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What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

July and August are two of the busiest months of the year for our club. It all starts with our Annual Kids' trip on Monday,

July 9th. Over 200 youngsters will experience first hand the fun and fellowship of ocean fishing. New this year is the elimination of the afternoon session and the opportunity for the kids to catch, photo and release their fish. As always, this event is volunteer intensive but this year it is more so. We have added a fifth boat in order to accommodate the same number of kids in a half-day session. If you are reading this and have not volunteered, please give us a call, as your support is most welcome. Later in the month, the ever-popular 5-day tuna trip will take place. If as successful as years past, this year's trip is sure to bring home many fish tales and unforgettable moments. The July 30 dinner meeting will feature our junior members. Last year's event was a tremendous success. This year we plan to start one half hour earlier and feature a magician as our guest speaker.

August is shaping up as the busiest month of the year, as two junior events, two marine mentor trips and our annual picnic round out the

month. On tap for our junior members is a half-day ocean fishing trip and a surf-fishing event. The two marine mentor's trips on August 6 and 20 provide an opportunity to partner one-on-one with a deserving child. The annual family picnic at Lake Sherwood is an excellent opportunity to introduce family members to other club members in a relaxing fun-filled atmosphere. I hope to see everyone there this year.

None of the mentioned activities happens by themselves. It takes a cadre of dedicated and hard working individuals to plan, organize and execute each event. The club is fortunate to have such individuals and I would like to thank every one of them for their service. Without them, we would be just an ordinary fishing club, not the extraordinary community service and fellowship organization that we are. ■

SPECIAL NOTICE!
Due to vacation
schedules, the dead-
line for submissions
for the August
Chum Line will be
JULY 23rd.

Magic Man Appears for July 30th Dinner Meeting

AND NOW SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, UNIQUE AND INCREDIBLE!!!



Mel Stein at his favorite fishing spot. Here he caught many fish including a 42" Fresh Water Tuna - a record!

A fish(y) story. Our special guest speaker for the July meeting is a man who ran away from the circus to join a fishing family. Come hear this remarkable story on the magic of fishing, find out just what happened that made fishing so enjoyable and magical in this world. Bring your kids to this unique meeting of LARRC and discover what it is about fishing they really like. Magical illusion intertwined with larger than life fish tails and fish tales. Don't miss this meeting! Come witness the magic of Amusingly Amazing Mel Stein. You will be impressed. ■

The Fishing Environment: Articles of Interest!

ALBACORE

After more than 30 years in the "no daily limit" category of California sport fish, albacore will gain some protection. New regulations for 2007 impose a daily limit of 25 albacore per person for anglers fishing out of ports from Point Conception (near Santa Barbara) north to the Oregon Border. The state of Oregon also has a 25-fish daily limit on albacore. From Point Conception to the Mexican border, the daily limit drops to 10 albacore. Anglers in Mexico can keep five albacore a day. (Maximum total of 15)

Albacore catch rates always fluctuate, but plenty of longfin remain in the north Pacific. The American Fisheries Research Foundation says, albacore populations declined from 1977 to 1991, primarily because of the mortality of high seas driftnets. Recovery began in 1992 when the United Nations banned such nets. Since 1999 the fishery has been producing at the same peak levels recorded before the decline. California's statewide party-boat catch exceeded 250,000 in 2002; this figure does not include fish caught on private boats.

Source: *Saltwater Fisherman* 6-07

A study cited in *National Fisherman* notes that albacore caught above 40 degrees N have a fat content of 13 to 19%. Those caught below this latitude (i.e. California) have a lower fat content of less than 10%.

BAJA FISHING

Two prior Mexican Presidents

opposed passage of the NOM-029-Pesca-2006 regulations. Colloquially referred to as the Shark Norma regulations this law has now gone into effect as of May 15th. It was originally designed to prevent the overexploitation of sharks and rays. A closer look shows that it will have an opposite effect on the fishing environment. Sponsored by commercial fishing interests it has been vigorously opposed by the tourist industry of Baja.

