



Chum Line

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PRESIDENT BILL'S CORNER

I must be living right...got through my first meeting and no one used any bad language. No one seemed unhappy nor did any act in an ungentlemanly manner towards me. I only had to fine Julian Wolf one dollar (#1 on my hit list) and Freddie Polesky.

What has happened to this group????? Where has the fun gone? WHERE' THE BEEF?

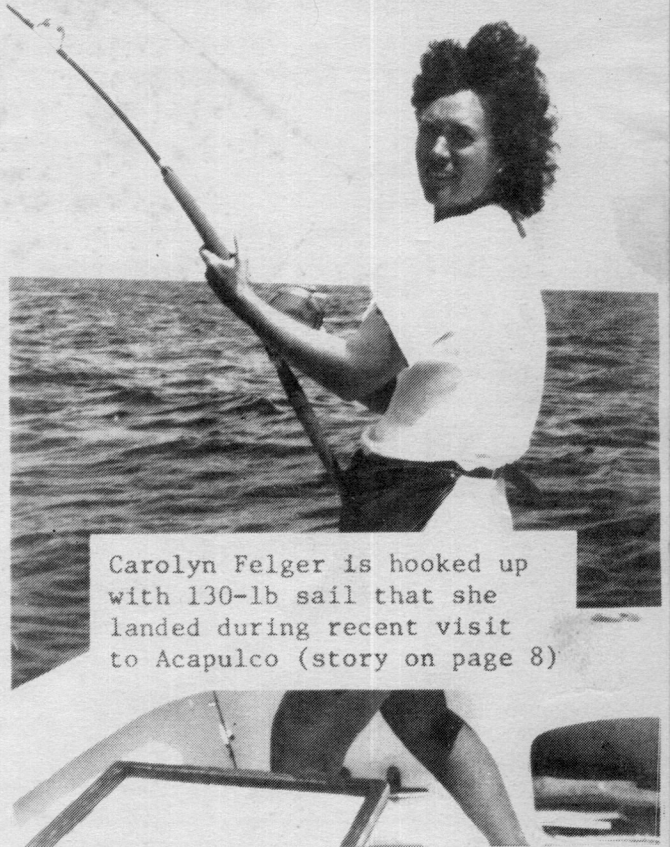
I am not sure where the beef is but there was about 115 pounds of it that really surprised me half through the meeting. Anonymous someone surprised me with a singing, dancing telegram! I understand she did what she did she did very well...I didn't get to see. She thought that I had the hiccoughs and wanted to help me by putting my head into a paper sack. All of us enjoyed her very much although we all were very much surprised.

Thanks again to the "anonymous" someone who sent her.

LET'S ALL GET OUT THERE AND FISH.

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Let's get some new members. Our by-laws allow us to have 150 members but we only have 115. Ask your fishing friends to join LARRC. You will be rewarded with the pleasure of fishing with them.



Carolyn Felger is hooked up with 130-lb sail that she landed during recent visit to Acapulco (story on page 8)

LARRC DINNER MEETING

Monday, April 30
at Andre's Restaurant

Cocktails: 6:30 Dinner: 7:30

Curt Dills, who represents Fenwick rods and Ande line, will enlighten us regarding the latest in tackle and will show a great fishing film.

—Special Alert—

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR OCEAN FISHING

STOP INSHORE GILLNETTING!

AT LONG LAST, we have an opportunity to do something about the disastrous decline of the Southern California ocean fisheries. This opportunity lies in the passage of AB 3707, authored by Cathie Wright, Assemblywoman from District 37. It will prohibit the use of gill and trammel nets from Pt. Conception to the Mexican border within one mile of shore or the 10 fathom curve whichever is further offshore, including the offshore islands.

Since 1973, there has been a dramatic increase in the nearshore use of gill and trammel nets in sensitive habitat areas. This bill will provide urgent protection of the spawning and nursery areas and the migratory activities of fish populations between essential habitats that include estuaries, lagoons and kelp beds.

