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The Odd Couple's Fabulous Adventure in Kodiak —A Fish Report

Thursday morning (7/20) saw us circling the Kodiak airport after an unscheduled overnight stay at Anchorage. Chomping at the bit to get fishing we had experienced the frequent malaise of Alaska travelers — weather problems. Our five-day stay was the result of a stroke of luck in winning a United Anglers raffle back in May.

We finally did get into the airport and rushed off in our rented car to the

Bear & Breakfast place for a quick change of clothes, off to buy our fishing licenses and a further rush to the small boat harbor where John Parker, a former resident of San Pedro, was to be our guide. Kodiak is the beginning of the Aleutians and as such turns out to be the fourth largest city (population about 12,000) in USA in terms of commercial fish landings.

Dressed in layers and cautioned to bring foul weather slickers we were off for the first day — abbreviated — of fishing. The goal was to find Mr. Big Halibut. After about a one-hour trip on fairly calm waters we joined some other boats in putting out the downriggers and putting on some small plastic lures to try for king salmon. We got limits (3, of which one must be under 28") each day but not the larger size wanted. Halibut were very plentiful up to 30-50 lb. range and, since their limit is two per day, we did release most of them. Since halibut are caught on heavier tackle and large leadheaded plastic lures — the larger the better I guess — spiced with a slab of pollock or pink salmon our butt belts came in handy. One day we released, while waiting for Mr. Big, at least three dozen halibut. Pink salmon were plentiful, we only got one silver and usually limits of king. John took us to different areas, frequently cold and windy but sometimes we actually got to take off the outer layers, with the most beautiful

scenery imaginable, snow-capped hills, rocky outcroppings. Two of the luckiest guys in the world. Pirate said his prayers on the last day and cranked up a 179 lb. halibut and certainly bested me in that department. My consolation prize was a 50 lb. ling cod — followed by a 40 lb. one — which could have swallowed a football. It's probably a club record but was caught on 80 lb. test. Remember we were after halibut!



What really rubbed the salt into my battered ego were his repeated requests to take his picture with each and every catch and then from a dozen different angles. We spent the last day on the island getting into a float plane — holds four — for a 40 minute flight to a remote part of the 200 by 60 mile island. A reserve owned by the native tribes, it is said to hold over a thousand Kodiak bears plus billions of mosquitoes. Hip boots are the fashion here — no docks — and a guide met us to boat us on a short trip to another part of

the lake we had landed on — for a three quarter mile hike through chest high tundra grass to a knoll from which we could view bears feeding on salmon in the shallow river below. This was our most unusual and exciting experience.

Certain wags in the club predicted Dave Neufeld and I would not come back friends. Little do they know how well I get along with everybody and besides I got used to his panic attacks when he would be looking for his coffee mug.

Finally, there was an excellent job on the fish fileting, packing and freezing and delivery to the airport. The boxes — six at 70 lbs. each — did not miss any connections and traveled home in style in a classy looking Cadillac. — Eric

Dinner Meeting News

For those of you who were unable to attend the July Dinner Meeting at the Palm Court, a questionnaire was completed by those attending regarding using this new location or going back to the Holiday Inn Hotel for the remaining Dinner Meetings for the year. The results are as follows.

A total of 57 questionnaires were returned — 28 preferred the Holiday Inn, 19 preferred the Palm Court and 11 did not indicate either location.

Based on the above, the August Dinner Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel. There were some good suggestions and comments made and they, along with the details of the questionnaire, will be brought up at the August Board Meeting. My thanks to all of you who assisted me in trying out this new location.

Pamela Warren
Dinner Chairperson

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Today's Long Rangers Are Spoiled

BY DAN FELGER

Long range fishing in the '90s means Alijos Rocks, Clarion, Socorro, and Clipperton on 90-115 foot boats with spacious staterooms, superb cuisine, and the ultimate in electronic gadgetry. Today's skippers can communicate anywhere in the world, pin point their location within a matter of yards, and locate and identify fish without visible signs. The situation in the '50s was very different.

In the late '30s, the *Sportfisher* ran several trips to Guadalupe Island and the Mexican Coast. These trips were resumed on the *Sportfisher IV* after World War II, but I have always considered the real pioneer of long range fishing to be Bill Poole. After several highly successful seasons as the owner/operator of the 50 foot *Milida*, Bill bought the *Polaris* in 1951. This 63 foot converted AVR (crash boat) was ideally suited for long range fishing. Designed as a rescue boat to pluck downed airman from the usually rough seas of the English Channel, she was a good all weather boat.