Three major flaws in the law are listed on an e-mail received by Chumline.

- 1) By-catch of commercial boats is not restricted. They may keep the 60-80% bycatch of incidental catch.
- 2) Protected zones have been reduced. Current regulations prohibited commercial fishing vessels from entering a 50-mile zone. Commercial boats up to 30' can now come within 10 miles of shore in the Sea of Cortez and within 20 miles of the west coast of Baja.

- 3) Permits already issued are estimated at 4,200. Legally, it will take 1 yr. to make changes.

LARRC club members who are interested in learning more details can access: minerva@minervas.com or info@seawatch.org

WEBMASTER

Joel Greenberg suggests that LARRC members interested in following the MLPA process go to:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/index.html>

You can also partake of webvideo transmissions by going to

<http://www.cal-span.org/>

Finally, lots of information is available through the California Fisheries Coalition (CFC) at

<http://www.cafisheriescoalition.org>

FISH AND GAME ANNOUNCEMENT

The California Fish & Game Commission has a new member: No Comments Needed!

MIKE SUTTON - FORMER DIRECTOR AT MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM. ■

A Bit of Humor

Submitted by Arnie Cohen

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car. Both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red but they just went through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!!

Mildred turned to her and said: "Oh crap, am I driving?"

Trophy Contenders as of JUNE 25, 2007

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					
Barracuda	10	Larry Martinez	8	5	*
Bass, Calico	8	Joel Steinman	7	3	*
Grouper	40	Paul Varenchik	35	0	
Halibut	4	John Ballotti	6	4	*
Perch, Rubberlip	15	Steve Simon	2	7	*
Salmon, King	25	Al Scow	37	0	
Seabass, White	30	Joel Steinman	16	0	
Shark, Thresher	80	Joshua Burnham	211	0	*
Sheephead	20	Michael Feinberg	14	7	*
Sheephead	25	Paul Varenchik	14	0	*
Yellow Eye Rock Cod	100	Al Scow	22	0	*
Yellowtail	40	Larry Martinez	36	0	
FRESH WATER					
Bass, Large Mouth	2	Jason Fleck	4	1	*
Bass, Large Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	3	1	*
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Andy MacDonald	3	8	
Bass, Large Mouth	12	Jason Fleck	6	6	*
SARDINES					
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Olivia Sharon	2	5	
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2	2	
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Holden Rosberg	2	0	
Whitefish	30	Christian Hernandez	6	7	

* New Club Record

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

Joel Steinman

May 16

White Seabass, 16 lbs.

ALASKAN ADVENTURE REPORT



Sally Vickers-Steinberg, Wayne Noel and Ger Steinberg went up to Kingfisher Lodge, Sitka on June 8, 2007 for four days of fishing with limits every day. The weather was clear, calm and sunny unlike typical Alaska. There was little wind to cause surface chop, so the ride to the fishing grounds was smooth, Alaska Fish and Game modified the take of Halibut downward, as well as yelloweye and lingcod, but our guide Earl, got us all the fish we could use and then some. Our biggest halibut was 90 lbs, taken by Sally. The king salmon ran from 22-38 lbs, and silver salmon were 5 to 6 lbs. The food at the lodge was better than ever and plans to return next year have already been made.

Submitted by Ger Steinberg

2008 LARRC CHARTERS APPROVED BY LARRC BOARD

Please note that three new trips have been booked for the Q105. The usual club rules will apply and 2007 players will have first crack at the spots. More details will be posted in future *ChumLines*.

