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## What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



### MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT AND AREA CLOSURES:

The LARRC board of directors recently

adopted formal club policy on the MLPA process as it pertains to areas closed to recreational fishing. Titled *LARRC Policy on Marina Protected Areas* it defines the official position of our club on this subject.

1. The Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club has a long and proud history of supporting and practicing conservation with respect to our marine resources.

2. We recognize that the future of recreational fishing is always dependent upon sound conservation measures practiced by fishermen of all kinds and scrupulously enforced by the governmental agencies charged with that responsibility.

3. We support reasonable measures toward that end that are based on sound science. We will support proposed area closures that are based on reliable science that

demonstrates the need for restrictions against recreational fishing and that provide for periodic review and an end to any such area closure when the condition requiring that closure has been corrected.

Michael Grossman drafted the policy language—thank you Michael, for your time and efforts constructing this policy. A policy is meaningless unless actions follow. This means you. You can do many things now that may eventually influence the decisions of the Fish and Game Commissioners. If you believe otherwise, then you have already given up and have lost the right to gripe about consequences of your inaction. Support the various recreational fishing organizations that represent our interests, write letters, volunteer time, attend the Bill Poole tribute—I would like to see a solid turnout of LARRC club members to show our respect for our Honorary Member. Bill has been and still is a tremendous beneficial force in the sport fishing industry. The funds generated by this tribute will be used to promote recreational fishing interests with the MLPA process when it comes to Southern California.

\*see page 2, also the article entitled, *And Now for the Real Good News!* ■

## Oct 29 Dinner to feature: "A leader of the newest generation of American Chefs"

Mike Cimarusti earned this description after garnering rave reviews from *Bon Appetit*. His apprenticeships, after attending the Culinary Institute of America, led him to numerous very famous establishments. These included Le Cirque in New York as well as the French Michelin rated



restaurants Arpege and LaMaree.

Returning to New York he opened the new venture Osteria del Circo. While there, the *New York Times* recognized him with a two star review. Ultimately moving to Los Angeles he worked as Chef de Cuisine at the original Spago soon to bring his skills to the Water Grill. Soon after, his passion for fishing and fish combined with his culinary knowledge, Providence, became a subsequent venue. It was nominated by James Beard as best restaurant in the United States for 2005-6. In 2006 *Gourmet Magazine* named Providence as one of the top 50 restaurants in the US.

Whether you are a gourmet or a gourmand you owe it to yourself to listen to this most interesting speaker. Bring your better half and pick up some tips on fish preparation. Call the hotline for reservations at (818) 808-4909 or email: [larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com](mailto:larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com). ■

## It's Election Time— Announcement by Election Chair Norm Weinstock!

*To all members of the LARRC ....The following people have been selected by the nominating committee of the club to run for the board of directors of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club!*

**Steve Ex, Michael Godfrey, Eric Rogger,  
Arnie Stein, Joel Steinman**

*The bylaws of the club states that this list shall be circulated to the general membership at least 15 days prior to the mailing of the ballots. Any active member in good standing who wishes to be added to the ballot needs to make a request to me no later than October 21 st.*

*Please write or call: Norman Weinstock  
3626 Paseo Primario  
Calabasas, CA 91302  
818 591-0450  
818 591-0320 fax* ■

## *Bill Poole Honorary Dinner to Benefit Recreational Fishing*

**Bill Poole**, the originator of much of our Southern California Fisheries, will be honored at a tribute banquet sponsored by the Sportfishing Association of California (SAC). The date is Nov. 3 at the Hilton San Diego Resort, 1775 E. Mission Bay Dr. and the time is 5:30-7:00 pm for hors d'oeuvres. Dinner follows. Door prizes, live and silent auction and dancing are planned with all revenue used to mitigate the impacts of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) when it comes to Southern California.

All LARRC members are invited to celebrate Bill's lifetime influence on recreational fishing. Bill Poole is an honorary member of the club and we intend to seat club members at LARRC tables.

A special reservation form is available and will be sent to you upon request by the *Chum Line*.

Call Dan Felger (805)370-1632, [dan@dartrealty.net](mailto:dan@dartrealty.net) or Eric Rogger (310)476-5936, [westridge@aol.com](mailto:westridge@aol.com) for the form! ■

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## AND NOW FOR THE REAL GOOD NEWS!

### Landmark "Central Coast " Marine Protected Areas will be in effect 9/21

The following is from an email received by *Chum Line* from MLPA Program Manager, Melissa Miller-Henson with the state Resources Agency:

California's landmark Marine Life Protection Act will go into effect from Pigeon Point to Point Conception on Friday Sept. 21. This action will establish a Central Coast Region, composed of 29 marine protected areas (MPA's) from San Mateo County to Santa Barbara County. The MPA designation significantly increases the protection that

marine life living in the area receives. These protections include long-term safe havens for rockfish and other bottom fishes, migration corridors for salmon, and a diverse environment that abalone, kelp and numerous marine mammals and seabirds need to survive.

