

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean OCTOBER 2018

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER OCTOBER DINNER SPEAKER ROBBY GANT FROM SHIMANO



Born and raised in Orange County Robby has been fishing all his life. He joined the fishing industry in 1996 with the majority of his career at Shimano. Holding many positions with Shimano from Product Management to Sales his current position as Regional Sales Manager with Shimano enables him to be on the forefront of cutting edge developments in fishing

tackle and accessories. Robby is a licensed captain with a passion for fishing, especially Marlin. Please come to the October dinner meeting to hear Robby speak about what's new from Shimano and see some of his favorite set ups for local and offshore fishing.

NEW DINNER MEETING LOCATION!!

The LARRC dinner meeting this month is scheduled for October 29, 2018 at LULU'S RESTAURANT, 16900 ROSCOE BLVD., Van Nuys, CA 91406. The cocktail and social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Lulu's Restaurant offers our club a different dining experience. Each club member may order off the restaurant's dinner menu and you will be presented an individual check at the conclusion of dinner. For your pleasure, there is a full bar available and corkage fee for your own wine is \$9.00.

FYI - TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE GETS A SEAT, AND THAT THE RESTAURANT ASSIGNS ENOUGH SERVERS, WE NEED YOU TO RSVP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH - THANK YOU. IF YOU'RE BRINGING A GUEST, PLEASE ADD HIS/HER NAME TO YOUR RSVP.

PLEASE TRY TO ARRIVE BY 6:00 P.M. THERE IS AMPLE PARKING BEHIND THE RESTAURANT.

Happy fishing - see you at the meeting.

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HAPPY FISHING - See you at the meeting

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Submitted by Eric Rogger

◆ COMMENTS TO LARRC CLUB MEMBERS

Went on a recent trip aboard the Pac Dawn out of San Diego. Happened to discuss the Chum Line with one of my friends and he felt there was too much negative news. Look around and you'll find a reflection of what is impacting our fishing. We try to make readers conscious of current events so that they will be engaged and supportive of efforts to help maintain our sport. So in this spirit this month's major article will convey a positive message. Read on....

◆ THAT PACIFIC "GYRE"...

We've reported on this Pacific – between Hawaii and California – patch of floating plastic debris before. Now it seems to be about twice the size of Texas consisting of 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic. The article in US News notes that a non-profit organization has developed technology to clean plastic from the oceans. Operating at about 1200 nautical miles west a 2000 foot long device will be towed (like a boom) from the northern California area to the plastic patch for a two week trial. The device is U-shaped and has a skirt that extends 10 feet below the surface. It's shape is designed to trap litter in front of it which will

then be be funnelled into its center. Ocean Cleanup, the nonprofit org, says a ship will remove the collected plastic every few months and will take it to land for sorting and recycling. Hopefully the proceeds of the recycled plastic will help fund the operation. They have raised \$2 million dollars to fund this endeavor and hope that within five years a fleet of such vessels can clean up the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch." Their predictions hope that by 2040 90% of all the oceans can be cleaned of all plastics.

◆ OUR CLIMATE

Recently the California Natural Resources Agency had a prediction of a worsening climate. Readers will remember the severe heat waves that we enjoyed in early July. Researchers are projecting higher ocean rises and damage along the coasts as well as more fire hazards. A September Times article dealt with the rising acidity in our seas due to tailpipe emissions. Marine Scientists have established that acidification influences the ability of ocean life to maintain shells, to navigate and reproduce. (9/6/18)

Comments or contributions would be welcome:
Eric Rogger wstridge@aol.com

Sunshine and Happiness

A couple of months ago Elaine fell in her home and is now recovering at a Rehab facility. A couple of weeks prior Linda, as our wonderful Health & Happiness Chairperson, sent a card from LARRC to wish her well. Steve & Linda Simon went to visit Elaine Berke on October 1, 2018 and brought her a beautiful bouquet of roses and to say hello!

Elaine was so grateful to have visitors and to bring her something made it extra special.

Thank you Steve & Linda for visiting Elaine and bringing her flowers. She is a very special person to LARRC and the Lou Berke Trout Derby, which her family has been funding for the past 15 years. Keep her in your thoughts and we wish her a full recovery!!

19th ANNUAL

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 5TH, 2019

HANSEN DAM AQUATIC PARK - LAKEVIEW TERRACE

140 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (family, friends, and neighbors all welcome)

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED • BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

100 STUDENTS from LAUSD (LOKRANTZ SPECIAL ED, LASSEN ELEMENTARY, AND MC CLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL)

FOR INFORMATION - bigfish1944@yahoo.com • 818-469-7651 - Steve Simon

This is one of our major events!!

We need a lot of volunteers to make it special for all the kids who attend!

