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Tracer Trip to Clemente Scores an Awesome Variety of Fish by Phil Bell

When **Bob Selvin** announced an opening on the late May, two-day *Tracer* charter, at the April LARRC dinner, I signed up as fast as I could write my check. I had fished on the *Tracer* with Captain Steve last year on a one-day, and was very impressed with the boat and crew.

Both limited the charter to ten players including **Royal MacNair, Mike Godfrey, Stan Snyder, Brad Stich, John Ballotti, Warren Hoberman (Hobie), John Turner, Scott Cohen, and myself, Phil Bell.** After signing in, Bob informed us there would be four jackpots—biggest fish overall, then biggest calico, white seabass and yellowtail.

We left Pierpoint at 10:30 pm and arrived at the backside of San Clemente Island at 3:30 am with the *Tracer's* new diesel engines in very calm seas. Royal

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The next
Foundation
Meeting has
been *Changed* to
**June
19th**

Paul Varenchik's June Message

I do believe that spring is finally here. I have never seen a windier and colder beginning of the year, as long as I can remember. I haven't had a chance to do much fishing yet this year, but am gearing up for the 7 day *Q-105* trip—first week of June—along with my youngest son, Jonny. Last years' trip, saw my older son Troy, nail a 49-lb yellowtail in the weeds at Cedros, needless to say I was a proud father!

With my children getting older, I definitely look forward to the club trips I take

with them.

Speaking of kids, the Club's next big event will be the **Kids' Trip**, on Monday, July 7th and volunteers are still needed for deckhand duties. Please sign up for our most important event of the year. Larry Brown is handling the volunteer signups. He urges all of us to speak up NOW.

Contact Larry at 310/578-2288 or email him at lmbrownxx@earthlink.net. Calm Seas & Tight Lines —Paul! ■

Phil Friedman June 30th Speaker

"The Voice of Sportfishing", Phillip is the founder of 976 TUNA (and 976Tuna.com), the original saltwater fishing hotline and definitive source of saltwater fishing information in Southern California and northwest Mexico. Phillip also writes a regular fishing column for



Phil Friedman

The Daily Breeze

and contributes to a syndicated fishing column for the *Outdoor News Service* (reaching more than 1 million readers). He is the radio cohost of *Let's talk Hookup* (XTRA)

and was the long-

time outdoor correspondent on the *Steam Room* show of radio legend Bud Furillo (KFOX). Phillip's television credits include a hosting role on *West Coast Fishing* (Time Warner TV) along with extensive commercial voice-over work. Phillip was recently honored by the State of California as a "Hero in Education" for his charitable work as the Director of the **976 Tuna Youth Fishing Program**, one of the country's largest kids fishing programs.

Phillip recently organized the largest Sport-Fishing rally ever assembled in California. With only five days to plan for the event in November 2002, over 200 boats and thousands of anglers showed up in San Pedro CA to protest recent fishing closures. Phillip grew up working as a deckhand on open party boats in Southern California and skippered the commercial fishing vessel *Thunderfish*. ■

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Phil Bell with calico.

and I were up early and the only ones fishing at 4 am, in the dark, with Captain Joel of the *Relentless* who was on night watch. We had live squid, but Royal wanted to snag some sardines and small mackerel to expand our bait selection.

After fishing live squid for a while on a dropper loop, I switched to a sardine and immediately hooked up, and I mean hooked up. The fish took me around the boat and spooled 2/3 of my line. An hour later Captain Joel suggested I try handlining the fish because it had picked up a bunch of kelp stringers and I was making little progress reeling in the fish. A moment after Joel started handlining, the fish broke off. I guess it was a large bat ray or shark, but who knows. Bob dubbed it the mystery monster that got away.

By 5:30 am, almost all the anglers were up and fishing for the elusive whites or yellowtail. We caught a vari-

ety of fish including calico bass, sheephead, and barracuda. We also caught DFG throwbacks including

Johnny bass, whitefish, sculpin and rockfish.

Captain Steve tried several other spots heading eastward up the island. Brad caught a nice halibut, Scott—new LARRC member—caught a small white seabass, and someone else got a small yellowtail. Late in the afternoon the conditions were perfect and we had a great calico bite. I caught my largest calico ever, a 6-lb. beauty and thought I had won the C.B. jackpot. Forget about it! An hour later Hobie pulled in a 6-lb, 10-oz monster, a definite contender for this year's 15-lb calico category. Bob, John B, Mike, Royal and John N. caught lots of calicos on plastics, sliding sinkers, and lead heads (especially Bob's painted pink variety)

That evening we had a delicious steak and fresh fish dinner prepared by Chef Matt. Mike G. provided the wine (a premium merlot) and we had New



LARRC jackpot winners



Scott with halibut and seabass.

York cheesecake for dessert. We anchored at Seal Cove for the night.

