

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean

MAY 2018

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

MERIT MCCREA

SALTWATER EDITOR, WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS

Merit McCrea attended Berkeley and Santa Barbara High Schools, graduating in 1977. An avid angler, he decked on sportfishing boats during his high school years, then earned his captain's license the following year. After serving as captain aboard several partyboats from 50 to 90 feet, he became a partyboat owner himself in 1984. He operated the 55-foot Seahawk, out of Santa Barbara's SEA Landing, and then the 65-foot, Seahawk LXV. He served on the Sportfishing Association of California's Board of Directors for many years.

In 2001 Merit returned to school, earning his degree at the University of California at Santa Barbara. His academic honors include the Profant Scholarship at Santa Barbara City College's Biology Department, and Distinction in the Major for his work in ichthyology at UCSB. He is also a California Sea Grant Trainee-ship recipient. He has worked with the Milton Love Lab at UCSB's Marine Science Institute since graduating.

Notable scientific experience includes survey work by both scuba and within manned submersibles in water depths as great as 1,200 feet, with the Dr. Milton Love Lab. He has also worked with the Dr. Chis Lowe Lab of California State University at Long Beach. That group captured and tagged rockfishes with acoustic transmitters, trans-located and tracked their movements. The primary focus was/is fish and invertebrate populations at offshore platforms, artificial reefs and shipwrecks.

Capt. McCrea participated in the planning process for Marine Protected Areas on the behalf of the combined commercial and recreational fishing communities, providing both scientific and technical support as well as leadership. This includes both the Channel Islands process Marine Reserve Working Group and the Southern California MLPAL process Regional Stakeholder Group.



Since 2014 he has served as Saltwater Editor for Western Outdoor News. An avid diver, angler and hunter, he also continues to captain a variety of vessels on occasion, for research, whale watch and party boat fishing. His public service includes serving on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and as a Harbor Commissioner in Santa Barbara.

Merit will be speaking about the local bluefin phenomena.

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Dinner Meeting Menu

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 - Sirloin Steak, red skinned mashed potatoes, sautéed zucchini, squash ~ \$27
 - Mediterranean Grilled Chicken, red skinned potatoes, shite'ed zucchini, squash ~ \$25
- Dessert ~ Ice Cream • Beverages ~ All meals include coffee, iced tea, or soda

ALASKA'S BRISTOL BAY – PEBBLE MINE

THE MOST PRODUCTIVE SALMON AREA OF THE PLANET

Submitted by Eric Rogger



A vast tundra type area measuring 4000 acres was being viewed by a Canadian Company – Northern Dynasty Minerals – as the source for a major minerals mine. Copper and gold would be retrieved by detonating thousands of tons of explosives. This would occur in an area close to the many waterways feeding into Bristol Bay, the spawning ground for some estimated 60 million salmon.

The slurry from this activity would contain enough sulfuric acid to cover Iceland. The article quoted from the March/April issue of Sierra Magazine, notes that only an earthen barrier would protect spawners, birds, marine mammals in one of the most earthquake prone zones in North America. These conclusions were reported via an EPA study. The 2014 study noted that the local economy, perhaps worth at least \$500 million could be devastated by this Pebble Mine adventure. Provisions of the Clean Air Act were imposed aiming to halt work on the site.

In May of 2017 the new administration met with the CEO of the Pebble Mine Partnership as a result of which the mine was enabled to proceed. Imagine the outcry that ensued from the both commercial and recreational fishermen, tribal spokesmen and at least 25000 Alaskans who opposed the mine.

Pebble Mine is located in the middle of a number of creeks and rivers and any leaks could threaten about 15000 jobs and

\$1.5 billion in yearly economic activity. We are dealing with one of the world's most pristine and productive fisheries!

In January 2018 Pebble Mine Partnership filed an application with US Army Corps of Engineers. It had taken 15 years since the company had first surveyed the area and thought it had found a literal gold mine. Shortly after the filing the EPA reinstated the 2014 restrictions because of the threat to the regions abundant natural resources. Let's hope this sticks!

