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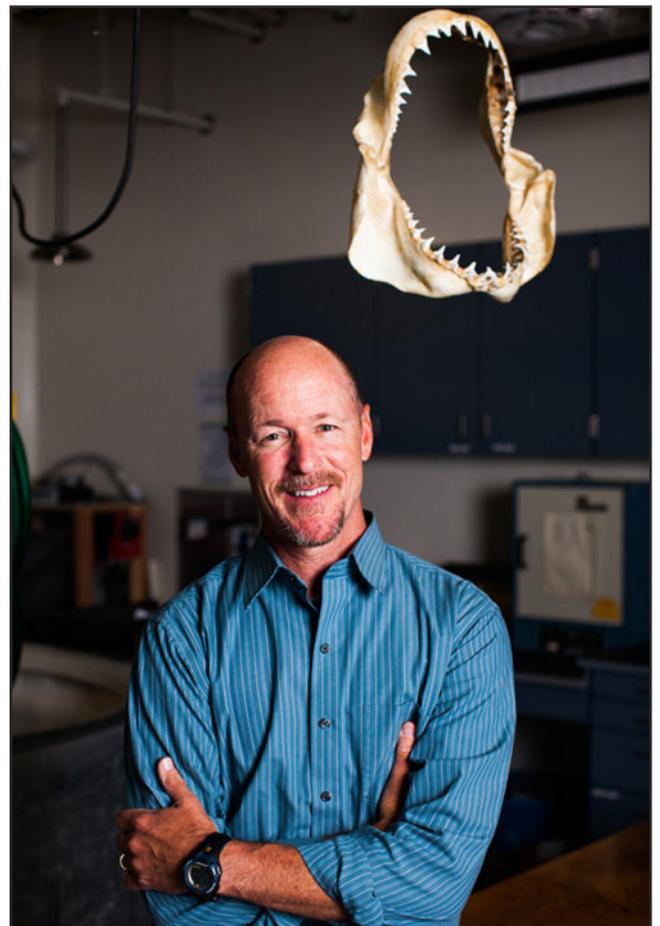
Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean FEBRUARY 2022

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

DR. CHRIS LOWE, MARINE BIOLOGY PROFESSOR, DIRECTOR OF THE SHARK LAB CAL STATE LONG BEACH

Hang on to your LARRC hats everyone! The infamous Dr. Chris Lowe is going to be our guest speaker on February 28th. Dr. Chris Lowe is a Marine Biology Professor and the Director of the Shark Lab at California State University, Long Beach.

After receiving his doctorate in zoology at the University of Hawaii, Chris returned to C.S.U.L.B. to oversee the Shark Lab, which was founded in 1966. For the last 10 years he and his students have been studying baby and juvenile white sharks of Southern California as well as game fish. His presentation will include current special information about the relationship of the white sharks and sport-fishing anglers. You are not going to want to miss this meeting! Chris is a great speaker!



February 28, 2022
Dr. Chris Lowe

ZOOM Meeting opens at 6:30 for Social Hour
Dinner Meeting starts promptly at 7:00PM

Log in info to follow

A Message from the President

By Andrew Ratzky

As I write my first message as LARRC President, I want to take a moment to thank our outgoing President Ted Feit for all his contributions and dedication during his term as club President. I also want to recognize the hard work and support provided by the board members, foundation members and each club member who held positions or provided support to club and foundation. Each of you contributed to our success in 2021 and I am thankful for all of you.

Now that we are through with the formalities, let's talk about fishing. I know it's February, but now is a great time to get your reels serviced and take inventory of your gear. All the big industry shows appear to be happening this year such as the Pacific Coast Sportfishing Festival (PCS) on February 19, in Costa Mesa and the Fred Hall Show in Long Beach March 2-6. It also appears Fred Hall will be in San Diego, but the dates are TBD at the moment. These shows are a great opportunity to play with all the new reels and rods, stock up on tackle and book a fishing trip or two in 2022.