I made 5 trips to Guadalupe on the *Polaris* from 1953-57. These 7-day trips were in the fall and carried 13 passengers. Because navigation equipment consisted of only a compass, watch and direction finder, departure was at 10 am to arrive at Guadalupe after day break, but with plenty of day left so if the island was missed, you had time to find it or get a fix (if you were lucky enough to make radio contact with another boat at the island).

Showers were salt water hoses and meals were served on deck, but were always great — steaks, turkey and plenty of seafood. Traps were set every night so we had a constant supply of lobster. The food locker and the fish hold were the same. No refrigeration, just a huge supply of ice and salt, and, therefore, great care had to be taken in removing food and storing the fish. The 22-24 hour run to and from the island was hell for Bill, especially at night. Without the protection of an enclosed bridge Poole would bundle up in his Navy pea coat, with a watch cap pulled over his ears, and drive all night being very alert to adjust the compass course to allow for wind and current. Not easy when you realize that few degrees variation could cause him to miss the island by 10-15 miles. Considering visibility was usually 8-12 miles, this could be disastrous.

On one great trip we anchored at North Head and in the first hour boated 7 black sea bass averaging 300 lbs. Realizing that about 1/3 of the fish hold was plugged with 5 days of fishing left, Bill cut off fishing for blacks. The rest of the day was spent on fire cracker yellowtail. We boated about 300. In the '50s, fire crackers were anything under 15 lbs. (my, how things have changed). The rest of the trip was at the south end where we caught plenty of bluefin tuna up to 70 lbs, and hooked (but landed few) yellowtail in the 30-60 lbs. class. Bait was a live mackerel or a yellowtail slab dropped straight down. Using 50-80 lbs. test line if you didn't get a couple of cranks when first hooked up, you were rocked.

At the anchorage in the evenings you could fish all night, and I usually did. Using light spinning every cast was a small yellow (2-10 lbs.), but occasionally a "slightly" larger yellow would hit, and you would watch your line disappear in a hurry. OK, yes, we also caught a lot of "junk fish" such as calico bass. As a matter of fact, on one trip I got the largest calico I have ever seen. This toad was 19 inches long, fatter than Michael Grossman and Jay Lash combined, and weighed 16 1/2 lbs.

Royal Star Scores on Bigger Fish

SAN DIEGO —The bigger bluefin that were such tackle destroyers last year are starting to show up again, as evidenced by the Royal Star's 4-day catch of 270 bluefin tuna that included six fish over 100 pounds, topped by a 169 pounder hauled in by jackpot winner Curtis Barager of Chino Hills.

According to landing sources, the larger masses of fish were 160 to 180 miles south, although the day boats were scoring well on some days, and struggled a bit on the others at 60 to 70 miles out..

Source: **WON 8/4/95**

DFG Watches Anglers

LONG BEACH—The excellent run of barracuda along the Orange County and northern San Diego coastline last week brought attention to an enforcement issue the DFG is taking a close look at this season — that of anglers catching more than their daily limit of fish and passing them along to other anglers on the boat. It's illegal. The issue was brought to the attention of DFG officials in Sacramento earlier this year in regards to the practice of "boat limits" on the salmon boats out of San Francisco. They began sending undercover officers to patrol those boats, and promise to do the same in Southern California this summer to curb the practice of sharing fish.

Source: **WON 6/9**

Giant Salmon Spawned in Canadian Lab

Salmon that grow up to 37 times normal size and steelhead more than 10 times as big as wild fish have been created by researchers in a West Vancouver, B.C., laboratory by altering the DNA of their natural cousins. To spawn the giant fish, Robert H. Devlin and his colleagues used a genetic process developed to produce large, genetically altered mice.

Devlin's team injected growth promoter genes from one of two sources into the natural Pacific salmon eggs. The first source was a mouse, the second a sockeye salmon. The scientists hatched the injected eggs and kept track of the offspring that survived at least a year. Most of the salmon with the mouse growth gene were normal. Those with the fish growth gene showed dramatic size and weight increases. One fish was 37 times the size of a standard salmon.

