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What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



ODDS AND ENDS

Last month I wrote that our club was actively pursuing clarification of what we can and

cannot do to influence the public decision making process with regard to recreational fishing issues. Thanks to the excellent work of our Environmental Committee, **Dan Fink, Eric Rogger, and Dave Levinson**, along with the expert guidance from **Randy Sharon**, we contacted a specialist in the field of non-profit law and received that clarification. In short, the club as a 501c4 organization can engage in unlimited lobbying activities such as letter writing, grants, and other actions intended to influence public decisions in the area of our common interest: recreational fishing. Additionally, we learned the Foundation, as a 501c3 organization, could also engage in such activities with restrictions on the amount and type of lobbying allowed. More importantly, we learned, that by the nature of the Club and Foundation's separation of management, incorporation, and accounting, there is virtually no risk of Club lobbying activities being attributed to the Foundation and thereby jeopardizing their 501(3) non-profit status. The

Environmental Committee drafted and the board approved a policy statement reflecting the Club's desire to see recreational fishing decisions made by impartial, fair-minded individuals using unbiased scientific information.

While we must continue our effort on saving recreational fishing, it is even more important to do those things that will save our lives.

Wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) when fishing in a skiff or private boat. We all wear seat belts in our cars. It is second nature to buckle up before putting the car in drive. If you are like me, it just feels strange to be in a moving car without a seatbelt on. Wearing seatbelts saves lives. We all know that PFD's save lives. Yet most will admit to not wearing them when venturing out on the ocean or lake even when alone or in rough weather. An accident can happen in a blink of an eye. You can be an Olympic swimmer but if you are unconscious when you hit the water or the boat continues without you, you are in serious trouble. We all require children in our boats to wear PFDs. We should set an example to the point it feels strange to be in a boat without wearing a PFD.

Do you even wonder what goes on at the monthly board of director's meeting? Even if you are just a little bit curious, you should make plans to attend a meet-

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Next Dinner Meeting is May 22 — George Smith of Maxima is Featured Speaker

The Speaker will be George Smith of Maxima. He will talk about his company, line comparisons and their future plans. George became marketing director for Maxima in 2005, having grown up on the west side of L.A. He says he's always seen the ocean as his passion and loves being in the fishery business. All kinds of fish are targets but it sounds like tuna are his main goal. George says he wants to fish until he's too old to do so.

Reservations strongly recommended.

EMAIL YOUR RSVP to:

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You may also call the Hotline

At (818) 808-4909.



**Make time now, for the
Annual Kids' Trip from
Pierpont Landing.**

CALL

Paul Varenchik (818) 521-7261

or

Bernice Mahfet (818) 907-7007

April Weekend Charter Finds the Rockfish

By Jim Carlisle

Friday night, April 14, found 15 LARRC members and their guests boarding the *Pacific Dawn* at Capt. Hooks Sportfishing in Oxnard, hoping for a day of nice weather and good fishing. Participants included **Tom Polliard, Jan Howard, Tom and Jim Carlisle, Chas. Shoemaker, Hunter & Eric Lyden, Mel Stein and Robbie Stein, Rick Uribe, Will Ebersman, Joel Zide, Dennis Braid, and Bill & Dan Haub.** We were all wondering what the weather had in store for us as a wet storm snarled traffic on all the freeways that afternoon. Just when the weather looked like it had cleared up, we were greeted by another rainstorm as we loaded our gear on the boat. It turned out that was the end of the rain and we were happy to find out that the tanks were already loaded with live squid. We took off at 10 pm with Captain **Pat Cavanaugh** at the helm, assisted by his excellent crew of **Chaz, Mike, and Johnny, plus Vanessa in the galley.** Pat's 9-year-old son, Ryan was also along to catch a few fish and help out the crew.

The crossing to the islands turned out to be a bit on the bumpy side, so we tucked into a sheltered spot at Santa Cruz Island to get a good night's sleep. There was a lot of squid in the area but the lack of current didn't help us attract any seabass. After daylight it became apparent the seabass didn't want to cooperate so we made the 1.5 hour run to Santa Rosa Island to catch our rockfish. It was still breezy but there wasn't a cloud in the sky and no swell to speak of. The rockfishing turned out to be excellent. There were lots of quality reds, plus an assortment of smaller chuckleheads, starrys and widow rockfish. Quite a few lingcod were caught including the jackpot fish caught by **Will Ebersman.** Shortly after an excellent lunch of fresh fish tacos, everyone finished getting their limits of quality fish. It was then time to sit back and enjoy a flat calm ride back to Oxnard.

