



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean OCTOBER 2021

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

JASON DIAMOND, OWNER/OPERATOR M/V STARDUST AND CORAL SEA

The major league baseball teams are in the playoffs, the NFL football season has begun and we have an all-star sport fishing captain that will be joining us at this month's dinner meeting. Jason Diamond is the owner-operator of M/V Stardust and Coral Sea that operate out of Santa Barbara. Jason grew up on the fishing boats in San Diego. In 1996 he purchased the Stardust and the Coral Sea in 2015. He is known for ensuring that his anglers have a great time, no matter what the fishing conditions are. But more importantly he is known for



getting his anglers on the fish! Jason will be discussing rockfish, lingcod and white seabass, megabait style jigs, plastics/swim baits, trap rigs, white seabass rigs and more. Have some line handy if you want to work along with Jason during his demonstrations.

If he weren't busy enough with his business and family, it's worth mentioning that he is on the Board of Directors for SAC and a lifetime member of CCA. It's going to be another informative meeting. PLEASE IOIN US.

Jason Diamond Monday, October 25 at 7:00 PM on ZOOM

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

The big news this month is the spill of more than 126,000 gallons of crude oil into Orange County coastal waters. Within a few days the slick expanded to over 8,000 acres, larger than the size of Santa Monica. Oil as well as dead fish and wildlife reached the shores of Newport Beach and Huntington Beach and clean-up crews raced to protect coastal wetlands. It's a reminder to me that even though our oceans seem vast and impenetrable, they remain vulnerable and at risk of human exploitation. Our favorite past time, recreational fishing, depends on a healthy resilient ocean. So, sometimes, I'll ask you all to sit up, pay attention, and get involved in an issue, like removing drift gillnets, or protecting coastal habitats, in order to protect the wild world we share. Thanks for caring with me.

- ♦ Senate Passes Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act Unanimously, Again If signed into law, S.273 would phase out the use of large-scale drift gillnets nationwide and promote the adoption of cleaner fishing gear that reduces the incidental catch of marine wildlife. Drift gillnets catch many unwanted bycatch species including sharks, humpback whales and endangered sea turtles. Now, it's up to the House of Representatives to pass this legislation supported by recreational fishermen, ocean conservationists and animal rights activists. Identical legislation passed the Senate and House last year before being vetoed by President Trump. https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=64C7F18E-3F42-4333-9200-B0AEBEB4B111&fbclid=IwAR1yWcQxze9mqQKCHy1p4DOH0vMwfmd6hyHVeamCFDuhh7KxjsdMr3XTVII
- ♦ Scientists Call for Moratorium on Ocean Mining, Fearing Impact on Pacific Tuna Fishery Around 500 scientists from 44 countries have signed a letter urging a moratorium on ocean mining, an activity that researchers say could be adversely affect fisheries, in particular deep-sea catches like tuna. Mining can generate large sediment plumes, often laced with toxins, that smother marine life, including commercially and recreationally important fish, marine mammals, and algae, such as kelp. The plumes can travel long distances on tides or currents, putting beaches and tide pools at risk. While Oregon and Washington have prohibited seabed mining in state waters, California has not. https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/scientists-call-for-moratorium-on-ocean-mining-as-time-to-make-rules-runs-short

