

LARRC DINNER MEETING September 21, 2020 ~ 7:00PM

Our Dinner Meeting this month will feature Larry Brown via Zoom

Larry Brown will be our guest speaker for this month's club meeting via Zoom. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to every fishing trip he is on and tries to share this knowledge with his fellow anglers. He will share this experience and expertise with LARRC club members during the meeting.

He explains: "The fishing conditions and targeted species can change from one trip to the next. The way the fish respond to certain live and artificial baits seems to change from trip to trip and from season to season. Why bluefin tuna were gaga for flatfall jigs last year and seem to ignore them this year is a mystery, but it demonstrates why anglers can't depend on using the proven techniques from last trip, last year or 10 years ago. Anglers who want to maximize their productivity (and FUN) on a fishing trip have to adjust quickly to what is working today. They need the right gear, the right techniques and the right attitude to optimize their effectiveness. On the same trip some guys will outfish others by 10 to 1. There is a reason."

Larry suggests all attendees read this article to optimize the success of the meeting:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/e709j31e2mognhn/20%20Tips%20to%20join%20the%2020%25%20Elite.pdf?dl=0>

Join Larry and discuss how you can increase your skills before your next fishing trip.



**DINNER MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
7:00 PM**

A Message from the President

By Ted Feit

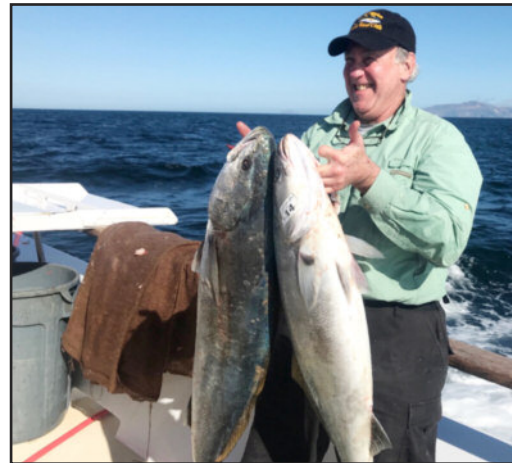
THE STATE OF OUR CALIFORNIA OCEANS

We can breathe a sigh of relief (for now) following the demise of AB3030 in a California State Senate committee. The premise of this bill is that our coastal oceans are in need of additional “no take” restricted zones to protect biodiversity and restore the health of our coastal waters. How true is this premise?

Let us look at some ecological and fishing success stories during the past 20 to gain a balanced perspective. Overfishing – both commercial and recreational – resulted in the decline of ground fish populations in the last quarter of the 20th century. Seamounts as far as 60 miles offshore became essentially denuded of once robust populations of rockfish. After decades of laissez faire management, a series of courtroom victories forced federal officials to halt commercial fishing for rockfish off much of the California coast. The CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFG) prohibited fishing at depths greater than 250 feet, changed the bag limits, banned open boat fishing during the first two months of the year, and prohibited any take of certain depleted species such as cow cod, yelloweye rockfish, and brown spotted rockfish.

The regrowth of rockfish stocks off the California coast during the past 20 years is a success story that surprised marine scientists and government officials. In December 2018, with stocks rebuilding faster than anticipated, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) boosted catch limits by more than 100% for some species of rockfish to help revive West Coast bottom trawlers and sportfishing fleets. Officials at the time estimated that this move could generate about 630 jobs and \$44 million in annual revenue in California in 2019.

Marine scientists predicted that it would take 80 years to restore the cow cod stocks. In fact, the stocks have been restored in just 10 years! New research based on data gathered during the past 20 years has shown that rockfish populations are more resilient than scientists originally supposed. Rockfish population growth is enhanced by currents of oxygen and plankton rich deep subarctic arctic water, representing a different environment deep beneath the surface. There was a surprisingly high abundance of juvenile rockfish between 2014 and 2016 despite a marine heat wave during these years influenced by an El Nino event. As fishery science has improved over the past 20 years, we can have better monitoring programs and laws that can be used to rebuild stocks if overfishing occurs again.



Richard Stone Hefts a pair of nice White Sea Bass

Let us turn to the species that fisherman like to dub “The Gray Ghost” - the elusive white sea bass. Human induced changes, such as pollution, overfishing, and habitat destruction probably contributed to the long-term decline in the population of

white sea bass off the California coast. Low stock levels were found in the 1970’s, 1980’s, and most of the 1990’s. A first step to replenish the species was taken in 1986 when more than 2000 juvenile white sea bass were released into San Diego’s Mission Bay. Fourteen fishing clubs have worked in concert with Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute to release more than 2 million juvenile fish. These fish are taken to pens at about three inches and released after growing to 7 -9 inches. A key step in bringing back the white sea bass population was the banning of the use of gill nets within three miles of the coast.