PPS: A recent market report from NATIONAL FISHERMAN noted that the 2017 Alaska salmon harvest totaled 224 million fish with an ex-vessel value of \$678.8 million dollars. This was the third best ever year on record. Bristol Bay sockeye had a total of 37.7 million.

PPS: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife announced during March that California Recreational Ocean Salmon Fishery would be curtailed on much of the California Coast. Recent drought periods resulted in low "abundance" for the Sacramento and Klamath Rivers. Increasing spawners escapement is being sought. For the season beginning May 1st please see the PFMC website.



Larry Brown presenting Coastal Conservancy Grant and other checks totaling more than \$15K to LARRC

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE DECIDED THAT MEMBERS WHO DO NOT RSVP BY 12:00 NOON ON THE SUNDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL BE ASSESSED \$5.00 FOR AN EXTRA SET OF RAFFLE TICKETS. ADDITIONALLY, MEMBERS RESPONDING TOO LATE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ORDER THEIR CHOICE OF ENTRÉ.

LOU BERKE TROUT DERBY

April 20, 2018

By Steve Simon, Chairman

It was a bright Friday morning with 96 volunteers from LARRC members, friends, and family, Friends of Castaic, Forest Service, the Geronimo Men's Group, and Fish & Wildlife. We had 90 students from Lokrantz Special Education Center, Lassen Elementary and MacClay Middle School.



Hansen Dam was stocked with 2,200 pounds of catfish donated by California Department of Fish & Wildlife. Even though LA Rod & Reel practices 'catch and release.' This tournament was just release, as there was a void in the net - the fish were able to cruise the lake and enjoy the beautiful day. The students didn't mind because they had a fun day of playing, meeting Smokey the Bear and eating the terrific BBQ put on by Calabasas Catering. Later in the afternoon, some of the kids went to the far end of the lake and managed to wrangle a dozen or so catfish and bring them home for dinner!

I would like to thank the generosity of Hansen Dam Aquatic Facility and their staff; Western Bagel for their on-going donation of bagels; Emilio Rebollar and Will Davis for their procurement of bait and tackle; club members John Vowels, Mike Godfrey, Andy MacDonald, Joe Mahfet, and John Goss for their continuous support and help of deploying and retrieving the net; for Paul Varenchik for doing the BBQ; and the Berke family for their financial support.

This event requires many volunteers and is one of the most rewarding days for the kids and volunteers alike. There are no jobs too big or small and all the help is appreciated. Keep it in mind for next year if you would like to volunteer and help make this event even more special!



More photos to come in the next issue.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

MAY 14, 2018

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm
Millie's Restaurant

16840 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406



DINNER Meeting

MAY 21, 2018

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm
Denny's Restaurant

5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91411



SAVE THE DATES

2018

MAY 23, 2018

Veteran's Trip

JUNE 3, 2018

Annual Family Picnic

JUNE 11, 2018

3rd Annual Hope Street Marine Mentors Trip on the Monte Carlo

JULY 9, 2018

Annual Kids' Trip
22nd Street Landing

AUGUST 6, 2018

Marine Mentors' Trip on Betty O

AUGUST 29, 2018

Veteran's Trip

OCTOBER 24, 2018

Veteran's Trip

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Veteran's Trip

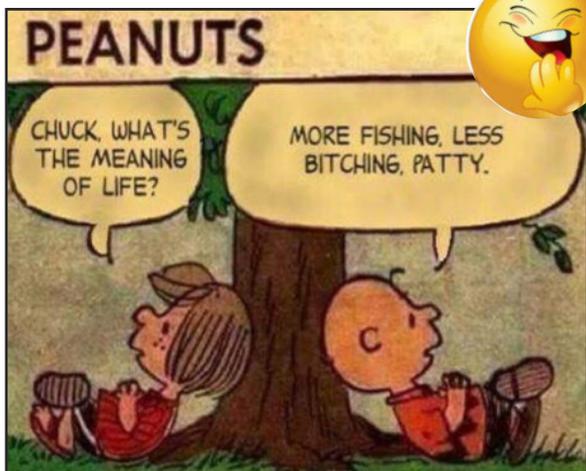
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Marine Mentor's Trip on Aloha Spirit

