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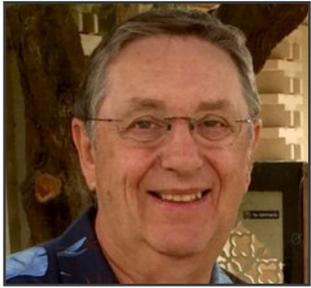
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Thanks for your cooperation. — Mike Godfrey



# WHAT'S ON MY MIND

By John Ballotti

## What's On My Mind

HAPPY NEWYEAR!! On behalf of the board of directors and officers of LARRC, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous, and safe new year. It is going to be hard to top 2015 when tuna, yellowtail and even wahoo were caught in our local waters. But here's hoping that 2016 will be even better.

The year ended with your club in good financial shape with a strong membership dedicated to fishing, service and fun. Here are some of the highlights from this past year.

- January saw a rare winter trip to Cedros Island by a number of club members. It was a smashing success; just ask Michael Godfrey who really put the hurt to the island's calico bass.
- February is the month of our annual banquet and foundation fundraiser. A good time was had by all and the foundation raised funds essential to their mission of taking children in need fishing.
- March and the Fred Hall Show saw LARRC with its first ever booth at the show. Many thanks to Steve Simon and his merry band of helpers for their many hours of work. March also saw the annual Lou Berke Trout / Catfish Event. If you have never helped at this event, you owe it to yourself to do it. You will never regret or forget it.
- April brought tax day and the start of spring fishing
- May saw the Port of Los Angeles High School fishing Club 1/2-day trip on the Monte Carlo. It rained and rained but that did not dampen the spirits or enthusiasm of the students.
- June saw the first Marine Mentors trip conducted out of 22nd Street Landing with the Boys and Girls Club of San Pedro. In June work began in earnest on our new website with outstanding results. Thank you Donald Goldsobel, Scott Schiffman and Sophia Huynh for seeing this through.
- July is always the busiest month of the year. The annual kids trip and King of the Club tournament requires plenty of planning and flawless execution in order to insure a successful trip year after year. Thanks go to Paul Varenchik for his work on the kids trip and Randy Sharon for organizing the King of the Club tournament.
- August is the traditional month for two Marine Mentors trips. As always Frank Polak does a superb job organizing and executing the trips. Once again Lake Sherwood was the site for our annual picnic. Many thanks to Rob Baldwin and Alan Brodetsky for putting on a great event.
- September was the month LARRC held its first family fishing trip. Ted Feit put an excellent trip together. It was great to see

club members and their families fishing together.

- October brought our first two veterans trips out of Marina Del Rey Sportfishing. The veterans on board enjoyed themselves and it looks like these trips will be a recurring event going forward. Thank you Steve Simon for your assistance coordinating with the Veterans Centers.
- November saw the official start of the CCA CAL LA chapter. Thank you Cathy Needleman, Randy Sharon and Joe Mahfet for stepping up and joining the local chapter board.
- December they were still catching local yellowtail, which is a sign of good things to come.

This is my penultimate column as your president. It is my 35th What's On My Mind missive over my three terms. I wonder if anyone has been reading them.

~ John

SAVE *the* DATE

The 65th Annual  
Dan Felger  
Awards Banquet  
and Auction

February 28, 2016  
Braemar Country Club  
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Check your emails for  
announcements

# 15 Days on the Independence

By Chas Schoemaker

What do you do for 15 days on a boat? Well, there is travel, tackle preparation, catching up on reading or watching movies, eating good food, sleep (maybe), and, at some point, fishing (as much as possible, for as long as possible).

LARRC members Cathy Needleman and Chas Schoemaker were among the 25 anglers aboard the Independence when it left San Diego the day after Thanksgiving in search of big tuna. The target areas for the 15 day trip would be the Hurricane Bank and Clarion Island.

After spending a few hours at the bait receiver loading up on a good grade of 5/0 hook size sardines, we were off. The first order of business was the trip orientation, followed by gift giving from the trip sponsor, Sav On Tackle. A raffle provided each angler with something ranging from 25 yard spools of 130 pound fluorocarbon leader to a Seeker rod or a long range fishing reel. But that was only the beginning, as charter master and Sav On tackle representative Roger also handed out T-shirts and a Blue-water tackle bag, loaded with spectra scissors, a popper, a PL68 heavy jig, and a wahoo bomb, among other goodies.

That left 3½ days until we reached our first fishing destination. The Hurricane Bank is 940 miles from Point Loma. The Alijos Rocks are approximately halfway there. The Rocks are a popular destination on ten day trips, offering the potential for yellowtail, school tuna or wahoo. However, we were on a mission and didn't even slow down.

