



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean SEPTEMBER 2023

LARRC DINNER MEETING

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“Although small actions might not solve the climate crisis, they remind us that we are intrinsic parts of the world and its ecosystems.”

**Dinner Meeting
September 18**

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

◆ **Climate Change Likely To Reshape West Coast Fisheries By Sending Fish Farther Offshore** - Shifting ocean conditions associated with climate change will likely send high-value sablefish into deeper waters off the West Coast, new research shows. That could make the fish tougher to catch and force fishing crews to follow them or shift to other, more accessible species. https://the-fishingwire.com/climate-change-likely-to-reshape-west-coast-fisheries-by-sending-fish-farther-offshore/?link_id=19&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-august-31-2023&email_referrer=email_2040366&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-september-8-2023

◆ **One Man's Quest to Heal the Oceans and Maybe Save the World** - Sala's solution for protecting the ocean from rising heat is simple: identify the richest areas of biodiversity and protect them from human intervention. Left alone, the resulting abundance will eventually spill over into unprotected zones, stocking new areas with fish that can be harvested for human consumption, while allowing for the evolution of genetic adaptation to a changing climate. MPAs, says Sala, are like an interest-bearing savings account. As long as you don't touch the principal, you can live off the interest. "The only way to get more from the ocean is to have more life in the ocean," says Sala. "And the only way to have more marine life is to set some places aside so it can thrive. It's as simple as this." https://time.com/6307205/enric-sala-ocean-conservation/?link_id=18&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-august-25-2023&email_referrer=email_2032546&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-august-31-2023

◆ **US Fishing Groups Sue Over Use of Chemicals in Tires** - Two fishing industry groups plan to sue a baker's dozen of U.S. tire manufacturers over a chemical found in rubber tires, which the groups claim have had "devastating impacts" on salmon and steelhead. The chemical, 6PPD, is used to prevent tires from degrading too quickly. However, it breaks down into 6PPD-quinone when exposed to ground-level ozone. The new chemical can kill coho salmon within hours of exposure and can lead to urban runoff mortality syndrome, according to environmental nonprofit Earthjustice, which is representing the Institute for Fisheries Resources (IFR) and the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA) in the lawsuit. "This chemical kills the coho salmon that we need to restore damaged coho runs that were

once abundant," IFR/PCFFA Executive Director Glen Spain said in a statement. "Coho salmon, which can no longer be harvested given their extremely low numbers, are already on the brink of extinction and 6PPD use in tires has now been revealed as a major driver of these losses." https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/fishing-groups-to-sue-over-chemicals-in-tires?link_id=20&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-august-25-2023&email_referrer=email_2032546&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-august-31-2023

◆ **Years After the Blob, the Pacific Still Doesn't Look the Same** - In late 2013, a mass of warm water now known as the Blob appeared in the northeast Pacific—a massive marine heatwave that cooked coastal ecosystems from Alaska to California. Later, bolstered by an El Niño, the vast and potent heatwave wreaked havoc on marine ecosystems: thousands of seabirds died, while blooms of harmful algae poisoned marine mammals and shellfish. The suddenly warmed water also brought an influx of new animals to the northeast Pacific. By 2017, the Blob had waned and many of these more tropical species had retreated. Yet not all. The Blob triggered a range of subtle yet persistent shifts in the spread of marine species. https://hakaimagazine.com/news/years-after-the-blob-the-pacific-still-doesnt-look-the-same/?link_id=21&can_id=361976ba11249d20fd074887a2b72ad8&source=email-mfcn-weekly-update-august-25-2023&email_referrer=email_2032546&email_subject=mfcn-weekly-update-august-31-2023

◆ **International Whaling Commission Issues Extinction Alert for Vaquita Porpoise** - The International Whaling Commission (IWC) has warned the critically endangered vaquita porpoise will likely disappear from the earth if immediate action isn't taken to save it from extinction. Just 10 to 13 individual vaquita remain alive, all in the Northern Gulf of California in Mexico, down from 570 in 1997. The extinction of the vaquita is inevitable unless 100 percent of gillnets are substituted immediately with alternative fishing gears that protect the vaquita and the livelihoods of fishers. If this doesn't happen now, it will be too late.

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Cathy Needleman fishes Fiji

Her photo with the snakehead mackerel is her favorite! None of the fish were weighed-all went to the villages on different islands in Fiji. Lots of families were fed.



