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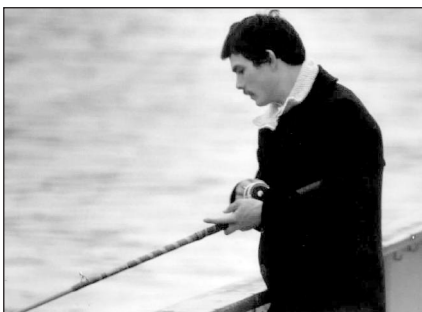
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Good News



Merit McCrea

Merit McCrea has been appointed to the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council.

He is to represent the recreational fishing community. The Sanctuary Advisory Council, (SAC) is part of the US Dept. of Commerce (NOAA) and is charged with the task of implementing the plan to manage the Channel Islands. Presumably, this will set the standard for the West Coast and the rest of the country. The Council was established in 1998 to assure continued public participation and this is the first time in the six year history of the council that there has been a recreational fishing seat.

Merit, the former owner of the *Seahawk LXV*, is currently studying for a degree in Marine Biology. Many LARRC members will remember him as a capable skipper thoroughly familiar with the Channel Islands waters. He should make a fair representative for the recreational fisherman while keeping his eye on conservation issues. He's been a member of LARRC for ten years. ■

Achtung, Attenzioni, Aviso, Attention LARRC Members!

Address changes, corrections, deletions, additions etc. should be called to the attention of **Tom Carlisle, LARRC membership chair.** (310 541-8263) e-mail: tpcarlisle@aol.com

The current mailing list is based on the 2004 year book listings. If you elected to get your *Chum Line* via the LARRC Web Site...don't look for it in the mail. ■

BAD NEWS

A new bill has been introduced into the California Legislature—SB 1319. It is called the "Ocean Protection Act". It is an effort on the part of certain environmental orgs to impose another bureaucracy on existing management groups. It undermines the authority of the California Dept. of Fish & Game and the Fish and Game Commission.

SB 1319 seeks to prohibit recreational fishing and other human, non commercial activities along vast stretches of the California's seashore. Recreational interests and anglers should gird themselves for a tough fight in opposition coffers. If you fish the coast and want more information go to: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bil-info.html> and look up SB 1319. ■

April 26th Dinner Speaker

Captain Mike Towle, who at age 23 became one of the youngest charter skippers, then at the Helm of the *M/V Pacific Quest* will be doing the honors. Tuna fishing, San Diego style, will be the main topic as well as the advantages of fishing ultra limited load trips.



Captain Mike Towle

Mike, after several years as full time operator of the *Pacific Quest*, moved on to pursue a career as a financial planner with General Electric Financial. He holds a BA in Business Finance, is an Eagle Scout, has a US Coast Guard license as well as a number of securities licenses. Maybe we can get him to give LARRC a financial seminar. Don't miss this outstanding speaker. Phone or email in your reservations, (818) 808-909 LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com ■

The Bill Alpert King of the Calicos Catch and Release Tournament

The tournament is set for Monday night, July 12 on the boat *AZTEC* leaving out of Pierpont Landing (after the Kids' Trip) in Long Beach. Departure is scheduled for about 9 p.m. All entrants must be on board no later than 8:30 pm. The boat will return about 6 pm on Tuesday night. The tournament director will attempt to organize a dinner at a nearby restaurant after the Kid's trip and prior to departure.

COST

The cost of the trip is \$160 per angler. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club and mailed to the tournament director.

Includes: a nice tip for the crew, including the cook, and KOC cash jackpot prizes.

Not included: is food or the cost of fish cleaning of any miscellaneous fish.

PRIZES

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1) The **TEAM with highest jackpot total combined weight of calico bass** will be deemed the winning team and shall receive a \$75 jackpot each.

2) The **INDIVIDUAL ANGLER who catches the single largest calico bass** shall receive a \$50 big fish jackpot.

3) The **INDIVIDUAL ANGLER with the combined 10 fish total highest weight** in the tournament shall receive a \$50. Jackpot.

