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## What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

**B**y the time you read this you will have received the 2008 dues request and 2008 roster information update

sheet. I hope that you have returned both. If not, please take a moment and do so now. In my May message I detailed the importance of your club dues and how they are used. Much of what we do as a club would not be possible without your dues payment. We use the roster information sheet to update our club roster, yearbook and contact information. No matter how hard we try, we always seem to get e-mails or mail returned because of incorrect addresses. If you have a change mid-year, please contact us and let us know.

November is also the time when we elect members to the board of directors. This year we will elect five individuals vying for the five positions. At the time of this writing, we have

seven individuals vying for the five positions. The fact that we have more members interested in joining the board than openings is a good thing. You will receive your ballot soon. Please review those nominated and choose the individuals you feel will best represent the general membership of the club. This is an important choice and your vote definitely counts. Last year I believe there was only a two-vote difference for the final open position. Please return your ballot early.

This has been a banner year for our Foundation. Congratulations to **Jack Genero** and the Foundation trustees for not only orchestrating record breaking donations but, more importantly, funding significant and worthwhile activities that benefit children in need. In December, the board of directors will appoint one new trustee to the Foundation for a three-year term. Are you interested in being a Foundation trustee? Please let us know.

It is not too early to think about our annual banquet. Sunday February 24, 2008 at the Woodland Hills Country Club is the date and location. We needed a change of venue as we outgrew the seating capacity of Braemar. Save the date and I hope to see you there. ■

### November 26 Dinner Speaker—NANETTE SMITH

**N**anette Smith is a member of the Berkeley Saltwater Pro Staff, Albackore Pro Staff as well as the Administrative instructor for the Owner Hooks/Ronnie Kovach Fishing Schools and Tournament Director for the Albackore Surf Slam.

Fishing since early childhood, she has learned a great deal about both fresh and saltwater fishing and has four tuna over 200 lbs to her credit. When not out on a boat chasing yellowtail or tuna, she can be found almost daily walking the beaches of Orange Co. looking for Corbina, Halibut and Yellowfin Croaker.

Nanette works with the CA State Parks teaching surf fishing on the Fish Free days. She has given lectures on the subject at the Fred Hall Show, Bass Pro Shops in Las Vegas as well as various local tackle shops and fishing clubs ■



### IMPORTANT CHUM LINE DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCEMENT

In an effort to improve distribution and related costs the board has decided that the *Chum Line* hard copy –(i.e, mailed issues) will be discontinued with the January 2008 issue. Unless you confirm that you want the hard copy delivered by mail, you will no longer receive it. You will be able to access each issue via the internet (LARRC.org). You must contact Eric Rogger if you wish to keep receiving copies by mail. (310) 476-5936 (310) 476-6811 fax e: [wstridge@aol.com](mailto:wstridge@aol.com) . Text for C/L is due by the 25th of each month. Posting on the web usually occurs around the end of each month.

# Foundation Awards Marine Biology Scholarships

By Tom Carlisle

**T**he LARRC Foundation has awarded scholarships in marine biology to two California State University at Long Beach students. Graduate student, **Christopher Martin**, was selected by the Trustees to receive a \$1500 grant to help support his master's thesis work on the fish populations of the oil rigs off Long Beach. Undergraduate student, **Aimee Deconinck**, was awarded a \$1000 grant which she will use for school expenses and for expenses related to her research into the impacts of transplanting ghost shrimp for use as live bait.

The Foundation was assisted by **Dr. Christopher Lowe**, Associate Professor, and **Maryanne Horton**, Director of Development, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at CSU Long Beach. Professor Lowe will act as Faculty Advisor for the scholarships. Professor Lowe, Ms. Horton and the scholarship winners are scheduled to attend the LARRC dinner meeting in January to meet and get to know some of the members. ■



Tom Carlisle, center, presents the Foundation grant to Professor Lowe, left and Maryanne Horton.

## Accessing the LARRC WEBSITE

### A primer sent in by Bob Jones

It is quite easy to access the club's website to download forms and to find the following: The next dinner meeting, what is being served for dinner and read the past and current *Chum Lines*. If all of us did this it would save our group money which we spend for paper, printing and postage.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SEARCH FOR LARRC ON ANY SEARCH ENGINE AND BOOKMARK THE PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. The above will be at your fingertips....

