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Potential Yellowtail Record Set on Qualifier-105

Passengers on the long range boat *Qualifier 105* are quite familiar with crewman **Tommy Lambert**. He is helpful and pleasant as far as LARRC members, who have fished with him, are concerned. Tommy was on a trip off Guadalupe Island, some 220 miles south of San Diego when passengers were taking a break. He grabbed a heavy rig, pinned on a sardine on a dropper hook and sent the offering toward the bottom with a pound of weight. The bait quickly met its fate, and just eight hard fought minutes later, Lambert muscled a 91.6-pound California yellowtail over the rail. Lambert, a licensed Captain, had borrowed another crewman's rig: a heavy duty Calstar 660XXH Tuna stick and a Penn 50T reel spooled with 80lb Trilene Big Game Mono. If approved by the IGFA, Lambert's trophy will break the current all-tackle world record for California Yellowtail, which stands at 88 lbs, three ounces, a fish caught in 2000 by the late Ronald Fuji while fishing at Alijos Rocks (farther south off the coast of Baja) aboard the long range sportfisher *Shogun*. ■

Source: *SWSportsman* 3/2004



Qualifier 105 crewman, Tommy Lambert, with his 91.6-pound California yellowtail.

Program Chairman Announces March 29 Speaker

Our speaker for the March dinner meeting is the venerable **Ray Lowry**. Currently Ray is with Outwest Marketing, the manufacturer's rep for Mustad Fish Hooks and Seeker Rods plus other lines too numerous to cover here. I've asked him to both show and demonstrate the new Ultra-Point Hooks that I am really impressed with. Those wacky Norwegians have come up with a new way of finishing and tempering their hooks that make them the sharpest and strongest in the market place. The other hot trick is they stay sharp, but don't take my word for it, come see for yourself.

Ray, himself is a veteran of many long range trips, and can answer many questions regarding same. Looking forward to seeing you there. —Dan Fink. ■

Achtung, Attenzioni, Aviso, Attention LARRC Members!

Address changes, corrections, deletions, additions etc. should be called to the attention of **Tom Carlisle, LARRC membership chair.** (310 541-8263) e-mail: tpcarlisle@aol.com

The current mailing list is based on the 2004 year book listings. If you elected to get your *Chum Line* via the LARRC Web Site...don't look for it in the mail. ■

BOARD BUSINESS

by Jim Carlisle

KIDS TROUT FISHING AT HANSEN DAM. APRIL 2ND

Steve Simon reported that about 40 volunteers would be needed since this is a different group of kids than on our July 12 outing. These are developmentally disabled children who need one on one mentoring. A very rewarding experience awaits you if you sign up to help. Call Steve at 818 980-7470. E mail: simon-murphy08@aol.com.

CLUB JACKETS

FRANCINE VARENCHIK notes we need to sell two more club jackets before ordering.

Health, Welfare and Happenings

Happy Birthday to Michael Godfrey who celebrated his 65th birthday on February 19th.

We wish Arnie Cohen a speedy recovery after rotator cuff surgery. He needs to be able to cast again.

Condolences to the Cronin Family, on the passing of Joe Cronin on Friday the 13th. A cremation was held at Paradise Cove and his ashes were scattered at sea at one of his favorite fishing spots.

The Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation

When our founders established our club in 1950, they formed two separate entities: the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club and the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation.

The Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation is a charitable organization and the primary purpose of the Foundation is to support our annual underprivileged kids fishing trip—which has been going on for the last 54 years.

The Foundation receives its income from cash donations by our members and from grants by outsiders, other charitable donations (Including the Norris Foundation) and from the Los Angeles Fish and Game Commission. Over the last several years, the main source of income to the Foundation has been the auction, which is held at our annual awards banquet. Last year, the Foundation raised the most that it has ever raised in the fifty-four years of existence—over \$14,000. This year, I am happy to report that our auction and swap meet exceeded last year's total, and that we raised over \$16,000. **I wish to give a big thank you to all of you who have made donations to the Foundation**, and a special thank you to **Steve Simon** and to **Joel Steinman** for all of their hard work in making this year's auction so successful.

The Foundation welcomes any kind of donation, including new and used fishing tackle, children's gifts, jewelry and other non-fishing related items. Over the last couple of years, we have sold much of our new and used fishing tackle at the Bob Sands annual swap meet. Steve Simon came up with the idea of selling the tackle at the swap meet, and he has been in charge of this event. Thanks to his efforts, and the other volunteers who helped out at this event, we raised approximately \$3000.