If you can help prep food, set up tables, set up gear, show the kids how to fish, fillet fish, pick up trash and most importantly have fun fishing with KIDS; **WE WANT YOU!!!**



LOU BERKE
TROUT DERBY



Pacific Dawn August 2018 LARRC Charter

By Mark Manculich

The LARRC anglers arrived in San Diego excited for the two day trip on the Pacific Dawn. The previous few weeks fish counts and size had been greatly varied from Bluefin cows to school Yellowfin, large and small yellowtail, random Dorado here and there. In Captain Pat Cavanaugh's absence, Captain Mandog-Mike took charge and decided we would head south and probe kelp patties.

Once underway, we stopped at the bait receiver and found that we would be fly-lining with very small sardines. After several years of great bait, this was a bit of a disappointment as many of us brought heavier outfits and larger hooks.

We woke to an overcast but beautiful day on smooth waters somewhere west of Ensenada. Was not long until we pulled up to a kelp patty, drifted by and picked up a few Yellowtail and Dorado. This was the approach for most of the trip, picking a few up here, more there. The surprise was the number of Dorado. In the end, there were 60+ Yellowtail, 60+ Dorado and two Bluefin Tuna brought aboard.

The food was great, the crew cheerful and helpful. The weather and water remained calm for a smooth ride during the entire trip.

Kudos for Joel Zide on day one bringing in the Jackpot fish, a huge Yellowtail.

On day two, Jeff Edelman who started off slow on the trip finished big with a beautiful Dorado taking the second day's Jackpot.



Joel Zide with a nice dodo



Smiling Eric Rogger



Fisherman, the Pac Dawn will be going out again for the final Club trip of the year out of Ventura Sports Fishing Landing. . www.pacificdawn.com/. This trip is now open to non-members also. We will be targeting Rock Cod/Ling Cod/Sheephead/ Possible Yellowtail, Halibut and Sea Bass.

Trip will be departing at 10pm on Friday November 30th, returning December 1st at approximately 7pm. Will be going with a light load of 17 passengers, the fee per passenger will be \$280. Mark Manculich will be acting as Charter master (818)613-6575. Checks will be made payable to LARRC, mailed or provided to Mark Manculich at 18440 Tribune St. Northridge CA, 91326. Fee will include Fare, Food, Federal Excise Tax, and Crew Gratuities. Not included Beverages (beer, water, coffee, and soda), fish cleaning, optional jackpot and potential fuel surcharge. Those interested will need to pay full fare. Please contact me prior to sending in a deposit to confirm there is space available on the trip. If fuel increases more than predicted, a fuel surcharge may be assessed; this is not anticipated at this time. Those signing up for a club charter are obligated to pay the full fare even if they cannot make the trip. The Club will attempt to fill your space; we suggest you do the same, in a timely manner to mitigate the charge. We will be pre-assigning bunks. Earliest payers will get the bunk of their choice. Please let me know if you have any special needs, please make us aware of when you make your reservations. We choose the Pac Dawn because Captain Pat Cavanaugh has a real talent for locating fish and is willing to travel to great lengths. His crew is disciplined and professional. I feel good about 2018 and so look forward to fishing with all of you again. Please remember, no one is guaranteed a spot or bunk on this trip until your payment has been received.



Nice Ling Cod caught on this very trip in 2016. I believe the angler was Robert Quiroz.

Tropic Star Lodge, Piñas Bay, Panamá

By Barry Cohen and Norman Weinstock

Norm and I began our journey to the Tropic Star Lodge almost one year ago. His annual trip to Alaska was canceled, so instead of being disappointed, he thought about substituting a trip to the world famous Piñas Bay might be fun. Juggling family commitments, work schedules, lodge availability and other fishing trips, resulted in a mid-September departure date.



Tropic Star is known for its gigantic Blue and Black Marlin. Since neither of us are big time Marlin fishermen, we were a bit apprehensive about what we would be doing there. We were encouraged by friends that all would be great, so off we would go!

The direct flight from LAX to Panamá took 6 ½ hours via Copa Airlines. All good with that. We were greeted at the arrival gate by a Tropic Star representative who whisked us through immigration and customs then passed us off to the Tropic Star shuttle driver. No need to wait at the baggage claim, since everything needed fit easy in a carry-on and backpacks. The 30 minute ride to our hotel was easy.

The next morning after a nice breakfast at the hotel, we got to meet several of our fellow fishermen while awaiting the Tropic Star van to the auxiliary airport. Ultimately, the total group of 24 boarded three small planes to Piñas Bay Airport (actually a short air strip). On the way we got a bird's eye view of the new and improved Panamá Canal (very cool!).

The adventure continued with refreshments at the strip, while bags were gathered by Tropic Star representatives, then to the "Tiki" bus, then to the panga ride and, at last, we arrived! Welcome greetings from the lodge manager Richard White, complimentary cocktails, room and boat assignments, then lunch followed shortly thereafter.

