

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean MARCH 2023

LARRC DINNER MEETING

ROBBY GANT, AFTCO TACKLE BRAND MANAGER

Robby is a native Californian from Orange County. He worked at Bob's Bait and Tackle in the mid 1990's and then spent the next 20 years working for Shimano where he specialized in product development, West Coast regional sales manager and senior sales manager. In 2019 he joined the AFTCO family as manager of the tackle division.

Robby will be discussing the new AFTCO tackle and clothing in addition to a seminar on fish care. A meeting not to be missed!!!!!!



Pictured - Robby Gant (right) with Bill Shedd

**Dinner Meeting
March 27, 2023**

Guest Speaker Robby Gant with AFTCO

**Lulu's Restaurant - 16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406
Social Hour 5:30pm • Dinner 7:00pm**

Honoring Lady Anglers - Women's History Month

By Larry Brown

Larry is a well known and popular charter master on long range boats. For his charters look at the schedules for the Royal Star, Intrepid and Red Rooster 3. He has over 20 sponsors and his raffles are known to be among the best and most abundant in the industry.

For the guys who believe fishing is a man sport, it's time to stop your delusion. Ladies who love the smell and feel of the fresh ocean, sunrises and sunsets, National Geographic scenery, wildlife and experience, gourmet cuisine, comfortable lodgings, dotting 5-Star service and fresh, pristine seafood for your table and freezer will love multi-day and long range fishing. Picture no cooking meals, no dirty dishes, and your every need being catered to. Long range lady anglers already know what I'm talking about.

I fish with a lot of lady anglers. We are all "fishermen." Linda Greenlaw from the Perfect Storm and The Hungry Ocean makes it quite clear. She states, "Fisherman is a gender free term, defined as "one who fishes," and she's one of the best. Lady fishermen are very welcome on every San Diego long range boat. The captains love them, the crews



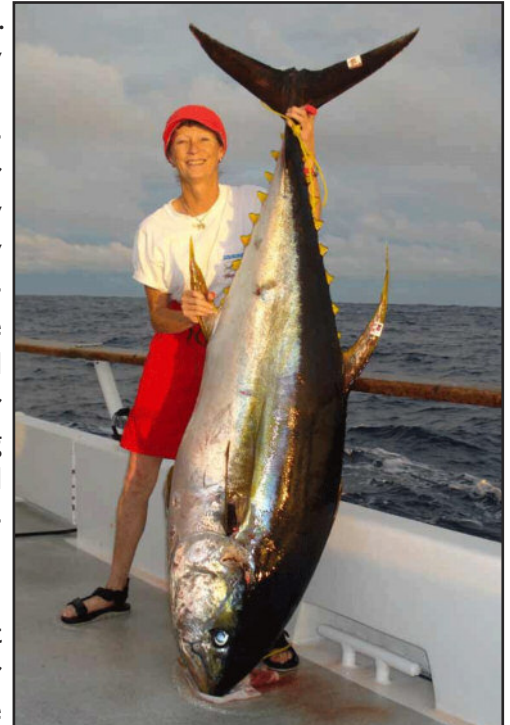
dote on them and most of their fellow anglers love and respect them, except for a few remaining Neanderthals, who hopefully avoid my charters anyway. Most of the lady anglers end up catching as many or more fish than their male counterparts. Even first timer lady anglers do as well or better than veteran male anglers because they arrive with no pre-conceived notions and bad habits of using the same wrong techniques and knots many of the guys have been

using for 30 years. They listen carefully to the professional crew and other expert anglers eager to help. The crew go out of their way to help all new anglers and really love helping ladies and kids with their mentoring, selecting baits, casting, and hooking and handing them fish.

Having ladies on the boat makes it more pleasant for everybody. The

guys tend to act a little more civilized - from their language, rail etiquette and bathroom etiquette. I've had solo ladies join us as well as couples and in nearly every case I can remember the ladies having as much fun or more than the guys. It's great to see husbands and wives, boyfriends and girl friends, Moms or grandmas and their kids all fishing together, all rooting for each other, sometimes competing with each other but always high fiving and yelling praise for one another.

