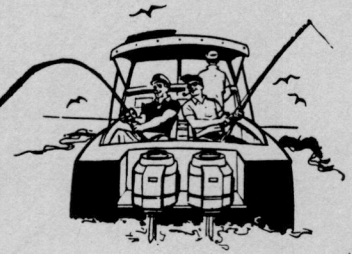




DECEMBER 1992

Chum Line



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THERE WILL BE NO DINNER MEETING IN
DECEMBER

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

PLACE: PRESIDENT ABE ZIDES HOME.
3374 Crazy Horse Dr. SIMI
VALLEY. (805)-584-2891

DATE: DECEMBER 14 th.

This meeting will include
dinner. Call Abe to let him
know that you will attend.

TIME: 6:00 P. M.

The 1992 & 1993 Board should
attend.

We wish all of you a very Merry
Christmas & a Healthy & Happy New
Year. Get back safe.

Dan Frumkes has applied to LARRC for
membership.

The semi roast for Russ Izor was a
great success with a huge turnout.
I have never seen Russ overcome about
anything, but this night I did.

Here is a list of the Trophys that I
must have before Jan 1 st 1993.
Dr. Sylvan Goldberg Award--Roger or
Mahfet. Ted Hammock Friend Award--
Abe Zide. Bobby Platt Award--Marv
Smith. Junior Sportsman of the year
Award--Fishman, Warren. Epstein. Most
Valuable Award--Felger. Please get
them to me as soon as possible. King
Of The Calicos Award also.

FROM DAN FINK

Read with humor of Goodman's whining
about buying the team of Fink & Warren,
like so much chatter off an auction
block. King of the Calico Tournament
fought out by gladiator/slaves in a tiny
arena while the aristocrats spend and
gamble from the sidelines & who knows
what other cheap tawdry activities these
bourgeois participate in while those of
us of less blue blood bleed in the pits.
All in the name of sport. Warren & I
upon learning of our new owner acknowl-
edged that while we were heavy favorites,
overcoming the Goodman gene pool was a
feat even perhaps beyond our reach and
when Abe Zide made that financial offer,
well the rest is history. Rest assured,
to the highest bidder goes the best.

(This leaves a big question mark with me.)

Otto

Congratulations to Norman Weinstock,
Joe Mahfet, Joel Steinman, Alan Fields
and Earl Shimon. They were elected to
serve us as Board members for 1993 & 1994.
Shelly Balzac, Dr. Harold Goodman and
myself were there to count the ballots
and every thing was on the up & up.

If any of you have a used Penn Inter-
national & want to sell it contact
Sally Vickers or Dr. Gerald Steinberg at
(310) 457-4186.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE DECEMBER

AS PRESIDENT OF LARRC I COULD NOT HAVE DONE THE JOB WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE WHO I WANT TO THANK NOW.

I WANT TO THANK NORM WIENSTOCK WHO AS VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN MADE THE MEETINGS INTERESTING. LARRY CLARK AS SECRETARY WHO DID A GREAT JOB ON THE MINUTES, JIM MARSHALL FOR BEING TREASURER FOR FOUR YEARS AND TONY MINDLIN WHO TOOK OVER FOR JIM IN ADDITION TO ALL THE WORK HE DOES FOR THE CLUB AND DAN FELGER WHO'S HARD WORK AS CLUB HISTORIAN AND CHARTER MASTER AND ANY OTHER JOB YOU ASK HIM TO DO.

I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THE NAME'S OF BOB BEAVER, BARRY FISHER, BOB PRESS, BILL ALPERT, ERIC ROGGER WHO WILL BE THE NEXT CHUM LINE EDITOR, JOE MAHFETT, JOEL STEINMAN, ALAN MANHEIM, BILL ADAMS WHO'S HARD WORK HELPED ME THROUGH THE YEAR.

LAST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK OTTO PAINTER WHO'S HARD WORK THROUGH THE YEARS AS EDITOR OF THE CHUM LINE AND HARD WORK ON THE TROPHIES AND THE BANQUETS MADE THIS CLUB CLICK. THIS WILL BE OTTO'S LAST YEAR DOING THESE JOBS. YOUR HARD WORK WILL BE MISSED, BUT NOW IS YOUR TIME TO ENJOY THE CLUB WITHOUT ALL THOSE JOBS THANK YOU OTTO.

