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When All Is Not Lost!

Club members are no doubt aware of the closure edict handed down at the October 23rd Fish and Game Commission meeting. Many of us thought the process had been predetermined. The fishing restrictions are to go into effect January 1st, 2003 for both recreational and commercial vessels.

You should liken these closures as the tip of an iceberg. (More to come). Once in place, reversal will be very difficult. LARRC recently joined Recreational Fishing Alliance as an organization. We are pleased to be able to report that RFA is in support of

legal action to obtain an injunction to reverse this Fish and Game Commission decision.

While we sat around wringing our hands about what to do, the Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association (VCCFA) took a lead role in organizing a coalition to fight these closures. This process will seek to have closure actions declared null and void. Specifics will follow.

You can support this action, along with RFA. There will be a solicitation of funds and memberships. **Call either Joel Greenberg (818) 559-0230 or Eric Rogger (316) 476-5936.**

ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

The following club members have been elected to the LARRC Board of Directors. **Jim Carlisle, Tom Carlisle, Dan Fink, John Rhind, Brad Stich and Paul Varenchik.** Election chairman Norm Weinstock reports that the election was very close and that the names listed are not necessarily in order of votes collected. We wish the new board members a productive year.

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Remember that the foundation is a legitimate non-profit organization (501 C3) and your donations may be tax deductible this year if received before December 31st. February 23rd should be a fun event. Call Randy Sharon at 818.991.9865 with your donations or questions regarding suitability of items. Note that the deadline for donations is February 10, 2003.

LARRC Brings Back the Trophy

Paul Varenchik did a wonderful job of coordinating this year's inter-club tournament with the San Fernando Valley Rod & Reel Club. But when you are the charter master and you get an offer to go on a ten day trip to Mag Bay and the Ridge, what do you do? I know what I would do, the same thing Paul did, find some sap to take over the chartermaster duties so you can go catch fish that actually pull. Well I, **Steve Greanias**, turned out to be that sap, and I was commissioned the fearless leader duties of the LARRC team, 13 wonderful individuals: **Royal MacNair, Al Scow, Mike Godfrey, Brent Simpson, Jim Carlisle, Arnold Scherpenborg, Karl Foster, Avo Oughourlian, Joel Steinman, Steve Simon, Larry**, and **Richard Lapidus**.

We all boarded the *El Dorado* out of Long Beach Sportfishing and the trip got under way without a hitch. The weather was pretty good—it was slow to say the least. Avo drew first blood with the first calico on the boat, and we made sure to intimidate SFVRRRC by making a big fuss from then on whenever we got a fish. LARRC jumped out to a decisive lead. I think at one point in the morning we were up 4 fish to 1. I would have caught on but I was too busy enjoying the phenomenal fishing on the endangered Johnny Bass, and Bocaccio. The whole trick to catching a calico was to get your bait somehow through these very rare fish. I even had a pesky yellowtail get on my hook, I was very mad when I found it wasn't a calico.

Fishing stayed slow all day with a few fish caught here and there. Mike Godfrey got a nice 2.5 pounder and thought it would be comical to give Arnold, Karl and myself a coronary by letting the fish flop around on the surface for a few minutes before swinging it aboard. Arnold got his chance to show Mike how to do it a few minutes later when he catapulted the biggest fish of the tournament, a 3.3 calico bass, on board. Thank goodness Karl was on the other side of the bow to

make sure the fish didn't clear the opposite rail, it was real close. With fish from Arnold, Mike, Al, Jim, Brent, Larry, Joel, Avo, and me I even decided to stop fishing Johnny bass and managed to put a calico on five minutes before the buzzer, we won. There were a total of 18 Calico Bass caught in the tournament for 26 anglers. 9 Calico bass for each team, thanks to a SFVRRRC surge in the last hour. But it proved futile because of Arnold's and Mike's fish, the final weight totals were SFVRRRC 10.8 lbs and LARRC 14.11.

So, I am happy to announce that after a few years of trophy drought LARRC has recaptured its' rightful trophy as the best Calico Fishermen and also as the best Anchor Puller-Uppers. We won this dual award because we caught the most Calico Bass and the cat head on the boat broke, and the crew asked for assistance in pulling up 100' of chain and anchor—we answered. Some did because they felt obligated to, others as myself, did it for the one free beer offered us by the captain for the service. But whatever it was, while the SFVRRRC sat down and relaxed, LARRC ran out and pulled the anchor back in, and the crew duly noted it. Thanks to all the participants in the tournament, and thank you Paul for putting this one together.