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If the **INDIVIDUAL ANGLER** catching the largest calico bass of the tournament catches one that weights 7.0 lbs or more, as deemed by the judges, a Calstar rod, fully kitted with Hypalon, Fuji Reel Seat and SIC guides to be custom wrapped by Bob Sands Fishing tackle, will be awarded.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1) The tournament will be limited to ten two-man teams (20) players. Each participant must have a partner. The judges will be calico bass experts John Turner and ???

2) This is a catch and release tournament. Participants may only keep species other than calico bass, or a bass that a judge deems to be mortally wounded.

3) Each participant is limited to four rods and this will be enforced with a 5-lb. weight penalty.

4) Fishing will begin and end when the judge gives the "start and stop fishing signal" This will be enforced at all stops that the boat makes. Thus, there will be no lines in the water when the boat is moving, unless the captain decides to drift. Once the judge has signaled to stop fishing, no additional fish will be weighed or counted.

If a fish is brought on board prior to the signal it may be weighed after the stop fishing signal. Decisions of judges are final. Anglers may fish with bait provided by the boat or with any type of artificials (plastics, jigs, etc.). Fish scents may not be used. No team may bring aboard any type of live or dead bait prior to departure.

5) The use of artificials will be restricted to forward of the markers. These markers designate the stern area of the vessel. This will be the length of the beam plus two feet up the port and starboard sides. Each team may only have one member in this area, desig-

nated by wearing a marker. If a team has two members or a member not wearing his marker in this area, they will be warned once, and then penalized 1/2lb for each subsequent infraction.

6) Only calico bass judged 12 inches or longer, count for weigh-in. Fish must be weighed at the time of the catch.

7) Each angler is responsible for verifying the weight of his catch with one of the judges, and making sure that the judge enters the correct numbers on the score sheet. Any discrepancies will be resolved by the judge and not the angler.

8) Any angler may catch more than 10 legal bass, using catch and release. However, each angler may use only 10 fish when comprising their limit for the sake of the tournament at the end of the day. As stated, a team member who has his limit may continue to fish, perhaps increase the weight of his limit but NOT handoff another fish to his partner who may not have a limit. Depending on the area fished, which will be chosen by the Captain, the tournament end time will be announced prior to the start of the tournament.

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LOS ANGELES MARATHON –2005

Have you ever considered whether or not you are capable of completing a marathon race? "Competition" is not the watchword, "Completion" is! Here's a chance to do two (2) things you may remember for the rest of your life:

1. Finish a marathon event.
2. Raise money for the LARRC Foundation

Mike Godfrey is asking marathon men and women to train with him starting in August of 2004 to prepare to complete the Los Angeles Marathon in March of 2005. You will need to train at least 3 days a week with one weekend day for a group workout.

If you want to join a group of Marathon trainees, email Mike Godfrey at mgodfrey2@socal.rr.com.

Hey Mike....Where does the Foundation money come in? (Ed.)■

RECORDS TO NOTE:

California Halibut—Angler, Joe Ciccarella, caught a 22-lb., 5-oz. on 12-lb. tippet with a Selby's Sly Fly.

California Halibut—Angler, Robert Tighe, took a 38-lb., 7-oz. fish on a sardine and 6-lb. test. Both Halibut were taken off Newport Beach.■

RFA HAS INTRODUCED THE FREEDOM TO FISH ACT (F2F) in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, South Carolina, California and Washing. Rhode Island has passed the legislation and the Pennsylvania legislature passed a resolution to approve it.

The Freedom to Fish Act was introduced before the US House of Representatives last fall by Congressman Jim Saxton of New Jersey. Support this effort to pass HR2890 by writing your congressperson at www.freedomtofish.org.■

Trophy Winners as of February 25, 2004

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	
OCEAN WATER					
<i>Grouper, Black</i>	30	Earl Warren	25	8	*
FLY ROD					
<i>Mackerel, King</i>	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	17	8	*
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	20 Tippet	Earl Warren	(2)	Released	
MEN'S RELEASED					
<i>Marlin, Blue</i>	30	Earl Warren	(1)		
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	20	Earl Warren	(12)		
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	30	Earl Warren	(19)		

* New Club Record

NOTE: Joel Steinman is on vacation—we'll catch up with records next month.