Speaking of fishing trips, I want to invite you to come fishing with us. LARRC has three limited load charters on tap for this Summer and Fall. There is still room on all three trips. I've listed them below, but you can scroll down to our Charters Page for more information on how you can sign up.

- o **Triton**, full day, July 16, 5a - 5p. Limited to 18 anglers, 13 spots available. Cost is \$184, \$199 for non-club members. Includes crew tip. Food and fish cleaning are extra.
- o **Navegante**, 2 day, Aug. 16-18. Limited to 18 anglers, 9 spots available. Cost is \$502, \$532 for non-club members. Includes food and crew tip. Bottled drinks, snacks and fish cleaning are extra.
- o **Endeavor**, overnight, October 26-27. Limited to 22 anglers, 19 spots available. Includes crew tip. Food and fishcleaning are extra.

When we think about fishing in CA, we have to consider there are many groups who simply want to shut us down. Each of you should consider becoming a member of Coastal Conservation Association of California (CCA). Their objective from their website is "to conserve, promote and enhance the present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. In simpler terms, the organization is fighting for our rights as saltwater anglers in CA and 18 other states.

Per CCA's website, here are just some of their initiatives: continue to fight against fishing tackle and lead bans, fought to keep bluefin tuna from becoming listed as an endangered species, continue to fight against destructive fishing gear that hurts our resources, protect against unfair fishing regulations, continue to support and expand finfish hatchery programs, continue to fight for artificial and restoration reefs, and support programs to increase fishing opportunities. They will be at both the PCS and Fred Hall shows. I encourage each of you to stop by their booth, learn more about the organization and become a member. If you can't make it to their booth, go to their website to become a member and learn more about them at www.ccacalifornia.org/.

In closing I would like to say that the ongoing success depends on continued support today and in the future by club members such as yourself. Each of you can contribute in your own way by raising your hand to get involved. At the moment, I have an opening for a Vice President of the club and would really like a volunteer who can bring new perspectives to the club. So, please reach out to me or any of the board members if you are interested in.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

Welcome to 2022! A quick update this month on federal and regional conservation initiatives and hopeful stories about the future of salmon.

◆ **But first.** For many decades recreational fishermen including many members of the LARRC have been working to remove drift gillnets from coastal waters. Last year, Senator Feinstein introduced federal legislation to prohibit the use of drift gillnets. The legislation stalled in the House until earlier this month when the House passed the America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing, Pre-Eminence in Technology, and Economic Strength ([America COMPETES Act of 2022](#)), which includes key provisions to strengthen U.S. leadership on issues that threaten Americans, our oceans, and human rights, while also holding the Chinese government accountable and leveling the playing field for U.S. fishers. The bill's provisions include 1) a ban on the buying and selling of shark fins in the United States; 2) closing the U.S. market to illegally sourced seafood and giving the government more tools to address illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing; and 3) ending the use of deadly large mesh drift gillnets in U.S. waters. This bill will now be conferenced with similar legislation that passed the Senate last June before it heads to President Biden's desk for signing.

◆ **In January,** the Biden administration announced listening sessions on the development of its "American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas," a new tool intended to be used to reflect baseline information on the lands and waters that are conserved or restored. A series of public meetings are scheduled and there is an opportunity for public comment. More details are at <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-invites-public-comment-development-new-conservation-stewardship-tool>.

