

# Chum Line

Good Sportsmanship is Worth all the Fish in the Ocean



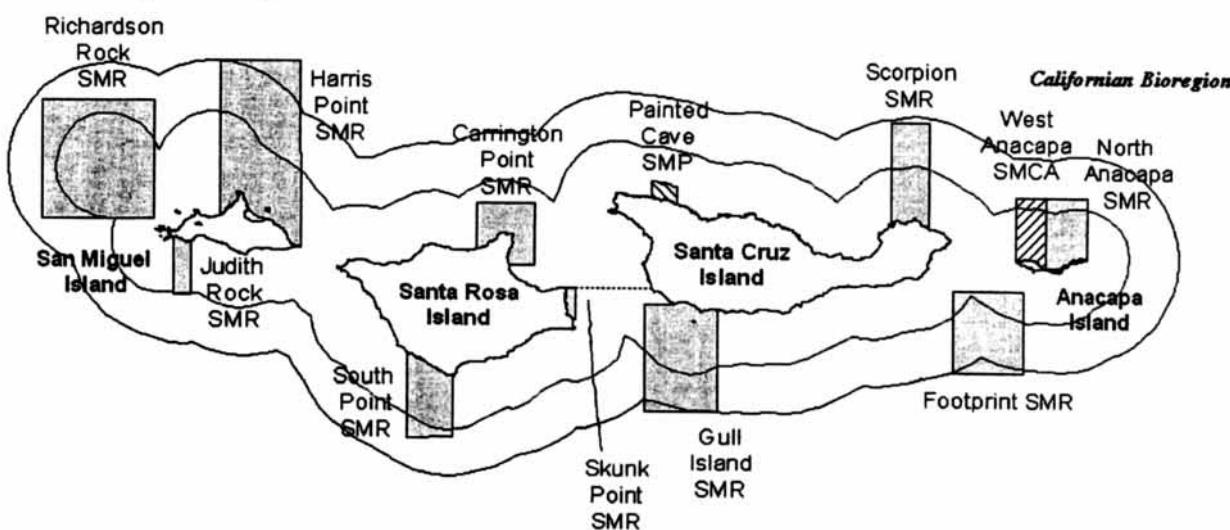
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## Our Fishing Experiences About to Change

### Preferred Alternative Marine Protected Area Network For the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

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Every now and then I wish we had a more frequent newsletter to more rapidly get out those important bulletins. The *Chum Line* usually goes out during the first week of the month so most of you may have dealt with the latest Channel Island News by now. Let me try to put this in a larger time frame perspective.

On Wednesday Oct. 23rd, some three hundred red shirts came to a specially called meeting of the California Fish & Game Commission called at Santa Barbara. We were to spend the day listening to pros and cons of the issue just as we have for over three years. This was the seventh meeting scheduled and the end of the day saw a two to one decision in favor of about a 35% closure of islands to sportfishing. (Only

three of the five commissioners attended). Remember this process included at least a two-year series of meetings of the MRWG panel. (Marine Reserve Working Group—consisting of members from all sides—who could not ultimately come up with a consensus recommendation).

With the earlier deepwater rockfish closures, which DFG imposed on behalf of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and which stretches from Cape Mendicino to the Mexican border, we have only the inshore fishery to think about. Think fast—the DFG already has contingency plans to address this. Realize that, with these closures, fishing off the inshore areas will increase in intensity with predictable results.

Finally, the meeting heard several federal speakers from NOAA and PCFM. The areas being restricted to fishing will be reviewed within the next two years by the feds and additional acreage may be added from adjacent federal waters.

Noted was an increasing involvement of the feds. Suggestions to the club leadership to increase its support to organizations which are active also on the federal level should not be ignored. Let's think about increased participation in the process to save what is left. Right to Fish Legislation should be supported and more of us must become activists.

—Eric Rogger, Environmental Chair,  
LARRC

# Sept. Q105 Trip Abundant in Fish & Relationships

This September's LARRC Qualifier 105 trip was extraordinary and rewarding on many levels. For weeks all the participants had been filled with pregnant anticipation amid constant reports of large numbers of fish and great varieties being caught. Albacore dominating, with yellowtail and blue fin also being caught regularly, and yellowfin also showing. When we arrived at the dock early Thursday, Sept, 19th, the area in front of the Point Loma Tackle Shop was loaded with fish from the prior Q105 trip still waiting to be weighed and/or taken away.

This year's trip consisted of 23 anglers. Due to grandchildren being born, an injured back, anniversary celebrations, a 30-year high school reunion, a few other miscellaneous situations, many of the regular LARRC participants were absent. In all, only 12 club members were able to make the trip. The additional 11 participants were guests. I am very pleased to say that good will, the spirit of having fun, and good sportsmanship were exemplified by all. It was great to see the club members and non-members socializing and getting along so well.