SEND THIS COUPON — DO IT NOW!

To Assemblywoman Cathie Wright
State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814

I SUPPORT your effort to eliminate gill netting in the inshore areas of Southern California coastlines as provided in AB 3707.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
SIGNATURE _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Be sure to include your zip code and mail to Cathie Wright.

Marine Resource Restoration Committee, 2465 Grand Ave., Suite 3707, Ventura, CA 93003
In addition, write to your governor and to your state assembly member.

Please Note . . . Before you fill in the coupon
Make several copies of this sheet to distribute to your friends. We need all the help we can get!



Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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& FREE FISHING TRIPS FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

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ANNUAL FISHING TRIP FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDS

Here are the details:

The Date.....Monday, June 25, 1984
" Place.....Belmont Pier, Long Beach
On the barge "ANNA B"

We expect to take about 300 kids on two sessions as follows:

The first session will depart 7:30 AM
" 2nd " " " 12:30 PM

WE WILL NEED MANY DECK-HANDS

Deck-hands for the first session must arrive by 6:30 AM to help prepare the tackle and for other duties. Deck-hands for the second session must arrive by 12:00 noon.

ALL DECK-HANDS MUST BRING LONG-NOSE PLIERS

Parking is available adjoining the pier. Food and drinks will be available for all concerned on the barge.

Call Dr. Herman Epstein, Chairman, (213) 279-2160 if you wish to volunteer or for further information. WE NEED DECK-HANDS.

Send a tax-deductible donation, payable to LARRC Foundation, to Dr. Epstein to help pay the cost of this charitable project.

SUSMAN & RIMLAND PLAY TUG OF WAR WITH
THRESHER

Ben & Seymour took a trip to Cabo San Lucas early in March, to fish for Baha's exotics.

According to Ben the weather was fabulous but as for fishing, it was a "forget it!"

Seymour did manage to tie into a huge Thresher Shark estimated at 200 lbs. Fishing with 50 lb. test line Seymour couldn't budge the monster and eventually worn to a frazzle, passed the rod to Ben.

Ben too, huffed and puffed but like Seymour couldn't gain an inch of line and both of them were only too happy when the line parted.

Calendar of Coming Events for 1984

- June 25 Kids fishing trip
Belmont Shores Barge
Deck hands needed
Apply to Eppy
- Aug. 19 Club BBQ - at the
Felger Residence
Don Lee, Chairman
- Sept. 8 Family Fishing trip
on Condor - Santa Barbara
sign up with Don Felger

New fishing rules:

A Committee has been formed to set up new fishing rules under which our members qualify for fishing trophies. The new rules will be published in the chum line very shortly.

No Soliciting without permit.

Soliciting of L.A.R.R.C. membership must have the approval of the Board of Directors.

First Bill for Caroline

On a recent trip to Acapulco, Caroline Felger caught her first ever Bill fish 130-lb out-size sail fish.

Caroline fought the Sail standing up and was a mighty happy gal when she finally brought the fish to gaff. Proud hubby Dan will be very happy to show snap shots of her with her catch--just ask him.

Fishing Report

3/7 The Club charter fished San Clemente with fairly good results. The group sacked 3/4 limits of bass and also managed to deck 3 yellow-tail to 14 lbs.

Marv Resnick reported that a 14-lb Calico was released in honor of Joe Stern, who couldn't make the trip because of Doctor's orders. That will be the day.

3/17 Judge Irv Harris reported that their trip was blown out of the Tub, Hurricane force winds and mountainous seas made it a very unpleasant day for fishing.

The man of many names and many voices, Dr. Gedafachek Epstein is at it again in behalf of the Boys fishing trip in June. Eppy tries to keep the costs to the Foundation down by raising funds from his friends. In the end, the kids benefit. The trip is June 25 and it will be in morning and afternoon sessions and anticipates 300 youngsters. Deck hands to assist are solicited, see Eppy. Sy Rimland, Marv Resnick and Shelly Balzac are on the committee.

