



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

MAY 2023

LARRC DINNER MEETING

OFFICER PIEDRA

THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

We are lucky to have officer Piedra return for an evening of information and stories from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Wildlife Officer Piedra joined CDFW in January 2010. She has been assigned to the Northern LA County district since graduating the academy in August 2010. Piedra has been involved in all facets of hunting, fishing and habitat investigations. Some of her biggest cases include a person cutting down over 400 Joshua Trees and completing a 4-year investigation into a streambed alteration/habitat destruction violation. Piedra has also issued numerous citations for miscellaneous hunting and fishing violations over her career.

Take this opportunity to get your questions answered about regulations, species, take and more!





Dinner Meeting May 22, 2023

Wildlife Officer, Piedra

Lulu's Restaurant - 16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406 Social Hour 6:00pm • Dinner 7:00pm

A Message from the President

By Andrew Ratzky

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well. As we move into the fishing season, I'm excited to report that the fishing is starting to heat up. There are some bluefin biting down south, although the bite has been inconsistent due to the weather. Some trips have managed to limit out, with most of the fish to 40 lbs., and a few big fish in the mix. Additionally, the halibut have been biting around Catalina, white seabass have been caught around the Channel Islands, and calicos are starting to bite in the kelp beds. This is a great time to get out on the water and take advantage of these opportunities.

I would like to remind club members to check out the Chum Line for a schedule of all club activities and volunteer opportunities with the foundation. We have some exciting fishing trips coming up, including a newly added surf fishing adventure at Rincon Parkway in Ventura on June 10, the King of the Calico overnight charter on the Truline departing June 14, and our 1.5 day tuna trip on the Navegante departing August 8.

These events are a wonderful way to connect with other members, share fishing adventures, and enjoy some time on the water. I encourage all members to take advantage of these opportunities and get involved with the club.

Thank you for your continued support of LARRC and the foundation. I look forward to seeing you out on the water and sharing in the excitement of the season.

Sincerely, Andrew Ratzky President, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club

Ling of the Club



One Team Left! (2 anglers)
Depart: June 14 9PM
Return: June 15 8PM
Boat: Truline

Place: 22nd Street Landing, San Pedro

Total of 10 teams - 2 anglers per team

Price: \$225 includes tip and winning team receives a King of the Club jacket

Fish for Calico Bass, Yellowtail, White Sea Bass, Albacore, Marlin, Tuna

For more information contact: Steve Simon - 818-469-7651 Toel Steinman - 818-384-2381



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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

Some of you might know that I used to work on fisheries management, specifically forage fish, in New England. One of the big rifts between recreational fishermen and commercial fishermen was and still is the use of industrial midwater trawl gear to take millions of pounds of Atlantic herring from the ocean. The practice has had huge consequences on the herring stock and on the dependent predators. The trawlers also impacted the struggling stocks of anadromous river herring and shad stocks that live in the ocean before returning to native New England streams every year. In order to better account for bycatch in the mid-water trawl fishery, including bycatch of river herring and shad, the National Marine Fisheries Service implemented a fishery observer program with costs shared by the herring fishermen and the government. The industry has challenged whether NMFS has the authority to require the industry to pay for observers and the Supreme Court granted certiorari. The consequences can have broad reaching impacts on NMFS's ability to regulate and monitor commercial fisheries including regulations that are good for recreational fishermen and the ecosystem. Supreme Court Takes Up Fishermen's Fight Over US Conservation Funding https://www.reuters.com/legal/us-supreme-court-takes-upfishermens-fight-over-us-conservation-funding-2023-05-01/?link id=9&can id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72 ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-april-28-2023&email referrer=email 1906940&email subject=mfc n-weekly-update-may-5-2023

♦ Kelp Forests Generate \$500 Billion per Year, Study Finds - Beneath Earth's coastal waters lie vast forests of a nutritious and useful brown algae seaweed known as kelp. For thousands of years, kelp has sustained and been a part of the culture of people around the world. A new study published in Nature Communications has found that the planet's vast undersea kelp forests generate an average of approximately \$500 billion per year, according to the journal Nature. The analysis looked at six types of seaweed and found that they were much more valuable than previously thought. The study, "The value of ecosystem services in global marine kelp forests," estimates that the services kelp forests provide like acting as habitat for fish and other marine species caught for food and pulling nitrogen from seawater contaminated by sewage and fertilizer runoff — are worth from \$465 to \$562 billion per year globally. This means as much as \$363,492 per acre is generated by each type of kelp forest per year — more than three times the amount earlier estimates suggested.https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-37385-0