The CDFG’s last published report concerning the status of white sea bass is from the 2016 – 2017 season. This report carefully analyzed whether



A cow cod in its native habitat.

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overfishing was taking place in the commercial and recreational sectors. The report concluded that no overfishing was taking place in either sphere. The total commercial catch was approximately 400,000 pounds in the 2016 – 2017 season; the maximum sustainable yield was set by the CDFG at 1.2 million pounds. For the recreational fishery, the overfishing criterion was defined as a 20% decline in each of two consecutive seasons for both the number of fish caught and the average weight. In the 2015 – 2016 season, there was a 21% increase in the number of fish caught and a 22% increase in the average fish weight. In the 2017 – 2017 season, there was a 50% increase in the number of fish caught and a 1% decrease in average fish weight, from 23.1 pounds to 22.9 pounds. CDFG's conclusion was that overfishing is not taking place.

White sea bass catches remain strong off the southern CA coast. This past May, kayak fisherman Brian Beam boated an 80-pound white sea bass after a 45-minute fight off of Dana Point. He could not find a certified scale because of business closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the fish is just four pounds shy of the all tackle world record of 83 pounds 12 ounces set in 1953 and 5 pounds greater than the previous kayak-fishing white sea bass world record! Monterey Bay Aquarium's Sea Food Watch continues to recommend California caught wild white sea bass as a sustainable fish to eat.



A school of Pacific Bluefin Tuna

The most significant event in the Southern California saltwater fishing scene during the past five years is undoubtedly the comeback of big bluefin tuna after an 80-year hiatus off the California Coast. In 2015, these fish came to our waters to forage on the vast schools of pelagic red crab residing that year off our coast. While the population of red crabs declined during the next two years, the blue fin tuna stayed around because they are opportunistic feeders and were able to switch to gorging on the

healthy stocks of mackerel, sardines, squid, and anchovy in our waters.

Pacific bluefin tuna are born in spawning grounds off the coast of Japan (the only known place they breed). Young tuna embark on a 5000-mile journey across the entire Pacific Ocean to find feeding grounds off the North American Pacific coast. In some years the majority of tuna aged between 1 and 3 years make the trans-Pacific migration. Once the bluefin tuna reach California waters, they spend several years travelling up and down the coast between Mexico and sometimes as far north as Washington state to find feeding grounds. The fish become sexually mature when they reach a weight of approximately 125 pounds and are 3 – 4 years old. Schools of fish that size and larger will respond to their "inner mating call" and make the return trip across the Pacific to reproduce.

The Center for Biological Diversity found in 2017 that Pacific bluefin tuna stocks represented 3% of the spawning biomass of the historic unfished population (referred to as SSB in conservation lingo). A high demand for bluefin tuna by the sashimi industry placed extraordinary fishing pressure on this species. At the Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo, a single bluefin tuna was sold for 1.8 million dollars in 2013! There is now an international agreement (between Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Mexico and the U.S) in place to limit commercial fishing to rebuild the bluefin tuna stock to 20% SSB by 2034. The latest data predicts that the stock should reach 7% SSB by 2021. So, if conservation efforts continue to be successful and our forage stocks remain robust, how many more bluefin tuna will be swimming in our waters and how exciting are the recreational fishing prospects for them in the coming years!

The transition from gill nets to deep set buoy gear is another success story that has made the commercial swordfish catch far less destructive to the ocean environment and reinvigorated recreational fishing for swordfish. Deep-set buoy gear uses a hook and buoy system that enables fisherman to drop their hooks as deep as 1,200 feet to reach swordfish. This fishing method results in an 85% take of swordfish and an 8% take of other commercially salable fish (such as thresher sharks), thereby eliminating the destructive by-catch associated with gill nets. A similar set up hooks can be used for recreational fishing. Swordfish like to hang around seamounts where currents meet.



Cathy Needleman pulled in a 256 pound swordfish recently. The population of swordfish off our coast is healthy and self-sustaining.

The 2019 NOAA annual survey of fishing stocks added the pacific sardine to its list of overfished stocks. It was the only Pacific Ocean fish on the list of overfished stocks. The stocks of this key forage fish at the base of the food chain has declined from 1.8 million metric tons in 2006 to 28,000 metric tons in 2019. NOAA considers a stock of 150,000 metric tons as the threshold value to allow commercial fishing. Commercial fishing continues to be banned for sardines except for the harvest of fish for bait for recreational fishing. However, the news is not all bad. Anchovy and sardine usu-

ally alternate in abundance. Sardines tend to flourish in the half cycle when the waters are warmer than average and anchovies become the dominant small forage fish when cooler waters prevail. We are now fully in the anchovy regime. The best evidence for this comes from the stomach contents of bluefin tuna and the local visits of our leviathan cousins the whales. Last week a blue whale was sighted off the coast of Sydney Australia. This news was so unusual that it made the first page of the BBC news – a blue whale had not been seen off of Sydney for 100 years! The number of sightings of blue whales off of Newport Beach CA was 400 in 2014, 100 in 2016, 40 in 2017, 169 in 2018, and 530 in 2019. A blue whale is not only the largest living animal – it is the largest living animal to have ever lived on earth and consumes about 2000 pounds of forage per day.