I WANT TO THANK ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND I WANT TO WISH EVERYBODY HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE HONOR OF BEING PRESIDENT OF LARRC IT HAS BEEN A FUN YEAR.

ABE

FANTASTIC FOOD . GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

FUN - FUN - FUN

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

Requests Your Attendance

at the

43rd Anniversary

Installation and Awards Banquet

to be held on

Saturday, February 27, 1993

at

Braemar Country Club
4001 Reseda Blvd.
Tarzana, CA 91357

at

6:30 pm - 11:30 pm for

for Dinner Dance, Music & Awards

No Host Bar

\$35 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by January 24, 1993

SEND RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS TO BARRY FISCHER

16485 GARVIN DR. ENCINO CA.

A MEMO TO B. SUSMAN

Well, at last we got some action. I accept Zide's proposal that my future fines be debited against the \$84.97 the club owes me. And, I don't want to hear any \$85.00 fines. Five's the limit.

There's another matter which has to be addressed at this time. Look here, Susman, say anything you want about me but negative comments about my dogs can be very upsetting. I've never said anything about your stupid fish. Do you keep fish? I mean, in an aquarium, not the ones you catch to eat. Of course you keep those. If you are a fish-keeper, and I don't say you are, would I call them stupid? I have great respect for all forms of life on this planet including tarantulas and pit vipers and fish and other pets which run to the strange tastes of some people I know. Tarantulas and pit vipers are totally acceptable to me. It's OK. Go ahead and keep them.

My dogs have never bitten anyone, on or off the leash. Maybe they've scared a few infants but those infants' parents should have sense enough to keep their offspring indoors when we take Nigel and Bentley to the campus. Those parents who snatch up the kids in alarm just because they are rushed by a couple of barking dogs are doing those children a disservice. That's training them to be afraid of dogs and likely to like tarantulas when they grow up.

Which brings up another problem. Otto is giving up the helm (I like that) of the Chum-Line. He has piloted the ship (good?) through the shoals and away from lee shores for, lo, these many years. A better skipper we couldn't have had. The earth continues to turn, the days of sail are over and the young Turks inherit. I'm happy to report, however, that Otto is still as vigorous and vinegary as ever but, will be devoting that excess energy to his grandchildren. So, what's the problem? The new editor of the Chum-Line, come March, '93, has a mandate from the board and that is to print articles only about fishing. Is that your doing, Buggy? How the hell am I supposed to write about fishing? I don't know anything about fishing worth passing along to the readers. Ask Brody, ask Rimland, ask any number of people. My gear is in poor shape, I don't have the right hooks and I once fell overboard. This is a fisherman? You want recipes or travel tips or psychological profiles on club members then I'm your man. Otto has always said to me, "Doc, as long as you tell the truth I'll print it." I've tried to follow his dictum. He never even suggested that I write about fishing because he has a quiet contempt for my fishing ability and rightly so. The one time I got a trophy was an accident. On one of our albacore trips Frank Lo Preste had my number. You were there. We were in a swarm of heavy, hungry fish when my reel exploded. Lo Preste was chumming and called out to one of the deckhands, "Pick up a fish and hand it off to that dummy in the blue shirt." I was never so humiliated in my life.

Fortunately, we pool the fish and Lucille thinks I'm a hero. I've never diabused her of the notion. Cases and cases of albacore I never caught.

Now, Susman, my lawyerly friend, let's get down to cases. For me, writing is a compulsion. Like cooking. When I make dinner Lucille is not allowed in the kitchen. I snarl. It's a sickness. I stand over water to see that it's not over-boiled. Nothing can distract me from my appointed rounds with what's in the oven. Oh, sure, I practice medicine but it's not the same thing. Sometimes I get an-

noyed at patients who bother me with their health problems while I'm wondering if the roast will be thoroughly defrosted by the time I get home. To get that perfect melding of flavors a roast should be at room temperature before the stuffing is inserted. Since my gardening is not so great I have to stop at Gelson's on the way home to pick up newly harvested herbs at five times the cost of using my own if I could get them to leaf when I need them. The only thing in my herb garden which does well is the bay leaf plant but how much bay leaf can you use? My gardening is on a par with my fishing.