A LOCAL FISH REPORT

by Tom Polliard

Tom reports on one of the first trips out of Channel Islands Harbor on the boat Seabiscuit which took place on March 24th.

Ten LARRC members left the dock at 4 am sharp on the newly reconditioned *Seabiscuit*, with a two-fold purpose in mind. One was to go fishing and Two was to evaluate the boat chartered by **Arnie Cohen** for the balance of the season to replace our trips on the *Pacific Clipper* which was sold.

We crossed to the Santa Barbara Islands at about 8 knots due to rebuilt or new engines, going to the outside of the islands where we bottom fished until about 1 pm. The result was 100-plus Reds of various kinds, 30-plus Sand Dabs and 25 Blue Bass of good size with many smaller fish released.

We tried for Calico Bass after lunch at Anacapa without any luck. This boat is in very good condition. Newly repainted inside and out. There are 16 bunks with new mattresses, good blankets and pillows. The two heads were clean. There is also a small galley and an excellent cook who prepared numerous items from burgers to chicken and green salads.

Rod Racks and tackle box storage space was ample. I can report that the club members were quite satisfied with the boat and have signed up for many of the more than nine trips scheduled for this year. See page 6 for dates. Thank you Arnie for your efforts.■

Meet New Board Member, John Ballotti

I am an East Coast transplant who landed with family in California in 1981. Born & raised in Connecticut I cannot remember a time when fishing was not part of my life. Having a summer cottage on a lake allowed me to grow up fishing. My dad and cousins were my first fishing partners.

Intense competition was always involved in establishing family records for largemouth bass, crappie (we called them calico bass back then), pickerel and what ever else swam in the lake. Going to college in New York City in the turbulent 60's became the foundation for my life. Why do I say that? Consider this, I got married, graduated from college, and went into the Army all in a seven-day period. Whew! Sue and I have been married for 34 years. I knew she was a keeper when, while dating, SHE suggested we fish on the Thames River in New London from her father's row boat. Seven years in the army took us to Texas, Georgia and Germany. I went to Korea for a year without her and shortly thereafter decided that I had enough of the army life and moved on to corporate America. While in Germany, the first of our two children, Christina, was born. Sara came along while we were in Stamford Connecticut and I was working for GTE. While at GTE I was transferred to Williamsport, PA and that was starting point for my journey west.

I took advantage of the many fishing opportunities in the many local trout streams in the area. From Williamsport I was recruited by Mattel and I began my 20-year-plus career with Mattel that is still in the making. I am currently responsible



John and Sue Ballotti with daughters Christina and Sara and son-in-law Rick.

My wife and I enjoy fishing for inshore halibut from our 14-foot Greggor. She has two over twenty pounds to her credit.

Daughter Christine is a teacher, who with husband Rick, have just produced a healthy set of triplets.* They are future LARRC members, no doubt. Daughter Sara works for a non-profit which mainstreams developmentally disabled adults.

During a 7-day skiff trip in 2002, I first came into contact with LARRC. Bob Selvin took care of the rest. I recently took on the job as Club Secretary. Hope

for the procurement of our corporate support services and equipment.

In California the ocean bug bit me.

to fish with many of you. ■

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MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2004

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 responsible for your fare and that of your guests. (Italics indicate private i.e. not LARRC charter.)

ALASKA – KINGFISHER LODGE

June 3-7, 2004

Charter Master Arnie Cohen advise that this trip only has one remaining spot. **Call Arnie at 818 366-3300 or home 818 368-5834 for info.**

QUALIFIER 105—Baja Skiff Trip

7-DAY TRIP—June 5-12, 2004

THIS TRIP IS SOLD OUT—To be placed on standby or if you have questions, call **Dan Felger, Chartermaster 805 370-1632.**

QUALIFIER 105—Albacore/Bluefin Trip

5-DAY TRIP— July 14-19, 2004

Departs: NOON, July 14

THERE ARE 2 OPENINGS—

Call **Dan Felger** for details 805-370-1632.

