

SoCal Fishing Report for May 17th

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- [2012 Yellowtail Derby with \\$30,000 in prizes](#) is scheduled for May 5th to June 10th

BAE FISHING REPORT:

Ditt Gifford entered the El Cap night tournament and “Fished with Glenn Morey (the guy that WON the club championship...buddy Fred still out with a bad hand). Drew #13 (bad luck? Not!) We won \$2,000 for 1st place (16.77#s) and \$700 for big fish (7.61#s). I caught the big fish on the darthead/blue zoom worm I still had tied on from Sutherland. First fish of the evening. We caught about 15-20 fish total...Glenn got a 5# on a jig and I got a 4# on the darthead/7” powerworm for our best 3 fish. Glenn threw the jig and ika all night...I stuck with the darthead. We had several 3 to 3.5#ers... Had our 3 best fish by about 10 pm. Caught a bunch more after that but didn't cull any. Glenn missed a big one on the ika around midnight. Fun night!” NICE!

SALT WATER FISHING:

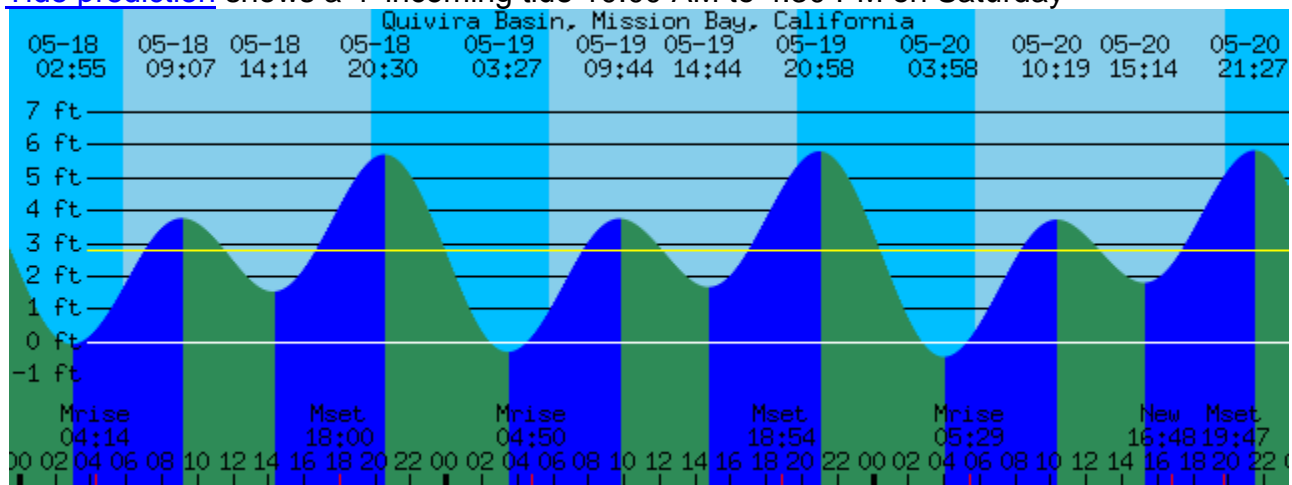
Ocean Fishing: Yesterday, the San Diego ¾ day picked up 15 yellowtail and 57 barracuda, and Malihini had 20 yellowtail and 61 barracuda—it's about time! The ½ day boats continue to focus on rockfish and sculpin, averaging 2 - 3 fish per rod.

Bay Fishing: The Big Bay bonefish hit best during the months May through August, and those hard-fighting speed-demons are turning on with some people reporting as many as 20 per trip. Although they aren't fit for eating, you really need to feel the joy of having one on the end of your line. Per usual, spotties are being caught, as well as some halibut and yellowfin croaker.

Cabo: Striped marlin fishing slowed for the full moon, but has picked up again as it waned. Best fishing seemed to be on the grounds off Chileno Bay south to the 1150 Fathom Spot. The fish are still biting slow-trolled ballyhoo baits, as well as live caballito and mackerel. El Budster picked up 2 striped marlin on each of their last 2 trips.