The rest of the day was for exploring the grounds, relaxing at the pool, more cocktails at the bar with delicious appetizers and a wonderful buffet dinner to end a great day. The early morning wakeup knock on our door was accompanied by coffee and orange juice. Their full menu breakfast was just right. Then off we went to meet our captain and crew in plenty of time for the fishing departure at 6:30am.



Let's Go Fishing:

Day One- There are two options offshore or inshore. Our preference was inshore for Roosterfish and Cubera Snapper, so in addition to the regular heavy tackle (50 lbs), we also were assigned 20 lb. gear. Our captain encouraged us to spend the first day offshore for three reasons, the heavy rains the night before would make for tough inshore conditions, we could load up on Blue Runners offshore which are the preferred bait for Roosterfish and there were lots of big Dorado out there.

It took about a 1 ½ to get our first fish. Instead of it being a Dorado, it turned out to be a big, mean Sailfish on 20" test gear. This was Norm's fish and he brought in to leader in just over one hour. Everything (except Dorado and Tuna) is catch and release.



Our hunt for dorados resulted with another Sailfish for me. Next up, Norm hooked and landed a beautiful 300 lb. Blue Marlin. One more Sailfish for me, and that was a wrap.

Day 2- Inshore fishing today for us—I started the day with a nice 45 lb. Rooster. Norm followed with three more. We added several 20 lb. Yellow Fin Tuna and a marathon display of Snappers biting our baits in half. The weather was turning

from cloudy to rainy, so the captain suggested a move to another spot. Upon arrival we were in the midst of a full on torrential rain storm. Five minutes later, I got a big strike. After a long and wet battle, I caught (and released) a gigantic 70 lb. Roosterfish.

Day 3- Back offshore because of yesterday's rain. Our instruction to the captain was Dorado only, no bill fish. I started the day with a 40 pounder. This was a record fish for me. Norm got picked up shortly thereafter. No Dorado this time. 75 minutes later, he landed a 350 lb Blue Marlin!



Two smaller Dorado caught, finally Norm hooked his Dorado. It was huge, it was strong, and it took another hour to land. It was a 60 lb monster!!

Three great days of fishing and catching. We did our civic duty by feeding the nearby village Mahi-Mahi and Tuna. Our boat was great. Our captain and crew were the best. The equipment was perfect.

The Tropic Star is beautiful. The rooms are comfortable and well attended. Their total staff is over 100 people and they were all as helpful and cheerful as anyone could ask for. The breakfast and dinners were great, with lots to choose from. Lunch bags were provided each day on the boat.

In conclusion, this was a great trip with both Norm and I putting it on our all-time top 5 lists.

We can't wait to do it again!!!

P.S. Norm actually got to go on his Alaska trip two weeks



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Local Labor Day Cows

By Jim Carlisle

The fishing for big Bluefin tuna off Southern California has been excellent for the past few years and the fish keep getting bigger each year. This year's bite on 200 plus pound tuna on the backside of San Clemente Island was very steady for most of August, on into the first half of September. The bite started pretty much as a straight kite bite on flying fish, and then has shifted to more of a night time Shimano flatfall bite, prior to the wind pushing the fish out of that area in mid-September. My friend Kenny Cirks owns the 35 Radovcich named "Radofish" in Huntington Harbour. He and his normal crew have the kite fishing process down pat and have had several trips with multiple 200+ pound fish this year, and even had one trip in mid-August that they caught two 300+ pound fish. I'd been hoping to get a shot of these fish on Ken's boat while the fish were still around.

Kenny put together a group of 5 of us to fish on his boat, leaving on Labor Day Monday. The idea was to leave late Monday morning and fish that afternoon and on until dark on Tuesday. We were hoping that a lot of the holiday weekend crowd would be on the way home by then. Ken had a conversation with Captain Gary Adams who owns the 6-pack charter boat "Rail Time". Gary has wanted to learn more about kite fishing and wanted to catch a big tuna himself, so Gary invited our group to come out with him on the Rail Time. This was a friend's trip so we were now the passengers and crew on the best 6-pack boat in the area. Can't beat that.

We loaded at 10am and were on our way out of the harbor at 10:30. Our crew was Gary, Ken, Todd, Davis, Ryan, and myself. Kenny and Todd brought all the heavy kite tackle as well as a big supply of frozen flying fish for baits. Our basic setups were a stout tuna rods, Penn 50W reels filled with 200# spectra, then a 25 foot topshot of 200# Mono from BHP Tackle (its good to have some stretch when that Bluefin shakes its head), crimped to a 3 foot 500# mono leader, crimped to a 12/0 Mustad 7691 J-hook. Heavy duty all the way, because we didn't want to risk losing fish when they were hooked. Todd did all the rigging for us. All of us except Gary were going to use harnesses and pads. I know rail fishing is now the norm but I'm still convinced that if you know

how to properly pull in a harness, you can put on much more pressure and land big fish quicker. Old school techniques still works darn well for this type fishing. We also all had flatfall rods ready to go. These were heavy outfits with top-shots in the 100# to 130# test range.

