



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

JUNE 2023

## LARRC DINNER MEETING

# CAROLINE BRADY

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDS OF CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM

For many years, the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has been the recipient of funds from the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Foundation. Now is the time to get better acquainted with the aquarium, their programs, and how our grants are making a difference in what they do.

Caroline Brady has brought a wealth of experience to Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. She has worked for many large organizations in the area of fund raising. And she is very excited to join us at our dinner meeting to learn more about our club.

Please join us for food, friends and a dynamic speaker.

Raffles ~ Fun ~ Food!

Please RSVP to Andrew Ratzky - [aratzky@att.net](mailto:aratzky@att.net) or [Info@larrc.org](mailto:Info@larrc.org)



## Dinner Meeting

## June 26, 2023

## Caroline Brady - Executive Director of

## Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

## Lulu's Restaurant - 16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

## Social Hour 5:30pm • Dinner 7:00pm

## *A Message from the President*

By Andrew Ratzky

Dear LARRC Club Members,

I hope you all had a fantastic Memorial Day weekend and are eagerly preparing for the summer. Speaking of which, we are starting to experience summer style fishing locally. Calico bass fishing is becoming consistent at our favorite inshore spots, smaller grade yellowtail are making a good showing at the local islands, halibut have been available for quite some time and white seabass fishing has been a good option bet as well. Only bluefin fishing has been off lately. But our fleet is seeing large volumes of fish and that light switch can turn on at any moment.

I'd like to draw your attention to the Chum Line, where you can find the schedule and booking details for all club activities and volunteer opportunities with the foundation. We have exciting fishing charters lined up, including the King of the Calico overnight charter on the TruLine departing June 14 -15, we are rescheduling our surf fishing trip to Rincon Parkway in Ventura for July 22, and we have a handful of spots remaining on our 1.5-day tuna trip on the Navegante departing August 8-10.

If you would like to volunteer for a foundation event, we have the Earl Warren Memorial Kid's Trip on July 10, and the Marine Mentor's Trip on August 7. Please check our 2023 Charter section below for information on how to volunteer.

Participating in these events is an excellent way to connect with fellow members, share fishing tales, give back to the community and enjoy some quality time on the water. I strongly urge all members to use these events to get actively engaged with the club.

Before I go, I want to invite members to contribute to the Chum Line. If you have a recent fishing trip, favorite recipe or anything else fishing related you would like to share with the Chum Line, please reach out to any of our Board Members or to Sophia Huynh.

Your continued support for LARRC and the foundation is deeply appreciated. I hope to see you at our Monday, June 26, dinner meeting at Lulu's or on one of our charters.

All the best,  
Andrew Ratzky  
President, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club

## King of the Club



June 15, 2023

Boat: Truline

We departed 22nd St Landing on June 14 headed for San Clemente Island with 9 teams of 2 for a total of 18 anglers. Flat seas for the trip over. Started fishing at 5:30 AM. Fishing was slow but we gave it all we could.

Big Fish Calico Bass caught by Paul Varenchik 5 pounds 2 oz.  
Winning team New Members Kevin Mayer and Brad Grist 6 calico bass 12lb 5 oz

Second place old time members Randy Sharon and Joel Steinman 5 Calico Bass 11 pounds 11 oz.

Total for all teams was 20 bass slow day on the water.

~ Joel and Steve



## **EARN MONEY for LARRC Foundation By Shopping at Ralphs!**

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*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.*



# ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

◆ **Two-thirds of 64 California Current stocks vulnerable to climate change, NOAA finds** - Recent research from NOAA found 67 percent of 64 federally managed species in the California Current large marine ecosystem, extending from the U.S.-Canadian border to the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula in Mexico, to be at least moderately vulnerable to climate change, with 23 percent considered highly or very highly vulnerable.

