

# Chum Line



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## Outgoing President's Message

Happy 1996 from your outgoing President.

1995 was a good year for the club. We promoted family membership with good response. Miro Hussenjian, Membership Chair, has almost single-handedly brought more members into the club than anyone else. Looks like we will have to have the *Chum Line* written in two languages.

I would like to thank all the board members and committee participants for doing a great job all year — without you the club would not be successful.

Pam Warren did an outstanding job as dinner chair, Randy Sharon and Hal Clark make the Kids' Trip look easy, Dan Felger, historian extraordinaire, Eric Rogger, Chum Line Editor, Bob Selvin ran the King of the Calicos, Mike Grossman handled raffles and prizes, Richard Lapidus worked on environmental issues, Otto Painter and Dan Fink contributed Goodwill and Cheer. Thanks also to Earl Warren, Arnie Cohen, Garo Minassian, Shelly Balzac, Bob Beaver, Tony Mindlin, Larry Clark the Secretary, Sherwood Kingsley our Auditor and an assist by Jay Lash.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president!

Cordially,

Joe Mahfet

### LAST CALL!

#### LARRC PREMIER ANNUAL EVENT

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club  
46th Anniversary

### Installation & Awards Banquet

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1996

at

Braemar Country Club

4001 Reseda Blvd.  
Tarzana, CA 91357

11 am to 4 pm

\$25.00 Per Person

\$12.50 Per Person under 12 years

Please R.S.V.P. to  
Randy Sharon 818/908-0567

### LARRC Bylaws Revised

The Board of Directors has ratified certain changes in the by-laws dealing with Article II—Directors, Article III—Duties of Officers, Article IV—Memberships, Article VI—Elections, Article VII—Duties of Directors. Also amended are club fishing rules—Section 8. It is suggested that you review these changes which will appear in the 1996 yearbook.

## Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

TO: LARRC Members  
FROM: Hal Clark  
SUBJECT: 1996 KIDS' FISHING TRIP

The 47th Annual Kids' Trip has been set for Monday July 15, 1996. We are reaching back into the archives of the LARRC and will be embarking on a mission to bring the many pleasures and excitement of "ocean fishing" to underprivileged children, as has been done historically on fishing boats instead of the barge experience of more recent years. The venue for this year's trip will be Sea Landing in Santa Barbara aboard the *Sea Hawk* and *Condor*. The initial reaction from the kids' groups is overwhelming excitement. The planning by the kids' trip committee has begun and the logistical challenges lie ahead.

The support of the members of LARRC is, as always, the most important element of success. Your participation this year is even more critical, as experienced deck hands will provide the opportunity to share the best experience possible for all participants.

Call Hal if you've not yet signed on: 805/497-4161

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TO: LARRC Members  
FROM: Eric Rogger  
SUBJECT: DON'T MISS THIS BOAT

The major tackle and boat show of the year takes place at the Long Beach convention Center, February 28th through March 3rd. United Anglers has been given a boat by the Hall people (who run the event) to be given to a lucky ticket holder. If you sign up as a member, or extend your membership for another year while at the show you will be given a ticket. The winning number will be drawn at an informal dinner in October. Also, the first five hundred fishermen to sign up will receive, free, a pair of 7" USA made Channel Lock Dikes.

The boat is valued at approximately \$16,000 and is a fiberglass Bayliner. It is described as a Trophy Model 1801 known as a "Cuddy." Furnished complete with 90HP Merc. Force outboard and trailer.

Help is needed to staff the booth during the show to sign up new members at the Long Beach show or a similar one in Ventura, April 10-14th (at the Fairgrounds). Briefings will be provided.

For information call Eric at (310) 476-5936.

Letters to LARRC

### Membership News

#### **LARRC Welcomes...**

Harold Price — Former valued member has applied for new membership.

#### **Chum Line Contributors this Month....**

HAL CLARK	BILL ALPERT
DAN FINK	HAROLD GOODMAN
BOB SELVIN	DAN FELGER

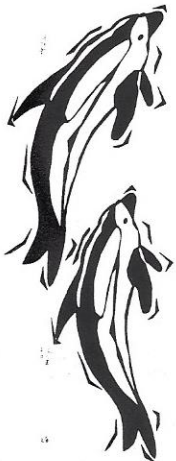
### Goodwill & Cheer

Sherwood Kingsley recovering from oral surgery.

Irv Harris' brother, George, passed away.

#### **"Scoop" 2/2/96**

Randy Sharon, proud new father of 6 lb. 14 oz. Ian Maxwell Sharon. Congrats to Randy and Helayne.



