

Chum Line

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



Capt. Schneider with extraordinary catch of 13 "buts" accompanied by anglers Max Krisher and Nick Ekdahl

Next Dinner Meeting Scheduled for May 21st

Our May speaker AL SCHNEIDER, has been a life long fisherman. While specializing and excelling in the art of the halibut catch, he goes after anything that swims, from rock fish to the big game species. He's developed his own method however, for the flatties, called "Halibutronics" and has been a winner of many tournaments over the years. This has earned him the nickname of "Bit".

"Bit" is the author of GPD Southern California Fish Finding Guide called "It's a Keeper". He resides in Orange County with wife Marie and is well known for his knowledge and experience while running his boat "FIT TO BE BIT". Be there for an entertaining and informative evening!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Barry Cohn

What is LARRC all about? It's about fishing! We started off our fishing calendar with a successful rock and ling cod trip on the Pacific Dawn, followed by Nick Ekdahl's first surf fishing clinic of the year. The May versions of both of these events are on the schedule. It's about spending quality time with our members!! The April 30th general meeting had an overflow audience to hear Captain Dave Hansen explain to our eager group, in no uncertain terms, what it takes to catch fish. Great information and great fun.

Please continue your great support of LARRC. Join us at the next Board meeting on May 14th and our general meeting on May 21st. I look forward to seeing you there.

Keep on fishing!!

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TROPHY CONTENDERS AS OF APRIL 25, 2012


SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER			
<i>Dorado</i>	30	Earl Warren	46 8 *
MEN'S RELEASED			
<i>Marlin, Striped</i>	30	Earl Warren	Released
<i>Marlin, Striped</i>	40	Ron Ashimine	Released 32
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	30	Earl Warren	Released 12
MEN'S FRESH			
<i>Catfish, Channel</i>	25	Chris Kleoni	20 8 *
<i>Steelhead</i>	10	Don Lee	Released
<i>Trout, Rainbow</i>	4	Earl Warren	8 6
WOMEN'S SALT			
<i>Sailfish, Pacific</i>	30	Pamela Warren	Released 11
<i>Tuna, Yellowfin</i>	130	Jan Howard	286 0 *
<i>Wahoo</i>	40	Jan Howard	62 0 *
<i>White Sea Bass</i>	30	Cathy Needleman	36 0
WOMEN'S FRESH			
<i>Steelhead</i>	10	Cathy Needleman	9 0 *
<i>Steelhead</i>	12	Cathy Needleman	13 0 *
<i>Salmon, King</i>	12	Cathy Needleman	16 0 *
<i>Salmon, King</i>	40	Cathy Needleman	29 7 *
First Game Fish of the Year—March 9, 2012			
<i>White Seabass</i>	30	Cathy Needleman	36 0



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First Pacific Dawn Trip of the Season to San Miguel Island *by JAN HOWARD*



LARRC had their first 2012 *Pacific Dawn* Charter out of Ventura for rockfish and it was a terrific success. Twelve club members and four guests boarded the *Pacific Dawn* Friday night, April 6. Club members **Al Scow, Tom and Jim Carlisle, Roland Reesby, Jan Howard, Ger Steinberg, Michael Goodman, Will Ebersman, Jim and Nick O'Donnell, Don Culbertson, and Ti-San Li, plus guests Tim Boyer, Nick Byrne, Earl Sounheim, and Andy McGuire** set up gear and settled in. The breezy and chilly weather made us huddle in the galley hoping the forecast of diminishing winds would happen as planned. After our 10:30 departure, a quick safety speech, introductions to the crew we were off to bed.

By sunrise we were approaching San Miguel Island with cold but clear skies. At 7 a.m. **Skipper Pat Cavanaugh** set us up for our first drop in 300 feet of water. The fish were bit-

ing good when **Glenn** brought my breakfast burrito to me at the bow. I had to put this on hold for another hour and a half before the fish quit biting long enough for me to eat.

The wind came up late morning and Pat moved the boat to shallow water closer to the island.