- ♦ Nearly Half of U.S. Coastal Marshes Are Vulnerable to Sea Level Rise, Study Finds Tidal wetlands are vitally important ecosystems that provide food, host fishery stocks, store carbon and protect coasts from storm surges. They are also extremely vulnerable to sea level rise. In fact, a study published in Earth's Future recently found that 43 to 48 percent of the tidal wetlands along the coastal U.S. were vulnerable to inundation by 2100. Further, that vulnerability is heavily influenced by where they are located. https://www.ecowatch.com/coastal-marshes-sea-level-rise-us-2654933366.html
- ♦ More Than One-Third of the World's Shark and Ray Species are Now Facing the Threat of Extinction The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has updated its Red List of Threatened Species prompted by new research that analyzed nearly 1,200 species; 37 percent were considered to be "vulnerable," "endangered" or "critically endangered." The widespread depletion of these fishes, particularly sharks and rays, jeopardizes the health of entire ocean ecosystems and food security for many nations around the globe. https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smartnews/more-one-third-shark-species-are-threatened-extinction-180978602/
- ♦ Biden Admin will Seek to Reinstate Permanent Protections for Bristol Bay The EPA will resume its effort to indefinitely block the Pebble Mine in Alaska. This is a pivotal moment for Bristol Bay fishermen who have fought for decades to permanently protect Bristol Bay, the thriving commercial and recreational fisheries and the coastal communities. https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/biden-admin-will-seek-reinstate-permanent-protections/7715343

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Don't Sink Sportfishing

State Regulations Will Threaten Family-Owned Sportfishing Boats

Write to Governor Newsom: Save Sportfishing Boats!!

Even though California's sportfishing and ocean industry has not fully recovered from the economic hardship of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom's Administration has proposed new engine regulations that completely disregard the lack of existing technology and economic feasibility.

REGULATIONS MARK THE END OF FAMILY-ORIENTED SPORTFISHING

- Cost-prohibitive regulations will put many family-owned sportfishing and whale watching boats out of business within 3-6 years.
- Will substantially increase the price of passenger tickets, limiting access to sportfishing.
- Threatens jobs dependent on outdoor recreation.

When the state mandates new air quality or fuel standards for automobiles, regulations apply to future production and often, many years into the future. However, in the case of harbor boats, the California Air Resources Board is requiring boat owners to replace or significantly modify existing engines as soon as 2023.

Write to Governor Newsom and your State Representatives to voice your concerns about these new regulations.

Check out www.savefishing.com to learn more.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

October 18, 2021

7:00PM

Held via conference call

Dinner Meeting

October 25, 2021 Social Hour 6:30 ~ Meeting 7:00

Virtual Meeting - watch for email with login information

GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNS AB817 INTO LAW!

AB 817 Brings a True 365 day fishing license and Mobile Application to California

California Governor Gavin Newsom has signed Assembly Bill 817, first introduced by Assembly member Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa), which is set out to transition California's calendar-based fishing license to one that is valid for 365 days from the date of purchase. The bill also includes a mobile application designed to make fishing easier, more accessible, and an electronic fishing license.

"It's time for California to abandon its antiquated fishing license sales system," Wood said. "Modernizing this to a full 365-day license from the date of purchase will encourage more Californians to fish and increase fishing license revenues that fund critical state fishing and conservation programs."

"Prior to 2020, annual license sales had experienced a decline starting in 1980 to the tune of 55 percent, while the state's population has increased over 60 percent since that time, Wood said. 'In 2020, California fishing license sales spiked upward due to increased participation in angling activities brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, but the long-term trend is still downward."

Before getting to Governor Newsom's desk, the California State Senate and Assembly passed Assembly Bill 817 with unanimous votes, and the Coastal Conservation Association of California (CCA CAL) served as the bill sponsor for AB 817. This victory for all anglers had failed on 9 previous attempts by others. This is something that the entire sportfishing industry has been asking for a long time.

"The anglers of California have been asking to get the full value out of their purchase of a fishing license forever." said Wayne Kotow, Executive Director for CCA CAL. "We finally can see success for the efforts of so many who have tried to accomplish this task over the years. The anglers of CA deserve this along with the option to display their license electronically and have auto-renewal available."

Under the bill's language the 365-day license versus a calendar license and electronic display option would go into effect on or before January 1, 2023. The auto-renewal option has already been rolled out in 2020 and the funding for the electronic fishing license is included in this year's budget.

California's sport fishing license remains among the costliest in the country and 110 percent over the national average. California's 1 million recreational anglers contribute over \$4.6 billion annually to California's economy, a major contributor to outdoor tourism and jobs.

