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# Chum Line

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phy, biology, commercial  
aspects and our future as recre-  
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Cover photo: Sunrise at Cedros by John Ballotti.



**Make a note also to attend the Annual Club Awards/Auction Brunch. It is scheduled for  
February 28th at the Baremar Country Club.**

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## **A Major Announcement from the Foundation Presenting LARRC'S First Ever Email Auction**



**On-Line/E mail Auction Item - \$1250 credit for any  
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The Foundation will be accepting email or phone bids !  
Call or Email Steve Simon at 818 980-7470  
[Simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)**

**This auction will close at 11.59 pm on January 10th, 2010**

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***Foundation Donations as of 12/28 have been received from: Larry Clark, Ted Feit, Peter and Mercedes Giannini, George Meigs, Allen and Sidney Rishe, Charles Schoemaker, Brad Stich, and Fred and Beverly Trebow.....THANK YOU!***





Al Scow with his 334 YFT (aided by Tim Turis) is joined by Jim Hassen with a 316 YFT and Dennis Braid with his 274. Photo by Al Roeker

## How Big Al (SCOW) Made the Headlines!

**T**hat end of the year *Excel* long range trip finally paid off for past LARRC President Al Scow. Our favorite old fisherman made super cow history during a 16 day trip. Chum Line tried to catch up to him for his own little version of what must certainly be a fish

story of a life time. No luck, so we'll just have to share his fame with this picture that tells it in a thousand words. **Congratulations!**

# OFFICIAL CLUB CHARTERS

Please note that official LARRC Charters—official meaning that the club has a financial commitment to the boat owners are enclosed in a blue box on this page. Members signing up for a club trip are obligated to pay the full fare in case they cannot make the trip for some reason. We will attempt to fill your space - or you may do the same - in a timely manner.

## **Pacific Dawn Local Charters**

Pacific Dawn Weekend Charters 2010

Ventura-Harbor Village

Sat. Mar. 13, Sat. April 10 and Monday May 3rd

1-Departures: 9-10 pm prior to fishing date.

2-Return: Approximately 7 pm

3-Cost \$185—Not Included Fish Cleaning, Food & Drinks, fishing license (-15%) Gratuities and fuel surcharge if required, 100% payment required to hold your spot

4-Loads limited to 16 but Chartermaster may overbook by 1.

## **Pacific Dawn Tuna Charter**

San Diego—Fisherman's Landing, 1.5-Day Fishing

1-Departure: Sunday, August 22 at approx. 9 pm.

2-Return: Monday morning, August 23 at 6 am.

3-Cost: \$420—50% deposit required to reserve spot (\$210).

Make all checks payable to LARRC and send to Jim Carlisle 7128 Seawind Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803. For information call (562)598-0940(H) or (310)332-9770(W) email; Jamesnc@earthlink.net (H) or james.carlisle@ngc.com (w). Co-charter person is Jan Howard (949)837-1431 saltwater-woman@cox.net

## **Qualifier 105 5-Day Tuna Trip**

July 25-30, 2010

For information call Dave Levinson at (818) 785-1776 or email: [dajplevin@roadrunner.com](mailto:dajplevin@roadrunner.com)

Terrific price announcement—based on light load of 24. **Only six openings left—BOOK NOW.** Spots not sold will be filled by Q105. \$1795 is the tab. Sign up now as we have a promised El Nino year coming up!

## **NORTH KING LODGE -**

Bert Serden Charter Master

35 MI NW OF Prince Rupert in British Columbia. This is a floating lodge between Rivers Inlet and Prince Rupert on the mainland side. The owner advises that 2009 was the best year of fishing they can recall. Fishing is done near shore and not on the open ocean.

Rooms are double with ensuite facilities. Two sets of foul weather gear provided for nice or nasty days. Fully guided 10-hour days of fishing including day of arrival.

After overnight, departure is from Vancouver's South Terminal to Sandspit and then a float plane to the lodge arriving about noon. Present plans call for July 3rd (Sat.) to July 6 (Tue) departing July 2nd from LA. The lodge is fully booked for every other date in July and August.

**Trip is currently sold out . We may expand for possible standbys.** The price will be \$3,245 Canadian plus air to Vancouver, plus one night hotel and gratuities. Players booking this trip will need birthdate to secure trip cancellation insurance. Regarding time for deposits and other details contact: Bert Serden(310) 278-3439 or email: [bserden@roadrunner.com](mailto:bserden@roadrunner.com)

## **The Lodge at Walters Cove, Kyoquot Inlet, Vancouver Island**

Charter Master - Arnie Cohen: (818) 368-5834.

