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CHANNEL ISLANDS RESERVE LAWSUIT UPDATE

Today, March 26, 2003, the court ruled to deny the application for a temporary restraining order to halt enforcement of the Channel Islands Reserves, while the matter awaits a full trial. Today's decision is unlikely to have any effect on the outcome of the case, but it does mean that enforcement of the reserves will most likely commence as scheduled on April 9th. A date had not as yet been set for trial, at the time this Chum Line is going to press. More information about the Channel Islands MPA, including maps may be found online at

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/channel-islands/.

—Joel Greenberg RFA So.Cal.

Prez Paul Varenchik Reports

The Awards Banquet was a very enjoyable evening for all. The professionalism demonstrated by the Braemar Country Club made the evening go off without a hitch. The meal was a little small to my liking, but very tasty. We had approximately 90 attendees. Outgoing President, Al Scow, presented a special Recognition Award to those with memberships of 30 years or more and club service, or those over 80

years old and still active in club matters. These members were presented with club jackets. Al paid for these out of his own deep pocket...Thanks Al.

The magician kept the evening crowd entertained while we narrowed the presentation time-frame down a bit to allow for the very successful auction which was reported on in the last ChumLine. ■

RON KOVACH, GUEST SPEAKER, APRIL 28th

ON KOVACH, well known fishing guru to be April 28th dinner speaker.

Ron has extensive experience as an educator/promoter—he talks to over 85 groups annually! As a writer he's authored best selling fishing books and is a prolific contributor to a long list of magazines and periodicals. As a host he does radio and television shows-KRLA 870 AM and Outdoor Channel FXTV!-2 on local California cable.

As a business man he was vice president at Big-5 and is presently the founder and owner of Ronnie Kovach's Outdoor Enterprises. As an educator he is the director of Eagle Claw Fishing Schools and Penn Fishing University.

Phone in your dinner reservations early since this one promises to be a sellout! Use Dinner Hotline: 818/808-4909.

Psychology of an Unscheduled Release

by Richard Lapidus

re've all seen it many times. This guy hooks up. The fish goes ripping out, and the guy scoots up the rails and disappears on the other side of the boat. In the meantime, you catch a fish, go get a beer, eat a sandwich, take a nap, and when you come back up on deck the same guy is hooked up again.

You say to him, "You hooked up again?" He's too tired to speak so the deckhand says, "No, it's the same fish." Then you notice the sweat dripping from his face and the deep

bend in his rod.

Somebody says, "He's on a big fish!" You ask, "What pound line is he using?" And you try to imagine what kind of fish this guy is fighting in that part of the ocean.

The captain is down on the deck and barks instructions like, "keep a bend in that rod," and "nice and steady", and "try and get a few turns."

Most of us have been in a situation where we've been on a big fish that took a

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ACTION ALERT

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Psychology Continued from page 1

long time to land or lose. But what goes through your head when you're on a monster of the deep for a very long time? How do you console yourself if you should lose? Of these last two questions, I can only answer one.

Max Wunderman, Ivor Hodis, Michael Lapidus and I were fishing on the Bongos II out of Newport Beach at Catalina Island a few days ago. The morning bite was slow. Ivor had landed a nice legal halibut and Mike caught a short white seabass off the bottom. Around 11:00 the calico bass really turned on. It got to where they were attacking the Wham at about every cast. Sure, there were lots of shorts, but we had no trouble getting legal size fish either. By 1:15 I was the last man standing. The captain and deckhand were fishing a little, I decided to put on a white seabass jig with two dead squid and bounce it off the bottom for a few minutes before giving up for the day. I recalled several times when the croakers breezed through in the early afternoon, and Mike had caught a short one

First drop I got hit instantly, but it was only a whitefish, and we had to let it go. Right color, wrong species. On the second drop I felt some tapping. I let it continue for a few seconds and then set the hook. It felt like I caught the bottom, but line started going out steadily. It went out but not screaming. The captain said, "That's the right kind" and he instructed me to follow the fish to the bow. That's not easy to do on the Bongos, as you have to walk up hill on a narrow

ledge. I had no choice but to hand my rod to the deckhand and hold on to the handrail, and virtually crawl up to the bow. (If this ever happens to you, I suggest that you don't look down, but focus on getting to the bow).

I took the rod back from the deckhand and the fish steadily pulled out to sea. I stood there bracing myself and holding the rod as I watched the line steadily going out. There was a major bend in the Calstar 700L graphite rod. "What pound line are you using?" someone said. "Twenty-five," I said, but I wished I had much, much heavier. At the time I dropped it, it seemed pretty heavy after using eight- and tenpound line for the calicos all day.