Unfortunately, they weren't biting in the shallows. Pat said there was a layer of schmutz (aka plankton) on the meter all the way to the bottom. The schmutz in deeper water was in the upper layer and the water was clear at the bottom where the fish were. Back out to deep water for our last drift to finish our fishing at San Miguel. We then made a quick run across to the shallows at Santa Rosa and anchored up in 70 ft. The lingcod and the chuckleheads put on a good show on leadhead/grub combos on lighter tackle and we quickly topped off our sacks of fish.

We then took off for the smooth ride back to Ventura Harbor. Fish bags were bulging with full limits for all.

While the crew fileted all the fish, Glenn made fish sandwiches or burgers for lunch. Tim, Jim and I shared some red wine and snacks before catching an afternoon nap during our 5-hour trek back to the dock. We arrived there about 8 pm. gathered our gear and filets—iced down—and headed for home. It was a great day on the water and a perfect start to out 2012 *Pacific Dawn* charters.

For me, the best was yet to come—dinner the next day. I made sashimi out of one of my reds and steamed another. Now this is the way fish be eaten-FRESH!



LARRC SURF FISHING SEMINAR

By Nick Ekdahl

Nick Ekdahl conducted the first of four Surf Fishing Seminars for club members. The place was Santa Monica State Beach and the date March 24th. **Attendees were Frank Polak, Stan Richstone, and Steve Simon with Ross Lombard along to back up Nick.**



L to R Nick, Steve, Frank and Stan

The seminar started at 8:30 with Nick distributing some literature regarding light tackle surf fishing and pictures of the species to be caught in local waters. Included were Barred Surf Perch, Leopard Shark, Corbina, Yellowfin Croaker, Shovel Nose Guitar Fish and Surf Smelt. He then discussed the finer points of tackle to use, leaders, Carolina Rigs, effective baits.

Nick is the proponent of "CPR" in the surf, which is "Catch, Photograph and Release." He used a "volunteer" tilapia to demonstrate hook removal using pliers or a hemostat when the fish is gut hooked. Using such instruments through the gill plate subject the fish to much less stress.

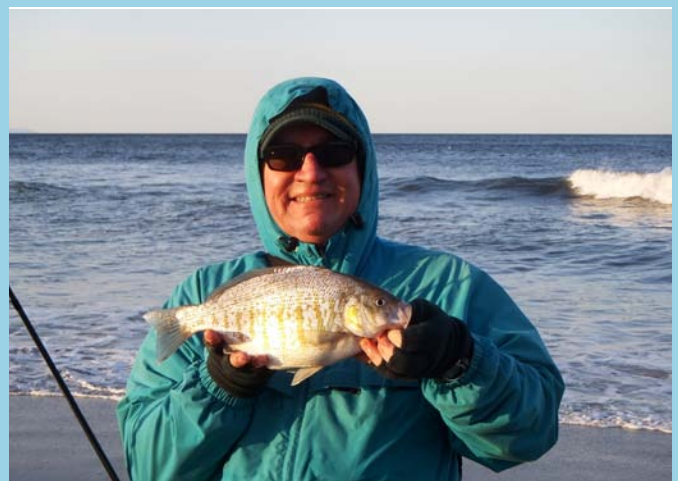
The next topic concerned landing a large fish, especially gravid perch. Nick recommends that you keep the rod low and "surf" the fish in on incoming waves and "slide" it up on the beach on its side. Perch are live bearers and it is best to stress them as little as possible. Get them back into the water ASAP so they can successfully deliver next year's catch!

It was time then to walk down to the shoreline and

observe the surf for signs of structure since fish are more likely to gather in areas of structure, troughs, holes and channels. Watching waves can reveal the location and type of structure; waves are energy forms that rise up when they encounter obstructions such as the incline of the shoreline. Where the waves break they churn up sand and food items such as sand crabs and marine worms attractive to the foraging fish. Awareness of these facts will give anglers an advantage when it comes to bait casting. A few likely spots were then singled out for Stan, Steve and Frank to try.

