

MEGA-BITE FALL FISHING NEWS



FALL FISHING IS HERE AND WE'RE NOT DONE YET

Summer may be winding down, but some of our best fishing of the year is happening right now. Jurassic Park has been incredible, local rockcod fishing is outstanding, bonito have arrived, and Roctober means one thing: **LINGCOD!**

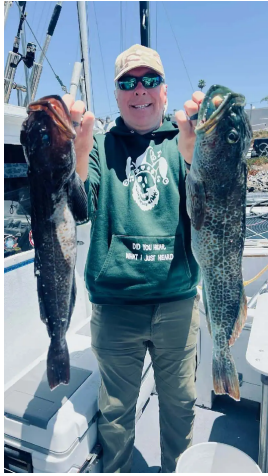
Fall brings even more to look forward to. Crabbing returns in November with our **Crab & Cod** combo trips, plus we're bringing back the old **Crab & Dab** trips many of you remember from years ago. And with plenty of great fishing still ahead, this is a great time to get back on the water.

OFF-SEASON SPECIAL PRICING IS NOW IN EFFECT

Fall is one of our favorite times to fish Monterey Bay, and our off-season special discount is now in effect. The summer crowds are thinning out, the fishing is excellent, and there are plenty of prime dates still available.

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE WHILE THE OFF-SEASON SPECIAL IS AVAILABLE

JURASSIC PARK HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE



If you haven't made a Jurassic Park trip with us yet, now is the time.

The deep-water fishing has been outstanding. Big yellowtail, reds, chilipeppers, greenspots, bocaccio, petrale sole, lingcod and more have been coming over the rail. We've had some absolutely incredible days out there this season.

Our electric reel setups make fishing the deep water easier, and you never know what is going to come up next. Local rockcod fishing has also been outstanding, giving us another great option when you don't want to make the longer run offshore.

Halibut, on the other hand, are still making us work for them. Fishing remains slow, but we'll keep watching it.

ROCTOBER IS LINGCOD TIME

October has always been one of our favorite months for lingcod, so this year we're making it interesting. We're having a **MEGA-BITE Roctober Lingcod Contest!**

\$275 MEGA-BITE GIFT CERTIFICATE

The angler who lands the **largest lingcod aboard MEGA-BITE during October** wins it. Use it toward any future MEGA-BITE fishing trip. Like all of our gift certificates, it never expires.

One fish. One winner. One month to do it. Who's going to put the big one on the deck?

BONITO ARE HERE

These fish are an absolute blast! Bonito have moved into Monterey Bay, and if you've never caught one, imagine hooking a torpedo. They're fast, aggressive and fight like crazy.

They're also excellent eating when properly cared for. Fresh bonito is a real treat. Tuna haven't made it close enough to Santa Cruz yet for us to make a practical charter run, but we're still watching. The tuna we're seeing offshore have been bigger this year, so we're certainly not giving up on them.

WARM WATER IS SHAKING THINGS UP

Due to El Nino, warmer water has made this an interesting year on Monterey Bay. We're seeing species we haven't encountered in roughly 20 years, including flag rockfish. There also seem to be more mackerel in the bay than we've seen in a very long time. That's especially interesting because tuna love mackerel.

The ocean always keeps us guessing, and this year has certainly been different.

CRABBING IS BACK ABOARD MEGA-BITE



It's been a while, but Dungeness crab is coming back aboard MEGA-BITE this November.

We'll be offering **Crab & Cod** combination trips, and we're also bringing back something longtime MEGA-BITE customers may remember: the old **Crab & Dab** trip.

We'll also offer crabbing in combination with the other fishing trips we run, so you can spend the day catching fish and come home with Dungeness crab too.

Fresh Dungeness crab is hard to beat, especially with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's approaching.

CRAB COMBO DETAILS & BOOKING

GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE BACK

Give someone a day on the ocean this holiday season. MEGA-BITE Gift Certificates are back. Buy one now and the recipient can use it whenever they're ready.

OUR GIFT CERTIFICATES NEVER EXPIRE

They're great for Christmas, birthdays, Father's Day, Mother's Day, retirement or just because. Pick the amount and let them choose the trip.

A QUICK SALMON UPDATE

That's a wrap for salmon fishing in 2026. Thanks to everyone who joined us this season. Now our attention turns to fall rockcod, lingcod, bonito and the upcoming Dungeness crab season.

SOMETIMES THE FISHING ISN'T EVEN THE BEST PART

Monterey Bay continues to put on a show. Whales and dolphins have been keeping us entertained between fishing spots, and Risso's dolphins have been hanging around for the past couple of weeks.

You never know what you're going to see when you leave Santa Cruz Harbor aboard MEGA-BITE. That's part of what makes every trip different.

COME FISH WITH US THIS FALL

Jurassic Park is incredible. Local rockcod is outstanding. Lingcod season is heating up. Bonito are here. And Dungeness crab is coming.

Our off-season special pricing is already in effect, so now is a great time to grab a date and get back on the water.

Captain Tom Dolan
MEGA-BITE Charters
Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor

CHECK AVAILABLE DATES & BOOK