Among the participants of this year's trip were three father-and-son teams, 7 guests who had never been on a long range fishing trip, and 3 guests that had never saltwater fished before. The LARRC members were generous with their time, expertise, and patience in helping the guests with everything from tying on a hook, fishing techniques, to understanding boat etiquette. A big "thank you" to all LARRC members who gave so much of themselves.

On top of this nice sentimental touchy feely stuff, we had a great fishing trip with flat seas, lots of quality fish, a boat in great working order, and one of the best crews we've ever experienced on the Q105 trip. The boat left the dock Thursday the 19th with John Klein, the boat's owner and LARRC member, as skip-

per. We woke up Friday morning about 100 miles south of San Diego, the weather was overcast and cloudy yet warm and pleasant. There was action all day long for quality albacore, averaging 25-30 lbs. At some stops we would pick up half a dozen to 10 fish, while others were wide open.

With near-limits of albacore, we headed for Guadalupe Island, and arrived before daylight. The weather was partially cloudy, but very pleasant till the sun broke through mid-afternoon. We were on the weather side of the north end of the island. The morning bite was slow, but steady, and produced some nice 20- to 30-lb. yellowtail, and 40- to 60-lb. yellowfin. By late morning things really died off and we started trolling around but there was no action. In late afternoon we headed back to the morning spot. Around 3 pm. things started picking up and there was a steady bite with one or two fish on continually. By day's end we caught over 30 yellowfin tuna averaging about 45 lbs., 9 yellowtail in the 20- to 40-pound range and a dorado. A guest using a Penn 545 reel with 30-lb. Ande line brought in a 69-lb. brute yellowfin tuna. He was elated although his arms were shaking and he had to take a break. It turns out this would have been the jackpot fish. However, the guest neglected to enter the jackpot. Boy was he sorry! Day three and four were spent chasing bluefin tuna—although several schools were located, none were biting. However, many more quality albacore were landed.

When all was said and done the total fish count was 350 plus albacore, 31 yellowfin tuna, 18 yellowtail, 1 dorado and 1 big eye tuna. **LARRC members David Lodge and Bobby Horowitz took first and second place in the jackpot with 66.3 and 60.6-lb. YFT.**

*Submitted by: Richard Stone,  
Chartermaster*

## Mike Gardner to be Club Speaker at November 25th Dinner

Mike is one of our local fishing icons and will talk to us about light tackle in-shore fishing, using artificial lures. He's been on the scene for about thirty years, his main business being a guide for both saltwater and fresh water tours. You might have seen his book "Fish Have No Hands", or an instructional video on Trophy Spotted Bass or recognized him as a past owner of *South Coast Sport Fishing Magazine*. Mike Gardner, along with Capt. Ron Baker has been co-host of the *Fish Talk* Radio Broadcast Team. He has numerous sponsors and helps staff many tournaments in various capacities. Be sure to join us for the 25th of November dinner meeting and learn some first hand "stuff". **Be sure to call in your dinner reservation on our hot line 818 808-4909.**

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# Megalops Atlanticus

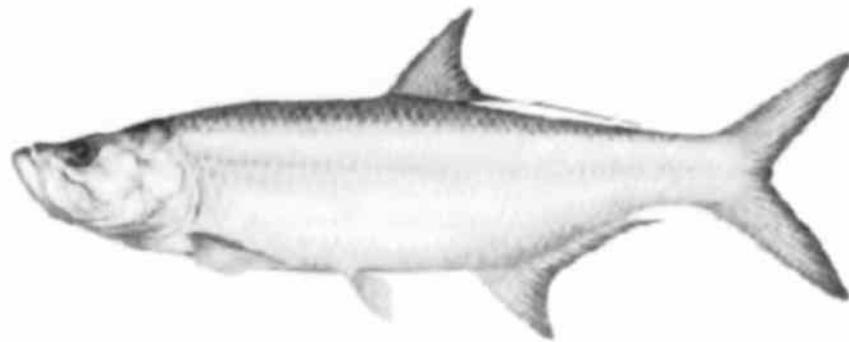
## BOW TO THE TARPON

This cry is repeated each time this wily living torpedo vaults into the air as he tries to throw the lure inadvertently taken.

Tarpon is an incredible game fish, with a powerful tail, upturned mouth, and huge scales. Our catches were in the 75-to-175-lb. range, with a 200-lb. fish boated while we were there. The Largest recorded catch is 243#. They are found in the warm inshore waters of the Caribbean and the Florida gulf. We fished at the mouth of the Rio Colorado which separates Nicaragua from Costa Rica before it descends into the Caribbean Sea. In its progress to the ocean, the river picks up significant debris, and with upstream rain, considerable mud, and its brown stain spreads for miles into the otherwise blue waters of the sea. At the Barra (Bar) it builds up sediments and currents making exciting and entering the river an adventure in itself.