The next morning, Captain Steve wanted to try a couple of halibut drifts. Brad hooked up the first 'but again and then we had an amazing halibut bite. John B., Royal, Hobie, Stan and myself all caught nice size fish from 8-17 lbs. Then Scott hooked a huge "but" that topped the scale at 28 lbs. We chased yellowtail and seabass the rest of the morning but had no luck. Later we heard that none of the sportboats had a good day on the yellows and white seabass. We made it back to Pierpoint in little over five hours at 6:30 pm. Kudos to chartermaster Bob Selvin, Capt. Steve, the Tracer crew, and all the LARRC anglers for a great trip with an awesome variety of fish. I am definitely signing up for next year.■

ANNUAL "KING OF THE CALICOS" TOURNAMENT

One of LARRC's most fun trips, the annual Bill Alpert Memorial "King of the Calicos" catch and release tournament has been set for departure on Monday night, July 7 at 9 pm from Pierpont Landing on the boat *Aztec*. This date was meant to specifically coincide with LARRC's Annual Kids' Trip so that the players fishing in the tournament would not have to make another separate roundtrip to Long Beach on another day. In addition, Captain Curt Wegner indicated this is absolutely prime time for calico bass fishing at San Clemente Island.

At the time of this writing, there are five teams signed up with a couple of others expected to join in. There is room for nine

teams for a total of 18 players. Right now, the teams are (1) **Bob Selvin and Paul Varenchik;** (2) **Tom Carlisle and Al Scow;** (3) **Phil Bell and Sam Rubinfeld;** (4) **Brad Stich and John Ballotti;** (5) **Dave Levinson and Steve Simon.**

The cost is \$155 and includes \$100 cash jackpots each for the winning team, \$80 for biggest calico

and \$80 for individual top weight for fish caught. This also includes crew tip, but food is extra. Volunteer judges will be Dan "My-hand is-always-out" Fink and calico bass expert John Turner.

If any of you are interested in teaming up, please contact Bob Selvin (310)474-4143 or at rkstbred@aol.com. Checks should be made payable to LARRC and sent to Bob at his address in the club year-book. Bob will attempt to setup a pre-tournament dinner for interested participants after the Kids' Trip is over at a nearby restaurant while the *Aztec* is being cleaned and readied for departure.■





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Trophy Winners as of MAY 24, 2003

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB. OZ.
OCEAN WATERS			
Albacore	30	Eric Rogger	26
Bass, Calico	8	Richard Lapidus	2 3
Bass, Calico	15	Warren Hoberman	6 11
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	26 4
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	35 6
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dan Felger	171 3
Wahoo	50	Dan Felger	37 8
Yellowtail	30	Don Lee	26 3
Yellowtail	50	Don Lee	27 14
FLY ROD			
Blue Fish	20	Eli Livnat	5 2 *
Bonefish	8	Raymond Yu	Released
Bonefish	10	Raymond Yu	Released
Bonefish	12	Don Lee	Released
Cobia	20	Eli Livnat	28 0 *
Grouper	20	Eli Livnat	4 6
Sierra	20	Eli Livnat	5 4 *
Sailfish	20	Pam Warren	Released
Trevally, Blue	12	Don Lee	Released
FRESH WATER			
Bass, Peacock	20	Michael Grossman	17 0 *
Bass, Striped	2	Steve Greanias	6 8 *
MENS RELEASED			
Sailfish (8)	30	Earl Warren	
WOMEN'S			
Albacore	25	Jan Howard	31 5 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Jan Howard	115 6
Wahoo	40	Jan Howard	35 0 *

WOMEN'S RELEASED
* 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

BOARD BUSINESS

by Jim Carlisle

CHARTERS

The board discussed weekend charters. See multiple day page 8 for details.

KIDS' TRIP

More volunteers are needed for deckhand duties.

YEARBOOK 2004

Yearbook 2004 year is still looking for a volunteer host.

AWARDS BANQUET

The annual banquet date has been set for 2004. Mark your calendars February 21—a Saturday—should be on your agenda. Details follow.

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C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2003

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

June 30

July 28

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

June 23

July 21

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 7

Annual Kids Trip

July 8

King of the Calicos Tournament

July 12, August 30, September 20

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

Foundation Meetings

NOTE New Date June 19th

September 1st

December 1st

All at 6pm at the Valley Inn

Upcoming Speakers

June 30

Phil Friedman 967-Tuna

July 28

Frank LoPreste of Royal Polaris

Patagonian Catch of a Lifetime....

New Zealand Fishermen while hunting for Patagonian Toothfish in Antarctica's Ross Sea caught 330-lb. 16ft. colossal squid. "They were hauling in the fish, and they saw this giant thing attacking their catch, so they gaffed it and dragged it on board," said Steve O'Shea, a marine biologist who examined the squid. Only the second of its kind ever caught, the creature has giant tentacles with enormous tooth-like hooks and the largest eyes – they're the size of dinner plates – of any animal.

The fishermen gave the female specimen to the Te Papa national museum in New Zealand for research. "This is a killer squid" said O'Shea. "From a science point of view, it's absolutely priceless."

Source: Sports Illustrated via Frank Polak

JUNE FINANCIAL ADVICE

In the current economic climate it is wise to follow certain investment guidelines. These were sent to *Chum Line* by a member who chose to remain anonymous but wanted to share this advice with other LARRC members.

