



THE END OF THE LINE by BOB SELVIN, CHUM LINE EDITOR

Visited the recent Western Fishing Tackle & Boat Show in Long Beach and saw what's new for '82, including the new Penn Mag Force reels. The two models look like hum-dingers. One is about the size of a 140 Squidder (25, 30 or 40-pound test), the other is a bit smaller and narrower (15, 20 or 25-pound test). The reels are a handsome gold and black with a 4½-1 gear ratio and have a souped-up, shielded drag system. Perfect for albies, yellows and them that likes to throw the iron.

Also chatted briefly with venerable Russ Izor, who pleased a seminar crowd with some of his novel and/or opinionated ideas about fishing and fishing tackle. Some Izorism's: he likes two-piece rods, at least eight or nine feet long; thinks the Newell reels are an outstanding development and will outcast anything around; don't use rubber-core sinkers, rather pinch-ons.

Met Scampi's Joe and Lori Graves at show and signed up for a 5-day long ranger they are sponsoring on the 80-foot Vagabond, skippered by Charlie Long. It's a calico bass and yellowtail special, unique in that few, if any long-range trips actually point for calicos. We'll be fishing at San Benitos Island where 10-pound plus calicos are common, according to the Graves and Roger Horack of Millie's Fishing Tackle. Regular price for a 5-dayer on the Vagabond, but Scampi is picking up part of the tab (in addition to providing beaucoup Scampi's to use), so cost has been cut to \$540. Trip leaves Tues., May 18, returns Sun., a.m., May 23. Still room on board.

Got a real thrill as I strolled up and down the aisles at the tackle show when I came to the Redondo Sportfishing booth. Last July 4, aboard the 6-passenger charter boat Rebel of that landing, I caught a 274-pound black seabass (60 lb. test) at San Nicolas Island. Landing owner Terry Turk said he would have the fish stuffed, mounted (tab: \$1,200 bucks) and put on display with a plaque with my name on it at the coffee shop on the pier. Well, much to my great pleasure, they had just got the fish back from the taxidermist the day before the show, so they decided to put it on exhibit, and yes, there it was for all eyes to see. I was like a proud papa!

Speaking of Millie's Fishing Tackle, Horack said that the long-time outpost near the Coliseum will be closing in July and that they are "dealing" on many tackle

items. Worth a look-see for sure.

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Jeff Ellis chartermastering the following upcoming trips on the 65-foot Ocean Quest (Ports O'Call, San Pedro): Mar. 28, May 16, June 27, July 18, Aug. 29. All leave on Sat. night, 11 p.m., return Sun., 4 p.m.-ish. Will take 27 players at \$42 per. Ellis also heading an 8-day long ranger aboard Qualifier-105. Leaves Sun., Sept. 26, returns Mon., Oct. 4. Cost is \$960. Contact him at Fisherman's Spot in Van Nuys, phone 785-7306

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Welcome aboard to new member Joe Stern. Joe lives with his wife, Dorothy, in Van Nuys and was sponsored by Seymour Rimland and Cy Lewin.

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Max Fenmore, back from tour of New Zealand, Australia and New Guinea with wife, Dorothy, corrects minor error in last C-L regarding 20 lb. test albacore trophy award he received. Trophy fish was 39-14, not 29-14 as we reported.

Max had a fantastic trip and got in some great fishing. At Lake Rotorua in New Zealand, Max and Dorothy fly-fished for rainbows and in two hours hung eight between 2½-4 lbs. They provided a great dinner that night.

Ten days later, at Cairn, Australia, Max went out trolling with 20 lb. line, in gear, using a dead bait (like a sardine) in back of a lure (like an albacore lure) with swinging 9/0 hooks. Max insisted that the hooks be sharpened. The quarry was king mackerel and he even caught a sailfish about 80 lbs. It was the first large fish caught in Cairns in more than two weeks.

Dorothy and Max also have some wild tales to tell about New Guinea and some pictures to show those interested.