◆ **Permanent protections in view for Bristol Bay.** For more than two decades, those who care about Bristol Bay — the

largest sockeye salmon run on the planet — have been fighting the proposed Pebble Mine, a massive open-pit mine and waste storage proposed for the headwaters of the region. And now, it seems at long last that the end is in sight. <https://www.juneauempire.com/news/pride-of-bristol-bay-permanent-protections-in-view-for-bristol-bay/>

◆ **NOAA sees good ocean conditions for salmon.** Ocean conditions look better than they have in years, which could be good news for salmon. NOAA recently posted its ocean ecosystem indicators list. The list paints a picture of how the ocean is doing and what kind of world young, ocean-bound salmon are about to enter. The list looks at a variety of factors, including the abundance of certain minuscule but key prey groups and large climate and atmospheric processes like seasonal upwelling, which brings nutrient-rich water to the surface. This year, it's mostly green lights all the way down the list. https://www.chinookobserver.com/news/local/noaa-sees-good-ocean-conditions-for-salmon/article_67f84e68-668f-11ec-89ae-4beac25c3638.html

◆ **Shortbelly rockfish an example of fishery management under climate change** Shortbelly rockfish are common off California but were rare in Oregon until recently. Boosted by several strong reproductive years, their apparent expansion into new territory triggered a discussion among West Coast fishery regulators and raised concerns for conservation groups. It has also provided a working example of exactly how tricky it could be to manage fisheries as species and ocean conditions shift under climate change. https://www.bendbulletin.com/local-state/shortbelly-rockfish-an-example-of-fishery-management-under-climate-change/article_a29e95d3-74c5-59d9-bfb5-30384aba1b2f.html

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

February 21, 2022

6:30PM Social Hour • 7:00PM Meeting

Virtual Meeting - email to follow with info

Dinner Meeting

February 28, 2022

6:30PM Social Hour • 7:00PM Meeting

Virtual Meeting - email to follow with info

Attention Members

The Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation has a donation of some fishing gear in San Diego. If any club members are going to San Diego, and would be willing to pick-up the donation, please reach out to:

Steve Simon at 818-469-7651, or
bigfish1944@yahoo.com

Five Tips for Yellowtail Jigs

By Larry Brown

There are five styles of yellowtail jigs every serious angler needs to have in his/her tackle box. These are my favorites for each style of yellowtail jig fishing.

1. Surface iron

JRI DW-1 Light and the **JRI-4** share my top billing when the yellows are boiling on the surface. Surface irons require a skilled, long, accurate cast to target boiling fish and a technically perfect retrieve speed to produce a sharp right or left kick in the action, which is what will provoke the yellowtail to bite.



2. Large yoyo style or heavy iron

JRI-66 and the **JRI DW-1 Heavy** are my two go to jigs if the yellowtail are biting bigger baits, we are fishing in deeper water or I need the additional weight to get down rapidly if the current is strong or the wind drift is swift. A super fast retrieve will normally get you bit.



3. Small yoyo or heavy iron

My favorite small yoyo jig for yellows is the **JRI secondary brand**, previously named the **KO-6**, and now called the **ST-6**. Use the smaller yoyo jigs in shallower water and when there is very little current or wind drift. Again, a super fast drag is often the key to getting bit.



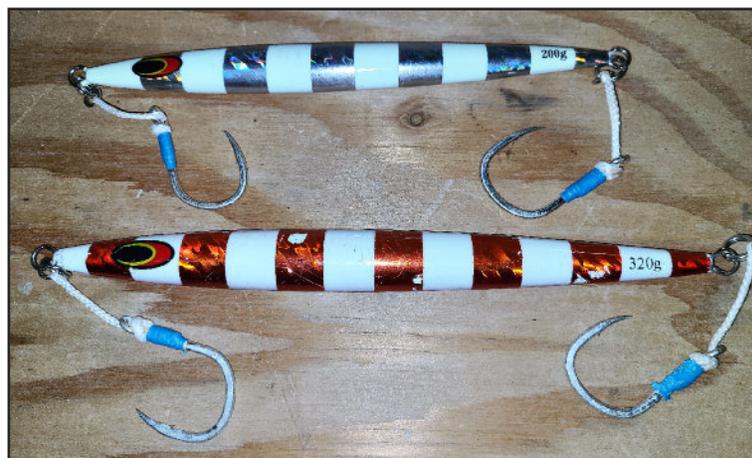
4. Flatfall style jigs

The **Nomad Buffalo** in the 120 - 230 gram sizes can also be deadly for yellowtail. Be ready as most of the bites are on the drop. Easier and less tiring than yoyo style jigs because a mach 5 speed retrieve is not necessary.



