



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean FEBRUARY 2024

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CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

We All Know We Should Save the Whales. What About the Sardines?

When the little guys thrive, the results can be stunning. Ensuring their well-being can take work, and it's not just because it can be difficult to make people realize they matter at all. Forage fish are finicky, elusive, and difficult to count. Everyone from scientists to lawmakers is fighting about what we should really be doing to protect them, and when. But it's increasingly clear that anyone who cares about the ocean should give a lot more attention to the little guys.

<https://slate.com/technology/2024/02/ocean-conservation-menhaden-fisheries-fish-oil.html>

Sea Otters Help Minimize Kelp Forest Loss and Restore Degraded California Estuary, Slowing Erosion by 90%.

Two new studies highlight the key role sea otters play in California coastal ecosystems. Sea otters started recolonizing their former habitat in a central California coastal estuary several decades ago, and erosion has since slowed by as much as 90 percent. The study underscores the far-reaching benefits that can cascade through an ecosystem when a top predator is reintroduced. It begs the question: In how many other ecosystems worldwide could the reintroduction of a former top predator yield similar benefits? <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-023-06959-9> Researchers at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey, California have also linked sea otters to healthy kelp forests off the West Coast. Where sea otters are absent, kelp forests have declined dramatically. In fact, we found sea otter population density as the strongest predictor of change in kelp canopy coverage across a hundred-year span. Kelp forests are important habitats and food sources for a variety of marine life, so they are necessary in preserving biodiversity. <https://journals.plos.org/climate/article?id=10.1371/journal.pclm.0000290>

Popular Sashimi Tuna Species in Sharp Decline in Indian Ocean

The yellowfin tuna that is commonly used to make sashimi and other dishes like poke bowls may become scarce if overexploitation rates don't improve, particularly in the Indian Ocean. Since the industrial exploitation that began in 1950, the weight of a yellowfin tuna population in the water has decreased by an average of 54 percent throughout the four tuna populations managed by Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMO). The biomass of yellowfin tuna in the Indian Ocean has declined by 70 percent in the last 70 years. Yellowfin tuna is another apex predator that plays a critical role in the functioning, productivity and overall health of marine ecosystems. <https://www.ecowatch.com/yellowfin-tuna-decline-in-indian-ocean.html>

75 Percent of the World's Industrial Fishing Vessels Are Hidden From Public View

Global Fishing Watch has created the most detailed global map of large vessel traffic and offshore infrastructure that has ever been publicly available. Their study identified and mapped a significant amount of activity that was previously not visible to public monitoring systems, providing a new perspective on previously unmapped industrial use of the ocean. The research found approximately 75 percent of the world's industrial fishing vessels are not publicly tracked, with much of that activity taking place around Africa and South Asia. "A new industrial revolution has been emerging in our seas undetected - until now. On land, we have detailed maps of almost every road and building on the planet. In contrast, growth in our ocean has been largely hidden from public view. This study helps eliminate the blind spots and shed light on the breadth and intensity of human activity at sea." If the majority of fishing vessels and their activity are absent from public monitoring systems, there is not enough accurate data to make management decisions on fisheries and understand impacts on other natural resources and habitat. <https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/global-fishing-watch-75-percent-of-the-world-s-industrial-fishing-vessels-are-hidden-from-public-view>

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Bob Selvin Obituary

By Jamie Smith

RIP Bob Selvin.

In 1995 is when we first met, welcoming me with open arms as I was new to fishing and had recently joined the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club. He was there when I caught my very first yellowtail on the Seabiscuit, an apropos name, since he was a successful horse racing handicapper.

He also taught me about artificial vs live bait and how much more rewarding it is fishing with plastics and light surface irons as opposed to live bait. He not only gave me bags of his old led heads, plastics, and jigs, but he gave me great advice on life as well.

In 1999, We were a Motley Crue, me, Bob, Mike Grossman and John Copp drove down to Ensenada for my first Calico Bass trip in Mexican waters with Calico Bob as our charter master.