The package includes round trip to (air) Port Hardy from Vancouver with connecting floatplane service to Walters Cove. Hot tubs, lounge and poker table, deluxe private bathrooms, all meals snacks and soft drinks. Ten hrs. of professionally guided fishing per day includes all tackle and bait. Lockers for raingear and boots, cleaning, filleting, vacuum packing, flash freezing and boxing of catch. **Trip date is 6/25-6/30.**

Roundtrip air from LAX to Vancouver @ \$356. One night at Vancouver Hotel \$90 per person/double occupancy. Fish limits as of Jan.09 = 4 king salmon, 4 silver salmon, 3 ling cod, 4 snappers and two halibut. Prices: 2 guests per room/boat \$2695, 3 per room/boat \$1995. **The Lodge has a web site [www.westcoastresorts.com](http://www.westcoastresorts.com) or call Arnie: (818) 368-5834**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT...**

Eric Rogger's annual *Polaris Supreme Charter* is scheduled for Aug 7-12, 2010. The days are Saturday through Thursday. For information contact Eric at (310) 476-5936 or [wstridge@aol.com](mailto:wstridge@aol.com).

**Charter listings are continued on next page.**

## Club Charters continued...

	<u>FISHING DATES 2010</u>		<u>BOAT</u>	<u>LANDING</u>	<u>ANGLERS</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>COSTS</u>
TRIP 1	May 15	Sat.	<i>Highliner</i>	Redondo Beach	6		\$285.
TRIP 2	June 15-16	Tue.-Wed.	<i>Ultra/alt. Amigo</i>	San Pedro	8	WSB opener	\$325.
TRIP 3	June 26-27	Sat.-Sun.	<i>Toronado/alt. Amigo</i>	Long Beach	15 (+ kids)		\$325.
TRIP 4	July 2-6	Fri.-Mon.	(N. King Lodge)	Vancouver		Salmon, Halibut	\$3950.
TRIP 5	July 24-26	Sat.-Mon.	<i>Ultra</i>	San Diego	8	Tuna, 1.5 day	\$695.
TRIP 6	Sept. 11-14	Sat.-Tue.	<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	San Diego	16	2.5 day	\$895.
TRIP 7	Oct. 5-6	Tue.-Wed.	<i>Toronado</i>	Long Beach	13x2	King of the Calicos	\$200.
TRIP 8	Oct. 23	Sat.	<i>Highliner</i>	Redondo	6		\$285.
TRIP 9	Nov. 13-17	Sat.-Tue.		Baja		Not including air.	\$895.

The price of these trips includes tip, galley (except *Highliner*, bring your own lunch) and fish cleaning.

Charter Master is Barry Cohn, 310. 479-9600 Xt. 221 or email: [bcohn@cohnhandler.com](mailto:bcohn@cohnhandler.com)

## The Latest (?) Word on MLPA Matters...

There is a **Fish & Game Commission** meeting scheduled Feb. 3-4 in Sacramento.

While no final decisions re: MLPA restrictions have been announced, we are now informed that any such decisions will be made over a period of time. (i.e. at least a number of F&G meetings.) The final word will probably not come out until late fall or early winter of 2010.

Source: *Richard Rogers of the F&G Commission.*

Additional details for those seriously interested can be found on the PSO (Partnership for Sustainable Oceans) web-site. See [www.keepamericafishing.org](http://www.keepamericafishing.org) ■

## Help Wanted!!!! A Sign of Things to Come!

**Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute** located in San Diego, CA is looking for 3 positions to be filled. (Mgr., Asst. Mgr. and Technician) for a new research program to evaluate various factors associated with commercial-scale production of several marine finfish species in net cages. The project is going to be conducted at the Coronado Islands, B.C., Mexico. For additional information see [hr@hswri.org](mailto:hr@hswri.org).

Source: *National Fisherman 1/201* ■



**GOODWILL & CHEER**

**Joan Levinson** spent a few days in the hospital. Recuperating Now! Our Good Wishes.....

**Claire Weissman**....Husband Jerry reports improvement from UCLA Hospital. Speedy Recovery to you.

**Steve DiGuiseppe** had hip surgery. Club Members wish you well and we understand you are doing fine. **Finally, our best wishes go to Arnie Cohen**... who is recovering from back surgery. Maybe he can tackle a few cows now!