5. Knife style jigs

The **Nomad Streaker** can also drive yellowtail crazy. Like the flat fall style jigs, most of the bites are on the sink.



What are the best colors?

Captain Sam Moore on the *Intrepid* tells us the best color is speed. The Mach 5 retrieve of a heavy yoyo iron is what provokes a reaction strike. We are fishing yoyo jigs in deep water, frequently at 200 feet, where there is very limited light. Light diminishes in the depths of the water column. So does color. Take a jig into a dark closet and test it yourself.

A surface iron retrieved at the perfect speed for that jig is what will provoke a strike on a surface jig. The yellowtail will be attacking from the depths and will only see a silhouette against the sky. Put on a mask and snorkel, descend 20 feet and watch a surface iron retrieved between you and the surface. You will not see color; only silhouette.

Yellowtail, like all game and bait fish, have a vital organ

Five Tips con't...

called the "lateral line." The lateral line detects vibration and movement and the precise presence and location of prey and predators. It is key for survival helping them eat and avoid being eaten. Game fish never collide during a feeding frenzy on a bait ball because of their lateral line. Yellow-tail feed in the total darkness of night and depth, when and where there is no color at all, and they are very effective night feeders. They don't need no stinking color. So maybe Captain Sam Moore is correct; the best jig color is "speed."

Of course, there are contrarian views. Several of my buddies who are world class jig anglers say "CLM," Colors of Lures Matter. To see colors eyes need and use cones. Human eyes have 3 cones; many fish have eyes with 4 cones,

which should theoretically allow them to see more colors than humans. As fish and human ophthalmologists have not yet compared notes we anglers are still in the dark over the question of which colors are best. The jig manufacturers are convinced color matters and highly recommend we have a large assortment of all their colors, models and sizes.

The other reason to have a good inventory of each of the above jig styles is the inevitable losses we endure from sharp rocks and reef structure, lobster pots, saw offs and of course our cute loving sea lions and sharks who share our environment and appreciate us subduing a nice yellowtail so they can minimize their energy and enjoy a high protein meal.

THE ECONOMICS OF SPORTFISHING IN AMERICA

By Ed Lieberman aka Sheephead Ed C.P.A

I practiced as a certified public accountant for almost 50 years before I retired at the beginning of 2019. When I was practicing, I always wondered about the business model or economics of businesses or industries that I encountered in my personal life...and I still do.

So I got to wonder about the Economics of Sportfishing in America...and my Google search began. I was lucky enough to find a myriad of information published by The American Sportfishing Association.

U.S. FISHING FACTS

- There are approximately 74 million anglers in the United States.
- Of these 74 million anglers, roughly 50 million fish each year.
- Recreational fishing generates \$51.2 billion in retail sales each year.
- \$39.5 billion in overall economic output is generated annually.
- Fishing produces \$16.4 billion in state and federal tax revenues.
- More than 826,000 jobs are supported by recreational angling.
- California is ranked third in the U.S. with 2 million anglers and \$3.071 billion in total expenditures.

DID YOU KNOW?

- U.S. anglers outnumber California's population - the largest state in the U.S. – by 25%.
- More Americans fish than play golf (20.9 million) and tennis (13.1 million) combined.

- If fishing were a company, the amount spent by anglers to support fishing-related retail sales would rank #51 on the Fortune 500™ list.
- Fishing generated more revenue (\$47.7 billion) than Lockheed Martin (\$46.9 billion), Intel (\$43.6 billion), Chrysler (\$41.9 billion) or Google (\$37.9 billion).
- The economic activity generated by sportfishing is greater than the economy (measured in Gross State Product) of 17 states.
- If U.S. anglers were their own country, their population would rank #30 out of the 217 nations tracked by the World Bank, just ahead of Spain.