In sum, the state of our oceans off the southern California coast is actually pretty good. The number of stocks on the overfishing list has reached an all-time low. Through the combined efforts of NOAA fisheries, conservations groups, and the cooperation of commercial and recreational fisherman, we are working to ensure the sustainability of fisheries and fishing communities while maximizing fishing opportunities.

The author wishes to thank Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans, Pacific Program Director and Chris Arechaederra, assistant director Coastal Conservation Association CA for their guidance and help in writing this article.

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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.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting
September 14, 2020
Held via Conference Call • 7pm



Dinner Meeting
September 21, 2020
Virtual Meeting
Please check your email for more info



SAVE THE DATE FOR 2021
February 22, 2021
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Commemorating the life of Jeff Edelman

By Richard Stone

Jeffery (Jeff) Lerner Edelman

Born - September 6, 1961

Passed - July 19, 2020

It is not enough to simply note the passing of, my friend, Jeff Edelman. Jeff was a great man and a wonderful human being. Jeff left a long, full, and strong legacy.

He loved his family. His vibrant 91-year-old father; Hal, his devoted sisters Karen & Stephanie; his stepson Cole and grandson Cole Jr, nephews Alex, Alan, Jonathan, niece Amanda and great nephew Aidan. All of whom, love Jeff in return and were there for him right to the end.

Jeff had a passion to travel and for fishing fish. Over the years he many to many areas of the world doing both.

Jeff was not only a member of the LARRC but step-up to become a member of the Board of Directors. He always enjoyed and looked forward to the Club meetings

Jeff was not only highly intelligent but was always looking for a challenge. He loved puzzles. As a child and as an adult he put them together faster than anyone. When the challenge was gone, he would put it together again pieces face down without a picture.

There are 2 kind of people in this world. 1- People who love to win & 2 people who hate to lose. Jeff was one who hatted to lose. His intestinal fortitude and passion to succeed was off the chart.

- Jeff was a salesman “par-excellent”. His integrity, knowledge, and sincerity helped him win many awards, including a Rolex watch in a sales contest.

- More importantly he garnered and earned the admiration and rapport of many of his business associate’s and clients who became dear friends, over the years.

- Jeff was a consummate entrepreneur. He achieved success in many businesses he opened and sold.

- ▲ He supported himself going through school with a Hot Dog Cart bus,

- ▲ Open and profited handsomely from a chain of Cell Phone stores, “Cell Asylum”, he started and sold,

- ▲ Had a aquarium store business

- Started E-Bay store.

- ▲ In his final years he opened a promotional products retail business, “Unlimited Promotions”, that is still flourishing today.

- When Jeff was diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer, he determined to be among the very small percentage of people who manage to beat this horrible disease. People with this diagnosis are given a 60% chance to live 6 months. There is a 3% to 5% chance that you will survive the next 6 months. Jeff fought hard, with great heart and spirit and refused to give up for 1½ years before he finally succumb to the ravages of this affliction.

Jeff greatest character trait and thing that endeared him to all that were fortunate to know him was “His desire to make a difference and capacity and give of himself so selflessly”

He was always there for you. Not matter how busy he was, always made time to speak with you and gave sound, thoughtful and caring feedback whenever you would call upon him. He was there for me and many other people, in his live, numerous times over the years.

Jeff is and will always be missed. Rest in Peace my dear friend.

In loving memory,
Richard Stone

Number of Board of Directors Reduced

During the past year LARRC has had trouble filling the nine board member slots required for optimal functioning of the club. The LARRC Board approved a proposal to reduce the number of LARRC Board members to seven. LARRC By-laws required approval of this proposal by more than 50% of the active membership. Mark Manculich set up and monitored the membership vote by email on this proposal. On September 6, the proposal passed 56 – 4, with a total of 55% of the active membership responding. Kudos to Mark Manculich for helping out on this important matter!

TWO FISHING SPOTS AVAILABLE

Baja Fishing Convoys has two spots that recently opened up on the Mag Bay trip October 22-27, 2020! Due to the last minute nature of the cancellations, the trip is going for \$1440 per person for this great trip! Normally the price is \$2550 plus airfare. If you don't have plans and want to go fishing, call Orchid at 619-483-7315 for more details and to book!!!



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Happy 65th Birthday Cathy! Her birthday was spent reeling in this 241.4 kite bluefin tuna! The trip was a gift from her husband, Steve! In her words "what a devil that fish was!" Great job and cheers!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

David and Louise Liston have applied to become members of the LARRC.

Scott Schiffman will be their sponsor as he located them via our new/improved website.

