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## Fish Trap Lures Sponsors 7-Day Calico Bass Skiff Trip by Jim Carlisle

**S**eventeen anglers left Point Loma Sportfishing on Friday, June 6, on the *Qualifier 105* for a 7-day Calico Bass Skiff Trip sponsored by **Barry Brightenberg** of Fish Trap Lures. Fourteen LARRC members, **John Ballotti, Jim Carlisle, Tom Carlisle, Dan Felger, Karl Forster, Dave Levinson, Eric Rogger, Al Scow, Bob Selvin, Vince Shriver, Brad Stich, Rick Urebe, Jon Varenchik and Paul Varenchik**, were joined by **Barry**, outdoor writer/photographer **Zack Thomas** and **Dennis Saylor**, who has since applied for club membership. Captain **Brian Sims** led the crew of eight including skiff Captains **Tommy, Joe and Cal**.

Saturday dawned breezy and overcast at Isla San Jeronimo, a small, seldom fished (at least by the long range fleet) island about 180 miles south of San Diego. Relatively cold, 56-degree water and little current hampered fishing, but what the island lacked in quantity it made up for in quality. Each 2½ hr skiff run with 3 anglers and a skiff captain produced 10-20 calicos with a solid 3- to 4-lb average. The largest fish of the day was caught by John Ballotti and tipped the scale at 8 lbs. Numerous 5- to 7-pound fish were

also caught. Isla San Jeronimo shows the potential for great calico fishing under ideal conditions.

The south end of Cedros Island was the fishing location on Sunday. The water was a much warmer 65 degrees and the fishing was very good for calicos averaging 2 to 3 lbs. And jumbo yellowtail in the 30- to 50-lb class. The highlights of the day were Bob Selvin's 8¾ lb calico that ended up taking the calico jackpot and a yellowtail of 49.9 lbs by Dave Levinson and 50.8 lbs. by Barry Brightenberg.

On Monday the *Q-105* headed for a spot more often visited by surfers than long range boats, *Isla Natividad*. The northeast end of the island produced outstanding calico fishing from the skiffs as well as the big boat. The surf was up at the southeast end of the island due to a big south swell and provided a great show from the skiffs and the big boat. No one had brought a surfboard so even the surfers on board had to sit back and watch.

Tuesday brought a short run to Chester Rocks. Bass fishing was scratchy during the first run was tough but numerous quality yellowtail were caught topped by a 46.8-pound beauty

## Frank Lo Presti Announced as Feature Speaker for July 30th Dinner Meeting

Long Range Fishing Icon, owner of the 125' *Royal Polaris*, and co-owner with Bill Poole of Fisherman's Landing in San Diego, will visit LARRC club at our July dinner meeting. *Chum Line* has been trying to get some additional biographical material and a picture of the illustrious captain but his office has been elusive. Come to the dinner, get a first hand report from a dynamic person. Reserve now! [larrc.dinnersvp@yahoo.com](mailto:larrc.dinnersvp@yahoo.com) ■

## President's Message

Here we go approaching July already. How time flies! The Kids' Trip is here July 7th, so for all members and their friends please sign up to participate in this, our biggest annual event of the year.

Immediately following there are still a couple of spots available for the King of the Calico tournament on Tuesday, July 8th. Some of our club charters have been lacking participation on the part of our members. Please support our club charters. Thanks and good fishing.

—Paul Varenchik ■

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Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!



## 7-Day Calico Bass Skiff Trip

## Skiff Trip

continued from page 1.

landed by Eric Rogger.

The last day of the trip was spent at Isla San Martin. Bass fishing was scratchy during the first skiff run but really turned on during the second. Eric ended his duel with John Ballotti for the 8-lb test club calico bass record by landing a 6-pounder. In total the record was broken four times during the trip. Meanwhile the big boat fished an offshore hard bottom spot for several big halibut from 17- to 37-pounds, the largest landed by Brad Stich and Jim Carlisle's jackpot winning 50.2-lb white seabass.

The *Qualifier 105* returned on Friday, June 13th with roughly 100 yellowtail, 4 halibut and 1 white seabass.

The author wishes to thank Barry Brightenberg of Fish Trap Lures for extraordinary generosity with his products and knowledge and Shimano, P-Line, Fishworks and Kicker Lures for providing numerous give-aways and prizes that were raffled to benefit the LARRC Foundation. ■

## Marine Mentors: Twice the Fun this Summer

Be part of this unique program on August 4 and 25!

We all remember that special fishing trip. The time when a relative or a friend or just that one real good fisherman invited you along and "showed you the ropes."

On Monday, August 4 and Monday August 25, two groups of youngsters will have that opportunity through the LARRC "Marine Mentors" Program. That's right we have two trips scheduled!