Gary drove the boat out of the harbor then turned over captain duties to Ken. Ken was calling the fishing shots while Gary was going to get a chance to enjoy his own boat and fish. We rounded the east end of San Clemente Island mid-afternoon and immediately started seeing spots of smaller 60-80 pound Bluefin feeding on big schools of small anchovies. These fish were focused on the tiny bait and didn't want anything to do with what we were offering. There were also numerous fin whales feeding on these same anchovy schools making for some spectacular wildlife viewing. We continued west to where the fleet was fishing in the area where the big Bluefin had been holding for over a month. I counted at least 30 boats, everything from long-range boats down to 23-foot trailer boats. I guess that was an improvement to the 50 boats there over the weekend!! There were big fish blowing up all over the place but with flat calm conditions, it was impossible to get a kite bait out to them. Plenty of life in the areas but we



couldn't fish it effectively with the kite without any wind. We then tried the flatfalls into the dark for no luck. We kept at it until well after 9pm and then after a quick dinner we tucked into the island for a nice sleep.

On Tuesday morning we were back on the spot at 4am and quickly found a school to drift on, at gray light Gary's rod went off on a big squid bait he had put down deep with a sinker. Shortly after Todd hooked one on a flatfall. Both fish were landed, Gary's fish was just under 200# and Todd's was just over 200#. That was it for us in the morning. We talked to the guys on the Pacific Dawn and they got 6 fish that morning, a couple about 60-80#, and 2 or 3 over 200#. There still wasn't enough wind to fish the kite so we spent the rest of the morning chasing around schools of smaller fish that wouldn't bite.

The wind finally kicked up after lunch so we could effectively fish the kites. We set up a drift after seeing a large



school on the sonar and we were able to deploy 2 kites with flying fish, one on the bow and one on the stern. We also put out a flyer on a helium balloon between the 2 kites. With a good spread of baits out and fish in the area, we were feeling pretty confident. After about 20 minutes the center balloon rig got bit first. Davis started fighting that fish. A short time later Gary

got bit on the stern kite rod. A short time later I got bit on the kite rod on the bow. We had 3 fish hanging and the 3 guys left were scrambling to get more kite and balloon baits deployed, as well as well as helping keep the hooked fish out of trouble. All 3 fish were landed. After a short lull, Ryan got bit on one kite and then Ken got bit on the other kite. Ken landed his first and with 6 big fish on the boat we decided that that was all we were going to kill, we had plenty of fish for everyone. Ryan continued to pull on his fish when I got bit again on the kite. I got my fish to the boat before Ryan did and we released it. It was probably the biggest fish of they day, we estimated at 225. I never dreamt

that I'd be happily releasing a 200+ pound tuna in Southern California. Pretty cool to watch that big fish swim away, it was like a flashback to releasing bigger tuna in PEI. When Ryan got his fish up it got released too. After a pretty wild couple hours, we were done, high 5s all around.. We ended the day with 8 bluefin tuna, the average size was in the 205-215 pound range, no casualties, 6 of those fish were kept and 2 released. After getting the boat cleaned up and tackle torn down, it was time for a flat calm ride home to Huntington Harbour.

Captain Gary Adams described the trip as his "big fish trip of a lifetime". That's saying something for someone with his experience. It was a job well done by everyone, and wonderful memories. IF you get a chance to chase the big bluefin while they are around, take advantage of the opportunity.



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Members Corner

On September 16, 2018 longtime club member Stan Richstone passed away. Stan was 90 years young and passed from kidney failure. Services were held on the 16th at Sholom Cemetary.

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.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

October 22, 2018

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

16840 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406



DINNER Meeting

October 29, 2018

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

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

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 ENTRÉE.



SAVE THE DATES
2018

OCTOBER 24, 2018

Veteran's Trip

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Veteran's Trip



SAVE THE DATES
2019

APRIL 5, 2019

Annual Lou Berke Trout Derby

PUERTO VALLARTA FISHING

Hey Everyone! I have 6 open spots on our 3.5 day February 4 – 8, 2019 trip on the Constitution, fishing out of Puerto Vallarta.

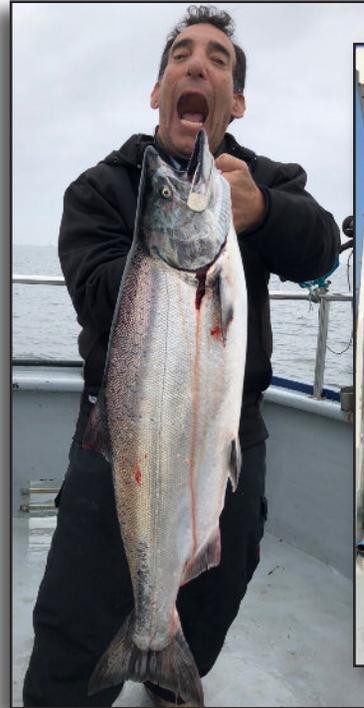
The cost is \$1,600 per person and includes use of rods and reels, meals and bunk. Not included is terminal tackle, which you can bring with or buy as you go on the boat, fish processing, tip and alcohol.