On the way down, anglers unpacked, inspected, assembled, prepared and re-inspected their tackle. Lots and lots of big reels, of every major brand, filled with spectra. Preferred reels were Accurate and Avet, with several Okuma Makaira reels as well. In the pre-spectra days, a 50 was a small reel and the 80 size was preferred for cows. Currently, the 30 size seems to be the standard for the 100 or 130 pound rig, with 50s for chunking or 150 pound rigs. The boat kite rig was a three speed Accurate 50



mounted on a Seeker OSP-4X.

Hollow core spectra was the line of choice for most reels, with Jerry Brown and Izorline being the brands. Hollow core allows for the option of threading the monofilament or fluorocarbon

leader/topshot directly to the mainline, secured by a Sato crimp and glue. Equally prevalent was the wind-on system, with the hollow core mainline either looped over itself at the end or tied with a Bimini twist. The connections for the solid spectra lines were either wind-ons with a Bimini or direct tie of mono/fluoro to the solid spectra with a Bob Sands knot.



The food on the boat was excellent. We were fed five times a day. Breakfast was anything from cereal to eggs with assorted breakfast meats to waffles, to eggs Benedict, or something exotic. A new soup of the day would be the mid-morning snack. Chef Ed would vary the lunch, while the mid afternoon snack kept up the energy level of the anglers. Dinners were substantial feasts, including ribeye steaks, pork loin, and fresh fish, followed by killer non-low calorie desserts.

For some, winetasting was an integral part of dinner. This trip was interesting because two or three anglers had their personal wine, grown, pressed and bottled from their own vineyards. Also on board was a wine consultant, who helps start-up and new vineyards, with some esoteric wines for tasting.

Our first stop after four days of travel was the Hurricane Bank. Weather was good for the bank, meaning that it was not raining and the waves were not rolling anything off the main deck. A few tuna cooperated, and there were lots and lots of sharks. Good-sized sharks. Conditions were just not happening on the bank, so Captain Jeff DeBuys decided to make the run to Clarion Island, 180 miles or a full day ride away.

The theme of the trip was to be prepared for the windows of opportunity. There were long periods of scratch fishing, or even no bites. Then there were short intervals when the window of opportunity would open. If you were prepared, had your equipment ready and a bait in the water, you might suddenly be running up the rail, hanging on for dear life.

Fishing Clarion required different techniques for changing circumstances. The general pattern was to start fishing in the dark, keep fishing all day, eat dinner at dark, try to make bait until around 11 pm, repair and fix tackle for the next morning, try to get some sleep, get up around 3:00 am to try to catch more bait, fish the pre-dawn bite and sunrise bite if they happened, then fly line for the rest of the daylight hours. Then repeat the process.

The bait we were trying to make at night was tube mackerel, a bigger bait than the sardines from the San Diego bait barge. We would go through whatever mackerel were caught at night before breakfast, except for the baits reserved for kite fishing.

Kite fishing was hit or miss. People could be spending up to 7 hours on the kite. I was one of the lucky ones, getting bit within 20 minutes after taking over for someone who tapped out after five hours. The kite bite could be a good size tuna or a big shark. Luck of the draw.

One pre-dawn techniques was dropping a heavy jig such as the PL68 and cranking it back up as fast as you could reel. It is good exercise for the arm, gets the juices flowing and occasionally produces a heavy thump, which could be a 160 pound tuna for Bob and or a marlin that jumped eight feet from the rail for Cathy.



A by-product of the PL68 could be a small tuna, around eight or ten pounds, which would be quickly converted to a live bait for use on the heavy duty outfits with big hooks. The baits would take off, and it was exciting to watch the line peeling

off the reels. The question of whether it was the bait or a bite was answered by putting both thumbs on the line. If you could stop it, it was the bait. If not, throw the drag lever into gear and hang on. Whether it was a tuna or a shark, it was big.

We had enough time at Clarion to go through all phases of off shore fishing. As a whole, it was a scratch bite. Conditions were tough, wind against current, but there were fish around. At one point six San Diego boats were at the island. It was the place to be.

Generally, someone was always getting bit. But it might be one of the other boats. It was cyclical. For three days I was blanked, then broke the ice with a kite fish followed by a four fish afternoon. Cathy had a similar experience, having tough going for several days then breaking through with three big fish before breakfast one morning.

