



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean

APRIL 2023

AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT ANNOUNCING THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



**Dinner Meeting
April 24, 2023**

**Check your email for the dinner speaker announcement
Lulu's Restaurant - 16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406
Social Hour 5:30pm • Dinner 7:00pm**

First Trip of 2023

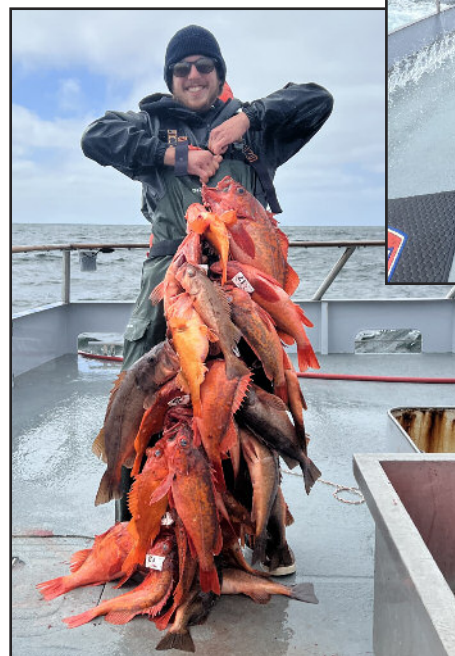
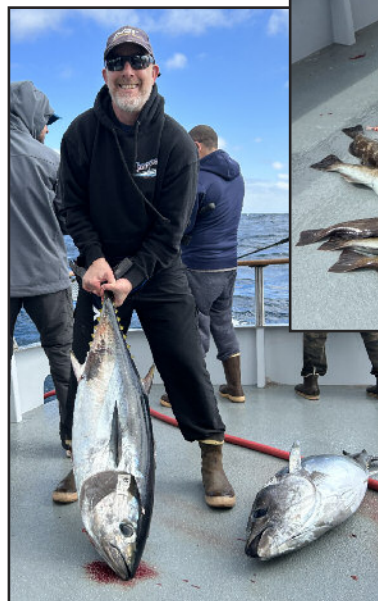
By Sophia Huynh

Kevin Boyle and I had our first fishing trip of 2023 departing Friday March 31st out of Fisherman's Landing on the Shogun. It was a Rice Bowl Charters trip and I was the chartermaster.

As we all knew the weather was up and it continued for 2 days. We headed south about 170 miles to the area the boat fished on their last trip and to where the other boats were. Captain Rene motored us down and around 2 am he woke us up saying we are in the area and marking fish. Most of the boat woke up and got to work. With the weather being as bad as it was, only the heavy jigs were able to stay sort of up and down. Two bluefin were landed that night, not for a lack of trying. I stayed up most of the night through the morning with no bites. So we all kept at it and more fish were caught during the day, I believe around 10. The hot ticket was the sinker rig with some having the weight above with the rubber band and some below the hook, tied like a dropshot. There were one or two flyline baits that had tuna on them. Mine turned out to be a small blue shark who I think came back a couple more times to visit other anglers. The next night the bluefin didn't want to bite and were being stupid bluefin. I was exhausted and went to sleep but kept waking up to the engines shutting down and starting again. I told myself if the boat stayed put then I would go up and fish. Well, I woke up at 7am to find out no bluefin were caught last night. We had many diehard anglers who fished all night to no avail.

The last day we went to Colnett to get out of the winds that would be kicking up in a few hours. I am so happy we did. We had the best day bottom fishing. Weather was much better and the fish wanted to bite. It was still windy as we were drifting at 1.5 knots but we all made the best of it. Lingcod, Vermillion rockfish, starries, a few sheephead were keeping everyone busy. It definitely was nice to end the trip on a high note with everyone filling the coolers for their ride home.

Thank you to all the anglers who came out with us and braved the weather and thanks so much for making the best of what we were dealt.





Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

"Good sportsmanship is worth more than all the fish in the ocean"

19th Annual Lou Berke Trout Derby

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLINTEERS Friends, Family, Club Members

Put on by.....Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club and Foundation

PlaceHansen Dam Aquatic Center (Fish Pond) Lake View Terrace

Date.....April 21, 2023

Time.....7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Participation. Students from LAUSD Lassen Elementary & Lokrantz Elementary,
Charles MaClay

(All these students are special needs)

This will be the 19th year that we have taken these schools for the annual fishing derby for their students.

The event takes over 100 volunteers to make the magic happen. The ratio is 1-1 with each of the approximate 96 students who participate. We need volunteers do tackle prep, food prep, serving of the food, and fish cleaning

Breakfast is served to all volunteers and once the students arrive, we start preparing lunch for all students, teachers, parents, helpers, and all volunteers.

All fish caught are cleaned immediately and put on ice for each student
to take home.

Contact Steve Simon- simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

The news this month was filled with stories about salmon. The low numbers of salmon returning to rivers and streams, the long running drought and the political battle that allocate water to agriculture instead of salmon streams have finally culminated in a closure of much of the West Coast Chinook fishery. The Alaska, Chinook, also known as king salmon, have been declining for over a decade. But last summer's run was the lowest ever recorded. These stories show again the important role habitat plays in the health of our marine fish populations and how bycatch can destroy a fishery.

◆ **Chinook Salmon Season Canceled for Much of U.S. West Coast as California Recovers From Drought** - For the first time in 14 years, there will be no commercial and recreational Chinook salmon fishing for much of the California and Oregon coast this season. The decision made by the Pacific Fishery management Council is due to the low numbers of the popular salmon species returning to California rivers and streams. Poor conditions in the freshwater environment are due to a combination of California's long-running drought, which was turbocharged by the climate crisis and the often political battle over how to allocate the water that remains. The scarcity of water makes it harder for salmon to spawn and swim to the ocean. <https://www.ecowatch.com/chinook-salmon-season-canceled-west-coast.html>

◆ **First Nations suffer to save salmon stocks** - The collapse of wild salmon is causing a current of pain that spans the length of the Yukon River, from its mouth at Alaska's Bering Sea to the headwaters in Canada's Yukon territory 3,000 kilometres away. All salmon fishing — commercial, recreational and Indigenous food fisheries — has been closed on both sides of the border for the past three years, and Yukon territory First Nations have voluntarily ceded their right to fish in a desperate bid to restore salmon and preserve their culture. There are three things. Climate change, habitat destruction and — number one is — overfishing. It's that simple. <https://seawestnews.com/first-nations-suffer-to-save-salmon-stocks/>

◆ **Popular Conservation Method Damages Ecosystem** - For over a century, fisheries and natural resource managers have bred native fish in captivity and then released them, en masse, into the wild. It's a popular method for supporting commercially important or threatened populations: more than 2 billion captive-bred Pacific salmon were released in the U.S. in 2016 alone. Unfortunately, according to UNC

Greensboro freshwater ecologist Dr. Akira Terui, the 150-year-old practice may be doing more harm than good. His research found that large-scale fish releases negatively impact ecosystems as a whole, while offering little benefit and some harm to the species the releases seek to support. "Many resource managers believe that releasing captive-bred native species into the wild is always a good thing, however, ecosystems are delicately balanced with regards to resource availability, and releasing large numbers of new individuals can disrupt that." <https://research.uncg.edu/news/release-of-captive-bred-native-fish-negatively-impacts-ecosystem-researchers-find/>

◆ **Marine Heat Waves Can Happen Even At The Bottom Of The Ocean, New Study Finds** - There's been a lot of news in recent years about marine heat waves, which warm up ocean surface waters and harm habitats and sea creatures like crabs, fish and coral. Now, new research from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows that same type of ocean warming, fueled by global warming, is also happening deep underwater. Bottom marine heat waves impact shellfish, lobster and bottom fish, and tend to last longer than surface marine heat waves. They can occur at the same time as surface heat waves, or come on with no signs of heating in the waters above. <https://weather.com/news/climate/news/2023-03-22-marine-heat-wave-bottom-of-ocean/>