- ◆ Meet Jellyfish-Bot: An Underwater Robot That Scientists Hope Will Clean Up Ocean Pollution - Perhaps one day, robots could be cleaning up human-caused pollution in the ocean. At least that's what scientists at Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems hope to achieve with the development of Jellyfish-Bot, a robotic device that resembles a jellyfish that could help pick up pollutants underwater. The robot is about the size of a hand. It is also able to collect fragile biological samples such as fish eggs. Meanwhile, there is no negative impact on the surrounding environment. The interaction with aquatic species is gentle and nearly noise-free. https://is.mpg.de/news/quallenahnliche-roboter-konnten-eines-tages-die-weltmeere-saubern
- **♦** The Great Pacific Garbage Patch Is Now So Huge And Permanent That A Coastal Ecosystem Is Thriving On It, Scientists Say - Scientists have found thriving communities of coastal creatures, including tiny crabs and anemones, living thousands of miles from their original home on plastic debris in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch – a 620,000 square mile swirl of trash in the ocean between California and Hawaii. A new revealed that dozens of species of coastal invertebrate organisms have been able to survive and reproduce on plastic garbage that's been floating in the ocean for years. The scientists said that the findings suggest plastic pollution in the ocean might be enabling the creation of new floating ecosystems of species that are not normally able to survive in the open ocean. Unlike organic material that decomposes and sinks within months or, at most, a few years, plastic debris can float in the oceans for a much longer time, giving creatures the opportunity to survive and reproduce in the open ocean for years. https://www.cnn.com/2023/04/17/ world/plastic-pollution-ocean-ecosystems-intlclimate?link id=26&can id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a 2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-april-14-2023&email referrer=email 1889965&email subject=mfc n-weekly-update-april-21-2023
- ♦ The Black and White of Recreational Fishing: Because There are Two Sides to Every Story Here is a good opinion piece by Capt. John McMurray that highlights the complicated matter of bringing recreational fishermen together. https://conservefish.org/2023/04/12/the-black-and-white-of-recereational-fishing-because-there-are-two-sides-to-every-story/?link_id=12&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-march-31-2023-2&email_referrer=email_1881192&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-april-14-2023

Lou Berke Fishing Derby

By Scott Schiffman

The 19th Annual Lou Berke Fishing Derby was held April 21, 2023 at Hansen Dam in Lakeview Terrace. With the help of over 100 volunteers, we were able once again to put on a terrific event for the students of Lokrantz Special Education Center, Lassen Elementary School and MacClay Academy of Social Justice with a combined total of 130 students participating.

We would like to acknowledge the Los Angeles Police Department Metropolitan Division, Maritime Operations Team for deploying the net; the Los Angeles Animal Control Rescue Team divers retrieving the net; the Los Angeles Aquatic Center; Department of Fish and Wildlife for the procurement of fish; West-

ern Bagel; Yum Yum Donuts; and Pautzke Bait Company. Also, Calabasas Catering for the delicious BBQ lunch.

It was a beautiful spring day, with warm weather, and fish that were hungry. The students were catching their limits of Catfish, which were cleaned, and put on ice. A breakfast of fruit, bagels, and donuts was served to all, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch.

Everyone worked hard, and the result was a successful event, and lots of happy kids!

The Berke family who sponsored this event graciously indicated they would repeat once again next year.



Am I?

By John Ballotti

Fishing, friendship, fun and service are what drew me to the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club (LARRC), I can say now, after 20 years, that I have experienced all of them.

Growing up in central Connecticut I became addicted to fishing at a very early age. Not saltwater but fresh water species such as largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch and chain pickerel were sought out at every opportunity up and through high school. My fishing activities paused while in college (Fordham, New York City) and during my time in

the Army (USA, Germany, and South Korea). During my work career (Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and California) my interest in fishing resumed. Arriving in California in 1981, I was drawn to the ocean and began saltwater fishing. At first on open party boats, progressing to long range boats, then to boat ownership, and finally, private charters. It was on one of the Q-105 skiff trips that I met LARRC legend **Bob Selvin**. Well, one thing led to another and I was soon a member of the club. The year was 2003 and my journey with the club took off.

