

# Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean OCTOBER 2019

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

## CAPTAIN JIMMY DECKER

The October speaker is Captain Jimmy Decker of [fishwithdecker.com](http://fishwithdecker.com). A popular Southern California inshore fishing guide, Fred Hall main stage speaker, and much sought after seminar speaker. Nothing sums up Jimmy Decker better than this recent recommendation by client:

*"For all those looking for a great guided fishing trip here in Southern California, one can look no farther than "Fishing with Decker".*

Jimmy's knowledge is amazing and his ability to get his clients into fish is top notch. I have been to many seminars where Jimmy has been speaking and always come away with a better understanding of the pursuit of fish. His operations is one of the best in quality and service."

Please join us for a very informative and fun time.



**October 28, 2019**  
**Marie Callendar's • 14743 Ventura Blvd.**  
**Sherman Oaks, CA**

**WE NEED YOU TO RSVP BY**  
**FRIDAY, October 25, 2019.**

**IF YOU'RE BRINGING A GUEST, PLEASE ADD HIS/HER NAME TO YOUR RSVP.**  
RSVP to Mike Godfrey @ [magodfrey2@yahoo.com](mailto:magodfrey2@yahoo.com) or [LARRCDINNERRSVP@yahoo.com](mailto:LARRCDINNERRSVP@yahoo.com)

HAPPY FISHING - See you at the meeting

# A Message from the President

By Mike Hartt

The 2019 dues letters will be going out in the next week or two. As I mentioned last month the dues will be going up just \$20.00 and non-resident just \$10.00. Another change will be in the donation area. This year you'll have the option to donate to either the club or Foundation. (or both!) Your generosity to the Club or Foundation is always greatly appreciated.

Remember the Hero award is still up for grabs, so keep up the good volunteer work.

We learned yesterday that Lulu's restaurant is booked for our October and November meetings. After that, we're back on the books, but Mike Godfrey and I would welcome suggestions from club members. Let's look at this as an opportunity to try something new. Having some options for dinner locations never hurts.

If you have any changes, corrections, or updates to the roster, this is the time to contact Richard Stone. Your final opportunity will be to mark up the dues letter. After that, we submit the data for printing of the 2020 Yearbook, so let's be sure the roster is as accurate as we can get it.

Good fishing

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO STEVE AND LINDA SIMON FOR HOSTING THE SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

The September dinner meeting was a huge success. Paul Varenchick brought BBQ which was abundant and delicious. There were fish nibbles prepared by Steve, homemade salads, Linda baked dessert. See last month's Chum Line for dinner speaker details. Very interesting and informative.



## CALENDAR

### Board Meeting

October 21, 2019

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm

Lulu's

16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406



### Dinner Meeting

October 28, 2019

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm

Marie Callendar's

14743 Ventura Blvd. • Sherman Oaks, CA 91403



**OCTOBER 23, 2019**

Veterans' Trip

**NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

Veterans' Trip

**SAVE THE DATE FOR 2020**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Annual Banquet

**APRIL 17, 2020**

Lou Berke Catfish Derby

# ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Submitted by Eric Rogger

◆ **IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT...** Time Magazine in their 9/23 issue has devoted their entire issue to Climate Change....A must read!!! Ocean conditions certainly have a major impact on our future fishing experiences. More importantly the text deals with how such changes can be positively addressed.

◆ **NY TIMES (9/22)**...also has an interesting climate related story – by Al Gore – under the heading “IT’S NOT TOO LATE”. Of course I can’t quote the entire piece but listen to this: About the time of the Paris Climate meeting in 2014 electricity from solar & wind was cheaper than coal in about 1% of the world. Today, which is about 5 years later, solar & wind provide the cheapest electricity to two thirds of the world.

At the last club meeting I was asked about the sources of my environmental text items. This writer subscribes to many fishing related print material. Our original focus was on the Pacific ocean since that is where most of us enjoy this sport. More and more it has become obvious that fisheries are inter-related. In particular this applies to the commercial aspect of this important food source. See the next item for an excellent example.

◆ **NORTH PACIFIC FOCUS**...is a magazine issued by Alaska’s Fisherman’s Journal. Their current issue (summer 2019) has a short story about a Sitka based seafood delivery service. It quotes a startling statistic that only 1% of Alaskan caught fish is available in Alaska. 99% of all fish is exported.

◆ **SIERRA CLUB**...has a “subsection” of donators in what they call the John Muir Society. Guess what they reported! The great Pacific Garbage Patch –also referred to as the Pacific Gyre – said to be about the size of Texas, now has a similar patch. This one is off the coasts of Chile and Peru in the South Pacific. Its dimensions area is as yet unknown.