LARRC Foundation Covid Guidelines

Adopted June 23, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation discussed Covid-19, and policies and procedures to ensure the health and safety of our members, volunteers, and participants at a recent Foundation meeting.

The following guideline were discussed at length by the trustees, and unanimously approved by the trustees.

"For any and all events that the Foundation pays for in whole or in part, all participants, both members and nonmembers, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Prior to entry to the event, the participant must show proof of vaccination either by digital record or physical vaccination card. This Foundation policy will remain in effect until amended or rescinded."

As the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state laws change, the Foundation will review this policy.

LARRY BROWN'S ROYAL STAR HERO'S AWARD SEVEN-DAY TRIP

June 19 2021 to June 26, 2021

By Joel Steinman

Keith Moret from the Marina Del Rey fishing club and I were the hero award recipients for the trip.

We left the bait receivers on Saturday afternoon and went about 30 miles south to catch Bluefin Tuna. Keith and I did not get a bite until Monday morning. I was handed one and then caught 3 more on my own. Tuesday was a driving south day and Larry held the raffles. One of his sponsors is JRI jigs. I got a yellow banana DW-I jig. On Wednesday I boated 24 fish (Calico Bass, Sand Bass, Barracuda and Bonita combination). I got three halibut later in the day. This is the best jig I have ever used.

On Thursday I caught eleven of the same combo plus four yellowtail on that jig. Later that day we headed home.

It was a great trip; the food was very good and the crew and captain did a great job.

There was a great bunch of guys on the boat and Larry does a great job putting on these trips.









SMALLMOUTH BASS AND MORE

By John Ballotti

Having our Canadian fly-in trip canceled due to Covid-19, Joel Steinman and I started looking for an alternative to give us the needed fishing fix. While Joel has caught numerous smallmouth bass in Oregon, he had the itch to land a trophy smallmouth of 5 pounds. Having never caught a smallmouth, I thought this was a worthy challenge.

As expected, an Internet search of the best places to catch trophy smallmouth bass in the USA revealed numerous top ten lists with many different places cited to be "the best". To narrow the search, I looked for a common denominator, one location that appeared on most of the lists. Sometimes it was number I, sometimes 3, and sometimes



10, but Door County, Wisconsin was the only location that made it onto all the lists of the best places to catch smallmouth bass.

Finding a guide from the Internet is always risky business. I prefer a referral, but not knowing anyone in the area, this was not possible. A search of Door County smallmouth bass guides

First and largest smallmouth of the trip turned up several, but one stood out. Wacky Walleye Guide Service in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. With a name like that, you have to be good to stay in business. Besides the good reviews (every guide service has them) Wacky Walleye offered two important advantages; i) a combination lodging / fishing package and ii) a 10 hour combination smallmouth / muskie trip. Joel and I have never caught a muskie and here was our chance to do so.

Flying into Green Bay, Wisconsin and driving an hour north on the Door County peninsula we arrived at the Sand Bay Beach Resort as night fell before our first fishing day. Wind was our constant companion for this trip. It disrupted the feeding patterns of the smallmouth and resulted in tough fishing conditions.

Day I, after many hours of Joel throwing a paddle tail swim bait and me throwing a crank bait for nothing, I suggested to Joel that we switch rods to see if that would change our luck. Sure enough, two casts later the largest smallmouth of the trip (4 Lbs 4 oz) hit the paddle tail I was



Old Glory was at attention for most of the trip

throwing. Needless to say it was the last cast I made with that lure as Joel reclaimed it. A few more bass came aboard and were released.