Submitted by Steve (Sap)Greanias.

CATCHES TO NOTE:

FISHING OUT OF CARMEL, California, David L. Sternberg caught a 78-lb. White seabass on 16-lb line. The fish hit a squid out of Monterey Bay and took 90 minutes to boat.

A SLOW TROLLED SARDINE resulted in a 95-lb. Thresher shark for April Wakeman of Fullerton, CA. Capt. Steve Mras and mate Keith Poe assisted. The catch was made on 8-lb. line.

Source: Sportfishing Nov./Dec.02

500,000 Dead Wahoo


Half a million wahoo were discarded by the Eastern Pacific commercial fleet in 2001. This astonishing figure was noted by Tim Ekstrom of the Royal Star in a recent open letter. "Compare this number with 4,916 wahoo landed during the 2001 Revillagigedo season by the long range fleet," Ekstrom pointed out.

Ekstrom's tuna numbers (which came from Dr. Tim Joseph and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission) are even more startling.

"...a total of 31,307,692 (yellowfin) were landed by the commercial fleet in 2001. Compare this to the 5,582 yellowfin landed by 869 passengers aboard long range vessels during the six-month, 2002 Revillagigedo season."

"When you see a 300 fish boat-load returning after a ten-day trip on his rig," says Ekstrom, "remember that it equals 1.6 fish per day per angler...hardly excessive and...consistent with the term 'sport fishing'."

Source: Bill Roecker



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Meet Your Club Secretary, Jim Carlisle

I joined LARRC in the summer of 2001. I had been fishing with a number of members over the years while on long-range trips and **Al Scow** finally sold me on joining by luring me in with his offer to pick me up at work and drive me to all the monthly meetings. I thought that was very nice of him. What he failed to mention was his intention to put me to work and have me appointed club secretary after only 6 months. Since joining the club I've met a lot of nice members so I guess I forgive you Al.

My fishing interests cover a lot of ground. Some of my favorites are big tuna at the Revillagigedos Islands, throwing plastics at calico bass, fly fishing in both fresh and saltwater, and fishing 6-lb. test and plastics out of my kayak or float tube in the local harbors. My first fishing memories are targeting bluegills with my Dad and the rest of my family while on our yearly summer vacations to Clear Lake. By the time I was 6, I had also graduated to mackerel and calico bass off the barges at Redondo Beach and Paradise Cove. I learned to cast a conventional outfit in our driveway when I was 6 or 7 and then moved on to the Santa Monica Pier half-day boat for bonita when I was 8. At that point my family moved back up to the San Francisco Bay Area and I continued fishing both freshwater and saltwater. While the Northern



What every fisherman wants for Christmas—a 314-lb. Tuna

California fishing trips for salmon and striped bass were fun, I really enjoyed the SoCA salt water trips on visits back south.

I had the opportunity to do my first long-range trip when I was 16 and it was a 5-day trip to Guadalupe Island that targeted yellowtail. My dad paid my fare on that trip but made it very clear that I had to pay my own way on any future trips. I was able to take 7-day trips at the end of each summer vacation while attending UCLA between 1975 through 1979. It's no wonder I never had a car during college since I spent all my excess summer job earnings on those fishing trips. My interest in long-range fishing escalated after I graduated from UCLA. At least once a year since then I've done trips from 5 to

16 days. Several memorable long-range catches stand out near the top of my list. One is a 67.9-lb. yellowfin tuna I caught on the Q105 with 15-lb. test at Clarion Island in 1988. Don't ask why I was fishing 15-lb. at Clarion Island! Another is a 314-lb. yellowfin tuna I caught on a chunk at San Benedicto's Lunker Hole in December 1992.

About 10-12 years ago I also became interested in fly fishing. Like most fly fishers, I started with trout but I quickly migrated to more salty waters. So far my list of fly-caught species includes bonefish, barracuda, yellowfin tuna, albacore, skipjack, yellowtail, dorado, calico bass, sand bass, and halibut. In the future my goal is to add corbina, permit, and bluefin tuna to the list. I've also renewed my interest in freshwater fishing while on a recent trip to Iconnu Lodge in Yukon Territory with Tom Carlisle, his wife Cinda, Al Scow, and my cousin, Jack Carlisle. We caught lake trout, grayling, northern pike, and dolly varden on flies while surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery you could ever image.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You will all have had your Thanksgiving dinner by the time you read this message. It is a crazy time of the year. Everybody gets twice as active doing half as much actual work.

