

Chum Line

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The Mother of All Seahawk Trips

by Eric Rogger

May 3rd was a day to forget, for most of us. The sun broke through the overcast not too long after daybreak and made for a pleasant ride. The 17 players on this LARRC charter had been asked to board the boat by 10:00PM. Visions of a wide-open white seabass bite were on our minds since such successful trips had been reported that week in the media. Merit had a good load of candy bait on board when we left but wanted to top off and arranged to meet a friendly squid boat at Santa Barbara Island before daybreak.

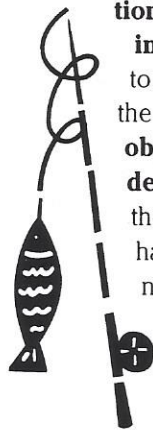
The 6-hour ride was soporific and the rendezvous with the squid boat anticlimatic. The squid were not floating. A few bottom fish were caught and it appeared to me that the few fish caught were a good way to keep up hope. Finally, a break in the non-action when Marvin Resnick became involved with what turned out to be a 49-lb. white seabass.

Considering he was using a spinning rod with 15-lb. test, this turned out to be quite a feat and our stalwart angler was huffing and puffing before it was done. Three other white seabass were landed but none approached Magnificent Marvin's trophy fish. Then the action really slowed to such a degree that some of the players begged Merit to go bottom fishing. This occurred around 1:00 PM and shortly before we had to return to

Kids' Trip 50—July 12, 1999

by Michael Grossman

The Kids' Trip is just a few weeks away and the momentum has picked up. I am fortunate to have a very capable and hard working team at work on this trip. As we approach the day of the trip our various committee chairs will need more help. That is where you come in. Back in January when preparations began, I asked for 100% participation this year. No matter how much or how little time you may have to contribute, please reach out to any one of our committee chairs and volunteer to help out. **We need deckhands. Please contact Norm Weinstock and sign up. John Vowels is our "beachmaster"** and will be handling all set up and logistics at the Landing the night before the trip and the day of the trip. **Please contact John if you can come down the night before and help load the boats. Jim Port is handling the food arrangements** and is in need of several things: **donations of condiments, cookies, chips, etc.** We also **need the use of a walk in refrigerator** to store perishables prior to the day of the trip. We will try to make do with large insulated coolers for transporting the perishables to the dock, but **if anyone knows of a refrigerator truck that can be obtained for this purpose, please call Jim Port. Steve Schneider has designed a special logo for Kids' Trip 50.** Thanks to the generosity of the Foundation, all deckhands and other volunteers will receive a special hat and shirt bearing this logo. This is the last chance I will have to communicate with each of you through the *Chum Line* before the trip. Please sign up to help! The success of the trip depends largely on the efforts of us all. Thanks in advance. See you at Pierpoint Landing on July 12 for the biggest and best Kids' Trip ever.



Santa Barbara—another 6-hour run.

Merit promised to join United Anglers because of their white seabass program. I must say, however, that they can't take credit for this beast since a 49-lb. fish is about 20 years old, and UASC was not in the business of raising them that far back. Nevertheless, it might be interesting to note that in the 1940's annual white seabass catches were about 60,000. In the early 90's, annual catches

have totaled about 1,400 per year.

Before anyone else brings it up. I did have a hookup and lost a fish for which Merit chastised me. It was on 12-lb. test, so maybe that should be a lesson. Don't go out there and try to be **Royal MacNair!** It was a frustrating, pleasant long day. I enjoyed being a bunk away from **Arnie Cohen's** nasal symphony.



