th, 2023 (12 pm check out). The Prospector group campsite has room for 15 vehicles and 50 guests and is the 1st group site on the right as you enter the campground, the site has water and bathrooms with no showers, the water is working as of this week.

Members can review information about the site at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov), Emigrant Group Campground, Prospector Group site. Members do not need to participate in the group camping to sign up for the tournament or visa versa. Currently the Camping site has 7 spots available. Members who would like to sign-up for one of the 15 vehicle sites within the Prospector group site should contact Shawn Conlan at 831-320-3671 before Sunday June 11th. The fee is \$ 40 per vehicle for all three nights. Paid to Rooster Tails Fishing Club.

The Club will host a Kokanee Salmon Fishing Tournament on Wednesday June 14th, 2023. Members who wish to sign up for the tournament must contact Shawn before June 11th. Sign-up fee is \$ 20 for the tournament. With 100% of the tournament fees being awarded to the top four fishermen with the most weight. 40% first place, 30% second place, 20 % third place and 10% fourth place. Members who have signed up for the tournament can start fishing at first safe light on June 14th. The weigh in will start at 1 pm sharp at the upper launch ramp parking lot and end at 2 pm sharp. Members cannot fish with a guide for the tournament. As of June 8th, 28 members have signed up for the tournament.

Please be safe on the lake for the Tournament. The week of the Tournament some thunder showers are predicted, and Stampede can turn from a nice smooth lake to a windy mess with lightning quickly. Have proper safety equipment in your boat, including life jackets, get off the lake if the wind starts to blow. If you have a radio on your boat keep it on channel 68 to communicate with other members during the tournament.

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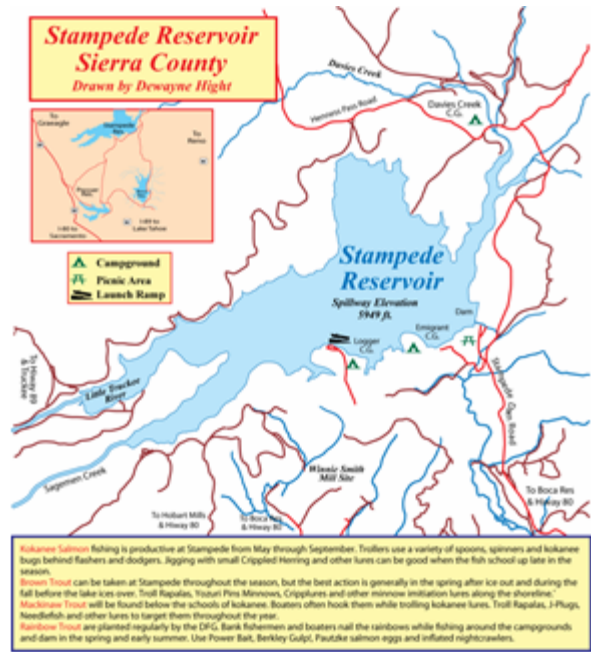
If you have any questions about this event, contact Shawn at 831-320-3671.

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Map From Fishsniffer.com

Stampede Reservoir is located in the northeastern region of the Truckee Ranger District in the Tahoe National Forest. This reservoir is approximately 10 miles north of Truckee. Stampede Dam and Reservoir are situated on the Little Truckee River immediately below the mouth of Davies Creek and approximately 8 miles above the confluence of the Little Truckee and Truckee Rivers.

For more information about Stampede Reservoir [click here](#)



Trolling for Trout, Kokanee and Salmon in California Lakes

Mike Hall



(this article is from [Mack Attack](#) off the [Mack Lures](#) website. Please support this source by visiting the website.)

Summer is approaching and it's time to dust off the boat, get your tackle box ready and hit the water to enjoy relaxing afternoons on the water trolling for trout and kokanee. In this article, I hope to help you dial in your speed, depth, action, scent and color options when targeting trout, kokanee and salmon in California lakes this summer.