Normally it required that the prospective member have fished with an active club member and attend 2 or more club events. They attended recent Zoom club meeting on Aug 31st. Due to the current Coronavirus limitations, I asked for the Board members to approve an exception to these requirements.

Thank you, Richard Stone

PALOS VERDES REEF RESTORATION PROJECT BEGINS AGAIN THIS WEEK



The construction crane and barge shot from the first day of construction on May 8. photo by Chelsea Williams

A project to restore reefs and marine animals off the Palos Verdes Peninsula Coast resumes this week and is expected to be finished in September.

A large barge and crane will be seen off Rancho Palos Verdes, near Trump National Golf Course, when work resumes on the Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project on Thursday, Aug. 27, which will restore the rocky reefs that have been impacted by decades of landslides.

The artificial reef is also designed to attract fish and other marine animals, while creating fishing opportunities, decimated by reef loss and contamination from DDT and PCB, according to scientists involved in the project.

“You don’t see from the surface, but certainly imagine you take a beautiful reef and you bury it, that’s extreme damage,” said Daniel Pondella, a professor at Occidental College and director of the Southern California Marine Institute. “So we’re able to figure out how much was lost, where it was lost, and then develop a plan funded by the state and the federal government to restore the habitat.”

Approximately 58,000 tons of rock is being transported from two quarries on Catalina Island to create the new artificial reef, according to Jonathan Williams, research scientist with the Vantuna Research Group (VRG) and Biology Department at Occidental College.

Williams said the first half of the project took place from May 8 to June 3. They expect to finish the second half of the project near the end of September.

“The original plan was to begin construction in August (2020) and do it all in one fell swoop, but with COVID-19 on the horizon in March and April, the construction company (Connolly Pacific) had requested that we split the work into two phases to accommodate their schedule,” Williams said.

As the permit holder and leaseholder, the Southern California Marine Institute is in charge of the project and also

involved in the research. SCMI, along with VRG, designed the reef and performed or will perform nearly all the studies before, during and after construction, Williams said.

History of landslides

According to an article in *The Daily Breeze*, based on a California State Lands Commission report, the Portuguese Bend Landslide in 1956, which was reportedly started by road construction on Palos Verdes Drive, buried a large portion of the natural reef off of the Peninsula. Another landslide in 1999 buried more reef habitat and released more sediment.

For decades, the Torrance-based Montrose Chemical Corp. reportedly dumped DDT contaminated waste into the ocean that eventually reached the Palos Verdes Shelf.

In 2001, a settlement was reached between Montrose and state and federal agencies, creating the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program. The program was formed to restore what was impacted by DDT and other contaminants.

Williams said that even though much of the funding of the restoration project came from the money set aside from the Montrose settlements due to the DDT/PCB contamination, it is not intended to fix contamination damages.

“This project is designed to restore rocky reef habitat buried by sedimentation from landslides,” Williams said. “The restored reef will eventually increase rocky reef associated wildlife that is not as susceptible to DDT/PCB contamination as soft sediment associated wildlife since DDT/PCBs are mostly stored in the sediment rather than on rock.”

Dating back to 2017, the city of Rancho Palos Verdes expressed concerns about the project in letters to the California State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission. While the city supported the goal of restoring fishing resources destroyed by chemical dumping, the city, in a letter to the California Coast Commission in May 2019, was concerned about the proximity of the project, which the letter said was a quarter-mile offshore from Founders Park and Rancho Palos Verdes Beach, and proximity to DDT and PCB impacted sediments in the Santa Catalina Channel.

“We remain unconvinced that the potential harms of the project are adequately mitigated,” the letter read.

Even with the objections, according to an article in *The Daily Breeze*, in early 2018, the California State Lands Commission approved an offshore lease sought by the Southern California Marine Institute, which partnered with the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Agency to start the project.

The project covers nearly 70-acre area of coastline, according to the article, between Bunker Point and White Point. The depth of the tons of rock was estimated 15 to 21

meters.

But the project took a few years to get full approval according to Williams.

DDT contamination subsiding

Williams said the California Coastal Commission issuing a Coastal Development Permit was the last hurdle to clear before construction began. They also needed to obtain permits from the Department of the Army, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and a lease from the California State Lands Commission.

Williams said the area where the reef is being built is too shallow, too far in shore, to be affected by the DDT in the sediment. He also said that the federal government and county sanitation district have been conducted surveys over the past 20 to 30 years and tests discovered that DDT has been breaking down naturally over the last decade and a half. Also, Vantuna has conducted its own tests that concluded scant traces of DDT near the construction area.

“Really the main takeaway is the area where this is being built doesn’t have much DDT in the sediment,” Williams said.

“The reef being built recreates the rocky reef that used to be there,” Williams said. “So any of the sediment that has the DDT is now being buried by this rocky reef. So any DDT that would be there is now being basically taken out of the system, out of the food chain.”