Our goal at the Foundation is to not only raise the money, but to use for the purposes that our foundation was established. Over the last year, our foundation has used our money for many worthwhile activities including the following:

- **Our annual underprivileged Kids' Fishing Trip.** Last year, we treated approximately 400 kids to a wonderful day on the water. This year's kids trip will be held on July 12, 2004, and will be **chaired by Paul Varenchik**.
- **Our Marine Mentors' Trips**, where we charter one boat, and take out approximately 15 kids on each trip, with one-on-one supervision. This year we have scheduled two Marine Mentors' Trips for August 2nd & 23rd. Over the last couple of years, **Michael Grossman and Frank Polak** have been in charge of this event which was originated by the late Bill Alpert. Thank you Michael and Frank!
- **A grant to Cabrillo Marine Museum** which has allowed several hundred underprivileged kids to attend the aquarium.
- **A grant to 976-Tuna** in order to pay for several LARRC sponsored underprivileged kids fishing trips.
- **On April 2, 2004, Steve Simon will be in charge of our first underprivileged kids trout derby**, which will be held at Hansen Dam. We have made arrangements to have the lake stocked with trout, and Paul Varenchik has agreed to supply food.

If you would like to participate in any of these events, please give the chairperson a call. Your comments regarding the Foundation will be welcome.

—**Randy Sharon**, Chairman, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation ■

MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2004

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. (Italics indicate private i.e. not LARRC charter.)

ALASKA – KINGFISHER LODGE

June 3-7, 2004

Charter Master Arnie Cohen advise that this trip only has one remaining spot. Call Arnie at 818 366-3300 or home 818 368-5834 for info.

QUALIFIER 105—Baja Skiff Trip

7-DAY TRIP—June 5-12, 2004

THIS TRIP IS SOLD OUT—To be placed on standby or if you have questions, call Dan Felger, Chartermaster 805 370-1632.

QUALIFIER 105—Albacore/Bluefin Trip

5-DAY TRIP— July 14-19, 2004

Departs: NOON, July 14

THERE ARE 2 OPENINGS—

Call Dan Felger for details 805-370-1632.

QUALIFIER 105—Tuna/Yellowtail Trip

5-DAY TRIP— September 9-14, 2004

Departs: noon Sept. 9th. Price is \$1850.

THERE ARE TWO OPENINGS—Call Sherwood Kingsley for space, 310 836-3934 - FAX 310 836-9352.

RED ROOSTER

4-DAY TRIP:

Departs: Saturday, July 10 at 1pm.

Returns: Wednesday, July 14 at 9am.

Cost : \$1185/Send \$200 deposit to reserve spot

3-DAY TRIP:

Departs: Wednesday September 8 at 1pm.

Returns: Saturday September 11 at 9am.

Cost: \$840/ Send \$100 deposit to reserve spot.

Included are stateroom, food, snack & bait. Not Included: Tips, beer soda, licenses, surcharge if any, filleting & Jack Pot

For additional information and reservations please call Arnie Cohen Home # 818 368-5834 Work # 818 366-3300 ext.1221. The Red Rooster website is: www.redrooster3.com

BOB SELVIN CHARTERS

Contact Bob Selvin for information regarding these trips (310) 474 4143

QUEST—Trip #1

3-DAY SIXPACK TRIP—May 1-4

TRACER—Trip #2

10 PERSONS—May 31 (PM)-June 2

QUEST—Trip #3

6-PASSENGER, 7-DAY SKIFF TRIP—Sept. 9-16

QUEST—Trip #4 Tuna

2-DAY FULL MOON, SIXPACK TRIP—Oct. 24-26

PACIFIC DAWN—16 passenger Limit

From Captain Hooks Landing; \$135, food not included

Departs: Fri., March 13, PM *9 spots available

Returns: Sat., 4 pm

Departs: Fri., April 9, PM *3 spots available

Returns: Sat., 4 pm

Departs: Fri., May 8, PM *10 spots available

Returns: Sat., 4 pm

PACIFIC DAWN—1-day Trip

From Fisherman's Landing; \$325, food not included

Departs: Sat., Aug. 22, PM *10 spots available

Returns: Mon., 7 am

For information call: Charter Master Arnold Scherpenborg at (805) 857-3171 e mail: Arnold@inlinesheetmetal.com These spots expected to book fast, reserve now!

LARRC CHARTER RULES: The limited load trips usually include food and permits; beer, tackle and fish cleaning (if permitted) are extra. Your commitment to go makes you responsible for your fare and that of your guests. The Chartermaster will require timely periodic payments to be made out to the LARR Club.