◆ **Scientists uncover startling concentrations of pure DDT along seafloor off L.A. coast** - Decades ago, the nation's largest manufacturer of DDT used the ocean as a huge dumping ground, and as many as half a million barrels of its acid waste had been poured straight into the water. Now, scientists have discovered that much of the DDT — which had been dumped largely in the 1940s and '50s — never broke down. The chemical remains in its most potent form in startlingly high concentrations, spread across a wide swath of seafloor larger than the city of San Francisco. "We still see original DDT on the seafloor from 50, 60, 70 years ago, which tells us that it's not breaking down the way that [we] once thought it should," said UC Santa Barbara scientist David Valentine. "And what we're seeing now is that there is DDT that has ended up all over the place, not just within this tight little circle on a map that we referred to as Dump-site Two." "We're still grappling with this legacy of treating the ocean as a dumping ground," said Pease, Heal the Bay's science and policy director. "And the public — whether they're folks that like to fish ... or people who like to swim

and visit the ocean — we all need to understand the history that went on, as well as the impacts. And partly that's to learn ... to make sure that we're able to protect our public health, but also to think about how we are treating the ocean now, as well as into the future." <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2023-03-23/scientists-uncover-startling-concentrations-of-pure-ddt-along-seafloor-off-l-a-coast>

◆ **U.S. government releases first-ever Ocean Climate Action Plan** - On March 21, 2023, the Biden-Harris administration released its Ocean Climate Action Plan the first-ever government-wide strategy to maximize the power of the ocean to combat climate change.

The Plan outlines eight priority areas and contains over 200 specific recommendations to “advance immediate, transformational steps to protect ocean health and address the climate crisis.” “This Ocean Climate Action Plan is the first comprehensive approach that the U.S. has taken to leveraging the power of the ocean in the fight against climate change,” said Jean Flemming, Director of Ocean Defense Initiative, one of the organizations that has long called for a government-wide ocean climate strategy. “The plan should inspire a ripple effect of powerful climate actions from coast to coast that will slash emissions and help frontline communities.” <https://www.globalseafood.org/advocate/u-s-government-releases-first-ever-ocean-climate-action-plan/>

2023 FOUNDATION EVENTS

The LARRC Foundation is happy to announce a return to our traditional events for 2023 Be on the lookout for more information and sign up sheets for the following events.

Foundation Tackle Sale Sunday, April 16, 2022

Lou Berke Trout Derby Special Needs Students April 21

Kid's Trip July 10th

Mentors Trip August 7th

Veterans Trips in May 18, August 17, and October 19



MOVING FORWARD... LOOKING BACKWARDS

By Barry Cohn

Club Member Since 2001 • Past President 2012

When did you last catch an Albacore? It's been a pretty long time, I bet.

I caught my last Albacore (also known as Thunnus Alalunga) during the summer of 2011. That was a great year for big Albi's. Then there was 2003 and 2004, two other super abundant years for the Longfins. My most memorable teenage fishing experiences were on the Mustang charters with Los Angeles Athletic Club. We would head out to the Tuna grounds somewhere between the Coronados and Catalina Island. The group of "old " guys really helped me learn how to fish. These trips hooked me on ocean fishing forever!

Albacore swim in huge schools. If you can find them and if they are hitting, it is pure pandemonium. There is nothing else like it. Everyone is on fish. Lines are tangled. The decks are slippery as ice. The fish are everywhere both inside and outside the boat. Albacore fishing is the best!!

Then there was a trip on the Pacific Dawn in 1999 captained by Pat Cavanaugh. This was the Albacore trip of all Albacore trips. Pat spotted a nice school and put us on it. The adrenaline was pumping as we were all hooked up.