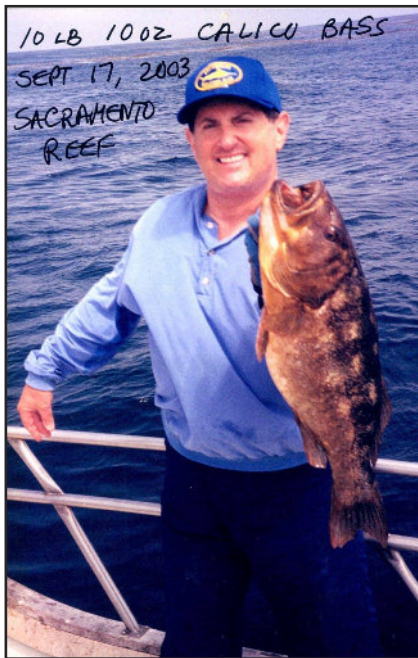
He was a food, wine, and restaurant snob, he preferred, aficionado. It was an honor to treat him for "the meal" of a lifetime at the newly opened fish restaurant, Providence shortly after it won its first of 3 Michelin

Stars in 2007 as a Hanukkah gift to him and the club president at the time, Chas.

He was a one of a kind and we shared hundreds of fishing trips, stories, lessons, laughs, metaphors and as intense as he was a fisherman, he was a friend to all who ever came in contact with him.

He held the Guinness book of world record for the largest calico bass: 10.10 lbs which earned him the nickname, Calico Bob.

God bless you Calico Bob, heaven has gained a new fisher of men, and we lost a whopper that finally got away.



Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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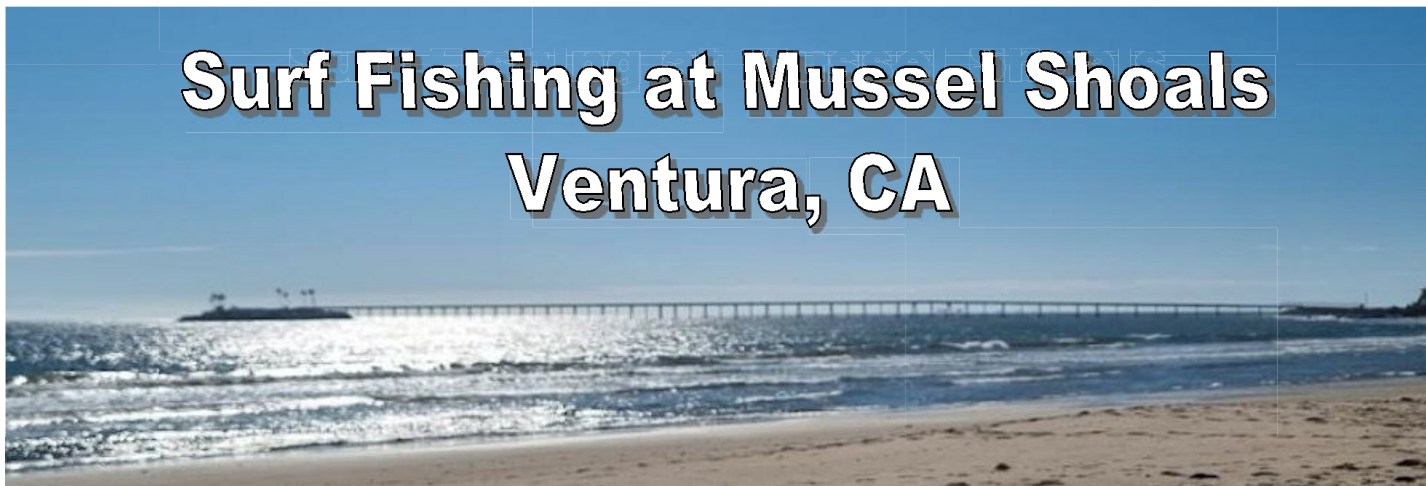
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Contact John Ballotti

johnballotti1@gmail.com

Join LARRC for an afternoon of:

Surf Fishing at Mussel Shoals Ventura, CA



The Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club will host a morning and afternoon of surf fishing at Mussel Shoals, Ventura, CA. Club member Jim Purtee will lead the group, give us pointers on the conditions to look for, and take us on a surf fishing adventure.