All in all, it was a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday. The fishing was very good plus the *Pacific Dawn* is extremely comfortable to fish from. Pat and his crew provide the quality of service we normally only see on long range boats. Pat continues to upgrade the boat and he has recently added new rails, decks, generator, and freshwater tank, as well as upholstering the galley. Come join us on

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ing. The board meets on the Monday before the dinner meeting. The date and time of the next board meeting is Monday, May 15, at 7:pm. Fresh ideas and opinions are always welcome and encouraged.

Club charters need your support. The Chartermasters have a thankless job and need the support of all club members to fill their boats. As of this writing, the weekly weekday charters and the King of the Calicos tournament still have openings. Make the call! Support the club. Speaking of club charters, the 2007 September *Q105* club charter needs a chartermaster. Thank you, **Dave Levinson** for stepping up and volunteering to be the chartermaster for the July 2007 *Q105* trip.

Elsewhere in this edition you will read about our highly successful Kid's-With-Special-Needs Trout Derby. I would like to thank all the club volunteers who made the day very special for some very exceptional youngsters.

Next month: Looking to the Future. ■

one of the upcoming charters.

(Note: Remaining Pacific Dawn dates are: Monday 5/08, Saturday 5/20, and San Diego 1.5 day trip departing Saturday 8/26. See LARRC trip schedule on page 3 for further details.) ■

Governor Schwarzenegger announces appointments (3/29/06)

Jim Kellogg, 62, of Discovery Bay, has been appointed to the Fish & Game Commission. He has been a member of the commission since 2002 and is currently president. Kellogg who has been associated with United Pipefitters and California Construction Association, is a member of the California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited and Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California. This position requires Senate Confirmation and the Compensation is \$100 per diem.

Thanks to all who wrote letters on his behalf!!!

MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS

THESE TRIPS ARE PRIVATE CHARTERS AND THE FULL CHARTER PRICE MUST BE PAID BY 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 THE CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THEIR GUESTS.

The chartermaster on the Qualifier Trips will be Dan Felger.
ADDRESS: Dan Felger, Dart Realty, 860 Hampshire Road, Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Dan can be reached at (805) 370-1632, (805) 370-1483(FAX) OR dan@dartrealty.net

Qualifier 105 — 6/3-6/10 Skiff Trip

SOLD OUT

Qualifier 105 — 8-Day LARRC Charter 9/12-20

TWO SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME

Note: Cancellations Do Occur
 Call Chartermaster Dan Felger for information

Qualifier 105 — 7/12-17 Tuna Charter

SOLD OUT

Make all Checks Payable to LARRC. NOTE that Cancellations Do Occur. Call Charter Master for Latest Standby Information.

The Charter Master on the Pacific Dawn Trips will be James Carlisle.
ADDRESS: 7128 Seawind Dr., Long Beach, CA 90803, (562) 598-0940 H or (320) 332-9770 W or email jamesnc@earthlink.net Or contact Jan Howard at (949) 837-1431 or email: saltwaterwoman@cox.net

Pacific Dawn — Ltd. Load Trips (15) - Oxnard—Capt. Hook's Sportfishing

May 8, May 20

1. **Departs:** Friday Night at 9 pm.
2. **Returns:** Saturday evening approx. 7 pm.
3. **Cost:** \$170 plus: Fish cleaning, food, 15% tips, fuel charge if any.
4. **Deposit:** 100% payment required to hold spot.

- San Diego—Fisherman's Landing

1 1/2-day trip Sun. August 27

1. **Departs:** Saturday, August 26 at 9 pm.
 2. **Returns:** Monday, August 28 at 6 am.
 3. **Cost:** \$370 *includes permits, plus fish cleaning, food, fuel surcharge if any, 15% tip.
 4. **Deposit:** 50% to reserve, balance due 7/15.
- SIX SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME.**

KINGFISHER LODGE

SOLD OUT

CONTACT ARNIE COHEN FOR INFO 818- 366-3300

RED ROOSTER III

4-Night Tuna Trip

SAN DIEGO—July 8th-12th

RED ROOSTER III

4-Night Tuna Trip

SAN DIEGO—Sept. 5th-9th

Red Rooster Trips are SOLD OUT

Note: Cancellations Do Occur

Call Chartermaster Arnie Cohen for information
 home 818 368-5834
 office 818 366-3300 ext 1221

SHE MALES OF THE SEA...