Shopping for gifts is a task I used to dread. Going to the stores looking for gifts for my children and grandchildren has been a daunting task. Everyone seems to be a bit more aggressive, less tolerant of sales persons, and worst of all, rude complaints while standing in line to the cash register. I have to admit I am probably the world's worst "line guy". It is bad enough that I have to part with my money for things that will in all probability be returned, but to stand in line to part with my money is just not right. There ought to be a better way.

The Internet, you say? Have you ever tried to return anything from AOL? I have and it proved impossible. I made the mistake of ordering a Weekly Planner last year from AOL. They automatically sent me a new one this year. I don't like the planner, I didn't order it, and the e-mail I sent to them telling them that went unanswered. So I tried the phone. Big mistake. I called the numbers they listed for returns and "customer no service". I was caught in the: "press one if you want to know your order status, press two if you want to track your order"; it went on and on for ten buttons and it proved impossible to talk to an actual person.

Getting to the store is another unwelcome job. It seems the traffic and number of cars going to the

same stores multiplies by 10. Finding a parking spot can be a test of wills and how willing you are to trade with someone else aimed for the same parking space.

In spite of all the hassle, it's worth it.

★
*Happy
Holidays
and
Happy
New Year
to
Everyone!*
★

It has been an event-filled year. The closures of the Channel Islands by the Fish & Game Commission, the closure of the Revillagigedos by the Mexican Government and possibly more to come. It will be interesting to follow the actions the fishing community takes to try and reverse these drastic actions against what I consider a basic freedom. Strange as it sounds we may soon be joining forces with the commercial fishermen for legal action.

The fishing community and LARRC lost two giants this year. Russ Izor and Milt Shedd. They will be greatly missed by all of those who knew them personally and those who benefitted from their life long fight to protect and preserve fishermen's right to fish. Others will step up but, none will replace their passion and outspoken support for the fishing industry.

The club elections are final. We had a great slate of officers and board members for 2003. **Norman Weinstock** has announced the winners on page one of this *Chum Line* issue.

I do want to thank **Arnold Stein** and **Arnold Scherpenborg** for their willingness to run for office. The Annual Awards and Foundation Auction are coming up fast. Note the announcement on page one and make your reservations early. A special appeal has been made for donations which ladies might find interesting.

—BIG AL

MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2003

Club Members please note: LARRC guarantees the boat operator the contracted number of passengers and payment for each charter trip. Trips managed by an individual member but not underwritten by the club will be indicated in italic type. These are considered private charters.

QUALIFIER 105

5-DAY CHARTER — July 2003

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 any.
- 5-LARRC participants of the July 2002 shall have first priority to reserve a spot for themselves and their guests 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 guests.

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE - CABO TRIP

April 19 - April 26 2003 LARRC Sets Sea of Cortez Skiff Trip Bob Selvin to lead trip on the 88' Spirit of Adventure

- 1-Depart: Sat., April 19, 2003 (arrive late afternoon Cabo time)
- 2-Return: Sat. April 26, (around 9 a.m. Cabo Time).
- 3-Cost: \$2495, including crew tip, airfare or hotel (if staying over). Airfare: About \$240-260 round trip. (Book your own...Chartermaster will suggest flights later).
- 4-Deposit: \$750 non-refundable deposit due immediately made payable to LARRC.

Mail Deposits to: Bob Selvin (chartermaster) PO Box 24630 Los Angeles, CA 90024

ALASKA TRIP

June 19-23rd 2003 Kingfisher Lodge at Sitka.

This trip is full but you may wish to be on standby.

- 1-Cost is \$1495
- 2-Includes Licenses, Filing, Freeze & Vacuum Packing in wetlock freezer boxes. Also Included: Rain Gear and Fishing Equipment even two-speed reels for halibut.
- 3-Not included - Liquor, Room Tax, Tips, Sr. Citizen Discount on Air Fare (10%) approximately \$500.