During one of the slow spells, Cathy was on the kite when she was bit by a fish mean enough to take her around the boat and up and down the port side several times. She finally settled into the port corner for a long struggle, with the entire boat watching. The fish was tough but Cathy was tougher, boating a 227 pounder good enough for third place jackpot.

The trip ended on a high note. The last full day of fishing had

a ripper bite at dawn, and another at sunset. Getting no sleep the final night at Clarion, time was spent making bait, preparing the tackle, then waiting for the sunrise, which produced a twenty minute window of opportunity for one last shot at a big one. By 9:00 a.m. we were headed north back to San Diego, with four days of travel time to reflect upon a good trip.

Aside from Jerry Brown and Seaguar, the best line of the trip came from Greg, who mentioned that he had nine cows. They were all in his pasture back home in Northern California.

Big fish mean the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. In the pandemonium of a ripper bite, two of my better grade fish were sawed off at color. Tough break, but that is why there are back up outfits: get another bait into the water.

Big tuna test tackle, hardware and connections. All the rods survived the trip, but several passengers were sending reels to Cal Sheets for triage. To my knowledge, all wind-ons and crimps survived, a testament to the skill of all involved. Several fish were lost to pulled hooks, but none because of a straightened hook.

Someone was always in the galley during the whole trip, repairing abused equipment, changing out topshots or just preparing in general for the next round of biters. Preparation, preparation and preparation, part of the long range mantra. Along with keep fishing, stay at the rail, be ready and be persistent. You can always sleep on the way home.



# CALENDAR

## Board Meeting

JANUARY 18, 2016

Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm  
At Valley Inn

4557 Sherman Oaks Ave., Sherman Oaks



## Dinner Meeting

JANUARY 25, 2016

Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm  
AT CORKY'S RESTAURANT

5043 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks



## SAVE THE DATES

### FEBRUARY 28TH

Annual Awards Banquet at  
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### APRIL 8TH

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### JULY 11TH

Annual Kids' Trip

### JULY 18TH, 19TH, 20TH

King of the Club

### AUGUST 1ST & 15TH

Marine Mentors Trips

## THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

By Norm Weinstock

I was in Cabo last month and chartered a cruiser. No one wanted to go with me so I took the boat myself. It was a beautiful day, calm seas, and around 82 degrees. We got an early start and were at the arch around 6:00 am. The day was pretty uneventful and I caught 1 dorado around 8 in the morning and another around 10 in the morning. Nothing much was happening so the deckhand brought in the jigs and we slow trolled live bait. At around 1:00 pm we got a hookup on a dorado and while I was bringing it in we got another hookup. As soon as I got the dorado onto the boat the captain gave me the other rod. As he gave it to me the line was peeling off and the captain had to back down the boat to allow me to recover some line. The deckhand and I worked that fish for two and a half hours before it broke off. We had the fish to the surface one time and the captain said it was a yellowfin tuna between 200lbs to 250lbs. The reel had 80 lb leader with 60 lb line. Sometimes the fish wins.

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## TACKLE TIP: CARING FOR SPECTRA LINE

By Michael Grossman

Just about every fisherman is aware of the factors that will damage monofilament line. But what about "spectra" ? Spectra lines are not subject to damage from the sun's uv rays like mono is. It's so strong we tend to think it's impervious to damage in normal use. For the most part that's true but there are still some areas that need attention to keep your spectra in top condition.

I was fishing spectra line one time and on every cast it seemed like a flurry of dust particles flew off the rod into the air. The cause: a crack in the ring insert in one of the rod guides. That was enough to cause abrasion as the line travelled through that guide. Little by little the line was being stripped by the rough edge of that cracked insert. That's probably the number one risk to spectra in ordinary use.

The cure? Simple. Check the rod guides periodically for any sign of damage or roughness or abrasion or corrosion. Even the smallest nick can work away on spectra and jeopardize landing that big one. I check rod guides and the level wind guide on the reel with a Q-Tip. The cotton will catch on any abraded or cracked area giving you the cue to fix it. Replacing a rod guide will be a lot less expensive than replacing a length of spectra. This is probably one of the best examples of the proverbial ounce of prevention trumping a pound of cure.

While you're at it, if you ever notice the spectra starting to give off a foul smell it's time to give it a bath in clean fresh water. It makes sense to do this once in a while especially if you are fishing in saltwater. The accumulation of salt and debris on the line cannot be doing it or your reel any good. Take the line off the reel onto an empty line spool. Soak that in fresh water for a day or two then let it dry completely. I know of one fisherman who would take the spool of spectra and place it in the tank of the toilet along with one of those disinfectant cakes. Sounds crazy I know but it was very effective.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Allison D Perry and her husband Garry from
- Woodland Hills have applied for membership.

