

LARRC DINNER MEETING

JEFF MARIANI, OWNER, OPERATOR - CEDROS ISLAND FISHING CHARTERS

We are happy to welcome back Jeff Mariani, owner/operator of Cedros Island Fishing Charters as our dinner speaker this month. Jeff has always had a passion for the ocean, fishing and surfing. After falling in love with Cedros Island and the surrounding area, he built a custom Americanized 7 bedroom, 5 bath home for guests to join him so they could experience this beautiful location and the excellent fishing. What sets Jeff apart from the rest is his excellence in guiding anglers to fishing spots where no one else is, as well as heading to new destinations each day so guests get to experience the variety of fishing at Cedros Island. Cedros Island Charters offers the option to fish panga or kayak as well as a new charter plane.

If you missed him in 2022, be sure to come catch his quick wit and knack for jokes. Won't you please join us?



**Dinner Meeting
March 25, 2024**

Social Hour 5:30pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm
Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys

What's On My Mind

By John Ballotti

Deja vu, all over again.



As I start my 4th time as club president, first things first. Thank you to **Andrew Ratzky**. Only those who have served as president or a member of the board of directors can genuinely understand what it is like to be president of our club. It is not easy, but it is rewarding. So, thank you, Andrew, for your time and effort.

I hope you attended our annual banquet last month. If you did, you saw the result of the dedication and inspiration of **Pamela Warren** and **Tammy Steinman**. Their centerpieces and table decorations were excellent and set the tone for fun, friendship, fishing, and service. How about those cookies! Thank you, Pamela and Tammy. Your decorations were spot on and enjoyed by all.

I would also like to thank **Richard Stone**. Richard is our membership chairman. In the last two years, Richard has recruited 18 new club members. This is significant and ensures the continued success of the club.

Moving on to what is in store for 2024, a lot. There are several charters and activities already on the books. Day and a half trips on the Navegante, surf fishing with Jim Purtee, yet to be scheduled King of the Club charter and the ever popular twilight charter instead of a dinner meeting.

Let's not forget the Foundation also has a full schedule of volunteer opportunities: Lou Berke Trout and Catfish Derby in April, the Annual Kids Trip in July, Mentor trips in August, and the yet-to-be-scheduled Veterans' Trips on the Betty-O.

The theme for 2024 is **participation**. I encourage everyone to participate in our events, starting with the monthly dinner meeting. In January, we had over 40 attend, and it was a lively, fun meeting. Let's keep it up. Please participate in the Foundation events by volunteering, showing up, and lending a hand to those who need it most. It is a rewarding and unforgettable experience to help a child or disabled veteran catch their first fish. Please participate in making the club more successful by letting me hear from you. It is your club, and you have a voice in what goes on. My contact information is in the 2024 yearbook. Yearbooks were given out at the banquet. If you would like one mailed to you, please let me know. 310-995-3592 or johnballotti@gmail.com.

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Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

Tribute Opportunity

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

- Congratulations • Graduation
- Anniversary • Illness • Appreciation
- Best Wishes • New Home
- Baby Announcement
- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- In Memoriam

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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Meet & Greet

Mike Hartt

I was born October 7th 1948 in Hackensack, New Jersey; so I guess that makes me a Jersey Boy. I spent most of my early years in northern Jersey in the towns of Fairlawn and Paramus. My grandparents had a summer home in the Seaside Heights area of South Jersey where I got my first exposure to fishing. Flounder and Jersey Blue Claw crabs were the things to catch, and I caught plenty with my dad and uncle on Barnegat Bay. They also exposed me to hunting during my early teen years. I fondly recall the Seaside Heights Boardwalk, Poor Pete's Pizza and a bar I wasn't allowed into called the Chatterbox. I also would sneak into the boatyard close to our bungalow, and climb aboard some of the dry docked boats and play captain.

When it was time for High School, I attended Paramus High. I cannot honestly say I was a very good student, in fact I barely graduated with below average grades, with the exception of electronics. Electronics was a major subject at my school and one of the few subjects I had any interest in. There is something to be said for the sixties though! I was able to see the Beatles, Elvis, (more than once) and someone who later became a friend and business partner, Mr. James Brown. I recall once being at the 59th St. Colosseum NY boat show and seeing a band on just a 12" riser. I talked with them in between sets and they said "We are the Loving Spoonful, please buy our records". I experienced three horrific assassinations, numerous rocket launches, and received a gold lapel pin from Lyndon Johnson at a rally. I lived through many exciting and momentous events during the sixties, but nothing more exciting than seeing James Brown at a place called the Apollo Theater in Harlem NY. My friends would tell me I was crazy to go there, but other friends would say you haven't seen anything till you've seen James Brown live. I took my chances, I guess I was easy to spot in the audience. One night Mr. Brown stopped the show and pointed at me and said "Young man, you have a lot of guts". Later we became friends and he would have his body guards walk me back to my car. I was headed to the Apollo one night to buy tickets for the following week when on the radio it was announced that Martian Luther King had just been shot. It was the only time I ever turned around.