Williams said the goal in the construction of the reef was to restore it to a height where it could not be buried again. The reef was modeled after the KOU Rock, which sits approximately 60 feet deep and is directly offshore where a ship-to-shore radio tower once sat. According to information provided by Rancho Palos Verdes resident Bill Leach to Vantuna, KOU was one of three stations put into place for telephone and radio calls in the 1930s.

“There’s a natural reef that’s only a couple hundred meters to the east at the same depth that is just this big beautiful reef nice and tall has no sedimentation on it,” Williams said. “It is absolutely covered in fish and lobster, and all sorts of other wildlife.”

Williams said the landslide area is described as the “most geologically active area in the entire world.” In surveys over the past 10 to 12 years, they discovered reefs buried in up to almost 7 feet in sediment that came from landslides.

“Every time you drive up Palos Verdes Drive, it’s being repaved seemingly every weekend,” Williams said. “It’s constantly moving and it’s constantly putting sediment into the ocean and on top of what used to be very rich, productive rocky reefs.”

The city of Rancho Palos Verdes has its own Landslide Management Program and a Facebook Page, “RPV Landslide.”

“It seeks the involvement of the community to identify

and plan short- and long-term solutions to the largest active landslide in the continental United States, and to protect the shoreline ecosystem, including Palos Verdes Drive South, a major sewer main, and the open space preserve, from future damage,” the page reads.

Loss of kelp forests

Another issue, according to Pondella and The Bay Foundation is the loss of kelp forests, which has been impacted by landslides over the decades.

“A lot of kelp bed has been lost, this has been known for a long time,” Pondella said.

According to its website, The Bay Foundation estimates the Palos Verdes Peninsula has lost approximately 75 percent of its giant kelp canopy. The causes include sedimentation development, urban runoff, storms slowing kelp growth and overfishing resulting in the loss of urchin predators.

“This allowed purple urchins, a dominant kelp herbivore, to overrun the reef and devour the remaining kelp,” reads the website. “If left alone, kelp forest recovery may take decades.”

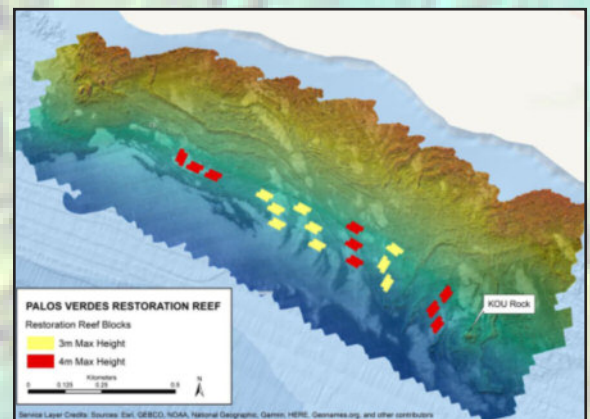
To combat the issue, The Bay Foundation started removing the purple sea urchins with the help of researchers, fisherman and conservationists.

According to the organization, they have restored 46 acres of kelp forest in two coves and four open shore reefs off the Peninsula.

Pondella said the Restoration Project is a unique opportunity to have a significant impact in an area that suffered “significant ecological damage.”

A goal of the Restoration Project, Pondella added, is to make better fishing opportunities for fishing interests and this is done by reading a healthier ecosystem.

“Some of the most productive reefs in the entire region, so all of Southern California, producing the most fish and commercial invertebrates are right off Palos Verdes,” Pondella said.



Finalized design of Palos Verdes Restoration Reef project. (Courtesy of Vantuna Research Group)

"CHASING THE PIRATES,"

by Tristram Korten Reprinted from: *The Smithsonian* - September 2020

Criminals haul millions of tons of fish from the world's oceans, threatening fragile species, only sometimes do they get caught. Here's one story.

The Andrey Dolgov, a cargo ship flying the Cambodian flag in 2016, tried to disgorge its illicit cargo in Walvis Bay, Namibia. A crewman radioed ahead for clearance to unload hundreds of thousands of pounds of frozen Antarctic toothfish. The total-about 125 tons- would fetch more than \$3.6 million on the wholesale market. Fortunately, Namibia is part of a coalition of nations that have pledged to protect the Antarctic toothfish which has a high market value and is biological vulnerable. Namibia denied access and reported the encounter to international authorities. The ship sailed on.

Two months later, the same rust-stained ship appeared in the Chinese port of Yantai, on the Yellow Sea. It carried the same stock of toothfish but the crew stated the haul was Pacific cod for shipment to Vietnam. This time the authorities tested the flesh, identified it as Antarctic toothfish, seized the stock and fined the Andrey Dolgov. The ship was allowed to leave.