A report in the March issue of *Salt Water Sportsman* notes that sunscreen may alter fish sexually according to a new study. A chemical in sunscreen is causing male bottomfish off Southern California, such as halibut and sole, to develop ovary tissue and female egg proteins. Oxybenzone, which protects our skin from ultraviolet rays, shares some chemical properties with estrogen and is ending up on the ocean floor, says Dan Schlenk, a professor of aquatic ecotoxicology at the University of California at Riverside. When beachgoers go home and hit the showers, oxybenzone washes down the drain, survives the sewage treatment, and out-fall process and ends up right on the dinner plates of a few hungry male bottomfish.

So what does this growing population of bearded -lady bottomfish mean for future stocks? Not much apparently. Schlenk said the mixed gender fish still have the ability to reproduce.

Whew!

Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!



APRIL 7TH — LARRC

The indefatigable **Steve Simon** was at it again. (Note: My spell check didn't have any better spelling of this adjective describing a person who never seems to tire.) Please know that everything that follows is the result of the hustle this man engaged in during the past few months.

But this article is not solely about Steve Simon. It's about the good will 43 LARRC members dispensed, when they donated a day to helping kids with special needs get this outing. Aided and abetted by volunteers from other groups—a total of 84 people elicited a lot of smiles—as well as some fish.

I went back to read the May 2005 issue of the *ChumLine* which made me resolve to communicate with more of the supportive groups that were present. Seven members of **West El Ley RRC** helped out, probably

urged by **Barry Cohn**, who holds a dual citizenship. Also present were some folks from **Quail Unlimited**, **Sierra Pacific Flyfishermen**, a group called "**Fishing Inner City**" and also members of **Señor Tuna Fishermen**, which is a website club. Volunteering also were six employees of **Mattel**, home base for our President **John Ballotti**. I learned that John had put out the words via the intracompany web to all in his division—procurement. Isn't it terrific when a large corporation encourages its' employees to take paid days off for community type public services? Buy more Barbies and American Dolls!

Paul Varenchik invited back last year's reptile charmer, **Bo Slyapich**. He held forth during an early slack period...as the arrival of the three kid buses was behind schedule. I presume few of these kids had ever had an





REVISITS HANSEN DAM

opportunity to see such reptiles, never mind being able to touch some of them. They were slack jawed by this treat. Paul also provided one his portable BBQ wagons with two helpers one of which was his nephew. I believe they spent about \$650 on groceries so that no volunteer or child, or counselors would get faint with hunger. Regrettably, Paul had to leave early for a funeral but the trip was just right anyway.

The children came from various schools which have programs for kids with special needs. These included **LoKrantz School in Reseda, Lull Special Ed School in Encino and El Dorado School** which also has a special education program, also in the valley.

Of course major discussions ensued regarding the proper bait. You can get ready for next year by stocking amino eggs, gold phoebe lures and probably you should have either a red or gold Mepps Spinner. This advice was given by **Mike Godfrey**, aided and abetted by **Joel Steinman**.

LARRC, through its Foundation, had the lake stocked twice. One load of trout came from the DFG's **Fillmore Hatchery** and another batch of larger fish originated from the **White Water Hatchery**. This according to one of the six DFG

members in attendance, who explained that they do this kind of thing all the time and cover about 34 lakes in our area. Steve noted that we paid about \$1525. I don't have a number on the amount of fish caught but maybe LARRC should be allowed to go back up there because not all of these trout planted made their way across Steve's filleting table.

The last memory I have of the day is **Steve Simon** filleting fish. Strangely enough this guy is a vegetarian. Steve's wife was being supportive and introduced me to half their neighborhood. The neighborhood council of **Valley Village** holds him in extreme esteem and he is said to be on friendly terms with all who know him. Linda says he just enjoys helping people.

