

# Chum Line



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

MAY 2021

## LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

# CAPTAIN, JONATHAN DE LA ROSA

By Cathy Needleman

Fishing with Captain Jonathan de la Rosa was one of the great memories of my life. So much so, that I am going back in September. Hoping and thinking positive, that Trinidad's borders will be open.

We never had to go more than 15 minutes from shore to catch and release Tarpon. I even loved using the bait. Spanish sardines and the beautiful silver ribbonfish, which they caught on the beaches at night.



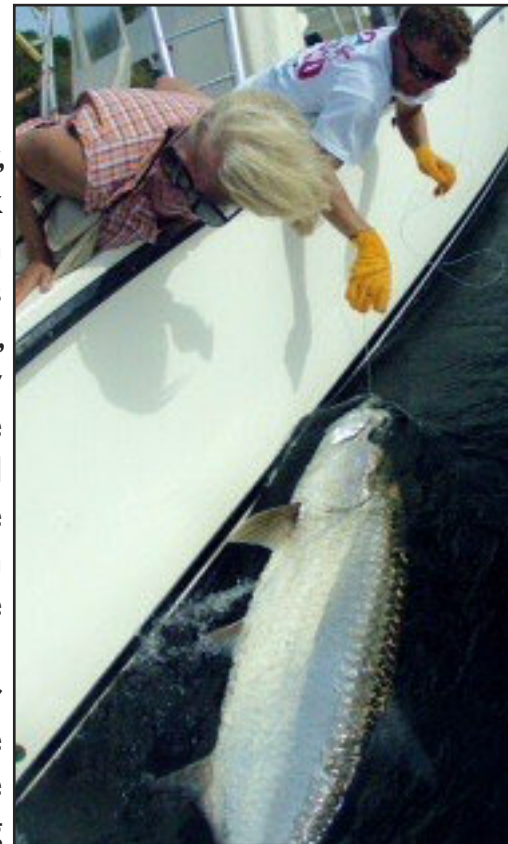
With daily, double-digit hook ups, and fish reaching in excess of 200 pounds, you will quickly come to realize why Trinidad boasts one of the greatest Tarpon fisheries on the planet.

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Contact information [www.monstarpon.com](http://www.monstarpon.com)

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## May 24, 2021

### ZOOM Meeting opens at 6:30 for Social Hour

### Dinner Meeting starts promptly at 7:00PM

### Log in info to follow later this week



# NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF FISHING

## ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

◆ There's always an ocean conservation campaign that needs strong voices of support. Some people are passionate about sharks or water pollution or ocean access and act accordingly. I'm always drawn to activities that restore our ocean resources and support greater biodiversity and better fishing opportunities for future generations. While the Great Sandy marine Park of Australia is thousands of miles away, their recreational fishermen are facing a crisis at the hands of indiscriminate commercial gillnets that catch all ocean fish as well as marine turtles. Ending destructive commercial netting operations will help restore the the biodiversity of this Marine Park and enhance its cultural values. Check out the Fraser Coast Fishing Alliance petition <http://www.frasercoastfishingalliance.com.au/?fbclid=IwAR3H1wRDE9xVCPmvcQVU4SDVkJGgUTdXIrDe7pqyiOxrZUtImnoTesE2xyGM>

◆ Closer to home, I've been spending my time thinking about little fish, specifically sardine and anchovy. In April, the Pacific Fishery Management Council took steps to again restrict the catch of sardine due to very low levels of estimated biomass. The Council allocated 1,800 mt of sardine to the economically and culturally important live bait fishery, most of which is consumed in Southern California. Importantly, they began to address an inconsistency between science and management. The problem is that we separate sardine into two populations, the northern and southern. However, all the sardine caught off CA, OR and WA are counted as northern stock. The Council tasked its science advisors with reevaluating the current understanding of stock structure for Pacific sardine so that we can take steps to align stock structure with management. Stay tuned for updated info on our favorite little fish.

◆ In early May, the Biden Administration released "Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful," <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/report-conserving-and-restoring-america-the-beautiful-2021.pdf>, the long awaited plan for the Thirty-by-Thirty Initiative (30 by 30). This report sets the stage for future efforts to determine what lands will count toward the 30% goal of the Initiative, and

what opportunities exist to build upon existing conservation programs. Some highlights: 1) the report repeatedly references the role of the hunting and angling community in the United States' history of conservation successes; 2) it specifically calls on stakeholder engagement, including engagement from the hunting and fishing community, to maintain and enhance outdoor recreational access for all Americans, and 3) it emphasizes that its goals are conservation and not "the related but different concept of 'protection' or 'preservation.'" Interested in reading more. Here's a good summary: <https://www.eenews.net/stories/1063731919>