Meanwhile in Lyon, France, Interpol Security tracked the ship's owner, the Red Star company, and its agent, Poseidon Company to South Korea. When Korean officials went to the company's address, they found an empty apartment. International environmental authorities put the ship on a blacklist of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing vessels whereby Interpol began a worldwide search for the vessel.

In October 2017, more than a year later, the ship showed up in the port of Dalian, China. It was now called Ayda and flying a flag from the Tongolese Republic. Once again, it was attempting to offload 275 tons of toothfish. After Chinese authorities boarded the ship to collect information and DNS samples, the Ayda fled under cover of darkness. Again, it changed its name six times and flew the

flag of as many nations. The tales of this pirate fishing ship, perhaps the most notorious of our time, shines a light into the shadowy universe of illegal fishing – the operators who fund it, the damage they cause to fragile ocean ecosystems and the ways they turn unsuspecting workers into indentured servants.

The problem of ships like the Andrey Dolgov is more relevant to the average American than it might seem. A great deal of ill-gotten fish ends up in the United states. World-wide, seafood consumption shot up 30% from 35 lbs./person in 1998 to 45 lbs./person in 2018. Increased fishing technology are often notorious for damaging the seafloor and destroying the habitats of a wide range of marine creatures. In 1992, Atlantic cod had so severely declined that Canada placed a moratorium on this species from the Grand Banks because the cod population had been reduced to 1% of what it was in the 1960's. Toothfish protection is trickier because so much of its population lives outside the domain of any country. Even if you don't think you've ever tasted it, chances are that you have because it's sold as Chilean Sea Bass, although it's not a bass. In 2002, illegal fishing accounted for up to 2/3 of toothfish supply. In 2016, there were 33 ships licensed to catch Antarctic toothfish. The Andrey Dolgov was not one of them. In 2017, the ship was renamed STS-50, flagged in Togo. In March 2018, it entered Mozambique's territorial waters. An armed escort had the ship anchor out in the bay. On March 18, the ship went "dark," and slipped away. Finally, on April 6, 2017, Indonesia intercepted and confined the ship in Sabang, Indonesia. The captain was arrested and the crew deported. At the time of this ship's seizure, there were 16 vessels on the list of illegal fishing boats. It's not clear how many have been caught.

We need to do better – Mike Godfrey!!

Where Fish Are Disappearing	Nations That Are Making a Haul
Countries with the most unreported catch 2005 to 2014, Millions of tons	Countries responsible for the most unreported catch 2005 to 2014, Miooions of tons
Russia41.4	Thailand53.0
Indonesia28.2	Russia42.6
Malaysia20.0	China18.7
Morocco18.3	Peru15.6
Peru17.3	United States13.9
Mauritania13.6	Philippines12.8
India12.8	Japan11.3
Philippines12.6	Vietnam10.2
Vietnam10.4	Malaysia9.9

The Red Rooster Crows at San Clemente Island

By Phil Bell

Larry Brown's/LARRC 5 day Charter on the Red Rooster provided some outstanding kite fishing for LARRC members Andrew Ratzky, Fisherman Phil, and 3 other RR3 anglers. On the last day of fishing on the backside of SCI, Captain Andy Cates decided to use flying fish as bait on 2 different kites. A large Bluefin crashed on Fisherman Phil's bait soon after the boat started drifting, and he caught the first kite Bluefin that weighed 157 lbs. His son Andy Bell was delighted with Dad's catch. This was Fisherman Phil's personal best bluefin tuna and was the largest fish on the boat for about 10 minutes. Fisherman Mark from Alaska skillfully caught a 158 lb. BFT. Then Andy Ratzky hooked up, and landed a 160 lb. Bluefin that won the generous boat jackpot. LARRC members Ratzky and Bell dominated 2 of the three jackpot places. Yea team.

The first 4 days of the trip were challenging for most of the anglers except for Larry Brown and his friend Chris. They caught their 6 fish Bluefin limit on fish from 35 to 58 lbs. within the first 2 days. Most other anglers caught between 1 and 4 of the smaller bluefin. The preferred set up was a 10 - 12 ft topshot of 25 or 30 lb. test fluorocarbon connected directly to a full spool of spectra and a #2 small J-hook. The beautiful stock grade of Bluefin tuna did not want to bite anything over 30 lb. test or a hook larger than #2. Heavier line, long mono topshots, larger hooks or even the extra bling of ringed hooks seemed to scare these wary

fish. Larry also proved selecting a perfect bait, gently hooking it and casting it 25 ft from the boat and actively working it to the 100 yard bite zone was another key factor in getting a strike. Some anglers without these skills and appropriate tackle never got a bite and fortunately took fish home anyway receiving hook and handed fish or landed fish from the more skilled anglers. Seven anglers scored their personal best bluefin tunas.

Chartermaster Larry Brown facilitated a huge, mega raffle that netted \$2,650 for our Veterans fishing tuna. Captain Andy and his crew of Andrew, JT, Jason, and Chris were super helpful on every fish hooked up and were critical to the success landing the big kite fish. Chef Mike and Fernando prepared exceptional meals and snacks.