**C A L E N D A R**

**DINNER HOTLINE**  
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**Dinner Meetings**

**January 25**

**Next: NO February Dinner Meeting  
Feb. 28th Annual Awards Brunch**

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

*At Valley Inn  
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks*

**Board Meetings**

**January 18**

**Next: February 15th**

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Scott Schiffman at 818/341-7528, email [schifty57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:schifty57@sbcglobal.net) at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Next Board Meeting is at the Marina City Club, see page 2 for details.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

*At Valley Inn  
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks*

**Other Dates**

**December 19, 2009**  
Foundation Tackle Sale  
J&T Tackle, Simi Valley

**February 28**  
Annual Awards Brunch,  
Braemar Country Club

**March 3-7**  
Fred Hall Tackle Show, Long Beach

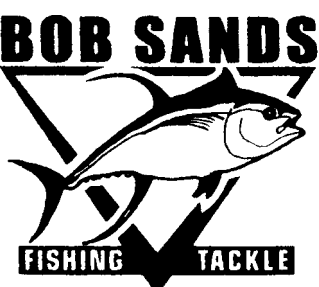
**March 24-28**  
Fred Hall Tackle Show, Del Mar

**April 9**  
Lou Berke Trout Derby  
Hansen Dam

**July 12**  
Annual Kids' Trip  
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# The Bluefin Tuna Saga

**T**here is no better example of the of the sport fisheries' dilemmas than the **Blue Fin Tuna**. Those of us who have been privileged to fish this pelagic species can attest to their vigor and the exhilaration we feel when landing this member of the thunnus family. They are said to be the fastest (up to 50mph) and voracious top predator fish in the ocean. Along with the sport—assuming you are not landing your catch with a rope—is the knowledge of consuming a piece of meat, beautifully red, often marbled, and succulent to the taste. A prized catch!

Bluefin tuna are encountered off most of the earth's coasts traveling along major currents which carry their food—forage fish! In the Atlantic, the source of the best-known schools has been the Gulf Stream. Off our West Coast, we have periodic major catches reported along the California Current. The Atlantic catch, much more famous than ours, has long been reported in the media particularly when specimens approaching a thousand pounds were occasionally landed. (In 1989 schools of extra large bluefin were seen at the Channel Islands up to 1008 lbs.) It is clear that bluefin found in the Mediterranean merge with those in the Atlantic but a major fishery is also reported there. Among other major catch areas are those off Australia and Japan.

There are ample reports of the bluefin's problems in the Atlantic and European waters. Some suggest they are at 18% of their normal populations. The larger fish have become a rarity. International bodies such as the ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) headquartered in Madrid, have not been able to enforce their catch limits. These have been set at twice the level recommended by scientists. The European Commission is backing a proposal to ban the international sales of bluefin) This would occur under the restrictions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) act. Supported

by the USA this will be voted on in March 2010.

The gist of this saga is that a similar situation is happening in the Pacific—so much so that major organizations have created a foundation called the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation. This includes Bumble Bee, Chicken of the Sea, Starkist and others also including WWF (World Wildlife Fund). They are urging the IATTC (Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission) to enact meaningful conservation measures.

Overfishing is hard to control when the catch brings such astronomical prices. A small fishing village in northern Japan, named Oma, is belaboring Tokyo because it has failed to protect them and their life style. Oma has become a tourist attraction because of its fabled tuna history. Their fleet of 30-40 small boats used to routinely catch three or four tuna per day. Now they are happy to bring in a combined total of half a dozen fish in a day. Japan consumes 80% of the 60,000 tons of tuna caught worldwide. A recent catch of a 410-lb. fish—representing the captain's first catch in ten days—would bring him \$10,000 at Tokyo's Tsukiji Fish Market. In 2001 a Japanese buyer paid a record \$220,000 for a 444-lb. Oma bluefin. One fisherman said he had yet to catch a tuna this season.

Where am I going with this? Many of us have seen the tuna pens off Ensenada. The same thing is occurring in the Mediterranean and Australia, only on a much larger scale. Fish farming is now such a big business. The countries bordering the Mediterranean have not been able to agree on any type of restrictions or quotas. Near the Spanish Port of Cartagena vast quantities of sardines and mackerel are pumped into deep tuna cages. There are 70 such tuna ranches registered in the Mediterranean alone. More can be found in Mexico, Japan and Australia.

*TIME* magazine, issue of November 16, reports on a Philippine harbor, General Santos, which is now processing yellowfin

tuna and skipjack from all parts of the pacific to supplement deliveries of canned fish to their customers. Unregulated Asian fisheries are looking for new sources where the caged variety cannot keep up with demand.

Caged fish need to be fed and grown before they can command such extraordinary prices. This is where the forage fish issue should enter our consciousness. Realize that it takes 3 lbs of forage fish to put one pound of meat on a salmon and it has been estimated it takes up to 20 lbs of wild fish to get one pound of tuna.