Twilight Trip –

Group picture of the Twilight Dinner Meeting attendees!



The 2014–2016 marine heatwave transformed the ecosystem of the northeast Pacific. Some of those changes seem here to stay.

by *Ethan Freedman*

August 25, 2023 | 600 words, about 3 minutes

Shared by *Donald Goldsobel*

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By 2017, the Blob had waned and many of these more tropical species had retreated. Yet not all. Some of the species that colonized new habitats during the heatwave have stuck around. And now, says Joshua Smith, a marine ecologist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California who documented in new research how the Blob triggered a range of subtle yet persistent shifts in the spread of marine species, “I’m starting to sort of question whether those communities will ever look the way they did.”

Historically, it’s common enough that a handful of individuals from warm-water species will make their way north during warmer years, but there wouldn’t be enough of them to sustain a long-term population, says Jenn Caselle, a marine ecologist at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and coauthor of the new paper. But because the Blob was so intense and lasted so long, sizable populations made the move into these normally cooler habitats—populations that were potentially large enough to establish more permanent footholds.

Señorita fish, for example—a bright-orange wrasse that showed up in huge numbers in central California during the heatwave—are still there, Smith says. Ocean whitefish, while historically common around Southern California’s Channel Islands, are now dominant, Caselle says, while California sheephead, a bulbous red-and-black fish, are now also much more abundant near Santa Barbara.

These changes in coastal communities, Caselle says, can have knock-on effects on how these ecosystems function. Sometimes, when one species is extirpated from a community—like a predatory fish that keeps a population of smaller fish in check or a seaweed species that provides a home for

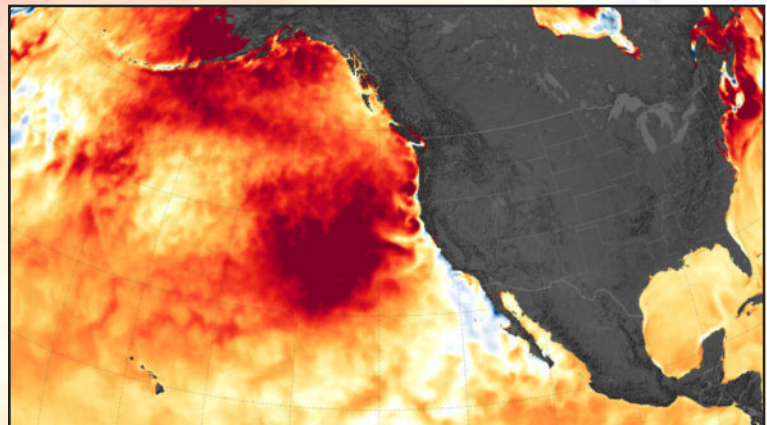
invertebrates—the ecosystem loses some kind of important function. But if that lost species is replaced by a new species that does the same thing, that new species could provide some resilience to the ecosystem, Caselle says, even if the community doesn’t look the same as it always did.

People can also adjust to new ecological realities, she says, pointing to fishers’ recently acquired fondness for the now-abundant ocean whitefish.

The Blob was one of the most intense marine heatwaves in recorded history, so it makes sense that it had a big effect on marine ecosystems. But big marine heatwaves have affected the northeast Pacific every year since 2019, including this year. Meanwhile, the current El Niño is further heating the northeast Pacific, and climate change means marine heatwaves will likely continue to be even more frequent.

As oceans continue to warm and the heatwave hits keep coming, William Cheung, a marine ecologist at the University of British Columbia who was not involved in the new research, says fish populations could be in trouble. In his own research, Cheung previously showed how warming and marine heatwaves will stress fish populations in the northeast Pacific. Usually, he says, fish populations can bounce back after a heatwave. But if heatwaves start occurring more frequently, populations will have less time to replenish themselves.

These changes are unlikely to go unnoticed. “The place where humans interact with the ocean the most is right at the coast. It’s where most of the biodiversity lives, and it’s where a lot of the productivity is,” Caselle says. “As these systems change, it can affect our everyday lives.”



LARRC DAY AND A HALF TRIP ON THE NAVIGANTE OUT OF REDONDO SPORTFISHING....

By Paul Varenchik

Departed at 9:00p.m. with 16 anglers and anglerettes. Mostly members of our club. Ages 12 through 82.

Our first stop would be the Tanner Bank, with arrival time first light. The ride there was 75 miles. Was like a lake! Dead calm. The chartermaster, Dustin House, did a great job arranging everything. Everyone had private staterooms that slept 2 to 3 people.

