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What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



GEARING UP FOR THE ANNUAL KIDS' TRIP

It's July, time for firecrackers, barbeques, and the annual Los Angeles Rod &

Reel Kids' Trip. What takes place in one hectic day takes months of planning and coordination. The children do not magically appear on the day of the event. They materialize through the hard work, and dedication of **Bernice Mahfet**. Bernice contacts organizations that specialize in helping disadvantaged or children in need. Seems easy enough, but it is not. The LARRC board determines the number of kids to invite each year based on the number volunteers that are available. The number of children invited is approximately 300. Bernice contacts organizations large and small to come as close to that number as possible. As you would imagine, there are more children in need than we have volunteers to help. Word has gotten out and there are always more groups wanting to participate than we can handle. Adding to the list of challenges are last minute cancellations, no shows, late arrivals,

where to park 11 or 12 vans or buses, organizing the groups on shore, and finally getting the kids on the boats. Then she does it all over again for the afternoon session. **Hats off to Bernice and her dedication to the kids!**

When the children and deckhands board the boats, the rods and reels are already on board in the rod holders. How they get there involves planning, execution and a work session the day before. **Michael Grossman**, tackle aficionado extraordinaire, works his magic and gets the best possible deals on rods and reels. **Maxima** donated the line, **Frank Polak**, our illustrious Foundation President, manages the tackle, insuring that the club has enough quality tackle to meet our needs. The culmination of all this planning is an all day session the day before the Kids' Trip. Volunteers load the tackle from our storage area and transport it to the landing. More volunteers assemble reels to rods and tie on the terminal tackle. Repeat it 200 times. Anyone who did not know how to tie a Palomar knot or dropper loop at the start of the session is an expert by the end of the day. Everyone has a

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FINAL REMINDER—56TH ANNUAL KIDS FISHING TRIP ALL HANDS ON DECK JULY 10TH!!!

Be at Pierpont Landing in Long Beach, Monday, July 10th at 5:30 a.m. Breakfast. Lunch and Tee Shirts for all Volunteers. Please support this major club effort. Bring friends, neighbors and family members! These trips have resulted in lifelong club members. LARRC invented The kids trips 56 years ago. We're no. #1

For information call:

Steve Simon (818) 980.7470.,

Bernice Mahfet (818)907.7007

Paul Varenchik (818) 521.7261....Be there!

Bill Boyce Headlines July 31 Dinner Meeting

Bill was last with us in September of '03. This dynamic biologist, photographer, sales dynamo, world traveler and conservationist is one of the best speakers on the circuit.

His love of travel and adventure led this Californian to pursue a career in fisheries. Known mainly for his underwater photos—originally taken while he served as an observer on tuna boats—he's also contributed to other efforts including Michael Fowlkes well known TV Show *Inside Sportsfishing*. 16 years into being a biologist saw Bill Boyce in action on many international film expeditions. No doubt he'll be bringing a sampling of his rare underwater shots, one of which should grace a wall in your den! Be there. (www.boyceimage@msn.com)

Reservations: (818) 808-4909 or
e mail: larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com

Qualifier 10 Skiff Trip, June 3-10

by Charles Schoemaker

The annual Qualifier 105 Skiff Trip was a resounding success. Five club members, **John Ballotti, Dan Felger, Eric Rogger, Al Scow and Chas. Schoemaker, plus one prospective new club member, Noah Skultety**—who subbed for Wayne Caywood—were in attendance.

For those not familiar with the trip, 18 anglers depart from San Diego for a seven-day trip on the *Q105*, heading south off the coast of Baja to the area of Benitos and Cedros Islands to target calico bass and yellowtail. During fishing days, the anglers are split into two groups, each with 3 teams consisting of three anglers for the skiff runs. There are



Charles with a nice bass.

two skiff runs in the morning, and two skiff runs in the afternoon, with each group getting a skiff run of approximately 2.5 hours per session. The skiffs target calico bass in the kelp, while the big boat goes searching for yellowtail or bass, depending on the circumstances.

The afternoon of the Saturday departure and most of the following day was a travel day to Benitos, ending in a flurry of yellowtail about 5:30 in the afternoon. An excellent pork loin dinner satisfied the anglers who did not fulfill their craving for yellowtail capture.

A move was made during the night to Cedros,

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great time with **Varenchik** providing lively commentary and non-stop food. If you have never volunteered for this Monday session, you are missing a great experience.