Which brings me back to fishing. Since this is a fishing club most of the members are fishermen. Right? Does this mean that they don't want to know about the aberrations of those next to whom they are fishing? No! I deny it. It has become one of my functions, a service to the club, to warn the innocents. When Jeff Ellis first joined the club in 1980 the gang chartered a bus to San Diego for an albacore trip. Jeff took a window seat and Harold Price, a notorious hum-bugger, grabbed the aisle seat next to his, introduced himself and started a friendly conversation. He asked if this was Jeff's first outing with people "like us". He wondered if Jeff had decided on a bunk-mate. Well, if you ever saw alarm written on a man's face - I don't think Jeff really relaxed until he got back on the bus five days later. It was pitiful. That's when I determined to write about our fellow members instead of about fishing. It's not that our members are bad people. It's just that you have to understand them.

And, for your information, I did not weep and blubber when the movie turned out badly. The cast should have stuck to their fishing.

As for my literary tastes, I've modelled myself after Horatio Hornblower which is plain to see.

Look, Susman, over the years I've tried mightily to suppress the yawns when you go on about real estate. This is common courtesy and the way one American should treat another - besides being co-religionists. Bear in mind that there are Gentiles in the LARRC, what must they be thinking when they hear Jewish dogs being labelled as stupid? I suspect that Lo Preste is not Jewish.

The cooking editorship is no small thing. Those members wise enough to follow our suggestions are universally pleased with these columns; even the Gentiles. We've been holding back for a future issue the recipe for a bouillabaisse created exclusively from the catches at our outer islands. When I see heads and skeletons thrown overboard by the filleters my heart sinks. Don't our players know that these are the basis of a heavenly fish stock? The secret will be held back until our new editor comes to his senses. I might, just might, pass it along if the board re-examines its misdirected diktat.

I could go on but Otto likes me to keep things brief and to the point.

H. Goodman

Who told you I wept? You're just mad because I didn't ask you to be in the movie. I would have asked Mimi but we ran out of female parts. You'll notice that Lucille didn't get a role because you'd be the first one to accuse me of nepotism.

1992 Wednesday Seahawk Charters

Dec 16

Charter Data and Policies

1. Departure Time will be 5:00 a.m. from Sea Landing, Santa Barbara. However, some trips may depart as early as 12:00 a.m. These earlier departures will be at the sole discretion of the CHARTER MASTER after consultation with the skipper.
2. Generally speaking 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 rockfish 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 - 5:00 p.m., but could be earlier or later depending on fishing conditions and weather, and will be determined by skipper and CHARTER MASTER.
4. Two days prior to the scheduled charter the six (6) outside bunks and the double bunk will be assigned by the CHARTER MASTER to those seven (7) individuals who committed to the charter the earliest.
5. The boat will be available for boarding after 9:00 p.m., or after 11:00 p.m. when the Seahawk is on a twilight trip.
6. Reservations are restricted to club members and their guests up to 30 days prior to trip date. Then they will be open for nonmember participation.
7. Loads will be limited to 14 adults or 15 people if juniors are participating.
8. Cost: \$ 70.00 5:00 a.m. departure 2 Day Trips - \$235 2 a.m. departure
 \$ 90.00 2:00 a.m. departure (All meals included)

Junior members pay 50% (up to 2 per trip). With the uncertainty of fuel costs there may be a fare adjustment.

9. Soft drinks and beer are included. The galley will be open for breakfast and lunch.
10. Reservations should be made through Dan Felger at his business, 5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 120, Tarzana, California 91356, (818) 708-3278. 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.

1993 Wednesday Indian Charters

January 27th
April 21st
July 28th
October 27th

February 24th
May 19th
August 25th

March 24th
June 30th
September 29th

Charter Data and Policies

1. Departure Time will be 11:00 p.m., Tuesday from 22nd Street Landing, San Pedro. However, may depart as early as 9:00 p.m., so participants are urged to be aboard by then.
2. Generally speaking the trips will be planned to Catalina and San Clemente Islands.
3. Return time will usually be 4:30 - 5:00 p.m., but could be earlier or later depending on fishing conditions and weather, and will be determined by skipper and CHARTER MASTER.
4. Bunks are available on a first come basis and may not be reserved.
5. Reservations are restricted to club members and their guests up to 30 days prior to trip date. Then they will be open for nonmember participation.
6. Loads will be limited to 16 adults or 17 people if juniors are participating.
7. Cost: \$ 85.00