Surf Fishing Report

By Nick Ekdahl

The surf fishing I have been doing has been pretty slow until last weekend when I caught (32) Barred Surf Perch and (1) Walleye Surf Perch at Huntington Beach. All on Gulp 2" CAMO Sandworm. Things are picking up, don't know if it all the March rain or just the beginning of Spring...



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Pacific Dawn

April 7, 2018

The overnight trip on the Pacific Dawn April 7th was both a successful fishing venture and a scientific experiment on the effect of PTSS on rock cod. On Thursday April 5th a 5.3 magnitude earthquake struck near the Channel Islands. The epicenter of the temblor was 20 miles west of Santa Cruz island. Fishing on the Pacific Dawn April 6th had been tough due to rough weather combined scratchy fishing. Captain Mike informed us Friday evening that we only had a morning window to fish before the marine weather turned nasty. Instead of leaving early to head for San Miguel, we would leave later and make a shorter run to the front side of Santa Rosa. The

rock cod had moved off their usual haunts on seamounts and pinnacles and scattered on flat rocky bottoms after saying 'WTF' when their homes began to shake. However, Captain Mike was able to locate concentrations of fish that had regained their appetites sufficiently to fill the boat with a limit of tasty rock cod. We headed home by 1 p.m. and beat out the advancing white caps, arriving around 3:30 p.m. in Ventura Harbor. As usual, the crew and food on the Pacific Dawn were terrific. Here are some pictures from this adventure.



Andy McGuire shows off a tasty Red and a tasty Chucklehead.



Joel Zide shows off his tableau de rock cod.



The Zides (father and son) share an oceanic moment on the trip back.

Fishing in Muscat, Oman

By Cathy Needleman

The opportunity to fish in Muscat, Oman came at the last minute. It really appealed to my strong sense of adventure.

Having Israel on my passport would have to be addressed and because of that issue-I questioned if I really wanted to go to Oman.

Of course it was much more complicated than that.

The other thing for me to think about was that we would be using stick baits and poppers. I love to use sardines, squid, mackerel and cabbies. I occasionally use surface irons.

I decided to go for it.

I met the owner of Salty Water Tackle – Sami Ghandor, at the airport in Dubai, right before we were supposed to board the plane to Muscat, Oman.

We flew into a beautiful, well-organized airport in Muscat, and then I was off to the Shangri-La Hotel. Sami was staying with friends.

Woke up to a beautiful view, had breakfast did my exercises and met Sami and the captain of the boat-Ali.

I was using the tackle that Sami had made and had sent to me earlier in the week. It was rods and spinning reels as well as stick baits and poppers.

Using all the above would be my biggest challenge. I kept hearing about the 200lb tuna that were out there...I was praying that I was NOT going to catch one of those. This was stand up fishing with a harness. The sides of the boat were low, this was not California/West Coast fishing, using the rail.

It was over 100 degrees on the water. The signs of life were crazy. Birds, bait and tuna were jumping all over the place.



Sami was bit first and tried to hand off the fish to me. People that have fished with me know that I will NOT take any hand offs.

I kept trying to get my stick bait out there. I was casting every minute and the 100-degree heat made the machinations a real effort.

I got bit around five o'clock and I tried to reel in the

toughest fish I have ever encountered. I was grateful for the waist harness. It came in after 20 minutes and I was drenched in sweat.

Sami and Ali put the fish on my lap-I was totally slimed but I did not care. We were coming in for the day. The fish was weighed in the marina. It came in at 60 kilos (132 lbs.).