SUNSHINE

LARRC Joe Palty has done a good job as Sunshine chairman. He reports Bob Frederic's wife Riva is recovering from surgery. Art Weingart is progressing slowly from his recent illness. In a Board action, Lou Roloff was voted to honorary membership in the LARRC. Lou has been too ill to fish or attend meetings. Al Bender is reported recovering from a recent illness. Our late member Pablo Polamero's widow Van has donated his fishing gear to the club. It will be auctioned off and the money will be added to the memorial fund of the LARRC Foundation in memory of Pablo.

LARRC secretary Norm Carabet recently landed a 100 lb. sturgeon measuring 6 feet in length. He will have to go back to work to meet the I.G.F.A. sturgeon record which is a 468 pound sturgeon caught a half mile offshore of Benicia, California, last July on 80#.

LARRC Pete Moureaux caught the first game fish of the season, a small yellowtail.

Have you sent your letter supporting the restriction of gillnetting to Assemblywoman Cathy Wright at the State Capitol, Sacramento, 95814.

NEVER BELIEVE ANY LARRC BOARD MEMBER

Member of the LARRC BOARD OF Directors rushing home, found the freeway so terribly crowded he became frustrated and drove off the nearest ramp and stopped in the first bar for a drink. Sitting next to a lovely young thing he became entranced and bought her a drink too. Bye and bye she invited him to her apartment nearby for a drink and it wound up a passionate affair. Three hours later suddenly he jumped up and said, "look at the time--my wife will KILL me."

"What can I do to help asked the pretty young thing?"

"Have you any talcum powder?" "Pour it over my hands."

Upon arriving home, the wife was waiting and furious. "Where have you been?"

"I was on my way home when I found the traffic so frustrating," he replied, "I turned off the freeway, stopped at a bar for a drink, met a lovely young thing, went to her apartment and we had an affair."

"Let me see your hands" demanded the angered wife. Upon looking at his hands she said "you are lying to me--you stopped and went bowling!" Nobody ever believes a LARRC board member.....

LATEST FISH MODEL OFF THE PRODUCTION LINE
Staci Allison Fish, 7# 8 oz March 12, 1984
President Bill Vogel's non ball-bearing grandchild, reported Harold Price

Our new LARRC president may not be much, but his wife is. She sent him a singing telegram at the meeting, to celebrate his inauguration. The "MONKEY BUSINESS" caper proved to be a nude singing dancer of some lovely proportions, but Vogel got so excited he never permitted her to completely disrobe. Maybe keeper Bob Conway should have sent super stud instead of red hot mamma.

THE FRONT SIDE OF THE COIN

Excerpted from a number of replies to the Felger Article We submit the following:

Did you ever see a poor boat owner? The boat owners are extremely wealthy men by and large; some are millionaires and multimillionaires all derived from profits on sportfishing boats. Building boats which cost over \$250,000.00 is not unusual anymore. If their profits are so great, warranting this type of program, why can't they adequately reimburse their employees? Why do people take these jobs? Not to gain wealth but a desire to live at sea under less

than comfortable conditions, and a hot hamburger of questionable quality for lunch. On some boats sometimes the galley chef even washes his hands before preparing the food...The delicate removal of cockroaches is also observed at times. Ask Brad Felger. His dad did not force him to be a deckhand, quite the contrary; but he became a skipper--why? Bill Naython's son worked for free he enjoyed it so much.

Re the Mercedes and Rolls and Cadillacs---many members of the LARRC are envious too!

If you are adept enough to amass a fortune or inherit it, lucky you. Thank G-d for the U.S.A. Are the busboys and waiters in the country clubs envious? or just glad to have a good job? Food servers in restaurants receive gratuities based on the degree of their special service. And if they don't do a thing for you, you may even stiff them.