# Puerto Vallarta by Storm

By Robby Cohn

I got an amazing opportunity to fish PV on the Maximus with Kevin, Sophia and friends. Flew into Puerto Vallarta on Friday the day after Thanksgiving all to find a hurricane offshore which delayed us one day. So we toured the town and had a great time, the next day the weather came down significantly and we were able to board the boat in the early evening and away we went.

We started at the bank El Banco in the grey for a couple bites, which produced one horse eye jack, and then we went looking around spotted some Marlin and we went to work on them. I think we hooked a handful some got off, others released at the boat. We begin looking around chasing dolphin for tuna with no luck. After a few hours of that we went to the deep water and made a couple long drifts on the hard bottom spots for pargo, brown cod that was really fun. Then the birds started working and some 100 plus pound tuna started jumping we hooked one then they got on us and we started getting bit plunker style. I casted out a bait and within seconds I was bit and like wow first time I've experienced the 100 plus pound fish bite. After about 35 minutes I put on a 140 lb fish, boy I was jumping up and down high fives and hugs all around, after the smoke cleared we had like 8 tuna from 40-140lb.

The second day started on some birds working an area of fish, so we slid in on it and within a minute or so I was on again and I handed it off to one of the guys that didn't get one so that made me feel good. Then I get on the balloon rod a fish blows up on it I'm on again and I handed that one off also. Then we went looking for not much, went into deep water for the bottom species using the standard dropper loop

rig with 80lb. I get bit and it starts pulling hard, turns out to be a 30 plus pound amberjack now I'm really excited first one of those I caught. We finish the trip off on a plunker bite on the tuna for a handful more fish in the 80-130 lb range, which was great. Everyone got at least one large tuna and we all had a s u p e r great time together...



## Health and Happiness

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happiness" - please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email ([simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net))

for any information about our club members/ family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.



Donald Goldsobel's

# CALLING ALL COOKS

Each month we "call all cooks" to send us recipes or describe some extraordinary dining experience centering around food from the sea. This month we have a great twosome. Barry Cohn sent us a fast and delicious stovetop recipe for calico bass. Michael Grossman took up the challenge I proposed to him. I had a recipe for Tuna Tarts from the *Polaris Supreme*. I offered Michael the opportunity to test drive it...I gave him some yellowfin fillets from my over abundance of tuna in the freezer. Michael is a true gourmet and he invited his friend PJ who is a professional cook to put his personal touches to this recipe. You can see the fantastic results below. I want to thank each of you who has submitted recipes to this column and made it the well read success it is.

## Ahi Tuna Towers

By P.J. Ochlan

Inspired by a *Polaris Supreme* recipe (2009)

Photos by Michael Grossman

When Donald offered me the opportunity to try out a recipe has got from the *Polaris Supreme* recipe book, I was eager to give it a whirl. I had in mind calling on a good friend and true gourmet chef to do the actual cooking while I would assist prep, shoot the pictures and do the write up. Little did I know how my friend PJ Ochlan would take this project and run with it. Turns out he did everything, I was a dinner guest with a camera. Many thanks to PJ for making this a success.

Prep time: 45 mins.

Cooking time: 15 mins.

Makes 8 towers.

Each tower can be served as a generous appetizer or summer entrée.

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb center-cut Ahi tuna
- 2 large eggplants
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 1 medium head of fennel, thinly sliced
- 3 Roma tomatoes, diced
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup Kalamata olives, chopped
- 1/2 cup roasted red peppers, chopped
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp grated lemon zest
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly-ground black pepper
- Red chili flakes
- 2 tbsp white balsamic vinegar
- Reduced balsamic vinegar
- 1 medium yellow onion, halved and cut in thin strips (for crisp onions)
- 1/2 cup flour
- Vegetable oil



### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees

In a very hot saute pan with olive oil, sear the tuna until lightly browned (about 30 seconds per side). When cool enough to handle, cut into 1/4-inch slices and set aside.

Slice the eggplant into 1/2-inch thick rounds. Brush the slices lightly with olive oil and season both sides with salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet in a single layer and bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked through. The slices should still hold their shape.

Select 8 of the largest eggplant rounds to form the tower bases and set aside. Chop the remaining eggplant.

Saute the shallots in olive oil until they just begin to caramelize and soften.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the shallots, chopped eggplant, tomatoes, basil, parsley, olives, peppers and lemon zest. Toss with white balsamic vinegar and salt and pepper to taste.

