

Chum Line



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“Mr. LARRC” Honored

It was great to see so many members, family and friends help honor our “Mr. LARRC,” Dan Felger, at the last dinner meeting. For those of you who missed this wonderful night, you missed a unique evening for our

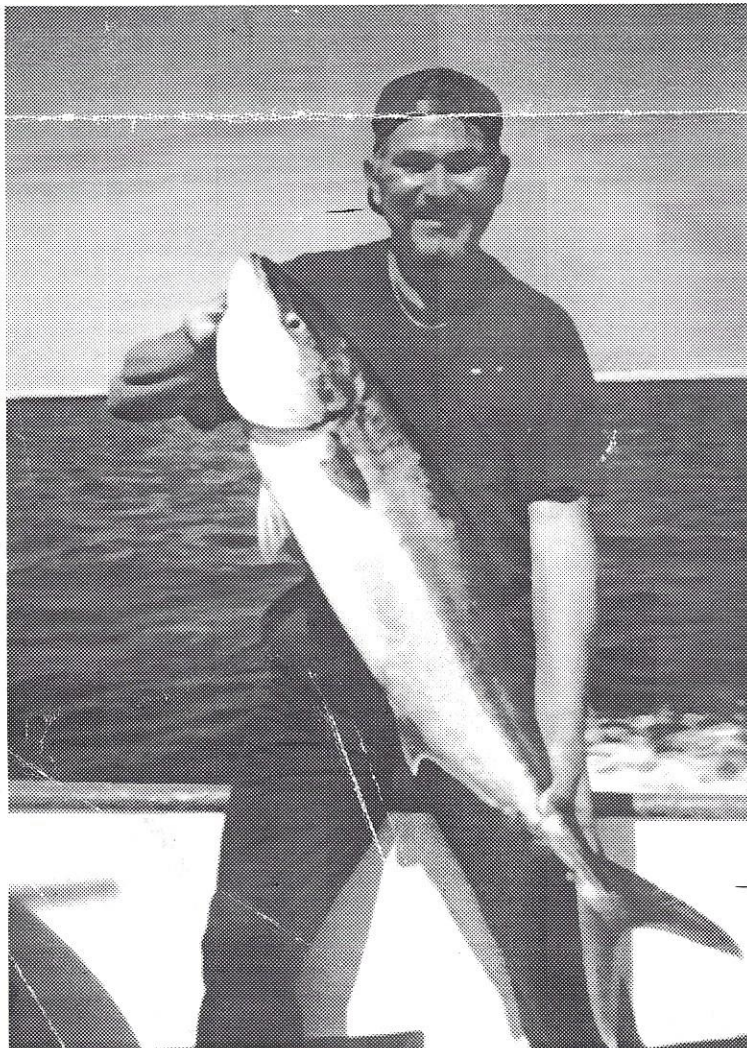
What a smile, Hal Clark seems happy too!

club — it was the first time, and last time, that you will hear Dan say the words, “I’m speechless.”

The next time that you see Dan fishing in his stern corner, you will see him fishing with his new Calcutta 400 (engraved “Mr. LARRC”) and wearing his new LARRC jack-

et (with the same words embroidered on it), both presented to him as a small token of our Club’s appreciation. We wish Dan another 47 years of continuing service to the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club.