Date: Saturday, April 27th, 2024

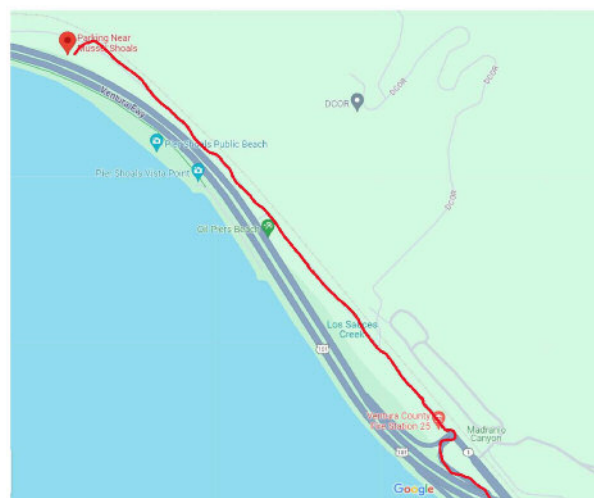
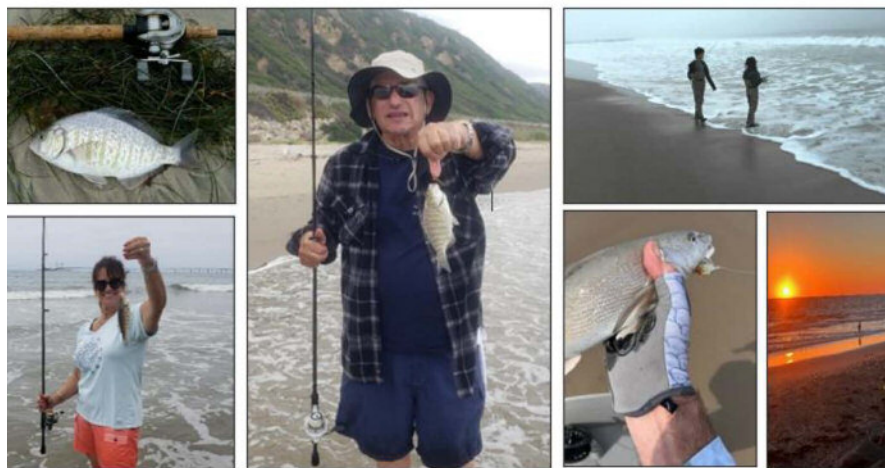
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., high tide is at 1:23 p.m. and sunset is at 7:35 p.m.

Location: Meet at Mussel Shoals Parking Lot, Ventura CA.

Click this link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/p3CWeDj82F9SEnw77>

or type "Parking Near Mussel Shoals, Screaming Eagles Hwy, Ventura, CA" into Google Maps for directions.

RSVP to Jim Purtee: jgpurtee@yahoo.com



Take the CA 101 North past Ventura, Exit 78 Seacliff, turn left from the offramp and go further north on Screaming Eagles Highway (a narrow unmaintained road) until you see the parking lot on the left, near the end of the road. There is a walkthrough that takes you under the 101 Freeway to the beach.


Looking forward to seeing you there!


Surf Fishing 101

Planning/Scouting

Conditions

Tides/Moon Phase - lots of online tide charts – look at the spread between high and low tide, 3-5 ft. is good. Higher energy tides and surf usually mean higher current and more seaweed

Wind Windy.app to forecast less than 10 mph  **WINDY.APP**

Surf - Surfline app to forecast 0 - 2 ft. is best but time between waves is more important >10 sec 

Current – heavy current will push your bait on shore, change your set-up

Seaweed – the less the better, change locations or use heavier leader line

Contamination – after storms bacteria load is high, also red tide is a problem check water conditions

Terrain

Winter vs. Summer Beach

Sand Bars, Troughs, Holes, Cuts, Rip Currents, Points

Target Fish Peak Season

Surf Perch	September – May (Barred and Walleye) (females are larger, live longer and pregnant Nov. – May) Limit 10 of one species, 20 total
Croaker	June – September (Yellowfin and Spotfin) Limit 10
Corbina	July – September 12" minimum, limit 2
Halibut	June-October 22" minimum, limit 2

