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## What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



### MLPA PROCESS:

It has been a few months since I wrote about the MLPA process and what it means to our club. Put simply, if you fish along the Southern California coast, then it means

a lot to you. The Fish & Game commissioners have turned their collective attention to Northern California for the next phase, putting Southern California on notice that they will be here in due time. With great respect to our northern neighbors, what has happened so far has been just a warm up for the main event—Southern California. Can you imagine a no-fishing zone from Point Dume to the Malibu Pier? How about the entire PV Coast from Rocky Point to Point Fermin a no-take zone? Horseshoe Kelp—sorry closed. Huntington Flats—closed to protect the Sand Bass spawn. How about the whole of Santa Monica Bay closed from Point Dume to Rocky Point? Impossible you say, I say wake up and smell the coffee. I predict one or more of the mentioned areas will be on the enviros preferred list. We are facing difficult times with the situation made even worse by the recent loss of Fish & Game Commissioner Michael Flores and the appointment of another Commissioner alien to our interests.

Observing the process as it unfolded in the Central Coast was enlightening

and frightening. What we do from this day forward as individuals and organizations will shape the future. We can run around like Chicken Little and say the sky is falling or we can dig in, organize and do something about it.

Unfortunately, two of the most influential organizations don't seem to be on the same page. Heck, they don't seem to be in the same book. Perception has it that they are not even speaking to each other about a situation that has monumental consequences to recreational sport fishing. I do not understand why not and I bet a lot of you do also. Oh, I have heard about events that have happened in the past and friction between past officials of the organizations.

OK, let the past be the past and let's focus on the future. Now is the time to start communicating and collaborating on a strategy that will bring the strengths of United Anglers of Southern California and the Recreational Fishing Alliance together. Working together they will be stronger and more influential than working separately. Sure I may be naive, and I know there are lots of other players but I just do not understand why Jim Martin and Tom Raftican can't sit down over a cup of coffee and develop a working plan that will provide a credible proposal and response to the imminent threat. Both sides will have to compromise and if a facilitator or referee is needed, I volunteer my services. All I ask for is open minds and a willingness to change for the better. In fact, I will even buy the coffee. ■

## White Seabass Expert is March 26 Dinner Speaker

Program Chair, Bob Selvin, announced that noted WSB expert **Tony Saldivar**, who recently purchased a beautiful 6 pack, *Mardiosa*, running out of Pierpont Landing, will address the club. Tony has more than 19 years of Southern California fishing experience and is known for his uncanny knowledge of Catalina Island. Tony has earned the nickname "King of Catalina" and has an operation known for good customer service.

Don't miss Tony's presentation and learn more about catching the "white ghosts" and the comforts of his new style 6-pack. (see also [www.mardiosasportfishing.com](http://www.mardiosasportfishing.com))

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## LIGHT LINE SWORDFISH RECORD HARD TO BEAT!

Among a spate of pending-record catches from the U.S. Atlantic Coast, most impressive is the 138 lb. Swordfish beaten on 8 pound line by Gary Carter of Duluth, Georgia. Fishing off northern Miami, the angler whipped the fish in a remarkably brief 20 minutes after it took a squid bait last October. If approved the broadbill catch will be a tough record to beat.

Source: *Sportfishing* 2/07

## Jim Kellogg—The Dinner Speaker of January 29th

Some of the large crowd of LARRC members—we counted 53 including the guests—who came to hear **Fish & Game Commissioner James Kellogg**, came away disappointed if they had been expecting something more positive. After all, the Marine Life Protection Act has been gathering steam since 1999 culminating in certain recently announced draft decisions\* pertaining to the central coastal section of California.

Jim Kellogg turned out to be a cordial guy whose main activities center around the 33,000 member plumbers and pipefitters union. Club members might know that being one of five Fish & Game Commissioners is not a full time job. Commissioners serve for a six-year term and are paid \$100 per diem. We recently supported his reappointment to this decision making body because he is a hunter and a fisherman. There are five commissioners and we learned that they do not normally communicate with each other and the others cannot be characterized as outdoors types having other backgrounds.