◆ **UCSD**...researchers report that they have found an “explosion” of plastics in the waters off Santa Barbara. (LAT 9/5) So far there is no report of effects on marine life. Stay tuned.

◆ **WILD OCEANS**...This is one of the organizations to which our own foundation contributes. Wild Oceans is undergoing a change in leadership. Their recent message notes that their efforts to maintain the sport fishery in the US has been effective for 46 years. (Succeeding NCMC) There is no group more involved in strengthening regulations dealing with overfishing and the recovery of depleted species. This organization is currently fighting against indiscriminate drift nets, long lines, the management of forage fisheries etc. Ken Hinman, their long time leader will remain on their board while Rob Kramer will take the lead. We are fortunate on the West Coast to have Theresa Labriola as Pacific Programs Director. Her travel schedule on behalf of Pacific Fisheries has been very extensive. More info? [Wildoceans.org](http://Wildoceans.org) – on the web.

YES = LARRC in not an environmental organization! This should not stop you from supporting all efforts to maintain our sport fishery. Do not take our fisheries for granted!

AS USUAL COMMENTS AND WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE WELCOME... THANKS!  
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 Tom Trainer



**PAC DAWN TRIP DATES for 2019**

•Nov. 30, 2019 Pac Dawn Overnight... fishing Rock Cod/Ling Cod/Shepherd/... potential for Yellowtail, Halibut and Sea Bass. Out of Ventura... fishing Landing \$295. Charter Master Mark Manculich 818 613-6575 [mmanculich@socal.rr.com](mailto:mmanculich@socal.rr.com)

**CANCELLED**

**PAC Dawn will remain in San Diego. We have cancelled the trip.**



## CORPORATE CIRCLE

### Thank You!



### Corporate Circle Appreciation Breakfast

Thanks to everyone who came to the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Corporate Circle breakfast on Sept. 9!

1. [Click here](#) to see slide show #1, which tells you all about the exciting events coming up and ways you can get your company and employees involved.
2. [Click here](#) to see slide show #2, which provides an overview of the exciting expansion plans for Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.
3. [Click here](#) to see pics from the event

## 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](mailto:simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)) for any information about our club members/family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.



Paul Varenchick's first swordfish

## Chum Line Advertising

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

### Advertising Pricing

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

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

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

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

**Buy 12 months and get one month free!**

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

Contact Sophia ([fishnsoph@gmail.com](mailto:fishnsoph@gmail.com)) or Donald ([donald@dgoldsoebel.com](mailto:donald@dgoldsoebel.com)) for more information.

Thank you!!

# Like Watching Paint Dry on a Wall - 287.2 lb. Swordfish

By Cathy Needleman

I was trying to stay close to home. My parents needed some help and I wanted to be there for them. I was scheduled to be on a four-day trip and I decided to fill the trip with someone else (funny enough, my friend Jan, who was my substitute ended up getting a 346 lb. Bluefin)



Jan Howard on the Constitution with her 346lb Bluefin.

The week before I was fishing for swordfish and ended up getting a bite. That bite was haunting me like no other.

Catalina is a location where I can be home in 30 minutes.

I was lucky, got onto Brandon's boat with second Captain Matthew.

I was concerned whether I was strong

enough for these big fish. Just last week we heard stories about swordfish getting on the deck so hot that it destroyed the inside of the boat.

If you see them on the surface and you are able to hook them-be ready for a long battle. We were going for the Deep Drop method.

Swordfish eat live bait but they **relish** large squid.

The squid is sewn onto a large J hook, which is attached to 300lb mono which is attached to over 1,200 ft. of spectra. There is also a 10lb weight attached to the main line.

I lowered it slowly so the line did not tangle. It took about ten minutes to get to the ocean floor. Then you drift... **the bite is so subtle** (looks like the tip of your index finger bending) that you stare at the rod tip for hours. It's like watching paint dry on a wall.

We saw the bend-I started to reel to get the fish tight. I just kept **reeling and reeling**.

When swordfish eat, they swim to the surface, which causes slack in the line.

You think that the fish is off the hook but they aren't so

you keep **reeling and reeling**.

I was scared. I saw it jump three times and it looked big and powerful. I turned around and faced Brandon. I had a thought of having Brandon reel it in and I would hide in the wheelhouse.