Ladies should not be intimidated by the size and strength of the powerful game fish we target and catch on these long range trips. I have seen 100 pound, 5' ladies catch 200# tuna and 6' wahoo just as effectively as the guys. Most of the fish on the shorter multi-day trips, 3 - 7 days are 20 - 40 pounds and easily subdued by any lady (or pre-teen), once handed the right gear and shown the right techniques. The new technology rail rods and 2-speed reels are a great equalizer. Plus, the crew seems to be everywhere helping everyone, on a one-on-one basis. If you need help, it is right there. Frequently, I see wives and girl friends catching more and bigger fish than their guys, due to a combination of skill, luck and abundant help from the crew and others. By dear friend Norin Grancell is a very good angler, but frequently





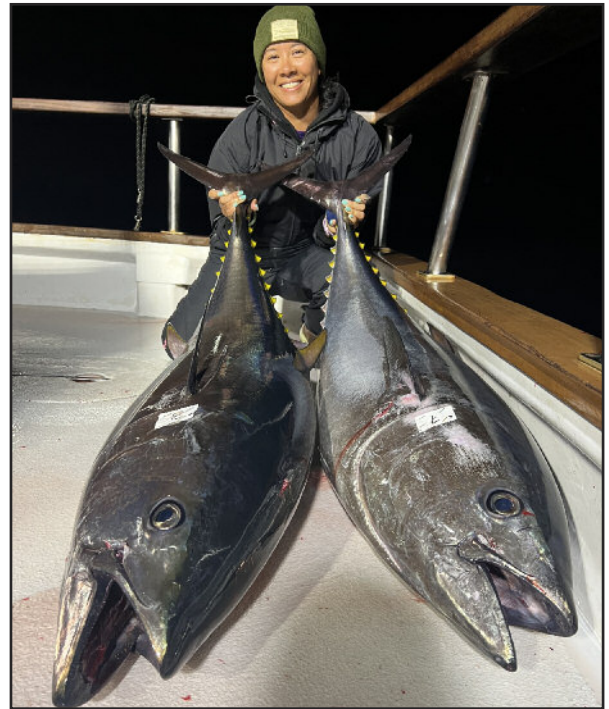
glers come from all over the world with just their clothes and toiletries and no fishing gear. They catch plenty of fish and have a blast.

Getting started is easy. Take a look at the websites for Fishermans Landing, Point Loma Sportfishing and H&M Landing. Go to their Long Range Boats sections and click on the boats and schedules for each of the boats. Call the boats' reservation numbers and ask them which trips would be the "most fun and accommodating for ladies." It's as easy as making tea – just add water and you are ready to go. You may board as a newbie, but you will likely leave as a pro.

Larry Brown, Playa Del Rey, larrybrownxx@gmail.com

Nona, his dear wife, outperforms him, and I love it. So does he.

Young girls and new lady anglers also have many great women anglers at the top of their field who are as competent and accomplished as the best male anglers. There is plenty of inspiration and many ladies to whom our newbie's can aspire; Jan Howard, Joyce Corrigan, Kathy Rounds, and Cathy Needleman just to name a few. There were four ladies on my last Red Rooster 5-day trip and when all four were bendo at the same time I started belting out a slight variant of the Alicia Keys song, "These Girls are on Fire." If you are new to the sport and don't yet have the fishing gear for a long range trip, no worries. Nearly every long range boat has excellent "loaner gear" which they will provide, frequently for zero cost. The boats also have all the hooks, line, weights and lures that you will need. I have an-



I started ocean fishing for rockfish in the Channel Islands 8 years ago. I got brave and signed up for a 6.5 day trip about 6 years ago. Now I'm addicted. On that first trip I had no idea what to pack or what gear to bring and when we stepped on the boat we were so excited and nervous. The captain, crew and other passengers really showed us what to do.

I love long-range fishing for so many reasons; I only unpack once, the food is gourmet with fresh baked bread everyday and the best part is I don't have to cook or clean up! On multi-day trips there is no stress about catching the first day. You can fish as much or as little as you want. Some days I just take pictures of the amazing scenery, wildlife or fishing frenzy going on. Most days I fish from morning to night and am exhausted when its dinnertime. I did my first 10 day last year and caught my first wahoo. That was a rush! This year I am on Larry Brown's Intrepid 10 day in November. If you love to fish and would like more fishing time and greater variety, you must go on a long-range trip!