C A L E N D A R
LARRC Charters 2004



Dinner Meetings

March 29

April 26

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

March 22

April 19

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Brad Stich 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

March 3-7

Hall Tackle Show, Long Beach

March 17-21

Hall Tackle Show, Del Mar

April 2

Kid's Trout Fishing, Hansen Dam

April 15-18

Hall Tackle Show, Ventura

July 12

Annual Kids Trip, Pierpont Landing

August 2, 23

LARRC Mentors Trips out of MDRey aboard the Betty-0

Chartermaster, Arnie Cohen, announced that our long-time Oxnard, Wednesday charter boat has been sold. **THE PACIFIC CLIPPER TRIPS SCHEDULED, HAVE ALL BEEN CANCELLED.** We are looking at a suitable replacement for the rest of the year.

Temporarily the *Seabiscuit*, out of Cisco's Landing will be used. March 24 and April 15 trips have been booked.

Suggestions will be appreciated.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

Arnie Cohen 818 368-5834 or 818 366-3300. LEAVE A MESSAGE.

LARRC 2004 CALENDAR		
<u>Board Meetings</u>	<u>Dinner Meetings</u>	<u>Foundation Meetings</u>
January 19	January 26	
February 16	February —	February 9
March 22	March 29	
April 19	April 26	
May 17	May 24	May 10
June 21	June 28	
July 19	July 26	
August 23	August 30	August 9
September 20	September 27	
October 18	October 25	
November 22	November 29	November 8
December 13	December —	



A Little March Humor

Little Melissa comes home from first grade and tells her father that they learned about the history of Valentine's day. "Since Valentine's Day is for a Christian Saint and we're Jewish," she asks "will God get mad at me for giving a Valentine?"

Melissa's father thinks a bit then says "No, I don't think God would get mad. Who do you want to send a Valentine to?" "Osama Bin Laden," she says. "Why Osama Bin Laden," her father asks in shock?"

"Well she says, "I thought that if a little American Jewish

girl could have enough love to give Osama Bin Laden a valentine, he might start to think that maybe we're not all bad, and may start loving people a little bit. And if other kids saw what I did and sent valentines to Osama, he'd love everyone a lot. And then he'd start going all over the place to tell everyone how much he loved them

and how he didn't hate anyone anymore."

Her father's heart swelled with pride and said to his daughter: "Melissa, that's the most wonderful thing I've ever heard."

"I know," Melissa says, "and once that gets him out in the open, the Marines could blow the shit out of him."

First Annual Kid's Trout Fishing Trip Scheduled

NEEDED: 25-50 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KIDS FISH AT HANSEN DAM

Place: Hansen Dam – Pacoima

Date: April 2 (Friday) 2004

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

For Information Call Steve Simon (818) 980-7470 ■


Trophy Winners as of February 25, 2004

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	
OCEAN WATER					
<i>Grouper, Black</i>	30	Earl Warren	25	8	*
FLY ROD					
<i>Mackerel, King</i>	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	17	8	*
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	20 Tippet	Earl Warren	(2)	Released	
MEN'S RELEASED					
<i>Marlin, Blue</i>	30	Earl Warren	(1)		
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	20	Earl Warren	(12)		
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	30	Earl Warren	(19)		

* New Club Record



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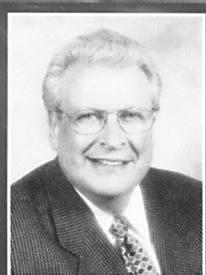
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Four Intrepid LA Rod & Reelers Score on Major Tuna Hunt

Story by Al Scow

The *Excel* returned to the dock on February 28th after another great long range seventeen-day trip. This trip did not exceed the December trip (see Jan. *ChumLine*) in terms of the number of fish over 200 pounds, but was a close second. The boat total of 15 over the magic 200-pound barrier was indeed special. The wahoo fishing on our first day at Hurricane Bank was also outstanding. The “hoos” were attacking anything in the water and the Braid “Betta-Baits” produced for the toothy critters. We had 59 boated before dropping the anchor about 3:00pm. Capt. Shawn Steward then concentrated on tuna. Sardines and a four oz. sinker was the hot bait. A skipjack pinned on a 9/0 or 10/0 “J” hook also worked for those who knew how to fish the large fast swimming baits.