At least my Pro-gear 251 reel had been recently tuned up and I had a full spool of line. Fifteen minutes later I was still in the bow and my legs began to feel the strain. I could occasionally get a few turns on him, but mainly the fish took some short runs, stopped and took off again. "He doesn't know he's hooked yet." the deckhand said. "Really," I asked. "Then do me a favor and don't tell him." At a half hour into the fight the captain said, "We're going to have to chase him." The engines started, we slowly followed the fish while I reeled in like crazy.

The captain suggested it was 70-lb. class white seabass. Then the speculation turned to a black seabass. The captain turned the boat and I made my way back to the stern which was a lot more comfortable. All of a sudden the fish must have figured out that he was hooked, and took off with a powerful run. Everyone gave advice. "Nice and steady", "keep a bend in the rod", "try to get a few turns", "don't let him get into the kelp". He did! By putting the reel into

free spool, I got him out but then he went back in.

If I could only get this fish up I would promise to become a better person!

An hour had gone by, I was beginning to admire my adversary and I was getting exhausted. I had never fought a fish this long and this hard. I thought, if I can only see a shadow or deep color or anything, just to see what I'm hooked onto. I looked down and about 90% of my line was in. I was still getting a few turns but the fish was stopped with the parking brakes set.

Suddenly, without warning, the line snapped. I breathed deeply and handed the rod to the deckhand and went about the business of trying to get the tension out of my body. I was reassured that I had done everything right. Captain Chandler and the deckhand Sonny were nothing short of spectacular.

It had been a real experience going from one and two pound calico bass to Jaws. That day the fish won. When you lose a big fish like that you have to tell yourself that the fish must win sometimes. And it is the truth! I wondered if that fish had any comprehension of what it had accomplished, If it did, he would have a good story to tell his friends. Maybe each time he told it I would get bigger and stronger.

I tried to look at the bright side of the situation. I had fun for an hour of my life that I'll never forget and now I don't have to be a better person. Finally, if you check the trophy contender listings in the *Chum Line* you'll notice that I turned in a weight slip for a two pound, three ounce calico bass. That's the final psychology. After this kind of battle you have a need to turn in something.



Now Hear This

SaltWater Sportsman recently (3/03) ran an editorial from which this excerpt is taken. The Numbers are staggering and surprising.

The cost of fish to the consumer is far more than just what's on the price taq. It includes the enormous cost to the taxpayer for subsidizing the vast fisheries bureaucracy required to sustain the level of catches. According to NMFS, in 2002, U.S., commercial landings totaled 9.5 billions pounds of fish. The recreational catch (landings plus dead discards) was estimated at 262.4 million pounds. Each is figured to contribute somewhere around \$28 billion to the economy. In other words, commercial fishing produces \$2.95 per pound of fish while the recreational sector produces \$106.71 per pounds of fish, while taking a substantially smaller toll on the resource.

BOARD BUSINESS

by Jim Carlisle

FAMILY PICNIC

LARRC will be holding a family picnic on **Sunday, July 27 at Lake Sherwood.**Planning of the event is just beginning but it sounds like a fun day that will feature a potluck BBQ, fishing, boat rides, etc. Keep an eye out for details.

BILL ALPERT "KING OF THE CALICOS TOURNEY"

Bob Selvin has agreed to be the tournament chairman for 2003. The date and boat have vet to be set.

MERCHANDISE

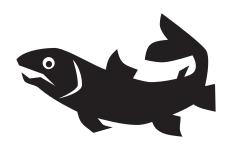
Francine Varenchik has taken over merchandise duties. She has large supply of hats in stock with the new tuna logo. They come in two styles, standard and low profile, and cost is \$10 ea. Jackets can be ordered if anyone is interested.

AWARDS BANQUET 2004

The board had a discussion about the option of having an Brunch instead of a Dinner Banquet in 2004. *If you have an opinion please contact Paul Varenchik or Brad Stich.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mike Godfrey is still in search of a volunteer(s) to take over his dinner meeting duties. If you are interest in getting involved, please contact Mike.





APRIL Humor—Sent in by Arnie

Cohen!

An elderly couple was on a cruise and it was really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat watching the moon, when a wave came up and washed the old woman overboard. They searched for days and couldn't find her, so the captain sent the old man back to shore with the promise that he would notify him as soon as they found something.