"The new marine protected areas will help us preserve some of California's most biologically significant marine habitats while also allowing for recreational and commercial fishing," said Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman, who noted that the

Central Coast is the first of five regions that will eventually lead to a network of MPA's along the state's 1100-mile coastline.

The 29 sites within the Central Coast MPA series represents approximately 24 square miles (roughly 18%) of state waters in the Central Coast Study Region. The Department of Fish & Game (DFG) has developed a comprehensive Web site that includes regulations and detailed maps of each of the newly formed MPAs. ([www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/ccmpas\\_list.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/ccmpas_list.html)) ■

# Trophy Contenders as of September 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
Bonito	30	Bob Selvin	12	11 *	Bass, Calico	12	Dominique Perriseau	4	8
Grouper	40	Paul Varenchik	35	0	Bass, Largemouth	5	Samantha Hunter	1	6
Halibut	4	John Ballotti	6	4 *	Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	2	10
Halibut	6	John Ballotti	6	5	Bass, Largemouth	8	Olivia Sharon	2	5
Halibut	25	Al Scow	32	6 *	Bass, Largemouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2	2
Halibut, Pacific	80	John Ballotti	135	0	Bass, Largemouth	8	Holden Rosberg	2	0
Perch, Rubberlip	15	Steve Simon	2	7 *	Bass, Sand	15	Harrison Hunter	5	9
Salmon, Coho	25	Michael Dickter	7	0 *	Bass, Sand	15	Samantha Hunter	2	6
Salmon, King	25	Al Scow	37	0	Bass, Sand	15	Amanda Chamberlain	1	5
Salmon, Pink	25	Michael Dickter	5	2 *	Bass, Sand	20	Holden Rosberg	5	3
Seabass, White	30	Joel Steinman	16	0	Bass, Sand	20	Robbie Stein	2	7
Shark, Mako	80	Steve Ex	82	6 *	Bass, Sand	20	Gianna DiGuiseppe	2	5
Shark, Thresher	80	Joshua Burnham	211	0 *	Bass, Sand	20	Jenny Stein	1	8
Sheephead	20	Michael Feinberg	14	7 *	Bass, Striped	4	Arthur Schiffman	4	7
Sheephead	25	Paul Varenchik	14	0 *	Catfish, Channel	2	Arthur Schiffman	1	12
Sheephead	30	Scott Schiffman	12	6	Catfish, Channel	6	Arthur Schiffman	20	0
Tuna, Bluefin	25	Charles Schoemaker	39	6	Halibut, Northern	80	Mitchel Weinstock	55	0
Yellow Eye Cod	100	Al Scow	22	0 *	Halibut Pacific	30	Arthur Schiffman	5	0
Yellowtail	20	Randy Sharon	27	0	Ling Cod	15	Olivia Sharon	Released	
Yellowtail	25	Charles Schoemaker	29	3	Ling Cod	20	Miles Rosberg	Released	
Yellowtail	30	Scott Schiffman	50	0	Ling Cod	80	Mitchel Weinstock	40	0
Yellowtail	40	Larry Martinez	36	0	Salmon, King	25	Mitchel Weinstock	23	0
<b>FLY ROD</b>					Whitefish	30	Christian Hernandez	6	7
Whitefish, Lake	4	Jim Carlisle	4	8	Yellow Eye	80	Mitchel Weinstock	20	0
<b>FRESH WATER</b>					Yellowtail	30	Arthur Schiffman	36	0
Bass, Large Mouth	2	Jason Fleck	4	1 *	* New Club Record				
Bass, Large Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	3	1 *	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR—Joel Steinman May 16, 2007—White Seabass, 16 lbs.				
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Andy MacDonald	3	8	ALBACORE OF THE YEAR—Barry Cohn June 30, 2007—27.0 lbs.				
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					
Yellowtail	30	Jan Howard	31	4					

# Pacific Dawn Albacore Bonanza

## Story by Jim Carlisle

**T**hat all started to change as our August 26, 1.5-day trip on the *Pacific Dawn* approached, the albacore fishing finally appeared to be getting much more consistent. In mid-August the fish settled in out west near the Cortez Bank in US waters. Our LARRC group of 16 gathered at Fishermen's Landing on Saturday night August 25. Our anglers for this trip included **Jack and Paul Graham, Joel, Danny, and Sol (aka Sawzall) Zide, Jim Hunt, Chas. Schoemaker, Lynne Ballew, Earle Swede, Norm Weinstock, Hal Slan, Jan Howard, Jeff Fukawa, Jamie Smith, and Jim Carlisle. Capt. Pat Cavanaugh and his crew of Opie, Mike, Apollo, Trevor and Blue** quickly turned the boat around from the previous trip and we made an early 9 pm departure away from the dock. After a stop at the bait receivers the boat headed west. The overnight ride was on the rough side as we had the weather effects off of Hurricane Dean. No big swells but the wind caused it be plenty choppy and made for an uncomfortable ride. At daylight we were just short of the bank and were treated to a spectacular lightning display—and then the rain hit.