Ideal depth (and water temperature) when targeting trout and kokanee

To catch fish, you need to find fish, which is why depth is so important when it comes to trolling for trout and kokanee in any lake. Trout and kokanee, like all fish, are dependent on ideal water temperatures, which fluctuate throughout the water column. Knowing the temperature of the water you're fishing is ultimately key to your success. Utilizing a temperature device, such as a FishHawk TD, will help you narrow down the depth range you need to be in.

As a rule of thumb, kokanee will prefer water temperatures between 45 and 54 degrees (with a max of 60 degrees) while trout will prefer water temperatures between 44 and 67 degrees (with a max of 75 degrees). Lake Trout, also known as Mackinaw, will target water temperatures between 40 and 55 degrees (with a max of 60 degrees) while landlocked kings can be found in water temperatures ranging from 44 to 55 degrees (with a max of 60 degrees). Using these temperature ranges as a guide will give you a head start on finding where the fish are located.. ([read the entire article here.](#))

California Boater Safety Card

The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully taken and passed a NASBLA*/state-approved boater safety education examination. The California Boater Card program is phased-in by age for operators of motorized boats on state waterways (see phase-in schedule below). As of January 1, 2022, the card is required for operators 45 years of age or younger. [START YOUR APPLICATION HERE.](#)

By 2025, all persons who operate on California waters will be required to have one. The lifetime card fee is \$10. The lost card replacement fee is \$5.

The card is issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). Once DBW has received your application, proof of education and payment, you will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 30 days from the time the application was approved.

California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 678.11(b) contains the following phase-in schedule based on operator age:

- January 1, 2018 – Persons 20 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2019 – Persons 25 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2020 – Persons 35 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2021 – Persons 40 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2022 – Persons 45 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2023 – Persons 50 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2024 – Persons 60 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2025 – All persons regardless of age

+California age restrictions for operating a motorized vessel: According to California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 658.5, NO person under 16 years of age may operate a boat with a motor of more than 15 horsepower, except for a sailboat that does not exceed 30 feet in length or a dinghy used directly between a moored boat and the shore (or between two moored boats).

*National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)

For information on mandatory boating education requirements for each state, [click here.](#)

This article was taken from the [California Boater Safety Card](#) website via the [California State Parks](#) webpage .



2023 Jackpot Contest Is Open

Rooster Tail Members-only in good standing with paid dues and a signed liability waiver form on file may enter the Club's Annual Jackpot Fishing Contest by paying an entry fee of \$20.00 to the Contest Chairman or Club Treasurer. The payment must be made 2 weeks in advance of your entry and any time between the starting and ending contest dates.

No fish-entry will be accepted without a two-week prior entry fee payment. The official contest competition is from January 1 through November 30 of each calendar year. After the January breakfast meeting, only fish caught within the official contest term qualify for the contest.

Contest cash prizes and recognition certificates will be awarded at the Rooster Tails Fishing Club's Annual Jackpot Contest Awards Ceremony. Jackpot entrants that do not have a winning Jackpot Contest fish entry will have a chance to win a proportionate cash prize based on a random drawing 'for-one-that-got-away' at the ceremony. Potential random contest winners must be present at the event to receive their prize.

Pick up an entry form at the breakfast meeting or download a copy from the Rooster Tails Fishing Club Website.

Rooster Tails BOD Needs Your Feedback

Each year the Board of Directors plans and organizes events the club members enjoy. We continue to seek your input as we develop the calendar for 2023. You can see above some of the outings we have so far but we would like to hear from members regarding other events.

We will have sign up sheets in the back of the room to gather your ideas or you can send them to info@roostertailsfishingclub.org. Or grab any of the directors at the breakfast meeting and let us know your thoughts.

We continue to work on the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club website](#) and hope you will visit soon. There you can find membership lists, archived club newsletters, a membership form, Jackpot Fishing Tournament Entry Form, and the **Active Buddy List**. We continue to work on making it a useful website for members. We encourage your [feedback](#).

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 can send us a note at info@roostertailsfishingclub.org

Rooster Tails Monthly Quote

From "The Fisherman's Guide to Life - Nine Timeless Principles Based on the Lessons of Fishing" by Criswell Freeman.

"Bait the hook well; the fish will bite"

William Shakespeare