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 (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

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

Mail checks to : Arnie Cohen

**11101 Viking Street Phone ofc: 818-366-3300
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QUALIFIER 105

CALICO BASS TRIP—Fri., June 6 to Fri., June 13, 2003

This memo is being sent to all participants from the 2002 Polaris Supreme skiff trip and others who have expressed interest in calico bass skiff fishing. As you are aware, Tommy has elected to not operate any more calico bass skiff trips. Over the past several years the Qualifier 105 has operated a single skiff trip and commencing next year will be operating a second one, which is going to be sponsored by Barry Brightenburg (Fish Trap). The pertinent details of this trip are:

- 1-Departure: Thursday, May 29.
- 2-Return: Thursday June 5.
- 3-Cost: \$1800.
- 4-Passenger limit will be 18 but the boat may overbook by one.

Contact Q105 office for details: 619 223-2786.

QUALIFIER 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 permits.
- 4-22 Anglers will repeat this 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.

Trophy Contenders as of November 24, 2002

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
OCEAN WATERS									
Albacore	8	Al Spievak	12	2	Yellowtail	20	Michael Lapidus	19	11
Albacore	10	Eric Rogger	29	0 *	Yellowtail	25	Richard Lapidus	24	7
Albacore	12	Tom Carlisle	16	0	*Yellowtail	30	Joel Steinman	28	0
Albacore	12	Al Spievak	25	3	Yellowtail	40	Brent Simpson	24	4
Albacore	20	Julian Wolf	38	0	FRESH WATER				
Amberjack	30	Wayne Caywood	22	0	Steelhead (Released)}	8	Bert Serden	15	0
Barracuda	10	Al Spievak	5	14	Trout, Lightning	2	Royal MacNair	4	2
Barracuda	10	Joel Steinman	6	0 *	FLY ROD				
Barracuda	16	Arnie Stein	9	8	Albacore	20 lb Tippet	Eli Livnat	19	0
Bass, Calico	8	Joel Steinman	3	5 *	Albacore	20 lb Tippet	Eli Livnat	19	0
Bass, Calico	10	Joel Steinman	4	14	Albacore	20	Tom Carlisle	16	0 *
Bass, Calico	12	Mike Godfrey	3		Dolly Vardon	6	Don Lee	Released	
Bass, Calico	16	Richard Lapidus	5	15	Dorado	12	Don Lee	10	0 *
Bass, Calico	20	Tom Carlisle	7	4	Dorado	20	Tom Carlisle	12	0
Bass, Sand	10	Al Spievak	5	3 *	Grayling	2	Don Lee	3	2 *
Bass, White Sea	10	John Vowels	8	4	Grayling	6	Don Lee	3	12 *
Bass, White Sea	10	Joel Steinman	18	0	Grayling	8 Tippet	Jim Carlisle	2	8 *
Bass, White Sea	10	Joel Steinman	29	0 *	Lady Fish (5)	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	Released	
Bass, White Sea	25	Jim Carlisle	31	0 *	Lake Trout	6	Don Lee	Released	
Bonito, Pacific	2	Steve Greanias	2	3	Pike	6	Don Lee	Released	
Bonito, Pacific	6	Steve Greanias	2	1	Sailfish	16 lb. Tippet	Earl Warren	Released	
Dorado	4	Don Lee	8	5	Sailfish	20	Earl Warren	Released	
Dorado	12	Don Lee	29	2	Sierra (12)	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	Released	
Dorado	20	Tom Carlisle	12	0	Shark, Black Tip(2)	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	Released	
Dorado	20	Bert Serden	55	0 *	Tarpon (4)	20	Wayne Caywood	Released	
Dorado	40	Randy Sharon	37	0 *	Yellowtail	20 lb. Tippet	Eli Livnat	11	7
Halibut	6	Al Spievak	10	3	MEN'S RELEASED				
Halibut	12	Phil Bell	32	3	Barracuda, Atl.(2)	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	Released	
Halibut	20	Richard Lapidus	12	0	Black Sea Bass	20	Larry Dinovitz	Released	
Halibut	25	Jim Carlisle	14	9 *	Halibut, Pacific (6)	80	Will Ebersman	Released	
Halibut, Pacific	80	Karl Forster	128	2	Jack Cravelle	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	Released	
Halibut, Pacific	Open	Arnold Scherpenborg	148	8	Ling Cod (7)	80	Will Ebersman	Released	
Halibut, Pacific	80	Will Ebersman	121	8	Roosterfish (4)	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	Released	
Jack Crevalle	20	Bert Serden	50	0	Sailfish (27)	20	Earl Warren	Released	
Ling Cod	80	Will Ebersman	36	11	Sailfish (2)	30	Earl Warren	Released	
Permit	30	Wayne Caywood	16	0	Salmon, King (10)	16	Will Ebersman	Released	
Salmon, King	6	Larry Dinovitz	28	0 *	Steelhead (18)	10	Earl Warren	Released	
Salmon, King	10	Richard Lapidus	13		Steelhead	10	Al Scow	Released	
Salmon, King	10	Barry Cohn	14	3 *	Tarpon		Barry Cohn	20	
Salmon, King	12	Tom Carlisle	24	9	LADIES				
Salmon, King	16	Bert Serden	17	1	Albacore	15	Jan Howard	23	0 *
Salmon, King	16	Will Ebersman	23	2	Albacore	30	Sally Vickers	30	0
Salmon, King	25	Arnie Cohen	38	0 *	Bass, White Sea	25	Jan Howard	32	0 *
Salmon, Silver	6	Larry Dinovitz	10	0	Halibut	25	Sally Vickers	146	2 *
Salmon, Silver	25	Barry Cohn	12	0 *	Halibut, Pacific (4)	80	Marti Ebersman	Released	
Snapper, Australian	10	Michael Grossman	24	8	Ling Cod (6)	80	Marti Ebersman	Released	
Snapper, Australian	20	Michael Grossman	30	0	Ling Cod	80	Marti Ebersman	43	5
Tarpon	20	Eric Rogger	125	0	Sailfish (4)	20	Pamela Warren	Released	
Tuna, Bluefin	40	Wayne Caywood	77	8	Sailfish (4)	30	Pamela Warren	Released	
Tuna, Bluefin	60	Al Scow	114	4 *	Salmon, King	16	Marti Ebersman	25	4
Tuna, Bluefin	60	Steve Greanias	103	2	Salmon, King (8)	16	Marti Ebersman	Released	
Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Eric Rogger	122	1	Salmon, King	25	Sally Vickers	39	6 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Dan Felger	70	0	Salmon, King (20)	25	Sally Vickers	Released	
Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Al Scow	82	0	Tuna, Bluefin	25	Jan Howard	33	5
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Al Scow	202	5 *	Tuna, Bluefin	60	Sally Vickers	112	3
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Doug Taylor	205	6	Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Jan Howard	63	5 *
White Seabass	30	Jim Carlisle	18	10	Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Sally Vickers	99	2
Yelloweye Rockfish	16	Will Ebersman	7	0	Wahoo	30	Pamela Warren	50	8
Yellowtail	8	Steve Greanias	15	14	Wahoo	80	Jan Howard	46	6 *
Yellowtail	8	Steve Greanias	14	7	Yelloweye Rockfish	25	Sally Vickers	16	9 *
Yellowtail	10	Eric Rogger	19	2 *					
Yellowtail	12	Michael Lapidus	13	9					
Yellowtail	20	Larry Dinovitz	25	0					