U.S. ANGLERS BY THE NUMBERS

- 2.4 million Great Lakes Anglers
- 10.9 million Saltwater Anglers
- 40.5 million Freshwater Anglers

You can now add up your own expenditures last year and calculate your contribution to the Sportfishing economy!

And one last tax tip ...**remember, donations to LARRC Foundation are tax deductible!**

LARRC Trout Fly Fishing On Lake Crowley



LARRC is offering an opportunity for a full day of fly fishing on Lake Crowley in association with Sierra Drifters Guide Service Sunday, May 15th. We will meet at the Lake Crowley Dock at 8:00 a.m. Each boat will have a guide and three people fishing. Sierra Drifters will provide all the gear. We will return to the launch ramp at 4:00 p.m. You can bring your own lunch or Sierra Drifters will provide a deli lunch for \$15. Bottled water is available on the boat. The cost is \$250 per person – this includes the tip. Travel and lodging arrangements are up to the individual. You can car pool and stay overnight on Saturday or spend a few days in this beautiful area abounding in lake and stream fishing opportunities. If you would like to participate, please contact Ted Feit at (805) 404 – 7976 or at tedfeit@gmail.com.

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Worldwide Summary of Shark Attacks for 2021 Released

Jan 27, 2022

<https://boattest.com/article/worldwide-summary-shark-attacks-2021-released>

The Florida Museum of Natural History's International Shark Attack File (ISAF) investigated 137 alleged shark-human interactions worldwide in 2021. ISAF confirmed 73 unprovoked shark bites on humans and 39 provoked bites. The 2021 worldwide total of 73 confirmed unprovoked cases was in line with the most recent five-year (2016-2020) average of 72 incidents annually. However, unprovoked case numbers were significantly down in 2020, which we attribute to lockdowns associated with the pandemic. There were 11 shark-related fatalities this year, 9 of which were assigned as unprovoked. This number is above the annual global average of five unprovoked fatalities per year.

To read more click the link above!!!

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December 31, 2021

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Bass, Calico	40	Joel Steinman	7	0	Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	227	0
Fluke	15	John Ballotti	3	4*	Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	229	0
Sculpin	25	Jim Carlisle	5	8*	White Sea Bass	65	Cathy Needleman	52	9
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Randy Sharon	237	5	White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	25	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Randy Sharon	113	4*	Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2*
White Seabass	60	Jim Carlisle	50	1	Yellowtail	100	Sophia Huynh	67	8*
Yellowtail	40	John Ballotti	19	8					
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Bass, Lg. Mouth	4	Steve Simon	3	8	Trout, Cutthroat		Sophia Huynh	3	Released
Bass, Lg. Mouth	6	John Ballotti	4	14					
Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	2	7*	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Sm Mouth	10	John Ballotti	4	4*	Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Cathy Needleman	2	6*
Bluegill	6	Arthur Schiffman	1	2					
Bowfish	8	Arthur Schiffman	6	0*					
Bowfish	10	Arthur Schiffman	5	3*					
Catfish, Brown	6	Arthur Schiffman		14*	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Catfish Yellow Bullhead	10	Arthur Schiffman	1	2*	Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2
Pike, Northern	30	Joel Steinman	15	0*					
Sunfish, Longear	6	Arthur Schiffman		15*					
Sunfish, Pumpkin Ear	8	Joel Steinman	Released						
Sunfish, Redear	6	Arthur Schiffman		5*	FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER									
Cabrilla Saw Tail	30	Cathy Needleman	15	2*					
Pompano, African	30	Cathy Needleman	5	5*					
Salmon, Coho	25	Pamela Warren	7	0					
Salmon, Chum	25	Pamela Warren	13	0*					
Salmon, King	25	Pamela Warren	25	3					
Salmon, Pink	25	Pamela Warren	6	2					
Salmon, Sockeye	25	Pamela Warren	Released						
Swordfish	80	Cathy Needleman	208	0*					

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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.

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