The four LARRC members on the trip were: **Karl Forster, Dan Felger, Tom Carlisle and Al Scow.** We all did well on the trip. The BIG fish honors go to Karl for a 230, second goes to Tom for a 219.9 and third to Dan for 219.7 Yours truly was in the running with 218. All beautiful fish. The boat total was 160 tuna and



Happiness is a 200-pounder! L-R, Al Scow, Karl Forster, Dan Felger and Tom Carlisle.

90 wahoo.

Getting bait at the Point Loma receiver took much longer than usual—over five hours.

A boat that left a day earlier had nearly cleaned out the prime sardines. Capt. Steward and crew worked eight or ten bait receivers in order to fill every bait well on the *Excel*. We ended up with about 600 scoops of lively sardines.

The ride to Hurricane Bank was a bit bumpy and rough, but not bad. The first two days we had to contend with 20-to 25-knot winds. It progressively

diminished each day to a greasy flat calm on our last day of fishing. Weather and sea conditions were not a factor. We could, however, have had a more cooperative current. Our casualty rate on big fish was about 20%. Several 200-lb-plus fish were lost at color for various reasons. Karl lost one with a gaff stuck in it's side. The fish was “green” and went bonkers when struck with the gaff. Karl also has a skinless right thumb because he tried to stop a freight train tuna rather than letting the reel do its ;job. The thumb works well on

bass but not tuna.

Dennis Braid was very generous with Braid shirts and fishing tackle for all aboard. His Slammer and new “Betta-Bait” jigs were given to every fisherman. He also gave special awards of marauders, leader material, trolling feathers and \$100 gift certificates for big fish of the day.

It should be noted that the closure of the islands has not significantly affected the quality and quantity of yellowfin fishing. Alternative areas have produced some outstanding long range fishing trips. ■

At A Glance...

Comments and contributions would be welcome. Send to *Chum Line* Editor.

Gold That Swims

The northern bluefin tuna may be the most financially valuable wild animal on earth. Often over \$10,000 - one prime specimen has been reported to have sold for \$173,000. Typically 250 to 300 lbs. (World record is 1,496) the size of the tuna has decreased due to overfishing. The price of one order (two thin slices) of bluefin sushi in a Tokyo restaurant: Around \$100

Source- *National Geographic* - 10-03

Hubbs Seaworld Research Institute to Fish Farm off Ventura

Decommissioned platforms would see an experimental operation at Grace Well about ten miles off Ventura. No fish would be taken from the ocean, the eggs being produced at their Carlsbad Hatchery. The five year plan would involve yellowtail, bluefin tuna, striped bass raised in underwater cages and deck space on the platforms used for cod, halibut and abalone.

Source: *LA Times* 2/13

The Word on PCB Contaminated Salmon

Bill Hogarth, Director of the NOAA Fisheries, is quoted in *National Fisherman*: "Many of the articles recently published miss the point that the reported levels are considerably lower than the U.S. Food & Drug Administration tolerance levels set for safe consumption. Aquaculture is important because we import over 75% of the seafood we consume".

Source: *National Fisherman* 3/04

It's O.K. to Help Your Buddy!

The California Dept of Fish & Game has been writing tickets in Northern California for anglers using their fishing gear to help others who had not yet reached their limits. The Fish & Game Commission approved unanimously a rule that allows experienced anglers to assist others.

Source: *RFA No.Ca. Press Release*

Salmon Regulations—The Latest

These are too involved to publish here but if you're going salmon fishing get the latest from the Ocean Salmon Hotline: **(707) 576-3429**.

Or you can go on the net and access: marinenews@dfg.ca.gov

Source: *CDFG Press Release*

Bad News on the Water Front

A draft proposal to dilute the Clean Water Act was leaked to the media and a bill exempting military bases from elements of the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection acts went into effect. The survival of species relying on wetlands, spawning and breeding grounds would see a long term negative effect. A number of outdoor groups have sent a plea to President Bush on this issue. Among these were ASA (American Sportfishing Assn) and Ducks Unlimited.


Source: *Western Outdoor Editorial*

Statistics to Note: Northeast Department

Between 1994-2001 Portland's groundfish fleet contracted from 62 to 44 vessels, New Bedford's from 232 to 133. Etc.etc. In 1995 141,000 days at seas were allocated. In 2002, 71,000. In 1995 the NMFS bought out several dozen vessels reducing pressure on groundfish by 23%. In 2000 the agency bought back the groundfish permits of 240 vessels.

Source: *National Fisherman* 9/03





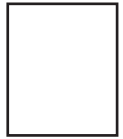
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