—Randy Sharon

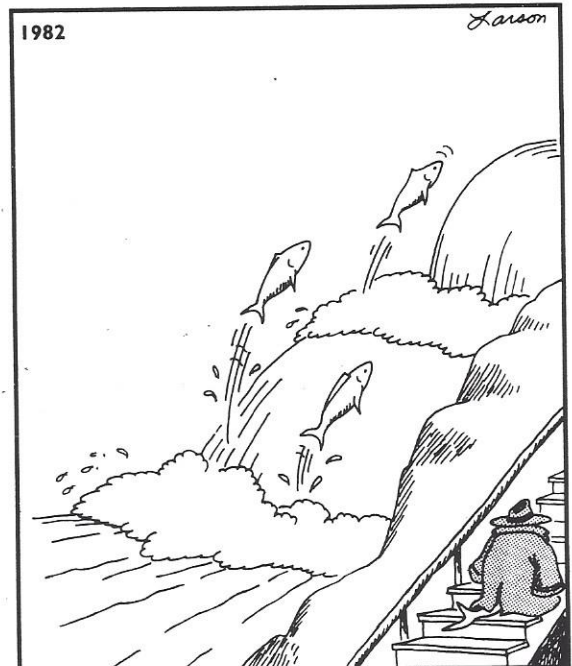


Season's
Greetings



Happy Holidays

Happy New Year!





With the New Year approaching, I started to think about fishing wishes for 1997. I came up with the following top-ten list:

- ⑩ I wish that I will see blue skies and calm seas on all of my trips.
- ⑨ I wish that I will have the same team members for the 1997 King of the Calicos Tournament, as I did for the 1996 tournament.
- ⑧ I wish that Dan Felger and Eric Rogger share a stateroom on a long-range fishing trip (and that each lives to tell about it).
- ⑦ I wish that the 1997 Kids' Trip is as successful as the 1996 trip.
- ⑥ I wish that I will have to take a break on my next long-range fishing trip because my arms are too tired to catch any more fish.
- ⑤ I wish that my wife, Helayne, is as understanding about my fishing activities as she has been in the past.
- ④ I wish that my future fishing days are better than the "good old days."
- ③ I wish that my son Ian catches his first fish (with a little help from his dad).
- ② I wish that Dan Felger allows me to fish on his stern corner.
- ① I wish that I fish on the day before the deckhand says "you should have been out here yesterday."

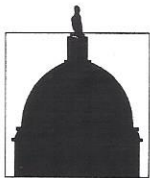
Above all, I wish each of you all of the best in the coming year, and a happy and healthy new year.

— Randy Sharon, President

DID YOU KNOW?

- Percent of world's fresh fish production consumed by Japan — 30%
- Percent of U.S. swordfish landed that have not had an opportunity to spawn even once — 84%
- Number of fish species — over 20,000.
- Percent of species that live in salt water — 58%
- Percent of species that live in fresh water — 41%
- Percent of species that live in both — 1%
- Number of times faster sound travels in water than air — 4.8.
- Degrees of visibility some fish have without moving their head — 360 degrees.
- Date of first art work depicting angling with a pole — 2000 B.C.
- Estimated number of shark attack fatalities per year — 15.
- Estimated number of bee sting fatalities per year — 750.
- Estimated number of blue sharks landed by Hawaii-based longliners 1991 through August 1995 — 500,000 +.
- Number of these blue sharks discarded — 465,000.
- Number of fish tagged in 1995 by U.S. shark tagging program — 7,613.
- Number of tags recovered — 534.

Source: *International Angler*



Update on Legislative Matters

1955 "Fish Management Bill"

Requires an overall assessment of fish management and research programs of near shore ocean fisheries. The DFG is to report by Jan '98, to the legislature. This is an important first step to create more effective management of the state's depleted fisheries.

AB2628 is Amended through the Efforts of UASC.

Known as the "Cucumber" bill, it was carried by Assemblyman Firestone to establish a permit sea cucumber fishery to sunset in 2002. UASC, through its lobbyist, was able to amend the bill to significantly. Fining or permit withholding of violators of regulations, change fishing periods, increase permit fees to underwrite enforcement etc. while not ideal, it was the first time a lobbyist was able to work with a legislator to make constructive amendments.

SB 1442

All commercial licensees must be paid up on their child support in order to be issued renewals — taking the burden off California Tax payers. State Sen. Milton Marks authored this bill

The Coastal Commission

My thanks to all who gave of their time to help UASC and ASA and showed up at the hearing 11/8. You will recall that this concerned the efforts of SCE/San Onofre Nuclear to reduce the amount of mitigation efforts originally agreed to in 1991. They now claim that their obligation should be reduced as new studies indicate the amount of damage done to the ocean environment is not as extensive. Environmentalists were pushing for the use of such funds for reef and mariculture purposes.