Editors Note: Jim Carlisle, LARRC Secretary, suggested at the last board meeting that members be kept informed as to board happenings. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. This is the first in a series of BOARD BUSINESS columns which will appear in the Chum Line..

BOARD BUSINESS (11/18)

by Jim Carlisle

INSURANCE—As you may know the club had to cancel the Kid's Mentor trip this year due to insurance issuers. It appears that those issues have been solved and we should be holding several Mentors trips in 2003.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS—Don't forget that it's time to renew your annual LARRC membership. If you have not yet returned your renewal to Royal MacNair, please do so at your earliest convenience. Prompt renewal will make the job of putting the yearbook together easier.

CHARTERS—The club is in need of a volunteer to serve as charter master for the weekend trips since Joel Zide is stepping down. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Paul Varenchik.

WEBSITE—Have you checked out the LARRC web site at www.LARRC.org? Joel Greenberg continues to expand the content but the site will only be as good as the content that members provide. We'd really like to see more fish reports and pictures posted on the website. Please write up a quick report, then email your reports and pictures to Joel at webmaster@LARRC.com

FLY FISHING—Do you have any interest in fly fishing? We'd like to get some fly fishing trips together in 2003 so if you have any interest, please contact Tom Carlisle at TPCarlisle@aol.com

Bob Selvin Reports!

For the third year out of the last four, LARRC members and guests will be able to fish the fabled Sea of Cortez on a limited-load skiff trip aboard the luxurious 88' foot San Diego-based long-range sport-fisher *Spirit of Adventure* leaving Saturday, April 19, 2003, and this trip figures to be even better than the previous two of 2000 and 2001.