EDITORIAL

by Dan Felger

Last month's *Chum Line's* feature article was about **Ger Steinberg's** all-time best 304-lb. yellowfin tuna. This was a remarkable catch considering that only about a dozen tuna over 300-lb. are caught each year in the entire fleet. Over the life of the Club, many of our members have also distinguished themselves with outstanding catches. Following are some of these:

ERIC ROGGER—334-lb. yellowfin tuna on 80-lb. test. This was Eric's second 300+-pounder;

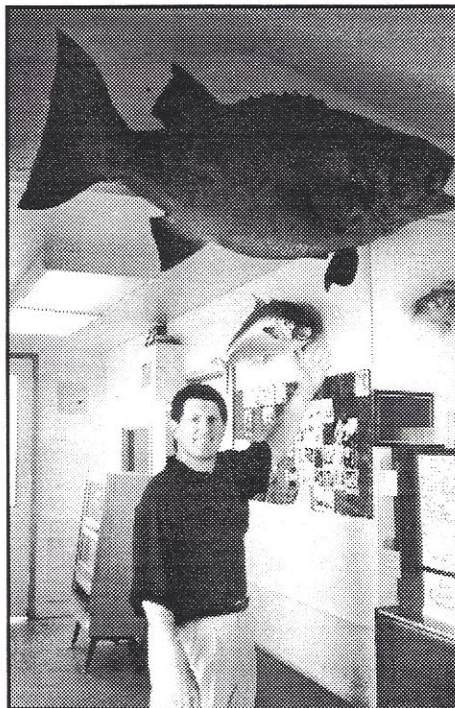
STEVE ZUCKERMAN—146-lb. yellowfin tuna on 16-lb. test. Caught in 1983, this amazing catch was an IGFA world record. Steve also has the distinction of the only "grander" by a LARRC member for a 1,176-lb. black marlin, and he has a 814-lb. blue marlin to his credit;

RUSSELL (ANDY) ANDERSON—Andy was truly one of the greatest light tackle fishermen of all time. In 1968, he landed a 120-lb. broadbill swordfish, and a 59-lb. dorado, both on 12-lb. test. In 1967, Andy nailed a 292-lb. black marlin on 12-lb. test; in 1974, a 381-lb. black marlin on 20-lb. test; and in 1965, a 250-lb. striped marlin on 12-lb. test. All of the above were IGFA world records at the time of the respective catches. Perhaps, Andy's greatest achievement was his world record 227-lb. blue marlin on 12-lb. test line. What made this catch so special—it was caught on linen line. In 1959, he landed a 153-lb. sailfish on 12-lb. test linen line.

EVELYN ANDERSON—Not to be outdone by her husband, Evelyn, who was confined to a wheelchair,

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EDITORIAL

MEET YOUR OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



Bob Selvin LARRC Board of Directors

Bob Selvin, currently serving on the Club's board of directors, grew up in Los Angeles, and has been in the thoroughbred racing business since the early 1970s as a handicapper, syndicator and racehorse owner.

He attended Fairfax High, L.A. City College, and then majored in broadcast/journalism at Cal State Northridge. Years ago, he worked as a sportswriter for the *L.A. Times*, a host at a private disco, and a couple of jobs as a college sports information director and in entertainment public relations. He also hosted a TV show on horse racing for five years.

Selvin was introduced to fishing as a youngster by his late uncle and made frequent trips to Santa Monica pier where he learned to use a snag line to catch herring and perch. In his early teens, he "graduated" to fishing on the porch behind the old Santa Monica Sportfishing office. "In those days, the early '60s, you

could fish there all day for bonito and they supplied all the live bait for only \$1.50," said Selvin.

In his early teen years, as a regular at Santa Monica Sportfishing, Selvin remembers meeting late Club member Marty Laskowitz, who at that time was a deckhand on the boats. "I distinctly remember Marty gaffing a 6- or 8-lb. bonito for me. I was stoked because it was the biggest fish that I had ever caught."

And when he got to be driving age, Selvin and his then buddies became regulars at 22nd St. Landing in San Pedro. "We used to deadhead all the time on the old *Sportfisher*, skippered by John "Mitch" Mitchell. I remember during the summer I would spend more time down there than at home."

"I also remember many times being down at 22nd St. and seeing these loud-mouth old guys wearing blue LARRC hats either getting on or off of Russ Izor's old *Maverick*. Of course, I never dreamed at the time that I would become one of them."

Selvin's interest in fishing totally waned when he graduated high school. "I can't honestly remember why ... probably going to college, new circle of friends, chasing girls, finding a job, and I started going to the racetrack."