On this day conditions were favorable, temperature of the air and water were comfortable, the wind was light, there was an incoming tide and the waves relatively small, the only problem was an abundance of eel grass and floating kelp. This often happens on an incoming tide. The anglers were able to move up and down the beach to find spots with less grass and fished the structure they had located. Everyone caught Barred Surf Perch ranging in size from 6" to 12". In addition Ross also caught a Surf Smelt - his first. At 10:30 Nick ended the seminar and all except Frank headed back to the parking area. Frank was obviously addicted to this new style of fishing and was left still fishing. His reward was a respectable "Slab Perch" of at least a pound.

While lightly attended, everyone agreed that this seminar was a success. Everyone learned something, caught fish, and successfully released them. The camaraderie was great and Nick is looking forward to his next LARRC Surf Fishing Seminar on Saturday May 5th. **Future trips are scheduled for July 21st and Sept. 29th.**



Nick with 14.5" (*amphistichus argenteus*)

News from the Foundation

by Earl Warren

The Foundation held its first meeting of trustees for 2012 on March 13th at the home of Joel Steinman. All 7 trustees were present.

Grants in the total sum of \$10,000 were awarded to 3 graduate students (\$2500 each) and to two undergraduate students (\$1250 each). **Joel Steinman** is the trustee representative for this project. Checks were delivered to **Dr. Lowe** who selected the students, all in the field of marine biology, to receive the grants. The trustees feel that this project is very worthwhile and have given similar grants in past years. The students receiving grants have reported their projects to the Foundation and have appeared with Dr. Lowe at both monthly club meetings and annual awards banquet. Several of the trustees have been invited to and have participated in these studies using nets to hold rays and other fish.

Grants were previously given to both the Cabrillo Museum and Aquarium in San Pedro and the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. One of the grants to the Pacific Aquarium was earmarked for the study of the Humboldt

squid which have appeared in our waters for several years and are felt to be the cause of the severe decline in local fisheries including the annual migration of the sand bass to inshore waters along the entire Southern California coast. This study is ongoing and results will be presented to the Foundation.

The trustees unanimously voted to follow the guidelines for the Foundation including funding the annual Kids' Trip in July, the Lou Berke Trout Derby at Hansen Dam in March, the two mentors trips and this year a grant to be given for the growout of the white sea bass.

Because of certain restrictions on funding the Foundation, although in favor of funding the National Coalition for Marine Conservation (NMC), is unable to fund this worthwhile organization but has encouraged the club to make a grant to them.

The next meeting of the Foundation Trustees will be held on June 18th (the same date as the club Board of Directors meeting) at 4 pm. Members of the club are invited to attend.

FOUNDATION

The Foundation needs volunteers for the Annual Kids' Trip out of Long Beach, July 9th. Save the date and confirm with paul Varenchik (818) 980-7470.

Steve, Andy Mac Donald, Mike Godfrey, Joel Steinman, Jim Carlisle, and Rick Uribe attended the Long Beach rod and Gun Club's Swap meet. They raised \$1600 for the Foundation.

MID-WEEK CHARTER CONTEMPLATED—

Fish on Wednesday out of Long Beach. Limited to 18 Anglers—destination **Catalina** (\$155) or **San Clemente** (\$170). Included is tip and a \$16 galley credit. Contact Steve Simon if interested: simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net or call (818) 980-7470.

All the News that Concerns Fishing

MASSACHUSETTS IN THE HEADLINES

Last month we reported a news item that anglers in Mass. had received notices offering them cash in lieu of giving up their right to fish. An editorial in the May issue of *SaltWater Sportsman* elaborates on this "Paid Not to Play" state of affairs. Here's the whole story:

Conceived by officials at NOAA, 1900 Massachusetts license holders were randomly selected to receive one of three types of letters. 500 letters were sent containing a check, an incentive to give up their fishing licenses, 700 more were offered a theoretical cash offer, and 700 more were asked if they would be willing to pay an amount other than the \$10 for their license. The cash offers ranged from \$15 to \$500.

John Brownlee, Editor in Chief of *Salt Water Sportsman* suspicions this is some kind of joke or some kind of wild experiment gone wrong at NOAA.