In the following 20 years among other positions (board member, club secretary, club and

foundation treasurer, foundation trustee) I was the club president 3 times and chairman of the LARRC foundation once. There was one individual I met during this time that altered my thinking about the environment. **Eric Rogger** was passionate about environmental matters, especially the sustainable use of the ocean resource. Eric was relentless in his admonition that we were not doing enough to insure the health and well being of the ocean and its' inhabitants. Taking his message to heart I started to look around to see where I could get involved.

I joined the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), a national member organization dedicated to conserving, promoting, and enhancing the present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. I am currently on the State and National board of directors of CCA and past president of the Los Angeles



chapter of CCA CAL. My introduc-

tion to fishing politics came in the form of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) and its' implementation process. As a member of the south coast regional stakeholder group I saw first hand how stacked the deck was against recreational fishermen. Building on that experience I applied for and was appointed to the Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee (MPAFAC), a 20 member group that advised the Secretaries of Interior and Commerce on mat-

ters pertaining to Marine Protected Areas. I was one of two recreational anglers on the committee drawn from across the USA. Continuing my interest in representing recreational fishermen, I am currently a member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the California MPA Network Collaborative.

An another area where I represent recreational fishermen is on the Ocean Resources Enhancement Advisory Panel (OREAP). This is the Advisory Panel created by the Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatcheries Program (OREHP). Appointed by the Director of the California Department

of Fish and Wildlife and elected chairman by the members of the panel, we are charged with administering the funds generated by the fishing license Ocean Enhancement Stamp required to fish south of Point Conception. This is colloquially know as the White Seabass Committee.

So, who am I? A guy passionate about fishing, friendship, fun and insuring that generations to come have the same or a better opportunity than we have now to enjoy the ocean and the sport we pursue.



MOVING *FORWARD...* LOOKING BACKWARDS

By Barry Cohn
Club Member Since 2001 • Past President 2012

One of the staples of Southern California sportfishing has always been Calico Bass. Catching a bunch of these fiesty critters would make for a successful local trip. Also landing a nice Yellowtail or two would make the trip epic. A ten to twenty pound Yellow would bring lots of bragging rights and plenty of good eating.

For long-rangers, a first stop at Cedros Island would provide the opportunity for a great start to their trip, with excellent Yellowtail fishing and the chance for an all-time best. Thanks to Jose Sanchez and his Cedros Outdoor Adventure operation, an even better way to fish Cedros became available. A two-hour drive to Brown Field in San Diego, a short flight to San Filipe to clear customs and top off the fuel tanks and then another two-hour flight due west to Cedros Island. Once there, we were greeted by Jose and his crew, followed by a scenic shuttle ride to the lodge where we settled into our ocean front rooms, had lunch, then hit the water for some inshore fishing. A half hour later we were into some nice hearty Yellowtail. Our group landed three or four good ones each before the short return to the lodge.



After we had a couple of cervezas, a welcome nap followed. Then it was time for an amazing dinner of lobster, fajitas and of

course Yellowtail! All delicious!!

The next morning, we were raring to get into some trophy Yellows. First, we jigged up plenty of mackerel. It was quick and easy. The Yellowtail were close in that day, and it didn't take long to hook up with some 10 pounders, 20

pounders, 30 pounders, 40 pounders and my all-time best a 54 pound Giant Yellowtail! This was all on our first full day of fishing!!

The next day we decided to go for Calicos. Calico Bass fishing at Cedros is a fisherman's dream. North Point is legendary, weather





permitting. This time it was not. "No problemo" our captain told us, as we instead headed south to San Augustine. The kelp was too thick to cast, so we simply dropped straight down. It was literally a fish per drop. Most were in the 3-5 pound range, with a few really big ones. This was the best Calico fishing I ever experienced. We released them all!

Day 4 was Yellowtail again. Great fishing, great catching, great place and a wonderful sunset.