I went back to my room, showered, ordered room service and fell asleep.

The next day was too windy to fish. I went and saw a few of the sights, read and went to bed early again.

We left the marina the following morning at 8:30. It was still a little breezy but made fishing a lot more comfortable.

It was a lot of run and gun. I got so many big bruises, trying to wedge myself against the side of the boat so I could cast. We got a few small fish and I got a nice dorado.

The last day we saw fish but when we came up to them they disappeared. My guess was too much pressure from the local boats. It was good practice for me.

I went back to the hotel to pack. Had dinner in my room, left to pick up Sami and then we were off to the Muscat Airport.

I was sad to leave such a beautiful place but happy to come home to my best catch ever-my husband of 40 years-Steve.



Florida Adventure

By John Ballotti

Arriving 3 days early for my annual golf outing I took the opportunity to fish the 10,000 Islands area of Everglades National Park in Florida. Joined by my friend from Dallas, we set out to see what we could catch in this exotic area.



Dressed for the ride.

CCA has a large presence in Florida and on their recommendation, guides were contacted and hired to be sure we took advantage of everything this area has to offer. After a late arrival in Ft Myers, Florida we met our guide in Everglades City early the next morning. With tarpon on our minds, we headed out along a serpentine course winding around islands and sand bars until, in my opinion anyway, we were completely lost. I started out using an 11 wt. fly rod and streamer. After chucking that heavy outfit into a stiff breeze for about an hour I gave up and switched to spin gear. We saw numerous tarpon rolling and tailing in the shallow water. One rolled two feet from the boat and all I could think of was that famous line from Jaws, "We are going to need a bigger boat". I moved to the stern and my friend started pitching a plastic swim bait off the bow. On the second cast the rod was nearly pulled out of his hand.

Ten yards from the boat the water erupted with a massive tarpon launching straight up like a cruise missile. The fight was on, in a matter of seconds the fish must have jumped 10 times, all the



Jurassic Tarpon

while I was scrambling for my camera. Fishing with a 5000 size Shimano spinning reel, Cousins rod, 50 lb. spectra and 30 lb. mono leader, my friend braced himself as the tarpon

ran for at least 100 yards toward the mangrove trees, the reel screaming all the while.

Finally the fish settled and the tug of war started. Give a little, gain a little. The fight went on for about 20 minutes. Finally the fish came to the boat. As the guide was handling the leader, it broke. A clean catch of a tarpon estimated to be 80 pounds. What a great start to the trip. Unfortunately, that was the only tarpon caught but a lifetime memory for my friend.



Nice Sea Trout



Quality Red Fish

The remaining two days saw a plethora of fish species caught including snook, sea trout, red fish, black drum, and the ever-present ocean catfish. The Everglades are a wonderful place to fish and just observe your surroundings. Manatees, dolphins, sea turtles, and shark abound. There are really 10,000 Islands and you never know what you will encounter around the next one. If you are ever in the Naples, Ft. Myers, Marco Island area you should take an extra day or two and fish.

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Cathy with her 41 and 43 lb yellowtail one on a surface iron-both on 30 lb test.



Fishing on the New Del Mar morning 1/2 day out of Marina Del Rey Sportfishing, Fisherman Phil got very lucky. Using the Torium reel he won at the Club raffle, the "Codfather" caught the jackpot Lingcod on a reverse dropper loop set up with a sardine. It was a beautiful spring day, the ocean was calm, and the fishing was great. Join Fisherman Phil aka "the Codfather" on most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the NDM, but always call the landing first to make a reservation and make sure the boat is going out. Marina Del Rey Sportfishing (310) 822-3625

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR TAKE SPORTS?