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In order to produce an interesting, entertaining and informative CHUM LINE, I need cooperation from you, the members.

Please don't hesitate to send in anything you think is newsworthy and whatever copy it might be, try to get it in around the first of every month. Come on, you chartermasters, let's get some fishing reports in. The surface season is almost upon us.

## LARRC FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL KIDS FISHING TRIP

DATE: Monday, June 28

PLACE: 22nd Street Landing

BOATS: Charisma and Grande

The LARRC Foundation is once again sponsoring a fishing trip for handicapped, underprivileged and homeless children.

Dr. Herman Epstein is in charge of this annual event with the help of Dave Lippey, Shelly Balzac, Jim Port, Maurice Levy, Seymour Rimland, Steve Zuckerman and volunteer "deckhands" from the club.

There will be two sessions with half of the kids going on the boats from 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon and the other half from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. Food, gifts, prizes and tackle will be provided by the Foundation.

Many "deckhands" will be needed to assemble the tackle, work in the galley and help the children. Members of the club who want to volunteer their services for either one or both of the sessions are requested to contact Dr. Epstein at (213) 279-2160. Cash contributions will also be appreciated to defray costs.

### BASS TRANSPLANT TRIP COMING UP ABOARD THE CHARISMA ON MAY 4

Another bass transplant trip has been set on the Charisma for May 4 and the first 30 club members signing up with Dr. Herman Epstein will be able to go on this free trip. Food and drinks will be supplied as well. The boat will leave at midnight for Catalina Island.

The fishermen will be asked to catch as many calicos as possible (no limit as to number or size). The fish will be handled carefully when unhooked and immediately placed into the bait tanks to keep them alive.

The fish will then be dumped in the Palos Verdes area to enhance the kelp habitat. Joe Divinney, professor of Environmental Engineering, and Russ Izor will be on hand to supervise and give us the benefit of their expertise.

This ongoing research project is conducted by USC and jointly sponsored by the LARRC Foundation and L.A. County Fish & Game. Any member who wants to participate should contact Dr. Epstein, committee chairman, before April 15.

## MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES TO BE PRESENTED AT MARCH CLUB MEETING

Membership chairman Bill Vogel will present club caps and membership certificates to members who have joined LARRC in the last couple of years and didn't receive theirs.

Vogel is really organizing this most important part of club business and has some excellent ideas he will introduce at upcoming board and club meetings.

He will also make certain that any new members will have the chance to buy club jackets, vests, etc. Members will also have a name badge to wear at meetings to make it easier for the newer members to recognize other members, and to be recognized themselves.

### MORE TACKLE HAS BEEN ADDED!

#### **SUPER RAFFLE BONANZA**

##### **NOW INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

1 - Truline custom built trolling rod...	\$175.00
1 - Penn 50 wide International.....	\$350.00
1 - Bowen "Bay Ranger" tackle box....	\$80.00
600 yards spool Maxima 60 lb. line.....	\$27.50
Three boxes Mustad fish hooks.....	\$10.00
Asst'd "Sea Strike" jigs.....	\$25.00
1 - Daiwa 30H conventional reel.....	\$40.00
Asst'd Patco albacore feathers.....	\$30.00
1 - Izor fighting belt.....	\$22.00
1 - adjustable to 8 ft. rod caddy.....	\$52.50
1 - Sabre LB197-C 7 ft. rod.....	\$135.00

**TOTAL VALUE: \$947.00**

Tickets on sale at meetings only. Price is \$5.00 per ticket or six for \$25.00. Drawing to be held at June dinner meeting.

**WINNER TAKE ALL!!!**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Russ Izor of Izorline, longtime skipper, friend of the LARRC and staunch, outspoken supporter of California's sportfishing interests, recently sent DFG's Charles Fullerton a letter we felt was very worthwhile re-printing in the CHUM LINE (with his permission).