His talk touched on the efforts of the CDFG to make getting our licenses easier by electronic purchases, probably by summer. We also learned that out of a total of 310 warden positions there are 75 unfilled ones. Poaching is another malaise, with bear parts and sturgeons being the main targets. Then there are the destructive pike in some of our fresh water systems and current influx of various types of mussels which will prove to be expensive and difficult to remove.

Not too much talk about the MPAs occurred even when questions relating came from the floor. His advice—you anti-restriction organizations must get on the same page to be more effective! The various groups are not working together. He does favor measuring the current regulations before new ones are enacted. Re: the restrictions imposed to protect endangered species or geography—such listings are often overturned by the courts and this is not beneficial to the process.

Bottom line, appointments to the commission are political in nature. You raise money for someone and it is likely you'll find a receptive ear. Someone pointed out that recent decisions have been based on flawed science and challenges to these results ignored.

We have since learned that Michael Flores was not reap-

2/22/07—CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF RESOURCES MIKE CHRISMAN Announces Blue Ribbon Task Force for the MLPA Initiative's Second Phase.

**Susan Golding**, former Mayor of San Diego was named task force head. **William W. Anderson**, President of Westrec Marina Mgt., **Don Benninghoven**, retired director of League of California Cities, **Meg Caldwell**, Director of Stanford's Law Environment and Natural Resources Program, **Catherine Reheis-Boyd** CEO for Western States Petroleum, were the other named members.

Their first meeting will take place in Sacramento March 29th. More about the process can be learned from [www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa). ■



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pointed. **R. Judd Hanna**, a developer and rice farmer was appointed in his place. **Robert Hattoy** was named president of the Fish & Game Commission. Hattoy is a regional director for the Sierra Club!

How much worse can it get for the recreationalists?

\*See DFG Proposal on page 7 of February *Chum Line*. ■

*This report was written by Eric Rogger. Comments may be sent to the Chum Line Editor.*

## Another 15-Day Trip Aboard *Excel*

Although the trip was scheduled for 25 anglers, we left Fisherman's Landing dock with a light load of only 21 anglers. The players aboard included a combination of experienced long rangers as well as a few who were on their first-ever extended, long range adventure. After a couple of hours at the bait receiver loading up on quality sardines, **Capt. Shawn Steward** headed the *Excel* south. In deciding where we would start our trip, Shawn had the advantage of hearing reports from several other long range boats covering a wide range of potential fishing destinations. With the reports of very slow fishing on the inside, the *Excel* was set on heading toward Hurricane Bank.

Utilizing the almost four days of travel time to reach Hurricane, anglers passed the time with the usual activities such as rigging tackle, making topshots, attending crew seminars, and/or using the time to watch movies, read and relax. The travel south was in calm seas and was only interrupted by short stops on the 2nd and 3rd nights to catch a supply of squid for bait. With all the anticipation behind us, we finally arrived at "the Bank" with the intent of making a few withdrawals on cowsized tuna and those ever challenging wahoo. Although there were two other sportfishers already at the Banks, the relatively good news was that there were no purse seiners working the area. We soon found out why the commercial boats weren't there.

The four days of fishing at Hurricane Bank was a constant scratch. The abundance of tuna proved to be scarce and the wahoo were even more elusive. We picked away at various sized tuna and an occasional wahoo. Although all the various methods of enticement were used (various types/sizes of fly-lined baits, chunks, jigs, balloons, etc), the kite provided for some of the largest tuna landed, including the trip's largest, at 268 lbs. Our four-day effort resulted in a total of 11 wahoo and 58 tuna; 13 of which were in the range of 100 to 175 lbs. With patience wearing thin in hopes for an influx of fish, the decision was made to make a move to Clarion Island. The move proved to be the right one!

Four additional days of fishing at Clarion (outside the buffer zone of 6 and up to 25 miles off the island), while constantly on the move working the porpoise and bird schools, turned an otherwise slow trip into a relatively good one. (Note: how can we rate trips nowadays after such phenomenal fishing last year). We left Clarion with fish holds carrying an additional 155 yellowfin tuna. Of that total amount, 75 were between 100-216 lbs. Total for the trip was 213 YFT; 11 wahoo and one dorado (Dan's). Top honors were for tuna weighing 268, 216, 207.9 and an honorable mention of 198.5.