Equipment

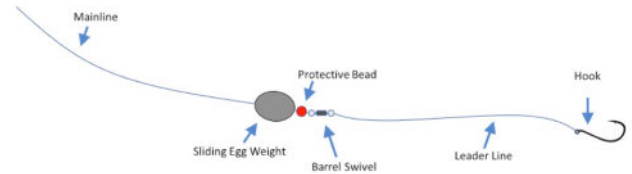
Rods range from 7 to 10 feet depending on target fish, conditions, and terrain
e.g. Carolina Rig – 6 to 8 ft. rod with med. to med, heavy power and mod. to mod.-fast action

Lure - 8 to 10 ft. rod with med. Heavy power and mod. – fast to fast action

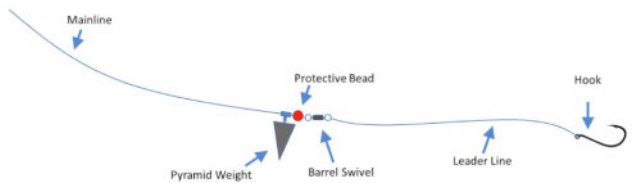
Reels – saltwater 3000 to 4000 series is best but have used freshwater reels, must clean/oil them every trip

Line – 15# to 30# main line with 6# to 20# leader 2-4 feet.
Set-ups (hooks, weights, swivels, beads)

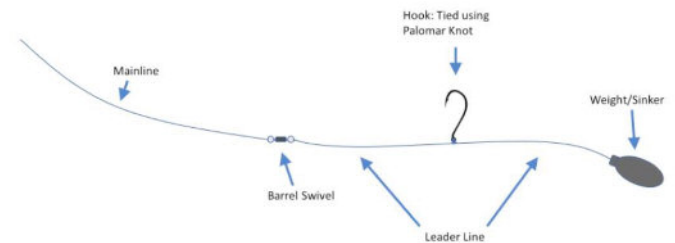
Carolina Rig



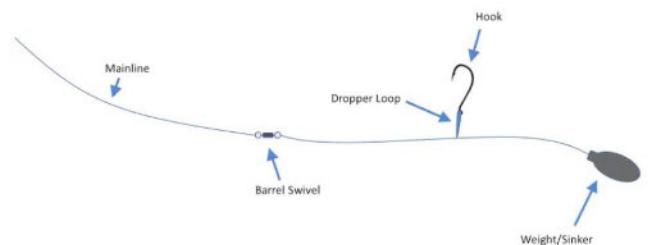
Fish Finder Rig



Drop Shot Rig



Dropper Loop Rig



Bait (live, plastics, lures, swim baits)

Live - Pregnant Sand crabs, mussel and clam meat, dried anchovies/shrimp

Plastics – Red/Green sandworms, oily sandcrab (jigging)

Lures – Luckycraft 110 or similar (jerkbait), use Power-clips to quickly change out lures

Swimbaits - use Texas rig with weighted hook

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License optional 2nd pole stamp

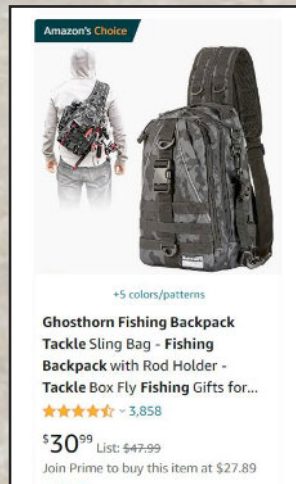
Clothing – hat, sunglasses (polarized), sunscreen, water shoes

Needle nose pliers

Tape measure

Pack for gear, food, water, and fish storage

I use GamePlan Gear Spot-n-Stalk Quiver Pack (Left or Right Hand) keeps your casting arm free (my bowhunting pack). Sold out in most shops I checked. Currently on Ebay for \$75. There are several inexpensive sling-type fishing backpacks out there. The one below can be left-hand, right-hand, or backpack.