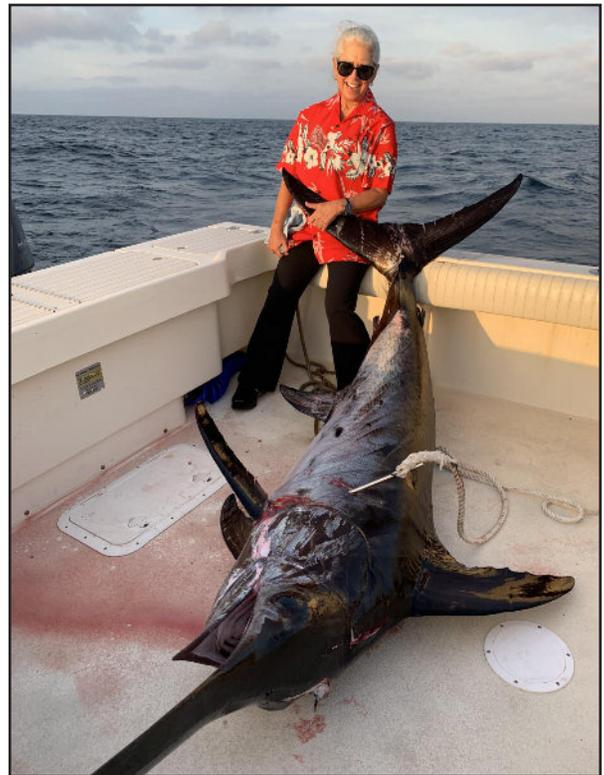
Then I realized that this was probably my **only** chance to get one so I told myself to calm down and get to work.

One hour later-it was on the deck.

We headed for Avalon Harbor to weigh the fish. We were lucky that some locals from the Island were available, to help us get the fish from the boat, to a cart, to a weighing station on the pier.

It weighed 287.2. Captains Brandon and Mathew then filleted the fish.

Went to dinner at the Lobster Trap and guess what we had for dinner *that* night!



Cathy got a Swordfish "He was 1,200 feet down. Tuna much harder to bring in. The sword weighed 287-weighed at the Catalina pier."



# Sous Vide

Sous Vide? Not many of us use or have even heard of it. First described in 1799, and gaining popularity in the 1970's, Sous Vide, French for Under Vacuum, is a method of preparing food in a water bath with very precise control of the temperature, for longer than usual cooking times.

The temperature is much lower than usually used for cooking, typically around 55 to 60 °C (131 to 140 °F) for meat, higher for vegetables. The intent is to cook the item evenly, ensuring that the inside is properly cooked without overcooking the outside, and to retain moisture.

The food is placed in a boiler bag from which has had the air removed, and it is then placed in a water bath. The bath temperature is set for the desired final temperature of the food, which prevents overcooking as the food can not get hotter than the bath it is in.

Because you cook your food to a precise temperature for a precise amount of time, you can expect very consistent results. Food cooks in its own juices, which ensures that the food is moist, juicy and tender. After it has reached the optimum stage, it is often finished over flame to give it color and caramelization.

Scott Schiffman dabbles in sous vide, and has provided a link to Tuna Sous Vide.

<https://www.serious-eats.com/2016/09/food-lab-complete-guide-to-sous-vide-tuna.html>

## Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation & AmazonSmile

### What is AmazonSmile?

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On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select a charitable organization – **Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation** – to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.





**Cabrillo  
Marine  
Aquarium**



The Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation gave the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium a grant earlier this year. With this grant, our members and family are entitled to a free admittance to the Aquarium. Check the schedule of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium for other events throughout the year.

If you need additional info, let me know.

Steve Simon



**Steve and Andy scored big on Westlake**

Steve 7lb 3oz 8 pound test • Andy 6 lb. 1oz. 6 pound test

**Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation**

**Tribute Opportunity**

Tribute Cards are available when you want to send your thoughts or feelings for –

- Congratulations
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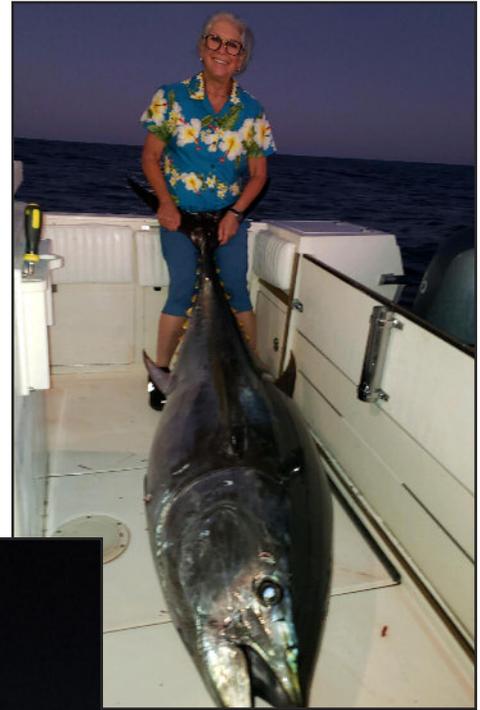
Your LARRC Foundation is a charitable organization. Donations maybe deducted. Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