Three weeks went by and finally the old man got a fax from the boat. It read: "Sir, sorry to inform you, we found your wife dead at the bottom of the ocean. We hauled her up to the deck and attached to her butt was an oyster and in it was a pearl worth \$50,000. Please advise"

The old man faxed back: "Send me the pearl and re-bait the trap".

More Humor - Courtesy of Royal MacNair

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

A wealthy lady from California, who was a tree hugger and a vociferous antihunter, purchased a piece of timberland in Oregon. There was a large tree on one of highest points in the tract. Because she wanted to get a good view of her land, she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top, she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her. In her haste to escape, the lady slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her private parts.

In considerable pain, she hurried to the nearest country doctor. Being a hunter himself, the doctor listened to her story with great patience, and then told her to go into the examining room and he would see if he could help her.

She sat and waited for three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry lady demanded, "What took you so long?" He smiled and told, "Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a recreational area. I'm sorry but they all turned me down."



CALENDAR 2003

board weeting		Diffiler Meeting	
January 20	July 21	January 27	July 28
February 17	August 18	Annual Awards Dinner	August 25
March 24	September 16	March 31	September 30
April 21	October 20	April 28	October 27
May 12	November 17	May 19	November 24
June 23	December 15	June 30	Dark

Trophy Winners as of March 25, 2003

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB. OZ.
OCEAN WATERS			
Albacore	30	Eric Rogger	26
Bass, Calico	8		2 3
Dorado	30		26 4
Dorado		Earl Warren	35 6
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FLY ROD			
Blue Fish	20	Eli Livnat	5 2 *
Cobia		Eli Livnat	28 0 *
Grouper		Eli Livnat	4 6
Sierra		Eli Livnat	5 4 *
Sailfish	20	Pam Warren	Released
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FRESH WATER			
Bass, Peacock	20	Michael Grossman	17 0 *
Bass, Striped	2	Steve Greanias	6 8 *
MENS RELEASED			
Sailfish (8)	30	Earl Warren	
WOMEN'S	0.5	7 77	21 5 *
Albacore	25		31 3
Tuna, Yellowfin	100		115 6 35 0 *
Wahoo	40	Jan Howard	35 0 *
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SARDINES

* New Club Record

First Game Fish of the Year Eric Rogger—Albacore, 26 lb.—2-13-03

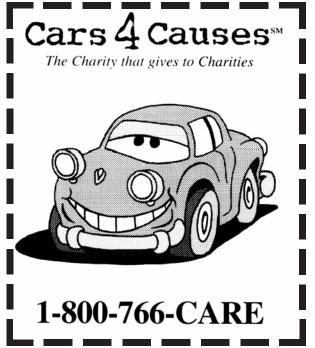
> First Albacore of the Year Eric Rogger—2-13-03

Program Chairman Announces Featured Speaker at May Dinner Meeting

DAN FELGER – newly minted Program Chairman, has announced that Capt. David Bacon and daughter Tiffany will be featured speakers at our May 19 dinner meeting. Capt. Bacon is owner/operator of Wave Walker Charters (a private 6-pak service) in Santa Barbara. He grew up fishing the entire Southern and Central coasts of California and knows most of the fish out there on a first name basis. He writes columns and feature articles for Pacific Coast Sportfishing magazine, Fishing & Hunting News, The Log, and the South Coast Beacon. He submits entertaining and narrative fishing reports to various fishing-related websites. Make your plans to be at this meeting now!

FOUNDATION REQUEST by Larry Brown

I recently bought a new car and was faced with the question of what to do with my old one. The dealer insulted me with a low trade-in value. I drove by a couple of car lots only to be further disappointed with even lower figures, and my wife and I certainly did not want the hassles of advertising, DMV paperwork, smog check and receiving strangers at our door. I told the last dealer I'd rather give it away, and believe it or not he gave me a card and said, "why don't you call these folks and donate it."



I called Aish HaTorah, a Jewish charity, who picked up the car, sent me a professional appraisal for valuation, did all the DMV paperwork and got a great tax deduction. This was my experience, you obviously will need to speak to your tax consultant and consider your individual tax bracket to see what's best for you. Not only did I get a great deduction, giving the car to a good charity made me feel good.

Thanks to some initial investigate work by Royal MacNair, you can now donate your used car, boat or motor home to LARRC through **Cars 4 Causes**. They will pick up your vehicle, regardless of condition, tow it for free, do any repairs, handle the smog certification and DMV paperwork, sell it and send the LARRC Foundation the money. You feel good, help the Foundation to take local needy kids fishing and get a nice tax deduction, which may be close to or even better than some of your other alternatives of disposal.