◆ Share your fish photos with the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS) - Researchers at VIMS are casting a wide net in search of fish photos. Their immediate goal is to use angler snapshots to train software to identify different fish species. Their ultimate goal is to put that artificial intelligence into a RecFish cell phone app, giving anglers a multi-use field guide and scientists a collaborative tool for better management of recreational species. Learn more at: <https://thefishingwire.com/share-your-fish-photos-with-virginia-institute-of-marine-science/>



Here is Steve Simon out at Lake Casitas on April 7th. "Long and the short of it... First cast.. that was it for 5 ½ hours"



# NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF FISHING

BIOGEOCHEMISTRY

21 APRIL 2021

## Rivers give off stealth carbon at night

Emissions made under cover of darkness account for much of the carbon flux from flowing waters.

Rivers and streams might be giving off more carbon dioxide than had previously been thought — because they're doing it at night when nobody had been looking.

Flowing waters are an important source of carbon to the atmosphere, but researchers haven't had a good handle on how much carbon rivers emit. That's in part because a river's carbon emissions vary greatly over a 24-hour period, and scientists typically collect samples of river water only during the day — meaning they miss carbon fluxes at night.

Lluís Gómez-Gener at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, Gerard Rocher-Ros at Umeå University in Sweden and their colleagues analysed round-the-clock data gathered over the past few years by sensors in 66 rivers around the world. The sensors indicated that, on average, rivers emitted 27% more carbon dioxide at night than during the day.

The authors estimate that, globally, carbon emissions from rivers are roughly 35% higher than the previous estimates that were based on only daytime sampling.



*Andy MacDonald and Steve Simon had a super productive day on Westlake. They landed 13 bass total!*

# A Tail of Two Trips

By John Ballotti

## Gray Light on the Gray Light

If there is such a thing as “O Dark 30”, it sure seemed like it as our 4 AM departure from CISCO’s Landing in Oxnard on board Shawn Steward’s 6-packed Gray Light proved it. The boat was taking on bait as we climbed aboard for our quick trip (at 18 knots) to Santa Cruz Island for a day of inshore fishing. On board beside the author was club members Andy MacDonald, Steve Simon, and Joel Steinman. Before we started our day chasing calico bass, Captain Steward wanted to try our luck catching yellowtail that have been hanging around the Blue Banks area of the island. Arriving in the gray light, he immediately metered yellowtail. Using fresh dead



squid on a 40 lb.

dropper loop, we would stand by the rail and drop whenever he metered fish. No joy and off we were in search of more fish. After about the 3rd or 4th metered spot my Tranx 500 reel and Terez 40-80-pound rod went heavy and after a decent fight a quality 19.5-pound yellowtail came aboard. The pandemic punishment was over for me! With spirits high we continued the search and drop technique looking for more willing biters. Unfortunately, none were to be found. The rest of the day was spent in shallow water looking for spring calico bass. We found sheepshead, johnny bass, and lots of white fish, but calicos would not cooperate. The ride back to the dock was amazingly quick. The boat fishes six, but four is the perfect number. Equipped with a head and inside seating the Gray Light is a comfortable boat that will see many more gray lights.



## Diamonds in the Valley

One of my favorite sayings is “Don’t take the trip if you don’t enjoy the journey”. This philosophy was put to the test as the author, club members Chas Schoemaker and Dave Permut ventured to Hemet’s Diamond Valley Lake in pursuit of large mouth bass and whatever else would bite. As luck (bad) would have it, a cold front passed thru turning a sunny 85-degree Tuesday into a stormy 55-degree fishing day on Thursday. We boarded guide Mark Franco’s pontoon boat at 7 AM and took off from the marina into a stiff breeze comforted by the five layers of clothing making us look like the Michelin men. The good news was that the wind backed off by mid-morning and the temperature hovered at a comfortable 65 degrees. The bad news was the rapid drop in water temperature put the fish off their bite making for a long day of casting without results. One nice 4-pound 14-ounce bucket mouth inhaled my seinko tied to a 6 pound test fluorocarbon leader, put up a good fight and was brought to the net. Two other bass were landed by Chaz and Dave had a quick release at the boat of a quality fish. That is not much to show for three guys constantly casting for five hours. But hey, it’s the journey not the destination that is important, right? Would I return? Absolutely. The lake offers the opportunity to catch largemouth bass, strippers, trout, blue gills, and catfish depending on the season. Pontoon boat fishing is comfortable and able to reach all areas of the lake. I am looking forward to more journeys in the future.