Upon arrival at the bank, we were greeted by tons of seals. Our target at the bank was yellows and after pulling a little ways off the bank, we were able to connect with about 14 nice yellows up to 30 lbs. And about another dozen for the seals! Around 10:a.m., Captain Jacob said, lets go catch some tuna. So we had breakfast and headed back toward the west end of Clemente. The fleet was already

there. The captain pulled back the throttles and told the deckhand to throw a couple of scoops, which resulted in giant boils around the boat.

For the next 4 hours we had non stop action on 30 to 125lbs. Bluefin, all in dead calm weather on fly lined sardines. Everyone on board caught limits, including the 10 extra for the 5 crew members who did a great job on deck, as well as in the galley. It was a great trip for all on board. With over 40 tuna and 15 yellows. We decided to have a nice steak dinner and head for home. Big honors went to new member Caden White, with a 125lb bluefin on 20lb.test..a great fisherman. Also my nephew Nick Varenchik with a 100 pounder on the sinker rig. Congratulations to all on board for a great trip!



MOVING FORWARD... LOOKING BACKWARDS

By Barry Cohn

Club Member Since 2001 • Club President 2011

Giant Tarpon at the Silver King Lodge in Costa Rica.

Tarpon, aka The Silver King, are high on most anglers' bucket lists. Giant Tarpon require a gigantic bucket.

Arguably the best Tarpon fishing in the world is in Costa Rica. More specifically in its northeast corner at the merging of the Rio Colorado River and the Caribbean Sea.....and the best fishing lodge in the area, the aptly named Silver King Lodge.

Getting there is easier than you might think. Fly direct from LAX to San Jose, Costa Rica. Stay overnight at a luxury downtown hotel. Spend a day sightseeing, if you like---the Gold Museum downtown is worth a visit. Have an excellent dinner at one of the many casinos. Then, an early morning shuttle back to the airport for the 1 1/2-hour flight to the airstrip adjacent to the resort.

The lodge was literally carved out of the jungle and is quite the engineering feat. There were spacious comfortable rooms, boardwalks to allow for getting around the often-flooded grounds and a welcoming dining room with fantastic food for all three meals each day. Where did they get a chef of this caliber is the middle of a remote jungle? And an open bar. What more could you ask for??

Promptly after lunch we headed down to the boat dock for our first time on the water. We were rightfully cautioned to look out for Caiman crocodiles along the shore. Quite impressive beasts! The fishing grounds are typically just outside the breakwater making the ride through the churning tidal rushes a definite E-ticket. The Tarpon live year-round in the murky water just outside the tidal flats, so on the lucky days we were fishing within 30 minutes of the lodge.

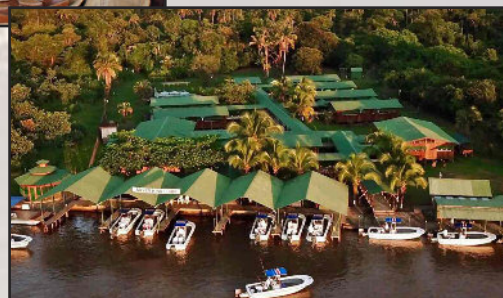
These Tarpon have very few natural enemies, so they can grow extremely large. It was 100% catch and release, thus protecting them from unnatural human predators---anything under 100 pounds is small. 200 plus pounders are available. Everything in between is common. Fishing was fantastic on this trip. We caught fish every day. The second afternoon I caught five 100-150 pounders within a 2 1/2 hour period, always remembering to bow to the King!!! We got back to the lodge just before a tremendous rainstorm blew in. Twelve hours later it subsided, just in time for our third day of fishing. As an extra bonus, we were treated to beautiful cloud formations and fantastic rainbows.

Available was a sightseeing trip up the river to the Nicaraguan border, with lots of monkeys and birds along

the way. Also available was light tackle river fishing along the banks. Many colorful varieties caught. Tarpon were catchable in the river. My dear friend and former club member Bert Serden landed a monstrous 225-pound Tarpon upstream in eight feet of water!!!

I borrowed a taxidermied giant from off the dining room wall for a photo op.

Next time Black Seabass with Brandon.