Junior members pay 50% (up to 2 per trip).
8. Charter price includes trip, bait, soft drinks, beer, and a \$5.00 galley credit for food only. Not included are tips and fish cleaning.
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NEW CHARTER RULES

The LARRC Board has instituted a new rule regarding all club charters. Effective immediately, all players on a club charter will be subject to standards of good conduct and sportsmanship. The Charter Master, along with the boat Captain, have the complete discretion on where to fish and how long to fish and their determination shall not be interfered with by the players. If, in the opinion of the Charter Master, a member gets out of line he will be given a warning. If, after one warning, a player continues to be out of line, he can be prohibited from joining a future charter by the Charter Master. 7

1993 Wednesday Seahawk Charters

January 6 & 20
April 14 & 28
July 7 & 21
October 6 & 20

February 3 & 17
May 11-12* & 26
August 4 & 18
November 2-3* & 17

March 3, 17 & 31
June 9 & 23
September 1 & 22
December 1

* 2 day trip to San Miguel

Charter Data and Policies

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6. Reservations are restricted to club members and their guests up to 30 days prior to trip date. Then they will be open for nonmember participation.
7. Loads will be limited to 14 adults or 15 people if juniors are participating.
8. Cost: \$ 75.00 5:00 a.m. departure 2 Day Trips - \$235 2 a.m. departure
 \$ 95.00 2:00 a.m. departure (All meals included)

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1992 TROPHY CONTENDERS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1992

SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB OZ

LOCAL WATERS

CALICO BASS	N/A	DAVE NEUFELD	8	8
CALICO BASS	N/A	WILLIAM ALPERT	7	2
CALICO BASS	N/A	DAN FELGER	7	0
CALICO BASS	N/A	MARVIN SCHEINBAUM	7	0
CALICO BASS	N/A	STAN RICHSTONE	6	4
CALICO BASS	N/A	TONY MINDLIN	6	0
CALCIO BASS	N/A	PHIL DAVIS	6	8
HALIBUT	30	MAX WUNDERMAN	22	8*
HALIBUT	50	DAVE NEUFELD	34	0*
TUNA, BLUEFIN	20	MICHAEL GROSSMAN	47	8*
TUNA, BLUEFIN	20	DAN FELGER	38	12
TUNA, BLUEFIN	20	OTTO PAINTER	37	5
TUNA, BLUEFIN	20	JULIAN WOLF	32	9
TUNA, BLUEFIN	30	JULIAN WOLF	64	4*
TUNA, BLUEFIN	30	DAN FELGER	37	10
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	16	OTTO PAINTER	26	4*
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	30	BARRY TAPER	44	12
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	30	KEN SIMPSON	37	2
WHITE SEA BASS	16	DANNY ZIDE	23	0
WHITE SEA BASS	16	OTTO PAINTER	14	6
YELLOWTAIL	20	DANNY ZIDE	38	0
YELLOWTAIL	20	KEN SIMPSON	26	8

FOREIGN WATERS

BONEFISH	4	OTTO PAINTER	10	5*
BONEFISH	12	NORMAN SCHINDLER	10	0*
CHAR, ARCTIC	12	MARVIN SMITH	20	0*
DORADO	30	JOEL ZIDE	50	0
DRUM, FRESH WATER	6	DON LEE	5	11*
MARLIN, BLUE	30	LAD RUBAUM	265	0*
MARLIN, STRIPED	20	LAD RUBAUM	170	0
MARLIN, STRIPED	30	BARRY TAPER	128	8
MARLIN, STRIPED	30	LAD RUBAUM	122	0
PIKE, NORTHERN	8	BERNARD MAYERS	13	0*
PIKE, NORTHERN	8	DAN FELGER	6	0
PIKE, NORTHERN	12	JOSEPH STERN	5	8*
PERMIT	8	OTTO PAINTER	11	12*
ROOSTERFISH	30	DANNY ZIDE	44	0
SALMON, COHO	12	GERALD STEINBERG	14	2*
SALMON, KING	12	EARL WARREN	34	0
SALMON, KING	16	EARL WARREN	32	8*
SALMON, KING	20	GERALD STEINBERG	35	8
SALMON, KING	30	EARL WARREN	33	8
SALMON, PINK	8	WILLIAM VOGEL	6	3*
SALMON, SILVER	16	WILLIAM VOGEL	14	6*
STEELHEAD	12	EARL WARREN	11	2
STURGEON	30	MAURY GOLDFARB	50	4
TARPON	20	OTTO PAINTER	71	0*
TROUT, BROOK	8	JAMES MARSHALL	3	8*
TROUT, LAKE	4	DAN FELGER	20	0*
TROUT, LAKE	8	BEN SUSMAN	34	8
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	20	JOEL STEINMAN	36	10
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	80	ERIC ROGGER	334	8*
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	80	LARRY CLARK	122	5
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	130	JIM MARSHALL	271	10*