See front page of this *Chum Line* for changes in distribution.



The club announces with great sorrow the passing of **Bruce R. Dexter**. Bruce was our fishing guide on many channel island adventures. Forty years of working the Ventura Coast made him an excellent skipper. Death was due to a burst cerebral aneurysm. Services were held at Cisco's Landing. Our condolences go to the family.



The club also sends condolences to **Paul and Francine Varenchik**. Paul's dad passed away last week.



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**CALENDAR**



**Dinner Meetings**

**November 26**

**Last Dinner Meeting of the year**

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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**Board Meetings**

**November 19**

**Next: December 17**

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  
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**Other Events**

**February 4, 2008**  
Annual Banquet and Foundation Fundraiser  
Woodland Hills Country Club...Details Follow

**April 4**  
LARRC Foundation's Louis K. Burke Annual Trout Derby Hansen Dam

**Odds & Ends**

**Phil & Chana Bell** have moved. New address is: **8180 Manitoba St. #329D Playa Del Rey, CA 90293.**

**Jim & Michi Marshall** request that all future emails be sent to: [mjmar@att.net](mailto:mjmar@att.net)

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## OFFICIAL CLUB CHARTERS

These trips are private charters and have been contracted for by LARRC. Therefore the club is committed for the full price of the charter. If you sign up you will be responsible for the full price of the trip in the event that you cancel and a replacement is not available. LARRC members will be responsible for the conduct and the financial obligations of their guests.

### 2008 TRIPS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

#### 7-Day Skiff Trip aboard the Q105

June 14-21

Cost \$2200—limited load of 18

Contact: Chartermaster is John Ballotti (310) 618-2004  
[john.Ballotti@mattel.com](mailto:john.Ballotti@mattel.com)

A \$600 deposit will hold your spot. \$600 due 9/15/07 and \$500 ea due on 12/15/07 and 3/15/08

#### 5-Day Tuna Trip aboard the Q105

July 19-24 **Only 5 spaces left...Book NOW!**

Cost \$2195—Includes Mexican Permits and substantial (\$600) Jackpot. A \$500 deposit will hold your spot. \$500 due 12/7/07, \$500 due 3/1/08, 5/15/08. Final payment of \$695 due 6/1/08.

For details and availability contact Chartermaster Dave Levinson (818) 785-1776 or email [dajplevin@roadrunner.com](mailto:dajplevin@roadrunner.com).

#### Pacific Dawn **Sold Out at this time.**

November 3

Jim Carlisle notes this is the last overnight trip for the season. He plans on running 5 *Pacific Dawn* trips in 2008. Stay tuned for updates on the schedule. Note that cancellations do occur. For information please call: Jim Carlisle (562) 598-0940 or email [jamesnc@earthlink.net](mailto:jamesnc@earthlink.net)

#### 5-Day Tuna Trip aboard the Q105

Sept. 21-26

*The LARRC board, meeting on 10/22, discussed at length the lack of interest shown in this trip. It was decided that it would be scrubbed! President John Ballotti has indicated that he will convene a meeting of past and present charter masters to see if this situation can be corrected. Your opinions will be welcome.*

#### NOTE:

2007 PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE FIRST CHOICE ON THESE TRIPS. Charter masters have the right to overbook by 1. Not included on these trips are drinks, filleting, fuel surcharge if necessary, Mexican permits. Departures are usually by noon but CM will notify in case of early departure. Checks should be made out to LARRC and sent to CM. Important! Fishing in Mexican waters in 2008 will require a valid passport.



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#### 2008 Alaska Trip

July 24-28, 2008

Kingfisher Charters Lodge, Sitka Alaska. Another group outing, this year a party of 12 will travel north for another fabulous fishing adventure.

The price is \$1995. A \$500 deposit made out to Kingfisher Charters is required to hold your spot. This includes: meals, snacks, fishing gear, bait, rain gear, boots, licenses, filleting, vacuum freezing and packaging, ready to go to the airport. Not included: Stateroom Tax, tips, booze and airfare to Sitka.

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# Why Honor Bill Poole?

