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What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



FISHING RECORDS HALL OF FAME!:

Those of you who attended the annual club banquet in February heard me mention

the Fishing Records Hall of Fame in my remarks. At a recent board of directors meeting, the directors voted in favor of drafting language for adoption creating the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Fishing Records Hall of Fame. Outlined here is some of the proposed language.

Why should we have a Hall of Fame, when we already have club fishing records? Club fishing records are simply notations of the best fishing accomplishments at any point in time. Some are very noteworthy, while others are less than spectacular but qualify for the club record because they are the best in a species for a line test. There is no history contained in the club records. A magnificent club record of 20 years is erased the day it is broken. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor long standing and/or exceptional fishing records that represent a significant and noteworthy angling achievement, difficult to duplicate and deserving the high praise, honor and prestige of an extraordinary angling accomplishment beyond normal angling circum-

stances. To be eligible for the Hall of Fame a fishing record must be held for 10 continuous years, meet the accomplishment requirements noted above, and receive at least 7 affirmative votes from Board members. Recognizing that some fishing records are truly impressive, the Board has created a special circumstance category. In this category, records do not have to wait 10 years for induction into the Hall of Fame. Under the special circumstance category, 11 affirmative votes are required for induction into the Hall of Fame.

To make Hall of Fame entry available to the greatest number of club members, the proposal suggests that fish eligible for the Hall of Fame entry be limited to species that the majority of club members have access to in their angling pursuits. The exact geographic locations will be determined at the July Board of Directors meeting. I am looking forward to a spirited discussion on the final language for the Fishing Records Hall of Fame and invite anyone interested to attend the Board meeting on July 23rd at the Valley Inn. ■



*Aug. 27 Guest Speaker:
NCMC Pam Gromen,
Fisheries Project Director*

The National Coalition for Marine Conservation is launching a major national campaign to assure that major ocean predators, the top of the food chain, have enough to eat. An adequate supply of forage fish must be assured to preserve the ocean's balance.

Come hear about the "Bring Back the Big Fish" program. Pam Gromen, has a background in conservation and animal programs for public aquariums and holds a degree in Marine Sciences. She will focus on efforts to ban longlining and other indiscriminate gear with particular emphasis on the West Coast.

She recently conducted a survey of fishery management plans for key major species and found that managers do not factor in the needs of these predators in setting catch limits for forage fish such as squid, sardines and mackerel.

Make your dinner reservations now for an interesting evening!

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Meet New Board Member Scott Schiffman



Scott fished the Pacific Ocean as a child, but then dropped out! About 9 years ago, "my then four year old son, fell in love with fishing" and he got reintroduced to a sport he loved as a child. It was on a 5-day Polaris Supreme father-and-son trip in June of 2002 when he met Will Ebersman, Larry Brown and Norin Grancell. As a result of that fishing trip, he was invited to a club meeting and subsequently became a member.

His background includes a long stint in the beauty supply industry plus a number of years as a property appraiser....which is his business to date.

Schifty57@sbcglobal.net ■

Trophy Contenders as of JUNE 25, 2007

SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB. OZ.

MEN'S

OCEAN WATER

Albacore	16	Barry Cohen	27	0	
Albacore	30	Barry Cohen	29	0	
Barracuda	10	Larry Martinez	8	5	*
Bass, Calico	8	Joel Steinman	7	3	*
Grouper	40	Paul Varenchik	35	0	
Halibut	4	John Ballotti	6	4	*
Halibut	6	John Ballotti	6	5	
Halibut	25	Al Scow	32	6	*
Perch, Rubberlip	15	Steve Simon	2	7	*
Salmon, King	25	Al Scow	37	0	
Seabass, White	30	Joel Steinman	16	0	
Shark, Mako	80	Steve Ex	82	6	*
Shark, Thresher	80	Joshua Burnham	211	0	*
Sheephead	20	Michael Feinberg	14	7	*
Sheephead	25	Paul Varenchik	14	0	*
Yellow Eye Rock Cod	100	Al Scow	22	0	*
Yellowtail	30	Scott Schiffman	50	0	
Yellowtail	40	Larry Martinez	36	0	

FLY ROD

Whitefish, Lake	4	Jim Carlisle	4	8	
FRESH WATER					
Bass, Large Mouth	2	Jason Fleck	4	1	*
Bass, Large Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	3	1	*
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Andy MacDonald	3	8	
Bass, Large Mouth	12	Jason Fleck	6	6	*
Pike, Northern	20	Al Scow	18	0	*
Trout, Lake	16	Al Scow	40	0	*

WOMEN'S

Albacore	25	Jan Howard	31	2	
Yellowtail	30	Jan Howard	31	4	

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Albacore	30	Hannah Ballew	25	0	
Bass, Calico	12	Dominique Perriseau	4	8	
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Olivia Sharon	2	5	
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2	2	
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Holden Rosberg	2	0	
Whitefish	30	Christian Hernandez	6	7	
Yellowtail	30	Arthur Schiffman	36	0	

* New Club Record

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR—Joel Steinman
May 16, 2007—White Seabass, 16 lbs.