"I don't think that I went fishing at all from around 1965 to 1980—about 15 years." Then, he started again, in a BIG way. "I had gone on some trips and got hooked again," he continued.

A 2-day charter trip to San Nicolas Island on July 4th weekend, 1981 inspired Selvin to contact and join LARRC. It was on that trip that Selvin landed the LAST BIG LEGAL black seabass in California waters before the moratorium went into effect.

"We hooked five others that day and mine was the first and only one we got on the boat. It was so big that we couldn't keep the fish in the cockpit and had to lash it on to the swimstep for 12 hours.

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BOB SELVIN

C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 1998

WEDNESDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV

SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA

July 7 September 29 December 1
 August 4 October 27

1. Departure time will be 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 or salmon, will take precedent. Also, several trips will be for light tackle rockfish and/or halibut at Santa Rosa or San Miguel. 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: \$80.00 2:00am departure: \$90.00
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.

SUNDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV

SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA

July 18 September 12 November 14
 August 15 October 17

1. Departure time will be 5:00 am.
2. Cost: \$88 includes food, non-alcoholic beverages, fish icing and sack
3. Not included: Tips and filleting
4. For reservations, call Alan Dunn's office at 818/887-2192

REMEMBER: Your reservation on all Club-sponsored trips, 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.

Meet World Class Underwater Photographer

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at the June 28th Dinner Meeting

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Dinner Meetings

June 28

July 26
 August 30

Please call the HOT LINE with dinner selection for you and your guest(s) at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

Cocktails: 6:00 pm • Dinner: 7:00 pm

CHARLIE G's PRIME STEAK HOUSE
 18663 Ventura Blvd.
 Tarzana

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING LOCATION.

Board Meetings

June 14

July 19
 August 23

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Joel Zide at 818/355-7975 at least 2 days prior to the meeting to confirm attendance and if you will be having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

CHARLIE G's PRIME STEAK HOUSE
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Foundation's Trustee Meeting

August 9

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Randy Sharon at 818/908-0367 at least 2 days prior to the meeting to confirm attendance and if you will be having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

Call Randy Sharon for location.

Other Events

July 12

1999 Kids' Trip

August 1

Big Bass Shoot Out - Part 4 (Interclub Tournament)

Health, Welfare and Happenings

Congratulations to:

Jeremy Warren, who has accepted a position as a Deputy District Attorney in Tulare County.

Shana Ellis, daughter of Terry and Jeff Ellis, who is graduating Milliken Community High School in June and has been accepted in the honors program at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Bob Maine's son, Bill, has graduated Summa Cum Laude from Arizona State University's Del Webb School of Engineering.

Carolyn and Dan Felger celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Jon Smith is engaged to be married.

Eric Rogger is also a member of the San Sui Kai Bonsai Club, and was part of their exhibition at the Sepulveda Garden Fair.

The Club's best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Bob Brody who had hip replacement surgery at Sutter Coast Hospital in Crescent City, California, on May 25th.

And...

Bernice Mahfet, who underwent cataract surgery last month.

Club Members — If you know of someone who is in ill health or recovering from surgery, we'd like to know about it. Similarly, if you have a happy event you'd like to share with us, please call Pam Warren at (818) 222-6025

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

Membership Status

The following persons have applied for membership:

Fred Trebow lives in Sherman Oaks. He is a retired teacher and coach.

The following person has been approved for membership:

Bob Kopp

Res: 23101 Ostronic Drive
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
818/990-4514

Bob's Occ: Owns muffler shop
18050 Ventura Blvd.
Encino, CA 91316
818/345-4755

LARRC welcomes back:

Kopp, John **Hermine**

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John's Occ: Retired

B.J. Greenfields'



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The Big Bass Shoot Out—Part 4

**Interclub Tournament Set for
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST.**

The annual calico bass tournament between the LARRC and the San Fernando Saltwater Fisherman's Club is scheduled for Sunday, August 1, 1999 aboard the *Sea Biscuit*.