VALUE INVESTING: The art of buying low and selling lower

P/E RATIO: The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing

BROKER: What my broker has made me

STANDARD & POOR: Your life in a nutshell

STOCK ANALYST: Idiot who just downgraded your stock

STOCK SPLIT: When your ex-husband and his lawyer split your assets equally between themselves

FINANCIAL PLANNER: A guy whose phone has been disconnected

MARKET CORRECTION: That which occurs the day after you buy stocks

CASH FLOW: The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet

YAHOO: What you yell after selling it to some sucker for \$240 a share

WINDOWS 2000: What you jump out of when you are the sucker who bought Yahoo @\$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR: Past year investor who is now locked up in a nut house.

PROFIT: An archaic word no longer in use.

RFA Introduces the F2F in California

While the lawsuit concerning the Channel Islands closures is working its way through the system, no court date has as yet been set, RFA introduced the Freedom to Fish Act in the California legislature, early this session. To our regret this piece of legislation never got out of committee. Club members should know that the following legislators, three from So.Ca. voted against it. State Senators: Sheila Kuehl, Debra Bowen, Byron Sher, Dede Alpert and Tom Torlakson. The freedom to fish act would have required the DFG to prove that recreational fishing was responsible for depletion of certain species before closing any area to sport fishing.

We have not yet heard how this bill introduced in other coastal states has fared. These are New Jersey, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington. Also, RFA hopes to make a national f2F act part of the Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization. Stay tuned!!

A RECORD TO NOTE

The IGFA Reports on a tuna catch out of Cape Lookout Shoals, North Carolina, in February, when Alan Elenson of Miami Beach, caught a 248 lb. bluefin on 20 lb. line. Elenson brought the fight to a close in just 40 minutes.



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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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Home: 818 368-5834

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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.**

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LA PAZ TRIP being planned

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Albacore on the Pacific Dawn

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Make Mine Rare

The Seamen's Institute of New York has added Norwegian whale meat cutlets to its daily menu. Introduced in 1951, they have met with wide acceptance in the finest restaurants. Surveys peg the potential US market for whale meat at 10 million pounds. Supply, not demand is said to be the problem. A whale steak large enough to feed three people retails for 85-90 cents. "It compares favorably with beef tenderloin," according to the Maine Coast Fisherman.

Source: National Fisherman 2/03

ISLAND TAK SCORES White Sea Bass

The water was rough but the fishing great on the *Island Tak* out of Cisco's Landing in Oxnard. LA Rod & Reel Club guys limited out (1 WSB per angler) on the giant croaker while fishing Anacapa Island at the end of April. This trip was organized by Chartermaster **Mike Grossman** and limited to eight anglers. **Phil Bell**, who signed on at the last minute because of a cancellation, won the WSB jackpot with 27.9-lb fish. He caught the croaker on 25-lb. test using a Pro-Gear reel and Kencor rod.



Group on the Island Tak

Skipper **Steve Kelly** metered the fish around 7 am in very rough water near Arch Rock about an hour after anchoring near the island. Soon afterward Captain Steve yelled, "Fish on the meter.", and half the guys were busy as their rods went bendo and their reels worked overtime. Within an hour everyone had caught a fish. Deckhands Johnny and Steve did a great job on the gaff and didn't lose a single fish.

I was very impressed with Captain Steve's uncanny ability to find fish in extremely adverse conditions and his patience at waiting until the fish showed on the meter. The fishermen also deserve kudos for hanging in and hanging on with good humor until the fish bit.

A short time later we fished for



Mike Godfrey with white sea bass.

calicos in somewhat calmer water. **Dirk Perriseau** caught a 3-lb-plus fish to win the calico jackpot but the fishing was scratchy at best. Because of the

rough conditions, the group decided to call it a day early and we were back at the dock by 12 noon. Just another great day on the *Island Tak*.

Article by Phil Bell (again!)
Photos by Mike Grossman

FORUM STUDIES SOLUTIONS TO STOP LONGLINE BY CATCH

Longline fishermen, biologists and environmentalists from all over the world gathered at Honolulu in November at the Second International Fishers Forum. Forum attendees convened to discuss ways of preventing seabird and sea turtle bycatch.

There are 18,000 longline boats, including 120 Hawaii longline vessels, fishing the Pacific Ocean. Nearly 2800 longline vessels fish in the Atlantic and

there are 200 fishing the Antarctic and another 200 in the Indian Ocean. Bycatch regulations have threatened fisheries world wide and nearly closed longline fishing in Hawaii in 2000.

Bycatch solutions suggested were weighted fishing lines which sink the line below access to seabirds, also shown was the ARC Dehooker. It is meant to remove hooks from sea birds and turtles without taking them out of

the water. The goal of the Western Pacific Fishery Council (WPMC) was to find solutions to the problems of longline bycatch. Conference attendees passed a resolution for an international plan of action to reduce the number of seabirds and sea turtles accidentally caught by longliners.

Source: *National Fisherman* 2/2003

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