After High School, it was time to find a job. I read an ad in the paper that said a company called Norelco was relocating from Mt Vernon NY to my home town of Paramus and was manufacturing one of the world's first color television cameras. The job offered good pay, benefits, and pleasant air conditioned surroundings! I was hired in 1967 building the camera called the PC-60 and later the PC-70. <https://eyesofageneration.com/cameras-page/norelco-television-cameras-eyes-of-a-generation/> I spent 33 years with that company and witnessed an amazing change in television from black and white, to color, and finally to High Definition. I started building modules for the camera, then worked in QC, final test, field service, and eventually sales. One day I overheard our National Sales Manager say he was going to fire

that guy in California, so I quickly threw my name in the hat and suddenly, I was on my way to California. In the early eighties I met my amazing wife, Teri, and we were wed in 1985. Teri's grandfather, David Lippey kept telling me I should join this organization called The Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club. David was one of the founders and original members, and when he was about ninety five, I had the honor of bringing him to his last club meeting. David was an amazing person, building his fishing line company into an extremely successful organization. He introduced a braided line called W-40 and a process to take the stretch out of monofilament line. During the war he made parachute line for the government and eventually sold his company and invested in Industrial Real Estate in Los Angeles. David lived to the ripe old age of 103!

I guess that brings us to the nineties. Norelco, now called Philips, was going strong and I was attending the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) show in Las Vegas every year. I recall one year where I got my picture on the front page of the Las Vegas paper shaking hands with President Ford as he was leaving the convention center. By then Teri and I had our two wonderful children,



SHAKE MINE — President Ford breaks ranks momentarily to shake a few hands before his return to the Presidential plane. Ford was in Las Vegas following a spring vacation at Palm Springs, Calif. For more photos of the President's visit, turn to Page 25. (SUN) photo by David Lee Waite

Alissa and Rebecca, and I had been part of and watched the television and production industry grow into what it is today. I felt maybe it was time to move on. David Lippey and his son Jerry had been asking me if I might be interested in getting my real estate brokers license and joining David's industrial real estate company as operations manager and tenant interface. That was the beginning of my next twenty years with the LA Rod and Reel Club and The Lippey Company. I'm President of LIPCO today.

I can honestly say that I do not regret anything. I have lived through some of the most amazing years of our country's history, shook hands with four presidents, seen Elvis, the Beatles, and became friends and business partners with James Brown, and happily became a grandfather last September. Not bad I guess. What's next?

I hope the Albacore will come back!

CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola ~ March 2024

Blooming 'Sea Pickles' Threaten Pacific Ocean Ecosystem As Water Temperatures Rise

Strange creatures called pyrosomes are endangering other marine life as the Pacific Ocean continues to heat up. The pyrosomes glow in the dark and proliferate or "bloom" during marine heatwaves. Pyrosomes - odd, sausage-shaped creatures, also known as "sea pickles" - have been blooming since their arrival in the Pacific Ocean's northeast in 2014. However, scientists are concerned that the pyrosomes - which live off plankton - are depleting food supplies for other animals, including fish. <https://knewz.com/growing-strange-sea-pickles-threaten-ecosystem/>

Want to learn more about pyrosomes and the state of the California Current Large Marine Ecosystem? Check out the 2023-24 California Current Ecosystem Status Report published by NOAA - <https://www.pcouncil.org/documents/2024/03/agenda-item-h-1-a-supplemental-presentation-1-2023-24-california-current-ecosystem-status-report.pdf/>

A.I. Sorts Public Photos to Show Recovering Pacific Humpback Whales Hit Climate Ceiling

Scientists have found that recovering humpback whales in the North Pacific are now responding to shifts in food availability affected by climate change. They drew the conclusion from thousands of whale photographs submitted by researchers, whale watch crews, kayakers, and other members of the public. Photos were uploaded to <http://happywhale.com>, a citizen science website Cheeseman co-founded and directs. This ever-growing database uses artificial intelligence to match the individual shapes and patterns on the underside of humpback whale tails like facial recognition. It tracks the whales around the globe. <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/ai-sorts-public-photos-show-recovering-pacific-humpback-whales-hit-climate-ceiling>

Proposed California bill would further limit gillnet fishing in the state's waters