Please call Cars 4 Causes at 800 766-2273 and tell them you want to donate your car, boat or motor home to the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Foundation and they'll do the rest.

Thank you for your generosity. —Larry ■

MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2003

Club Members please note: LARRC guarantees the boat operator the contracted number of passengers and payment for each charter trip. Your commitment to go makes you

QUALIFIER 105

5-DAY CHARTER — July 2003

responsible for your fare and that of your quests.

The just concluded Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club charter on the Qualifier 105 was a huge success. Limits of quality albacore and yellowtail with a few bluefin tuna mixed in. A pleasant surprise was the new skipper Brian Sims. The boat has been booked for 2003 and the pertinent details are as follows:

1-Departure: Tuesday July 15, 2003- Return: Sunday July 20 **2-**Cost \$1550 per person (same as 2002)

3-Passenger Load 22. Chartermaster may overbook by one. 4-Not included are soft drinks, beer, tackle fish cleaning (if permitted), tips, Mexican Permits, jackpot and fuel cost increase if

5-LARRC participants of the July 2002 shall have first priority to reserve a spot for themselves and their quests through August 31, 2002. However, others are encouraged to sign up prior to Aug. 31, 2002, as available space will be filled on a first come basis. 6-A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with an initial deposit of \$350. Subsequent deposits of \$400 each will be due November 15, 2002, February 15, 2003, and April 15, 2003. Checks are to be made payable to LARRC and sent to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Rd., Suite W., Thousand Oaks, CA 913617. **7-**This is a private club charter and the full charter price must be paid by the LARRC irrespective of the number of participants. Therefore, if you sign up you will be responsible for the full amount of the trip cost in the event you cancel, and a replacement is not available. LARRC members will be responsible for their quests.

ALASKA TRIP

June 19-23rd 2003 Kingfisher Lodge at Sitka. This trip is full but you may wish to be on standby. For further information contact Arnie Cohen. Day Phone: 818-366-3300, Night Phone: 818 368-5834.

RED ROOSTER TRIPS 2003

4-DAY TRIP

Departs July 16th (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. Return July 20th (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$1195. \$200 Deposit to reserve your spot.

3-DAY TRIP

Departs September 10th (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. Return September 13th (Saturday) at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$795. \$100 Deposit to reserve your spot. Mail checks to:

Arnie Cohen

11101 Viking Street, Northridge, CA 91326

Phone ofc: 818-366-3300 Home: 818 368-5834

QUALIFIER 105

CALICO BASS TRIP-Fri., June 6 - Fri., June 13, 2003 Contact Q105 office for details: 619 223-2786.

OUALIFIER 105

5-DAY TRIP— September 18 (Thurs.) - 23 (Tues.), 2003

1-Departure: Thursday, September 18. This trip will depart approximately at noon and return at 7 am.

2-Return: Tuesday September 23.

3-Cost: \$1635 which includes galley drinks, tips and Mexican

4-22 Anglers will repeat last year's successful trip. Chartermaster may overbook by one. To secure your reservation send deposit of \$535 by November 30, 2002. Second deposits are due by April 1 (\$550) and final payment by July 1 (\$550).

Please don't hesitate to send in your deposit to: Richard Stone c/o Richard Stone & Associates, 27600 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Suite 212, Saugus, CA 91350.



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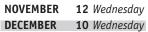
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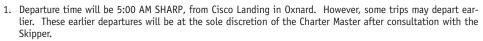
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RRC Charters 200

9 Wednesday 24 Thursday 7 Wednesday 15 Thursday MAY JUNE 4 Wednesday 25 Wednesday 10 Thursday 23 Wednesday JULY 6 Wednesday 21Thursday **AUGUST SEPTEMBER** 17 Wednesday OCTOBER 8 Wednesday 22 Wednesday





- 2. The trips will be planned for local surface calico bass: however, opportunities to fish for exotics, such as white sea bass and yellowtail or salmon, will take precedent. Also, several trips will be for light tackle rockfish and/or halibut at Santa Rosa or San Miguel.
- Return time will usually be 4:00 4:30 PM, but could be earlier or later depending on fishing conditions and weather, and will be determined by the Skipper.
- 4. Sleeping accommodations will be assigned by the Charter Master. Please note that this boat has 3 staterooms and 7 bunks.
- 5. This is a 6-pac charter. Loads will be limited to 6 people, including juniors. There will be no over-booking and juniors will pay full price.
- 6. Cost: \$140 Earlier departures will cost additional.
- 7. Charter price includes trip, bait, fish cleaning and tips. Not included are soft drinks, beer and food.
- 8. Reservations should be made through Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave., Northridge, CA 91326. Phone-msg. ctr. 818/366-3300, home phone 818/368-5834, fax 818/366-4945.

