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Chum Line

Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean



There will be NO DINNER MEETING in December. The Board will be meeting held December 19th. Any LARRC Club Member may attend but please inform Frank Polak.

Guadalupe Island...see fish report on page 2.



President Frank Polak and the Board of Directors wish all Members a Happy Holiday Season with the best for the Year 2012!

VISITING GUADALUPE

FISH REPORT BY DIETMAR KRUGER

Visiting this spectacular place has always had its pros and cons... Travel time from Point Loma is usually about 22 hours. Current Mexican regulations require a check in at Ensenada as well as a hefty surcharge of \$200 per passenger. During our trip we were met at the outside of the Ensenada harbor to receive our permits and this did save some time. The island can be very productive with tuna but also quite frustrating since the local white shark population can never resist an easy meal. As you may know, the area has a major seal calving population - a draw for the white sharks - during major parts of the season.

I can report that those of us on a recent October trip aboard the Apollo had a "smashing" 5-day trip.

From the time we left Ensenada (11.45am) it took about 20 hrs. to get to our destination. Capt. JJ Gerritson

had called ahead to discuss conditions with some lobstermen and also the boat Islander. They had been hand feeding 100-130lb yellowfin observed from their shark cage.

We anchored near-by and were shown videos of crashing tuna around their boat. It didn't take us very long to start our own "chunk" line. I hooked, shortly upon getting my line out, a beautiful 107 lb fish. The sharks became a real problem and we moved further south, where we continued to catch and sacrifice tunas in the 50-100lb class. Evenings were spent making mackerel and squid. These were bit next day while being suspended from a balloon rig using 100lb line. Most of the 77 some odd fish we caught - on 60 lb line - and kept, offset the 22 more which went to the great whites.

This 5-day trip went out "light" with but 10 fishermen and a crew of five. Included were two nice ladies one being Cathy Needleman representing the LARRC and the other being a



very attractive lady deckhand. What impressed me about the trip was the captain and crew.

They loaded the bait very cautiously - from buckets - and gaffed each fish at the head, did not slam them on the deck, bled, gutted and removed the gills, then washed the cavities. I wound up with some of the best filets I ever had. The return trip was slow due to high seas and back to Ensenada to check in with customs.



LARRC's Chum Line - A CORNUCOPIA OF INFORMATION

MARINE MANAGEMENT NEWS...

is a newsletter that is published by the California Department of Fish and Game quarterly. Items of interest covering the whole coast are published for those interested in both trivia and solid information. A new MPA website was announced in the current issue (Oct.2011). Readers can go to www.dfg.ca.gov/m/MPA for more details. Also, did you know that you can get all the good info on your mobile devices? By going to DFG Mobile (www.dfg.ca.gov/mobile) all your questions can get answered. Finally, for MLPA action go to www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa for the latest.

BIGGEST CALIFORNIA HALIBUT...

A new state record was set July 1, 2011 by angler **Francisco J. Rivera**. He landed a 67-lb. 4-oz halibut off Santa Rosa Island. Otolith exams will give some clues as to the age of this fish. It was probably over 20 yrs. old.

BLOODY DECKS...

has put together an excellent fundraising website. (www.savecafishing.org) will aid in putting together some constructive ideas in order to get people to open their checkbooks.

LOLIGO OPALESCENS...

(squid to you!) The DFG has announced that the commercial fishery for market squid has been closed as of this month. Seasonal harvests limits have been reached!

JUMBO SQUID...

which appeared in our fishing waters sporadically during the 2009-10 seasons did not appear locally this year. A new study by researchers from Stanford University determined that these Humboldt squid moved north to follow their food sources. El Nino periods—i.e. warmer waters—displace the cooler currents which normally carry phytoplankton in the squids' normal feeding areas. The food chain is disrupted in the shallower areas but not so much at great depths.

(i.e. mid-ocean).

Although they can grow to 30 lbs., their life span is only about 18 months.

LA TIMES REPORT...

A mid-November article described the closing of one of our long-time local tackle stores... **Fishermen's Hardware** of Long Beach. After 60 years, owner Robert Salamon closed his doors. The California DFG reported that in 2008 it issued 2.8 million licenses. Last year the number had dropped by 400,000 and by August of this year 300,000 more. Two Westside stores have also gone out of business: Purfields and Bob's on Sawtelle. Economy or lack of fish...go figure!