In a separate mixing bowl, lightly toss the fennel slices with olive oil, red chili flakes, salt and pepper.

For the crisp onions, whisk the flour in a mixing bowl with salt and pepper. Pat the sliced onions dry with a paper towel and then toss the slices with the seasoned flour until lightly and evenly coated. Place the onions in a medium sauce pan preheated with a generous amount of vegetable oil. Fry until browned and set aside on paper towels to drain.

To assemble the towers:

Distribute the tossed vegetables evenly atop each of the eggplant rounds.

Layer three slices of the Ahi atop the vegetable mix.

Place several strips of the fennel on top of the Ahi.

Crown each tower with a small nest of crisp onions.

Sprinkle lightly with lemon juice.

Drizzle balsamic reduction to garnish.

Serve immediately.

Suggested wine pairing: a lightly chilled Rose of Pinot Noir Joseph Mellot "Vigne de la Demoiselle" Sancerre (Loire) Colene Clemens Rose of Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon Soter North Valley Oregon, Willamette Valley



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**CALLING ALL COOKS**

## KING OF THE SKILLET

by Barry Cohn

I love to fish calico bass. I release them all; except for once in a while I will fry one up. This recipe is quick, easy and delicious!!

- Dip the calico fillets in flour, then in an egg & milk mixture, then in the flour again.
- Season with salt, pepper, garlic, onion and oregano.
- Cut up some new potatoes.
- Heat butter in the skillet, add the potatoes. Cook until ready and set aside.
- Add more butter, then the calico fillets. Cook about 2 minutes and turn.
- Add potatoes again. Serve when done, with some lemon wedges.

This is my favorite fish cooked with my favorite recipe!!!



## LARRY BROWN CHARTERS AND GRANTS RAISE \$160,000 FOR FISHING TRIPS FOR YOUTHS AND WOUNDED VETERANS

For Immediate Release - January 2016

Larry Brown runs great charters, has a ton of sponsors, conducts huge raffles and employs a novel twist in order to raise money for good causes, notably youth fishing programs and now fishing trips for wounded veterans. He also seeks and administers grants with Marina Del Rey Anglers to support their long running youth fishing program. During the last six years these efforts have generated over \$160,000.

His anglers seem to have a blast, his sponsors love him and everybody goes home with at least 4-5 cool raffle prizes. Hopefully, many of the kids who get to go fishing because of Larry's efforts will become licensed anglers when they grow up, which is critical to our entire industry and all of his sponsors. Most of the wounded vets said they definitely want to get back to fishing.



So, how does he do it? Larry is a promotional Guru, part of his 30 years in corporate sales and marketing. He has very long term and loyal relationships with over 20 sponsors from all areas of the fishing industry who generously provide raffle prizes for his 7 long-range charters. Many of his sponsors have been with Larry for over 10 years. Brown conducts 2 raffles on each of his trips. "All of the prizes worth less than \$100 or so go into the FREE raffle," Brown said. "Everybody likes FREE stuff and we wanted everybody to fully enjoy the party." Everybody's fish tag number goes into a box along with one for each crewmember and the drawing begins. When your number or name is called you can select anything on the tables except for the high end items like the rods, reels, tackle boxes, etc. They cycle through all of the tickets for as many times as it takes to distribute all of the free items, with everybody getting 4 to 5 nice prizes. Then Brown takes a few minutes to discuss the charities, 4 different Youth Fishing Programs and new fishing program for wounded veterans, shows a short DVD about the youth fishing and sells raffle tickets for a shot at the big, high valued items, which usually include AVET, Shimano or Penn fishing reels, a Phenix or Shimano rod, a Body Glove wet suit, a piece of Abel fishing luggage, a pair of Costa sunglasses, and a numbered piece of art work by the famous Chuck Byron. The excite-

Larry Brown cont.

ment builds and they conduct the grand drawing.

So, where does the money go? First, he asks for volunteers to collect the money and pass out the fish tags, which are used as the raffle tickets. He has two volunteers count the money and tell everybody the total. This total is reported to the captain and put in the boat's web report. Within a couple of days after returning home, Larry sends out an email to all passengers, thanking them and copies all of his sponsors and youth program directors at the four charities on the email cc distribution list. At the end of the year, a summary of all the monies collected and distributed throughout the year is emailed to all anglers on his email database, with copies to all sponsors and charities receiving the funds. The year-end summary includes the names and contact information for each of the charities if anybody wants to follow up or donate more money directly. In 2015 Larry collected over \$10,000 from his on-board raffles, all of which was distributed to the four youth fishing programs. Recipients include Friends of Rollo, Marina Del Rey Anglers Youth Fishing Program, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation and the Lori (and Chuck) Byron Art of Fishing Youth Fishing Program. These non-profit groups combine to take thousands of kids fishing every year and during 2015 over 100 veterans were hosted on 6 local one day fishing trips.