Each team will consist of nine players selected from the membership of each club. Members interested in being considered for the LARRC team should contact **Danny Zide** at 818/886-4255.

Let's continue our winning streak!

Announcing...

The 1999 Bill Alpert King of the Calicos Tournament

(Destined to be the BIGGEST, BEST, MOST FUN-FILLED
and last tournament of the century!)

Date: Sunday, September 26th

Place: Santa Barbara

2 Boats: Seahawk LXV and Stardust —
6 Teams of 5 Players

Departure: 5:00 am

Price: \$115

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Tons of Fun!*

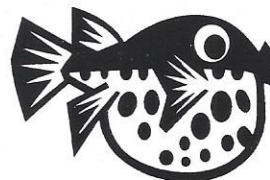
All Club members, regardless of
experience or level of skill, are
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President's Message Closure of The Channel Islands

by JOEL ZIDE

As many of you are already aware, some of our lawmakers are considering closing certain areas of the Channel Islands to Sportfishing. This could mean that you will no longer be able to angle at some of your favorite fishing spots like Yellow Banks or Gull Island (or literally hundreds of other spots for that matter). Most of our Club members can agree that this is unacceptable.

Many people are saying that this closure of the Channel Islands has been proposed without sufficient research. Perhaps if there was concrete evidence indicating a substantial decrease in fish populations at these islands, this closure could possibly be considered. Even if there was concrete evidence indicating a shortage of fish populations, there are many other solutions aside from a closure of the Channel Islands that need to be considered. Some of these solutions could include the following:

- Larger size limits;
- Lower bag limits;
- Slot limits;
- Partial seasonal closures to keeping of species;
- Prohibitions against specific destructive methods of take;
- Prohibitions against commercial harvesting of species as needed;
- Catch and release zones only.

As you can see there are numbers solutions to this alleged problem. Concrete evidence indicating that a problem exists would be a step in the right direction before we start considering solutions (research needs to be conducted before this closure is even considered!).

Future guest speakers at our Club meetings include Tom Raftican, President of United Angler's and Honorary Club Member, as well as Bob Fletcher, President of the Sportfishing Associations of California and Honorary Club Member.

These gentlemen will provide us with valuable information regarding this topic and will, hopefully, let us know where their organizations stand on this issue.

A closure of the Channel Islands should not be considered until there is some conclusive evidence regarding significant decreases in fish takes. If research concludes decreases in fish takes, we need to consider the above mentioned alternatives as opposed to a closure of the Channel Islands.



LARRC 5-Day Long-Range Charter Aboard the Qualifier 105

The LARRC 5-day trip is scheduled for September 14-19 is SOLD OUT.

The limited party trip of 22 consists of:

Linda Caywood, Marvin Smith, Norm Schindler, Jeff Schindler, Julian Wolf, Dan Felger, Larry Methvin, Sherwood Kingsley, Eric Rogger, Bob Horowitz, Abe Cohen, Larry Diamant, Norin Grancell, Nona Grancell, Doug Dorflinger, Richard Stone, Pete Giannini, Bill Vogel, Saul Zide, Barry Taper (2) and Wayne Caywood.

**Normally there are cancellations.
If you are interested in being placed
on a waiting list, please call:
Larry Diamant at 310/317-0480.**

BOB SELVIN

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Even so, when we got it back to the dock, it weighted 274 lb..!"

"Big Mo" is mounted and still hanging in the office of Redondo Sportfishing to this day with a plaque with Selvin's name on it memorializing the catch.

"I had heard about LARRC and soon after contacted Bill Beebe. I got invited to a meeting. They were then held at the old Fish Shanty on San Vicente and La Cienega. I think Harold Goodman was the president. The first member that took me 'under his wing' was Seymour Rimland. And to this day, I still refer to Seymour most fondly as 'uncle'."

Selvin became an active fisherman with the Club and frequently fished on the *New Hustler* with the Club's infamous "Dirty Dozen", and later on the *Seahawk*. Also, he began long-range fishing and runs charters of his own each year.

"The Club and the friendships that I have made through the years have become a very important part of the life," he said.