[https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/premium/environment-sustainability/two-thirds-of-64-california-current-stocks-vulnerable-to-climate-change-noaa-finds?link\\_id=14&can\\_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-26-2023&email\\_referrer=email\\_1941113&email\\_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-june-2-2023](https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/premium/environment-sustainability/two-thirds-of-64-california-current-stocks-vulnerable-to-climate-change-noaa-finds?link_id=14&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-26-2023&email_referrer=email_1941113&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-june-2-2023)

◆ **With ‘slim chance’ to change Magnuson-Stevens Act, Peltola favors ‘workaround’** - Alaska’s subsistence fishing advocates want to change the nation’s primary fishing law to crack down on the accidental catch of salmon by the Bering Sea trawl fleet. Changing the law is looking increasingly unlikely, but there might be another way. Congresswoman Mary Peltola focused on revising the Magnuson-Stevens Act since the start of her campaign. But she said it’s not in the cards now. Rather than change the law, the new strategy is to change a set of guidelines for the law that’s already on the books. Magnuson-Stevens is a complex law. It includes 10 national standards, akin to fundamental management commandments. They say things like fish allocations must be “fair and equitable,” and bycatch must be minimized “to the extent practicable.” The guidelines refine those standards. The National Marine Fisheries Service announced it’s begun revising three of the guidelines, dealing with fairness, community dependence on fish and minimizing bycatch. Peltola sees an opportunity. She calls it a “workaround.” “If the only change we can make in the 118th (current) Congress is to take another look at these national standards, we’ve got to do it. And we’ve got to do it now,” Peltola said. [https://alaskapublic.org/2023/05/23/with-slim-chance-to-change-magnuson-stevens-act-peltola-favors-workaround/?link\\_id=13&can\\_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-19-2023&email\\_referrer=email\\_1932626&email\\_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-may-26-2023](https://alaskapublic.org/2023/05/23/with-slim-chance-to-change-magnuson-stevens-act-peltola-favors-workaround/?link_id=13&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-19-2023&email_referrer=email_1932626&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-may-26-2023)

◆ **Cleaning up ocean ‘garbage patches’ could destroy delicate ecosystems** - Removing trash from the ocean may not be as harmless as it seems. That’s the conclusion of new research, which finds that marine dumps known as “garbage patches” are home to countless delicate creatures that could perish when people scoop debris from the sea. A research crew recently collected samples of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The samples revealed high concentrations of three species that hover at the ocean’s surface. The presence of these creatures implies a complex ecosystem in which they serve as food for predators like sea turtles and seabirds. [https://www.science.org/content/article/cleaning-ocean-garbage-patches-could-destroy-delicate-ecosystems?link\\_id=20&can\\_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-19-2023&email\\_referrer=email\\_1932626&email\\_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-may-26-2023](https://www.science.org/content/article/cleaning-ocean-garbage-patches-could-destroy-delicate-ecosystems?link_id=20&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-19-2023&email_referrer=email_1932626&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-may-26-2023)

◆ **The ocean is hotter than ever: what happens next?** - The global ocean hit a new record temperature of 21.1 °C in early April, 0.1 °C higher than the last record in March 2016. Although striking, the figure is in line with the ocean warming anticipated from climate change. What is remarkable is its occurrence ahead of — rather than during — the El Niño climate event that is expected to bring warmer, wetter weather to the eastern Pacific region later this year. That means warmer-than-average ocean temperatures are likely to persist or even intensify, bringing with them more-extreme weather and marine heatwaves, which spell problems for marine life from corals to whales. [https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-01573-1?link\\_id=27&can\\_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-12-2023&email\\_referrer=email\\_1924083&email\\_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-may-19-2023](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-01573-1?link_id=27&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-may-12-2023&email_referrer=email_1924083&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-may-19-2023)

## 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](mailto:simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)) for any information about our club members/ family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.



# My Beginnings With the LARRC

By Dustin House

In my short time 'officially' with the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, I'd like to share a bit about myself and what drew me in to the club. Being with this club a little over a year has been a great experience for myself and my family, whether it has been fishing, providing service to others or enjoying a day out at the Long Beach Aquarium.