Speaking of food, can you imagine feeding 300 hungry kids? Where do you start? As important, when do you stop? This responsibility falls to our catering guru and past president **Paul Varenchik**. It takes a mountain of burgers, hot dogs, snacks and drinks to feed this ravenous crowd, both on shore and on the boats. Paul goes about his business with a smile ensuring that there are no hungry kids or volunteers. The multi-talented Paul is also responsible for securing the boats needed to take our kids fishing.

The payoff for all this hard work are the smiles, giggles, and laughter heard over and over as the kids experience catching fish. Seeing the expression on their face when you tell them that all the snacks are free, take what they want. Finally, their gratitude as each receives an individual trophy at the end of the day. As you board your boat this coming July 10, please keep in mind all the hard work that went into making the this day so special.

Next month: Marine Mentors Trip—Up close and Personal ■



Loading Skiffs

where the cooperating weather allowed a rare opportunity for the skiffs to fish the weather side of Cedros, a first for the *Q105* skiff trips. Although the day was somewhat windy and cold, it was fishable. Mist and clouds were almost to the waterline,

creating a surrealistic setting. The skiffs were able to navigate very near to the coastline and to engage in a long run to explore this side of the island, examining close-up and personal the ragged and rugged rock lines and caves. One of the 7.5-lb bass was caught during this run.

The following day was spent at Natividad which resulted in numerous calico bass being caught and released. In addition to the skiffs having excellent action, the big boat had its own wide open bite for quality bass.

Wednesday was spent at Chester Rocks. The big boat started out the day with yellowtail chewing on both bait and surface iron. Our morning skiff run was spent at Little Chester and along the beach north of Point Eugenia, which is on the Baja mainland. Wednesday was a windy day, causing cancellation of the afternoon skiff run but there was action from the big boat on sand bass, calicos and barracuda. Barbeque ribs were the dinner entrée.

After dinner the boat moved to Benitos, where dozens of seals crashing around the boat ruled out any chance of fishing at night. The morning skiff run was a picturesque tour between the two islands, through a gap, to fish on the weather side of West Island, resulting in several quality bass in the three-to-four-pound category. Several yellowtail were present in the area but rubber hooks resulted in long releases for the club contingent. The afternoon run produced another round of calico bass for all concerned.

Our last fishing day was spent drifting for halibut in the morning at San Martin Island, where club members accounted for two of the three halibut boated. Those



You made us get up when?

who wanted were able to take a leisurely skiff run through the extensive kelp paddies, picking off and releasing a few more bass before we headed back in for the spaghetti lunch and started the ride home.

Chefs Mark and Ted kept everyone well fed on the long range regimen of three hearty daily meals plus two hot snacks. In addition to those previously mentioned, some of the outstanding meals were the prime rib dinner, turkey dinner with all the sides, and an eggs benedict breakfast.

Big fish of the trip were 7.5-pound calicos caught by Chas and Noah, and several six-pounders by John and Chas. The entire group also had numerous fish in

excess of 4 and 5 pounds. Yellowtail were in the 25-lb range.

Outstanding light line catches included a 3-pound 6-oz. calico bass on 4-pound test by Club President **John Ballotti** and a 3-pound 4-ounce calico on 6-lb test by Chas. Prospective member **Noah** had the trip of a his lifetime, catching his biggest ever yellowtail, 25 lbs., a white seabass (released), a 9-pound sheep head, a big whitefish and a 7.5-lb calico bass.

The **Al and Dan** show provided entertainment for all. The results of the long-standing competition between two of the club's elder statesmen was subject to interpretation, depending upon whether the overall trip was considered or the last several skiff runs were the barometer. Also providing intellectual stimulation during the trip was an ongoing debate regarding the proper equipment for the kelp paddies, with both sides, monofilament line traditionalists versus new breed spectra proponents, being ably represented both in the debate and the results.

Combine great weather with steady fishing, good company and excellent food and you end up with a memorable trip. Next year's trip is filling up fast and undoubtedly will be another success.