~Sophia Huynh, West Hills, CA



Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

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PlaceHansen Dam Aquatic Center (Fish Pond) Lake View Terrace

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

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Charles MaClay

(All these students are special needs)

This will be the 19th year that we have taken these schools for the annual fishing derby for their students.

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

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

Contact Steve Simon- simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

◆ **UN delegates reach historic agreement on protecting marine biodiversity in international waters** - On Saturday, March 4, world leaders agreed on a treaty to protect the high seas. The accord reached by the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction establishes a mechanism for sharing the benefits of scientific discoveries from marine life, enforces environmental impact assessments for new human activities in international waters and makes it possible to create protected areas in the open ocean. This could lead to the protection of 30 percent of international waters. - I know many recreational fishermen in California are concerned that California's work to protect 30 percent of its water and land could lead to restrictions on recreational fishing access. The high seas agreement may allow for restrictions on industrial commercial fishing in high seas habitat areas such as spawning grounds and juvenile nurseries. Let me know if you have thoughts about how the international agreement can benefit our recreational fisheries, especially for highly migratory species, without restricting access.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/03/1134157>

◆ **Unsettled Pacific Ocean Offers Surprises as Climate Change Alters Ecosystem - New Ecosystem Status Report Cites Shakeup of Familiar Ecological Relationships** - Ecological relationships across the Pacific Coast that once guided annual expectations such as salmon returns are evolving as climate change disrupts long-standing connections. NOAA Fisheries researchers report these findings in their latest Ecosystem Status Report for the California Current Ecosystem. Robust climate indices like the Pacific Decadal Oscillation and Oceanic Niño Index predicted cold and productive ocean conditions for salmon and other species throughout 2022. However, weakened upwelling and local intrusions of warmer water resulted in poor productivity and warmer-than-normal coastal conditions in the latter half of the year. For example, the warm waters fueled an outbreak of toxic algae that poisoned California sea lions near Santa Barbara in August. It kept some beaches closed to clamming as far north as Washington. The disconnect between the oceanographic predictions and observed conditions have raised further concerns about the region's preparedness in the face of climate change. "We have seen profound changes underway in the last decade that have altered these relationships unlike anything we have seen in the historical record," said Nate Mantua, landscape and seascape ecology leader at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in Santa Cruz.

https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/unsettled-pacific-ocean-offers-surprises-climate-change-alters-ecosystem?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

◆ **Tuna Species Productivity and Size May Decrease Due to Climate Changes** - Understanding how climate change and fishing pressure affect major commercial species productivity and body size is key to being able to adapt and ensure the future sustainability of the fisheries.

In this context, a team from Spain's Ciencia y tecnología marina y alimentaria (AZTI) has coordinated a study, published in *Global and Planetary Change*, in which the projections in tuna species and swordfish productivity and body size in the future under different climatic and fishing scenarios have been analyzed. A model that includes many mechanisms that represent the population dynamics of different species and the competition between them has been used for this purpose.

The study concludes that climate change and fishing pressure will affect main commercial tuna species and swordfish productivity in the future. On average, analyzed stocks are projected to decrease their global potential productivity by 36% by 2050. The results suggest that high trophic level species will be more impacted by climate change than by fishing pressure under the assumption that they remain close to their maximum sustainable yield levels, or current fishing pressure. "Only the Pacific bluefin shows a slight increase in the future. Five species, Atlantic and Southern bluefins, swordfish, bigeye, and albacore are estimated to decrease in biomass and size at different rates" says Erauskin-Extramiana. <https://thefishingwire.com/tuna-species-productivity-and-size-may-decrease-due-to-climate-change/>