The coastal commissioners are politically appointed. The meeting lasted into midnight and decisions were ultimately put off until the November 13 meeting in San Diego. This was marked by a good deal of rancor among the commissioners — i.e. new ones will be appointed by a democrati-

cally controlled California legislature. What does it mean? Decision deferred until the next meeting in February.

Monterey Symposium

Attended a symposium on Pacific Pelagic Fisheries at the aquarium. Scientific speakers from all over with a great deal of statistics. Bottom line — The west coast fisheries are not regulated by any overall plans. Stocks are in pretty good shape except for the blue fin tuna and swordfish in particular. It is felt that the west coast is about 25 years ahead of the Atlantic experience. That experience is a disaster for most fisheries. That is why the sponsors of the symposium called it "Getting ahead of the Curve." Plans for international cooperation on the Pacific are in the works but in view of the need for protein foods on the part of many Pacific Rim nations it looks like a tall order. The by-word is public education for it is only through this means that corrective legislation can be achieved.

—Eric Rogger



A Rebuttal To A Rebuttal To A Rebuttal, AD INFINITUM

In the October *Chum Line* I was dastardly maligned by Russ Izor (AKA Capt. Catalina). Thank God I still have a few friends in The LARRC. George Mio (AKA Capt. Nice) came to my rescue. What prompted Capt. Catalina's attack? In the September *Chum Line*, I made insignificant references to him such as "fiery rebel" and "Russ believed the world was flat and that the drop off was somewhere just beyond Catalina." Now, I defy anyone who remotely knows Russ to take issue with these statements.

In his rebuttal Capt. Catalina refers to San Clemente Island. I know he doesn't know how to find The Island, and I was surprised that he even spelled the name correctly. During the time that "The fiery Rebel"

operated sportfishing boats (*New Long Fin, Maverick, Indian, Truth, Peace, and First String*) he had several mechanical breakdowns due to his auto pilot freezing up as a result of non usage except on the course to and from Catalina. While other skippers were chasing albacore, tuna, and yellowtail, Russ had his passengers convinced that yellowfin croaker were more challenging and a better table fare. I've got more, but enough for now.

— P.S. Carolyn gladly accepts the plaque you proposed for her. What about Lura?

— Dan Felger

Trophy Contenders as of November 18, 1996

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.				
OCEAN WATERS								
Albacore	12	Chris Striepeke	9	0	Pike, Northern	8	Don Lee	11 6 *
Albacore	30	Peter Giannini	36	0	Pike, Northern	12	Don Lee	14 8 *
Bass, Calico	N/A	Michael Grossman	6	10	Sheefish	8	Bernard Mayers	30 0 *
Bass, Calico	N/A	Dan Felger	6	3	Trout, Lake	12	Bernard Mayers	25 8 *
Dorado	6	Royal MacNair	5	0 *	Trout, Rainbow	4	Royal MacNair	5 8 *
Dorado	20	Bill Vogel	55	6	Trout, Rainbow	4	Norin Grancell	2 8
Halibut	12	Joel Zide	14	0	FLY ROD			
Halibut	16	Joel Zide	23	0 *	Pike, Northern	8	Don Lee	8 7 *
Sailfish	20	Joel Steinman	90	0	MEN'S RELEASED			
Salmon, King	20	Gerald Steinberg	22	2	Dorado	6	Joel Steinman	
Tuna, Big Eye	50	Barry Taper	87	8	Marlin, Blue	50	Seymour Rimland	
Tuna, Bluefin	16	Michael Grossman	25	0	Marlin	50	Bryan Bach	
Tuna, Bluefin	20	Dan Felger	27	0	Tuna, Bluefin (10)	130	Mark O'Brien	
Tuna, Yellowfin	10	Michael Lapidus	24	8	LADIES			
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Barry Taper	68	8	Salmon, King	20	Sally Vickers	22 6
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Bob Beaver	52	9	Trout, Rainbow	2	Nona Grancell	2 12 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Gerald Steinberg	108	4	Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Sally Vickers	70 4 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Bob Beaver	67	9	Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Sally Vickers	75 3
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Gerald Steinberg	170	0	Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Sally Vickers	139 10 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Mark O'Brien	233	8	Wahoo	30	Sally Vickers	46 8
Yellowtail	12	Michael Grossman	10	0	Wahoo	50	Sally Vickers	53 2 *
Yellowtail	16	Dan Felger	33	14	First Gamefish of the Year			
Yellowtail	30	Mark O'Brien	35	2	Yellowtail — Michael Grossman			
Yellowtail	30	Dan Felger	23	10	<i>Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and witness to the weight, other than the angler.</i>			
Yellowtail	50	Randy Sharon	35	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>			
Wahoo	50	Dan Felger	59	10	Send Weight Slips To:			
Wahoo	50	Gerald Steinberg	35	4	Dan Felger			
Wahoo	80	Dan Felger	50	13	5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 120			
White Sea Bass	16	Joseph Stern	28	0	Tarzana, California 91356			
FRESH WATER								FAX: 818 708-3657
Bass, Peacock	12	Don Lee	13	8 *				
Perch, Nile	50	Barry Fischer	46	3 *				