Behavior of club members on fishing trips often is dramatically opposite their behavior AT HOME. But don't blame the LARRC for the fact.

We have noted the wealthier they are the smaller the tip to the deckhand.

People like the LARRC were quick to pay up whenever the fees were raised by the boatowners. Perhaps more resistance would have controlled the fees.

The charter fee should include all charges including gratuity was the consensus.

Otto Painter has rejoined the club after a brief interlude. Otto was secretary of the club in 1971, and has performed in many capacities including club charter master. Otto had the knack of losing no club funds in any activity he chaired; often he returned a profit to the club. Few have matched his record.

Bob Frederic has been elected president of the California State Board of Fabric Care. Bob has great expertise in this field with a college background in chemistry and many years of operation of "Frederic Cleaners" the most prestigious in the county.

Members and friends are reminded of the strict rule that the LARRC roster may not be used for any purpose other than LARRC business.

INNOVATION AT CANTER'S

For St. Patrick's day Harold Price served green Matzoball soup in a rare ecumenical sublimation.

CLUB CHARTER

He left the new child at home with her mother, and boarded the Pacifica prepared to be charter master for the first time. He looked as though he was ready to deliver and easily won the title of the largest girth aboard. Eppy did not want Marv Resnick to outrank or outweigh him so he proceeded to try to gain. After eight Milky way candy bars, he gave up for fear Bea would hear about his indiscretions.

When Marv announced there was plenty of squid aboard, poor Dave Lippey had to return the many packages of squid individuals had brought. Must have thought they were on a party boat. Dave Steele was one of the obese who delight in eating candy bars when nobody? is looking.

The trip to San Clemente was uneventful. Harry Ditlove did his best to allow Maurice Levy a chance to win back at gin what was lost the night before at poker. When the fishing started it was Maurice at one end of the stern and Ben Costanten in the middle--for rotation they simply did a 360 degree about face. Judge Harris, observing, gave a stern look and voiced a demurrer. Syd Jackman took over the bow forcing Eppy to fish the stern. Ben Varon was unusually quiet, but demonstrated techniques learned only after many years as charter captain. Handsome Pete Moureaux was all over the boat and performed commendably. Dave had his long rods and found the place; no moaning from him this day. Howard W. was trying to show the old masters how to do it and Bud Hoffman and Sol Rothman almost out-fished Max Wunderman.

The final scoreboard was an average of 3 bass and 3 sheephead per man. There were 3 small yellow-tail landed.

The following week was rough and very scratchy for fish--they moved 15 times. That Saturday the charter on another boat was blanked.

FUTURE IN FISHING?

Because of the efforts of the coalition, and particularly the efforts of the S. California Tuna Club, Assemblyman Dave Elder tried to give the coast away to commercial netting and was stopped. The good offices of Gov. George Deukmejian defeated the proposal to allow Soviet and other foreign flag ships to enter S. California waters and process whiting.

Fish caught normally by sportfisherman are not reproducing rapidly enough and efforts are to be made to improve conservation; increase artificial reef, and get rid of the gill netters.

The sad news is getting Mexico's cooperation. Further, the raising of the fee schedule by Mexico--from \$1.45 per day for individuals to \$14.50 to \$62 per ton annually for sportfishing boats and private yachts could play havoc. The Red Rooster has already announced in his brochure a Mexican permit fee will be added to each player as he boards despite published fees.

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MARCH 21 CLUB CHARTER ON PACIFICA

Boarding the boat at the dock made one immediately suspect he was entering a convalescent hospital--the odor was horrendous. The two open heads were the source. The table had been repaired, and the departure was on time with only 9" of water in the bilge--we're told that is normal!

The long trek to San Clemente Island was smooth and Harry Ditlove smiled at the \$20 bill Maurice gave him because he could not be on the trip. Harry would rather extract it slowly, a hand at a time, but Maurice was engaged in philanthropic duties.