WEATHER / OCEAN CONDITIONS FOR WEEKEND:

- [Weather report](#) shows a sunny weekend in the mid-60s
- [Swells prediction](#) shows 3' swells at 15 second intervals on Saturday
- [Moon phase](#) shows a new moon on Saturday
- [SST temperature](#) map shows inshore water temps at 62 to 64 degrees
- [Tide prediction](#) shows a 4' incoming tide 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Saturday



FRESH WATER FISHING For more SD lake info: www.sandiego.gov/water/recreation/, and for SD lakes that offer rental boats, call 619-668-2050 for reservations or email ssmith@sandiego.gov. Lakes will not let you launch your boat unless you can pass their [rigorous quagga mussel inspection](#).

Barrett: 228 anglers reported 4,625 bass (20.3 average per angler), as well as 184 bluegill and 140 crappie. June reservations were available at www.ticketmaster.com.

Cuyamaca: More info at www.lakecuyamaca.org. Open daily.

DVL: Bass fishing has been good. Anglers are catching bass anywhere from 5 to 20 feet. Majority of the fish reported were caught on Senkos or drop-shotting plastic worms. Colored plastics, such as Margarita Mutilator and Morning Dawn have been effective. Matt Johnson from Hemet caught a 9.50lb bass on the shore using a 'custom bait'. Striper fishing has also picked up from last week with most catches have been at the bouy line by the I/O tower. Anglers reported limits of 3 – 5lb fish caught on sardines. More info at www.dvmarina.com/ Open daily.

Dixon: The bass action is mostly small male bass by anglers who are working near the shallow nesting areas. The spawn appears to have already come and gone as large schools of bass fry have been seen near the boat dock cove areas. More info at www.escondido.org/dixon-lake.aspx Open daily.

El Capitan: The 43 anglers reported 89 bass caught and 85 released and 33 bluegill. The lake is open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays for fishing and boating, and Sundays for both fishing and water contact activities. The concession is open on a Friday through Sunday schedule.

Henshaw: Crappie bite is slowing here, most are being caught from the dam area in deeper water with fair shoreline access. Open daily.

Hodges: Hodges concession has reopened and is operating on fishing days, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Jennings: The lake will open night fishing season this Friday at 5 PM—don't forget to bring your lantern. The lake will be stocked this week with 2000lbs of catfish and just like in the past the cats start to bite just before we stock. Several were caught this weekend at Cloister Cove under the "Bird Trees". Some trout are still being caught but no limits. Bass are still in 15-20' of water but are moving back to the points but keep in mind that you can do very well night fishing for Bass. Redears have begun to spawn in a lot of the same locations the bass were occupying. Your best bet to catch a nice size redear is to use a mealworm on a small baitholder hook. More info at www.lakejennings.org.

Loveland: There is no fee to fish at Loveland, but a valid California State Fishing License is required. Open daily to hike-in fishing only, on a limited area of shoreline.

Miramar: The 37 anglers reported 70 bass were caught and released, along with 5 bluegill and 1 flathead catfish. Pay fees at iron ranger or electronic pay station near the concession building. Launch ramp for private boats is open.

Morena: Bass season is here, Michael Ballard has been catch-and-releasing loads of bass this week trolling the lake with banjo minnows. Ruben Sandoval was using night crawlers to bring in and let go 5 largemouths. Open daily.

Murray: No report. Murray is open for fishing and boating seven days a week and boat rentals are available Wednesdays through Sundays only. Concession is now open Wednesday through Sunday with boats available for rent. Open daily to fishing and boating.

Lower Otay: 132 anglers reported 63 bass caught and 61 bass were released, along with 180 bluegill and 2 crappie. Both the lake and concession is open every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Upper Otay: The 28 anglers reported 29 bass caught and released. Only float-tubing, wading and shoreline fishing are allowed. Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Poway: The lake is open to fishing Wednesday through Sunday, with only shoreline fishing on weekdays. More info at www.poway.org.

Santee Lakes: The night fishing schedule is June 14 and 28; July 12 and 26; Aug. 9 and 23. Open daily, more info at www.santeelakes.com.

San Vicente: Closed for damn construction.

Sutherland: 116 anglers reported 271 bass caught, only 2 kept, along with 41 bluegill, 30 crappie, 12 channel catfish, and 2 flathead catfish. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but Fridays for shore fishing and float tubes only.

Sweetwater: Open Saturday thru Monday to limited shore fishing only.

Wohlford: Bass can be found around structure and bite most often in the early mornings and late afternoons using crank baits and dark colored plastics. There are plenty of catfish to be had throughout the lake. Open daily, more info at www.lakewohlford.com.