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR—Barry Cohn
June 30, 2007—27.0 lbs.

That Famous June Skiff Trip

MY FIRST ONE AND DAN FELGER'S SWAN SONG! *By Hunter Lyden*

With much excitement we boarded the *Qualifier 105* before noon on June 16, and surprisingly were able to fish the first morning. We stopped at Geronimo and rigged up. Unfortunately the fish weren't biting but determined to make this a memorable Father's Day, **Joe Crisci**, the new skipper made a move for Benitos. We arrived there about 4 p.m. The weather wasn't great—windy and overcast—but the crew unloaded the skiffs and some of the guys caught nice calicos and we all got back on the big boat before the winds really kicked up.

John and **Tim**, in the galley, made us a great steak dinner and we also got to know the crew: **Brooke**, **Eric** and **Chris**. **Cal** rounded out the deck staff—he's been on the boat a long time and is also a member of LARRC as well as second ticket.

When we awoke the next morning, Monday, we were anchored up at Cedros Island. Only a few people live on this beautiful island that has a small salt rendering plant. In the morning, we were greeted by some of the Island's fishermen when they motored up in their pangas. This day seemed like our first day of real fishing. It was exciting on the big boat when we hit a school of yellows and everyone was hooking up. I caught five good size yellows in about a thirty-minute period. **Wayne Caywood** hit the jackpot when he reeled in an 8.5-lb calico bass on one of the skiff runs! For the first full day of fishing, every one did great and had fun.

Tuesday was another exciting day. **Tony Scalucci** caught another jackpot fish when he caught a 51.3 yellowtail. He used a sardine on 25-lb test. **Joel Steinman** set a club record with a 7.3-lb calico he



caught on 8-lb. mono. Since he used a Fish Trap lure, he won the donated jackpot Fish Trap jacket. Mike Grossman pulled in a 5.5-lb. Calico on 10-lb test. We did a few halibut drifts. **John Ballotti** pulled two nice ones and Wayne muscled in a 40-pounder.

On Wednesday we fished Chester Rocks. We had good weather in the morning. We caught a few yellows, not too big though, but then when the winds kicked up, the crew called in the skiffs. We left Chester Rocks for Benitos Island and were told by the crew that Benitos either had the best fishing around or none at all. As we were pondering this, on our way to Benitos, Joe slowed the boat down and

shouted for us to rig up: another yellowtail boil! Everyone was fishing off the big boat and it was crazy, the fish weren't as big this time but there were a lot more of them. We were bringing them in on plastics, iron and bait. **Chas. Shoemaker**, **Chip**, myself and others were catching one after another on irons. We also reeled in a few bonito and later did some more halibut drifts.

The last day of fishing was Thursday. I know I didn't want the trip to end but because of the weather, Joe let us know it was not likely that we would stop at San Martin on the way home. And because of the high swells we had to fish the waters off Cedros. We caught some calicos in the morning off the skiffs and did some more halibut fishing off the big boat. **Al Scow** caught a nice 32-lb halibut, a nice way to end his trip. Just as the captain radioed Chris to bring back our skiff, I hooked up a yellowtail. The swells were picking up and I knew I had to reel it in quickly.

Ted and my Dad, my skiff partners, reeled up their lines and cleared some space. Chris backed up the boat and grabbed the gaff. When we hauled that fish on board I realized what a once in a lifetime trip this was.

As we traveled back on Friday, our fish in the holds, I reflected on what a great trip this had been for my first long range at age 14. I'll always remember listening to the guys relate their stories. Thanks in particular to Dan Felger—it was his final chartermaster trip for the skiff runs. **Thank you all, Dan, Al, Joel, Michael, Richard, Eric, John, Ben, Wayne, David, Ted, Chas, Chip, Bill, Jim and my Dad!** ■

New Member Mike Cimmarusti Writes:

A goal of mine for some time has been to get the average angler educated about our fishing regulations, how we are restricted and to some extent why we are restricted. I hope that in the next few Chum Lines I can shed some light for a few LARRC members who might be interested. I've selected a few of the key websites with links that explain the laws and regulations that govern fishing in California. Unfortunately due to the complexity of the politics and jurisdictions it is far too complicated to summarize each act and all the governing bodies.