Club members **Barry Cohn and son**, **Eric Rogger** and **Bert Serden and son**, along with three others flew from LA to San Jose, Costa Rica, overnighed, and flew into the Silver King Lodge the next day for breakfast, orientation, and more than nine hours of fishing each day for four days using 22-foot boats with 150-hp engines. The lodge supplies rods and reels loaded with 20-lb.-test line and Finnor Ahab Spinners and Penn 975 conventional reels. Lighter tackle was available to those who wanted to fish the river for smaller game fish while sightseeing, looking for crocs and monkeys and birds. It should be noted that Costa Rica has the largest population of free monkeys in the hemisphere, as well as a wealth of birds, parrots and many varieties of butterflies.

These fish are something else. Their bite is sometimes a modest bump in 40- to 50-feet of coffee-colored water, and when hooked, they launch their silver, torpedo like bodies out of the water as they



## **Megalops Atlanticus**

shake their heads at the annoying lure. The reason for the expression heading this article is that the lure on fully stretched mono is a deadly weapon unless you do point the rod at the fish upon its launch. Then the fun begins. Lots of runs, jumps, twists, turns, around the boat. 30-60 minutes was the usual fighting time over miles of ocean. Fishing is done in drifts with current flow while jigging the lure. There are many swings and misses, and my son had a 200-pounder hooked for about 2 seconds as it flew nearby twisting every inch of the way. Their mouths look like they could swallow our head in one gulp.

The rustic but comfortable lodge served meals with incredible variety and quantity—dieters are not allowed! You could feed a village with the leftovers—and maybe they did. Since weight on the flight to the lodge was limited, the lodge provides daily laundry service—leave it on your bed in the morning when you went out fishing, and it was back on your bed, folded and ironed by lunch time. Open bar for beer, wine and local liquors—all brands were extra. Lures used and provided by the lodge were also extra. Cool off in the fresh water pool, use the Jacuzzi, have a massage. Need some refreshment while doing these things—just ring the call button and the bar lady was at your shoulder

with whatever you desired. An attentive staff of professional, well-supervised people at all levels. The guides were marvelous and helpful and encouraging. Anyone for seconds?

*Submitted by Bert Serden.*



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# Trophy Contenders as of October 24, 2002