MORE MASSACHUSETTS REPORTING

This NY Times piece (April 22) originating in Gloucester relates a decision on the part of the food chain "Whole Foods" to stop carrying any seafood it does not consider sustainable. They say they are addressing the problems of overfishing and following ratings set by the Blue Ocean Institute. Blue Ocean, a conservation group

along with the Monterey Bay Aquarium are setting the guidelines. The current issue involves sole and skate catches and cod caught by trawling. Earlier edicts eliminated bluefin, marlin, imported wild shrimp, sturgeon, shark, among others, from "Whole Foods' counters.

PRIVATE YACHT OWNER ALMOST SCORES BIGGEST YFT


Reported by **Pat McDonnell** in **WON**...The 60-foot yacht Journeyman returned to Puerta Vallarta with a 427.9-lb. yellowfin tuna caught at the lower banks. Angler/Owner **Robert Pedigo** informed the IGFA that someone else had "touched" the rod while the fish was being fought. The current all tackle IGFA record of 405.3 appears to be safe.

BILL POOLE REMEMBERED...

Long Rangers will be pleased to find a new statue at Fisherman's Landing, San Diego, when next they depart on one of their trips. The bronze pays tribute to Bill Poole who started the business of long ranging and built many of the boats still in use today. The dedication took place April 26th.



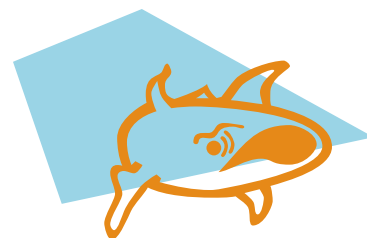
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Memo Received from Joel Steinman:

Don Lee is fishing again and is better than ever.

Tammy and I were lucky to be with the skilled Fisherman, Don Lee and his Daughter Cathy Lee Needleman. In his 80s he can still outfish most of us. We all caught Steelhead with an occasional Trout. Thank you Cathy and Don for a fabulous trip.

Watching Don was quite an experience for me. I was glad to fish with him again.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Applied for Membership, Steve Lee. He's a machinist residing at Balboa Island.

AB 1786 —

This bill, currently in the state legislature, will have a positive effect on your purchase of your next sport fishing license. Effective 7/1/14 your purchase would be valid for one year from date acquired. Current licenses all expire at the end of the year during which they are bought.

Please write or call your legislators encouraging them to support this bill.

(Thanks Dick Giuliani for calling this our attention)

Menu Items for 5/21

(Includes tea or coffee, tax & tips)

Salad

FISH

Trout Almondine, Rice, Veggies \$38

CHICKEN

Piccata, Mashed Pots & Veggies \$28

MEAT

Meat Loaf, Mashed Pots & Veggies \$27

PASTA

Spaghetti Bolognese \$28

Chicken Caesar Salad

(Entrée Only) \$26



The EXCEL returned with a load of 24 happy fishermen including Big Al Scow. They off-loaded 260 wahoo and 215 tuna including twenty-one YFT over 200 lbs. Al's 231-lb. fish was caught on a Penn50VXS reel, a Baja Boomer Rod, 20 ft. of Soft Steel wind-on and 130-lb. pink Yozuri leader. The memorable trip made stops at Hurricane Bank and the buffer zone at Clarion Island.

Photo credit goes to Jason Fleck.

C A L E N D A R

Dinner Meetings

MAY 21

Next: JUNE 25

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to: LARRCDINNERSRSPV@YAHOO.COM at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

MAY 14

Next: JUNE 18

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Barry Cohn bcohn@cohn-handler.com; 310.479.9600 ext.221 (office) at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks

Other Dates

June 9-10
Marina Del Rey Halibut Derby
info@halibutderby.com

June 18-22
Club Fishing Tournament
Aboard "Rail Time"

July 9
Annual Kids' Trip
Pierpont Landing, Long Beach

July 22
"One Rod" Trip
Call Steve Simon for details

August 19
LARRC Picnic, Lake Sherwood

August 6 & 20
Marine Mentors' Trips
Marina Del Rey

2012 OFFICAL CLUB CHARTERS

Please note that official LARRC Charter means that the Club has made a reservation and financial commitment. Members 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, or you may do the same, in a timely manner. With fuel costs on the rise, the costs below may be subject to a fuel surcharge.