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## Royal Star, Red Rooster and Intrepid

David Lodge and Larry Diamant, both Non Resident LARRC members, accompanied Larry Brown on a recent 7 day charter on the Royal Star to Guadalupe. The fishing was very good, along with great weather, great company, a great crew and amazing culinary delights. Most of Larry's charters for 2020 are converting to limited load trips so if you are interested in fishing with fewer anglers and more rail and deck space, contact Larry or look for his charters on the Royal Star, Red Rooster and Intrepid. Each of these boats also gave LARRC Foundation a free long range trip to sell to support important Foundation activities so supporting them is recommended.



*Cathy Needleman caught a 307.5 and a 283 and 4 fish between 120-195. 283 weighed at Tuna Avalon Club and 307.5 weighed at Oceanside Harbor*



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**Step #2:** Print out this page and take it with you the next time you shop at Ralphs.

**Step #3:** At check-out, have the LARRC barcode swiped by the cashier together with your Ralphs Rewards Card/phone number.

*Notice: The Ralphs LARRC Barcode needs to be swiped only once to link your Rewards Card to LARRC. Future shopping trips will help raise money for LARRC when you use your Ralphs Reward Card at check-out.*

# CHARTERS 2019

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
<b>Oct 27- Nov 1</b>	<b>La Bocana Baja Fishing Convoys</b> 6 Days, 4 Days of fishing. Fly from Tijuana	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$2,095	Contact Donald Goldsobel 818-970-4578
<b>Oct 27- Nov 6</b>	<b>Intrepid</b> 10 days on the Intrepid. Leaves on a Sunday. Big variety of fish at the Ridge and Alijos Rocks Tuna, Dorado, Wahoo, Yellowtail and Grouper	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$TBD	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 <a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a>

**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 Andrew Ratzky - [Aratzky@att.net](mailto:Aratzky@att.net)  
LARRC Club Charters in **BLUE** Larry Brown Shared Charters in **GREEN** Malibu Fish'n Tackle, Tom Trainer Shared Charters in **ORANGE**

## TROPHY CONTENDERS 2019 as of August 31, 2019

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>					<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Calico	30	Joel Steinman	4	4	Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	14	0
Mackerel, Spanish	25	Joel Steinman	2	6*	<b>WOMEN'S RELEASED</b>				
Marlin, Blue	120	Nick Ekdahl	140	TAPED	<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
Yellowtail	35	Michael Kickter	28	0*	Barracuda	30	Kevin Steinman	Released	1
<b>MEN'S FLY ROD</b>					Bass, Calico	30	Kevin Steinman	Released	5
Perch, Sacramento	7	Kevin Boyle	Released		Bass, Calico	30	Kevin Steinman	2	8*
Trout, Rainbow	7	Kevin Boyle	Released		Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Camryn Warren	2	1
<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER</b>					Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Camryn Warren	1	2
Bass, Lg Mouth	4	Andy MacDonald	6	4	Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Brooke Warren	1	8
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Steve Simon	6	12	Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Brooke Warren	1	0
Trout, Brown	3	Mark Manculich	2	9	Bluegill	8	Brooke Warren	0	.55
<b>MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED</b>					Bluegill	8	Alexis Warren	0	.5
<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>					Bluegill	8	Alexis Warren	0	.48
Tuna, Bluefin	15	Sophia Huynh	43	0*	<b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>				
Tuna, Bluefin	50	Cathy Needleman	93	0	White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	29	8
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	134	55	March 19, 2019				
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	218	0	<b>FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>				
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	231.62	Taped					
White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	29	8					
<b>WOMEN'S FLY ROD</b>									
Perch, Sacramento	7	Sophia Huynh	Released						
Trout, Cutthroat	7	Sophia Huynh	3 Released						
Trout, Kamloop	7	Sophia Huynh	Released						
Trout, Rainbow	7	Sophia Huynh	4 Released						



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