A bill making its way through the U.S. state of California's legislature would introduce more restrictions on the state's gillnet fishery. Gillnet fishing has been banned along most of California's coast, but it remains legal in federal waters and in state waters around California's Channel Islands. Assembly Bill 2220 that would extend the set gillnet fishing ban to more areas and add protections for great white sharks and giant seabass. "There are alternative methods of fishing proven to diminish harm on marine life and reduce bycatch while producing higher-quality seafood. AB 2220 aligns Southern California waters with Northern California by prohibiting gillnets in all ocean

waters of the state, broadening protections for marine life and encouraging sustainable practices for all who enjoy and make a living from our ocean," Bennett said. <https://www.seafoodsource.com/california-bill-would-further-limit-gillnet-fishing>

Should all marine reserves ban fishing? Not necessarily, new study shows

Marine protected areas intended to safeguard biodiversity in the ocean come in many different sizes and shapes. Some cover large swaths of the ocean, while others are smaller in scale. There are also differences among MPAs regarding their rules, particularly when it comes to fishing. Some MPAs allow certain forms of fishing; others ban it entirely or in some parts through what are known as no-take zones. But are no-take MPAs more effective at boosting fish populations than multiple-use MPAs, which do allow some fishing? A new study suggests that both types can improve fish populations, depending on where and how they're set up. <http://news.mongabay.com/2024/02/should-all-marine-reserves-ban-fishing-not-necessarily-new-study-shows/>

Software enables tracing seafood from catch to sale

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a rule back in January 2023 on seafood traceability "requiring these entities [in the seafood supply chain] to maintain records containing information on critical tracking events in the supply chain for these designated foods, such as initially packing, shipping, receiving, and transforming these foods." Seafood dealers and processors have until Jan. 20, 2026, to comply with the new rule, and tech developers around the world are working to develop the software and apps that will track almost all seafood from the boat to the table. <https://www.nationalfisherman.com/software-enables-tracing-seafood-from-catch-to-sale>

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Health and Happenings

Linda Simon is our contact for
"Health and Happenings"

Please contact Linda either by phone
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[\(simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net\)](mailto:simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)

for any information about our club members/
family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues;
graduation or congratulations, etc.

Conservation Matters Continued

Are you interested in the future of Pacific recreational and commercial HMS fishing?

The Council will host a workshop on June 6-7 in San Diego and, consistent with the goals below, develop a streamlined and flexible strategy to support innovation in fishing practices for HMS fisheries through Exempted Fishing Permits. You can find more information about the Workshop and information about attending on the Pacific Council website.

In March, the Council adopted the following goals for their Roadmap for the development of highly migratory species fisheries:

Goal A - Support innovation and development of multi-species HMS fishing methods to increase the domestic supply of and meet the demand for swordfish or other marketable species.

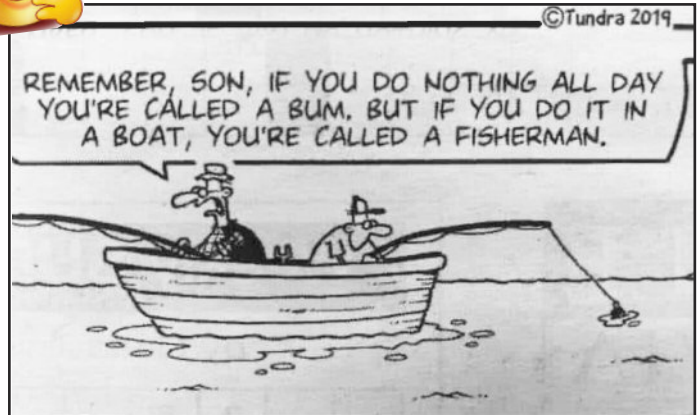
Goal B - Support and test fishing practices that have the potential to be economically viable while minimizing unmarketable, prohibited, and protected species bycatch.

Goal C - Support the economic viability of West Coast commercial fisheries for swordfish and associated marketable species through a diverse range of HMS fishing methods.

Goal D - Promote Climate-Ready Fisheries and fisheries resilience by developing flexibility in management and other tools to account for changes in HMS distributions, ecosystems structure and function, and the communities dependent on HMS fisheries.

Goal E - Engage fishery participants to preserve knowledge and help bolster resilience in future fisheries.

Goal F - Support recreational HMS fishing opportunities.