DEPART	RETURN	VESSEL	DESTINATION	ANGLERS	AVAILABILITY	COST
May 6, 9pm	May 7, 7pm	Pacific Dawn	Channel Islands	17 max	SOLD OUT	\$260
May 31, 9pm	June 1, 7pm	Pacific Dawn	Channel Islands	17 max	SOLD OUT	\$260
<p>DESCRIPTION: These are overnight trips. Meet at the Harbor Village landing in Ventura. Target species are rock fish. Cost includes base charter, crew tip, food and estimated fuel surcharge. All beverages (soda, water & beer), fishing cleaning and an optional jackpot are additional.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster JIM CARLISLE at (562) 598-0940 or jncarlisle@verizon.net for waiting list opportunities. Full payment of \$260 is required to reserve.</p>						
<p>“KING OF THE CLUB TOURNEMENT” - 4 DAYS OF FISHING!</p> <p>Day 1: June 17, 8pm - June 18, 6pm Day 2: June 18, 8pm - June 19, 6pm Day 3: June 20, 8pm - June 21, 6pm Day 4: June 21, 8pm - June 22, 6pm</p>						
		Rail Time	San Clemente Island	24 max	SOLD OUT	\$500
<p>DESCRIPTION: Six teams made up of four anglers fishing for calico bass, white sea bass, yellowtail and halibut. The four teammates do not fish together but are divided up among the four tournament days. Total weight of all qualified fish will count for the anglers score. Additional team selection and tournament rules are available from Chartmasters Randy Sharon and Earl Warren. Cost includes base charter, crew tip, fishing cleaning and fuel surcharge. Each angler must bring there own food and drinks...there is not a manned galley aboard.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster RANDY SHARON at (818) 991-9865 to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. A 50% deposit (\$250.00) required to reserve. Balance due 30 days prior to the trip.</p>						
June 24, 8pm	June 25, 8pm	Limitless	White Sea Bass or Whatever is Biting!	6 max	SOLD OUT	\$495
<p>DESCRIPTION: This is an overnight trip. Meet in Newport Harbor (exact directions to follow). Because the Limitless is a speedy boat, target species and destination will be subject to what has been biting recently. Cost includes fish cleaning and tip. The boat has a microwave and coffeemaker, but no manned galley. You <u>must</u> bring your own food & beverages.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster BARRY COHN at (310) 479-9600 or BCohn@CohnHandler.com for waiting list opportunities. A 50% deposit (\$247.50) required to reserve. Balance due 30 days prior to the trip.</p>						
July 13	July 17	Queen Charlotte Island, BC, Canada		16 max	SOLD OUT	
<p>DESCRIPTION: This is 5 day trip with 3 days of fishing. All travel arrangements have been made by chartermaster Bert Serden. Target species are King and Coho salmon plus halibut and lingcod. Cost includes airfare, guides, lodging, food and beverage. Fish packaging and tip are additional.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster BERT SERDEN at (310) 474-4143 or BSerden@roadrunner.com to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. A 50% deposit required to reserve. Balance due 90 days prior to the trip.</p>						
July 22, 5am	July 22, 5am	Westerly	Catalina Island	30 max	19 spots	\$95.00
<p>DESCRIPTION: ONE ROD / ONE REEL FUN TRIP. This is a full day trip. Meet at Long Beach Sportfishing / Berth 55. This is an inexpensive and fun fishing event. Chartermaster Steve Simon will fill your one reel with 12# line. Cost includes base charter, crew tip, and a \$10 galley credit. Fishing cleaning and galley charges over \$10 are extra. There will be competitions, raffles and prizes. Fun for the all!!</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: If you are interested in the trip, please contact STEVE SIMON at (818) 980-7470 or simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. Full payment of \$95 is required to reserve.</p>						