Extrapolating the results of this research, can we start planning for a 220 lb. sockeye? "We're not necessarily trying to produce gigantic salmon here," Devlin said in an interview with *Scientific American*. "What we'd like to do is increase their size so that aquaculture food production of the fish is more efficient and profitable." — Brad Matsen

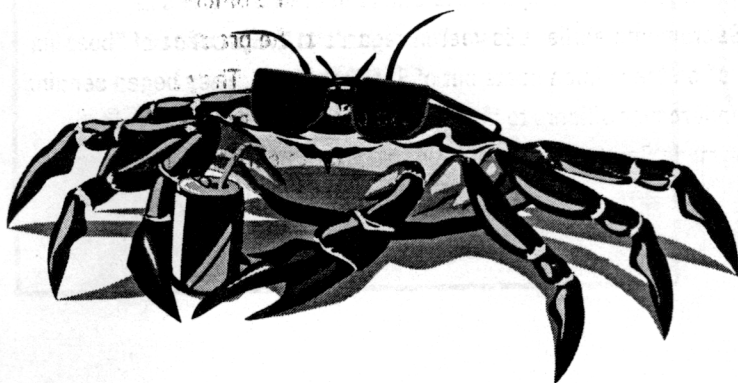
Source: *National Fisherman* 4/95

Vicious Catfish Frightens Malaysians

A huge catfish in the River Endau at Johore, Malaysia has been seen as a threat to swimmers recently. In April, a catfish estimated at 10 feet long with a head about 3.3 feet wide was seen attacking two dogs.

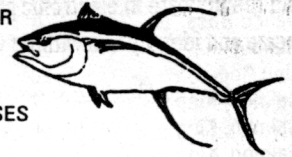
Officials said they were determined to catch the fish for fear it could swallow villagers in the water. The fish has three poison-tipped fins that can paralyze anyone who comes into direct contact with it. Scientists say the fish likely is a member of the *Bagarius bagarius* species with the Punjabi name of "goonch" and also called "freshwater shark" because of its voracious feeding habits.

Source: *IGFA Spring '95*



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Fisherman Guilty of Torturing a Sea Lion

A Los Angeles jury has convicted a San Pedro fisherman who induced a California sea lion to eat a fish that had been stuffed with an explosive device. The jury found Vincenzo Terzoli, 39, guilty of maliciously and intentionally killing a sea lion affectionately known as Oscar, the unofficial mascot of San Pedro's Fishermen's Wharf.

Sentencing on charges of cruelty to animals, unlawful detonation of a destructive device and unlawful taking of a marine mammal was scheduled for Feb. 14. Witnesses say Terzoli, who faces up to seven years in prison, fed the sea lion a fish laced with a sea bomb used by commercial fishermen to scare away marine mammals that threaten their catch. After the sea lion ingested the device, the bomb exploded and the animal began bleeding from its mouth.

Just as the device detonated, a boat packed with horrified school children passed by the crime scene. Following the event, the D.A.'s office received more than 200 letters expressing support for prosecuting the case.

Meanwhile, New York officials have offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the capture of whoever is killing harbor seals. Since November, the slashed, stabbed and bludgeoned carcasses of three seals have washed up along the shore from Montauk to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

Source: *National Fisherman* 4/95

Trophy Contenders as of July 24, 1995

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	Trout, Rainbow	12	Don Lee	7	1*
OCEAN WATERS									
Calico Bass	N/A	Richard Lapidus	6	5	MEN'S RELEASED				
Calico Bass	N/A	Earl Warren	4	8	Bonefish	8	Jack Wax	N/A	
Halibut	20	Dan Felger	21	8	Marlin, Blue	130	Randy Sharon	N/A	
Ling Cod	20	Gerald Steinberg	49	9*	Sailfish	12	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Salmon, King	2	Royal Mac Nair	11	10*	Sailfish	20	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Salmon, King	4	Dave Neufeld	20	0*	Sailfish	30	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Salmon, King	4	Royal Mac Nair	11	2	Spearfish, Shortbilled	80	Mark O'Brien	N/A	
Salmon, King	6	Royal Mac Nair	15	2*	Steelhead (25)	8	Earl Warren	N/A	
Salmon, King	8	Don Lee	16	1	Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Steve Simon	N/A	
Salmon, King	12	Don Lee	26	4*	LADIES				
Salmon, King	12	Dave Neufeld	18	8	Salmon, King	16	B.J. Greenfield	21	0
Salmon, King	12	Bill Vogel	18	0	Salmon, King	20	Sally Vickers	45	2
Salmon, King	12	Joel Steinman	11	0	Shark, Thresher	20	Teresa Winbigler	15	8*
Salmon, King	16	Dan Felger	16	4	LADIE'S RELEASED				
Salmon, King	16	Joseph Stern	20	0	Amberjack	30	Sally Vickers	N/A	
Salmon, King	20	Gerald Steinberg	29	5	Tuna, Yellowfin (3)	50	Sally Vickers	N/A	
Tuna, Yellowfin	20	Gerald Steinberg	57	9	JUNIORS				
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Jason Lash	78	0	Salmon, King	16	Daniel Nisenbaum	19	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Marty Laskowitz	165	5*	Tarpon	20	Brian Taper	74	4*
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Mark O'Brien	155	2	Tuna, Yellowfin	12	Shanone Frumkes	12	8
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Randy Sharon	125	0	FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR				
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Bill Vogel	125	0	WHITE SEABASS — STEVE SIMON				
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Dan Felger	108	0	<i>Reminder: To be eligible for a trophy a member shall have attended a minimum of three regular meetings during the calendar year. This rule does not apply to junior members or ladies.</i>				
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Miro Hussenjjan	105	0	<i>Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and witness to the weight, other than the angler.</i>				
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Dan Felger	145	0	<i>Weight certificates must be postmarked within 15 days of the catch, unless a written explanation is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.</i>				
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Howard Weinberger	155	0	Send Weight Slips To:				
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Randy Sharon	135	0	Dan Felger				
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Randy Sharon	135	0	5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 120				
Wahoo	16	Eric Rogger	46	2*	Tarzana, California 91356				
Wahoo	30	Bill Vogel	38	0	FAX: 818 708-3657				
Wahoo	50	Dave Neufeld	55	0					
White Sea Bass	12	Steve Simon	15	2					
White Sea Bass	16	Randy Sharon	33	0*					
FRESH WATER									
Steelhead	8	Earl Warren	16	8*					
FLY ROD									