QUALIFIER 105—Tuna/Yellowtail Trip

5-DAY TRIP— September 9-14, 2004

Departs: noon Sept. 9th. Price is \$1850.

THERE ARE TWO OPENINGS—Call **Sherwood Kingsley** for space, 310 836-3934 - FAX 310 836-9352.

RED ROOSTER

4-DAY TRIP:

Departs: **Saturday, July 10 at 1pm.**

Returns: **Wednesday, July 14 at 9am.**

Cost : \$1185/Send \$200 deposit to reserve spot

3-DAY TRIP:

Departs: **Wednesday September 8 at 1pm.**

Returns: **Saturday September 11 at 9am.**

Cost: \$840/ Send \$100 deposit to reserve spot.

Included are stateroom, food, snack & bait. Not Included: Tips, beer soda, licenses, surcharge if any, filleting & Jack Pot

For additional information and reservations please call Arnie Cohen Home # 818 368-5834 Work # 818 366-3300 ext.1221. The Red Rooster website is: www.redrooster3.com

BOB SELVIN CHARTERS

Contact **Bob Selvin** for information regarding these trips (310) 474 4143, or e:mail CalicoBob1010@AOL.com

PACIFIC QUEST (6-PAK)—Trip #1

3-DAY TRIP— San Clemente/Catalina Seabass skiff trip

Departs: Leaves Fisherman's Landing 8 p.m., Sat. May 1

Returns: Tues., May 4 approx 6 p.m.

Cost: \$600 (includes food, not tip)... one spot open

TRACER—Trip #2

2-DAY TRIP— San Clemente/Catalina Seabass trip

Departs: Leaves Pierpoint Landing 9 p.m. Mon., May 31

Returns: Wed., June 2 approx 6 p.m.

Cost: \$275 (not including food or tip) ...five spots open

PACIFIC QUEST (6 pak)—Trip #3

7-DAY TRIP— Sac Reef/Geronimo skiff trip (calicos, yellows)

Departs: Leaves Fisherman's Landing 7 a.m., Thurs., Sept 8

Returns: Thurs., Sept. 15 approx 2 p.m.

Cost: \$1725 (includes food -not tip) ... Two spots left

PACIFIC QUEST (6 pak)—Trip #4

2-DAY TRIP— Sac Reef/Geronimo skiff trip (calicos, yellows)

Departs: full moon Bluefin Tuna/Albacore, Yellowtail

Returns: Tues., Oct. 26 approx 7 p.m.

Cost: \$400 (includes food - not tip)Five spots left

PACIFIC DAWN—16 passenger Limit

From Captain Hooks Landing; \$135, food not included

Departs: **Fri., April 9, PM**

*3 spots available

Returns: **Sat., 4 pm**

Departs: **Fri., May 8, PM**

*10 spots available

Returns: **Sat., 4 pm**

PACIFIC DAWN—1-day Trip

From Fisherman's Landing; \$325, food not included

Departs: **Sat., Aug. 22, PM**

*10 spots available

Returns: **Mon., 7 am**

For information call: Charter Master Arnold Scherpenborg at (805) 857-3171 e mail: Arnold@inlinesheetmetal.com These spots expected to book fast, reserve now!

LARRC CHARTER RULES: The limited load trips usually include food and permits; beer, tackle and fish cleaning (if permitted) are extra. Your commitment to go makes you responsible for your fare and that of your guests. The Chartermaster will require timely periodic payments to be made out to the LARR Club.