We would love to fish with you and get a chance at a yellowfin tuna of a lifetime!

If you have any questions, call me 818-216-8210 or email fishnsoph@gmail.com. If you would like to book directly with Constitution Sportfishing, call Nicole Denette (866) 903-7742



Thank you!!!
Sophia and Kevin



Robby Cohn: As an epic salmon season comes to a close I was fortunate enough to join in on the fun. I fished back-to-back days on the New Easy Rider out of Berkeley Sportfishing earlier this year landing two fish on the troll. They say it's been by far the best season in 20 plus years.



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Tom Trainer



Robby Cohn had the pleasure to fish on Pacific Dawn 1.5 day trip Labor Day weekend. "What a trip it was. I started

the trip hooking a fish on the flat fall and after 30 minutes it chewed the assist hooks of the top ring, Later in the day, I managed to get bit on ballon rig. Then after 45 minutes of tag team fishing, a 202 lber hits the deck. Then about a half hour later I dropped the flat fall to 400' One bounce and one crank and I'm on again this fish was mad. After around nine trips around the boat and over a hour later with the assist from Mike, AKA Man dawg, a 215 lb angry teenager bluefin hits the deck. Best Birthday ever!! Thank you to the outstanding crew of the Pacific Dawn!

Trout Trek 18

By John Ballotti

Joel Steinman and I embarked on Trout Trek 18 planning on 7 days of fishing the best Wyoming had to offer. Wyoming did not disappoint. Starting just outside of Casper, the North Platte River was full of weeds and willing trout. Tossing a large dry fly to pods of trout rising to gorge themselves on floating mayflies quickly enticed a take. The guide would say "See that large ripple in the stream? Those are not rocks, but dozens of trout feeding on passing mayflies." A great way to start the trip. But the best was yet to come.

Our third day of fishing had us about 60 miles northwest of Casper on a private ranch lake. To say the catching was amazing would be an understatement. Using a 6 weight fly rod and a spin rod set up with an indicator and fly, the nymphing with large flies the size of your thumb elicited take after take of large trout. How large? By the end of the day, Joel and I caught and released 4 rainbows over 10 pounds, and 10 rainbows between 5 and 8 pounds. The large fish were 27 or 28 inches and the others ranged from 23 to 26 inches. In between we were catching fish 16 to 20 inches all

day long. A truly remarkable fishery that is exclusive to Dunior Fishing Adventures.

Day four took us to the Wind River just below Boysen Reservoir near Thermopolis, WY. Fishing near the dam was slow by the previous day's standard but still provided good action with brown and rainbow trout in the 14 to 18 inch range.

Days five, six, and seven found us in Pinedale, WY where we would fish the New Fork and Upper Green rivers. Here we experience a wonderful mix of good quality and quantity of fish. Browns to 21 inches dominated the catch amid some of the most spectacular scenery provided by the Wind River Range Mountains. On the last day I decided to count the number of trout brought to the boat and released. Joel, in the front seat, out fished me all day long. When it was over, I just missed my goal of 50 with 49 to the net. Joel brought 60 to the boat, making over 100 trout for the day. What a great way to end the trip.



Joel enjoying the sunshine



North Platte River Brown



Great fight on a 6 weight fly rod



The rainbows were fat and healthy



Quickly returned to the water



Wyoming Rainbow



Beautiful brown released



Large flies did the trick



Low water did not hamper the action



A great trip

Guadalupin' On The Royal Star 7 Day-Ole'!, Ole'!, Ole'!

By Fisherman Phil

Saturday morning, September 29th, Hurricane Rosa was looming off the Baja coast. Six dedicated LARRC fisherman including Larry Brown, Keith Heerd, Keith's son Adam, Dave Lodge, Larry Diamant and Fisherman Phil joined 14 other anglers venturing out on the Royal Star for a 7 day Baja angling adventure. We boarded the boat at Fisherman's Landing in San Diego. Bait, which included a mix of small and medium Sardines and Mackerel, was already in the bait tanks when we boarded the boat. During the first afternoon of the trip Larry Brown's raffle was loaded with fishing swag, and the raffle generated over \$1900 for Veterans and kids fishing trips.