**T**he October *Chum Line* carried an article concerning a fund raiser/honorary dinner for **Bill Poole**. The notice concerning the November 3rd event in San Diego had two phone numbers to contact. One was **Dan Felger**, who brought this to our attention initially. The second was mine since I wanted to possibly act as a facilitator. Truly, I expected some of you to respond and at this time we don't know of any of you stalwart recreational fishermen who are going or are interested.

**Bill Poole**, in case you didn't know, was the first to run multi-day trips out of San Diego after World War II. He's done very well, as a former boat yard owner, partner of Fishermen's Landing—as well as several others. I've admired him since my very first long range trips aboard the *Polaris DeLuxe*. Many of you know him as owner of the *Excel*. Bill does not need the money! Funds will be used save recreational fishing.

This event is being run in association with SAC (Sportfishing Association of California) and ASA (American Sportfishing Association). Most landings and sportfishers are members of SAC. **Bob Fletcher** of SAC told me they have about 300 dinner attendees signed up and indeed their association has been collecting funds for many months in order to fight the coming restrictions which tend to follow the MLPA process.

## RECORDS TO NOTE:

The Virginia State bluefin record was broken this past summer out of Virginia Beach. Angler **Frederick Haycox** used eighty-pound tackle to subdue a fish that weighed 573 lbs. It took four hours to land. He'd been fishing for yellowfin.

Source: *Saltwater Sportsman* 10/07

**Michael Tull**, was fishing out of Pensacola aboard *Sea Reaper*. The occasion was the 2007 Pensacola International Billfish Tournament. He hooked up to a wahoo that hit the scales at 106 lbs.

Source: *Saltwater Sportsman* 10/07

The oncorhynchus tshawytscha (King Salmon) record for Alaska (All tackle IGFA Record) is 97.4 lbs. caught by **Lester Anderson** in the Kenai River in 1985.

Source: *Western Outdoors*

Going into effect on September 21, the Central Coast Marine Protected areas, have removed some 18% of that central coast from recreational fishing. Some sources have suggested this figure is deceptive since it may include some of the most productive areas.

You will recall that in August the federal government announced restrictions to recreational fishing at the Channel Islands. 150 square miles were put off limits permanently creating the largest no fishing zones in the continental United States. This area was in addition to the 135 square miles already set aside by the state in 2002.

Those of us fishing out of San Diego and into Mexican waters are only too familiar with regulations down there. The first were the closures of the Revillas. So you say to yourself that you don't go on 17-day trips anyway. Let's just go to Guadalupe but be sure to carry your wristlet to indicate the special fee for going there. Remember also that earlier this season permits to Guadalupe were hard to come by. Mexico also passed the "Shark Noma" laws this year which allows longliners closer into shore. WON noted that 4200 boats are fishing under these permits..

Do you feel that you're being closed in? This is why it's hard to understand why so many recreational fishermen are sitting on their hands. Outrage should be the order of the day.

You can help. Send a contribution to help fight the MLPA efforts coming to Southern California. Send a significant check to help save our precious fisheries—not only for yourself but also the many of you who send in weight slips for your kids. Make your check out to "S.A.C". I couldn't think of a better cause. **These contributions are NOT deductible for income tax purposes.**

I'm asking you to send checks to me so that I can add you to the list of donors in a future *Chum Line*. If you object to this call me and I'll give you the SAC address.

Thanks....Eric Rogger, 2625 Westridge Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049-1234 ■

## LOST IN THE DARNDDEST PLACES

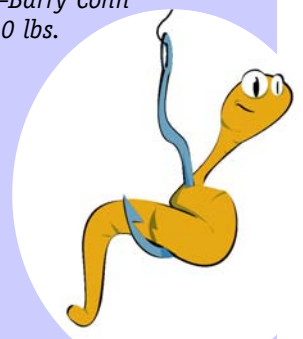
An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher. "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried.

The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way." A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard". He says, "She got in the back seat by mistake."