Day 2 saw a break in the break in the wind and this was our chance to try for muskie. Trolling is the go-to method and believe it or not our guide trolled 8 lines on his 21-foot Nitro using plainer boards to spread out the lines. Muskie lived up to their reputation of being elusive as 5 hours of trolling was for naught. The guide trailered the boat and



Another quality smallmouth

headed off to the smallmouth areas. The afternoon resulted in a few more smallmouth. The guide was determined to get us a muskie. He put out the trolling lines in an area he



Joel got his personal best smallmouth

thought would be holding fish. About an hour later, while I was napping I heard the clicker go off on one of the rods. Joel took the rod and the guide went to work clearing the other three lines on that side of the boat. Reeling in the fish still attached to the plainer board was a bit anticlimactic but once the board was unclipped, off went the fish. Finally coming to net, the fish turned out to be a northern pike. No muskie,

SMALLMOUTH BASS AND MORE CON'T

Joel had to settle for a 35 inch 15 pound northern. Then the fun began, while clearing the lines and fighting the fish, the boat drifted over the other 4 trolling lines still in the water. There were lines, plainer boards, and lures wrapped around the trolling motor and main engine like macrame. After cutting everything free the guide called it a day.

Day 3, the wind returned with a vengeance. Blowing 20 to 25 knots on the shallow waters of the Bay, the wind whipped up some mighty wind waves and white caps. Trying to find a place to fish, we scouted both sides of the peninsula; Lake Michigan proper and Green Bay. There were some sheltered Bays we could fish but getting to them from the launch



Joel with his Northern Pike

ramp was jarring. The day was a testament to fishing and not catching.

All in all it was a good trip. Door County is very picturesque with farms, orchards, and abundant wildlife. It is definitely on our return and try again list.



Four trolling rods each side of the boat



A Gobi - forage fish for smallmouth and Muskie

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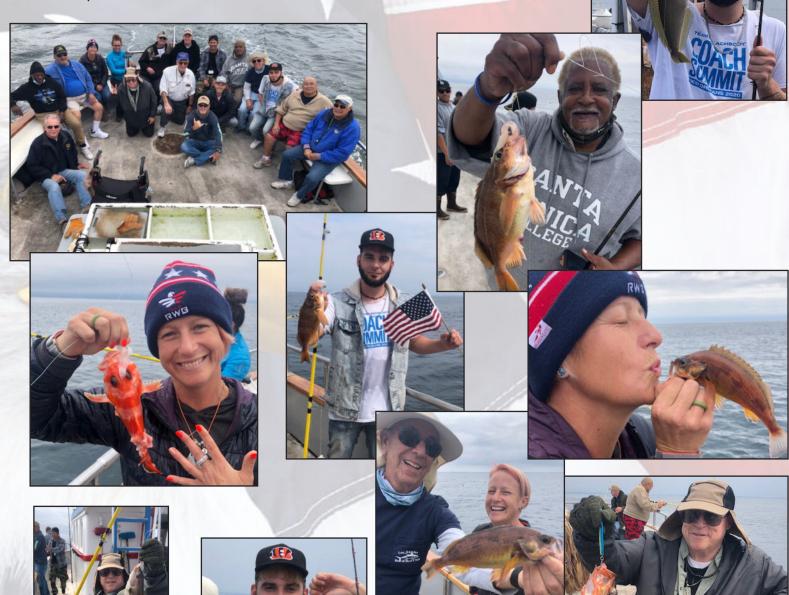
VETERANS FISHING TRIP

By Steve Simon

Everyone had a great trip. The weather was excellent; not too cold, not too hot and flats seas no wind! Everyone caught fish and had big smiles.

We had the following LARRC volunteers: Steve Simon, Andy MacDonald, Dave Morgan, Ron Glider, Joe Mahfet and Mike Godfrey.

Our next trip is November 4th.



GLIDER'S ANNUAL TUNA TRIP

By Ron Glider

The tuna trip "began" on the Ironclad in August, 2021 with my son and grandson. It was windy and extremely bumpy (the mate became seasick!), but my 10-year-old grandson, Carson, caught the only fish that day, a yellowtail. Since it was his first yellowtail, he ate the heart. No tuna were caught that day, so I promised Carson that I would take him out again in September. Since the conditions and the mate were under the weather, Captain Frank graciously extended a discount on the September trip.