Rolling home we got the Super Bowl on the satellite radio and set up a pool. **Al Scow** and **Dan Felger** shared in combined prize money of \$500 which was donated to the crew tip fund.

Special mention should be made of the display of good sportsmanship. It seems that a number of anglers were on their first such trip and were all looking for their first 200-pounder. One such angler was **Steve Ruiter**, from Ontario. Dan's kite rotation had come up just when the 200-lb. fish seemed to be biting but rather than earn another patch he handed the fish off to Steve knowing the he, Steve—had not scored a cow before. With tutelage provided by crew and Dan, Steve landed a 216-pounder. Sportsmanship prevailed this day!

*This fish report was sent in by **Marc Monforte** who has sent in his application for membership in the club. Al Scow and Dan Felger recruited him—and to also write this trip recap. ■*



New Member Marc Monforte with Wahoo.



Al Scow "testing his rod".



Steve Ruiter with his first "cow". Should be easy when you're 6'8".



## Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

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.

### **MULTIPLE-DAY CHARTERS**

Dan Felger is Chartermaster on the June Skiff trip is. **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](mailto:dan@dartrealty.net). Checks should be made payable to the LARR Club.

#### **Qualifier 105 — June 16-23, 2007 Skiff Trip**

Chartermaster notes there may be two spots available. Call Dan for standby information.

#### **Qualifier 105 — 5-Days July 21-26, 2007**

Please note that this trip is currently sold out. Call Dave Levinson for information, (818) 785-1776.

### **LARRC TWO-DAY WHITE SEABASS / SURFACE TRIP—NEW TRIP**

#### **Pacific Dawn**

##### **June 3-5, 2007**

**Oxnard - Capt. Hook's Sportfishing, 2-Day**

- 1-Departure: 9 p.m., Sunday night, June 3
- 2-Return: 5-6 p.m. on Tuesday night, June 5
- 3-Limited Load: 14 anglers
- 3-Cost: \$ 395 includes all meals. Fish cleaning, crew tip extra.
- 4-Checks: Make check payable to LARRC and mail to Bob Selvin (address in club roster) or give to Bob at a club meeting.

#### **Red Rooster Trips — 2007 Limited Loads**

- 4-Day Trip**
1. Departs: Sunday, July 8 at 1:00 pm
  2. Returns: Thursday, July 12 at 9:00 am.
  3. Cost: \$1365. \$300 Deposit Required

- 4-Day Trip**
1. Departs: Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 1:00 pm
  2. Returns: Saturday, Sept. 8 at 9:00 am
  3. Cost: \$1340. \$300 Deposit Required

Both trips include food, beverages, snacks, bait. NOT included: Tips, beer, sodas, licenses and possible fuel surcharge, filleting and jackpot. Trip must be paid for 60 days prior to departure. Chartermaster for the Red Rooster trips is Arnie Cohen. Make checks out to Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave., Northridge CA 91326.

### **ONE-DAY CHARTERS**

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](mailto:jamesnc@earthlink.net) Or contact Jan Howard at (949) 837-1431 or email: [saltwaterwoman@cox.net](mailto:saltwaterwoman@cox.net) Checks should be made payable to the LARR Club and sent to Jim's address.

#### **Pacific Dawn**

**Oxnard - Capt. Hook's Sportfishing, 1-Day Overnight Fishing Sat 3/17, 4/14, Mon 5/7, Sat 11/03**

- 1-Departure: Trips depart between 9-10 p.m. night prior to fishing.
- 2-Return: Approximately 6-7 p.m.
- 3-Cost: \$ 170
- 4-Not Included: Fish cleaning, food & drinks, gratuities (15%), fishing licenses, fuel surcharge if required.
- 5-Limited Load: 15, Chartermaster may overbook by one.
- 6-Deposit: 100% payment required to reserve spot.
- 7-Checks: Payable to "LARRC". Send checks to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803.