Our venerable past president was absent, and the charter master's job again became Danny Felger's

Northwest harbor proved scanty, and the move outside brought the party into heavy rolling water that made it difficult to hold anchor. A number of moves were made and the last stop made Danny fat with only limit (12) of calicos. There were some small sheepies and 5 yellowtail--Pete caught 3 and the skipper one.

One Headpipe ruptured on the return trip.

SAFETY AFLOAT

The March meeting was dedicated to the "Safety Afloat" theme, and was developed by the guest speaker Commander Caldwell, U.S.C.G.A. He was introduced by Herme Sears. He talked on what the Coast Guard does and does not do; it's responsibilities and the proposed increase of duties in the Olympic period. He discussed the necessity for each angler becoming familiar with the use of and location of the P.F.D.s on each craft he boards. The talk was illustrated with a film and the summation by Herme Sears was even better than the program, it was so comprehensive. Sears is a long time U.S.C.G.A. instructor. The meeting was crowded into the forward room at Andre's and saw a number of the old timers present going all the way back to Libby Boone. Immediate past president Marv Resnick, sans beard was resplendent with his cookie duster! New member Ken Jones was there and old members Poleski, Balzac, Constanten, Felger, Harris, Greenfield, Komors, Mayers, Naythons, Loober and Stone among many others. Capt. Russ Izor again showed his dedication to the sportfishermen in his brief talk. He furnished envelopes in the hope all would immediately write their support to Cathy Wright to stop gillnetting. Condolences to Dr. Fred Polesky and family over the loss of his brother Abe.

LOS ANGELES ROD AND REEL CLUB

1984 TROPHY AWARD CATEGORIES

| <u>Local Waters</u> | | |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Species</u> | <u>Line Test</u> | <u>Minimum Wt.</u> |
| Albacore, Blue | | |
| Fin Tuna, | 12 | 12 |
| Yellow Fin, Tuna, | | |
| Dorado | 20 | 15 |
| Yellowtail, white | | |
| Sea Bass, Halibut | 30 | 20 |
| Calico Bass | Max. 20 | 5 |
| Marlin | 12-20-30-50 | None |
| Broadbill | 12-20-30-50-80 | None |



Foreign Waters

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Line Test</u> | <u>Min. Weight</u> |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Striped Marlin | 12-10-30-50 | None |
| Black Marlin, | | |
| Blue Marlin, | | |
| Broadbill | 12-20-30-80 | None |
| Pacific Sailfish | 12-20-30 | None |
| Dorado, Rooster | | |
| Fish | 12-20-30 | Line Test |
| Blue Fin Tuna, | | |
| Yellow Fin Tuna | | |
| Wahoo | 12-20-30-50 | Line Test |

NOTES" As a supplement to the L.A. Rod & Reel Club Revised Fishing Rules as of January 1, 1962, the following conditions shall apply:

- (1) Separate trophies will be awarded for gentlemen, ladies and juniors.
- (2) First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in all categories.
- (3) Trophies for other outstanding catches will be awarded as determined by the Board of Directors. These will include outstanding freshwater catches.
- (4) A special trophy for the first local gamefish of the year will be awarded, exclusive of minimum weight and line test. The qualifying species will include albacore, blue fin tuna, yellow fin tuna, dorado, yellow tail, white sea bass, marlin and broadbill.
- (5) Local waters, for the purpose of trophy awards, are defined as follows: Ocean waters available to anglers departing from any port from Moro Bay to the Mexican border and returning within 120 hours from departure. Excluded, however, are waters within 3 miles of any Mexican landfall south of Todos Santos Islands.

ODDS--ENDS

Twenty anglers aboard the Seasport on March 25 12 fishing, caught limits of calico and sand bass and a 25# halibut.

Limits have been the routine out of Port Huneme according to Libby Boone.