The *Spirit* will pick us up and drop us back off in Cabo San Lucas instead of La Paz. The boat will depart from Cabo on Saturday April 19, 2003 and return April 26 around 9 a.m. *Note: If you work during the week, you'll only miss FIVE business days.*

We will fly down to Cabo, arriving late afternoon of April 19th. Shuttles at the airport will take us to meet the boat. We'll have six full days of fishing, sunup to sundown, and perhaps even at night. The *Spirit* has 14 large, air-conditioned staterooms and the trip will be limited to 18 anglers. Most will have their own staterooms (2 bunks). Those that don't, will double up in the larger rooms (a couple with four bunks) assigned by the chartermaster.

We acknowledge that \$2,495 seems a bit pricey but fuel, necessary taxes and permits are very high in Mexico and we have decided to keep the load to a "luxury" of 18 anglers. The cost does not include crew tips. We will be fishing almost continuously with the maximum moves of 4 hours. Skipped by Mike Keating, it's a fantastic operation. We will head up fishing

the areas around the East Cape and well above La Paz. Because of the *Spirit's* range and the time we will have on the water, we'll be hitting many spots that Mike knows most of local operators can't get to.

In past years we have caught more than 30 different species of fish, including yellowtail, yellowfin tuna, pargo, cabrilla, dorado, marlin, sailfish, black skipjack, amberjack, jack crevalle and many other gamefish. Bring some light tackle! April is the BEST weather month to fish the Sea of Cortez...not so blistering hot and CALM, FLAT SEAS. We've had incredible, flat calm weather and seas on both of our previous trips.

The *Spirit* carries three excellent, very seaworthy skiffs that can easily fish 3 anglers with driver. When the trip is over the *Spirit* will be heading to San Diego and they will bring back our fish for cleaning and processing. At the same time you meet the boat you can pick up your gear.

There is an option, some interested parties, to spend a day and night at Cabo and return on Sunday. The chartermaster will arrange for those that choose to stay over, hotel and dinner reservations. Make your own air reservations and get your senior air discounts. **For additional information see the multiple day charters listed in this issue.**

Call now for your reservations.
—Bob Selvin

Trophy Contenders Continued

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
LADIES				
Yellowtail	40	Jan Howard	38	9 *
Yellowtail	40	Jan Howard	25	0 *
SARDINES				
Bass, Calico	12	Sophia Perriseau	4	8

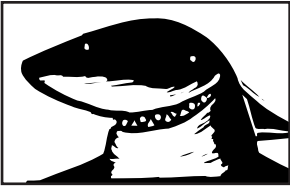
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First Game Fish of the Year
Brent Simpson — White Seabass, 19 lbs., 4/25/02

First Albacore of the Year
Dan Felger — 6/17/02

Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and witness to the weight, other than the angler. Weight certificates must be postmarked within 15 days of the catch, unless a written explanation is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

All weight slips must be sent to Joel Steinman at 5826 Ostrom Ave., Encino, CA 91316: Phone (818) 345-1356, Fax(818) 345-6104. E-mail: joelis@ix.netcom.com



December Attempt at Humor

MATURITY!

Three Sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath.

She puts her foot in and pauses then yells down the stairs:

“Was I getting in or out of the bath?”

The 94 year old yells back.

“I don’t know. I’ll come up and see”

She starts up the stairs and pauses. Then she yells :

“Was I going up the stairs

or down?”

The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having a cup of tea and listening to her sisters.

She shakes her head and says:

“I sure hope I never get that forgetful!”

She knocks on wood for good measure, then yells:

“I’ll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who’s at the door”.



Health, Welfare and Happenings

Tony Mindlin received a call from old time member **Ken Jones**. Ken and his wife, Mary still live in Glendale. Ken’s getting around as well as most folks in their mid-80’s and spending a bunch of time taking care of his great-grandchildren. Ken may not be coming to the meetings much any more, but club members who know him, and like good, upbeat conversations, are encouraged to give him a call. He’s still great to talk to at **818 247-1735**.

Membership News

Applied for active membership:

Allen Rishe
4147 Mary Ellen Ave.
Studio City, CA 91604

Allen resides in Studio City with his wife, Sidney. He owns the Loma Street Investment Co.

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Volunteer to work the RFA Booth at the Hall Show in Long Beach, March 5-19. Contact Eric Rogger, 310.476-5936. Put in a half-day and go see the show. Flexible hours, good cause.