Captain Brian's brilliant game plan was to avoid "Rosa" by fishing for Bluefin on the backside of San Clemente for a couple days and then head down to Guadalupe Island when the hurricane dissipated. Great plan. Larry Brown hooked and landed a 226 lb. Bluefin at gray light. It was the first fish landed, the jackpot winner, and Larry's personal best Bluefin. He used a Nomad Buffalo 320 gram jig (similar to a Flatfall) on 200 lb.

leader. Two other 200 lb. plus and 3 smaller Bluefin were caught also.

Overnight we headed for Guadalupe and arrived at the north end of the Island about 7 AM Tuesday. Surprisingly, Captain Brian metered yellowtail, which had not been seen recently near the island. The yellows were nice size from 25 to 40+ lbs and almost every angler caught a decent size fish or two.

We headed a little further south down the island where the Yellowfin Tuna and Great White Sharks hang out together. Very challenging to catch 50 to 150 lb Yellowfin when several fish were bitten by a Great Whites. Fisherman Phil caught a yellowfin minus a shark bitten tail that weighed 172 lbs. These sharks



were immense, and were continuously swimming close to the boat. We even experienced 4 great whites breach that were major "National Geographic" moments. Everyone caught at least one good-sized yellowfin and some caught 3 or 4. Adam out fished his dad by catching 4 Yellowfin to Keith's 2. We fished at the island for 3 days.

On Thursday morning we anchored near Outer Rock off Guadalupe, and held a memorial service for Matt White's father Roger who passed away in January. They had fished together on this Royal Star charter for many years.

The morning light cast a beautiful golden glow on the "Rock". Matt and Larry spoke a few words about Roger and the joy he experienced fishing with his son on these trips.

Matt spread his ashes on the ocean and the anglers threw white roses on the water. We all sang "Amazing Grace" with some original verses including the line, "His spirit will always be here" which was dedicated to



Roger's memory. Two seagulls soared above the "Rock" as the service ended.

After a full day of catching several good sized Yellowfin, we bid farewell to Guadalupe Island which was bathed in the colors of a glorious sunset.

On the morning of the last day heading north back to San Diego, Captain Brian metered smaller Yellowfin and Dorado on a kelp paddy in open ocean. Every cast was an in-



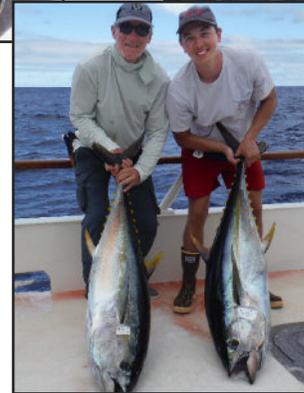
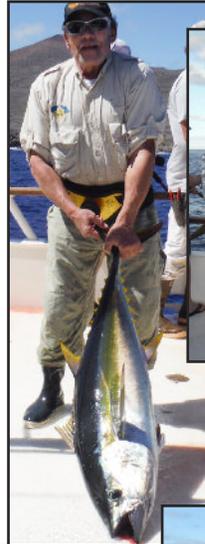
stant bite on these football sized Yellowfin and a few Dorado. We were continuously bouncing the fish over the rail in rough conditions. Then Cap found a second paddy and all Dorado hell broke loose. Dorado were jumping out of the water, biting mackerel on big hooks that we had jigged for on a

previous night. Almost everyone added a Dorado or two to their fish count. What a great way to end our trip.

Kudos to Captain Brian, deckhands Ryan, Drew, Diego, and Adrielle, for making our fishing experience really enjoyable. Chef Cameron and his assistant Alex provided us with amazing gourmet meals every day. Phil Bell and Chef Alex, entertained all anglers after a couple of wonderful dinners with their guitars and a fun sing along.

Guadalupin' on the Larry Brown chartered Royal Star 7 day-Ole!, Ole!, Ole'!

If you are interested in chartering this trip next year, contact Larry Brown at larrybrownxx@gmail.com



Donald Goldsobel with his bluefin tuna aboard the Ocean Odessey on 9/13/18!



Allen Brodetsky Scores! On 9/12/18 Allen caught this big bluefin aboard Bight Sport-fishing Charters with Captain Wes Pierson. It was hooked on the kite and he wrangled it in approximately 1.5 hours. It weighed in at 189.24 lbs Congrats Allen!!

The September Calico Bob Selvin 2 day charter resulted in local bluefin cows hitting the deck of the Ultra. As always with fish of this size, there were several that escaped for another year of grazing. Flatfalls at daybreak were the ticket for these 2 beauties, which taped out at 225 and 215 pounds. Pictured are LARRC members Binicio Grijalba and Chas Schoemaker, along with Ultra captain Jacob and crew members Mike and Chris.

BACK TO PEI

By *Sohia Huynh*

This trip I'll be our fourth time up to Prince Edward Island, Canada. By now we have figured out where the grocery and liquor stores are. Where to eat and not to eat. Things we have done and things we want to do. Well Mother Nature decides to throw a curve ball our way and give us some rough weather.