I was born, raised and still live in Lakewood, California. I attended a parochial grade school, completed High School at St. John Bosco in Bellflower, CA and ultimately earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering Management from Cal State Long Beach.

Through my childhood, I was raised by a single-mother and amazing grandparents who always kept my younger brother and myself busy, whether it be in soccer, hockey, golf or the outdoors. Some of my earliest and fondest memories of time spent in the outdoors were with my grandparents. I recall at an early age of 7 years old, where they tagged me along on one of my uncles' boy scouts trips near Yosemite (he's only 7 years older than me). On that trip, my grandparents were chaperones and my grandfather and I took a day trip while the Scouts were busy to do some fishing in a stream outside the park. I still have a very grainy picture from the 80s of my grandfather and I holding up a trout I caught back in the day. That was a great time and got me 'hooked' on fishing.

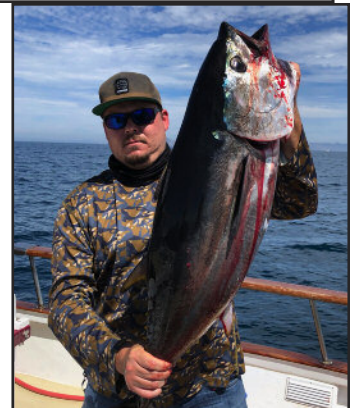
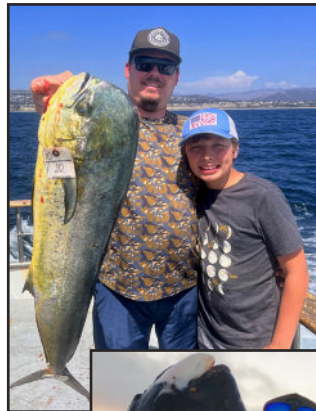
As my interests and knowledge of fishing grew, and since I had much closer access to the ocean living in Lakewood, I spent a lot of time in my high school and college years ocean fishing. Through college I spent a lot of time simply kayaking in the Alamitos Bay with a buddy after work using muscles pulled from the docks, to snag a few sand bass or calicos in the Bay. Our group of friends also spent time up in the High Sierras fishing the lakes and creeks near Bishop and Tom's place where the fresh water fishing is always a great team. Over the years and after college, my time became a bit more limited when I began working with Turner Construction.

Through my work with Turner Construction, I came to know a good friend, Paul Varenchik, at a very early time in my career with Turner. I was working on a ground-up, new High School project in San Fernando and he was invited to cater one of our construction milestone and safety bbqs. He provided great service, as always, and the food tasted great. We got to chatting it up and the rest was history. I pushed very hard to have him cater all my bbqs over the next 15 years when I had a chance. He invited me out to a number of LARRC chartered trips over the years and I had a blast catching some amazing fish and gaining memories from the trips. A little over a year ago he invited me to join the club,



which I knew may pose a bit of a geographical challenge since the matters are on the other end of LA from myself, but I'm glad I made it work. After joining the club and getting to know more members, I was graciously encouraged to take a more active role in the club by Mr. Ratzky and Mr. Ballotti, and after some brief internal-debating I agreed and haven't look back since.

This club, I feel, has given me more than I've been able to give back to the club yet, even with my new roles as Charter Organizer, Secretary, and Historian. My family as well, has had a great time participating with the club. My wife has joined in the fun of Lou Berke with me recently, and my son has joined our chartered trips a few times. I look forward to meeting more members to engage further and learn more about the club. I feel proud to be part of a club that carries on the traditions of service, fun, family, conservation and protection of our time-honored sport.





# Members...



Randy Sharon and friend with a couple of beautiful yellowtail



Joel Steinman was fishing Westlake with Andy MacDonald and had a good day of fishing. This one was the best of the day.