A BIT OF HUMOR?...

My wife and I are watching TV's "Who wants to be a millionaire?" while we were in bed.

I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?"

"No" she answered.

I then said "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying "Yes".

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's when the fight started...

(Thanks to Bert Serden for this—not 'his' anecdote.)



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LARRC HIGHLINER TRIP ENDS THE CHARTER SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE

Reported by Frank Polak

If you follow sports you know a team can get off to a frustratingly slow start, only to finish the season strong. Memories of the early losses are quickly forgotten.

That pretty much describes the 2011 So. Cal. summer fishing season. No tuna in May or June? Come September and October, they'll be there. Cold water and no bass bite in June and July? Simply wait for November!

With that in mind, **Nick, Kris and Carl Ekdahl, Bernie Silver** and yours truly headed out on the final LARRC charter of the year, boarding the Highliner at Redondo Sport Fishing on Saturday, November 19. The skies at 6a.m. were cloudy and a light rain was in the forecast. **Capt. Gary Lacroix** said the plan was to head for Rocky Point, keeping an eye on the water temperature. If it stayed in the low 60's, we'd fish for bass. If it dropped, rockfish would be the main target.

The water stayed above 61 and we immediately put our bait tank full of live squid to good use. A handful of sand bass and rockfish hit the deck as we set up on a rocky bottom in 90 feet of water. The captain, however, wasn't impressed. He repositioned the boat on a slightly deeper spot just a few yards away. It was the last move we would make.

For sheer quality, Nick Ekdahl set the pace with several calico bass in the 3 to 5 pound range, releasing them all. There were several sand bass around the boat as well, from just keeper size up through the bigger units.

Squid and leadhead combos were



Bernie's Big Sheephead.



Carl Ekdahl with Sheephead.

the ticket, which helped Kris Ekdahl score on red snapper. No big ones, mind you, but the perfect size for dinner.

Around mid morning Capt. Gary remarked that we hadn't caught a sheephead yet, but if we hooked even one, they would start to bite. As if on cue, his next fish was the familiar black and red, and sure enough, they bit right through the end of the trip.

This report wouldn't be complete

without a note on the weather. In a word, beautiful. By 9 o'clock the clouds began to clear and before long you could see all way from Point Dume to Catalina and east to downtown Los Angeles with the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop. Although there was a slight bump there was no wind (and I do mean NO wind) making it one of those picture perfect southern California days.

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Chris Ekdahl with Tasty Red.

The final fish count read 28 Calico bass (with another 15 or so released), 14 sand bass, 12 rockfish, 12 sheephead and around a dozen undersized ling cod, a good sign for next year. There was one keeper ling caught, which snared this writer (who happens to be the club president) the jackpot.

As always, Capt. Lacroix and first mate T.C. were exceptional, providing the best customer service you'll find on a local charter. Add up all of the above and you get a great summer fishing trip. Even if it was Mid-November!



Fearless Frank with JP Ling.

FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

Steve Simon, Foundation Chair, reports:

Your foundation has been able to make two new grants:

1- California State University, Long Beach received a grant of \$6500. These funds are in support of the Marine Biology Student Scholarships. The head of this department, Dr. Chris Lowe, was a recent dinner guest and elaborated on this program.

2- National Coalition For Marine Conservation (NCMC) received a grant of \$2500. Founded in 1973 they have been at the forefront of a number of issues devoted to keeping the oceans wild and preserving fishing opportunities. Of particular interest have been their efforts to save the forage fish, so vital to the food chain in our waters. One of their directors, Bill Boyce appeared as our November dinner guest. He's become one of our most interesting annual speakers.

3- Donations to the Non Profit LARRC Foundation received during November: *Ted Weitz, Carl Ekdahl, Eric & Jeanne Rogger, Phil Bell, Bert & Meg Serden*

AN APPEAL- In order to keep these foundation activities "on track" all members were recently asked to make donations suitable for the auction scheduled for February 26, 2012. Please communicate with Steve Simon!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Stan Choo, Membership Chair, reports two applications for club membership.

Wendy Tochiara has applied ...Wendy lives in Huntington Beach and is national sales manager for Izorline International.

Chris Kleoni has also applied. He lives in Woodland Hills and is a contractor.