By Larry Brown

I love fishing. I love being on the water pursuing my quarry and simultaneously enjoying the environment; the clean air, beautiful water, birds, dolphins and whales. Catching fish is a thrilling bonus. I'm an eternal optimist but it is difficult to stay positive about our beloved passion of sport fishing when it is being attacked from all sides. I know many parents, teachers and conservation groups who teach their kids and disciples the high value of responsible fishing and hunting. And I know that there are many folks who share my concern that kids today spend way too much time indoors, glued to the electronic devices. I'm a fisherman but my concern is for all outdoor hiking, climbing, beach combing, fishing and hunting. The memberships of all outdoor clubs, especially fishing and hunting clubs are diminishing. The old are not being replaced by sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and neighbors. Why?

However, we also hear about many teachers and parents telling kids that all take (aka killing) sports are bad, even though few of them are vegans. Our agencies managing fisheries seem to be more anti fishing than ever before, even though their jobs depend on our license fees which are eroding each year. Even though we are all environmentalists some of the more extreme groups, frequently backed by billion dollar trusts or foundations, are ferociously against fishing and hunting even though their families and members eat fish and meat, think nothing of driving their Jeep Cherokees to Yoga class and cheering their elite Hollywood sponsors flying their private jets to global summits about the environment. Man seems to get the lion's share of blame for global warming even though the



Randy and future lady angler

globe has seen epoch periods of global warming and cooling for billions of years and seems to keep on rotating. There are fewer involved Dads in families who are the normal mentors for outdoor types of activities and sports.

Kids seem to be getting more obese, developing fewer social skills and obsessing with their electronic devices versus enjoying healthy outdoor recreation. I'm sad by all of this and want to trumpet a "Call to Action" to all my fellow anglers and hunters, fishing clubs, boat owners and captains, landings, tackle companies and the states' DFW agencies to personally do something concrete to change this red tide.

Anglers and Hunters: Every one of us is likely living in a community with a fishing and hunting club – join. Take your kids to meetings, take your neighbors and your neighbor's kids to meetings. Host them on a fishing trip; buy them a beginner's fishing outfit. Teach them to fish and hunt and experience the joy and passion you already have and know is possible. Fishing and hunting is NOT for everybody, but there are many folks out there that would in fact love it if given the opportunity to experience the thrill of the hunt or bite. Every meat eater friend of

ours should understand it requires killing an animal to put that meat on his or her table. They should personally experience harvesting an animal and show respect for the animal they harvest by learning and understanding the ethic of hunting and fishing. Catch and release fishing and hunting with a camera or scope and no bullets is also great sport and way to introduce kids to wildlife.

Fishing and Gun Clubs: Our demographic is aging and dying. The viability and vitality of our clubs and sport requires recruiting young people to the sport. We have to redouble efforts and be creative in our outreach and recruitment. John Ballotti (of CCA and LARRC) adopted a local high school, started a high school fishing club and sponsors several fishing trips every year. Tim Winger, started a fishing club at his high school and organizes fishing trips with his fellow students. Kids love watching Wicked tuna and other outdoor reality TV shows. There must be a decent number who would like the real deal. Many rod and gun clubs already have kids outreach programs so please get involved. If your club does not, step up and start one. If you don't





yet belong to a Rod or Gun club, find one and join. It takes hard work and organization but if YOU personally take the lead, it can happen. You will find eager participation with Boys & Girls Clubs, Police and Sherriff's youth programs and other nonprofit youth organizations. If you really just have zero time to spend on physically taking kids (yours or others) fishing or shooting, please consider donating money to one of the nonprofit organizations that do; Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, Marina Del Rey Anglers, Rollos Kids and the Chuck Byron Fish On programs are just a few examples. Their web sites make donations simple.

These clubs frequently take kids from at risk environments fishing, which is absolutely critical. But I suggest we challenge our definition of "at risk" kids. There are no suburban or Beverly Hills kids who are not at risk for drugs, obesity and social dysfunction from digital addiction and idleness. Our clubs should find ways to host kids from these wealthier communities too. If their parents are not taking them fishing we may be the only way to introduce them to the sport we love, with their parents permission, of course. If we don't do it these kids may never experience the alternative to playing with their electronics devices behind closed doors.