Finally, since some of the fishing was done off the pier, and the Coast Guard considers this a vessel...there's old friend **John Vowels**, the life guard extraordinaire, dispensing life jackets to all who wanted past his check point.

LARRC can be proud of putting on this annual event. We did get some TV Coverage via Channel 13 but Cameraman Roger Howard got only a very brief segment. See you next year!

Report by Eric Rogger



C A L E N D A R
LARRC Charters 2006



2006 Weekday Charters on the Sea Biscuit berthed at Channel Islands Landing in Oxnard.

- 1) Usual Departures are 4 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m. (\$130)
- 2) Charter Master will notify of early departures.
- 3) Children are half price with a full-price paying adult. Limit is 12 adults.
- 4) Boarding is open after 6 p.m.
- 5) The boat has a full galley—please no ice chests!

Checks should be made payable to Arnie Cohen. For additional information please call Arnie at 818 368-5834 hm or 818 366-3300 x1221 ofc.

S C H E D U L E :

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| May 24, Wednesday | September 13, Wednesday |
| June 1, Thursday | September 27, Wednesday |
| June 28, Wednesday | October 11, Wednesday |
| August 16, Wednesday | October 25, Wednesday |
| August 30, Wednesday | November 15, Wednesday |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Annual Kids' Trip is only a few months off!! The Club is about to embark on its' 57th Annual Outing for this event on Monday, July 10.

HELP US STAFF THIS EVENT—Our MAJOR EFFORT to entertain inner-city kids who would not normally have a chance at this experience.

Take part in the major LARRC endeavour of the season!!

VOLUNTEER NOW AS A DECKHAND, COOK, OR DOCK HAND

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 Paul Varenchik at 818 521 7261 or
 Bernice Mahfet at 818 907 7007

Humor for the computer age

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| Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore. | Customer: OK. |
| Tech Support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer? | Tech Support: Did the keyboard come with you? |
| Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer. | Customer: YES. |
| Tech Support: Pick up your keyboard and walk back 10 paces. | Tech Support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in. Is there another keyboard? |
| | Customer: Yes, There is another one here. Ahh...that one works. |

Dinner Meetings

May 22

Next: June 26

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

May 15

Next: June 19

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Ballotti at 310.252.2258 at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm


THE VALLEY INN
 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Other Events



- July 10 Annual Kids' Trip at Pierpont Landing
- July 11 King of the Calicos
- August 7 & 21 Annual Mentor's Trips out of Marina Del Rey
- August 13 Lake Sherwood Picnic

Membership News

Gerald, "Jerry" Cohen has applied for Active Membership. Jerry is retired and lives in Granada Hills



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Trophy Contenders as of April 25, 2006

| SPECIES | LINE TEST | ANGLER | LB. | OZ. | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----|-----|---|
| OCEAN WATER | | | | | |
| <i>Dorado</i> | 65 | Joel Steinman | 19 | 0 | * |
| <i>Tuna, Yellowfin</i> | 130 | Dan Felger | 228 | 0 | |
| FLY ROD | | | | | |
| FRESH WATER | | | | | |
| <i>Bass, Large Mouth</i> | 8 | Joel Steinman | 2 | 11 | |
| <i>Bass, Striped</i> | 20 | Joel Steinman | 13 | 0 | * |
| <i>Steelhead</i> | 8 | Bert Serden | 12 | 0 | |
| <i>Trout, Brown</i> | 15 | Don Lee | 16 | 3 | * |
| MEN'S RELEASED | | | | | |
| WOMEN'S | | | | | |
| SARDINES | | | | | |
| <i>Bass, Large Mouth</i> | 8 | Holden Rosberg | 2 | 2 | |
| <i>Bass, Large Mouth</i> | 8 | Miles Rosberg | 2 | 14 | |
| <i>Bass, Large Mouth</i> | 8 | Miken Rosberg | 1 | 12 | |
| * New Club Record | | | | | |
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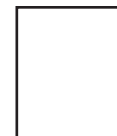
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NEWS WE DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council, one of eight such councils around our coasts, voted to extend the Channel Islands Marine Reserves into federal waters. In effect, the MPA's at the Islands have been doubled in size. If adopted by NOAA, this decision would be subject to periodic review and possible modification in the future. The no-fishing zones would likely be permanent for all practical purposes.

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| | Mel Stein |

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