The 2007 trip has been scheduled for June 18-23. See page 7 for details. ■



Skiff Driver Eric Weldele with his iron yellowtail

A WHALE OF A SHORT STORY

BY TED FEIT

Newly minted club Member, **Ted Feit** ('05) vacationed in Cabo...and fished! It's hard to tell from these pictures if he was fishing for seals or whales. He writes: A pod of 10-15 Humpback whales had trapped a large school of anchovies and were "bubble-net feeding". This cooperative behavior is unique to humpback whales. Several whales blow a ring of bubbles from their blowholes to encircle and concentrate a school of bait fish. The whales then take turns swimming through the school with their mouths agape swallowing large quantities of fish. About a hundred seals and a hundred birds, pelicans, seagulls, and cormorants—were also gathered to take advantage of the melee. Says Ted: I was the only one on deck so I snapped away.



Trophy Contenders as of June 25, 2006

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
OCEAN WATER				
<i>Albacore</i>	60	Larry Martinez	14	5
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	4	John Ballotti	3	4
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	6	Chas. Schoemaker	3	4
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	30	Chas. Schoemaker	7	8
<i>Cod, Red Rock</i>	30	Barry Cohn	6	0 *
<i>Cod, Red Rock</i>	25	Steve Simon	10	4
<i>Dorado</i>	65	Joel Steinman	19	0 *
<i>Halibut, California</i>	40	John Ballotti	22	0 *
<i>Rooster Fish</i>	40	Charles Schoemaker	35	0
<i>Sheephead</i>	4	John Ballotti	5	7 *
<i>Sheephead</i>	10	Barry Cohn	6	8 *
<i>Tuna, Yellowfin</i>	130	Dan Felger	228	0
<i>Yellowtail</i>	12	Steve Ex	13	4
FLY ROD				
FRESH WATER				
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Joel Steinman	2	11
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Dan Felger	4	2
<i>Bass, Peacock</i>	8	Joel Steinman	2	0 *
<i>Bass, Striped</i>	20	Joel Steinman	13	0 *
<i>Steelhead</i>	8	Bert Serden	12	0
<i>Trout, Brown</i>	15	Don Lee	16	3 *
MEN'S RELEASED				
<i>Bass, Peacock</i>	8	Joel Steinman		
WOMEN'S				
SARDINES				
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Holden Rosberg	2	2
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Ian Sharon	2	13
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Miles Rosberg	2	14
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Miken Rosberg	1	12
<i>Bass, Spotted Bay</i>	4	Jack Uribe	1	3
<i>Yellowtail</i>	20	Christian Hernandez	26	3
* New Club Record				
FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR				
David Levinson—White Sea Bass—17 lbs. 8 oz.				
FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
Larry Martinez—14 lb. 5 oz.				

A CATCH TO NOTE:

The IGFA Report in the June issue of Saltwater Fisherman reports: The Pacific, off Southern California's Doheny Beach produced a 46 pound halibut in February for Julia M Benak of Spring Valley, CA. After the big flatfish clobbered her Yo-Zuri plug, Benak duked it out for 25 minutes on 16 lb line.

C A L E N D A R
LARRC Charters 2006

2006 Weekday Charters on the Sea Biscuit berthed at Channel Islands Landing in Oxnard.

- 1) Usual Departures are 4 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m. (\$130)
- 2) Charter Master will notify of early departures.
- 3) Children are half price with a full-price paying adult. Limit is 12 adults.
- 4) Boarding is open after 6 p.m.
- 5) The boat has a full galley—please no ice chests!

Checks should be made payable to Arnie Cohen. For additional information please call Arnie at 818 368-5834 hm or 818 366-3300 x1221 ofc.

S C H E D U L E :

August 16, Wednesday	October 11, Wednesday
August 30, Wednesday	October 25, Wednesday
September 13, Wednesday	November 15, Wednesday
September 27, Wednesday	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

King of the Calicos Tournament: The King of the Calicos

tournament date has been changed to July 28th. **Current team bragging rights held by Randy Sharon and Brett Goldberg are up for grabs.** The already popular tournament should be even more in demand this year as teams will be blind drawn after the tournament is over. Everyone will have a chance to be on a strong team. 11 two-person teams will compete for the team championship. In addition, there will be cash prizes for the heaviest calico and heaviest individual limit. The largest bass, 7 pounds or over, will also win a custom built rod. Details:

- Chartermaster:** John Ballotti
- Where:** Pierpont Landing (Toronado) Long Beach
- Depart:** Thursday night July 27 around 9 p.m.
be on board no later than 8 p.m.
- Return:** Friday evening, July 28
- Galley:** Open - pay your own
- Cost:** \$150 (includes crew tip and prize money)
- No. of Anglers:** 22 (11 two person teams)
- Cash Prizes for:** Heaviest team weight
(fish limit not fisherman) - \$50 each angler
Heaviest individual limit - \$50.
Heaviest individual fish - \$50.
- Rules:** Detailed rules will be published and distributed before the tournament
- Deposit:** **Because of anticipated sellout 100% deposit is required**
Deposits Made Out to LARRC
Send to John Ballotti at 1739 Andreo Ave. Torrance 90501
Email questions to: john.ballotti@mattel.com



Dinner Meetings

June 26

Next: July 31

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

THE VALLEY INN
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

June 19

Next: July 24

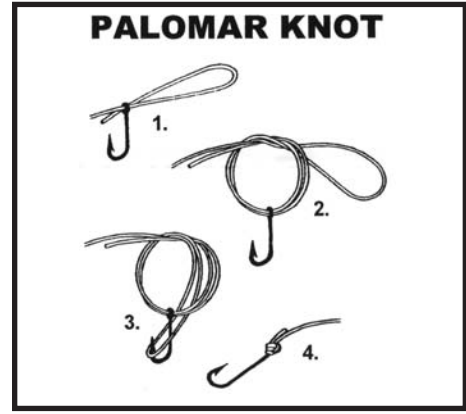
All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Ballotti at 310.252.2258 at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

THE VALLEY INN
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Other Events

- July 10 Annual Kids' Trip at Pierpont Landing
- July 27 King of the Calicos
- August 5 Junior Member Twilight Sand Bass Trip from Marina Del Rey
- August 7 & 21 Annual Mentor's Trips out of Marina Del Rey
- August 13 Lake Sherwood Picnic
- September 8 Volunteers "Thank You" Trip



KINGFISHER LODGE, SITKA ALASKA

By John Rhind



Saturday, June 10th, 17 members and friends of the LARRC flew into Sitka for three days of halibut, king salmon, ling cod and yellow eye fishing. Club members included **Dave Levinson, Fred Trebow, Bob Jones, Arnie Cohen, Ger Steinberg, Sally Vickers, John Vowels, John Rhind, Shelly Fried, Sam Rubinfeld and wife Anne.** Also along were guests **Carlos Perez, Tory Planas, Adam Halem, Ed Peisner, Todd Olson and John Thomas.**

Weather, as always, plays a big part in fishing conditions. Although we got no rain, the wind brought rough seas the first two days. This left a couple of the guests a little green around the gills. Ger and Sally, who have had many years of experience in Sitka felt the fishing might have been a little better if there had been some rain. The team of Levinson, Trebow and Rhind got very lucky on the first day limiting out on both kings and halibut. Ger and Sally, fishing on the *Samantha*, always do well and also limited out on kings and halibut. The other three boats had to scratch hard. The second day found the wind blowing even harder (about 10 to 25 knots). Again, some were able to fill out on kings early and get to the halibut grounds early enough to get set up. For anyone who has not fished halibut in Alaska, it is a lot different than fishing them in Southern California. Usually you anchor in anywhere from 300 to 500 feet

of water and wait for the fish to come to you. This makes it very difficult to hold anchor when the wind is howling severely.


Highlights of the trip included Fred Trebow's 82-lb. halibut, Ger Steinberg's several ling cods caught and released (30" to 40" slot) and Carlos Perez who hung his head over the side of the boat for two days catching his big halibut (60 lbs) on the third day. Local rules require the release of lings that do not fall in the 30" to 40" size. The rumor of the trip was that Todd Olsen had the biggest catch snagging Arnie Cohen falling off an ice chest while examining the backside of his eyelids.

The trip lived up to the club's dedication to fishing, fun, relaxation, and companionship. Dinner time at the Lodge, after a few wines for some of us, was the focal point for solving all the world's problems. With four teachers in our gang we had many funny tales and stories of students, teachers and administrators. We also solved the LAUSD problems although I am not sure how.

A special thanks to Arnie for year after year putting this trip together. Join us next year for what has to be one of most beautiful areas in the world to go fishing.

The 2007 trip will take place Aug. 2nd to 6th. Arnie felt fishing later might be enhanced. ■

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MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS

THESE TRIPS ARE PRIVATE CHARTERS AND THE FULL CHARTER PRICE MUST BE PAID BY LARRC IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. THEREFORE, IF YOU SIGN UP YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TRIP COST IN THE EVENT YOU CANCEL AND A REPLACEMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE. LARRC MEMBERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THEIR GUESTS.