| SPECIES             | LINE TEST | ANGLER              | LB. OZ. | SPECIES               | LINE TEST     | ANGLER           | LB. OZ.  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>OCEAN WATERS</b> |           |                     |         |                       |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Albacore            | 8         | Al Spievak          | 12 2    | Yellowtail            | 30            | Joel Steinman    | 28 0     |  |  |  |  |
| Albacore            | 10        | Eric Rogger         | 29 0 *  | Yellowtail            | 40            | Brent Simpson    | 24 4     |  |  |  |  |
| Albacore            | 12        | Tom Carlisle        | 16 0    | <b>FRESH WATER</b>    |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Albacore            | 12        | Al Spievak          | 25 3    | Steelhead (Released}  | 8             | Bert Serden      | 15 0     |  |  |  |  |
| Albacore            | 20        | Julian Wolf         | 38 0    | Trout, Lightning      | 2             | Royal MacNair    | 4 2      |  |  |  |  |
| Amberjack           | 30        | Wayne Caywood       | 22 0    | <b>FLY ROD</b>        |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Barracuda           | 10        | Al Spievak          | 5 14    | Albacore              | 20 lb Tippet  | Eli Livnat       | 19 0     |  |  |  |  |
| Barracuda           | 10        | Joel Steinman       | 6 0 *   | Albacore              | 20 lb Tippet  | Eli Livnat       | 19 0     |  |  |  |  |
| Barracuda           | 16        | Arnie Stein         | 9 8     | Dolly Vardon          | 6             | Don Lee          | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, Calico        | 10        | Joel Steinman       | 4 14    | Dorado                | 12            | Don Lee          | 10 0 *   |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, Calico        | 12        | Mike Godfrey        | 3       | Grayling              | 2             | Don Lee          | 3 2 *    |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, Calico        | 16        | Michael Lapidus     | 5 15    | Grayling              | 6             | Don Lee          | 3 12 *   |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, Calico        | 20        | Tom Carlisle        | 7 4     | Grayling              | 8 Tippet      | Jim Carlisle     | 2 8 *    |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, Sand          | 10        | Al Spievak          | 5 3 *   | Lady Fish (5)         | 20 Tippet     | Eli Livnat       | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, White Sea     | 10        | John Vowels         | 8 4     | Lake Trout            | 6             | Don Lee          | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, White Sea     | 10        | Joel Steinman       | 18 0    | Pike                  | 6             | Don Lee          | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, White Sea     | 10        | Joel Steinman       | 29 0 *  | Sailfish              | 16 lb. Tippet | Earl Warren      | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Bass, White Sea     | 25        | Jim Carlisle        | 31 0 *  | Sailfish              | 20            | Earl Warren      | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Bonito, Pacific     | 2         | Steve Greanias      | 2 3     | Sierra (12)           | 20 Tippet     | Eli Livnat       | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Bonito, Pacific     | 6         | Steve Greanias      | 2 1     | Shark, Black Tip(2)   | 20 Tippet     | Eli Livnat       | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Dorado              | 4         | Don Lee             | 8 5     | Tarpon (4)            | 20            | Wayne Caywood    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Dorado              | 12        | Don Lee             | 29 2    | Yellowtail            | 20 lb. Tippet | Eli Livnat       | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Dorado              | 20        | Tom Carlisle        | 12 0    |                       |               |                  | 11 7     |  |  |  |  |
| Dorado              | 20        | Bert Serden         | 55 0 *  | <b>MEN'S RELEASED</b> |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Dorado              | 40        | Randy Sharon        | 37 0 *  | Barracuda, Atl.(2)    | 20 Tippet     | Eli Livnat       | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut             | 6         | Al Spievak          | 10 3    | Halibut, Pacific (6)  | 80            | Will Ebersman    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut             | 12        | Phil Bell           | 32 3    | Jack Cravelle         | 20 Tippet     | Eli Livnat       | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut             | 20        | Richard Lapidus     | 12 0    | Ling Cod (7)          | 80            | Will Ebersman    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut             | 25        | Jim Carlisle        | 14 9 *  | Roosterfish (4)       | 20 Tippet     | Eli Livnat       | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut, Pacific    | 80        | Karl Forster        | 128 2   | Sailfish (27)         | 20            | Earl Warren      | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut, Pacific    | Open      | Arnold Scherpenborg | 148 8   | Sailfish (2)          | 30            | Earl Warren      | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Halibut, Pacific    | 80        | Will Ebersman       | 121 8   | Salmon, King (10)     | 16            | Will Ebersman    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Jack Crevalle       | 20        | Bert Serden         | 50 0    | Steelhead (18)        | 10            | Earl Warren      | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Ling Cod            | 80        | Will Ebersman       | 36 11   | Steelhead             | 10            | Al Scow          | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Permit              | 30        | Wayne Caywood       | 16 0    | Tarpon                |               | Barry Cohn       | 20       |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, King        | 6         | Larry Dinovitz      | 28 0 *  | <b>LADIES</b>         |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, King        | 10        | Richard Lapidus     | 13      | Albacore              | 15            | Jan Howard       | 23 0 *   |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, King        | 10        | Barry Cohn          | 14 3 *  | Albacore              | 30            | Sally Vickers    | 30 0     |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, King        | 12        | Tom Carlisle        | 24 9    | Bass, White Sea       | 25            | Jan Howard       | 32 0 *   |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, King        | 16        | Bert Serden         | 17 1    | Halibut               | 25            | Sally Vickers    | 146 2 *  |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, King        | 16        | Will Ebersman       | 23 2    | Halibut, Pacific (4)  | 80            | Marti Ebersman   | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, King        | 25        | Arnie Cohen         | 38 0 *  | Ling Cod (6)          | 80            | Marti Ebersman   | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, Silver      | 6         | Larry Dinovitz      | 10 0    | Ling Cod              | 80            | Marti Ebersman   | 43 5     |  |  |  |  |
| Salmon, Silver      | 25        | Barry Cohn          | 12 0 *  | Sailfish (4)          | 20            | Pamela Warren    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Snapper, Australian | 10        | Michael Grossman    | 24 8    | Sailfish (4)          | 30            | Pamela Warren    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Snapper, Australian | 20        | Michael Grossman    | 30 0    | Tuna, Bluefin         | 25            | Marti Ebersman   | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Tarpon              | 20        | Eric Rogger         | 125 0   | Tuna, Bluefin         | 25            | Jan Howard       | 25 4     |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Bluefin       | 40        | Wayne Caywood       | 77 8    | Tuna, King (8)        | 16            | Sally Vickers    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Bluefin       | 60        | Al Scow             | 114 4 * | Salmon, King          | 25            | 39 6 *           |          |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Bluefin       | 60        | Steve Greanias      | 103 2   | Salmon, King (20)     | 25            | Sally Vickers    | Released |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Yellowfin     | 40        | Eric Rogger         | 122 1   | Tuna, Bluefin         | 60            | Jan Howard       | 33 5     |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Yellowfin     | 60        | Dan Felger          | 70 0    | Tuna, Bluefin         | 60            | Sally Vickers    | 112 3    |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Yellowfin     | 60        | Al Scow             | 82 0    | Tuna, Yellowfin       | 40            | Jan Howard       | 63 5 *   |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Yellowfin     | 100       | Al Scow             | 202 5 * | Tuna, Yellowfin       | 60            | Sally Vickers    | 99 2     |  |  |  |  |
| Tuna, Yellowfin     | 130       | Doug Taylor         | 205 6   | Wahoo                 | 30            | Pamela Warren    | 50 8     |  |  |  |  |
| White Seabass       | 30        | Jim Carlisle        | 18 10   | Yelloweye Rockfish    | 25            | Sally Vickers    | 16 9 *   |  |  |  |  |
| Yelloweye Rockfish  | 16        | Will Ebersman       | 7 0     | Yellowtail            | 40            | Jan Howard       | 38 9 *   |  |  |  |  |
| Yellowtail          | 8         | Steve Greanias      | 15 14   | <b>SARDINES</b>       |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Yellowtail          | 8         | Steve Greanias      | 14 7    | Bass, Calico          | 12            | Sophia Perriseau | 4 8      |  |  |  |  |
| Yellowtail          | 10        | Eric Rogger         | 19 2 *  |                       |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Yellowtail          | 12        | Michael Lapidus     | 13 9    |                       |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Yellowtail          | 20        | Michael Lapidus     | 19 11   |                       |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Yellowtail          | 25        | Richard Lapidus     | 24 7 *  | * New Club Record     |               |                  |          |  |  |  |  |