The November 21 Board Meeting voted on the earlier application of **Dr. Howard Clark**. Welcome to the club! We hope to see you soon!

Long time member **Joel Zide** has a new address: 22100 Erwin St. #412 Woodland Hills, CA 91367

LARRC'S Charter Listing for 2012 has not yet been finalized. Stay tuned! Club Charter Master Ross Lombard will be happy to receive any comments on this topic! Use...

ross@lombardgraphics.com

CALENDAR

Dinner Meetings

There is no Dinner Meeting in December

Next: January 30th 2012

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to: Mike Godfrey 818.808.4909; or email larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

December 19th

Next: January 23rd 2012

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Frank Polak at 818/881.8634, email frankpolak@wolveshockey.net at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
At Valley Inn
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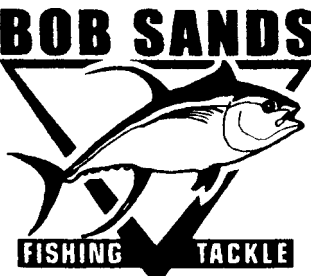
Other Dates

March 16, 2012
Lou Berke Trout Derby

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In Honor of Dan Felger


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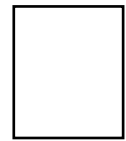
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TROPHY CONTENDERS 2011 AS OF OCTOBER 25