If you are after big Yellows, lots of quality Calicos Bass, delicious food and fun fun fun, a fly-in trip to Cedros is the place.

Next time Rooster Fishing in Cabo.



The Tails of Westlake

Members Andy MacDonald and Steve Simon show off some of their catches from a great day at Westlake!







Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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In Honor of Ed Liberman to thank him for all of his

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Patricia Lemlein

In Memory of Janet Siegel's Aunts
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Membership News

The Board has received a membership application for Martin Flores of Los Angeles



Join LARRC for an afternoon of Surf Fishing



LARRC is organizing an exciting surf fishing event at Rincon Parkway in Ventura. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, with high tide expected at 5:01pm. Club member Jim Purtee wil be leading the group and sharing pointers on the conditions to look for while surf fishing. The event is limited to 12 participants, so if you are interested in surf fishing with LARRC, you will need to RSVP to Andrew Ratzky at aratzky@att.net. Rincon Parkway is located at 4668 Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura, CA 93001. Free parking available in the day use lot north of the camping area.

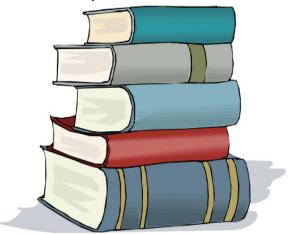


Looking forward to seeing you there!

5 Best Fishing Stories Ever

List by Zach Urness, Outdoor Writer

- 1. "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Maclean
- 2. "Big Two-Hearted River" by Ernest Hemingway
- 3. "Headwaters" by John Gierach
- 4. "The River Why" by James Duncan
- 5. "On the Rainy River" by Tim O'Brien



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or sad news; health issues; graduation or
congratulations, etc.



HERB GARLIC BAKED SALMON

Contributed by Scott Schiffman

INGREDIENTS

4 pieces of 4-6 oz Salmon fillets

I Lemon

2 cloves Garlic

2 tablespoons Extra virgin olive oil

I tablespoon Dill, fresh

I tablespoon Parsley, fresh

Kosher salt or sea salt

Black pepper, fresh cracked

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425° F (220° C). Line baking sheet with parchment or foil. Peel garlic cloves. Slice each clove lengthwise into 4-5 thin slices.

Remove dill leaves from main thick stem. Chop leaves finely.

Remove parsley leaves from stems. Chop parsley leaves finely.

Cut lemon into wedges.

On plate or in shallow dish, toss salmon fillets in extra virgin olive oil to coat. Remove excess oil from fillets once coated. Place on prepared baking sheet about I inch apart. If fillets have skin, place skin down.

Sprinkle each fillet generously with Kosher salt or sea salt. Sprinkle with fresh ground black pepper to taste.

Place 3-4 garlic slices on top of each salmon fillet. Sprinkle each fillet with chopped fresh dill and fresh parsley.

Bake in a preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until salmon is cooked. Do not overcook. Flesh should turn opaque and flake slightly when done. Serve with fresh lemon wedges and squeeze lemon over fillets to taste.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

May 15

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club Preisdent for link information.

Dinner Meeting

May 22

Social Hour 5:30pm • Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

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

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June 14-15 King of the Club Contact Steve Simon ~

Truline overnight bigfish1944@yahoo.com

July 10 Earl Warren Memorial Kids' Trip Contact John Goss ~

jgbigkahuna@sbcglobal.net

August 7 Marine Mentors Contact Joel Steinman ~

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August 8-10 Navegante 1.5 Day Contact Dustin House ~

Club Charter cph_bass@yahoo.com

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2023 as of April 30, 2023

SPECIES LINE ANGLER LBS. OZ.

TEST

MEN'S OCEAN WATER

MEN'S FLY ROD

MEN'S FRESH WATER

Bass, Lg Mouth 20 Joel Steinman 6 0

MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

SPECIES LINE ANGLER LBS. OZ.
TEST

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

Halibut, California 50 Cathy Needleman 5 10 White Sea Bass 50 Cathy Needleman 13 5

WOMEN'S FLY ROD

WOMEN'S FRESH WATER

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED

JUNIOR MEMBERS

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

White Sea Bass 50 Cathy Needleman 13 5

7-Apr-23

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR



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