# He Was Unique



The South California saltwater sportfishing scene will never be the same. On October 12, Russ Izor lost his valiant fight with pancreatic cancer. During his lifetime Russ took on many adversaries, and no matter how stacked the odds were against him, he usually prevailed. Unfortunately pancreatic cancer was one foe Russ couldn't beat. I first met Russ in the mid-fifties when he was the owner/operator of the *New Longfin*, operating out of San Pedro. It didn't take long for Russ and I to develop a relationship (sometimes rocky) that would last for over four decades.

Russ' first crusade was trying to convince his passengers that the world was flat and the drop off was just beyond Catalina. He believed that if it couldn't be caught at Santa Izor Island, it wasn't worth catching. Nobody before Russ, and certainly no one since, knew Catalina as Russ did. He would squeeze out a decent catch no matter how terrible the fishing

conditions. The *New Longfin* was about 46 feet long, had a crude bunkroom, poor cooking facilities, and Russ drove from an open wheelhouse. Like most of the skippers of the fifties, sun and weather exposure were never considered. In an attempt to correct the deficiencies of the *New Longfin*, Russ built the 60-foot *Maverick*, which was named after his longtime friend Dr. Fred Reynolds (a true maverick). The *Maverick* was a huge improvement over the *New Longfin* but still had shortcomings. Driven to build the ultimate sport boat, Russ built the *Indian*, followed by the *Truth*, the *Peace*, and finally the *First String*.

If there was an unjust Fish & Game regulation you could bet the farm that Crusader Russ was leading the protest to change it. The best example of this was the archaic regulation prohibiting filleting fish until the boat reached port. The F & G claimed that they could not determine species and size unless the fish was intact. As a result many anglers anxious to get home after a tiring day abandoned their catch, rather than take time to have their catch filleted after returning or incurring the wrath of the wife by bringing home a whole fish. It took time, but Russ finally prevailed. In retaliation to the thorn in their side, the F & G targeted Russ for special attention. On one occasion they attempted to board his boat in the middle of a "hot" bite at Catalina. Russ refused to allow the wardens aboard and held them at bay with a gaff. Naturally a warrant was issued for his arrest. Not one to go quietly Russ departed his boat at the bait receiver and made his way to a phone booth where he called several friends to contribute to his bail, which we did. Although the F&G wanted to throw the book at him, Russ got off with a modest fine.

In the 1980s Russ got involved in the manufacture of sport-fishing products, which to this day still bear his name (Izorline). The most famous product he introduced was Spectra. This ultra light, synthetic, non-stretch, and thin diameter line made the biggest impact on big game fishing. Lighter and more versatile reels now replace the heavy international reels.