WAHOO	20	LAD RUBAUM	82	0
WAHOO	30	LAD RUBAUM	65	0*
WAHOO	50	JOEL ZIDE	54	0
WHITEFISH, FRESH WATER	8	BERNARD MAYERS	4	0*
YELLOWTAIL	50	JOEL STEINMAN	30	0

MEN'S RELEASED

MARLIN, STRIPED	30	BARRY TAPER	N/A	
MARLIN, STRIPED	30	DANNY ZIDE	N/A	
SAILFISH	20	JOEL STEINMAN	N/A	
STURGEON	30	NAT MERIN	N/A	

WOMEN'S

TIGER FISH	8	JOYCE LEE	1	7*
SALMON, KING	8	PAMELA WARREN	14	2*
SALMON, KING	12	PAMELA WARREN	31	8*
SALMON, KING	16	PAMELA WARREN	32	0*
SALMON, KING	20	SALLY VICKERS	41	5*
SALMON, KING	20	PAMELA WARREN	29	6
SALMON, KING	30	PAMELA WARREN	20	2*
TROUT, RAINBOW	8	MICHI MARSHALL	3	8*
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	50	SALLY VICKERS	96	6*

WOMEN'S RELEASED

SAILFISH	20	TAMMY STEINMAN	N/A	N/A
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JUNIOR

CALICO BASS	N/A	MICHAEL EPSTEIN	2	3
CALICO BASS	N/A	JEREMY WARREN	6	7
DORADO	20	JEREMY WARREN	12	6
MARLIN, STRIPED	30	MICHAEL EPSTEIN	99	0
SAND BASS	12	SHANA ELLIS	5	11
SAND BASS	12	ARI ELLIS	5	13*
STRIPED BASS	8	BRIAN TAPER	17	0*
TROUT, RAINBOW	4	RANDYLL RUBAUM	4	6*
YELLOWTAIL	20	JEREMY WARREN	19	8
YELLOWTAIL	50	ROBIN STEINMAN	30	0

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

WHITE SEA BASS	MAY 18, 1992	OTTO PAINTER
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*Club Record

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.

Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and a witness to the weight, other than the angler.

Weight certificates must be postmarked within 15 days of the catch, unless a written explanation is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

WEIGHT SLIPS ARE TO BE SENT TO: Dan Felger
5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 120
Tarzana, CA 91356

CLOTHES CARE COLUMN

Much has been made of the disgraceful appearance which LARRC members display to the world. This column will be devoted to the care and maintenance of fishing clothes only, and into the foreseeable future since the board is now allowing only fishing topics to be published in the Chum-Line.

Why they made that decision is a mystery to me but, let's get on with it.

Dr. Horowitz has been wearing the same long billed khaki airforce cap since WW II. That is fine except that it has never been laundered. The air force used only first quality long-staple cotton in their flying caps during that war. It is perfectly safe to wash it on the medium-hot cycle if you first attach a tennis racket-type brace fitted to the bill to preserve its shape.

Most of you carelessly buy fishing clothes without examining the label for fabric content. Please do so in the future. Since so many of you are reluctant to discard your old fishing clothes it is not too late to look now. Under the law those labels are required to give detailed laundering instructions. Take a moment to read them now.

As a general rule fabric will not be ruined nor the colors bleed if a mild product such as Woolite is used. This works best in cold water and without wringing. Simply hang and smooth with your fingers 'til dry. Careful folding with a layer of tissue paper can prevent wrinkles. This works well in packing more formal clothes but I mention it only as an aside since this is a fishing article.

