

Punta Banda - Surf Tackle & Fishing Suggestions

Like most beaches in the Baja, there are less fisherman, less people in general, and nature fills the gap. Fishing in front of the houses in Punta Banda is great. It is rare that I do not catch something if I am fishing at high tide or the hour before, early in the morning, or just before sunset. I guess that is why the fishing is so good in front of the house.



Depending on the time of year, you can catch Barred Perch, Opal Eye Perch, Yellowfin Croaker, Sand Sharks, Manta Rays, and Corvina on the beach. The Perch and Corvina are the best eating. I make a great ceviche with the Corvina I catch. The Perch is great with just garlic and butter. Both are excellent eating. We also like the Yellowfin Croaker pictured above right.



Standard Surf tackle is needed and the basic surf tackle rules apply. Tie a weight on the bottom, tie a snelled hook up twelve inches, then tie another snelled hook up twelve inches from that. Use either 4 oz. or 3 oz triangle weights depending on how rough the surf is. I use Number 1.0 or Number 2.0 Hooks. I suggest Clams as bait for edible fish and Anchovies for great fights with Sand Sharks, Manta Rays, and Sting Rays. If you are not going to eat it, get it back in the water for another day.

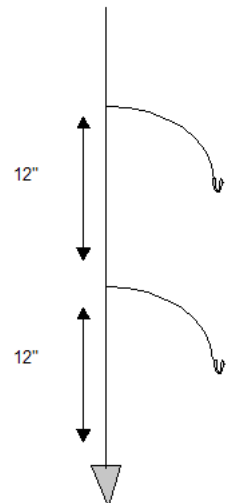
You do not have to go out that far to fish. I usually walk out to my waist, cast out (not that far), then I walk back to the beach letting the line out as I go. I put the pole in a pole holder



and wait. If you are getting a lot of hits and no fish, I hold the pole. The Corvina seem to hit the line as you bring it in, so bring it in slowly. The Corvina, which is like a White Sea Bass, fight like a very strong trout. They are serious about not getting to close to the beach. The fight really heats up when they are close to the shore. Don't lose them there. Let them run if necessary. They range from one to three pounds. The Sand Sharks and

Perch hit the line with no prompting and fight really well far out, but seem to give up close to the beach. This is just the opposite of the Corvina and Croakers. Sometimes the Perch swim toward shore and really make you wonder if you have a fish at all. Don't be tricked by this. They get up to three pounds in this area.

The best place to buy bait is Vonny's Fleet in La Jolla towards La Bufadora. They always have an assortment of bait, so you are not just stuck with Anchovies. They are also the best Panga Boat Fishing in the area. The basic rule is if you fish with Anchovies, you will catch all fish. When you fish with Clams, you tend to catch edible fish like Croakers, Perch and Corvina.



See the map below for directions to Vonny's Fleet for bait to surf fish with. Just follow the Beach Road South to the Gravel Road (Shown in Brown). Once you hit the main road to La Bufa Dora, turn right. You will come to a speed bump in the heart of La Jolla. One hundred feet past the speed bump you veer to the left side of the road. Go up the dirt road that parallels the main road to the top of the hill and Vonny's Fleet is left through the gate. There is a small tackle shop there that has all that you need at better than reasonable costs. Vonny's Fleet is shown on the map as a blue square.

There are a lot of places to fish from the peninsula from the shore as well. When in need of info about where to fish or what to use, always ask Ivan at Vonny's Fleet. When stopping by Vonny's Fleet tell them that the Kennedy's sent you.



One local problem we have from time to time is our red tide. It is really not a traditional red tide it is small red seaweed. It comes to shore in such mass that it is impossible to fish. The seaweed will attach itself to your line and make it impossible to catch fish. It rarely last very many days in a row so we have a rule, don't even bother to try to fish when this occurs.

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