Strategies/Tactics

Know the conditions and change your set-up to fit them

Try to scout during low tide and looking from the bluffs, but learn how to read the terrain from the beach during any tide

Fish where the fish are – cuts are fish highways. troughs, holes, foam, rip currents. Keep your eyes open and move from place to place, 3 – 4 casts and move on if not getting bit

Fan casting and using the current to drop in to the trough, cut, holes. I release about 90% of perch I catch

Be an ambassador for the sport

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

February 19, 2024

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information if you would like to attend the Board Meeting.

Dinner Meeting

No Dinner Meeting

Annual Banquet

February 25, 2024

Braemar Country Club

Lou Berke Fishing Derby

April 5, 2024

Ventura Surf Fishing

April 27, 2024

The Foundation Acknowledges this
Tribute Received to Honor

In Honor of Steve Simon

Wishing him a very happy 80th birthday!

Ed Lieberman

Tammy & Joel Steinman

Rini & Arthur Krause

In Memory of Howard Siegel's aunt

Tammy & Joel Steinman

In Honor of our grandchildren who ran the Rose Bowl

Half Marathon along with 9,000+ other runners

Kevin Steinman (age 15) finished 20th overall

Valentine Steinman (age 13) finished 732nd

Emilie Steinman (age 14) finished 906th

Their very proud grandparents

Tammy & Joel Steinman

Recovering sea otter populations are helping to restore the local ecosystem

By Julia Jacobo

January 31, 2024, Article originally posted on abcnews.go.com

<https://abcnews.go.com/amp/US/sea-otters-hunted-extinction-preventing-coastal-erosion-populations/story?id=106805036>

As Sea Otter populations begin to recover in California, they're gorging themselves on burrowing crabs that have been eroding the salt marshes in the central California coastal area of Elkhorn Slough and having a "big impact" on the protection of sea grasses.

Sea otters, once hunted to near extinction, are preventing coastal erosion as their populations grow, study finds

Click link above to read more about Sea Otters being good for something other than being cute!

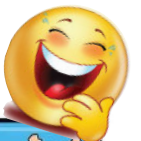
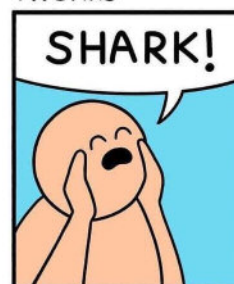
Members. . .

John Ballotti had a
"Fun Day on Lake Cachuma!"



Members Wendy Tochiara and Sophia Huynh were working the Izorline booth at Bart Hall Show Long Beach had some familiar faces stop by (Joel Steinman, Randy Sharon and Andrew Ratzky). The ladies will be back at the booth for the Pacific Coast Sportfishing show in Orange County next month.

TWONKS



Charters 2024

RULES REGARDING CLUB CHARTERS

All LARRC charter participants signing up for club charters are obligated to pay the full fare to reserve a spot. In the event a participant cannot make a trip, the club will attempt to fill the space once a waitlist forms. A participant may try to fill their space prior to departure. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunk preference is assigned by the charter master based on the order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.

TROPHY WINNERS 2023 as of December 31, 2023

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Bass, Calico	20	Paul Varenchik	5	5	Albacore	30	Cathy Needleman	3	0*
Bass, Calico	25	Ed Liberman	4	2	Halibut, California	50	Cathy Needleman	5	10
Dorado	40	Bob Tuttle	35	5	Swordfish	65	Cathy Needleman	209	0*
					Swordfish	80	Cathy Needleman	265	0
					White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	13	5
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Perch, Sac	8	Rob Baldwin	3	3*					
Perch, Sac	10	Rob Baldwin	3	5*					
Trout, Cutthroat	8	Rob Baldwin	14	2*					
Trout, Cutthroat	10	Rob Baldwin	13	7*					
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	20	Joel Steinman	6	0					
Salmon, Char	8	Norman Weinstock	17	0*					
MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
Roosterfish	30	Chas Schoemaker	Released						
Roosterfish	40	Bob Tuttle	Released						
					JUNIOR MEMBERS				
					FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
					White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	13	5
							7-Apr-23		
					FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
						30	Cathy Needleman	3	0



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