It hardly needs be said that due care should be taken while fishing. Never let the pant leg fall outside the boot top. Deckhands have a way of spraying high when washing the deck. The spray is often blood-stained and this can raise the dickens later.

Your fishing garments should be washed or dry cleaned at least once every three or four outings else you might find yourself alone at the rail. I would hate not being able to talk while waiting for a bite.

More in the next issue.

Laundry Editor

SINGING FOUND TO ENHANCE FISHING

Melodies have a way of getting stuck in my head for a whole day and I unconsciously sing or hum them until a deep sleep clears them out to make room for a new one the next day. This can lead to problems. My nurse tells me that I am especially likely to hum a merry tune while doing a pelvic. Here and there a patient becomes offended and never comes back. Perhaps this signifies that I am happy in my work.

In any event, singing relieves the tedium of waiting for a fish to attach itself to my hook. This offends Schwartz. There's something about Schwartz that makes me break out with, "Some Enchanted Evening", which he can't stand. When I find myself casting next to Schwartz I start on, "Some Enchanted Evening", in the Ezio Pinza style. This drives him nuts. He reels in his line and moves elsewhere. It's not intentional on my part, you understand. When I'm driving him down to San Pedro at my expense (happy to do it) he can't exit the car and when the conversation lags I get the irresistible urge to entertain him with, "Some Enchanted Evening".

Here's the amazing thing; Schwartz is unhappy but the fish seem to love it. Never saw it recommended in any fishing article but those writers and editors may feel free to print this at no cost and with my compliments.

When the frozen squid are unappetizing, when the pinheads are listless, when the mojos are unproductive or the fish seem to be sleeping - wake them up with a little song. Damned if it doesn't do the job. I just stumbled on this while torturing my friend, Schwartz.

You don't have to sound like Pinza as I happen to. Any little ditty will do even if you are tone deaf. Fish don't seem to have ears but there is a vibratory sense organ in the head which will pick up, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star".

Try it.

Music Editor

LA PAZ, B.C.S., MEXICO

The greatest scandal ever to hit Baja California Sur threatens to occur as government officials continue to deny intentions to grant Japanese longliners permits to exploit the Mexican west coast and the Sea of Cortez.

The tourist industry, ecologists, economists and concerned citizens are voicing their objections and at least sixteen fishing co-ops have called upon President Carlos Salinas de Gortari to remove several officials from the Department of Fisheries. Fisheries spokesmen in Mexico City and local Fisheries Delegate, Jorge Galvez Rocha, claim that the Department has no intentions of granting permits to foreign longliners while other sources report Japanese longliner captain, Cruz Coronado Vicong, is in Mexico City where he is using Japanese capital and "old friends" within the Department of Fisheries to acquire the needed documents for the "*Neo I and Neo II*" which at the time of this writing were moored securely in the port of Pichilingue just ten miles north of La Paz, Baja California Sur!

The two vessels, both Japanese, arrived recently from Honduras where they fished the relatively limited coast of that tiny country until populations of species such as marlin, tuna and dorado were all but depleted. Captain Cruz Coronado Vicong now intends to employ those same sophisticated techniques in Mexican waters, specifically the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific coast of Baja California Sur. The *Neo I and Neo II* poise ready to sail as soon as permits are granted

with Japanese officers and Mexican crewmen already on board and buyers supposedly stand ready to purchase everything the longliners are able to catch. It is reported that the ships will unload their cargo in the U.S. port of San Francisco. Mexican tuna fishermen find it interesting, to say the least, that the United States maintains an embargo on Mexican tuna while readily allowing Japanese longliners access to U.S. ports and buyers.

The "*Neo I and Neo II*" are supposedly being imported into Mexico in order to change their registry. Those concerned about the future of game fish populations in this area make a valid point when stating that no longline owner would go to the expense of importing his vessel(s) into Mexico and changing their registry unless he was already guaranteed that appropriate permits would be issued for the taking of species which would make the investment worthwhile. It was also questioned whether the vessels were even legally attempting to change their registry since Japan does not allow Japanese registered fishing vessels to operate under another flag.

Will the "*Rising Sun*" be hoisted again as soon as Baja California Sur waters are made sterile?

Is the "*Rising Sun*" being flown over the ships which may be seen operating under the cover of darkness just off shore near Los Cabos? Area residents claim to be able to hear VHF broadcasts from these vessels, all in a "foreign language".