Luckily the weather was moving north and was quickly past us and left us in calm, clear and warm weather. The fishing was pretty good too. We got a good early hit on the albies and every fish a solid 25-33# fish. Early in the day you had to work for your fish and those using fluorocarbon seemed to have the advantage. Early on, our two lady anglers, Lynne Ballew and Jan Howard were out-fishing most of the guys. After a mid-morning lull, the fishing really took off. Before noon, the whole fleet including 3 or 4 of the long-range boats all seemed to be stopped and on fish at once. The bite just kept getting better and better as the morning went on. By noon we had kept 5 fish each and had all we needed to kill for eating. Captain Pat asked, "What do you want to do now?" The answer was "Catch and release". The fishing kept getting better and better. The ocean was alive with birds, bait and jumping albacore, and porpoise. You could visually pick out the next spot to fish by just looking for the birds and fish on the surface. It was one of those magic days that everything in the ocean seems to float to the surface. We probably caught and released 140 more albacore until we ran out of bait about 4 p.m. At that point the crew wanted to get into the act. They were hooting and hollering catching the albacore on lures while the passengers cheered them on. Opie was hooking one fish after another casting a tuna feather on his jig rod. It was fun to see these guys that work so hard get to let off their steam and have fun.

At this point the crew started filleting our catch which had been below deck in the refrigerated fish hold. Except for a dinner break, the crew was out there from about 6 pm til after 11 pm cleaning fish. While they were cleaning fish, we enjoyed a fresh



Jan with Albie



Fish Slayers aboard the *Pacific Dawn* trip—L to R...Trevor, one of the Deckies..Jim Hunt, Sol Zide, Danny Zide, Joel Zide, Jaimie Smith

albacore dinner and cheese cake for dessert. After a calm ride home we were back at the dock in San Diego at 6 a.m. on Monday morning, and on the road home at 6:30 a.m. The only bad part was having to go into work but I made it home, showered and was at the office by 10 a.m. I've done a bunch of albacore trips and this day of fishing ranks up there in the best couple of days of albacore fishing I can ever remember. ■

# LARRC Foundation Sponsors Two Marine Mentors Trips —Lots of Happy Young Anglers!!

## By Frank Polak Mentors Co-Chair

There are lots of high speed and high tech diversions for young people these days. Plenty of Computer Games and Ipods to keep them interested...and indoors.

So, can fishing, with it's decidedly slower pace (and somewhat early hours) keep a youngsters' or teenagers' attention for a day? The answer is most assuredly ....YES!!

With the generous help of the LARRC Foundation, our Marine Mentors program once again sailed out of Marina Del Rey on the historic sport fisher *Betty-O*.

On Monday, August 6, our guests were 12 young members of the Mid-Valley YMCA. They were greeted by a slight swell and a mild west breeze.

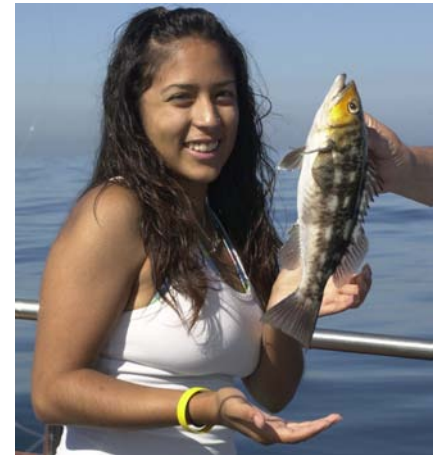
There were several short bass (calico and sand) to go along with what seemed like thousands of mackerel. By the end of the day everybody had at least 1 keeper bass and as many mackerel as they could catch. In all, a very nice day.

Trip #2 sailed on Monday, August 20, hosting 12 participants from the Phoenix House adolescent rehabilita-

tion facility. This was a mostly teenage group that was pleasantly enthusiastic, since many of them had never been on



Above: Mid-Valley YMCA.  
Right: Her first fish.



a boat or caught a fish. Bass fishing was excellent on this trip and a few of our guests actually lost count of how many fish they caught during the day!