It was Captain Andy and his wife Lisa's third anniversary. Larry and the crew surprised the couple with a special decorated anniversary dinner with nicely wrapped gifts. Fisherman Phil and his guitar provided the music with tremendous support from the elated anglers.

We really missed having more LARRC members with us, including those deciding to cancel due to concerns about Covid. Larry will be chartering this September 5 day trip next year. If you are interested check the Chumline or Larry Brown's Fishing Charters for more info. Call the Red Rooster directly at 619/224-3857 for reservations.



The **LONG** and **SHORT** of Fishing South:

By Marc Monforte

Each year I take a number of both “short” and “long” range trips out of San Diego, primarily aboard the luxury sportfisher **Excel**. In January, I ventured south aboard the **American Angleron** a 15-day trip, and followed that up with a 16-day trip aboard the **Excel** in late May. As with both of those particular longer trips, we traveled four days south to reach our two primary/targeted fishing destination (**Hurricane Bank & Ghost Island**), in search of giant Yellowfin Tuna and speedy Wahoo. Most recently, I was also aboard the **Excel** for a shorter 10-day trip in October. As compared to the two previous longer trips, we only traveled for two days south before we were at our first destination (**Alijos Rocks & near-by Alijos Bank**), and already fishing. After two full days of fishing we had caught plenty of school sized **Yellowfin Tuna** (20 to 45 pounders), and also smaller sized **Yellowtail** (8 to 20 pounders), before it was time to make a move. Moving east, we found very good fishing on the **Ridge** area, specifically at the **Uncle Sam Bank**. Over the next four days, the 26 passengers completed their limits of yellowtail and yellowfin tuna, all the while putting 190 **Wahoo** in the fish holds as well. To complement the game fish, there was also very good fishing for a wide variety of bottom fish, including various **grouper, bass, lingcod, reds, and others**. To add to the fun, **sailfish, marlin and dorado** also kept us busy with their acrobatics. By the trips end, everyone aboard had plenty of time at the rail, and all the variety/quantity of fish they chose to keep and/or release.

Although 10 days is not necessarily considered a “short” trip per se, it is in comparison to the “longer” 16 day trips. Although you may or may not have the opportunity to fish some of the same fishing grounds during a 16-day trip that you would on an 8 to 10 day trip (while initially traveling south and then back north again at trips end), you would not be traveling the nearly **1000 miles south** on a 10-day trip, rather half that distance. Allowing for the eight travel days just from and to San Diego, and the usual travel time between the two primary fishing grounds on the voyage, you average about seven days of actual fishing time. During that time at the rail, the primary focus is large Yellowfin Tuna and secondarily, Wahoo. Notwithstanding all the associated disadvantages of a number of competing boats all fishing a relatively small area (**Hurricane Bank**) at the same time, the likelihood of untenable shark activity, and the timeliness of no large tuna, and/or any appreciable

volume of school sized tuna/wahoo available at all, makes for a costly and speculative opportunity to have a successful/productive trip. With a visit to **Ghost Island** the only viable back-up alternative to locate trophy size tuna or wahoo, the unpredictability of access and fish presence there is always a concern. Over the past few years, it appears to me anyway, that the once highly productive fishery for both COW tuna and the “fill-in-the-time” tuna and wahoo has dramatically changed/declined!

So, the long and short of this message is that if you’re sole mission is to battle **Giant Yellowfin Tuna**, your best opportunity may be to take that **LONG** trip (December through May). But, if the motivation is to have a better opportunity to catch fish of various species, and of varying sizes and quantities (in almost the same amount of fishing time), then a **SHORT** trip (June through November) just may be the best option. And if you are still looking to catch that **COW Tuna**, there is always a short window of time/opportunity to catch one on the shorter 10-day trips that venture further down the Ridge area to the **Southern Banks**. Given all the variable factors (including time and cost) to consider in planning the right short/long range trip, the thought and expectation of just having a **FUN TRIP** first, and the **catching of fish as a bonus**, will go a long way in setting the right mental attitude and mind-set! **There is nothing like being on the boat with a fun group of fellow anglers, having a great time, and also catching fish as well!!**

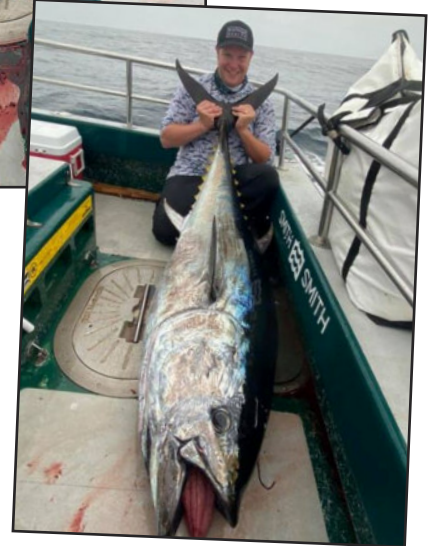


Kevin Boyle and Sophia Huynh with their nighttime flat fall jig bluefin aboard the Shogun. The boat had a pretty productive evening bite landing 50 bluefin all on the jig up until about midnight!