Purse Seiners Target Recreational Fisheries Off Baja California

Complaints have been filed with the Mexico Department of Fisheries by recreational anglers accusing commercial purse seiners of depleting species traditionally significant to the sportfishing industry off Baja California.

"During the week of June 15-22, I was fishing out of San Jose Del Cabo, Baja California and I was very disappointed to find five commercial fishing vessels from Ensenada purse seining the area around the

Gordo banks and San Luis Bank," reported Dr. George Bogen, a professor of the University of Southern California.

"These areas are eight and three miles from shore respectively, and in 20 years of fishing these areas I have never seen a conflict of interest of this magnitude," Dr. Bogen said. "The tourism of the Los Cabos area is dependent on sportfishing to sustain its industry. Encroachment by commercial vessels into this area is questionable

since these vessels have worldwide travel capacity and fishing stocks have been on the decline since the '60s."

Dr. Bogen said all five vessels converged on a dolphin school on one particular day, chasing them over the fishing ground within three miles of the beach.

"The bottom line is that purse seining in this area will result in a shot in the foot for Mexican tourism. This is a superb fishing place and I

do not want to see it depleted forever," Dr. Bogen said. "There should exist some boundaries for these commercial interests."

Source: *International Angler*

**The deadline
for copy for the
Chum Line is the
25th!**

10 Excellent Exciting Days On "Excel"

October 19 saw 31 hearty souls depart on the 123 foot *Excel* for what turned out to be a wonderful trip. Included were LARRC members Dan Felger, Tom Poliard, Sally Vickers and Ger Steinberg, Sally's husband. The charter was sponsored by Dennis Braid of Braid Products, whose generosity and good humor added to the good fishing and fine weather.

The skipper of the *Excel* was 24-year-old Pat Cavanaugh (looks about 15), but early on this no-nonsense competent captain had total respect of crew and passengers. By-passing Guadalupe, Cedros, Benitos etc., Pat made a beeline for Uncle Sam Bank and The Ridge, where we arrived two days later. For the next several days there was non-stop action for yellowfin tuna, yellowtail, dorado, and some of the biggest wahoo I have ever seen (40 to 80 pounds). Thanks to the encouragement of the crew many of the smaller fish were released.

Most of the yellows were caught at night on dropper loops. 10 black sea bass were also caught and released. On several occasions crew members actually went into the water to revive the blacks. A bit of excitement occurred crew members actually went into the water to gaff and got "hooded." The wahoo made 2 passes and when done all Dan had was a tuna head neatly severed behind the gill plate. More excitement occurred when pesky marlin were inadvertently hooked. At one time

there were three tail walking in the bow. All marlin were broken off or released.