Russ was also instrumental in establishing several successful artificial reefs along the Southern California Coast. However, in my opinion, one his greatest accomplishments was the passage of the "Gill Net Initiative". In 1985 Russ, Assemblywoman Doris Allen, Lockey Brown, representing the divers, Jim Donlon, United Anglers, Ken Kakuda, then editor of South Coast Sportfishing, and myself formed an organization called Alliance for Resource Managements (ARM) for the purpose of obtaining sufficient signatures on a petition to get an anti-gill-net-initiative on the ballot. Although the "Grass Roots" effort failed miserably (only 80,000 signatures obtained, 650,000 required), it did wake up the sport-fishing community. Subsequently, thanks in a large part to Russ' persistence, necessary financial support was obtained and the measure qualified for the ballot, and was ultimately passed.

Russ became an Honorary Member of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club in 1985, and is the only non-active member to have served as a Foundation Trustee. So long Russ....You will be missed.—by Dan Felger

## Trophy Contenders Continued

### **First Game Fish of the Year**

Brent Simpson — White Seabass, 19 lbs., 4/25/02

### **First Albacore of the Year**

Dan Felger — 6/17/02

*Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and witness to the weight, other than the angler. Weight certificates must be postmarked within 15 days of the catch, unless a written explanation is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.*

**All weight slips must be sent to Joel Steinman at 5826 Ostrom Ave., Encino, CA 91316: Phone (818) 345-1356, Fax(818) 345-6104. E-mail: joeli@ix.netcom.com**

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# MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2003

the boat operator the contracted number of passengers and payment for each charter trip. Trips managed by an individual member but not underwritten by the club will be indicated in italic type. These are considered private charters.

## QUALIFIER 105

### 5-DAY CHARTER — July 2003

The just concluded Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club charter on the Qualifier 105 was a huge success. Limits of quality albacore and yellowtail with a few bluefin tuna mixed in. A pleasant surprise was the new skipper Brian Sims. The boat has been booked for 2003 and the pertinent details are as follows:

- 1-Departure: Tuesday July 15, 2003- Return: Sunday July 20
- 2-Cost \$1550 per person (same as 2002)
- 3-Passenger Load 22. Chartermaster may overbook by one.
- 4-Not included are soft drinks, beer, tackle fish cleaning (if permitted), tips, Mexican Permits, jackpot and fuel cost increase if any.
- 5-LARRC participants of the July 2002 shall have first priority to reserve a spot for themselves and their guests through August 31, 2002. However, others are encouraged to sign up prior to Aug. 31, 2002, as available space will be filled on a first come basis.
- 6-A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with an initial deposit of \$350. Subsequent deposits of \$400 each will be due November 15, 2002, February 15, 2003, and April 15, 2003. Checks are to be made payable to LARRC and sent to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Rd., Suite W., Thousand Oaks, CA 913617.
- 7-This is a private club charter and the full charter price must be paid by the 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 their guests.

## SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE - CABO TRIP

**April 19 - April 27 2003 LARRC Sets Sea of Cortez Skiff Trip - Bob Selvin to lead trip on the 88' *Spirit of Adventure***

This certainly will again be a unique opportunity to fish waters most of the one-day hotel-based pangas never see. This is the THIRD time the club has chartered the *Spirit* and this trip promises to be even better than the previous two. The *Spirit* will pick us up on the afternoon of Saturday, April 19, 2003 in Cabo and drop us off in Cabo on Sunday, April 27, 2003. Pre-arranged shuttles will take us to and from the airport with all of our gear. For those that work during the week, this means there will be only FIVE weekdays away. NOTE: April is the perfect weather month in the Sea of Cortez—the winds are normally calm and the weather still isn't unbearably hot. The *Spirit* will drop us off. We'll arrange to meet the boat to have our fish processed. We have loads of fishing time—seven days, in fact. The *Spirit* carries excellent skiffs with three anglers per skiff. This leaves only nine to fish on the big boat! Mike Keating will skipper. The trip price is estimated to be in the \$2500-2600 range including roundtrip airfare and shuttle service. Contact Bob Selvin at 310 474-4143, fax 310 652-1100 or email rkstbred@aol.com

## ALASKA TRIP

**June 19-23rd 2003 Kingfisher Lodge at Sitka. At this writing there are 7 openings.**

1-Cost is \$1495

2-Includes Licenses, Fileting, Freeze & Vacuum Packing in wetlock freezer boxes. Also Included: Rain Gear and Fishing Equipment even two-speed reels for halibut.

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For further information contact Arnie Cohen. Day Phone: 818-366-3300, Night Phone: 818 368-5834.

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## RED ROOSTER TRIPS 2003

**4-DAY TRIP Departs July 16th (Wednesday) at 1 p.m.  
Return July 20th (Sunday) at 9 a.m.  
Cost is \$1195. \$200 Deposit to reserve your spot.**

**3-DAY TRIP Departs September 10th (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. Return September 13th (Sunday) at 9 a.m.**

Cost is \$810. \$100 Deposit to reserve your spot.