TO: LARRC Members  
 FROM: Dan Fink  
 SUBJECT: WHITE SEABASS TRIP BEING ARRANGED BY CAPTAIN DAN FINK

The new hatchery at Carlsbad should be able to provide up to 400,000 fingerlings by the end of this year. If they can get a sufficient number of broodfish. I have more than half a boat signed up for an April 27-28th trip and will need about 27 passengers total for this APRIL 27-28TH (weekend trip). The fare is \$166 which includes food and bunks. We are going aboard the *Searcher* which is a 95' boat which will meet us in Newport. It is anticipated that there will be a Department of Fish & Game person aboard so that no limits will need to be observed. The *Searcher* is one of the few boats with large enough tanks to keep the fish alive so that they can be collected.

A good way to have fun and help this environmental cause. Be there! Call Dan Fink at: (818) 340-1860..

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TO: LARRC Club Members  
 FROM: Bob Selvin  
 SUBJECT: LINE WEIGHTS

I recently received a catalog from Berkley Outdoor Technologies, the huge conglomerate that has its' hand in manufacturing just about everything for the fisherman, especially now with the takeover of Abu Garcia.

One of Berkley's most popular products is fishing line... a whole host of different kinds for varied applications. There's no doubt that for saltwater, Berkley Trilene Big Game monofilament is widely used, and certainly so by many LARRC members, including this writer.

So I found it quite interesting when I found a page in the catalog describing the various line tests Big Game is made in and the corresponding diameters of each of those different tests.

Based on the chart in the catalog, there are some obvious recommendations and some no-no's.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>DIAM.</u>	<u>TEST</u>	<u>DIAM.</u>	<u>TEST</u>	<u>DIAM.</u>
10	.012"	12	.014"	15	.015"
20	.018"	25	.019"	30	.022"
40	.024"	50	.028"	60	.030"

Are you fishing light line? Then it seems silly to fish 12 lb. (.014") when you can use 15 lb. (.015") ... only .001" more in diameter, but 20% stronger.

How about 20 lb. vs. 25 lb.? You gain 25% more in strength for only a mere extra .001" in diameter.

Thinking of loading your reel with 30 lb.? Think again...40 lb. is 25% stronger and only a mere .002" increase in diameter?

#### SUMMARY

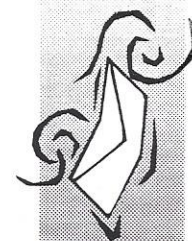
It would be interesting to see how the other popular brands of monofilament line such as Ande, Maxima and IZORLINE stack up within their own categories and against each other as far as the diameter of the popular pound tests they all manufacture. However, using the above information on Big Game, here are some recommendations:

AVOID — 12 lb., 20 lb., 30 lb., 50 lb.

USE — 10lb., 15 lb., 25 lb., 40 lb., 60 lb.

**Note:** Bob Selvin asked me to add this note to his article.

**You may get more line/strength on your reels but remember that LARRC rules recognize these: 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 20, 30, 50, 80, 130. i.e. you might get bumped into the next higher category when fishing for trophies. — Editor**



## Fishing in the Fifties

BY DAN FELGER

What was fishing like in the "fabulous fifties?"

Yellowtail were plentiful at the Coronados March through October. A combined daily dock total of less than 1,000 fish was a lousy day. I wouldn't drive to San Diego unless the count was over 2,000. Although the best yellowtail fishing usually occurred July through October, the passenger loads were light because in July and August most anglers were chasing albacore from boats out of Newport and the harbor area, and once school started in September, all the landings and boats suffered. The San Diego fleet left at 3:00 am and returned promptly at 1:00 pm. Since most of the passengers came from the Los Angeles area, they could drive down after dinner and be back before dinner the next day. Traffic and freeways were non-existent. Most of the San Diego boats had bunks, so we came home well rested.

The center of the south coast sportfishing was Newport Bay with sizeable fleets operating out of Norm's Landing, Davey's Locker, Balboa Pavilion, and Port Orange. Few of these boats had sleeping accommodations, but who needed them? Departure time was 5:00-7:00 am and you were back at the dock by mid afternoon. During July and August albacore were usually plentiful at the 14-mile bank (1 1/2 hours), 209 fathom spot (2 1/2 hours, or off Avalon. Along the coast we caught barracuda, white sea bass, yellowtail, halibut, and the fish no one wanted, calico bass.

Another popular operation out of Balboa were the U-drives. These boats were 24' Steelcraft, were good for up to four people, and were used for close in albacore and local barracuda.