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Meetings

	Dinner Meetings	Board Meetings
Aug	28	21
Sep	18	11
Oct	30	23
Nov	27	20
Dec	Dark	11
Jan '96	29	22
Feb '96 Awards	25	12

LARRC Other Events

July 10	LARRC Kids' Trip Redondo Barge
July 30	LARRC "Beginners' Trip"
Sept 8-13	LARRC Trip — Qualifier 105
Sept 18	LARRC Foundation Auction
Sept 28	Foundation Auction at Dinner Meeting
Oct 18	King of the Calicos Re-scheduled Trip

LARRC Charters 1995

LARRC WEDNESDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV

SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA

8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/25, 11/8-9*, 11/22, 12/6

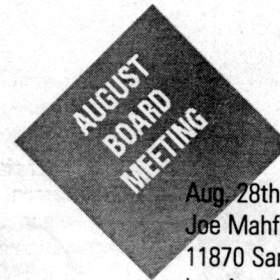
*2-Day trip to San Miguel

1. Departure Time will be at 5:00 am, from Sea Landing, Santa Barbara. However, some trips may depart earlier. These earlier departures will be at the sole discretion of the CHARTER MASTER after consultation with the Skipper.
2. The trips will be planned for local surface calico bass; however, opportunities to fish for exotics, such as white sea bass and yellowtail, will take precedent. Also, several trips will be for light tackle rock fish and/or halibut at Santa Rosa or San Miguel Island. Other trips may be to Point Conception.
3. Return time will usually be 4:30 - 5:00pm, but could be earlier or later depending on fishing conditions and weather, and will be determined by the Skipper.
4. Bunks will be on a first come basis and cannot be reserved. However, the CHARTER MASTER may reserve two, large forward bunks for those participants who because of age or physical limitations require special consideration. If you think you qualify please let the CHARTER MASTER know.
5. Loads will be limited to 16 adults or 17 people if juniors are participating. The CHARTER MASTER reserves the right to overbook by one.
6. Cost: \$75.00 5:00am departure 2-day Trip — \$245 2am departure
\$95.00 2:00am departure
Junior members pay 50% (up to 2 per trip). With the uncertainty of fuel costs there may be a fare adjustment.
7. Charter price includes trip, bait, soft drinks, beer, icing fish, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. Not included are tips and fish cleaning. (Please be generous with the tips for the crew).
8. Reservations should be made through Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave., Northridge, CA 91326, Phone-Msg. Ctr. (818) 366-3300, Home Phone (818) 368-5834, FAX (818) 366-4945. Your reservation, written or verbal, is your commitment to pay, even if you do not go, and your agreement to abide by club charter policies as established by the CHARTER MASTER.

LA Rod & Reel Club Foundation Announces Auction

Barry Fischer advises that the Foundation will be hosting an auction of used (and some new) fishing equipment at the Sept. 25th dinner meeting. All items are donations by LARRC club members & friends. We are still in need of more merchandise to be auctioned off. Please call Norm Weinstock, Joel Steinman or me, Barry Fischer to arrange for the pickup of your donations. 818/501-0145.

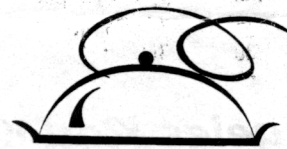
The benefits of this auction will go to the Foundation for the purpose of financing future Kids' Trips. Dan Fink has agreed to be the auctioneer.