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## QUALIFIER 105

### CALICO BASS TRIP—Thursday May 29 - June 5, 2003

This memo is being sent to all participants from the 2002 Polaris Supreme skiff trip and others who have expressed interest in calico bass skiff fishing. As you are aware, Tommy has elected to not operate any more calico bass skiff trips. Over the past several years the Qualifier 105 has operated a single skiff trip and commencing next year will be operating a second one, which is going to be sponsored by Barry Brightenburg (Fish Trap). The pertinent details of this trip are:

- 1-Departure: Thursday, May 29.
- 2-Return: Thursday June 5.
- 3-Cost: \$1800.
- 4-Passenger limit will be 18 but the boat may overbook by one.

Contact Q 105 office for details: 619 223-2786.

## QUALIFIER 105

### 5-DAY TRIP—September 18 (Thurs.) - 23 (Tues.), 2003

1-Departure: Thursday, September 18. This trip will depart approximately at noon and return at 7 am.

2-Return: Tuesday September 23.

3-Cost: \$1635 which includes galley drinks, tips and Mexican permits.

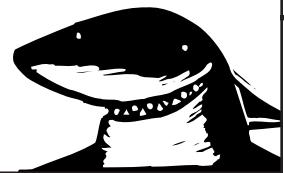
4-22 Anglers will repeat this year's successful trip. Chartermaster may overbook by one. To secure your reservation send deposit of \$535 by November 30, 2002. Second deposits are due by April 1 (\$550) and final payment by July 1 (\$550).

Please don't hesitate to send in your deposit to: Richard Stone c/o Richard Stone & Associates, 27600 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Suite 212, Saugus, CA 91350.

## THE L ARRC FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

I wish to remind everyone that the Foundation's auction will be held at the award Banquet on February 22nd, 2003. The auction will help raise money for our annual underprivileged kids fishing trip and other worthwhile and charitable events. I encourage each of you to help us obtain donations that can be used at the auction. Please remember that these donations do not have to be fishing related. In fact, the Foundation is making a great effort to obtain items which will be suited for the non-fishing members of our families.

Thanks for your support. Randy Sharon Chair LARR Foundation



## November Attempt at Humor

A couple goes on vacation to a fishing resort in northern Minnesota. The husband likes to fish at the crack of dawn. The wife like to read.

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors and continues to read her book.

Along comes a game warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says: "Good morning ma'm. What are you doing?" "Reading the book," she replies, (thinking "isn't it obvious?")

"You're in a restricted fishing area," he informs her. "I'm sorry officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading".

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to take you in and write you up".

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment."

**MORAL** - Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

(Thanks - Larry Brown)



## Health, Welfare and Happenings

### Announcement of major proportion!

**Joel and Jackie Zide** are happy to announce that they will be expecting the birth of their first child—Isabella Abra Zide—in late February. LARRC friends wish them the best!

**Born to Linda and Phil Press** on Oct. 23, 2002, Aryn Elizabeth Press—weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. and taped out at 20"—Congratulations!

## Membership News

LARRC would like to welcome the following new members:

**David Dorflinger** is a production manager and will be a non-resident member.  
He lives at:  
961 3rd Street  
Gilroy, CA 95020 Phone 408.846-8046  
e-mail: david.l.dorflinger@amat.com

**Larry Mills** is retired and will be an active member.  
He lives at:  
12026 Otsego St.  
Valley Village, CA 91607  
Phone 818 761-4483.  
e-mail: lmills1998@aol.com

**Scott Smith** (Junior - Albacore)  
2941 Fallriver Circle  
Westlake Village, CA 91302  
805 494-9548

**Shawn Lauren** (Junior - Albacore) is an employee at Malibu Fish & Tackle in Thousand Oaks.  
He lives at:  
1642 LaGranada Dr.  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
805 496-2825.  
e mail: farmboarder 15@aol.com

### NEEDED:

**Otto Painter** wishes to relocate to a ground level apartment. Can anyone out there be helpful?  
**Call 310.652.5261.**

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## C A L E N D A R

# LARRC Charters 2002

### WEEKDAY CHARTERS ON THE PACIFIC CLIPPER

Cisco Landing, Oxnard

|          |             |              |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| NOVEMBER | 7 Thursday  | 20 Wednesday |
| DECEMBER | 4 Wednesday |              |

## 2003

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| JANUARY   | 15 Wednesday |
| FEBRUARY  | 19 Wednesday |
| MARCH     | 20 Thursday  |
| APRIL     | 9 Wednesday  |
| MAY       | 7 Wednesday  |
| JUNE      | 4 Wednesday  |
| JULY      | 10 Thursday  |
| AUGUST    | 6 Wednesday  |
| SEPTEMBER | 17 Wednesday |
| OCTOBER   | 8 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: \$130      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.