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THE LAST WORD ON LONG LINES?

There was some good news for sportfishermen in early November. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) unanimously approved a management plan for highly migratory species that prohibits the use of the controversial fishing gear inside the 200 mile exclusive economic zone, and prohibits the sale of striped marlin. Commercial fishermen had been seeking permission to use the highly efficient and indiscriminate gear off the west coast inside the EEZ to target mostly swordfish and tuna. Sportfishermen have been among those fighting to keep the longliners out. The plan must be approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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1. Departure time will be 5:00 AM SHARP, from Cisco Landing in Oxnard. However, some trips may depart earlier. These earlier departures will be at the sole discretion of the Charter Master after consultation with the Skipper.
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Dinner Meetings

None in December
 January 27th
 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

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 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

December 16
 January 20th

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Al Scow at 310/791-4196 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

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Other Events

February 22, 2003
 Saturday
 Annual Installation and Awards Dinner and Auction at the Braemar Country Club

March 5-9
 Hall Show @ Long Beach

April 3-6
 Hall Show @ Ventura

Foundation Meetings

Dec 9
 6:00 pm at the Valley Inn

Upcoming Speakers

DECEMBER
NO DINNER MEETING

C A L E N D A R 2 0 0 3			
Board Meeting		Dinner 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

Your *Chum Line*

This monthly publication goes to press end of each month. Each issue has a deadline on the 25th of the month. Submissions received usually go into the current issue, but it may be necessary to carry items, such as a fish report, over to another month. This editorial decision is based on the availability of space. Generally, we use 10 pages which are laid out by a professional freelance person. If we run over ten pages we need to compile 12 pages, i.e., you can't just tack on a little item unless someone else's prize piece is deleted or a lot more text is created.

There are no rules etched in stone concerning your submissions of text. We like to get them on time, either by old fashioned mail or email or fax. Please do not call in text over the phone since it's too easy to make mistakes and makes proofreading very difficult. Frequently we have to remind people that we are not doing a *Time* magazine or *National Geographic*. Pick topics and pictures that will interest the largest numbers of people. Try to send at least one picture with your article because these liven up the pages. We sometimes have to edit to fit a page or column and this annoys all the Hemingways out there. Be assured that if the editing is extensive you will be notified—if you're not on a 16-day trip. If you have five pages of statistics please condense them prior to submission.

The decisions of taste are up to the editor. Bad taste is running someone down or reporting on items that are not factual. Rumors are out as are promiscuous or suggestive items. If you object to any modifications of your text please take it to the board of directors should you feel that strongly about it.

Usually 200 copies of the *Chum Line* are printed each month. This is between individual recipients and multiple copies to certain tackle stores. Some have said that the *Chum Line* is the glue that binds us together. You can make this process work if you will send in your own submissions and constructive ideas.

It Appears that California Regulators Favor Trawlers

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) proposed that recreational anglers and non-trawl commercial fishing boats be prohibited from fishing waters deeper than 60 ft., while recommending that California trawlers only be restricted from fishing in a narrow strip of depths between 300 and 900 feet. The recommendation that trawlers be given preferential treatment over anglers and commercial fishermen using less destructive gear has angered the United Anglers of Southern California (UASC). UASC, the state's largest coalition of recreational anglers, has vigorously campaigned against the destructive nature of bottom trawling, which has been instrumental in the collapse of the state's fragile rockfish populations. DFG also recommended recreational and small boat commercial fishing be closed for up to six months each year, yet no closed seasons were proposed for trawlers. **For more information, visit: www.dfg.ca.gov.**

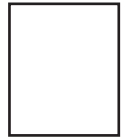
Fish Appear to Decline Inside No-Fishing Areas! (From a December article in Salt Water Fishing)

A surprising decline in spotted seatrout populations in Florida's Mosquito and Indian River lagoons near Port Canaveral has Florida Marine Institute researchers scratching their heads, according to a late July report by Don Wilson in the Orlando Sentinel.

The real surprise: the great apparent decline occurred in the marine reserve within the Kennedy Space Center's security zone. That area is widely cited as proof of the effectiveness of no-fishing reserves, but populations of this important game fish appeared to decline by 64% between 2000 and 2001. Where fishing is not restricted, the decline measured only 9%, Wilson says. At the same time, researchers point out that the brief sample period and relatively inefficient sampling gear may limit conclusions at this point.

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