Clean Seas, an Australian enterprise, recently reported its first success breeding bluefin in tanks. These were raised in on-shore cages, i.e. not in nets or fenced areas off shore. Thus far, investors in the company learned that each fingerling has cost about \$4000 to raise. It is claimed that tank conditions can be manipulated to ape natural offshore currents to induce the brood fish to spawn. If these fish grow to maturity quotas imposed in the Southwestern Pacific may be eased. Japan is also reported to have successfully bred northern bluefin tuna. A report from the Associated Press (12/5/09) informs us that a Japanese Company, Maruha Holdings, is engaged in raising bluefin from hatchery, eggs! So far their survival rate has been minimal but a similar effort by Japan's Kinki University has achieved a 6% survival rate. Maruha aims at marketing 10,000 tuna bred from eggs by 2015. This is still a small fraction of the tonnage caught in the wild.

Question is what do these artificially raised animals eat? In our sphere, forage fish are anchovies, mackerel, squid, sardines etc. On the east coast it might be mid-water trawlers targeting herring, mackerel or menhaden. Isn't this what we use for bait? Isn't this what the pelagics consume? Forage fish are short-lived, unnoticed, but a critical part of the food chain. In some areas it has been reported that depletion of pelagics has been due our rapacious use of their food—the forage



fish. The Maruha Co. quoted above hopes to develop a vegetable feed for their farms. Whether the result will taste the same, remains to be seen. Some have expressed doubt concerning the color, taste and fatty tissues found on fish raised in pens. There have also been documented cases where fish raised in pens had greater vulnerability to diseases and concerns raised regarding the use of antibiotics to suppress these problems.

Forage fish account for 37% of the world's fish landings. 90% are reduced to fish meal and oils, mostly for aquaculture! The pet food industry uses 10% of the global supply of forage fish, while the swine industry consumes 24% of the fish meal and oil.

Some have asked why we should concern ourselves with Atlantic or Mediterranean catches of blue fin. Please realize that most of this treasure is shipped overseas for consumption in other geographical areas (i.e. the west coast and even China) which have to look elsewhere for their tuna source. With the increasing popularity of sushi bars and seafood everywhere, we are looking at truly an international problem. The tuna fattened in pens off Baja California and elsewhere are shipped overseas. Most of the bluefin caught in the Atlantic are also destined for far away markets.

In Europe, the efforts of ICCAT at setting quotas have been spectacularly unsuccessful since there has been no effective enforcement and the unwillingness of most members to abide by restrictions. Never mind the poaching! We are at a point now where overfishing has continued into 2009 and the survival of the resource is in serious jeopardy.

The Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation has made a grant to the NCMC (National Coalition for Marine Conservation) NCMC as a national group, has a program to restrict catches of forage fish.

The end of the bluefin era has been predicted—so much so that we are now pursuing the yellowfin and skipjack to placate our appetites. Fish ranching is not the answer! The abuse of the forage fish, which feed the top predators of the oceans, serves only to interrupt the food

chain needed for healthy ocean environments.

Sources for this material are: *Western Outdoor News*, *National Fisherman*, *Time Magazine* (Nov. 16th), the *Los Angeles Times*—an editorial (Nov. 13), An *Associated Press* report (12/5/09) three books: *The End of the Line* by Charles Clover, and *Tuna* by Richard Ellis., and *Probably more than you wanted to know about the fishes of the Pacific Coast* by Milton Love.

This is an attempt by the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club to make anglers more aware of the forage fish and tuna resource problems. What you can also do:

- Become active in organizations that encourage "responsible fishing"
- The San Diego fleet has developed a list of "ethics"—learn of their goals.
- Encourage your restaurants to not serve endangered species.
- Practice proper procedures for catch and release in particular for bottom species.
- Of course you can always make a financial contribution to a worthy cause! Tight lines...Feel free to send your comments to *Chum Line* Attn: Editor...



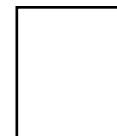
Left To Right seated: George Meigs, Frank Polak, Mark Manculich, Ross Lombard  
 Standing: Scott Schiffman, Rob Baldwin, Bert Serden, Andy MacDonald.

## NEW FACES FOR THE LARRC BOARD

During the December Board Meeting, which took place at the Marina Towers, *CHUM LINE* tried to get a picture of all the Board Members. Some turned out to be AWOL. Nevertheless, you'll see some new faces in the coming months. We did manage to capture some of the rascals.

# Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

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