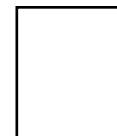
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July 19	July 23	Panga fishing in La Paz, Mexico		TBD		\$TBD
<p>DESCRIPTION: This is 5 day trip with 3 days of fishing. All travel arrangements have been made by chartermaster Dietmar Kruger. Fishing is guided from open pangas. Two anglers per panga and hotel room. Cost includes airfare, hotel, meals, fishing and crew tip. Details on targeted species and tackle to follow.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster DIETMAR KRUGER at DietmarKruger@ca.rr.com to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. A 50% deposit required to reserve.</p>						
Aug. 11, 9pm	Aug 13, 6am	Pacific Dawn	San Diego, off shore	16 max	SOLD OUT	\$534
<p>DESCRIPTION: This is a 1.5 day trip. Meet at Fisherman's Landing in San Diego. Target species is Tuna. Cost includes base charter, crew tip, food and estimated fuel surcharge. All beverages (soda, water & beer), fishing cleaning, Mexican fishing permits (if needed) and an optional jackpot are additional.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster JIM CARLISLE at (562) 598-0940 or jncarlisle@verizon.net for waiting list opportunities. A 50% deposit (\$267) required to reserve. Balance due 30 days prior to trip.</p>						
Aug 12, 8pm	August 14, 7am	Limitless	Tuna or Whatever is Biting!	6 max	SOLD OUT	\$735
<p>DESCRIPTION: This is a 1.5 day trip. Meet at Newport Harbor (exact directions to follow). Because the Limitless is a speedy boat, target species and destination will be subject to what has been biting recently. Cost includes fish cleaning and tip. The boat has a microwave and coffeemaker, but no manned galley. You <u>must</u> bring your own food & beverages.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster BARRY COHN at (310) 479-9600 or BCohn@CohnHandler.com to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. 50% deposit (\$367.50) required to reserve. Balance due 30 days prior to trip.</p>						
Sept. 8, 9pm	Sept. 11, 6am	Pacific Dawn	San Diego, off shore	16 max	1 spot	\$725
<p>DESCRIPTION: This is a 2.5 day trip. Meet at Fisherman's Landing in San Diego. Target species is Tuna. Cost includes base charter, crew tip, food and estimated fuel surcharge. All beverages (soda, water & beer), fishing cleaning, Mexican fishing permits (if needed) and an optional jackpot are additional.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster ROSS LOMBARD at (562) 692-7070 or Ross@LombardGraphics.com to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. A 50% deposit (\$362.50) required to reserve.</p>						
Oct. 20, 6am	Oct. 20, 4pm	Highliner, 3/4 day	Catalina Island	7 max	2 spots	\$235
Nov. 3, 6am	Nov 3, 4pm	Highliner, 3/4 day	Catalina Island	7 max	5 spots	\$235
<p>DESCRIPTION: These are 3/4 day trips. Meet at Redondo Sportfishing in Redondo Beach. Target species will be yellowtail and calico bass. Cost includes tip. Fishing cleaning is extra. The boat has no galley. You <u>must</u> bring your own food & beverages.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster NICK EKDAHL at (818) 241-7738 or NEkdahl@DawsonCo.com to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. A 50% deposit (\$117.50) required to reserve.</p>						
Surf Fishing with Nick Ekdahl at Santa Monica Beach				Unlimited	\$ FREE	
MAY 5, JULY 21 and SEPTEMBER 29 at 8:00am						
<p>DESCRIPTION: Nick is an avid and experienced surf fisherman who wants to share his passion for fishing our local beaches. Bring a spinning reel with 6 – 10 pound line and 6' to 8' "trout" rod. Tie on a Carolina style bait rig or your favorite shiny lure. Nick will give a short seminar to get you started. Novice or experienced anglers are welcome. Meet at parking lot 8 North off of Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica. Parking is \$6 to \$8 (depending on the season). For more details, contact NICK EKDAHL at (818) 241-7738 or NEkdahl@DawsonCo.com.</p>						



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