CALENDAR

Board Meeting

March 18, 2024

Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

March 25, 2024

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Social Hour - 5:30pm Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm

Lou Berke Fishing Derby

April 5, 2024

Ventura Surf Fishing

April 27, 2024

Veterans' Trip

May 30, 2024

Annual Kids' Trip

July 8, 2024

Marine Mentors' Trip

August 5, 2024

Veterans' Trip

August 15, 2024

October 17, 2024

Advertise Your Business or Service in the Chum Line

The monthly prices are as follows:

1/8 page: \$20

1/4 page: \$40

1/2 page: \$80

Full page: \$160

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**One month FREE with 6 months of
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Contact John Ballotti

johnballotti1@gmail.com

The Foundation Acknowledges this
Tribute Received in Memory of

Bob Selvin

Chas Schoemaker

David Permut

Richard Stone, Membership Chairperson,
has received 1 applications for membership:

Tim Ayres lives in Sherman Oaks



Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

"Good sportsmanship is worth more than all the fish in the ocean"

23rd Annual Lou Berke Trout Derby

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLINTEERS Friends, Family, Club Members

Put on by.....Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club and Foundation

PlaceHansen Dam Aquatic Center (Fish Pond) Lake View Terrace

Date.....April 05, 2024

Time.....7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Participation. Students from LAUSD Lassen Elementary & McClay Middle School

(All these students are special needs)

This will be the 23rd year that we have taken these schools for the annual fishing derby for their students.

The event takes over 100 volunteers to make the magic happen. The ratio is 1-1 with each of the approximate 96 students who participate. We need volunteers do tackle prep, food prep, serving of the food, and fish cleaning

Free T-Shirts, Breakfast, and Lunch is served to all volunteers and once the students arrive, we start preparing lunch for all students, teachers, parents, helpers, and all volunteers.

All fish caught are cleaned immediately and put on ice for each student
to take home.

Contact Steve Simon- bigfish1944@yahoo.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

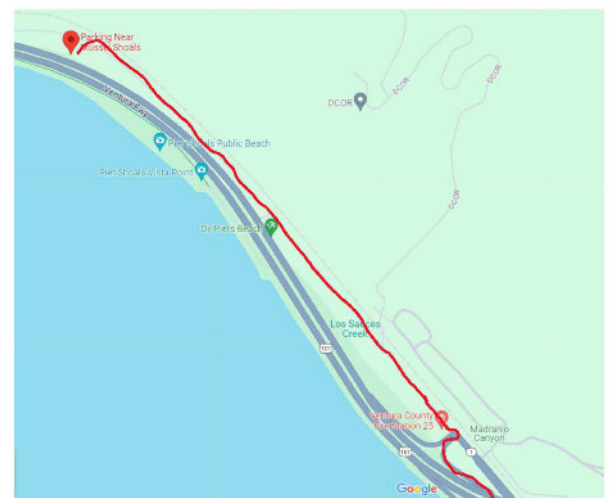
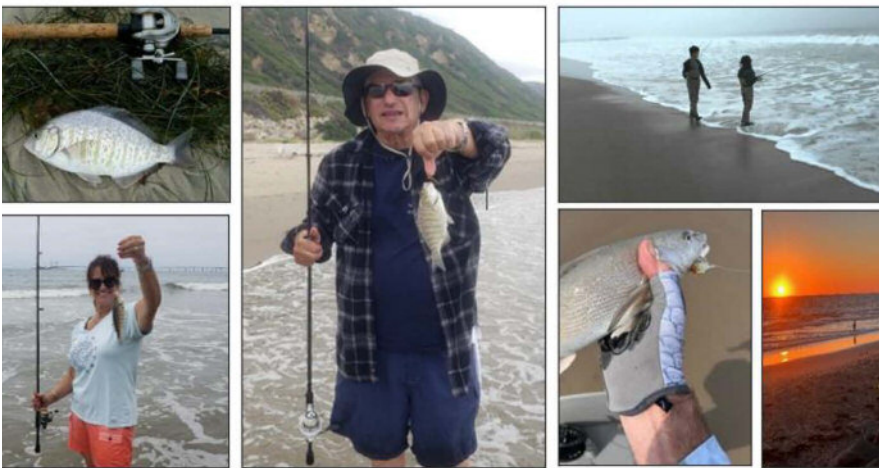
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., high tide is at 1:23 p.m. and sunset is at 7:35 p.m.

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!

**LARRC is running the shoreline, and need
volunteers to help the kids fish,
and general help !**

Contact Scott at: Info@larrc.org



FISHING & FUN DAY FOR KIDS

SAVE
THE
DATE

MAY 4, 2024



CASTAIC LAKE

FREE EVENT

- KIDS AGE 15 AND UNDER
- LIMIT 2 FISH PER CHILD
- EXPERIENCED SHORELINE HELPERS
- RODS, REELS & BAIT PROVIDED

7:00AM-12:30PM

- FREE TACKLE BOX, SHIRT, AND HOT DOG LUNCH FOR KIDS (AGE 15 AND UNDER)
- GAMES, FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS, FACE PAINTING, AND GIVEAWAYS - WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

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 CONTENDERS 2024 as of February 29, 2024

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
					Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	17	3
					Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	15	4
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	John Ballotti	6	12*	WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
MEN'S RELEASED					JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Steve Simon		Released	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Scott Schiffman		Released	Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	17	3
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Joel Steinman		Released					
					FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				



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