Sent in by *Arnie Cohen*

# Trophy Contenders as of October 25, 2007

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>					<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
Albacore	16	Barry Cohen	27	0	Albacore	25	Sophia Perriseau	42	6
Albacore	30	Barry Cohen	29	0	Albacore	30	Hannah Ballew	25	0
Albacore	40	Donald Culbertson	40	6	Albacore	30	Noah Hauptman	24	0
Barracuda	10	Larry Martinez	8	5 *	Barracuda	15	Olivia Sharon	7	0
Bass, Calico	8	Joel Steinman	7	3 *	Bass, Calico	12	Miles Rosberg	1	8
Bass, Calico	30	John Ballotti	7	9	Bass, Calico	12	Dominique Perriseau	4	8
Bonito	30	Bob Selvin	12	11 *	Bass, Largemouth	5	Samantha Hunter	1	6
Grouper	40	Paul Varenchik	35	0	Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	2	10
Halibut	4	John Ballotti	6	4 *	Bass, Largemouth	8	Olivia Sharon	2	5
Halibut	6	John Ballotti	6	5	Bass, Largemouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2	2
Halibut	6	John Ballotti	10	4	Bass, Largemouth	8	Holden Rosberg	2	0
Halibut	25	Al Scow	32	6 *	Bass, Sand	15	Harrison Hunter	5	9
Halibut, Pacific	80	John Ballotti	135	0	Bass, Sand	15	Samantha Hunter	2	6
Perch, Rubberlip	15	Steve Simon	2	7 *	Bass, Sand	15	Amanda Chamberlain	1	5
Salmon, Coho	25	Michael Dickter	7	0 *	Bass, Sand	20	Holden Rosberg	5	3
Salmon, King	25	Al Scow	37	0	Bass, Sand	20	Robbie Stein	2	7
Salmon, Pink	25	Michael Dickter	5	2 *	Bass, Sand	20	Gianna DiGuiseppe	2	5
Seabass, White	30	Joel Steinman	16	0	Bass, Sand	20	Jenny Stein	1	8
Shark, Mako	80	Steve Ex	82	6 *	Bass, Striped	4	Arthur Schiffman	4	7
Shark, Thresher	80	Joshua Burnham	211	0 *	Catfish, Channel	2	Arthur Schiffman	1	12
Sheephead	20	Michael Feinberg	14	7 *	Catfish, Channel	6	Arthur Schiffman	20	0
Sheephead	25	Paul Varenchik	14	0 *	Croaker, Spotfin	6	Marco Uribe	2	8 *
Sheephead	30	Scott Schiffman	12	6	Halibut, Northern	80	Mitchel Weinstock	55	0
Tuna, Bluefin	25	Charles Schoemaker	39	6	Halibut Pacific	30	Arthur Schiffman	5	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Bill Vogel	62	6	Ling Cod	15	Olivia Sharon	Released	
Yellow Eye Cod	100	Al Scow	22	0 *	Ling Cod	20	Miles Rosberg	Released	
Yellowtail	20	Randy Sharon	27	0	Ling Cod	80	Mitchel Weinstock	40	0
Yellowtail	25	Charles Schoemaker	29	3	Perch, Black	6	Jack Uribe	2	8
Yellowtail	30	Scott Schiffman	50	0	Salmon, King	25	Mitchel Weinstock	23	0
Yellowtail	40	Larry Martinez	36	0	Whitefish	30	Christian Hernandez	6	7
Wahoo	40	Bill Vogel	55	4	Yellow Eye	80	Mitchel Weinstock	20	0
<b>FLY ROD</b>					* New Club Record				
Whitefish, Lake	4	Jim Carlisle	4	8	<p><b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>—Joel Steinman May 16, 2007—White Seabass, 16 lbs.</p> <p><b>ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>—Barry Cohn June 30, 2007—27.0 lbs.</p>				
<b>FRESH WATER</b>									
Bass, Large Mouth	2	Jason Fleck	4	1 *					
Bass, Large Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	3	1 *					
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Andy MacDonald	3	8					
Bass, Large Mouth	12	Jason Fleck	6	6 *					
Bass, Striped	4	Scott Schiffman	4	6					
Pike, Northern	20	Al Scow	18	0 *					
Trout, Lake	6	Ben Susman	30	8 *					
Trout, Lake	16	Al Scow	40	0 *					
<b>WOMEN'S</b>									
Albacore	25	Jan Howard	31	2					
Bass, Largemouth	6	Robin Hunter	1	6					
Bass, Largemouth	6	Robin Hunter	Released						
Bass, Sand	15	Robin Hunter	2	6					
Salmon, Coho	20	Pamela Warren	9	10 *					
Salmon, King	20	Pamela Warren	17	0					
Yellowtail	30	Jan Howard	31	4					



## West Coast Governors Announce Conference

The governors of California, Oregon and Washington announced a draft plan to work together to “save” the Pacific from over exploitation. The plan is available for public review and comments.