I have been involved with kids fishing programs now for 20 years and every kids fishing trip I am able to join I see kids who have never fished before thoroughly enjoy their day on the water. Most of these kids have never been taken fishing by their parents or teachers, but they absolutely loved the experience and want to go again. The parents and teachers are not going to all of a sudden start taking their kids fishing so it's up to us.

Economics 101 You may think, "who cares?" The economics of sport fishing are dicey. Having a master's degree in economics helps me explain what we are all up against. There are high fixed costs of running a Sportfishing boat. These fixed costs are the loan payments, insurance, license fees, etc. These are called "fixed costs" because they are incurred by the owner whether the boat runs or not and whether there are 20 or 25 anglers on board. There are also many variable expenses like fuel, labor, repairs and bait that are exactly the same whether there are 20 or 25 anglers on board. The only real variable costs that change with the number of anglers is food. If 20 anglers cover all of these costs and the owner loses money with less than 20 anglers, guess what? All the revenue above 20 anglers is his profit.

If there is a continuing decline in the number of anglers taking fishing trips, there will be less profit and many owners may even start losing money. These boats will eventually be taken out of service and there will be less options for you and I to go fishing. We have already seen this occur with at least 5 boats I can think of that no longer are Sportfishing.

Sportfishing Boats and Landings I suggest all Sportfishing boats and landings initiate "Youth Buddy Passes." One pays full fare; the youth rides for free. Even expensive long range boats should evaluate this proposal for "first time youth." Let's get them hooked. Fishing is our drug of choice, so let's all peddle this addiction. It's a lot healthier and cheaper than many other addictions. The NRA has great youth outreach programs including gun safety classes and gun ranges do a great job with accommodating youth and families. Let's learn from them. Boat owners may think a "free pass" is lost revenue, but if you have an open spot on the boat having a youth ride for free is costing almost nothing. It is an investment in our future.

Fishing Tackle Companies Thanks to all the companies that support kids and veterans fishing programs. I enjoy the sponsorship of over 30 companies who provide tons of raffle prizes that I





use to generate funds to support the kids and veterans programs sponsored by MDRA, LORRC, Rollo's Kids and the Chuck Byron Youth Fishing programs. I would encourage every tackle company to proactively support kids and veterans fishing programs with grants and discounts to organizations promoting fishing to kids and veterans. Just for one example look at www.Lews.com and read about their grants to High School fishing clubs and their American Heroes program. It's good business and it's our future.

California DFW Thanks to our DFW for their current youth outreach, free fishing day, youth art contests, apprentice hunts, and various education programs but look at your trend line. DFW is losing customers and losing revenue. Raising license fees will only hasten the decline in your customer base of anglers and hunters. I challenge the commission and department to ramp up their education and outreach with the goal of increasing youth fishing and hunting metrics by 20% per year for the next 10 years. Challenge your staffs to implement programs and track the number of new kids and anglers going fishing or hunting. If you are successful

your long term revenues will go up. If you fail you will continue bleeding a slow death.

Conclusion: There is reason for optimism. We personally see the vast majority of the kids we do take fishing love it. My hunting buddies say the same thing. The volunteers on these trips also seem to enjoy their day. We have to do more outreach with kids from all walks of life and possible start targeting kids a tad older to bridge them over to become licensed anglers and hunters. If we don't do it the aforementioned anti take community certainly won't. Let's do it.

I am personally committed to this and

we all need to help. Please call or email me and let's discuss creative ways to get more kids outdoors enjoying the sport for which we are so passionate. Thank you.

Larry Brown
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So Codfather, if you feel so passionately, I challenge you to take one kid on one of your three fishing trips each week. I'll bet you could talk the boat captain/owner into a free buddy pass. You'd be a great mentor.

Health and Happiness

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happiness" - please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email (simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net) for any information about our club members/family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.