Please make plans to join us on the *Betty-O* at Marine Del Rey Sportfishing on one or both trips to pass along your fishing experience and expertise.

Sign-ups will be available at the July dinner meeting. We are looking for 10 volunteers to work on a 1-on-1 basis with a young person for a truly special trip.

In case you haven't been on the *Betty-O* lately, it was refurbished last year and re-powered this year. In short, the boat is in great condition!

**Please save these dates: Monday August 4 and Monday August 25.** (The trip on the 25th will come in a little early so you can clean up and make the Club meeting that night on time.)

**QUESTIONS? Contact Michael Grossman: 818 343-5588 or Frank Polak: 818 881-8634.■**

## BOARD BUSINESS

by Jim Carlisle

### CLUB PICNIC

The venue of the July 27 Club Picnic is being changed. Since Lake Sherwood could not accommodate the proper number of people, the picnic is being **moved to Sycamore Canyon Beach**. The beach is about 3 miles north of Leo Carillo.

### SKIFF TRIP

The recent skiff trip on the *Q105* was a real success. We are looking into making the trip

a LARRC charter in 2004.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The board is looking for a volunteer to take over the Membership duties from Dan Felger next year.

### INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT

There are still 3 spots available on the October 23 tournament trip on the Aztec. Contact Paul Varenchik if interested.

### MARINE MENTORS

The foundation is hosting two Marine Mentors trips this year. They are on the *Betty-O* out of Marina Del Rey on August 4th and 25th.



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## Membership News

**Dennis Saylor** has applied for active membership. He is a long-shoreman and lives in Long Beach. Dennis Saylor, 3843 Canehill, Long Beach, CA 90808

**Michael Jordan** has applied for non-resident Family Membership. He is an insurance broker with Ogilvy Hills Insurance in Santa Barbara. Michael Jordan 2420 Medcliff Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93102

**LARRC welcomes the following new member.**

Non Resident, **Mark Lemp**, 238 Reavis Place, Webster, MO, 63119 (314) 968-4172, email: [markLmpjr@maridempftw.com](mailto:markLmpjr@maridempftw.com)

## Health, Welfare and Happenings


LARRC would like to offer their condolences on the passing of **Randy Sharon's dad.**

## PAINLESS FISHING

Reprinted from Popular Mechanics 7/03

We haven't asked any trout their opinion, but a study of piscine physiology concludes that fish feel neither fear nor pain when they are hooked. James D. Rose of the University of Wyoming says they lack the parts of the brain needed to produce the sensation that humans experience as pain. When hooked, he says, fish are merely exhibiting flight behavior. They react similarly when water is disrupted by vibrations that they perceive as an attack by a predator. Rose's work was published in the academic journal *Reviews in Fisheries Science*. He emphasizes that being landed is still physically traumatic for fish, hence fish-and-release anglers need to free their catch quickly and gently.

Sent in by Norm Weinstock.  
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## Trophy Winners as of JUNE 24, 2003

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.OCEAN
<b>WATERS</b>			
Albacore	30	Eric Rogger	26
Barracuda	20	Joel Steinman	9 0 *
Bass, Calico	4	Brad Stich	3 0 *
Bass, Calico	6	John Ballotti	2 8 *
Bass, Calico	8	Richard Lapidus	2 3
Bass, Calico	8	Eric Rogger	6 0 *
Bass, Calico	15	Warren Hoberman	6 11
Bass, Calico	16	Al Scow	7 2
Bass, Calico	20	John Ballotti	8 0
Bass, Calico	25	Bob Selvin	8 4
Bass, Sand	16	John Ballotti	6 8 *
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	26 4
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	35 6
Halibut, CA	20	Brad Stich	37 2 *
Halibut, CA	25	Tom Carlisle	26 0 *
Salmon, King	10	Eric Rogger	16 0 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dan Felger	171 3
Wahoo	50	Dan Felger	37 8
White Sea Bass	20	Jim Carlisle	50 2
Yellowtail	20	Michael Lapidus	26 14
Yellowtail	25	Brad Stich	31 3 *
Yellowtail	30	Don Lee	26 3
Yellowtail	40	Paul Varenchik	44 6 *
Yellowtail	50	Don Lee	27 14
Yellowtail	60	Jonathan Varenchik	43 4 *

<b>FLY ROD</b>			
Blue Fish	20	Eli Livnat	5 2 *
Bonefish	8	Raymond Yu	Released
Bonefish	10	Raymond Yu	Released
Bonefish	12	Don Lee	Released
Bonita	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	13 0 *
Cobia	20	Eli Livnat	28 0 *
Dorado	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	15 0
Grouper	20	Eli Livnat	4 6
Sailfish	20	Pam Warren	Released
Sierra	20	Eli Livnat	5 4 *
Skipjack, Black	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	6 0*
Trevally, Blue	12	Don Lee	Released
Tuna, Blackfin	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	25 0 *