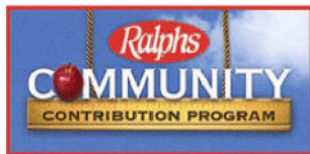
LexSea and Tuna

By Allen Brodetsky

It was an epic day on the water yesterday with Captain Christian Sekas of Sekas Sportfishing. We left Dana point at approximately 7 AM and arrived at the fishing grounds at 10 AM. We got our first bite almost instantly. A 200 plus pound fish jumped 6 to 8 feet out of the water and launched itself 20 feet like a torpedo inhaling the flyer. Approximately 45 minutes later, we welcomed the first cow ever landed on the LexSea. It was a team effort bringing 220lbs of pure muscle over the rail. We regrouped and cruised around seeing tons of fish everywhere. We finally found the right school that was willing to play and Capt. Christian made quick work of another 180 pounder in less than 30 minutes. We called it a day at 4 PM heading home with over 400 lbs of sashimi grade bluefin tuna and made it back to the dock by 7:15 pm. Amazing conditions and flat calm weather. An absolutely epic day on the water with one of the best and most ambitious captains I have ever fished with. Can't wait for the next one. Thank you Capt. Christian for a lifetime memory.



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Donald Goldsobel's

CALLING ALL COOKS King Crab Cakes

Submitted by Sophia Huynh

I subscribe to Salmon Sisters email list because I like to support women in fishing and they offer so many great things. From a clothing line, Xtratuf books with their graphics, cookbooks and even will deliver fresh Alaskan seafood to your home. This month they sent a recipe for King Crab Cakes and they looked too good and easy not to share. I don't have King Crab but they mention you can use any available crabmeat for the recipe. Enjoy!

Recipe originally posted: https://ksalmonsisters.com/blogs/news/kingcrabcakes?mc_cid=b27e13aa15&mc_eid=51d987a5a3

Ingredients

- ¼ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- 1 pound crabmeat
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- 2 to 4 tablespoons heavy cream, for binding
- All-purpose flour, for dredging
- Butter or vegetable oil, for frying

Directions

- Melt the butter in a large cast-iron frying pan over medium heat and cook the onion until just transparent.
- Transfer the onion to a mixing bowl and add the breadcrumbs, blending well.
- Mix in the crabmeat, eggs, parsley, green onions, salt and mustard powder. Add just enough cream to bind everything together.
- Shape the mixture into flat cakes 3 to 4 inches wide.
- Fill a shallow dish with flour and roll each cake in it before frying.
- Fry the cakes in butter or oil in the same pan used to cook the onions (wiped clean) over medium-high heat until nicely browned on both sides and cooked through, about 3 minutes each side.



Take a look at Cathy Needleman's recent swordfish catch! This beauty weighed in at 256 pounds!!



The Bass-assassins are at it again with these fine catches at Westlake! Steve Simon and Andy MacDonald you both are on fire!!!



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SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
White Sea Bass	40	Jim Carlisle	38	0					
White Sea Bass	60	Allen Brodetsky	36	5					
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Carp	5	Andy MacDonald	5	8	Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Cathy Needleman	3	1*
MEN'S FRESH WATER					Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	11	0
Bass, Lg Mouth	4	Steve Simon	4	11	Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	9	0
Bass, Lg Mouth	4	Steve Simon	Released		Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	8	0
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	Released		Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	6	0
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Paul Varenchik	Released						
Bass, Lg Mouth	7	Joel Steinman	Released		WOMEN'S RELEASED				
Bass, Sm Mouth	7	Joel Steinman	Released		JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	2	7*	Bass, Calico	15	Oliver Leichman	3	0
Bass, Striped	7	Joel Steinman	Released		FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED					White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	36	0
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER									
Swordfish	80	Cathy Needleman	256	0*					
Tuna, Bluefin	40	Cathy Needleman	110	0					
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	126	0					
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	121	0					
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	202	0					
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	234	0*					
White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	36	0					
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	33	6					
					FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				

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Oct 31- Nov 10	Intrepid 10-Day Perfect variety trip to destinations such as The Ridge and Alijo Rocks for tuna, wahoo, dorado, yellowtail and grouper. Saturday departure! Dock Location: Intrepid Sportfishing, San Diego, CA	SOLD OUT* Cost: \$4,960 Limit - 22 anglers, limited load	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 steve@fishintrepid.com

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Contact Andrew Ratzky - Aratzky@att.net LARRC Club Charters in BLUE Larry Brown Shared Charters in GREEN

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