Bernie Mayer reporting his trip to Xmas Island fly fishing said 90% was bone fishing, but one 50# jack crevalle was landed.



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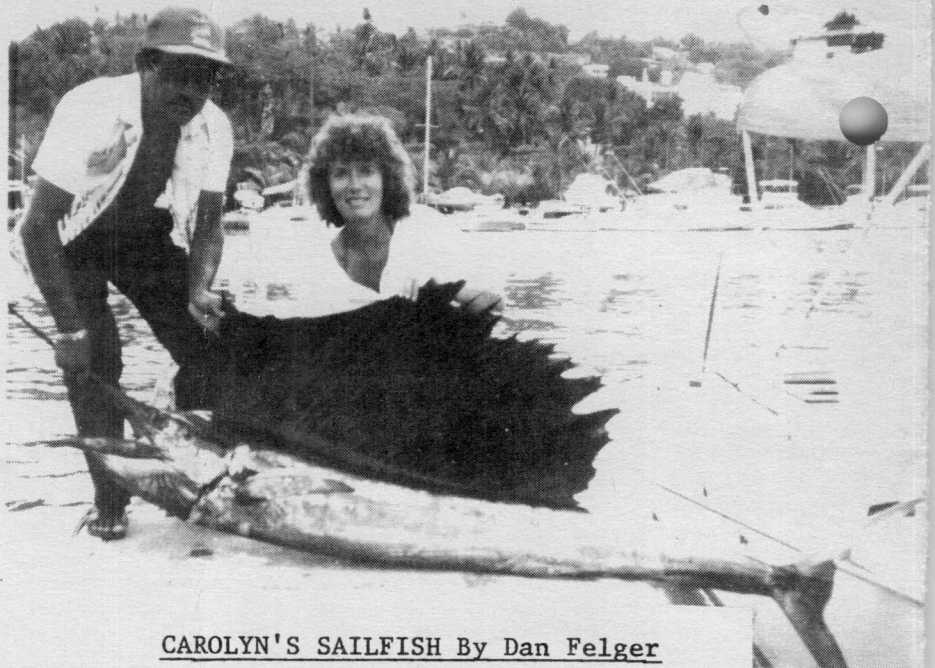
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CAROLYN'S SAILFISH By Dan Felger

Carolyn and I recently spent a week in Acapulco. Naturally we went fishing. Since Carolyn had never caught a billfish it was agreed that she would take the first strike. Unfortunately, the fish weren't aware of our arrangement, because we didn't see a thing all day. However, everytime we started to snooze the skipper in a fit of excitement claimed to have seen a tail or jumper.

Several days later when I suggested we try it again, Carolyn's answer was, "NO WAY, NO HOW - IF YOU THINK I GOING ON ANOTHER WILD FISH HUNT - YOU'RE NUTS." But, being a silk tongue devil I was able to convince her that "manana" would be her lucky day. However, for the most part "manana" proved to be a carbon copy of the first day. We saw nothing, but the skipper experienced numerous phantom sightings. Carolyn was bitching and moaning about the shopping and pool time she was missing. Ah, patience does have its virtue and, finally, about ten minutes before it was time to head in the Skipper was screaming, "sailfish! Sailfish!" Thinking it was another ghost, we didn't respond too quickly until we heard the music of a screaming reel. Carolyn grabbed the rod and forgetting everything that I had told her several days earlier didn't get the hook set. A golden opportunity down the drain? Not quite! Would you believe the dumb fish hit the bait as she was reeling in - and this time the hook was set, and the battle was on. Her mean, inconsiderate husband wouldn't let her sit down or let anyone else hold the rod. I kept telling her that if anyone touches the rod - no trophy. I wish I could tell you where she told me to put that trophy. One hour and fifty minutes, two sore arms, and an aching back later, Carolyn boated her sailfish. 130 lbs. on 30 lb. test line. Not bad for her first fish! Honey, when are you ready to try it again?

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