Most of the boats fishing out of the harbor area fished locally (Horseshoe Kelp), Catalina, albacore (in season) and occasionally San Clemente Island. Trips to Catalina always produced a few white sea bass, and sometimes when they were schooled and feeding, catches of 100 fish per boat were not uncommon.

Santa Monica Bay boats ranged from Point Dume to Rocky Point. Barracuda and halibut were usually plentiful. North of Malibu sport boats operated out of Port Hueneme and fished Anacapa or Santa Cruz Islands, and one or two boats were at Santa Barbara. These Channel Island boats fished strictly calico bass and were usually light loaded.

Winter fishing was strictly rock cod. It was not until the 60's that we learned that some of the best surface fishing was in the winter months using live squid as bait.

Whenever fishing was poor the skippers "fished the weeds." Low on the totem pole, calico bass could usually save the day when all else failed.

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## DIVING FOR MONSTER WAHOO, LONG-RANGE STYLE

One of the largest wahoo ever taken among San Diego's long-range fleet almost wasn't. Eric Dahlkamp, who works at Fisherman's Landing's tackle shop, had run out of most terminal gear during a recent trip aboard the Excel off southern Baja. When Capt. Randy Toussaint pulled up to a small kelp paddy, Dahlkamp tossed out a jury-rigged "wahoo bomb" — a slip sinker with some tinsel and a single hook. The only large fish under the kelp nailed the lure and had Dahlkamp dancing around the boat, rod doubled.

Somehow, the line hung on the Excel's stabilizers and even the slip sinker that deckhand Bill Cavanaugh sent down Dahlkamp's line couldn't budge it. So Cavanaugh jumped in and disappeared beneath the big hull, his cigarettes and lighter floating up behind. It worked, and with two gaffs, the crew pulled in a 'hoo longer than Dahlkamp. It weighed in at 124.5 pounds.

*Source: Sportfishing 2/96*



## LARRC FIVE-DAY TRIP SOLD OUT!

Our annual trip on the 105' *Qualifier* has been sold out. Chartermaster Eric Rogger suggests that you get your name in to him if you're interested since invariably each season a few people have to drop out and be replaced. For details call Eric at (310) 476-5936.

The players are:

Abe Cohen, Joe Cronin, Larry Diamant, Dan Felger, Bob Horowitz, Sherwood Kingsley, Jason Lash, Larry Methvin, Eric Rogger, John Simon, Steve Simon, Norm Schindler, Ben Susman, Richard Stone, Julian Wolf, Marvin Smith, Dan Felger, Brad Felger, Kingsley Jackson\*, Norin and Nona Grancell, Randy Sharon, and Raymond Yu.

\*Not a club member.

## INTERCLUB FISHING TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED!

Bill Alpert has initiated this competition with the San Fernando Valley Salt Water Fishing Club for March 10th. The tournament is to be held on the *Sea Hawk*. The rules of the King of Calico event will apply. Nine anglers from each club will participate. LARRC will be represented by Bill Alpert, Tim Vowels, Joel Zide, Mike Grossman, Dan Fink, Hal Clark, Bob Selvin, Earl Warren and Seymour Rimland. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning team. If you are interested in fishing in the next Interclub Tournament please contact Bill at (818) 883-4303.

## SCIENTISTS TRACK LARGE YELLOWFIN TUNAS OFF HAWAII:

This summer, Honolulu Laboratory scientists caught and outfitted large (140-200 lb.) yellowfin tunas with ultrasonic transmitters, and tracked the fish for periods of 10 hours to 3.5 days.

Surprisingly, these fast-swimming, "highly migratory" fish seldom traveled beyond eight miles from shore.

One tracked fish actually followed the tracking vessel, following another fish, suggesting schooling. Biologists are studying tuna movements in order to increase scientific knowledge about these fish caught by both commercial and recreational fishermen in Hawaii.

(Christopher Boggs, 808/943-1222; Richard Brill, 808/592-8301).

Source: *NMFS Bulletin Fall '95*

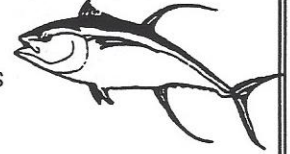
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"PROPS"

**COURTESY CLUB DISCOUNT TO MEMBERS**  
**WE BUY ESTATE TACKLE**

TO: The Editor  
FROM: H. Goodman  
SUBJECT: BILL PEARLMAN

In the December issue of the *Chum Line* you credited Bill Pearlman with a contribution. I searched and could find nothing signed by him. Could you have made a mistake? Bill was followed by Mahfet as the Arrow Collar model who had to resign because he lost his looks. Bill had the job before Mahfet and was fired for the same reason.