◆ **Laguna Beach Bans Balloons to Protect Marine Life and Help Prevent Wildfires** - The Laguna Beach, California city council has voted to ban the sale and public use of balloons — inflated with helium or not — in order to stop a major source of marine trash and reduce the risk of wildfires. Starting next year, all balloons in the community of 23,000 will be prohibited from being used on public property or at city events, with fines of up to \$500 for violators. Surfrider Foundation sees a trend to get rid of balloons that cause entanglements with turtles and other marine creatures, similar to the phasing out of single-use plastic bags. <https://www.ecowatch.com/laguna-beach-balloon-ban.html>

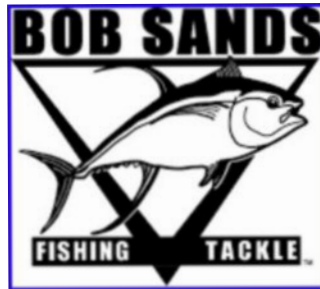
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◆ **NOAA extends deadline for nations seeking to validate marine mammal bycatch criteria** - NOAA Fisheries extended the deadline to evaluate applications from nations seeking to prove their fishing practices meet U.S. standards for marine mammal bycatch. Nations wishing to send wild-caught seafood products to the U.S. need a comparability finding for commercial fishing operations. Provisions contained within the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) require fisheries outside the U.S. to meet the U.S. standards on conserving marine mammals. <https://www.seafood-source.com/news/supply-trade/noaa-extends-deadline-for-nations-seeking-to-validate-marine-mammal-bycatch-criteria>

◆ **The Cost of Killing Tiny Fish** - In the Atlantic, recreational anglers want a strong supply of Atlantic striped bass. They say that means protecting the tiny menhaden too. The connection between predator and prey has sparked an epic battle between recreational fishermen and the commercial menhaden purse seine fishery that catches and reduces this keystone species into fish meal and fish oil. Such a strong predator prey story may not play out in Southern California waters, but highlights the importance of our tiny fish for a healthy ocean ecosystem and recreational opportunities. <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2023/02/net-spill-menhaden-fishing-stripped-bass/673022/>



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Every Minute Counts

By Larry Brown

A fishing trip is not just about catching fish. It is time to enjoy the beautiful ocean, great friendships, gorgeous sun rises and sunsets, relaxation, great food and possibly an opportunity to catch some fish. That said, every minute you are not in the water is a potential lost opportunity. That was demonstrated in spades during the last two seasons of big bluefin tuna fishing.

I'll offer two examples from recent trips on the Royal Star and Intrepid, respectively.

Captain Brian Sims on the Royal Star decides to dedicate the last day and a half of a 7 day trip to target trophy bluefin tuna. The evening before we are to reach the grounds he reviews his game plan. We will arrive at our target destination around 2am. He will try to locate and shut down on a school of biggies and hope they stay with us until morning. We go to bed with anxious and positive thoughts for the day ahead of us. I'm in a deep sleep but feel the boat slow down and immediately check the time, 12 midnight – too early??? I feel the boat turn in the swell. This would only happen if he sees something. My pants, jacket and boots are on in less than 30 seconds as I vault up the stairs and up to the wheel house to check the meter. I don't have to ask. The screen is red. We are on top of a 100 ton school of large bluefin tuna. They are bunched at 30 – 40 fathoms.

I run downstairs and drop my Nomad Buffalo 320 gram jig over the side to my 200' marker, put it in gear and turn the handle once and I'm on. At first he just shakes his head violently and then decides to scream to the surface and out 300 yards. I'm on my new Phenix Axis 800 x3h proto-type rail rod, Avet 50 - 3 Speed, loaded with 130# Izorline spectra and a 150# top shot and 300# leader, so I know nothing is going to break. I have 35# drag on the beast which I increase to 40# when he is straight up and down. Fifteen minutes later the gaffs subdue my bluefin tuna, later taped at 235lbs. They want photos but I'm back in the water. Every minute counts. Only 8 other anglers woke up for the event. A couple more fish are landed. A few guys go back to sleep after jigging for nothing for 15 minutes. I stayed up and got my second large BFT of the night in the first hour of fishing. Every minute counts.