The chartermaster on the Qualifier Trips will be Dan Felger.
ADDRESS: Dan Felger, Dart Realty, 860 Hampshire Road, Suite W,
 Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Dan can be reached at (805) 370-1632,
 (805) 370-1483(FAX) OR dan@dartrealty.net

Qualifier 105 — 8-Day LARRC Charter **9/12-20** **S O L D O U T**

Note: Cancellations Do Occur
 Call Chartermaster Dan Felger for information

Qualifier 105 — 7/12-17 Tuna Charter **S O L D O U T**

The Charter Master on the Pacific Dawn Trips will be James Carlisle. **ADDRESS:** 7128 Seawind Dr., Long Beach, CA 90803,
 (562) 598-0940 H or (320) 332-9770 W or email
jamesnc@earthlink.net Or contact Jan Howard at (949) 837-1431 or email: saltwaterwoman@cox.net

Pacific Dawn — Ltd. Load Trips (15) **-- San Diego—Fisherman's Landing**

1 1/2-day trip Sun. August 27

- 1. Departs:** Saturday, August 26 at 9 pm.
- 2. Returns:** Monday, August 28 at 6 am.
- 3. Cost:** \$370 *includes permits, plus fish cleaning, food, fuel surcharge if any, 15% tip.
- 4. Deposit:** 50% to reserve, balance due 7/15.

Make all Checks Payable to LARRC. NOTE that Cancellations Do Occur. Call Charter Master for Latest Standby Information.

RED ROOSTER III

4-Night Tuna Trip

SAN DIEGO—July 8th-12th

8 SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME...Price is \$1245

RED ROOSTER III

4-Night Tuna Trip

SAN DIEGO—Sept. 5th-9th

12 SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME...Price is \$1190

Note: Cancellations Do Occur

Call Chartermaster Arnie Cohen for information
 home 818 368-5834
 office 818 366-3300 ext 122

2007 QUALIFIER 105 Skiff Trip **Announced**

The Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club has chartered the Qualifier 105 for a 2007 skiff trip. The dates selected are 2 weeks later than previous trips, which should mean better weather and fishing. The details are as follows:

- 1. The dates are Saturday, June 18 - June 23, 2007**
- 2. The cost is \$2175 per person.**
- 3. Limited load of 18. Charter Master may overbook by 1.**
- 4. Not included: drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning, tips and Mexican permits, jackpot and fuel surcharge.**
- 5. A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with an initial deposit of \$575. Subsequent deposits of \$400 each will be due October 15, 2006, January 15, 2007 and April 15, 2007. Check to be made payable to LARRC & sent to Dan Felger. See policy message above.**

COME AND JOIN THE QUALIFIER 105
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LARRC GOES KAYAKING.....

We are planning the first Annual LARRC Kayak Trip—July 16th at 9 a.m. from Huntington Harbor. Kayaks can be rented at Sunset Yacht Sales. One day rentals are: Single \$20, Double \$30, Triple \$40, Quad \$50. For information contact Jim Carlisle at (562) 598-0940 or email: jamesnc@earthlink.net, or Steve Simon at (818) 980-7470 or email: simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net

Health, Welfare & Happenings

Phil Bell slipped and fell on the R&R out of Marina Del Rey. It appears that he tore some knee ligaments and a fire dept. boat took him off the boat. He's had surgery and is looking at a 12 week recovery in a cast cum therapy period. Speedy recuperation!

Albert L. Friedman passed away May 28th. Father of well-known **Phil Friedman** media person (976Tuna). The club sent a donation on his behalf to The Christian Rodriguez Fund, a charitable cancer fighting organization.

Otto Painter broke a leg. The club sent their best wishes!

Al Scow, who's been pulling on too many 200-lb fish has shoulder arthroscopic surgery scheduled for the end of this month. We wish you a speedy recover!

Sally Vickers has suggested a new column. If people would send in their best-ever fishing stories it might turn out to be very funny/interesting. If you are interested in doing a story please communicate with me...Sally why don't you write the first one? Contact **Eric Rogger** (310) 476-5936 or email: wstridge@aol.com

Frank Polak reports on Foundation happenings....**We need more volunteers for the July 10th Kids Trip.** A purchase of 75 new Penn spinning reels have been acquired with the help of **Mike (Hawk) Grossman**. **Will Ebersman** has suggested the Foundation might improve their donations by investigating grants—by attending a grant writing class and soliciting large corporations. Jack Genero is looking into airline tickets, hotel stays and other non-tackle donations for next February's auction.