My Dad's Rod

By Cathy Needleman

I know better than to have expectations when it comes to fishing.

It was breezy and cold and it rained the last day we fished. There was enough kelp to help the mighty white sea bass, win its battle for freedom.

One of the many reasons that I love to fish with Brandon Hayward is because he targets the big fish.

This time I came prepared. I brought my dad's fishing rod (hot stick of the trip) and heavier reels.

I also brought a fighting belt. I needed the belt to keep my dad's rod up when the fish took off.

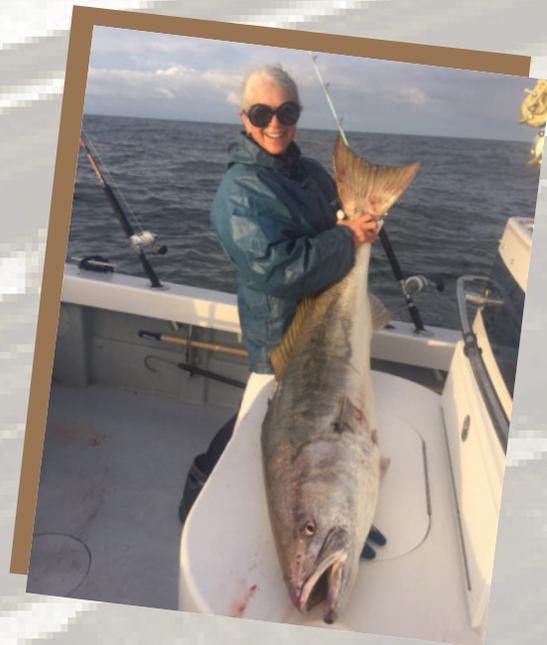
Over three days we saw lots of birds, whales in the nearby kelp and a plethora of bait in the

water.

What was most amazing was the size of the red crab that came out of the white sea bass when they were filleted.

I caught a 76 lb. 1 oz., a 58 lb. and a 38 lb. white sea bass.

Thank you so much Brandon, another day for the memory books.



CHARTERS 2018

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
May 24 May 25	Pacific Dawn Great time of the year for a Pac Dawn trip out of Ventura Harbor. Rock Cod, Ling Cod, Sea Bass and more!	OPEN Cost: \$311	Contact Keith Keith@SherGleb.com 310-270-6198
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Jul 3 - Jul 7	Intrepid Four days on the newest and one of the nicest boats in the fleet. Get on the wait list.	3 SPOTS OPEN! Cost: \$1825.00	www.fishintrepid.com Call Steve 619-224-4088
Jul 25 - Jul 30	Baja Fishing Convoys 6 Day trip to Cedros! Price includes van transportation from Brown Field to Ensenada and flight from Ensenada to Cedros and accomodations at the Zammar Palace	SOLD OUT Cost: \$2090.00 Wait List	Call John Ballotti 310-995-3592 johnballotti@gmail.com
Jul 28 - Aug 4	Intrepid Seven Day Trip! Permits included and no fuel surcharge Albacore?, Bluefin, Yellowfin, Yellowtail, Dorado Leaves on a Saturday, so no traffic.	SOLD OUT Cost: WAIT LIST	www.fishintrepid.com Call Steve 619-224-4088
Aug 4- Aug 6	Pacific Dawn 2 Day This is a club charter, so sign up with Mark ASAP Estimated cost will be around \$775 and will be confirmed early 2018	OPEN Estimated Cost: \$775	Call Mark Manculich 818-613-6575
Aug 18- Aug 24	Red Rooster Six days on the amazing Red Rooster This is a shared charter, so let's get the LARRC guys to grab the remaining spots.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$2,495.00 Contact Larry or Christina for Updates	www.redrooster3.com Call Christina 619-224-3857
Sep 29- Oct 6	Royal Star This is a seven day trip. Great Fall Fishing Leaves and returns on a Saturday. Guadalupe Island?	SOLD OUT WAIT LIST	www.royalstarsportfishing.com Call Tracy 619-224-4764