The best I can hope for is that a few anglers start looking at these links and laws and start asking questions. The first link is for the California Fish and Game Commission.

The commission decides on the rules that regulate fishing (as well as hunting and other animal related issues) in California. This is a group of five people that have been appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. They come from the private sector and work on a per diem basis. It is a common misconception that they are a part of the Department of Fish & Game. In fact they are an entity onto themselves and are given their authority through our State Constitution. The Fish & Game Department is responsible for managing California's diverse wildlife. It advises the Commission on regulations and policies. Please take a few moments to see who our current Commissioners are, as they will decide our fate as anglers in the very near future.

The next several links are acts that affect the process of decision making in California. The Marine Life Protection Act or MLMA is California law designed to promote sustainable fishing, habitat and our marine ecosystem. The Nearshore Fishery Management Plan is one of a number of fishery management plans that MLMA requires the Commission and the Department to establish and implement. The Marine Life Protection Acts mandates

California to reexamine its Marine Protected Areas. MPA's are also part of federal protection plans for our marine resources. That will be discussed more in depth in a future article.

State

Fish & Game Commission

<http://www.fgc.ca.gov>

Marine Life Mgt Act

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/m;ma/index.html>

Marine Life Prot. Act

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/>

MLPA Goals

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/pdfs/agenda_workshops0307_goals.pdf

Nearshore MPA

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/nfmp/index.html>

Cow Cod Cons Area

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/cowcod.pdf>

Federal

PFMC

<http://www.pcouncil.org>

Marine Protected Areas

<http://www.mpa.gov/>

NOAA Fish Mgt.

<http://nfmss.noaa.gov/>

Pacific Marine Cons.Council

<http://www.pcouncil.org/acronyms.html>

Pacific StatesFish Comm.

<http://www.psmfc.org/home/index.php>

Acronym Page

<http://www.council.org/acronyms.html>

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C A L E N D A R
LARRC Local Charters 2007

LARRC LOCAL CHARTERS....Please note that there has been insufficient response to Arnie Cohen's planned trips aboard the *Mirage* out of Port Hueneme. Consequently these may be discontinued by him. If you have questions; suggestions or constructive ideas please contact Arnie at 818 368-5834 or 818 832-2676 (wk)

DATES SO FAR ARE:
 August 16 (Thursday) and October 17 (Wednesday). For additional information call : Arnie Cohen ; 818 368-5834 or 818 832-2676 (wk).

MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS
THREE NEW TRIPS ANNOUNCED FOR '08

Reservations being accepted now!

2008 Skiff Trip aboard the Q105

- 1) Dates: as set for June 14-21, 2008
- 2) Cost: \$2,200
- 3) Participants: 18 with right to overbook by 1
- 4) Not included: drinks or fish cleaning (if permitted) , tips, Mex. Permits, jackpot or fuel surcharge—if applicable
- 5) Payments: \$600 confirms spot, \$600 Sept 15, 2007, \$500 ea. On 12/15 & 3/15 '08
- 6) Chartermaster: John Ballotti. Make Checks payable to LARRC and to John Ballotti at 1739 Andreo Ave. Torrance, CA 90501. email: John.Ballotti@mattel.com

For information call John @ 310 252-2258

Editor's Note:

By this time of the year most members have made their long range fishing plans. Please refer to any recent *Chum Line* for the details being omitted this month. Remember if you've signed on you are obligated unless in case of withdrawal a replacement can be found! *Chum Line* notes that most of these trips have been sold out but you can call the Chartermaster if interested.