| SPECIES | LINE TEST | ANGLER | LB.OZ. | SPECIES | LINE TEST | ANGLER | LB.OZ. |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| MEN'S OCEAN WATER | | | | FRESH WATER | | | |
| Albacore | 25 | Dirk Perriseau | 37 0 | Bass, LG Mouth | 2 | Wayne Caywood | 4 6 * |
| Amberjack | 60 | Ron Ashimine | 36 8 * | Bass, LG Mouth | 4 | Wayne Caywood | 7 8 * |
| Bass, Calico | 12 | Sherwood Kingsley | 5 0 | Bass, LG Mouth | 6 | Joel Steinman | 4 9 |
| Bass, Calico | 12 | Rob Baldwin | 5 12 | Bass, LG Mouth | 6 | Mark Manculich | 4 9 |
| Bass, Calico | 12 | Sherwood Kingsley | 5 0 | Bass, LG Mouth | 12 | Wayne Caywood | 6 0 |
| Bass, Calico | 30 | Earl Warren | 4 4 | Bass Peacock | 4 | Nick Ekdahl | 2 6 * |
| Bass, Calico | 50 | Earl Warren | 5 10 | Bass, Striped | 4 | Joel Steinman | 3 13 |
| Bass, Sand | 20 | Sherwood Kingsley | 5 8 | Catfish, Channel | 2 | Wayne Caywood | 6 0 |
| Box Fish | 15 | Charles Schoemaker | 4 0 * | Catfish, Channel | 3 | Steve Simon | 9 10 * |
| Box Fish | 20 | Barry Cohn | 5 0 * | Catfish, Channel | 6 | Tom Spiers | 11 4 * |
| Grouper | 80 | Barry Cohn | 25 0 * | Catfish, Channel | 4 | Paul Varenchik | 8 12 * |
| Halibut, California` | 30 | Carl Ekdahl | 48 0 * | Trout, Cutthroat | 3 | Mark Manculich | 2 5 * |
| Horse Eye Jack | 30 | Earl Warren | 18 4 * | Trout, Rainbow | 2 | Bert Serden | 3 10 |
| Jack Cravelle | 40 | Earl Warren | 24 0 | Walleye | 6 | Joel Steinman | 2 0 * |
| Ling Cod | 40 | Sherwood Kingsley | 15 0 * | WOMEN'S | | | |
| Mackerel, Sierra | 30 | Earl Warren | 18 3 | Bass, Calico | 30 | Pamela Warren | 7 0 * |
| Rockfish, Vermillion | 50 | Chas. Schoemaker | 8 10 * | Bass, Calico | 50 | Pamela Warren | 6 4 * |
| Roosterfish | 30 | Earl Warren | 81 10 * | Marlin, Blue | 80 | Pamela Warren | Released |
| Roosterfish | 60 | Earl Warren | 87 6 * | Salmon, Coho | 24 | Pamela Warren | 13 8 * |
| Salmon, King | 12 | Earl Warren | 18 0 | Salmon, King | 12 | Pamela Warren | 16 0 |
| Salmon, King | 15 | Earl Warren | 21 8 * | Salmon, King | 15 | Pamela Warren | 21 5 * |
| Salmon, King | 20 | Earl Warren | 22 0 | Salmon, King | 25 | Pamela Warren | 23 0 |
| Salmon, King | 30 | Earl Warren | 22 0 | Salmon, King | 30 | Pamela Warren | 28 8 |
| Salmon, Coho | 15 | Earl Warren | 13 8 | Shark, Mako | 80 | Pamela Warren | Released |
| Snapper, Cubera | 60 | Ron Ashimine | 36 0 * | Short Bill Spearfish | 30 | Pamela Warren | 2 Released |
| Tuna, Blackfin | 30 | Doug Smith | 16 0 * | White Sea Bass | 30 | Cathy Needleman | 46 3 * |
| Tuna, Bluefin | 20 | Barry Cohn | 12 0 | Yellowtail | 40 | Pamela Warren | 30 6 |
| Tuna, Bluefin | 25 | Barry Cohn | 18 0 | WOMEN'S FRESH | | | |
| Tuna, Bluefin | 30 | Sherwood Kingsley | 31 2 | Catfish, Channel | 4 | Linda Caywood | 6 11 * |
| Tuna, Yellowfin | 40 | Donald Culbertson | 94 2 * | Steelhead | 10 | Cathy Needleman | 11 0 * |
| Tuna, Yellowfin | 100 | Jim Carlisle | 217 0 | JUNIOR MEMBERS | | | |
| Wahoo | 50 | Jim Carlisle | 43 0 | Bass, Large Mouth | 4 | Drew Dickter | Released |
| White Seabass | 30 | Ross Lombard | 39 3 | Bass, Large Mouth | 6 | Kevin Steinman | 3 Released |
| White Seabass | 40 | Ron Ashimine | 61 7 * | Catfish, Channel | 10 | Blake Rosen | 18 0 * |
| White Seabass | 50 | Ron Ashimine | 60 13 * | Halibut, Cal. | 25 | Sophia Perriseau | 27 9 * |
| Yellowtail | 30 | Don Culbertson | 20 0 | Ling Cod | 15 | Samantha Hunter | 5 3 * |
| Yellowtail | 40 | Sherwood Kingsley | 32 4 | Ling Cod | 16 | Harrison Hunter | 4 9 * |
| Yellowtail | 40 | Earl Warren | 37 6 | Ling Cod | 40 | Sophia Perriseau | 25 1 * |
| Yellowtail | 50 | Nick Ekdahl | 20 0 | Shark, Thresher | 30 | Sophia Perriseau | 112 7 * |
| FLY ROD | | | | Trout, Lighting | 3 | Brooke Warren | 2 7 * |
| Bass, Lge Mouth | 8 | Rob Baldwin | 7 6 * | Trout, Rainbow | 2 | Camryn Warren | 2 6 * |
| Bass, Sml Mouth | 10 | Rob Baldwin | 4 3 * | White Sea Bass | 25 | Sophia Perriseau | 42 0 * |
| Bass, Striped | 15 | Joel Steinman | 15 0 * | White Sea Bass | 30 | Sophia Perriseau | 38 3 * |
| Bass, Striped | 17 | Joel Steinman | 9 0 * | White Sea Bass | 40 | Nick O'Donnell | 23 7 * |
| Salmon, Atlantic | 10 | Rob Baldwin | 5 6 * | First Game Fish of the Year | | | |
| MEN'S RELEASED | | | | White Seabass, Feb. 11 | Cathy Needleman | 35 | 9 |
| Bone Fish | 10 | Andy MacDonald | Released | First Albacore of the Year | | | |
| Catfish, Sail | 15 | Chas. Schoemaker | Released | Albacore | Dirk Perriseau | 37 | 0 |
| Marlin | 40 | Don Culbertson | 4 Released | | | | |
| Marlin, Striped | 40 | Ran Ashimine | 30 Released | | | | |
| Tarpon | 12 | Andy MacDonald | Released | | | | |
| Tarpon | 15 | Steve Simon | Released | | | | |
| Tarpon | 30 | Earl Warren | 4 Released | | | | |

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