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C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2004



On the *Seabiscuit*

April 14	Thursday
May 12	Wednesday
June 2	Wednesday
July 28	Wednesday
Aug. 11	Wednesday
Sept. 1	Wednesday
Oct. 6	Wednesday
Nov. 10	Wednesday
Dec. 1	Wednesday

Cost of trips may vary depending on number of players - \$90-\$100.
 Food, filleting and tips will be extra.
 For a recent report on this boat see Tom Polliard's comments on page 3.
 If you had reservations on the *Clipper* check with Arnie Cohen (Charter Master) at
 818-366-3300-W or 818-368-5834-H



Dinner Meetings

April 26

May 24

Use the hotline for your reservations (818) 808-4909 or email LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com.
 RSVP at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

THE VALLEY INN
 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

April 19

May 17

All Club members are welcome to attend.
 Please RSVP to Brad Stich at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

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Other Events

April 15-18

Hall Tackle Show, Ventura

May 1

AFTCO Bluewater Tackle Show
 Seminars & Sale
 9am to 1:30 pm
 for Info 949.660.7067 or
 email greg@aftco.com

July 12

Annual Kids Trip, Pierpont Landing

July 12/13

King of the Calicos Tournament
 See Page 2 for details

August 2, 23

LARRC Mentors Trips out of MDRey
 aboard the Betty-0

LARRC 2004 CALENDAR

<u>Board Meetings</u>	•	<u>Dinner Meetings</u>	•	<u>Foundation Meetings</u>
April 19	•	April 26	•	
May 17	•	May 24	•	May 10
June 21	•	June 28	•	
July 19	•	July 26	•	
August 23	•	August 30	•	August 9
September 20	•	September 27	•	
October 18	•	October 25	•	
November 22	•	November 29	•	November 8
December 13	•	December —	•	



A Little April Humor

A woman gets home, screeches her car into the driveway, runs into the house, slams the door and shouts at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!"

The husband says, "Oh, my God!

Really? What should I pack, beach stuff or Mountain stuff?"

"Doesn't matter," she says. "Just get the hell out."

At A Glance...

Comments and contributions would be welcome. Send to *Chum Line* Editor.

Know Your Regulators

The Fish & Game Commission is made up of five governor appointed individuals to decide on regulatory actions with public input. The commission regulates fishing in California waters (0-3 miles) and certain fishing activities when the catch is landed in California.

Regulations set by the Commission cannot conflict with federal management policies and state regulations may not be LESS restrictive than federal regulations.

The PFMC – Pacific Fisheries Management Council for California, Oregon and Washington—develops regulations under four federal fishery management plans for federal waters: (3-200 miles)

- 1-Pacific Coast Groundfish – rockfishes, lingcod, soles
- 2-Salmon
- 3-Coastal Pelagic Species – sardines, mackerel, anchovies
- 4-Highly migratory species – tunas and sharks

The Council is made up of state, federal, recreational and commercial representatives and a representative of the Indian tribes. There are 14 voting members.

For many issues before these bodies, interested constituents must be sure to share their views with both entities. More info can be read at:

www.dfg.gov/fg_comm/index.html and www.pcouncil.org.

Source- Calif DFG

The PFMC Regulators

There are eight such councils around the country. They have often been severely criticized for actions which favor politically acceptable short-term solutions vs. long term-true remedies. Cited were the Northeast fisheries disasters and upcoming painful solutions in the southeast fisheries. Can California be far behind? A recent study, by Stanford University, determined that 82 percent of the members of the eight councils represent fishing interests. Think about that!!!!

Source: *Sportfishing*

Sex and the Single Fish

A group of scientists from five U.S. institutions reported significant alterations in the reproductive biology of fish downstream from a large Nebraska feedlot. Hormones that leak into the streams from cattle feedlots are altering the sexual characteristics of wild fish, demasculinizing the males and defeminizing the females. The male fish had about one third less testosterone and testes half as big as unexposed fish upstream.

Source: *LA Times* 12/11/03

Circle Hook Use Endorsed

A three year study resulted in the endorsement of large circle hooks vs. J hooks

In efforts to reduce encounters with leatherback and loggerhead turtles. Bill Hogarth, NMFS director endorses the efforts of various groups developing techniques for saving the animals from drowning in longline gear.

Source: *National Fisherman* 4/2004



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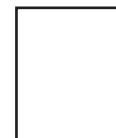
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