On behalf of MDRA, Brown has received grants from The Bay Foundation, National Oceanic and Aeronautics Administration (NOAA) and other corporate grants as well as work contracts with private contractors working for EPA. "This is where the big

money is," said Brown. Historically over 50% of Brown's fundraising has been generated by grants.

"I love to fish and see kids fishing," Brown said. "Kids are so busy watching TV and playing video games and don't know the joy of the outdoors, fishing, hunting and camping. It's sad. It's a shame. I recently added trips for wounded veterans because several anglers on my long-range trips suggested it and it gives us a great opportunity to say thanks and acknowledge the sacrifice each of them has made to protect our country and freedoms. I want to thank and acknowledge the incredible and generous support of all of our sponsors and the generosity of all of our anglers and crew members."

Larry wanted to make sure we give special thanks to each of his sponsors listed in the insert box.\*

Brown has 7 charters from 5 days to 16 days on the Red Rooster, Intrepid and Royal Star. If you would like to become a sponsor or join one of his charters contact him at [larrybrownzz@roadrunner.com](mailto:larrybrownzz@roadrunner.com)) or call one of the boats directly.



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Long Range On-Board Raffles 2008-2012	\$36,276
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SM Bay Foundation Grants	\$8000
<b>SGA/EPA Work Contracts</b>	500
- Consulting for LosAnglers.com	5,000
- 5/50/500 Contract in 2012	9,000
- 2013 Commitments & Surveys	7,200
- 2014 Contract	
<b>NOAA/MSRP Grants</b>	10,000
- Grant 2012	10,000
- Grant 2013	15,000
- Grant 2014	15,000
- Grant 2015	
<b>Other</b>	10,000
- Heroes Program 2013-2015**	\$160,206
<b>Totals</b>	

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# HISTORY OF FISHING HOOKS

## part 2

By Tom Speirs

The first direct antecedent of our fish hook was a device that archeologists call a gorge. These were bits of spindle shaped bone or wood that was notched in the center so a line could be tied to it. A gorge was shoved into a chunk of bait, the fish was allowed to swallow it, and when the line was yanked, the gorge set cross-wise inside the fish and he was hauled in. One of the earliest types of gorge was unearthed 22 feet below the surface in a peat bed in the valley of the Somme in France. It is believed to be about 7,000 years ago.

Turning to more modern times we find many examples where native peoples recently used relative primitive fishing equipment. The Eskimos and the bushmen of South Africa were using the gorge even in very recent times. In 1846 Canadian Ojibway people were still known to be using gorges. In fact, there are contemporary examples of all stages of the development of the hook scattered over the earth. South Sea Islanders were making hooks from bits of common wire that were in use when our armed forces visited the Islands while fighting World War II. These are as crude as the earliest single barbless wire hooks unearthed by archeologists. In some localities a modified gorge had been used to catch eels in the twentieth century.

The progressive development of the hook is seen in artifacts left by the cultures that lived in the Swiss Lakes country. Once this culture began to work with bronze they designed a metal gorge. It was a wire, straight on either side, but with a little hump in the middle where the line was attached, and merely another gorge. This is known as a bricole.

The next change was to give a slight curve to the wire arms of the gorge. This is the beginnings of the curve that was later to shape into a hook. Then some ancient artisan twisted the wire so an eye was formed in the center. It was just a step from that to lengthening the two arms of the gorge, making the curve greater, and the shaping of a definite hook on either side of the central eyelet.

Archeologists believe that the idea for making a barb on the hooks was derived from the spear. Barbs gave the hooks more holding power just as a barbed point was harder for an animal to dislodge. The ancient bronze hook, single and barbed, is in its shape and design the

same that we use today. The people who built their houses on pilings above waters of the Swiss lakes and fashioned hooks from bronze are believed to have lived there at least twenty centuries ago. The Egyptian barbed hook was in use before this time but the artifacts from the Swiss lake dwellings present a nicely documented series of changes from gorge to single hook. This process was likely repeated in other cultures, with development of the various next-steps dependent on factors like contemporary technological development, lifestyle, and interactions with other societies.

Sport angling in England began to take hold after Dame Juliana wrote, "The Bake of St. Albans" in 1486. We can speculate that with increased interest in sport angling there was a greater demand for a supply of hooks to meet the developing market. The craftsmen best able to produce quantities of hooks at that time were needle makers. Hooks are essentially bent needles fitted with a barb.