RRC Weekend Charters Aboard the Pacific Dawn

The LARRC has scheduled 5 weekend charters aboard the 60 foot PACIFIC DAWN. 3 trips will leave from Captain Hook's Landing in Oxnard and 2 will leave from San Diego. Pat Cavanaugh recently purchased the PACIFIC DAWN and is planning extensive renovations, including new sleeping accommodations (20 individual bunks), larger bait capacity, and fish hold. Pat grew up in Ventura County and spent 9 years as deckhand and operator of sportfishing boats in the Port Hueneme, Oxnard and Ventura area. The past six years he has been operator of the EXCEL. The details of the charters are as follows:

Departure Time: 9:00 pm the evening before the scheduled trip. **OXNARD**

Return time: 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. Cost Per Person: \$125.00

Dates: Saturday, April 12, Sunday, May 18 (The above dates have been selected to

coincide with the most advantageous moon phases.)

Boarding time: 8:00 p.m.

Departure Time: 11:00 p.m. (Saturday) SAN DIEGO

Return Time: 7:00 a.m. (Monday) Cost per Person: \$315.00 Dates: June 28-29, August 23-24

Other Charter Policies: 1-Bunks are on a first come basis and cannot be reserved or saved; 2-Charter Price does not include, food, drinks, fish cleaning, tips or Mexican permits; 3-Club members are responsible for the conduct and financial obligations of their quests; 4-The Chartermaster will collect the trip costs at the time of the trip. However, if you sign up you will be responsible for the full amount of the trip cost in the event that you cancel and a replacement is not available; 5-The passenger limit is 15, but the Chartermaster shall have the right to overbook by one; 6-Reservations should be made through Arnold Scherpenborg at

805.376.2227(bus.)805. 376.2027 (fax) or 805 857.3171 (home)



MAY 16

Please note the HOT LINE number for future reference. Be sure to call it if you intend coming to our dinners. HOT LINE (818) 808-4909

THE VALLEY INN 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

APRIL 21

MAY 12

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Paul Varenchik at 818/285-4645 at least 2 days prior to the meeting to confirm attendance and if you will be having dinner. Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

THE VALLEY INN 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Other Events

April 11-13

Santa Monica Bay Halibut Derby Call 714.258.0445 for Info

May 3

AFTCO Day at the Lots Parking Lot Sale, Mini Tackle Show Call 949.660.8757 for info.

Foundation Meetings

June 2

September 1

December 1

All at 6pm at the Valley Inn

Upcoming Speakers

April 28

Ron Kovach

May 19

Capt. Dave Bacon & Tiffany Bacon

June 30

Phil Friedman 967-Tuna

July 28

Frank LoPreste of Royal Polaris

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Health, Welfare and Happenings

Congratulations to **Joel & Tammy Steinman** on the engagement of their son Philip and fiance' Marie,. The couple met while training for the L.A Marathon

Membership News

Rick Uribe has applied and been accepted for non-resident membership. Rick resides at 3502 Sagamore Drive, Huntington Beach 92649

Address Correction: Otto Painter's new address is 820 ½ South Serrano Ave. LA 90025-2746 (213 388-2052).

Joel Steinman notes a correction of his contact numbers presently listed incorrectly in the year book.

Phone (home) 818 987-2645 (ofc) 818 345-1356 (fax) 818 345-6104 Email: jsteinman@socal.rr.com

New business address for Richard Stone:

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CHILEAN SEABASS UNDER FIRE

The Patagonian toothfish, known in the United States as Chilean seabass, is harvested in the Southern Ocean near Antarctica by an international commercial fishing fleet. The fish has become a favorite in American restaurants. It is very susceptible to overfishing since sexual maturity is reached in six to nine years. Illegal "pirate boats" are targeting the remaining fish and docking at "rogue" ports. This year federal agents have seized more than 60 tons of Chilean Seabass shipped illegally to the northeastern United States.

Sportfishing 3/03

CATCHES TO NOTE

- •The IGFA reports that John Jay Hill, of Lakewood, CA caught 16-lb. tippet record California Halibut. It was an 11-pounder caught on a Clouser Minnow.
- •Two 11-year-old boys caught a 162-lb halibut off a dock at Ketchikan, Alaska. The duo fought the fish for two hours with a 40-lb leader and six-oz. sinker rigged on 30-lb line. Gregory Johnson and Zachary Hamilton shared the work and several local charter captains helped.

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