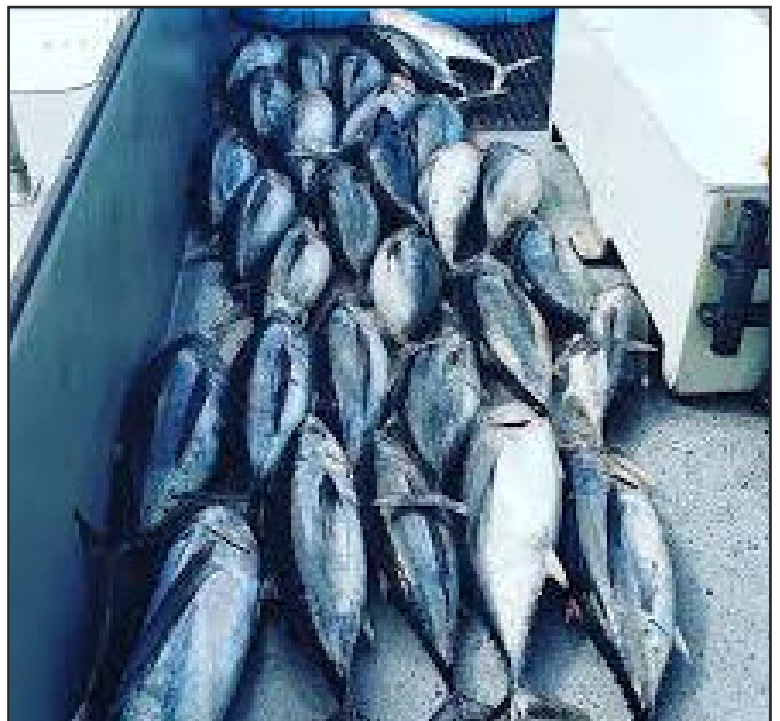
Everyone got a few. Then Pat said "Bring in your lines. It's time to run and gun!". We caught up to the school and the fun started again. And again. And Again. This went on for five hours!!!

Eventually, Pat asked if it would be ok for the crew to catch some. Tired and happy we all agreed. It was no rod and reel fishing or them. They were jack poling the Albacore right over the stern rail onto the deck. I will never forget seeing this.

It was time to call it a day. The fish hold was full. The deck was covered. We plugged the boat!!!!

There was going to be plenty of Albacore for the BBQ, for the broiler, for sushi, for all our friends and for our neighbors too!!!

Next time---Big Yellowtail From Cedros.



Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

Tribute Opportunity

Tribute Cards are available when you want to send your thoughts or feelings for

- Congratulations • Graduation
- Anniversary • Illness • Appreciation
- Best Wishes • New Home
- Baby Announcement
- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- In Memoriam

Your LARRC Foundation is a charitable organization.

Donations maybe deducted.

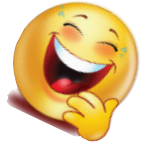
Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line.

Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

Information Request and Donations may be addressed to:

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tammy2508@socal.rr.com

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS:



Sad news! It is with great sadness that we report the passing of the Pillsbury Doughboy. The cause of death was a yeast infection and trauma from repeated pokes in his belly. Doughboy was buried in a greased coffin, with the gravesite piled high with flours.

Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects; including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, The Hostess Twinkies, and Capt. Crunch. Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Born and raised in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being flakey at times, he was still a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife, Play Dough, and his three children: John Dough, Jane Dough, and Dosey Dough. He and his wife also had one in the oven. He is also survived by his father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

(This is a repost; I can't take credit for it but hope you enjoy it!)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The following applications have been received by Richard Stone, committee chair.