Our first day of fishing was supposed to be Tuesday, but due to weather Captain Spencer called and asked if we



could fish Monday instead. The weather looked pretty bad for the week and we might only get 1.5 days of our 4 days on the water. We were exhausted from the trip over but we agreed to try and beat the weather. We fished out of North Lake to stay out of the wind. We fished our little hearts out. It was slow, like watching water not boiling. In the afternoon Kevin and I set up our light tackle gear that we brought and started jigging. Kevin caught 2 cod then I got a sculpin, which look more like our cabazon and sculpin had a baby, and some more cod. It was fun!! We caught some small perch and man they have some teeth! We finally called the trip around 7 and headed back to the barn.



Day 2 was iffy. We knew the weather was coming and you could feel it. We headed out and I wasn't feeling well and slept all morning, after I help to get mackerel. We had one blind strike, no meter mark just pulled the ballon off but let it go. We reeled the bait in and surmised it was most likely a smaller tuna that couldn't get the whole 14 inch mackerel. It had teeth mark about 3 inches from the hook. So close but no cigar! Then the weather started getting rough and our not so tiny ship was getting tossed. We called the trip at 1pm and the weather was about an hour away. Unfortunately a boat fishing in another area capsized with 3 crew, one swam shore and the other two haven't been found as I write this on Wednesday and the search has been

called off (Please take a moment for those two men).

Day 3 was canceled.

Day 4: We started fishing out of North Lake (an hour drive from home) and the fish just weren't around. So we hung out for a couple of hours to give it a good try. We then took an hour cruise to another spot to try our luck. We



set up our anchor and started to chum. The weather was beautiful and no wind! We started marking fish and they were reacting to our chum. I was up first, so put on my harness and plate and waited for us to get bit! Spencer started to get our hook bait out and feeding the line. We saw on the meter a fish shoot up to 25 ft and then we heard the line screaming off the reel!!!! After a fun hour ish fight we pulled the fish to the side of the boat. We took the hook out and put in the release hook then dragged it behind the boat to get water through it's gills. When it starts kicking we release it and wish it good tidings! It was about 625lbs. Kevin was up next and his fight lasted 12 minutes. He fought his fish with 80lbs of drag on a Cal Sheets custom Penn 80. His fish was around 650lbs and it didn't have a chance to put up a fight! We tagged it and released it! It didn't need to be dragged for too long since it was still hot! We drove around to see where we should set up again. Spencer metered some bait and we stopped the boat. We hooked up on our third fish and it was my turn again. So I got my gear on and started the fight. This fish was angry. In a couple of moments it dumped a Cal Sheets custom Penn 80 down to quarter spool. I got it all back but it was difficult since the fish stayed on the surface the entire fight. I injured my back last year and after the first fish I realized it is a big strain on my back to fight it when it is up and down. These fish do giant circles and you fight it from starboard corner of stern. My height leads to a disadvantage since this boat has a much taller side. So I asked Kevin to do the last part, which consists of bringing the rod back and forth on that stern corner. It definitely saved my back for the next day of fishing.

Day 5: We left out of Murray Harbor, which was a nice 15 minute drive, and headed out to find some more fish. We

heard some intel of herring being around so we made our way over. There was a herring boat pulling up their nets and it's like a dinner bell for the giant Bluefin. Herring = Bluefin. Kevin was up first and we started the chum line and watched the meter. At 7:01 am Spencer hooked up on a fish! We watched the bait head down and the tuna take it on the



meter. It was pretty cool to see the trail. Again, Kevin with his mighty strength and tight drags subdued the giant in 22 minutes. When the swivel gets to the rod trip that is the end of the fight. It is considered a caught fish. The leader is 25ft and at this point Spencer grabs the leader and hand lines the fish to the side of

the boat. Then Kieran tail gaffs the fish so it is immobile, then we are able to attach the satellite tag and take the coveted pictures of a lifetime. On this particular fish, Spencer grabbed the line and began bringing it in. Then it popped, the fish was released (before the photo), but we were confused on what happened. When Spencer looked at the hook he saw the tip had broken off. This was a Mustad 16/0 circle hook. Its massive! Spencer said it was the first time he has ever seen a hook break and he wasn't pulling hard compared to Kevin fighting the fish. At least the fish was released, we all have a fun story to tell and Kevin has a souvenir for the wall.