# Veterans' Fishing Trip - "Game Changer" - April 14, 2021

A few weeks before April 14th, Larry Brown had an opportunity to describe how the LARRC and MDY clubs take veterans fishing to the Game Changer owners (Vicki and Robin Stahl). Vicki and Robin immediately volunteered the Game Changer and Larry coordinated the April 14th trip. We left Point Loma at 5:30 a.m. hoping we'd see yellowtail near the Coronado Islands. Unfortunately, the watercolor was bad and the temperature a little too cold, so we bypassed the islands to bottom fish.

The Game Changer's crew was terrific as they helped us "at the rail" and the galley offerings were plentiful and tasty. As you can see Richard Stone and I are holding many of the Bocaccio caught as well as a sample of other species. The accommodations on the Game Changer are modern, comfortable and excellent for a 6-pack that can be extended for 3-4 days. You can view the boat and learn more of the Game Changer's operation online. For me, it was a very pleasant re-start to fish after missing it for the past 14 months.

The Game Changer's website is: [info@gamechangersportfishingsd.com](mailto:info@gamechangersportfishingsd.com).



## With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Jeffrey Martin Bell, son of our member Phil Bell.

### From Phil Bell:

*Our son Jeffrey Martin Bell passed away on Monday, April 12. His 53rd birthday was April 8, 2021. Chana, his mom Rochelle, her partner Rodney, and I all celebrated his birthday with songs and stories in his hospital room at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Sacramento. Jeffrey loved life and lived life to the fullest. He loved his family, friends, and Camptonville, California, community. He was very generous and was always there for family, friends, and community who needed him. He absolutely loved nature and lived his life in the natural wonder of the forest near Camptonville in Northern California in the Nevada City/Grass Valley area. For me, his legacy is to live life to the fullest, and live each day as if it is your last. We miss you, Jeff, with all our hearts.*

## 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
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- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs • In Memorandum

Your LARRC Foundation is a charitable organization. Donations may be deducted. Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

Information Request and Donations may be addressed to:

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## Health and Happiness

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happiness"

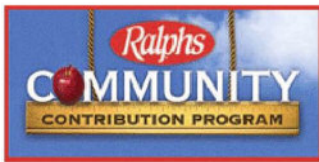
Please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email

([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.

## EARN MONEY

### for LARRC Foundation By Shopping at Ralphs!



Here's How:

**Step #1:** Enroll in the Ralphs Reward Program if you are not currently enrolled.

**Step #2:** Print out this page and take it with you the next time you shop at Ralphs.

**Step #3:** At check-out, have the LARRC barcode swiped by the cashier together with your Ralphs Rewards Card/phone number.

*Notice: The Ralphs LARRC Barcode needs to be swiped only once to link your Rewards Card to LARRC. Future shopping trips will help raise money for LARRC when you use your Ralphs Reward Card at check-out.*

## Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation & AmazonSmile

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## TROPHY CONTENDERS 2021 as of April 30, 2021

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Yellowtail	40	John Ballotti	19	8
<b>MEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Lg. Mouth	4	Steve Simon	3	8
Bass, Lg. Mouth	6	John Ballotti	4	14
<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
White Sea Bass	65	Cathy Needleman	46	7
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	25	0
Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
Trout, Cutthroat		Sophia Huynh	3	Released
<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
<b>WOMEN'S RELEASED</b>				
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
<b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>				
Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2
<b>FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>				