Randy Sharon with a tank of a white sea bass weighing in at 60lbs



The pros got their butts whipped, Andy and Steve took Fred Vlasetti out for a day of fishing in Westlake. He caught the fish and we watched. Not bad for his first time fishing in Westlake.  
Steve Simon



June 15-17 New Hustler 2 Day. Great Halibut and shallow water Rockfish. Great boat and crew. ~ Donald Goldsobel



# MOVING FORWARD... LOOKING BACKWARDS

By Barry Cohn

Club Member Since 2001 • Past President 2012

Cabo San Lucas is the land of Sunshine, Margaritas, and Fantastic Fishing!

I began running junkets to Cabo in 1981. The first one was to Rancho Buena Vista with three fishing buddies. Marlin was what we were after, and Marlin was what we got. But that's a story for another article. Year after year we would return to Cabo with more and more friends joining the party. The truth be told, these trips became much more a fiesta than a fishing trip. Too much tequila, eating, golf and fun!! The trip highlight was always a huge dinner of lobster and ribs etc. at the famous El Faro Viejo restaurant—with our best friend Jose Cuervo!!!

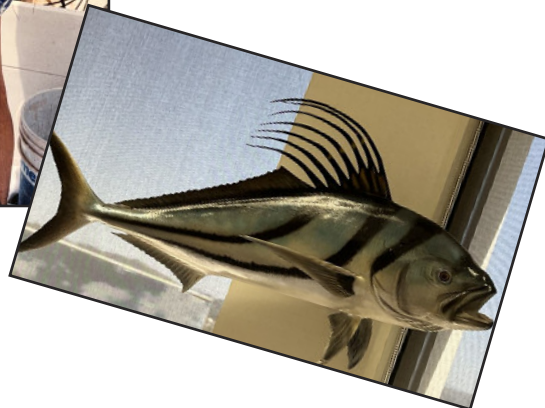
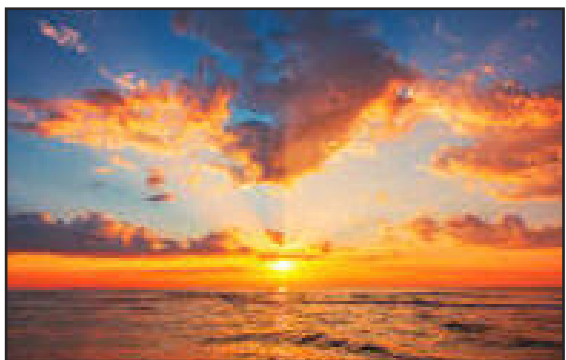
Each morning a few of the stalwart fishermen would manage to stagger out of bed and head down to the dock to charter a panga--hangovers and all. One of these windy mornings we chose to stay inshore and motored around Los Arcos north past Sunset Beach. We were in quest of the elusive Giant Pez Gallo. Rooster Fish are beautiful, strong, and acrobatic. The distinctive fin on their back gives them

their perfect name. This kind of fishing can be a delicate matter. Our Pangaro navigated us into the trough between the second wave and the third wave, a prime feeding area for Roosters. This was a "rocky road" from both the standpoint of my queasy stomach and the actual rocks in the area!

However, there is nothing better to cure a hangover than a hard strike. This one was preceded by a tall rooster tail speeding toward my bait and followed by a jump clear out of the water. It was a massive fish! Fortunately, it headed toward open water and not into the rocks. The fight was on, and the fish towed the panga several hundred yards out to sea. It was clearly a big Rooster. The battle was long and hard. Senor Pez Gallo is notorious for spitting out the hook, even after a long fight. Happily this one did not! It was a sixty-five pound beauty that proudly still adorns my wall!!!

This was a catch worth celebrating. Mas Tequila Esta Noche!!!

Next time White Seabass Fishing with Brandon.



# Donald Goldsobel's **CALLING ALL COOKS**

## WOOD-FIRE SMOKED SALMON

(Cheat with a Pellet Smoker)

Contribution by - Dustin House

This is a great recipe I've used a number of times I found online. I take no credit other than my two cents that it works.