- Stanley "S" Malin, a resident of Northridge and retired Educator
- Dustin House, a resident of Lakewood and Construction Supervisor
- Daniel Tabor, a resident of Los Angeles and is a Community College Professor
 - Keith Moret, a resident of Los Angeles and is in Real Estate
- Tony Napoli, a resident of Thousand Oaks and is in the Insurance Industry
 - Pat and David Greenleaf
- Sol Levy, a resident of Saugus and is retired
 - Bill Lang of North Tustin, who is a CPA

King of The Club Tournament



Date June 14th

Depart 9PM June 14th Return June 15th 8PM

Catalina Island or best fishing spot

22nd Street Sportfishing

20 anglers ~~2 man teams

\$225.00 includes tip

Team Jackets to winning team

Call Steve Simon 818 469-7651

or

Joel Steinman 818 384-2381



Donald Goldsobel's

CALLING ALL COOKS

Chinese Style Steamed Fish

Thank you member Wendy Tochiara for another great contribution. This recipe Wendy put together for her cooking demonstrations at Day at the Docks! Enjoy!

1 1/2 lbs fish, whole or fillets (white fleshed)
3 stalks green onions sliced
1/4C Peanut oil
Salt to taste

4 slices fresh ginger root, diced
Cilantro springs
1/4 C Soy sauce
1t Sesame oil

Place small cake rack in large (12" diameter) skillet; place 9" diameter glass pie dish on rack. Put fish in dish; sprinkle with salt and 1/4 of the diced ginger on both sides of the fish. Pour enough water into skillet to reach depth of 1". Bring to a boil. Cover skillet; steam fish until just opaque in center, about 10 minutes per inch. Heat peanut oil until it's really hot...until it's almost smokin'... Transfer fish to serving platter. Place the remaining ginger, green onions & cilantro springs on top of steamed fish. Pour hot peanut oil over ginger, green onions, cilantro and fish (careful, the oil will splatter) pour soy sauce over fish, drizzle with sesame oil.

Health and Happenings

Linda Simon is our contact for
"Health and Happenings"
Please contact Linda either by phone
(818-980-7470) or email
(simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)
for any information about our club
members/ family - i.e., happy
or sad news; health issues; graduation or
congratulations, etc.

Advertise Your Business or Service in the Chum Line

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1/8 page: \$20 1/4 page: \$40
1/2 page: \$80 Full page: \$160
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**One month FREE with 6 months of
paid advertising!**

Contact John Ballotti
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CALENDAR

Board Meeting

April 17

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information.

Dinner Meeting

April 24

Social Hour 5:30pm • Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Lou Berke Trout Derby

April 21

Annual Family Event

June 11

King of the Club

June 14

Earl Warren Memorial Kids' Trip

July 10

Marine Mentors

August 7

Navegante 1.5 Day

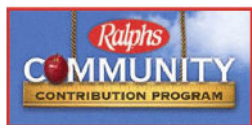
August 8-10

Charters 2023

RULES REGARDING CLUB CHARTERS

All LARRC charter participants signing up for club charters are obligated to pay the full fare to reserve a spot. In the event a participant cannot make a trip, the club will attempt to fill the space once a waitlist forms. A participant may try to fill their space prior to departure. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunk preference is assigned by the charter master based on the order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.

June 14-15	King of the Club Truline overnight	Contact Steve Simon ~ bigfish1944@yahoo.com
July 10	Earl Warren Memorial Kids' Trip	Contact John Goss ~ jgbigkahuna@sbcglobal.net
August 7	Marine Mentors	Contact Joel Steinman ~ jsteinman@socal.rr.com
August 8-10	Navegante 1.5 Day Club Charter	Contact Dustin House ~ cph_bass@yahoo.com



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Here's How:

Step #1: Enroll in the Ralphs Reward Program if you are not currently enrolled.

Step #2: Print out this page and take it with you the next time you shop at Ralphs.

Step #3: At check-out, have the LARRC barcode swiped by the cashier together with your Ralphs Rewards Card/phone number.

Notice: The Ralphs LARRC Barcode needs to be swiped only once to link your Rewards Card to LARRC. Future shopping trips will help raise money for LARRC when you use your Ralphs Reward Card at check-out.



TROPHY CONTENDERS 2023 as of February 28, 2023

SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
	TEST					TEST			
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	20	Joel Steinman	6	0	WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED					JUNIOR MEMBERS				
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER					FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
					FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				



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