## C A L E N D A R 2 0 0 3

### Board Meeting

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| January 20  | July 21      |
| February 17 | August 18    |
| March 24    | September 16 |
| April 21    | October 20   |
| May 12      | November 17  |
| June 23     | December 15  |

### Dinner Meeting

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| January 27           | July 28      |
| Annual Awards Dinner | August 25    |
| March 31             | September 30 |
| April 28             | October 27   |
| May 19               | November 24  |
| June 30              | Dark         |

**DINNER HOTLINE  
(818) 808-4909  
USE IT!**

### Dinner Meetings

#### November 25

No dinner meeting in December

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

#### November 18

December 16

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Al Scow at 310/791-4196 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

4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

### Other Events

February 22, 2003

Saturday

Annual Installation and Awards Dinner and Auction at the Braemar Country Club

March 5-9

Hall Show @ Long Beach

April 3-6

Hall Show@ Ventura

### Foundation Meetings

Dec 9

6:00 pm at the Valley Inn

### Upcoming Speakers

November 25

Mike Gardner, Local Inshore Fishing Icon and Guide

DECEMBER

**NO DINNER MEETING**

# Who Needs the Revillagigedos?

Even with the Islas Revillagigedos closed, there remain great alternative venues for large tuna. Four LARRC members, **Eric Rogger, Bill Vogel, Garth Goldberg, and Larry Brown**, joined the 10-Day Second Annual Tag & Release and Feed the Hungry Charter on the *Polaris Supreme*. Captain Tommy Rothery took us from the 13 Spot on the Lower Ridge all the way down to the Morgan Bank, sixty miles north of Cabo San Lucas, for phenomenal large-tuna fishing. We released nearly everything less than 50 pounds and many between 70 and 100 pounds as well. Nearly all the tuna kept were over 70 pounds.

Twenty-four sponsors donated over \$9,000 in prizes and gifts to provide the anglers an incentive to participate in the release program and the donations to St. Vincent De Paul's. Over 500 fish were released, and this included 31 tuna tagged and released between 60 and 100 pounds, and two marlin. LARRC member Garth Goldberg caught and released one of the two marlin after a 45-minute fight on an eight-foot jig stick with a 4/0 Senator spooled with 40-pound line. The charter group donated over 1,000 pounds of fish to the charity, for which each angler will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

The group also boated 357 fish—281 Yellowfin Tuna, 24 Dorado, 4 Wahoo, 5



**Eric Rogger, Garth Goldberg, Larry Brown, and Bill Vogel at the weigh in.**

Yellowtail, 41 Grouper, and several other miscellaneous bottom-dwellers. Because of the huge yellowfin tuna that were caught, there was plenty to take home for friends and family, as well as to donate to the charities.

In addition to the fabulous large-tuna fishing, on the last day we had a wide-open bite outside the Thetis bank where every mackerel or sardine bait was crushed in a tuna boil. In one hour, the boat landed 76 tuna in the 40 pound range. There were as many as 10 anglers hooked up at one time.

The four LARRC member/participants released 98 fish. Bill Vogel placed number three in the most-released fish count, earning a beautiful Shimano PFCF 70 wahoo

stick. Shimano also donated a Trinidad 40 and another wahoo rod for first and second places.

Special thanks to all our sponsors:

- AA Plastics**
- Bill Boyce Images**
- Braid Products**
- Catchy Lures**
- Crystal Pier Hotel**
- F & T Lures**
- Izorline**
- Owner Hooks**
- P-Line**
- Tag & Brag**
- Smitty Belts**
- Shimano**
- 976-Tuna**
- PIER**
- Megabaits**
- Fishworks**
- Tady Lures**
- Pure Fishing**
- Inside Sportfishing**
- Area Rule Engineering**
- Hyper Hoo Lures**
- Sportsman's Seafood**
- Fisherman's Canning**

We hope we can count

on support of these fine sponsors once again for the 3rd Annual Tag and Release and Feed the Hungry Charter for 10 day scheduled for November 1 to 11, 2003 on the *Polaris Supreme*. Please contact Larry Brown at (310) 578-2288, or [lmbrownxx@earthlink.net](mailto:lmbrownxx@earthlink.net) [lmbrownxx@earthlink.net](mailto:lmbrownxx@earthlink.net) to get on this very popular trip.

Great fishing, great weather, great camaraderie, great boat, and last but not least of all, great food thanks to executive chef Javier. Every meal was a culinary delight. Thanks also to crew members Danny, Chris, Kevin, Drew and Greg and of course Skipper Tommy Rothery who put us on the fish every time. Awesome trip!!!