The DFG has initiated checkpoints to enforce current abalone restrictions. They announced that 1112 persons were contacted (i.e. stopped), 79 abalone confiscated and 66 citations issued. There is no commercial harvest of abalone and the state has banned all abalone harvests south of San Francisco since 1997.

New Twilight Trip Endorsed by Board

The board has opened the Club's junior member twilight sand bass trip scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5 to ALL Juniors, not only junior members of the club as was originally intended.

The 65-foot R&R has been chartered out of Marina Del Rey Sportfishing for this twilight trip leaving at 4 p.m. and returning about 10 p.m. There will be a limited load of 40Mm. Cost is \$50 for members, who must be accompanied by at least one junior (under 16). A member can bring up to three juniors (under 16) for FREE. Other adults are also \$50. Includes the full cost of the galley and crew tip to be paid by the club!

DIRECTIONS TO MARINA DEL REY AVAILABLE ON THE NET:
http://www.marinadelrey_sportfishing.com/

PARKING WILL BE AT DOCK 52.

MAIL CHECKS TO:

Bob Selvin, 10820 Holman Ave #301, LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

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April 2006— Kids Trout Derby

July 10, 2006— Kids Trip

August 7, 2006— Mentors Trip

August 21, 2006— Mentors Trip

For further information contact:

Steve Simon at 818.980.7470

email: simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net

or

John Ballotti at 310.618.2004;

email is sueballotti@mindspring.com

THANK GOODNESS FOR THE LARRC

By Paul Varenchik

It's Tuesday morning June 6th, 4 a.m. and LARRC members meet at the Valley Inn. To be joined by **Bob Selvin**, who organized this adventure, were **Steve Simon (The Chauffeur)**, **Paul Varenchik**, **Michael Godfrey**, and **Andy MacDonald**.

We arrived at Redondo Sportfishing at 5a.m. ready for the day *Spitfire* run to Catalina. Tanks were full of squid, sardines, and anchovies. The prior day—Monday—had a decent count for 25 anglers of 10 yellowtail to 25 lbs. and limits of calicos. The title of this story is "Thank Goodness for the LARRC" for the simple reason that it being a 2-for-1 day on the *Spitfire*, we five fished along 71 other anglers.

With the 18" allowance at the rail we had to fish standing sideways!!! Total Count was 5 yellowtail and 200 bass but no place to sit down and relax!!!

Thanks to Bob for putting together such a wonderful experience, one that we'll never forget. ■

ABALONE SPARKS AIRPORT SCARE

Guangzhou, China 5/16—A man wearing dried abalones around his waist caused a stir when security guards at China's Guangzhou airport mistook them for homemade bombs.

Guards stopped a Vietnamese passenger with a suspicious bulge around his waist as he was preparing to board a plane home last Thursday, China Daily reported on Tuesday.

He turned out have more than 11 lbs of the dried shellfish tied around his waist.

The passenger explained that his checked luggage was already overweight, so he just tied on the shellfish. He said he liked to drink abalone soup! ■

LOOK WHO IS PAYING ATTENTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT!!!!

A recent meeting of principals of the long-range boats resulted in an official declaration entitled "Ethics of Long Range Fishing". *Qualifier 105, American Angler, Excel, Independence, Polaris Supreme, Red Rooster, Royal Star, Searcher, Spirit of Adventure, Vagabond, Royal Polaris and Shogun* participated.

To encourage responsible angling and promote a positive image of the sport, the following standards were adopted:

- Minimum Sizes for Yellowtail, Dorado and Grouper are 28".
- Minimum Sizes for all tunas is 24".
- Sailfish, Marlin, Sharks and Black Sea bass will all be released unless mortally wounded.

Mexican Fishing Regulations:

- Total of 30 Fish on trips 3 days or more.
- No more than 15 of any one species except for dorado a total of six. Note that if you take six dorado they will count as 15 towards your total limit of 30 .

Anglers are asked to fish responsibly and practice catch and release. ■

Computer Literacy:

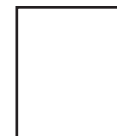
A woman customer called Cannon help desk about a problem with her printer.

TECH SUPPORT: "Are you running it under windows?"

CUSTOMER: "No my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window and his printer is working fine."

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