We headed back to the herring zone and started our search. Spencer's father, Gregory, was fishing near us with Mel Shimizu and Kil Song of Black Hole Rods. Gregory knew the herring boat guys so we maneuvered both boats to watch the giant tunas rolling on the herring being brought up on their nets. We were so close, you could throw a beer to them! Tuna after tuna coming up to eat and Spencer couldn't help himself, he had to throw a bait in the water. This is kind of sketchy to do since the herring boats have their nets, anchor line and float lines still in the water; but Spencer is that good. We hooked up in seconds! He leaned over the gunnel to keep our fishing line out of their way and to weave the line around if we do get tangled up. Once we were clear of the obstacles I got clipped in and started fighting. All three of my fish were surface runners, which was good since it

was less pressure on my back and super cool to see their giant silhouettes cutting through the water and on occasion putting on a show as their fins broke the surface. I thought I might be able to finish this one since it was on the surface but then the line went up and down, so I handed to Kevin. I am so glad I did. This fish was not happy and showed it with aggressive downward head shakes. Each time the tuna shook its head, Kevin was jerked and the rod was doubled over. Which was quite impressive given the fact I am unable to put a slight bend in the rod with all my weight. Spencer started to hand line the tuna up and it did not want to lay on its side. So we attached the satellite tag and quick released it! I shot some great photos of the tuna's head at the surface!! This fish was landed in 1 hour 20 minutes.

We began looking for our third fish but the herring boats had taken off and most of the other boats already landed their 3 fish and left so we had to work a little harder to get the tuna to come our way. We marked them on the meter but they kept on going. We made a couple of moves, went and chatted with Gregory and Chauncey (Spencer's brother), they both had charters on their boats. After a few hours we found some tuna that wanted stay with us. Around 12:15pm we hooked a fish and Kevin was up. This tuna was feisty, it didn't feel like cooperating with



the heavy drag or the pressure Kevin put on it. The tuna ran several times then came somewhat cooperatively to the boat. Once the tuna saw the boat, it took off. Kevin but-toned down the drag to 70lbs. sat back in to the harness to put a deep bend in the rod and winched it back to the surface. Spencer hand lined the tuna to the boat and as Kieran tried to tail gaff it, then in a final show of defiance the fish exploded, soaked everyone on the rail, and took off again. This fish was a perfect example of teenage angst, being that he felt like a monster but was only around 650lbs. So once the tuna was subdued at the boat, it was tagged and photographed, then released to grow bigger.

We completed our day by 1pm and made our way back to the dock. It was a smooth sail home with flat flat seas as we reflected on another amazing trip to the land of the giants with Tightline Tours, Captain Spencer, and Mate Kieran. Until next year!!!

CHARTERS 2018

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
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	3 SPOTS	
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

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As of August 31, 2018

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Bass, Calico	8	Kris Ekdahl	6	2*
Bass, Calico	14	John Ballotti	4	9*
Bass, Calico	15	Carl Ekdahl	8	1*
Bass, Calico	15	Nick Ekdahl	7	3
Bass, Calico	15	John Ballotti	5	15
Bass, Calico	30	Joe Mahfet	6	7
Corbina	6	Nick Ekdahl	2	10*
Lingcod	30	Chas Schoemaker	16	8
Salmon, Coho	25	Earl Warren	15	6*
Salmon, King	25	Earl Warren	25	8
Sheephead	16	Kris Ekdahl	14	6*
Sheephead	20	Scott Schiffman	13	10
Sheephead	30	Joel Steinman	13	4
Snook	12	Earl Warren	10	2
Tuna, Blufin	100	Allen Brodetsky	189	2*
White Sea Bass	60	Allen Brodetsky	64	8
Yellowtail	15	Mike Godfrey	21	12*
Yellowtail	20	Chas Schoemaker	29	10
Yellowtail	30	Nick Ekdahl	36	3

MEN'S FLY ROD				
Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Rob Baldwin	5	7*
Trout, Brown	6	Joel Steinman	Released	
Trout, Rainbow	8	Joel Steinman	Est. 10 Released	

MEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	6	4
Bass, Lg Mouth	17	Joel Steinman	4	13*
Bass, Sm Mouth	6	Rob Baldwin	6	8*
Bass, Striped	4	Scott Schiffman	7	15
Bass, Striped	6	Scott Schiffman	8	13
Gar Fish	17	Joel Steinman	2	2*
East Pickerel	17	Joel Steinman	1	9*
Trout, Brown	8	Joel Steinman	Released	
Trout, Cutthroat	8	Joel Steinman	Released	
Trout, Rainbow	4	Earl Warren	9	2

MEN'S RELEASED				
Marlin, Black	100	Kevin Boyle	2 Released	
Tarpon	30	Earl Warren	6 Released	
Tuna, Dogtooth	100	Kevin Boyle	Released	

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Salmon, Coho	25	Pamela Warren	10	3
Salmon, King	25	Pamela Warren	21	4
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	230	0*
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	48	0*
White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	36	7*
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	58	2
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	53	0
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	37	0
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	41	0
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	76	1*
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	43	0*
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	41	0

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Trout, Rainbow	4	Pamela Warren	3	6

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	
Snapper, Ruby	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Shark, White Tip	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
Trout, Coral	100	Cathy Needleman	Released	
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				
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Hayden Dickter	4	1
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
January 3, 2018				

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
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