The first mention of the use of steel to make hooks is in *The Treatyse of Fishing with an Angle*, published in London in 1496. Steel had been known for a very long while by then, but until the blast furnace was invented in the early 15th century, most of it was quite soft, apart from small quantities produced from precious Swedish 'osmund'. The author of the *Treatyse* gave a very detailed description about how to make spade-ended hooks from square needles and unless a reader knew a friendly blacksmith, he would have had no choice but to follow the instructions, because tackle shops lay several hundred years in the future. In practice, local communities were quite well set up when it came to meeting their own needs, but a book like the *Treatyse* must have come in uncommonly useful when it came to explaining how a hook ought to look.

Hooks first became available in British tackle shops in the seventeenth century. Although the general standard of hooks was miles better than it had been when the *Treatyse* hooks were made, the quality was still pretty low by modern standards, but everything changed when Charles Kirby set up his shop in Harp Alley in London in 1650. Kirby sold the best hooks on the market for decades and didn't lose his advantage until the crucible



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process that he almost certainly used became widely known. Outside the capital, it was much harder to get hold of good quality hooks, but by the eighteenth century the situation began to change and Kirby hooks were being exported around the globe in competition with many other suppliers.

By 1823, there were 17 firms of hook makers in Redditch alone and in their attempts to rival each other and competitors in Aberdeen, Dublin, Kendal and Limerick, a wide range of different patterns had evolved some of which survive yet: Needle point; Round bend; Sproat; Kendal; Limerick; Aberdeen; Sneck, O'Shaughnessy; Kinsey; and Kirby to name but a few.



Hook making was very labor intensive and the larger companies often farmed it out as piece-work, with local families earning pennies by bending the hooks, while the sharpening and polishing was carried out in nearby mills. Enforcing any kind of quality control in this environment was problematic, the main problem being the unreliability of batch tempering, which meant that anglers had to test every hook before they used it, a source of much annoyance. However, the Norwegian firm Mustad, which was founded in 1876, paved the way for modern and reliable hook production to begin by introducing hook making machines to its factory.

Britain sustained a considerable hook making industry until the late 20th century, when Partridge, the last major player, was taken over by Mustad. Nowadays many of the hooks used by British anglers are made in Japan, a company with as long a hook making tradition as our own and one that has been rather better at sustaining it.

We have more hooks from the Bronze Age, which in Eastern Germany extended to the fourth and fifth centuries. Their material being more pliable, they assume lighter and more slender forms; they have as yet no beard; but artificial bait, though in its simplest form, seems to have been employed at that early time. The Historical Museum at Lubeck possesses some hooks which are made of thin bronze leaves with very sharp points. They have probably served as small metal fish. I am in doubt,

however, as to the use of the holes found in pairs in some of them. It seems all the more probable that these implements are artificial bait shaped like fish, as some of the South Sea Islanders were in the habit of employing artificial bait even before they knew the use of metal. In the collection above referred to there is an implement of this kind consisting of a long and narrow piece of mother-of-pearl, to which a hook made of horn is tied firmly.

The oldest iron hooks known are those found in the ramparts of Old Lubeck. As Old Lubeck was surprised and entirely destroyed by Roce, Prince of Rugen, in 1138, and as the new city was not built in the same place, the period from which these hooks date is well defined. The smaller of the two is evidently much older than the larger, and the properties of the metal have been so little utilized as to justify the supposition that this hook dates from the beginning of the Iron Age, while the larger is clearly of much more recent date. Here we find well-known forms reminding us of the hooks which we used in our boyhood's days.



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Jul 30 - Aug 6	<b>Intrepid 7 Day Shared Charter</b> Permits included, no fuel surcharge Target Species: Bluefin, Yellowfin, Yellowtail, Dorado LARRC boat and more slots available	<b>WAIT LIST</b> Cost: \$3,175	Intrepid Sportfishing <a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a> Steve 619-224-4088
Aug 6-8	<b>Pacific Dawn 2 Day Tuna Trip</b> Details: Depart 8pm Aug 8/Return 6pm Aug 10 More Details to Follow Cost: TBA (Gratuities & Snacks included. NOT included in fare: jackpot, parking, fish cleaning & drinks)		Mark Manculich <a href="mailto:mmanculich@socal.rr.com">mmanculich@socal.rr.com</a> 818-613-6575
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Contact Mike Hartt or Ted Feit [LARRC Club Charters in BLUE](#) [Shared Charters in GREEN](#)