Not all foreign fishing vessels are after marlin and dorado. The sardine and squid population in the

Sea of Cortez was decimated by Japanese fishing vessels several years ago. After a slow comeback, squid populations increased once again and once again the Department of Fisheries granted permits to six Japanese vessels specially equipped for the taking of that species. Just one such vessel is capable of taking more squid in three months than the entire Mexican fleet in a season. The six vessels were granted a six month permit to operate in the Sea of Cortez

THIS YEAR but after five months four of the vessels left the area, having depleted the majority of the squid. The other two vessels remained for the sixth month to "clean up" what little product was left in the Sea of Cortez off the coast of Loreto.

The eradication of any one member of the food chain in the Sea of Cortez, or any other body of water, will have a devastating effect on productivity in that area. Sport fishing remains the number one attraction in Baja California Sur and will remain so as long as there are fish to catch.

The employment of a few dozen Mexican crewmen aboard Japanese fishing vessels is one of the main defenses given for granting permits. Thousands of Mexicans employed in the tourist industry stand to lose their incomes if game fish populations are allowed to be decimated by the longliners. When the fish are gone the Japanese will leave and Baja California Sur will be left to cope with an economy based upon an industry which can no longer offer tourists the opportunity to fish for yellowtail in Loreto, halibut and snook in Bahía Magdalena, billfish and dorado in La Paz or marlin in Cabo San Lucas, the "Marlin Capital of the World" so far. ★

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This article is shown in its entirety - printed by the Baja Sun an english language newspaper published in La Paz. Thank you, Bob Press for calling this to our attention.

ANYONE WHO GOES TO MEXICO SHOULD HAVE THEIR FISH HEAD EXAMINED

From: Eric Rogger
Charterperson

Subject: 5 Day Club Trip, 1993
Sept. 8 (PM departure) 9/13 (AM return)
No interference with holidays!

My belated thanks for joining us on the last club trip! We caught a fair number of fish although we did experience a couple of slow days.

There were enough comments concerning the ventilation, crew fishing, poor shower layout plus some other minor things to cause us to look for an alternate to the Shogun. After conversations with the Polaris Supreme, Royal Star, Excel and also Qualifier 105 we decided on the 105 because of time and money considerations.

The Qualifier 105 with John Klein will be our boat in '93. She features cabins for two, lots of closet space, air conditioning throughout, 28' beam etc. Many in our club have fished with John for years and swear by him. There will also be a fileting service @ .25 a lb. (a 10lb fish would cost \$2.50)

You are invited and have priority since you came along in '92. There is one catch....You have to let me know by the end of the year and send me \$100 earnest money. The fare was more to charter the Qualifier but in order to keep the tab the same we are taking two more players. The fare will be \$1125 again. This will include drinks, tips and permits. This being a 105 ft. boat, it should be a delight.

More details later..I will be gone substantially most of December so am getting this notice out earlier. I would appreciate hearing from you if you are definite about **Not being able to make it.**

Happy Holidays,

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TO: Otto Painter, Editor, Chumline
FROM: Eric Rogger, Charterperson
SUBJECT: LARRC Long Range Trip, 1993

We are chartering the Qualifier 105 for another five day trip, to depart the afternoon of Sept. 8th and returning Sept. 13th. No conflict with the holidays.

Some of you have fished the Qualifier and she was ^mcompletely refurbished in '90, is airconditioned (the galley should be also by the time of our trip) throughout and they even installed TV/VCR equipment in each stateroom for insomniacs. A non smoking trip please so you'll enjoy your puffs out on deck.

The staterooms are for two with lots of storage space in each. In order to keep the price the same we are taking on 22 players instead of the 20. The fare is \$1125 per passenger, this includes your tips, drinks and permits.

I realize it's a bit early but if you want to nail down your space now a \$100 check as earnest money will come in handy. If you have any questions please call me at (310) 476-5936. 13

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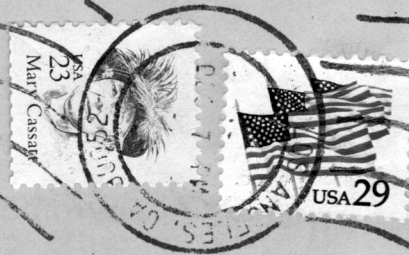
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