<b>FRESH WATER</b>			
Bass, Peacock	20	Michael Grossman	17 0 *
Bass, Striped	2	Steve Greanias	6 8 *

<b>MENS RELEASED</b>			
Black Seabass	20	Barry Cohn	
Sailfish (8)	30	Earl Warren	

<b>WOMEN'S</b>			
Albacore	25	Jan Howard	31 5 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Jan Howard	115 6
Wahoo	40	Jan Howard	35 0 *

<b>WOMEN'S RELEASED</b>			
Trout	4	Harrison Hunter	2 8
* New Club Record			

**First Game Fish of the Year**  
Jim Carlisle—White Seabass, 20 lb.—4-12-03

**First Albacore of the Year**  
Eric Rogger—2-13-03

C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2003

<b>JULY</b>	23	Wednesday
<b>AUGUST</b>	6	Wednesday 21 Thursday
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	17	Wednesday
<b>OCTOBER</b>	8	Wednesday 22 Wednesday
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	12	Wednesday
<b>DECEMBER</b>	10	Wednesday



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.
2. The trips will be planned for local surface calico bass; however, opportunities to fish for exotics, such as white sea bass and yellowtail or salmon, will take precedent. Also, several trips will be for light tackle rockfish and/or halibut at Santa Rosa or San Miguel.
3. Return time will usually be 4:00 - 4:30 PM, but could be earlier or later depending on fishing conditions and weather, and will be determined by the Skipper.
4. Sleeping accommodations will be assigned by the Charter Master. Please note that this boat has 3 staterooms and 7 bunks.
5. This is a 6-pac charter. Loads will be limited to 6 people, including juniors. There will be no over-booking and juniors will pay full price.
6. Cost: \$140 Earlier departures will cost additional.
7. Charter price includes trip, bait, fish cleaning and tips. Not included are soft drinks, beer and food.
8. Reservations should be made through Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave., Northridge, CA 91326. Phone-msg. ctr. 818/366-3300, home phone 818/368-5834, fax 818/366-4945.

LARRC Weekend Charters Aboard the Pacific Dawn

The LARRC has scheduled 5 weekend charters aboard the 60 foot *PACIFIC DAWN*. 3 trips will leave from Captain Hook's Landing in Oxnard and 2 will leave from San Diego. Pat Cavanaugh recently purchased the *PACIFIC DAWN* and is planning extensive renovations, including new sleeping accommodations (20 individual bunks), larger bait capacity, and fish hold. Pat grew up in Ventura County and spent 9 years as deckhand and operator of sportfishing boats in the Port Hueneme, Oxnard and Ventura area. The past six years he has been operator of the *EXCEL*. The details of the charters are as follows:

**SAN DIEGO** *Departure Time:* 11:00 p.m. (Saturday)  
*Return Time:* 7:00 a.m. (Monday)  
*Cost per Person:* \$315.00  
*Dates:* June 28-29, August 23-24

**Other Charter Policies:** 1-Bunks are on a first come basis and cannot be reserved or saved; 2-Charter Price does not include, food, drinks, fish cleaning, tips or Mexican permits; 3-Club members are responsible for the conduct and financial obligations of their guests; 4-The Chartermaster will collect the trip costs at the time of the trip. However, if you sign up you will be responsible for the full amount of the trip cost in the event that you cancel and a replacement is not available; 5-The passenger limit is 15, but the Chartermaster shall have the right to overbook by one; 6-Reservations should be made through Arnold Scherpenborg at 805.376.2227(bus.)805.376.2027 (fax) or 805 857.3171 (home)



Dinner Meetings

July 28

August 25

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

THE VALLEY INN  
 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

July 21

August 18

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Paul Varenchik at 818/285-4645 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

THE VALLEY INN  
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Other Events

July 8

King of the Calicos Tournament

July 12, August 30, September 20

RFA 2003 Calico Bass Classics  
 Call 805 497-2333 for info

August 4 & 25

Marine Mentors' Trips

February 21, 2004

Annual Awards Dinner

Foundation Meetings

September 1st

December 1st

All at 6pm at the Valley Inn

Upcoming Speakers

July 28

Frank LoPreste of *Royal Polaris*

Sept 29

William Boyce  
 Noted OPoutdoorsman

# Kingfisher Charter to Sitka a Great Success

The Kingfisher Charter 5-day trip to Sitka, Alaska, in late June had something special for every angler. Organized by chartermaster **Arnie Cohen**, the players included **Arnie, Phil Bell, Dave Levinson, Jim Magourik, Todd Olsen, John Rhind, Eric Rogger, Sam and Ann Rubinfeld, Fred Trebow, Gerald Steinberg and Sally Vickers.**

Sam caught the largest fish, a 115-lb. halibut. Eric broke the club's 10-lb. test record for King Salmon with a 16-lb. fish. Each angler came close to limiting-out on Kings (one per day, 3 per year) Halibut were plentiful although small by Alaska standards averaging 20-30 lbs. (but the small halibut taste much better.) Silver salmon came in early and provided the anglers lots of Coho. Lingcod were off limits but lots of fun to catch and release. Yelloweye rockfish were also caught occasionally.