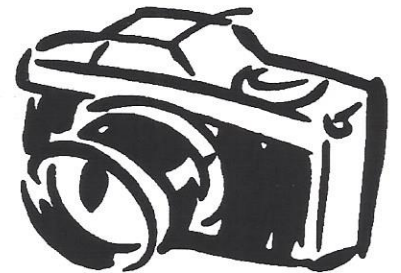
As a finale one day was spent at Alijos Rocks where giant squid produced quality, but not quantity yellowfin tuna. On the last night at the rocks, under a full moon, Dennis Braid treated all to a spectacular fire works show. Although heavy weather was evident along the west coast of Baja (*The Polaris Supreme* and *Searcher* who were two days ahead of us on the way home had 20-foot seas and 40 knots of wind) we generally had little wind and calm seas. See, it pays to have the "Good Witch of the South" aboard.

Totals for the trip: 329 yellowfin tuna, 245 yellowtail, 186 dorado; 84 wahoo, and one 110-pound possible world record grouper. In addition 10 black sea bass, several marlin, and numerous tuna, yellowtail, and dorado were released. Jackpot winner was a 85.4-lb. tuna, and second place was a 75.3-lb. tuna caught, by Sally. Although, LARRC participation was just the four of us the other players were good people and it was a fun trip.

The fall is the ideal time to fish the west coast of Baja. Next year The LARRC is offering an 8-day fly-back charter that will allow as much fishing then as this 10-day trip.

— Dan Felger

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old ones...
Shoot new
ones!**

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a photo
contest.**

**LARRC Annual Long Range Trip
on the Qualifier
has been set for September 6-11**

The fare for '97 will be \$1300 and includes tips, permits and drinks. As before, we will limit the party to 22 passengers. On this 105' boat that makes for real comfortable fishing.

LARRC rules will apply and you may decide to pool your fish with buddies. There will be a jackpot. Largest fish is 50% of the pot, 2nd and 3rd will be 25%. You may qualify for only one spot.

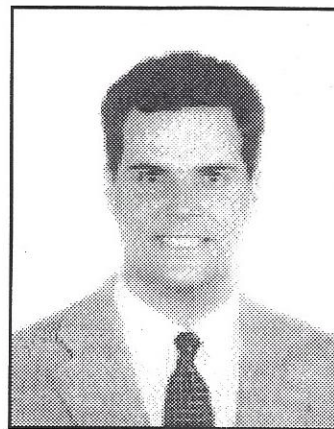
Passengers on the '96 trip will have first choice. If you are interested in joining us please send \$100 earnest money by January 10th. Partial payments will be indicated later with the final fare due July 10th. Notices will be sent to each player. Preferences for space in all cases will go to LARRC members for whose benefit these trips are run. Vacancies may then be filled by friends.

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May 3
AFTCO Parking Lot Sale & Tackle Show

May 17
Annual UASC Dinner/Auction
Balboa Bay Club

DEC. 16 BOARD MEETING

Dan Felger's
19333 Wells Dr.
Tarzana

If not a board member, please call ahead as a courtesy to the host.

Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm

Meetings

	Dinner Meetings	Board Meetings
Dec 1997	Dark	16
Jan	27	20
Feb	Dark	10

NO DEC DINNER MEETING

No December Dinner Meeting

LARRC Charters 1997

LARRC WEDNESDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV
SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA
1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19

1. Departure Time will be at 4:00 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 or salmon, 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 4:00 - 4:30pm, 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 17 adults or 18 people if juniors are participating. The CHARTER MASTER reserves the right to overbook by one.
6. Cost: \$75.00 2:00am departure, \$85.00
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.



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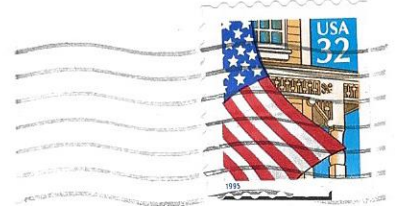
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