See the Web site: [http://westcoastoceans.gov/documents/WCGA\\_Draft-Action\\_Plan.pdf](http://westcoastoceans.gov/documents/WCGA_Draft-Action_Plan.pdf)

## Archival Tagging of Albacore

Since the 1970s the SWFSC has collaborated with the American Fishermen's Research Foundation in tagging studies of albacore. They have learned that juveniles, 2 years of age, make trans-pacific migrations in their younger years between Japan and the West coast of North America. To date, over 24000 albacore were tagged with conventional dart tags and 1,245 of these have been recovered. Archival tags can record temperature levels (indicative of depth) light level and ambient water temperatures.

## Albacore on Your Mind!

After a long summer of on and off again albacore fishing *Chum Line* called the CDFG and communicated with Carrie Wilson. She is a very nice lady whose column can also be seen in *Western Outdoor News*. The answer she gave us on limits we mostly knew already but...(10 per day south of Pt. Conception and 25 North of Pt. Conception). She did follow up our questions re: multiple-day trips by sending a copy of the Federal Register she had just received (Oct. 15).

**Summary Rule:** NMFS implements daily bag-limits for sport-caught albacore and bluefin tunas. See FR Doc E7 20225 Dept of Commerce NOAA. This rule to be implemented after November 14, 2007. *Chum Line* can't repeat all five pages of this document but will cite page 2 (of 5) 72FR Doc.35213—Dealing with California State Regulation which allow, by special permit, the retention of up to three daily bag-limits for a trip occurring over multiple, consecutive days.

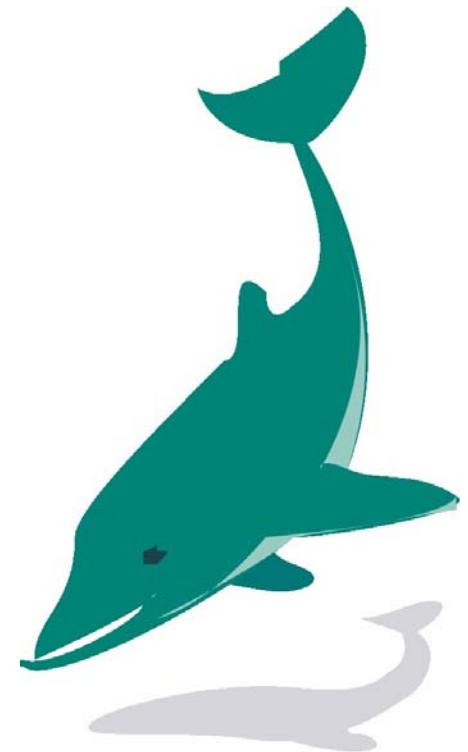
The problem of course occurs when your boat also fishes Mexican waters where the limit on Albacore is 5 per day for 3 days...total of 15 fish.

## Catching Your Own Crabs

The November 2007 issue of *National Fisherman* magazine carried an interesting story concerning the crab fishery in Alaska. Some of you may have seen the specials on the Discovery Channel dealing with the Bering Sea crab fishery. Considered to be the ultimate vessels for getting hurt or swept overboard, these trips were documented in the series “The Deadliest Catch”.

Now one of these adventuresome skippers has turned his vessel into a tourist business.

**David Lethin**, skipper of the *Aleutian Ballad* had trepidations about going into the tourist business but notes it has paid off so far. The *Aleutian Ballad* began taking up to 150 visitors per trip out of Ketchikan. They were shown the thrill of catching King Crabs, Dungeness Crabs, Octopus, and longlining for rockfish and halibut and the natural beauty of Alaska.



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