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We booked the Ironclad, again, out of Seaforth Landing in San Diego on September 28th. The conditions and weather were ideal. The ocean was as smooth as a lake. Of course, with tuna fishing you're chasing the fish most of the time. Around mid-afternoon, we had only two fish boated, both by Carson. On the way in, around 3:00 P.M., Captain Frank spot-

ted a promising paddy from up in the tower. He slowed down to a stop, and asked us to throw some bait out. As soon as the bait hit the water, they were inhaled by yellowfin tuna, and the bite was on! We were hooked-up three, four, five at a time for the next three hours. We were supposed to return to the dock by 6:00 P.M., but neither Captain Frank nor we wanted to leave while the bite was on. We fished until it became dark, then began the three-hour trip back to the dock. We arrived at the dock around 9:00 P.M., exhausted but exhilarated.

Our fish count was 8 yellowfin, I blue fin, I dorado (each weighing 25-40 lbs.) and 6 skipjack. We probably lost 15 to 20 fish. We were using 25 lb. fluorocarbon leader with #2 hooks and 50 lb. braid. Hence, the bigger fish broke off.

I cannot say enough about Captain Frank and his new mate. They worked extremely hard trying to get us on fish. When they finally did, Captain Frank and his mate worked even harder getting our fish on board. They even went up to the bow with Carson and my son, Theo, when the fish ran that way. We can't wait for our 3rd annual Glider tuna trip with Captain Frank on the Ironclad. I would highly recommend Captain Frank Pitetti and the Ironclad (858-324-8801).



rock fish since they have never done this fishing before!

Friday, Jim went to Homer, Jon and Debbie hungout and Mike, Kevin and I went on the Kraken again with Josh. Our

goal for the day was halibut and man we got them!!! We had a fantastic day fishing and amazing weather.

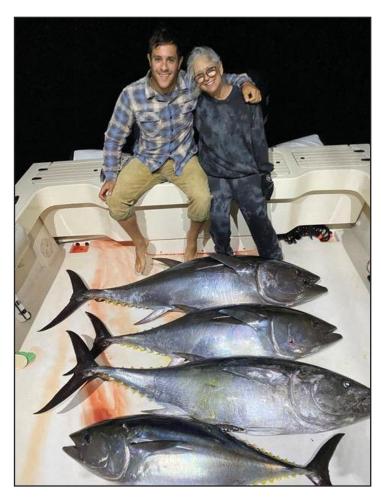
So that covers the fishing part. The hospitality and meals I can't even begin to explain how incredible it all was. Vivian

and Crystal handle all the drinks, food serving and planning of the days. These ladies are awe-

some. Every day we come back from fishing and Crystal is waiting there with your welcome back cocktail and warm towel. Then happy hour at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. It was just incredible and I am sure I am missing a bunch of stuff that would just blow your

mind. Kevin loved it so much that we are going back in June of 2023, gives us time to save up and get our 12 people together!!!





Mother (Cathy Needleman) and son (Matthew) with their bluefin cocktail hour bight

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



Sophia Huynh with her yellowtail of a lifetime. She caught it on a dropperloop with a large scad on 100lb Izorline mono and Seeker Rods 2x4 and Makaira 20. This beauty weighed in at 68.7lbs!



Members Wendy Tochihara and Sophia Huynh with their nighttime bluefin tuna aboard the Searcher. This trip was the annual Lady Angler Searcher Special in August sponsored by Izorline, Turner Outdoorsman and Seeker Rods.

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Nov 9	Limited to 22. Perfect variety trip to the Ridge and/or	Cost: CALL FOR PRICE	Contact Steve
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Feb 8-	Red Rooster III	OPEN	
Feb 24	16/13 (Option to fly home from Cabo San Lucas)	Cost: TBD, Call for price	Contact Maria
	Targeting cow tuna at possible destinations such as	Limit - 23 passengers	619-224-3857
	Hurricane Bank, Buffer Zone, or PV		office@redrooster3.com

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