Aug. 28th
Joe Mahfet's
11870 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
310/571-2200
As a courtesy to the hosts please RSVP if not a board member.
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm



July 31st
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310/476-6411
Cocktails at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm



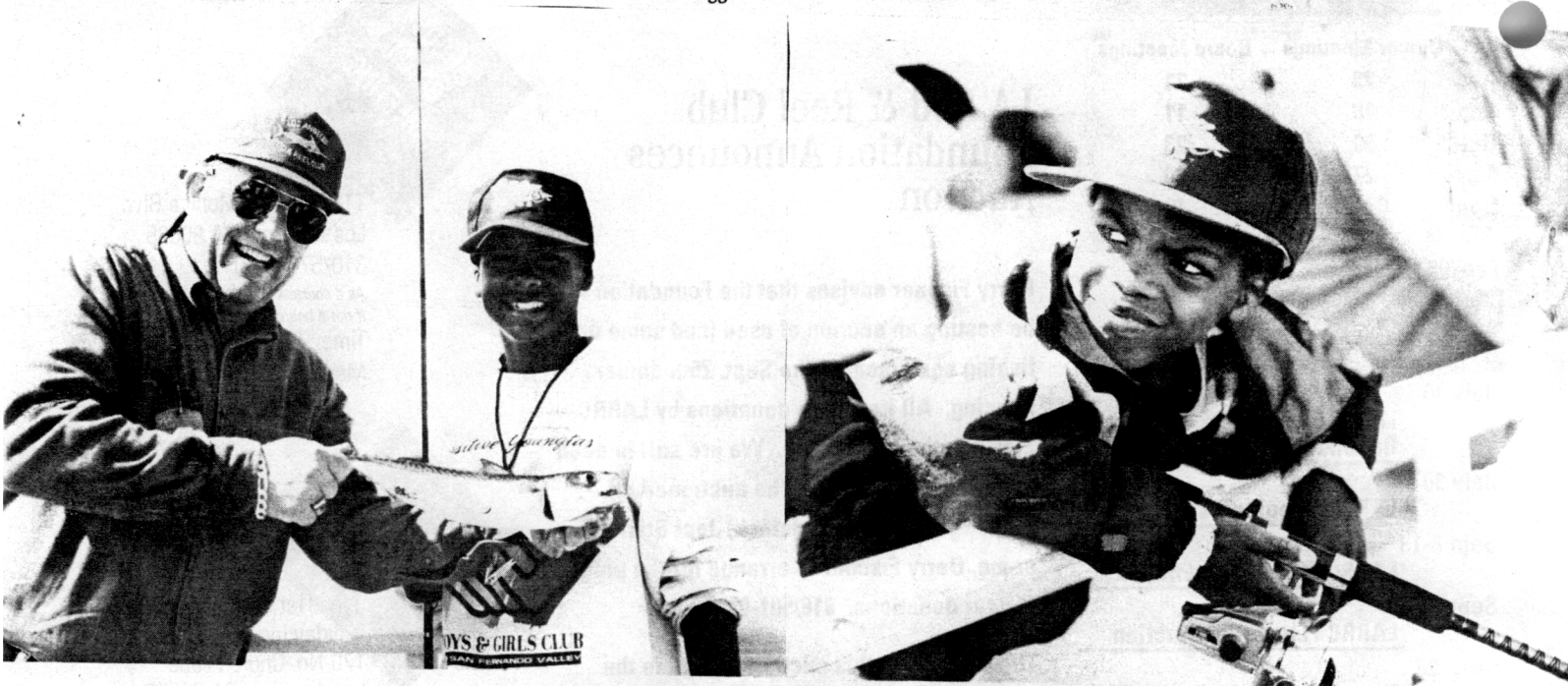
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August Dinner Speaker Announced

Our guest speaker at the August 28th dinner meeting will be a representative from the *Qualifier 105*. The *Qualifier 105* is one of the finest long-range vessels ever built. The operators of the *Qualifier* pride themselves on their expertise and professionalism; and promise to do whatever it takes to make your fishing trip a most enjoyable experience. The talk will cover such topics as (i) what to expect in the upcoming fishing season, and (ii) fishing tips and recommendations to make you a better fisherman. Since the *Qualifier 105* is our boat of choice for the 5-day LARRC September trip, this should be a great meeting.

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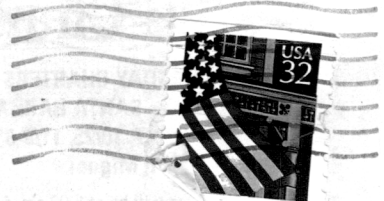
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