# CHARTERS 2021

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
<b>Jun 19- Jun 26</b>	<b>Royal Star</b> The very best Father's Day celebration. Special gifts for all father/kids together on this trip. Leaves and returns on Saturday - NO traffic.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$2,175 Limit - 24 passengers <b>CALL FOR STANDBY LIST</b>	Contact Tracy 619-224-4764 <a href="mailto:rs@royalstarsportfishing.com">rs@royalstarsportfishing.com</a> <a href="http://www.royalstarsportfishing.com">www.royalstarsportfishing.com</a>
<b>Jun 27- Jul 2</b>	<b>Intrepid - 5 day</b> Prime time for bluefin tuna and of course albacore, if they follow the La Niña pattern. Possible destinations The Ridge and Alijos Rocks. Leaves on a Sunday.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$2,770 Limit - 22 Limited Load <b>CALL FOR STANDBY LIST</b>	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 <a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a>
<b>Jul 17 5am -5pm</b>	<b>Triton - Full Day Private Catalina Charter</b> She is 60' long with a beautiful 20' beam. She boasts a giant 180 scoop bait tank, side scan sonar, large RSW fish hold, 30 bunks, a freshwater maker and all the other necessities to make her a comfortable fish killing machine. Overnight she is licensed for 22 anglers and on day trips licensed to carry 41 anglers. LA Waterfront Sportfishing & Cruises - San Pedro Catalina freelance charter, targeting yellowtail, calico bass barracuda and bonito.	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$183.00 Crew tip included/ Food & fish cleaning extra Limit - 18 Limited Load	Contact Andrew Ratzky <a href="mailto:aratzky@att.net">aratzky@att.net</a> To reserve a spot, make check payable to LARRC and mail to Andrew Ratzky 23297 Park Ensenada Calabasas, CA 91302
<b>Jul 26- Jul 30</b>	<b>Intrepid - 4 day</b> Ultra, ultra limited to 13. Short summer trip for tuna, yellowtail, and dorado. Possible destinations The Ridge and Alijos Rocks.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$2,995 Limit - 13 Limited Load <b>CALL FOR STANDBY LIST</b>	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 <a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a>
<b>Jul 30- Aug 2</b>	<b>Intrepid - 3 day</b> Limited to 23. Short summer trip for tuna, yellowtail, and dorado. Perfect trip to take advantage of the local bluefin and yellowtail.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$1,375 Limit - 23 Limited Load <b>CALL FOR STANDBY LIST</b>	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 <a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a>
<b>Aug 14 5am -5pm</b>	<b>Gail Force - Full Day Private Catalina Charter</b> The Gail Force is 55 feet long and 18 feet wide; Coast Guard inspected and certified for up to 45 passengers. LA Waterfront Sportfishing & Cruises - San Pedro Catalina freelance charter, targeting yellowtail, calico bass barracuda and bonito.	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$184.00 Crew tip included/ Food & fish cleaning extra Limit - 16 Limited Load	Contact Andrew Ratzky <a href="mailto:aratzky@att.net">aratzky@att.net</a> To reserve a spot, make check payable to LARRC and mail to Andrew Ratzky 23297 Park Ensenada Calabasas, CA 91302
<b>Aug 14- Aug 20</b>	<b>Red Rooster III - 6 Day</b> 5 Day Summer time trip for offshore kelp. Yellowfin tuna, dorado, yellowtail and bluefin tuna.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$3,170 Limit - 25 passengers <b>CALL FOR STANDBY LIST</b>	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 <a href="mailto:office@redrooster3.com">office@redrooster3.com</a> <a href="http://www.redrooster3.com">www.redrooster3.com</a>
<b>Aug 31- Sep 5</b>	<b>Red Rooster III - 5 Day</b> 5 Day Summer time offshore trip. Yellowfin tuna, dorado, yellowtail and bluefin tuna. Guadalupe Island is an option.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$2,560 Limit - 25 passengers	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 <a href="mailto:office@redrooster3.com">office@redrooster3.com</a> <a href="http://www.redrooster3.com">www.redrooster3.com</a>



## CHARTERS 2021

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Oct 2- Oct 9	<b>Royal Star - 7 Day</b> Ultra limited load. Leaves and returns on a Saturday. Guadalupe Island for cow, bluefin fishing are options on the same trip.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: \$3,695 Limit - 20 passengers <b>CALL FOR STANDBY LIST</b>	Contact Tracy 619-224-4764 <a href="mailto:rs@royalstarsportfishing.com">rs@royalstarsportfishing.com</a> <a href="http://www.royalstarsportfishing.com">www.royalstarsportfishing.com</a>
Oct 30- Nov 9	<b>Intrepid - 10 day</b> Limited to 22. Perfect variety trip to the Ridge and/or Alijos Roacks for tuna, dorado, wahoo, yellowtail and giant tuna at Hurricane Bank, Buffer Zone or PV.	<b>SOLD OUT</b> Cost: CALL FOR PRICE Limit - 22 Limited Load <b>CALL FOR STANDBY LIST</b>	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 <a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a>

## CHARTERS 2022

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Feb 8- Feb 24	<b>Red Rooster III</b> 16/13 (Option to fly home from Cabo San Lucas) Targeting cow tuna at possible destinations such as Hurricane Bank, Buffer Zone, or PV	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: TBD, Call for price Limit - 23 passengers	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 <a href="mailto:office@redrooster3.com">office@redrooster3.com</a> <a href="http://www.redrooster3.com">www.redrooster3.com</a>
<b>NOTE:</b> LARRC members signing up for club charters are obligated to pay full fare in the event they cannot make the trip. The club will attempt to fill your space and you may try to do the same in a timely manner. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunks are assigned by the charter master in order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.			
Contact Andrew Ratzky - <a href="mailto:Aratzky@att.net">Aratzky@att.net</a> LARRC Club Charters in BLUE Larry Brown Charters in GREEN Larry Brown/LARRC shared Charter in ORANGE			

## CALENDAR

Board Meeting

May 17, 2021

Held via Zoom

Dinner Meeting

May 24, 2021

Social Hour 6:30 ~ Meeting 7:00

Held via Zoom



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