I am reminded of the time when I upset his tackle box on an albacore trip. The deck was heaving and I ran out of appropriate hooks. His tackle box was conveniently available so I opened it and found it was unnecessarily, if not obsessively, neat and organized. The boat gave a lurch and everything was spread on the deck through no fault of mine. I piled the contents back in and, being an honest fellow, went into the galley where he was playing gin and gave him a brief account of the mishap beginning with, "Excuse me, Bill,..." I explained that just a few split-shot rolled overboard as far as I could tell. He looked up and narrowed his eyes in that peculiar fashion of his. Then closed them. I think he was silently counting to ten. I seemed to detect that the lower lip was caught between his teeth. Everyone watched. Quiet, except for the low hum of the diesels and the sound of water lapping alongside. The silence continued while I waited breathless. After some time he picked up a card, studied his hand and discarded so I went off for a cup of coffee. We haven't spoken since.

I bring this to your attention only because the *Chum Line* needs careful editing before it goes off to the printer. You probably shouldn't print this because he is very sensitive.

**Ed Comment:** The article referred to, dealt with fish farming. Sent in by Bill Pearlman, he was not credited with it. Sorry!

### OBSERVERS HELP FISH & GAME WARDENS

The California Dept. of Fish & Game (DFG) in Long Beach recently initiated a pilot project to use local fishermen to help observe and report illegal fishing activities. Thirty-six volunteers make up the first Marine Witness Program. The program grew out of the perceived increase in numbers of vessels observed in waters closed to commercial fishing. The DFG has developed the new program. In association with the United Anglers of Southern California, the Southern California Tuna Club, and the Greater Los Angeles Council of Divers.

After receiving basic training in observance techniques, participants are encouraged to observe and carefully document illegal fishing activities, then confer with wardens. DFG officials pointed out that the program is not designed to replace the Cal TIP phone hotline, but rather is a response to substantial cutbacks in department funding. Because two larger patrol vessels were decommissioned in recent years, total marine patrols have been cut by 50 percent.

**Source:** *Salt Water Sportsman* 12/95

## LARRC Other Events

- 1996  
Feb 25  
Annual Awards Luncheon  
Braemar Country Club
- Feb 28- Mar 3  
Annual Hall Tackle Show  
Long Beach Convention Ctr.
- Mar 10  
Interclub Tournament
- Apr 10-14  
Annual Hall Tackle Show  
Ventura Fairgrounds
- Apr 27-28  
Special White Seabass  
Charter
- May 4  
AFTCO Annual Tackle Show  
and Parking Lot Sale
- Jul 15  
LARRC Annual Kids' Trip
- Sept 6-11  
LARRC Club Annual 5-Day Trip

## Meetings

	Dinner Meetings	Board Meetings
Feb	Dark	12
Mar	18	11
Apr	29	22
May	20	13
Jun	24	17
Jul	29	22
Aug	26	19
Sep	30	16
Oct	28	21
Nov	25	18
Dec	Dark	16
1997		
Jan	27	20
Feb	Dark	10



Feb 12  
Eric Rogger's  
2625 Westridge  
Los Angeles, Ca 90049  
310/476-5936  
*As a courtesy to the hosts please RSVP if not a board member.*  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Meeting: 7:00 pm



Apr 29  
Kody Ann  
70 No. Chula Lane  
Los Angeles, CA 90049  
310/76-6411  
Cocktails at 6:00 pm  
Dinner at 7:00 pm

## LARRC Charters 1996

### LARRC WEDNESDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA

1996 — 2/7, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20-21\*, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2\*\*, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13-14\*, 12/4

\*2-Day trip to San Miguel \*\*King of the Calicos

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Loads will be limited to 16 adults or 17 people if juniors are participating. The CHARTER MASTER reserves the right to overbook by one.
- Cost: \$85.00 2:00am departure 2-day Trip — \$245  
Junior members pay 50% (up to 2 per trip). With the uncertainty of fuel costs there may be a fare adjustment.
- 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).
- 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.

## Foundation Meeting Slated

The next LARRC Foundation board meeting will take place at:  
**Dan Felger's house**  
April 2nd.,  
19333 Wells Drive, Tarzana.

Any club member wishing to attend and who is not on the board should contact Dan or Barry Fischer at least one week prior to the meeting. (818) 990-6208.

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