**San Diego - Fisherman's Landing , 1 1/2-day fishing Sunday, August 26**

- 1-Departure: Trip leaves Saturday night 8/25 at 9 p.m.
- 2-Return: Monday a.m. 8/27 @ 6 a.m.
- 3-Cost: \$390 (Includes Mexican Permits).
- 4-Not Included: Fish cleaning, food & drinks, gratuities (15%), fishing license and Fuel Surcharge if required
- 5-Limited Load: 15, Charter Master may overbook by one.
- 6-Deposit: \$195 required to reserve spot. Balance \$195 due 7/15
- 7-Checks: Payable to "LARRC". Send checks to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803.

#### **KINGFISHER LODGE — Sitka Alaska August 2-6, 2007**

The cost is \$1875. 4 nights and 3 days of fishing. Included will be food, fishing, lodging, snacks, soft drinks, fish cleaning and packaging for trip home, Alaska license and salmon stamps, rain gear, tackle, bait and transport from airport to lodge. Excluded are tips and alcoholic beverages. A \$500 deposit made out to Arnie Cohen will reserve your spot.

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

**THIS TRIP IS CURRENTLY SOLD OUT. OPENINGS DO OCCUR,  
PLEASE CHECK WITH ARNIE FOR LATEST INFORMATION.**

# TUNA, TAILS, TOADS !!!

## NEW....LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL CLUB

### 6-day COMBO TRIP to Guadelupe Island AND Sacramento Reef

LARRC has set a new long-range trip on the schedule for 2007, a six-day, ultra-limited load skiff trip to both Guadelupe Island and the famed Sacramento Reef on the International Star, a beautiful, 80-ft, newly remodeled luxury sportfisher.

- 1-Departure: Early Thursday morning, Sept. 6 (no later than 7 a.m.)  
from H & M Landing
- 2-Return: Mid-afternoon Wednesday, Sept. 12
- 3-Cost: \$2,225 INCLUDING permits, fuel surcharge and Guadelupe biosphere permit. Check made payable to LARRC.
- 4-Ultra-Limited Load: 12 anglers (10 spots left as of Jan. 29)

**TARGETING:** Tuna and yellowtail at Guadelupe and calico bass and white seabass at Sacramento Reef

**NOTE:** this trip was purposely scheduled on these days to not conflict with the Jewish holidays or the September board or club meeting

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As a longtime chartermaster, I have always wanted to do a combination trip exactly like this and now it's happening. A shot at the big tuna and yellowtail at Guadelupe Island and a shot at the calico bass and white seabass at the Sacramento Reef.

The *International Star* is a perfect boat for this kind of trip. Large and roomy with six staterooms that sleep 22, but we're taking only 12 anglers. Plenty of bait capacity. And we'll have the option of using three skiffs, including a 14-ft Boston Whaler. The 'Star's captain is Mike Pritchard, a long range veteran who formerly ran the *Excel*.

Using radio contacts and weather reports, the captain will decide where we head first. An early Thursday morning departure will put us at either Guadelupe Island or Sacramento Reef early morning on Friday. Chances are we will fish two full days at Guadelupe and three full days at the Reef. By traveling at night, we won't lose any fishing time and will be able to actually fish five days. The three skiffs on board will give us an opportunity to troll an artificial or sardine for tuna or yellows at Guadelupe (or even fish there for calicos) and, of course, the skiffs will be instrumental at Sacramento Reef fishing for the huge calicos that are there.

From my own personal experience, early September is an EXCELLENT time to fish at both locations having been to both places exactly this time of year in the past several times. Also, this trip is well timed to fish just before the dark of the moon.

What I love most about this trip is that all of us will have a legitimate shot to catch a 60-80 lb tuna, a 30-50 lb yellowtail, an 8-9 lb calico bass and a 20-40 lb white seabass.

Please let me know immediately if you are interested. A \$1,000 deposit made payable to LARRC is needed to hold your spot.

CONTACT: Bob Selvin, chartermaster, [calicobob1010@aol.com](mailto:calicobob1010@aol.com)

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

## Take the Fish Off the Menus

### CHARLES SCHOEMAKER

came across this bit of news warning fishermen to keep marlin off menus. It seems that marlin and other bill fish are increasingly harder to find, even in places like Cabo. The Billfish Foundation has decided to take a proactive, aggressive stance to protect the resource. They want a broad campaign pressing all restaurants to keep these fish off the menus.

Although most recreational anglers now restrict their catch to one per day, commercial boats are still involved when their by-catches—incidental to their main objectives—still slaughter these fish. It is said also that sharks are becoming scarce as well.