- 1) **2008 7-Day Skiff Trip**, June 14-21
Charter Master—*John Ballotti*
- 2) **2008 5-Day Tuna Trip**, July 19-24
Charter Master—*Dave Levinson*
- 3) **2008 5-Day Tuna Trip**, September 21-26
Charter Master—*Eric Rogger*



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C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2007



Weekday trips have now been scheduled for the balance of 2007. These will take place from a new landing: Port Hueneme on board the Mirage. This boat has a full galley and sleeps 24. Boarding time is 8:30 pm the night prior to the fishing day. Departure will be 10 pm for the outer islands. Return is approximately 6-8 pm. Cost \$175. Not included: Food, Filleting or Tips. No ice chests please!

The club needs your support for these trips and 15 players are needed to hold the price.

4 youngsters under 16 may come aboard at _ price during the August trip. Please sign up early!

DATES SO FAR ARE:

August 16 (Thursday) and October 17 (Wednesday). For additional information call : Arnie Cohen ; 818 368-5834 or 818 832-2676 (wk).

MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS

Editor's Note: By this time of the year most members have made their long range fishing plans. Please refer to any recent *Chum Line* for the details being omitted this month. Remember if you've signed on you are obligated unless in case of withdrawal a replacement can be found! *Chum Line* notes that most of these trips have been sold out but you can call the Chartermaster if interested.

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Qualifier 105 Tuna Trip, Jul 21-26 | Dave Levinson, Chartermaster (818) 785-1776 |
| Pacific Dawn 1.5-Day San Diego, Aug 26 | *Jim Carlisle, Chartermaster (562) 598-0940 |
| Pacific Dawn 1-Day Oxnard, Nov 3 | *Jim Carlisle, Chartermaster (562) 598-0940 |
| Red Rooster 4-day tuna trip, Jul 8-12 | Arnie Cohen, Chartermaster (818) 368-5834 |
| Red Rooster 4-day tuna trip, Sep 4-8 | Arnie Cohen, Chartermaster (818) 368-5834 |
| Kingfisher Lodge, Sitka, Aug 2-6 | Arnie Cohen, Chartermaster (818) 366-3300 ofc |

* Jim Carlisle reports two vacancies at this time on the 1.5 day trip, August 25th and 7 openings for our final overnight charter out of Capt. Hook's in Oxnard, Nov. 22nd. Call Jim Carlisle for update information at (562) 598-0940.

Dinner Meetings

July 30

Next: August 27

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

July 23

Next: August 20

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 9 Annual Kids' Fishing Trip, Pierpont Landing, Long Beach
- August 12 Annual Picnic at Lake Sherwood
- August 6 & 20 Mentors Kids' Trips
- Sept. 15 Junior Surf Fishing Trip (Contact Randy Sharon or Scott Schiffman)

LARR Club News

Congratulations to Paul and Fancine Varenchik who became grandparents for the THIRD time. Dylan Joseph Varenchik weighed in at 6 lbs 6 oz. Proud parents are Troy and Alicia Varenchik. It happened on 6.6.2007.

Application Received: Dan and Patty Williams. Children Emily (8) and Anthony (6). Application is for Non-Resident Family Membership. Dan is in mortgage sales and resides in Westminster, CA.

Arnie Cohen

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2-Day LARRC Pacific Dawn Trip Nets 29 Yellows for 10 Anglers

LARRC's two-day charter that left Captain Hook's Landing on Sunday night, June 3 was a great success thanks to much better weather than forecast, a surprisingly light load, good fishing and the on-going banter and ribbing between the club's beloved "Sunshine boys" **Dan Felger** and **Al Scow** that kept the humor flowing.

The short summary is that we wound up with 29 yellowtail (obviously going through many more hookups), two big halibut, one black seabass (released) plus one other that totally spooled me on 25-lb. test and a Trinidad 16 reel. Lots of the usual miscellaneous fish were caught as well.

Only 10 anglers were on board when **Captain Pat Cavanaugh** hummed up the engines and got us off the dock around 9pm. In addition to Felger and Scow there were four other past presidents on board, **Sherwood Kingsley**, **Norm Weinstock**, **Mike Godfrey** and this writer. Member **Alan Rishe** and my guests **John Turner**, **Robbie Dean** and **Rosaru Felix** rounded out our group.