Dear Charlie,

I am totally dismayed at the interview that appeared in the L.A. Times recently. Dismayed because your answers to question after question showed either that you don't give a damn about the recreational fishery in Southern California or you have adopted a policy of disregard for any lay advice from any source!

Regarding the anchovy resource: If the scientific community can not make up their collective minds about the size of the resource (and they can't) and every indicator shown you by the sportfishing professionals points to serious depletion, how can you dare take a chance on any more fishing?

Tens of times I have heard you say in Commission meetings that when the resource is in danger you will shut it down! Now, the resource is under assault by the 250,000 ton Mexican fishery, by a bulging predation of the mackerel and sardine populations (yes, I said sardine, they are everywhere) and every indicator that our north sector fishery is dangerously low, yet still you refuse to take action!

Your remarks concerning the lack of action by the recreational interests and their lack of support for the Department on crucial issues affecting sportfishing were absolutely laughable. Charlie, if you said that and you believe that, dialogue between the Department of Fish and Game and the recreational fisherman has completely broken down.

Recreational fishermen turn out in force only to find you representing the DFG in an adversary role; without fail, always cramming Sacramento thinking down the throats of the people who pay your bills. And in my opinion with an arrogance that comes from power. Unchallenged because of a corrupt system that enables someone like you to be an absolutist.

The so-called bonito compromise is a typical example of that manipulation. All that's going to happen as a result of this ridiculous concept is arrests, citations for the unsuspecting sportfisherman, who on one day will be able to catch five bonito and on the next day will only be able to catch two. Furthermore, what mechanism will you use to measure the resource if there is no commercial fish catch and you have seen fit to create this unworkable and ridiculous "compromise" on the sportfishing catch?

How come when you declared a moratorium on the commercial take of mackerel a few years back you didn't force an equally idiotic recreational moratorium too?

I feel, without question, that the "heady" atmosphere you have been running in for the last few years has developed in you an anti-catch syndrome that will leave an indelible mark on the fishery for years to come.

The black seabass: You beat the drum for a zero bag limit for recreational fishermen, but provided a commercial loophole of two fish daily "incidental" catch. Every bit of testimony at that hearing from the people who "occasionally" catch one told of the impossible task of returning this fish alive! What happened? Following your lead, the Commission gave us another regulation to live with...zero bag limit! One little "kicker" is that a person who targets on this fish, as a recreational fisherman, generally own their own boats and will simply go get a commercial license and legally catch two fish per day and take them to market!

As a fishing tackle peddler, I'm out in the field talking to retailers and their customers almost every day. Believe me, your ears should be burning. Not only does the citizen bitterly complain about these regulations, but they also feel very strongly about the license fees going up with still nothing being done for the basic license buyer.

The squid issue: At least seven years ago, I began complaining to your department about the manner being used to take squid from the Silver Canyon area of Catalina. Repeatedly, I told your officials, and subsequently you, that this netting approach was destroying the eggs that were being laid because the purse seine was dropping to the bottom and when retrieved, the heavy chain on the bottom of the net was tearing up the total bottom environment as well as destroying the eggs of the squid.

So many times in commission hearings you have threatened to shut down a fishery if the resource was endangered. Your concern for this fishery can't be found. The lifetime I spent catching bait squid in this area seems over because apparently the destruction of the bottom environment was so complete that the squid seldom, if ever, are found there.

Are you totally intimidated by the commercial fishing industry? Having watched you in action all these years I am led to conclude that you are.

It is the irony of this over regulated society that where something like this comes along, the department charged with protecting the resource sits on its' hands for fear of "upsetting" an antiquated purse seine fleet.

You may have been awarded "Sportsman of the Year," or the "Golden Trout no catch Creel," but for the Southern California ocean sportfisherman I'd like to create a version of Senator Proxmire's "Golden Fleece Award," for the Department of Fish and Game having taken so much license and Dingle Johnson money, for so many years and given back absolutely nothing!

In disgust, I remain,  
Sincerely yours,

Russ Izor