The Mexican government recently proposed new regulations that would forbid shark boats from using drift gill nets and regulate the use of long-line baited hooks. The rules were applauded by environmentalists but they noted no restrictions had been placed on commercial by-catch.

### PETE THOMAS

in a recent (1/5) *LA Times* article also dealt with fish on the menu. It seems that the Mexican commercial fleet is restricted from catching dorado, (mahi-mahi) for use in restaurants. Federal protection is also in effect for rooster fish, sailfish, swordfish and tarpon. Yet restaurants in Cabo seem to always have the dorado on their menus. Could it be that local pangeros, who ask their charter customers to let them have their catch so that they might feed their families, are involved in this supply?

All this in order to support the local fishing industry catering largely to tourists. ■

# C A L E N D A R

## LARRC Charters 2007



### Dinner Meetings

March 26

Next: April 30

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

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ARNIE COHEN, Chartermaster for the club's weekday trips, has arranged for another vessel to be utilized for the local trips. The initial tentative dates are March 14th, April 11th, May 9th. This is for a six-pack boat out of a harbor south of Channel Islands Blvd and Victoria in Oxnard, just north of Cisco's Landing. The boat is a private 32-ft. yacht which can sleep five or six. The cost will be \$175 plus tips (15%) and filleting. Bring your own food & drinks. There is a refrigerator on board. Most of you have fished with the Captain Bruce Dexter, before.

For additional information and special instructions please contact Arnie @ 818 368-5834 (hm) or 818 366-3300 (ofc) or [arniecohen@aol.com](mailto:arniecohen@aol.com)

## Membership News

### Applied for Membership:

#### Donald Culbertson

Sylmar, CA  
Retired

#### Marc Monforte

Fullerton, CA  
Purchasing Mgr., LAUSD  
Applied for Non-Resident Membership

#### Mark & Shari Manculich

Northridge, CA

Mark's occupation

-Supervisor at ITT Radar Systems

Shari's occupation

-National Sales Mgr. For Pepsi

Applying for Family Membership

They have two children - Sierra and Montana

## SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him.

*"Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!"*

*"Heck," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"*

*Sent in by Arnie Cohen*

## NOW THERE'S A RECORD TO NOTE.....

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*Source: Sportfishing 2/07*

### Board Meetings

March 19

Next: April 23

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

March 7-11

Fred Hall Tackle Show  
Long Beach Auditorium

March 21-25

Fred Hall Tackle Show  
Del Mar Fairgrounds

March 23

Fourth Annual Trout Derby  
Hanson Dam, call Steve Simon for Info 818.980.7470  
[simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)

April 21-22

Marina Del Rey 33rd Halibut Derby  
Call Ken Raymond, 310.398.3133  
[www.halibutderby.com](http://www.halibutderby.com)

July 9

Annual Kids' Fishing Trip,  
Pierpont Landing, Long Beach

## **HALIBUT SCARE (scarcity!) AVERTED...Public Opinion carries the day!**

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club was ready to engage in a mass mailing to certain government officials to protest a move by the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

It looked like a move by the Alaska Commercial Fleet to reduce recreational catches from two to one per day. They had already been allotted 90% of the Halibut catch.

Thanks to a major letter writing campaign initiated by the RFA and lobbying by the Alaska Charter Association this decision was voided.

Many members of our club regularly visit Alaska and realize such a move would have seriously impaired the fishing tourist business in the affected areas. News of the decision reached us just prior to Chum Line printing time.

## **NEW ZEALAND FISHERMEN CATCH A RARE SQUID...**

The Associated Press reported on 2/22- a fishing crew had caught a colossal squid that could weigh a half ton and prove to be the biggest specimen ever landed. It weighed an estimated 990 lbs and was 39 feet long and took two hours to land in Antarctic waters. The fishermen were catching Patagonian toothfish (Chilean Seabass). A Colossal squid can descend to 6500 feet and are extremely aggressive hunters. A museum will get the specimen for further study. One scientist noted that if calamari rings were made from the squid they would be the size of tractor tires.

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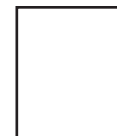
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