My second example is from my 10 day Fall Intrepid trip. Captain Sam decided to spend the last day on the local bluefin grounds. He gave us an ETA of 4AM. Once again I felt the engines slow down and the boat pitch as he circled on what I hoped was a school of bluefin tuna. My phone

showed 3AM. Hum? I shot out of bed and raced to the wheelhouse. Sam metered a couple of big marks on the sonar. As I was running out of the wheel house I asked how deep. He said 60 fathoms – crap, that's deep. I wonder if they will react. I drop my Buffalo jig about 10 seconds past my 300' marker. I reel up 10 turns and drop again. I repeat and the third drop it feels like it hits the bottom of the ocean, but I know we are in thousands of feet of water and the only obstacle between me and the ocean floor is a tuna's mouth. I instantly put my reel in gear and wind tight. I'm on! I'm the only one on deck. Sam joins me and then a couple of other anglers and another crew member. I had set up my roommate with the right gear and jig and told him to hurry on deck as soon as we stopped. I was fighting my tuna when he dropped his jig which was immediately nailed between his 300 and 400' markers. These fish were both brought to gaff and taped out at 277lbs and 260lbs, respectively. A couple of other big fish were hooked and lost. I hooked and landed another 80lb fish. We continued dropping for another half hour for naught. I went up to the wheelhouse and the screen was blank. I relaxed in the wheelhouse watching the sonar hoping they would reappear but they didn't and I decided to get some sleep.

Around 3:30am I heard the engines start meaning Captain Sam was hunting for another school. I dozed back to sleep but was awoken by the same feel of the engines stopping and the boat changing pitch. 4AM. Again, I was on deck in a flash and saw a deckhand running down the stairs. He



blurped we were on a big school. I dropped my jig near the bow so I could be in communication with the captain through open door to the bridge. I yelled – “how deep?” 40 fathoms. Once again I drop my Buffalo to my 300’ marker, put it in gear and wind up about 15 turns when a fish inhales my jig, shakes violently and begins a run which I think may not stop. It does. This fish goes 175lbs. My next one several drops later is another 80lb class fish. Now several guys are up and we land another dozen big tuna before dawn and the bite shuts off. More than half the anglers chose to sleep through the announcement on the loud speaker. We caught a few school size tuna the next day but no more giants. Some of the guys who missed the bite were upset, but we all knew the same thing. We knew the game plan and we knew you can’t get bit in your bunk or the galley.

So, the moral to the story is every minute counts. Sleep is important. Relaxation is important. Cocktail hour is im-

portant. Dinner is important. Blah, blah, blah. But if the boat is stopped and the captain is fishing, every minute out of the water is a potential lost opportunity. I need my sleep as much as anybody. When we are moving or during the doldrums of a very slow, zero conditions period I will grab a catnap in my bunk. When fishing big tuna my default is to assume the fish will be active pre-dawn and after dinner and try dropping a jig. If I have to pee in the middle of the night and we are drifting I will frequently go upstairs and check the sonar and try a jig if I see marks. But that’s just me. I also totally get and totally respect my buddies who thoroughly enjoy the totality of long range fishing including the time de-stressing in the galley, reading a good book, enjoying a great Scotch or wine with friends, a gourmet dinner and last but not least a great night’s sleep on a gently rocking boat. But we all must acknowledge to hook a fish you must be in the water and every minute may count.

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MOVING FORWARD... LOOKING BACKWARDS

By Barry Cohn
Club Member Since 2001 • Past President 2012

What is blue and gold and spends all its time in the water? No, not the UCLA swim team. Here is another hint—What is also green and silver and is delicious? You got it this time.....

DORADO!!!

Also known as Dolphin Fish and Mahi Mahi, they are fast, strong, great fighters and jump like crazy.

Several years ago, I caught a 30 pounder in Cabo San Lucas. A nice size Dorado but no giant. Fast forward to 2019, club member Norm Weinstock and I traveled to the world-famous Tropic Star Lodge in Panama. Monster Rooster Fish and Huge Dorado were our two species of choice. Additionally, there were Blue Marlin, Sail Fish, Tuna and Grouper. All were there for the taking. We had great hopes of possibly scoring the next of over 350 IGAF world records recorded at the Tropic Star.