Link to detailed recipe with more tips:

<https://honest-food.net/how-to-smoke-salmon-recipe/>



### INGREDIENTS

5 pounds salmon, trout or char  
 Birch or maple syrup for basting

### BRINE

1 quart cool water  
 1/3 cup Diamond Crystal kosher salt,  
 about 2 ounces of any kosher salt  
 1 cup brown sugar

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 4 HOURS

TOTAL TIME:

4 HOURS 15 MINUTES

SERVINGS: 5 POUNDS

### DIRECTIONS

1. Mix together the brine ingredients and place your fish in a non-reactive container (plastic or glass), cover and put in the refrigerator.
2. You will need to cure your salmon at least 4 hours, even for thin fillets from trout or pink salmon. Large trout or char, as well as pink, sockeye and silver salmon need 8 hours. A really thick piece of king salmon might need as much as 36 hours in the brine. Never go more than 48 hours, however, or your fish will be too salty. Double the brine if it's not enough to cover the fish.
3. Take your fish out of the brine, rinse it briefly under cold running water, and pat it dry. In a cool/breezy place, ideally around 60°F, set the fillets on your cooling rack, skin side down and let the fish dry for 2 to 4 hours. You want the surface of the fish to develop a shiny skin called a pellicle.
4. Start by slicking the skin of your fish with some oil, so it won't stick to the smoker rack. Know that even though this is hot smoking, you still do not want high temperatures. Start with a small fire and work your way up as you go. It is important to bring the temperature up gradually or you will get that white albumin "bleed" on the meat. Start the process between 140°F and 150°F for up to an hour, then finish at 175°F for a final hour or two.
5. After an hour in the smoker, baste the fish with birch or maple syrup, or honey; do this every hour. This is a good way to brush away any albumin that might form. In most cases, you will get a little. Your goal should be an internal temperature of about 130°F to 140°F.
6. You must be careful about your heat. Other than failing to dry your salmon long enough, the single biggest problem in smoking salmon is too high heat. If you've ever seen salmon "bleed" a white, creamy substance, that's a protein called albumin. If you see lots of it, you've screwed up; a little is normal.
7. Once your fish is smoked, let it rest on the cooling rack for an hour before you put it in the fridge. Once refrigerated and wrapped in plastic, smoked fish will keep for 10 days. If you vacuum-seal it, the fish will keep for up to 3 weeks. Or freeze your fish for up to a year.

## CALENDAR

### Board Meeting

June 19

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information.

### Dinner Meeting

June 26

Social Hour 5:30pm • Dinner & Meeting

7:00pm

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

### Earl Warren

### Memorial Kids' Trip

July 10

### Veterans' Trips

July, August, October

### Marine Mentors

August 7

### Navegante 1.5 Day

August 8-10

The Foundation Acknowledges this  
Tribute Received to Honor

*Happy Birthday to John Ballotti*

Linda & Steve Simon

*Happy Birthday to John Ballotti*

Tammy & Joel Steinman

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Contact John Ballotti

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## Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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# 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.

July 10	Earl Warren Memorial Kids' Trip	Contact John Goss ~ <a href="mailto:jgbigkahuna@sbcglobal.net">jgbigkahuna@sbcglobal.net</a>
August 7	Marine Mentors	Contact Joel Steinman ~ <a href="mailto:jsteinman@socal.rr.com">jsteinman@socal.rr.com</a>
August 8-10	Navegante 1.5 Day Club Charter	Contact Dustin House ~ <a href="mailto:cph_bass@yahoo.com">cph_bass@yahoo.com</a>

## TROPHY CONTENDERS 2023 as of May 31, 2023

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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### MEN'S OCEAN WATER

### MEN'S FLY ROD

Perch, Sac	8	Rob Baldwin	3	3*
Perch, Sac	10	Rob Baldwin	3	5*
Trout, Cutthroat	8	Rob Baldwin	14	2*
Trout, Cutthroat	10	Rob Baldwin	13	7*

### MEN'S FRESH WATER

Bass, Lg Mouth	20	Joel Steinman	6	0
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### MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED

### WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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### 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



## Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

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Ron Glider	Joseph Mahfet, Jr.
Chas Schoemaker	

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