<i>Qualifier 105</i> Tuna Trip, Jul 21-26	Dave Levinson, Chartermaster (818) 785-1776
<i>Pacific Dawn</i> 1.5-Day San Diego, Aug 26	*Jim Carlisle, Chartermaster (562) 598-0940
<i>Pacific Dawn</i> 1-Day Oxnard, Nov 3	*Jim Carlisle,Chartermaster (562) 598-0940
<i>Red Rooster</i> 4-day tuna trip, Jul 8-12	Arnie Cohen, Chartermaster (818) 368-5834
<i>Red Rooster</i> 4-day tuna trip, Sep 4-8	Arnie Cohen, Chartermaster (818) 368-5834
Kingfisher Lodge, Sitka, Aug 2-6	Arnie Cohen, Chartermaster (818) 366-3300 ofc

* Jim Carlisle reports two vacancies at this time on the 1.5 day trip, August 25th and 7 openings for our final overnight charter out of Capt. Hook's in Oxnard, Nov. 22nd. Call Jim Carlisle for update information at (562) 598-0940.



Dinner Meetings

August 27

Next: September 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

August 20

Next: September 17

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
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Other Events

August 6 & 20
 Mentors Kids' Trips

Sept. 15
 Junior Surf Fishing Trip
 (Contact Randy Sharon or Scott Schiffman)

LARR Club News

Jim Petrella, Palm Desert, CA, has applied for Non-Resident Membership.

He is semi-retired.

Patrick Gallagher, Ventura CA, has applied for active membership.

Occupation: Flooring Contractor.

Sandor Winger, Northridge, CA, (a former member) has applied to rejoin for active membership.

Occupation: Exec Offices LAFCO.

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Taking on bait.



Squid selection.

KIDS' TRIP 2007



Joe Mahfet made her day.



First barracuda.



First calico.



Viewing Cabrillo exhibit.



Happy gang on the *Southern Cal.*

STORY CONTINUED ON PAGE 7.

THAT GREAT KIDS TRIP

By Paul (Pablo) Varenchik

Monday, July 9th saw LARRC Foundation entertaining 160 underprivileged children and their counselors on our 58th annual Kid's Fishing Trip. 60 Volunteers acted as deckhands. The first boat out was the *Southern Cal.* which departed Pierpont Landing at 6:45. The boats *Tradition*, *City of Long Beach*, *Enterprise* and *Toronado* followed. We experienced slow fishing at first with mostly mackerel and tom cod being the targets but we moved out to the Horseshoe Kelp later in the morning. We encountered fantastic barracuda fishing.

Thanks to United Anglers, who lent us their photo processors, we took pictures of the kids with their prized catches and developed them right there for their personal souvenirs. Special thanks are due **Will Ebersman** for spearheading this operation.

All boats had burgers and hot dogs grilling in the galleys as fast as the kids could eat them. Jim Port and his dad had a father and son team going and did a great job in the galley of the *Tradition*. **Brett Goldberg**, along with a dozen volunteers from his company did a great job on the *Enterprise*. **Chas Schoemaker** took care of business on the *City of Long Beach* along with **Nick Varenchik**, who with his In-And-Out burger experience, provided

further support. The Press boarded the *Toronado* and we had coverage in the *Long Beach Breeze* on Tuesday. Marvin C. Smith presided over activities on the Southern Cal.

Our new format, of ending the trips after the morning run, worked out nicely. All boats arrived back at the dock between 12 and 2 pm. The kids received their trophies and then visited the touch tanks provided by the Cabrillo Marine Museum.

In the afternoon 18 crew members were treated to some bass fishing on the *Tradition* with live squid in the tanks. Everyone had a great day on the water and I would like to thank all the volunteers. **Bernice Mahfet, Jack Genero and Steve Simon** et al. members of the organizing committee and all the sponsors who donated so generously

Photo credit: Norm Weinstock, Joe Mahfet and Joel Greenberg.



DOES POLITICS ENHANCE FISHING?

Shrimp Relief – The battle over Iraq funding has resulted in a landfall for Gulf Coast fishermen still struggling as a result of the 2005 Katrina Hurricane. The President signed the bill that includes \$130 million in fisheries disaster relief.

A spokesperson for US, Rep. Charlie Melancon (D.La) noted that this is the first relief fisherman have gotten and it includes funds for scanning and mapping and debris clearance. Funds to be distributed through NMFS.

Salmon Relief – Congress in May approved more than \$60 million in disaster funds for California and Oregon salmon trollers affected by the 2006 chinook season restrictions and closures. This was also part of the Iraq funding bill.

Source: National Fisherman 8/07

A RECORD TO NOTE

A mighty 88-lb. 6-oz. white seabass caught by Arizona Angler David Hietala may result in a new world record. Caught early this year off Mexico after a 36 minute battle, it fell for a Rapala lure outfitted with squid.

Source: Saltwater Sportsman 8/07

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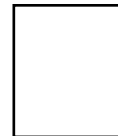
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