But first let me digress. The Tropic Star Lodge is a beautiful place in the southwest corner of Panama. It is literally carved out of the jungle. Getting there is no easy feat. LAX to Panama City. Overnight in town. Then a 150-mile flight from the old airport to Pena Bay. A short tram ride to the water shuttle. Finally, a boat ride to the lodge. We were greeted by Richard White, the lodge manager, with tropical cocktails, lunch and colorful stories about the lodge and the fish. We settled in with a much-needed nap, followed by more cocktails and then a wonderful Panamanian buffet dinner. A good time was had by all. After a sound sleep, we were awakened the next morning with a knock on the door, coffee, fresh squeezed orange juice and then a full breakfast in the dining room.

Now it's time for fishing. At 6:30 sharp, we arrived at our 31'



Bertram. Captain Lorenzo informed us that the in-shore fishing hadn't been very good

recently because of the rainstorms. So, offshore we went. I'm not complaining, but the Dorado fishing was tough due to the Marlin and Sailfish grabbing all our baits. The Blue

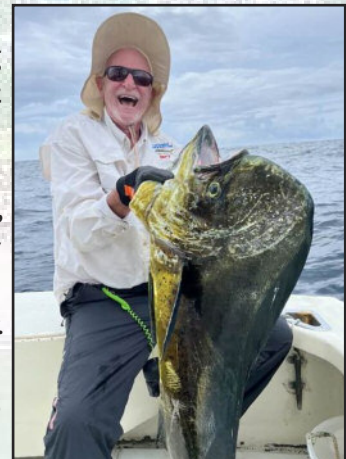


Marlin ranged from 250-350 pounds and the Sail Fish 100-150 pounds. We did get a couple of small 25-pound Dorados. By day two, the in-shore fishing looked much more promising. And it was. We got some nice Rockfish some small Tuna and then I landed a

fantastic 65-pound Roosterfish! But that is a story for another time. On day three we headed back offshore in hopes of giant Dorado. Our prayers

were answered. I hooked a good one. It was a long, hard, acrobatic and colorful fight. The exhausted fish (and fisherman) was landed. My fish weighed in at 40 pounds. This was 10 pounds greater than my previously mentioned best. Norm patiently waited his turn. He cast and was immediately rewarded with a really big Dorado. 40 minutes later, his fish came over the rail at 50 pounds! Mahi Mahi for dinner tonight!!

This was a fantastic fishing adventure. We decided to start planning our return trip for the next year. Covid slowed us down a bit, but didn't stop us. Happily, this next trip produced a forty pounder for Norm, and I got the fifty pounder I was hoping for. Add some big Tuna, Roosters and Sail Fish—another fantastic trip.



If the Tropic Star Lodge is on your bucket list, enjoy. If not, you should strongly consider adding it.

Next time—how we plugged the boat with Southern California Albacore.

Stilt Fishing in Sri Lanka - a Fishing Tradition

By Ed Lieberman (aka Sheephead Ed)

A few years ago, while traveling in Sri Lanka, I noticed vertical pole like stilts planted in the coastal waters close to the shore. While driving around the next curve, I saw fisherman sitting atop the stilts with rudimentary fishing poles and lines in the water.

Stilt fishing is a traditional fishing method that has been practiced in Sri Lanka for generations. The practice has been used to catch a variety of fish, including small reef fish, mackerel, and herring.

Traditional fishing methods still exist in most countries around the world. By way of example, California's indigenous communities also have a long history of fishing traditions, with many tribes relying on the ocean's resources for food and cultural practices. The Chumash people of the Central Coast traditionally fished for sardines and squid using boats made from tule reeds. Today, many indigenous communities in California continue to practice traditional fishing methods, as well as work to protect and conserve the state's marine ecosystems.

The history of stilt fishing in Sri Lanka can be traced back to the early 20th century. It is believed that the practice originated as a way for fishermen to access the shallow waters close to the shore, where many fish species feed. Over time, stilt fishing became a popular fishing method in the southern coastal areas of Sri Lanka, particularly in the Galle and Matara districts.

The stilt fishermen use a simple but effective technique to catch fish. They cast their lines into the water and wait for a fish to take the bait. When a fish bites, they use a quick, sharp motion to pull the fish out of the water and onto the platform where they are standing. The technique requires skill and balance, as the fishermen have to balance themselves on the stilt while reeling in the fish.