The rooms at the lodge were very comfortable and included a beautiful ocean view. The food was delicious and served with a smile. My favorite was a white salmon served with a tasty cream sauce. Every afternoon at 5 pm snacks were brought to the community rooms before dinner and they were exceptional.

The boats (Parker 26' sportfishers) were limited to 4 anglers each and provided great fishing opportunities. Each group had the option of trolling with downrig-



**Sam Rubinfeld with his #115 lb halibut.**

gers, mooching, or a combination of both. The boat tackle was excellent but you could use your own reel if you wanted to (especially if you were targeting a specific line test club record).

I fished with a foursome that included Eric Rogger, John Rhind, Jim Magourk, on the "North Cape" with skipper Frank Moore. We caught lots of Kings, Coho and Halibut. On the second day we caught our limit of Kings early and proceeded to catch and release

22 good-sized Kings within an hour as we tried to catch more Coho.

On the third day we caught 8 halibut in 20 minutes, at a spot called the "Chicken Ranch". That's when we had a double hook-up on the downriggers.

After catching our fish, the skipper brought the fish to the lodge processing facility where it was filleted, flash frozen, and vacuum sealed. Every angler brought home at least one 70-lb. box of fillets.

This was my first trip to Alaska and I was very pleased with the results. As a matter of fact, I bought a 9-cubic-foot freezer to store my catch. I will be back again next year, if all is well, to target that elusive three digit halibut, or that monster King that has my name on it.

*Article submitted by Phil Bell. Fred Trebow and Phil took the pictures.*



**Above: John Rhind with a nice king.**

**Below: Phil Bell with halibut and golden eye.**



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Club Members please note: LARRC guarantees the boat operator the contracted number of passengers and payment for each charter trip. Your commitment to go makes you responsible for your fare and that of your guests.

### QUALIFIER 105

#### 5-DAY CHARTER — July 15-20, 2003

This trip is presently sold out. However, there is always the possibility of a cancellation. If you wish to be put on the waiting list, please contact the Chartermaster, Dan Felger at (805) 370-1632 or dan@dartrealty.net

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### QUALIFIER 105

#### 5-DAY TRIP— September 18 (Thurs.) - 23 (Tues.), 2003

Please don't hesitate to send in your deposit to: Richard Stone c/o Richard Stone & Associates, 22611 Barbacoa Dr., Saugus, CA 91350, (661) 296-6669.

This trip is currently sold out but there are occasional cancellations.

### Albacore on the Pacific Dawn

#### June 28-29 and August 23-23

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### July Humor

Jim and Mary were both patients in a Mental Hospital. One day, while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Jim suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank like a stone to the bottom and stayed there. Mary promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled Jim out.

When the medical director became aware of Mary's heroic act, he immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as he now considered her to be mentally stable. When he went to tell her the news, he said, " Mary, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged because since you were able to jump in and save the life of another patient, I think you've regained your senses. The bad news is that Jim, the patient you saved, hung himself in the bathroom with the belt of his robe. I am so sorry but he is dead."

Mary Replied, "He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry" —Humor sent in by Bert Serden



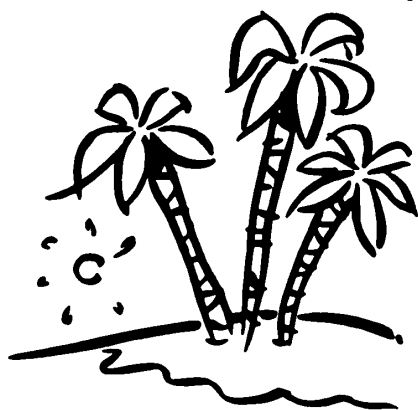


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Matt Alpert  
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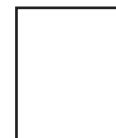
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Brad Stich  
Ben Sussman  
Troy Varenchik  
Earl & Pam Warren  
J. Wyson.

**If you have a Change of mind  
or feel you're on this list in error  
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Treasurer . . . . . John Rhind  
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