We left the dock with a little squid in our tanks and during the usual talk in the galley, Pat told us the destination would be Santa Barbara Island for yellowtail fishing and if the weather held, we would run out to San Nicolas in the late morning. The morning bite was a slow pick and I

think we wound up with 10-12 yellows (all in the 7- to 14-lb. range) before Pat decided to take a shot and run 2 hrs. to San Nicolas. By the time we got there, conditions were poor with wind and swell, so after about half an hour, we hightailed it back to SBI and remained there for the rest of the trip.

That night we got a scoop of squid from the First String and put it to good use on Tuesday when we finished out our yellowtail fishing with 29 in the sack after going through a number of other hookups. Norm Weinstock pulled in a beautiful 32-lb. halibut and Robbie Dean got one in the 20s. Al Scow had the biggest yellowtail in the high teens and was also one of the hot sticks. This writer and guest Rosaru Felix each put six yellowtail on the boat. So between Scow, Felix and myself, we put 18 of the 29 yellows on board.

I believe 28 of the 29 yellows were caught on squid using leadheads or egg sinker or dropper loop rig. I caught one on the iron. Not a single Calico Bass was caught on the trip.

Fortunately, the weather was much more favorable than forecast. Many thanks to Capt. Pat and his great crew for going the extra mile as they always do for us. Blue kept us completely pigged out with his outstanding galley fare.

Submitted by Bob Selvin, Charter Master ■



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According to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the United States imported nearly 27 million pounds of Pangasius from those countries in 2005, worth more than \$23.5 million. In 2006 the volume increased to nearly 66.9 million pounds worth \$82.8 million.

Did you ever see it on the menu?

Source: *National Fisherman* 6/07

Fifth Annual LARRC FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 12, 2007

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Yes! We would like to attend the Fifth Annual LARRC Family Picnic!

Guest Names (please circle Adult or Child)

- 1) _____ (Adult or Child) 2) _____ (Adult or Child)
3) _____ (Adult or Child) 4) _____ (Adult or Child)
5) _____ (Adult or Child) 6) _____ (Adult or Child)

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Fifth Annual
**LARRC FAMILY
PICNIC**

Directions: 101 Freeway to Westlake Blvd. off ramp; south approximately 2 miles to Potrero Road; right approximately 1.8 miles to Stafford; left to guard gate; first immediate left then first left again at Lower Lake Raod; .6 mil to Maid Marion Park (on the left).

Please Note: Lake Sherwood is a private community and the Lake is managed by the Homeowners Association. Fishing is regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game. Anyone attending must be on the guest list no later than July 20th, in order that you name can be registered at the guard gate. If you are not registered you will not gain entrance. Absolutely no alcohol or fireworks.

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email: tpcarlisle@aol.com

LARRC FOUNDATION RECEIVES BIG SURPRISE!!

About two weeks ago **Elaine Berke**, and her son were contemplating Father's Day and reflecting on the past activities of **Louis Berke**, a long-ago member of the LARRC. Louis has passed away but they remembered his love of fishing and camaraderie.

Elaine made a decision. She wanted to do something to honor her husband's memory and especially his love of the ocean. Her son searched the website and eventually they were put in touch with Jack Genero, Chair of the Foundation. Clearly she wanted to do something in memory of her husband. At the next Foundation meeting it was agreed to set up some program to honor Louis Berke.

Jack provided Mrs. Berke with details of our numerous kids' trips and other activities to help youngsters. She chose the annual trout derby for the basis of a \$15,000 donation. **A "big thank you" is owed to Mrs. Elaine K. Berke and the Louis K. Berke family. This generous donation will allow us to continue the program for many years to come. The Trout Derby will now be called the "Louis K. Berke Trout Derby".**

Submitted by: Dr. Jack Genero, Chair of the LARRC Foundation - a 501 ©3 entity!