LADY ANGLERS SEARCHER SPECIAL

By Sophia Huynh

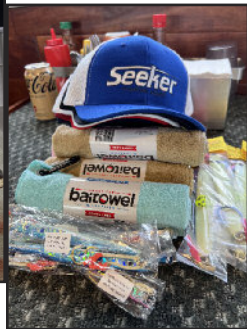
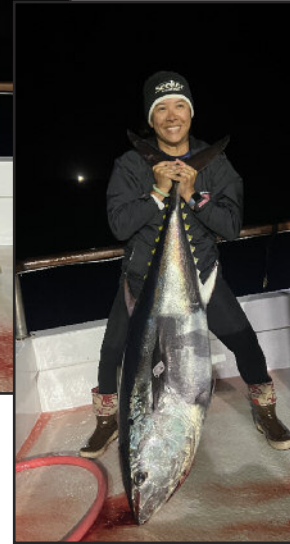
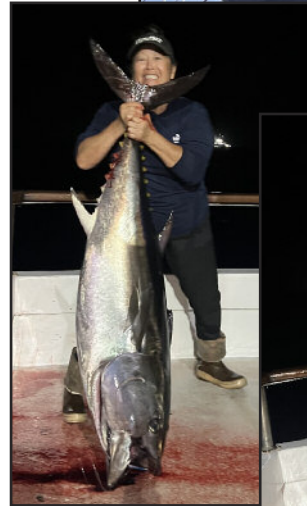
Wendy Tochiara (Izorline) and I (Seeker Rods) with Lori Sachau (Turners Outdoorsman) hosted the 8th Annual L.A.S.S. trip aboard the Searcher out of Fisherman's Landing. Last year the Searcher added a second 3 day so that was the 2nd annual trip. Everyone's eye was on the upcoming weather because of the hurricane heading up the Baja coast and projected to hit San Diego on Sunday the 20th. The first trip departed on Friday and we had beautiful weather until the Coast Guard called all ships in to the harbor for Sunday just to be safe. So our 3 day became a 2 day and we had a blast. Our theme was Bluefin Blues so Lori and Wendy were the Blues Brothers and I was the nun with the yard stick. We had great fishing and biggest fish was around 150lbs at the top of the dock.

Our second trip turned in to a 2.5 day and left the dock at 4pm Monday instead of 10 am. Which was good to help our ladies who were traveling from afar some more time to get to San Diego. We headed back to the same area where we fished a few days before. We hoped the storm didn't turn the bite off but we had our fingers crossed. Well my blessing of the ship and anglers paid off and we caught bluefin again. We had lots of new ladies who caught their first bluefin and some their first salt water fish! It was such a great time!

All the ladies received a bag full of goodies from our generous sponsors: hats from Seeker Rods, jigs & hand towels from Leadmasters, jigs from Okuma, flouro and mono from Izorline and Anglerettes donated fun bag backpacks. We raffled off a custom Seeker rod, a new Accurate reel and a Phenix rod, California rod per trip.

The Searcher does an amazing fundraiser for City of Hope Women's Cancers Programs. They collect donations when we check in and they match the amount raised and donate the total amount. The amount donated is then given as a credit to a future trip to the winner of the "Good Sport" award.

The schedule is up and spots are going fast if any of our lady members would like to join us!!!





Donald Goldsobel's

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BLUE FIN TUNA BELLY ON THE BARBIE!

By Donald Goldsobel

Tuna belly is special. It is loaded with healthy fats, great flavor, umami and grilling possibilities. If it has skin on it, remove it before use as it is high in histamines/allergens. There is a layer of fat next to the skin. Leave it on. This steak is not one to simply sear.

Season it before cooking. I like to rub it with sesame oil and then sprinkle it with dried lemon and black pepper. For a low sodium approach. Or your favorite rub. I suggest Montreal Steak Seasoning.

Place it fat side down on a hot grill or cast-iron skillet. I prefer the gas grill. It will get good and crispy. It should be cooked till not pink. Flip it and cook till well browned. Serve it hot with some teriyaki or your favorite sauce, white rice and a dry rose'.

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September 11

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information.

Dinner Meeting

September 18

Social Hour 5:30 Dinner and Meeting 7:00
Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys

Veterans' Trips

October 19 on the Betty-O, Marina Del Rey

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.

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2023 as of August 31, 2023

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

Bass, Calico	20	Paul Varenchik	5	5
Dorado	40	Bob Tuttle	35	5

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

Roosterfish	30	Chas Schoemaker	Released	
Roosterfish	40	Bob Tuttle	Released	

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



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