Our Marine Mentors program sails twice each summer. We invite a small group (12-14 total participants) along with an equal number of LARRC "Mentors". Our guests fish "one-on-one" and enjoy using our members' gear and learn from their experience.

All of this is made possible by your generous contributions to the LARRC Foundation. While the club sponsors and executes all of our youth programs (including the annual Kid's Trip and spring Trout Derby at Hansen Dam) it is the foundation that underwrites these activities...and we can't do without your help.

If you need proof, just look at the smiles of the young anglers in the accompanying photos! And if you have not been on a Marine Mentors trip, please keep us in mind for next summer. ■



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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.

### THREE NEW 2008 TRIPS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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

June 14-21

Cost \$2200 - ltd load of 18

Contact: Chartermaster is John Ballotti (310) 618-2004  
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

Sept. 21-26

Cost \$2050 - ltd. Load of 24

Contact: Chartermaster Eric Rogger (310) 476-5936  
wstridge@aol.com See page 7for more news.

A \$550 deposit will hold your spot. \$500 due 12/01/07, \$500ea due 3/1/08, 6/15/08

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

July 19-24

Cost \$2195 -(incl Mex permits) ltd load of 24

Contact: Chartermaster is Dave Levinson (818) 785-1776 daj-plevin@roadrunner.com

A \$550 deposit will hold your spot. \$500 due 10/15/07, \$500ea due 2/15/08, 5/15/08

#### 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.

#### Pacific Dawn Trip Still Available...

November 3

Scheduled to leave from Capt. Hook's in Oxnard has a limited load of 15.

Scheduled departure is 9-10 pm prior to the fishing date.

Cost is \$170. Total payment required to reserve your spot.

Not included: fish cleaning, tips (15%) fuel surcharge if any, requires local fishing license.

#### Arnie Cohen Announces...

#### 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.

For additional information call Arnie Cohen at (818)368-5834 home or office at (818) 365-3300. Leave phone #.



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## Are Late Summer Trips Worth It?

**W**ith this, hopefully, provocative headline, LARRC is announcing the addition of another five-day tuna trip. Don't take our word for the excellent prospects, just look at what is happening right now !!!

**Pete Thomas** in the *LA Times* (9/19) calls it the most productive season for albacore since 2004 because the water at the outer banks have not warmed as expected. **Phil Friedman's** 976 *Tuna* chimes in with reports of excellent bites. (9/12) Shorter trips out for the San Diego landings are reported by **WON** (9/14 and 9/21) to have returned with trips just slamming the albies. LARRC's **Jim Carlisle** reports on a fabulous trip (limits all around) in this issue of *Chum Line* aboard the *Pacific Dawn*.



Captain David Bacon's *Wave Walker*.

Think about it...a five-day trip aboard *Q105* with the usual limited load, that has more options than you can count. Butterfly and Cortez Banks, the "Rockpile", the advantage of frequent afternoon bites being available, Guadalupe if we need to go that far, or the Benitos and Cedros areas for prize yellowtail. It doesn't get any better especially with the lighter boat traffic towards the end of summer. This is why we planned an after Labor Day adventure.

The dates are **Sept. 21-26, 2008**. The usual conditions apply. Send a \$550 deposit with follow up payments of \$500 due on 12/1/07, 3/01/08 and 6/01/08 —\$2050 total price.

Mexican Permits, and fuel surcharges (if any) are not included. But we have a **DEAL** for you.....Participants on this trip will enter a drawing that may win you a one-day private charter on the six-pack *Wave Walker* out of Santa Barbara. The dates to be arranged with the skipper "**Capt. Dave Bacon**". Dave has a monthly column in *Pacific Coast Sportfishing* and other magazines and is a well known icon in his area.

**This trip will sell out fast ...Don't delay! Call Charter Master Eric Rogger at (310)476-5936. wstridge@aol.com ■**

## CALENDAR

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

### Dinner Meetings

**October 29**

**Next: November 26**

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.

THE VALLEY INN  
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

### Board Meetings

**October 22**

**Next: November 19**

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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## Health, Welfare & Happenings

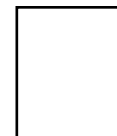
### The Lake Sherwood Beach Party was a Huge Success.

August 12th saw over 20 good-sized bass caught with the jackpot just under 3 lbs. The youngsters outfished the grownups 3 to 1. About 100 people attended for a wonderful BBQ Lunch and lake boat rides provided by Capt. Dan Felger. Steve Simon and Paul Varenchik put on a wonderful party at the lake with plenty of volunteers to help out. Don't miss next year's event which has been booked for August.

**All our good wishes go out to Michael Grossman...**On 9/18 he had heart surgery at Cedars Sinai. He is back home recuperating and we hope to see him reel soon.

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