# TROPHY WINNERS 2015

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Albacore	25	Earl Warren	24	9
Albacore	30	Earl Warren	25	7
Albacore	60	Earl Warren	26	7
Amberjack	25	Mark Manculich	26	8
Bass, Calico	15	Nick Ekdahl	5	9
Bass, Calico	20	Chas Schoemaker	6	0
Bass, Calico	50	Joel Steinman	5	8
Bass, Calico	65	Mike Godfrey	6	3
Makeral, King	6	Earl Warren	7	6*
Salmon, King	25	Jim Carlisle	45	0*
Sargo	12	Kristofer Ekdahl	2	9*
Sheephead	6	Joel Steinman	8	9*
Snapper, Mullet	25	Earl Warren	21	8*
Trigger Fish	15	Kristofer Ekdahl	2	9*
Trigger Fish	20	Nick Ekdahl	5	10*
Tuna, Bluefin	40	Barry Cohn	41	8
Tuna, Yellowfin	6	Wayne Caywood	18	0*
Tuna, Yellowfin	8	Wayne Caywood	21	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	10	Wayne Caywood	17	8
Tuna, Yellowfin	20	Mike Godfrey	28	3
Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Earl Warren	34	6
White Sea Bass	15	John Ballotti	19	3
White Sea Bass	30	Barry Cohn	37	0
White Sea Bass	60	Jim Carlisle	64	0*
Yellowtail	8	Wayne Caywood	22	0*
Yellowtail	20	Kristofer Ekdahl	38	0
Yellowtail	30	Carl Ekdahl	55	0

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
Tuna, Yellowfin	20	Rob Baldwin	31	0*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	3	Wayne Caywood	6	8*
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Tom Speirs	7	8*
Bluegill	4	Joel Steinman	Released	
Carp, Common	2	Steve Simon	5	15*
Crapple, White	4	Paul Varenchik	2	0*
Trout, Brown	4	Mark Manculich	2	6

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S RELEASED</b>				
Lingcod	60	Donald Goldsobel	Released	
Halibut	80	Phillip Bell	Released	
Saifish, Atlantic	30	Earl Warren	2 Released	
Saifish, Pacific	30	Earl Warren	5 Released	
Tuna, Yellowfin	135	Barry Cohn	288	Taped
Tuna, Atlantic Bluefin	180	Kevin Boyle	850	Taped

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Barracuda, Great	20	Pamela Warren	26	0*
Grouper, Gulf	30	Jan Howard	44	4*
Jack Cravelle	25	Pamela Warren	25	0*
Mackeral, King	6	Pamela Warren	7	8*
Mackeral, King	20	Pamela Warren	25	0*
Rainbow Runner	30	Pamela Warren	10	0*
Saifish, Atlantic	20	Pamela Warren	2	Released

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Saifish Pacific	30	Pamela Warren	5	Released
Snapper, Mullet	25	Pamela Warren	25	0*
Snapper, Mutton	15	Pamela Warren	8	0*
Tuna, Blackfin	20	Pamela Warren	21	0*
Tuna, Bluefin	50	Sophia Huynh	148	6*
Tuna, Bluefin	180	Sophia Huynh	570	0*
Tuna Yellowfin	100	Cathy Needleman	227	0
White Sea Bass	30	Cathy Needleman	41	0
White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	46	0*
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	68	0*
Yellowtail	60	Cathy Needleman	40	0*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
Bonefish	12	Cathy Needleman	9	0*
Humop Humo	12	Cathy Needleman	10	0*
Trevally	12	Cathy Needleman	15	0*
Trevally, Golden	12	Cathy Needleman	5	0*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Peacock	4	Robin Hunter	Released	
Catfish, Channel	4	Robin Hunter	Released	
Steelhead	10	Cathy Needleman	10	0
Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	11	0

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
Amberjack	25	Montana Manculich	38	0*
Bass, Johnny	40	Jesse Nangle	4	2*
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Drew Dickter	4	4
Bass, Sm Mouth	6	Hayden Dickter	2	3*
Bluegill	6	Hayden Dickter	1	8*
Catfish, Channel	4	Avery Carlson	14	0*
Sheephead	20	Jesse Nangle	8	8*
Rockfish, Starry	20	Jesse Nangle	3	6*
Whitefish	40	Jesse Nangle	7	2
Yellowtail	20	Jesse Nangle	9	12

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>				
Yellowtail	20	Jesse Nangle	9	12
21-Mar-15				

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>				
Albacore	25	Earl Warren	24	9
18-Aug-15				



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