Stilt fishing is not as common as it used to be in Sri Lanka, and many fishermen have switched to other fishing methods. This is partly due to changes in the fishing industry and the depletion of fish stocks in some areas. In addition, stilt fishing requires a lot of time and effort, and many younger fishermen are not interested in learning the technique.



Donald Goldsobel's

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MISO GLAZED FISH

Contribution from Wendy Tochihara of her daughter Jennifer's

Works best with butterfish, white seabass, and black cod

Directions:

- Soak fish in a few tablespoons of sake, then pat dry
- Marinate fish in 2 tablespoons of miso, mirin and sake
- Broil for 6-8 min so tops get golden

OR

- Bring marinade to boil to burn off sake
- Cook flesh side down for 2 min., turn off heat.
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Marinade Ingredients:

¼ cup mirin • ¼ cup dry sake • 3 tablespoons sugar • ¼ cup miso (light)

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Meet & Greet

As the Trophy chairperson and Chum Line Editor for the past several years, I have seen many changes in names in the Club. Members come and go and sadly some have passed away. Especially with the Covid lockdown, it was a time warp, we didn't get to see anyone in person. Larry Brown and I were talking, and he suggested having the committee chair persons and board members do an introduction to the membership and tell a little bit about themselves. So, I will be the first.

Hello LARRC members! My name is Sophia Huynh and I joined the club in 2010. I learned of the club through my high school friends Matt and Steve Weiser. Their uncle, Larry Dinovitz was a member, took all of us fishing on his beautiful boat named Diva. On those fun fishing days I met members Steve Simon and Paul Varenchik. They told me about the club and the great kids trips and all the good they do. It was just the opportunity I needed.

I have been the Trophy Chairperson since 2012 and in 2014 I assisted then Editor, Eric Rogger, with the Chum Line. Later that year, Donald Goldsobel and I took over the Chum Line so Eric could go on more adventures and have fun!

My fishing adventures have taken me from the Channel Islands to long range trips out of San Diego, Puerto Vallarta, Alaska, Texas, and some overseas destinations. I have the best fishing and traveling partner, my boyfriend of 18 years Kevin Boyle. His first passion is skiing but fishing is for the warmer months. We both enjoy fishing and have gotten more involved in the fishing industry over the years.

I have a last-minute opening on our Alaska trip to Deep Creek Fishing Club in Ninilchik. The trip dates are 6/17 – 6/24, fishing five days (19-23) trip includes: fish processing, all meals and some beer & wine with dinner. The fishing will be a mix of ocean (salmon, lingcod, halibut, cod) and freshwater salmon I believe. As we all know its dependent on weather. The trip is normally \$7500 our friend will take \$5000. Trip doesn't include airfare, gratuities, taxes, and fishing license.

Contact me if you are interested!!

I hope to see more of the club members at our upcoming events and hopefully get a chance to know each of you better!

Best Fishes,
Sophia Huynh

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

March 20

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information.

Dinner Meeting

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

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LARRC Tackle Sale

April 16

Bob's Sands Fishing Tackle parking lot

9am - 3pm

Lou Berke Trout Derby

April 21

Annual Family Event

June 11

King of the Club

June 14

Earl Warren Memorial Kids' Trip

July 10

Marine Mentors

August 7

Navegante 1.5 Day

August 8-10

Health and Happenings

Linda Simon is our contact for
"Health and Happenings"

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(818-980-7470) or email

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

Charters 2023

RULES REGARDING CLUB CHARTERS

All LARRC charter participants signing up for club charters are obligated to pay the full fare to reserve a spot. In the event a participant cannot make a trip, the club will attempt to fill the space once a waitlist forms. A participant may try to fill their space prior to departure. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunk preference is assigned by the charter master based on the order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.

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| June 14-15 | King of the Club Truline overnight | Contact Steve Simon ~ bigfish1944@yahoo.com |
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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.

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| MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED | | | | | JUNIOR MEMBERS | | | | |
| WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER | | | | | FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR | | | | |
| | | | | | FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR | | | | |



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