CHARTERS 2018

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Oct 27 -	Intrepid	SOLD OUT	
Nov 6	Ten days on the Intrepid. Leaves on a Sunday Big variety of fish at the Ridge and Alijos Rocks. Tuna, Dorado, Wahoo, Yellowtail and Grouper	WAIT LIST	www.fishintrepid.com Call Steve 619-224-4088
Nov 30-	Pacific Dawn	OPEN	
Dec 1	Departs 10pm Nov. 30 , returns 7pm Dec.1 An early winter trip out of Ventura Harbor	Cost: \$280 Light Load of 17	Call Mark Manculich 818-613-6575 mmanculich@socal.rr.com
NOTE:			
LARRC members signing up for club charters are obligated to pay full fare in the event they cannot make the trip. The club will attempt to fill your space and you may try to do the same in a timely manner. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunks are assigned by the charter master in order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.			
Contact Mike Hartt or Ted Feit			
LARRC Club Charters in BLUE Larry Brown Shared Charters in GREEN Malibu Fish'n Tackle, Tom Trainer Shared Charters in ORANGE			

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As of February 28, 2018

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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MEN'S OCEAN

WATER

Sheephead	20	Scott Schiffman	13	10
Sheephead	30	Joel Steinman	13	4
Snook	12	Earl Warren	10	2

MEN'S FLY ROD

MEN'S FRESH WATER

Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	6	4
Bass, Lg Mouth	17	Joel Steinman	4	13 *
Gar Fish	17	Joel Steinman	2	2 *
East Pickerel	17	Joel Steinman	1	9 *
Trout, Rainbow	4	Earl Warren	9	2

MEN'S RELEASED

Marlin, Black	100	Kevin Boyle	2 Released	
Tuna, Dogtooth	100	Kevin Boyle	Released	

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Sophia Huynh	160	0 *
White Sea Bass	30	Cathy Needleman	27	0
White Sea Bass	30	Cathy Needleman	24	0
White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	36	7 *
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	58	2
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	37	0
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	76	1 *
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	43	0 *
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	41	0

WOMEN'S FLY ROD

WOMEN'S FRESH WATER

Trout, Rainbow	4	Pamela Warren	3	6
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WOMEN'S RELEASED

Amberjack	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Barracuda, Greater	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Barracuda, Yellow	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Bass, Red	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Bonita	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Dorado	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Emperor, LongMo	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Green Job Fish	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Marlin, Black	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Marlin, Black	100	Sophia Huynh	Released	
Marlin, Blue	100	Sophia Huynh	Released	
Nannygai	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Rainbow Runner	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Rockfish, RedStripe	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Rosy Job Fish	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Sea Bass, Moari	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Skipjack	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Snapper, Blue Stripe	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Snapper, Red	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Shark, White Tip	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Trout, Coral	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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WOMEN'S RELEASED, CONT.

Trout, Luna	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Trevally, Black	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Trevally, Blufin	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Trevally, Giant	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Tuna, Dogtooth	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Tuna, Dogtooth	100	Sohia Huynh	Released	
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Wahoo	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Trout, Rainbow	2	Brooke Warren	3	4 *
Trout, Rainbow	6	Ryan Weinstock	2Released	

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	36	7
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January 3, 2018

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR

Chum Line Advertising

Do you have a business that fellow members would be interested in? If so, place an ad in the monthly Chum Line!!

Advertising Pricing

1/8 page: \$20 per month or \$240/year

1/4 page: \$40 per month or \$480/year

1/2 page: \$80 per month or \$960/year

Full page: \$160 per month or \$1920/year

Buy 12 months and get one month free!

Checks should be made payable to LARRC. The ad will be published once payment and graphics are received.

Contact Sophia (fishnsoph@gmail.com) or Donald (donald@dgoldsobel.com) for more information.

Thank you!!



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