So thanks to being inspired by catching "Big Mo", Selvin's odyssey with LARRC began in 1981. "At that time, at 33, I was far and away the youngest member of the Club. I am so glad that the Club has evolved and that we have opened up to a nice cross-section of ages, more ethnic types and even women now. It makes the Club more interesting and entertaining and easier to recruit new members."

"The years really have flown by so fast. It's hard to believe that I will be eligible for Member Emeritus status in 2001."

Selvin has this good advice for any of the new members: "Take advantage of this opportunity. You are in an organization that is far more than just a fishing club. Whatever contribution you make, you will get back tenfold in all the enjoyment you will have, the friendships you will make and the wonderful everlasting memories. We owe it to each other and to ourselves to continue LARRC's legacy."



Emergency

WANTED: DECKHANDS!!!

35 signed up so far—need 100 Deckhands for the
Biggest and Best Kids' Trip Ever

July 12, 1999

Call Norm Weinstock at
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with name, times you are available
(AM, PM, All), and T-shirt size.



Who do you know?

The **Kids' Trip 50** still needs donations of:

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Jim Port

Kid's Trip Food Committee Chairman
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phone 909/783-2100 • fax 909/783-2141

Send him names of people to contact for donations.
He will do the calling...using your names as references.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Tackle Tips of the Month

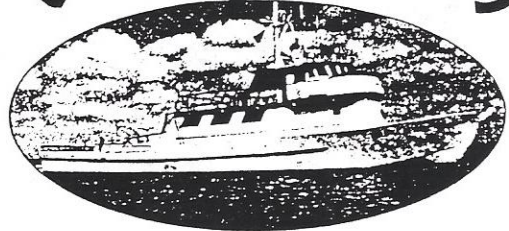
When choosing the proper hooks for the style of fishing you are doing, the most important thing to remember is to match the hooks to the size of the bait you are using, not to the size of the fish you are catching. The larger the fish you are catching, the heavier the gauge of the hook should be, but the size should still match the bait. For big tuna, grouper and yellowtail, you should look into fishing Owner Mutu circle or Gorilla hooks or Hayabusa hooks. The smaller fish such as calico bass, sand bass, etc., Owner Mutu lights and Hayabusa offset hooks are the best choice.

—Wayne and Linda Caywood, Malibu Fish'n Tackle

Reels that are used for optimum casting performance need to be oiled with light oils. The lighter the better. Any of the light oils made for firearms, such as Hoppes Gun Oil, work well. Use oil sparingly. A small drop goes a long way. Over oiling can inhibit performance. If you can see the oil then you have probably applied too much.

—Michael Grossman, Executive Action Rods

Qualifier 105



Trip	Depart	Return	Days	Cost	Sponsor
SPRING - SAN DIEGO 1999					
11	Sat. June 5, Noon	Sat. June 12	7	\$1300	J & T Skiff - Open
12	Sat. June 12, Noon	Sat. June 19	7	\$1050	Hook Up Tackle - Open
13	Sat. June 19, Noon	Sat. June 26	7	\$1095	Pro Gear Reels - Open
14	Sat. June 26, Noon	Sun. July 4	8	\$1300	8 Day - SoCal Edison - Open
SUMMER - SAN DIEGO 1999					
15	Sun. July 4, Noon	Fri. July 9	5	\$1100	Boss Hoag - Open
16	Fri. July 9, Noon	Wed. July 14	5	\$1100	Brawley Boys - Open
17	Weds. July 14, Noon	Sat. July 17	3	\$ 700	Phoenix Fishing - Open (602) 266-2624
18	Sat. July 17	Weds. July 21	4	\$ 950	Open
18.1	Weds. July 21	Sun. July 25	4	\$ 950	Open
20	Sun. Aug. 1, Noon	Weds. Aug. 4	3	\$ 700	Let's Talk Hookup - Open (310) 542-7637
21	Weds. Aug. 4, Noon	Sun. Aug. 8	4	\$ 950	Open
22	Sun. Aug. 8, Noon	Thurs. Aug. 12	4	\$ 950	Franco-Provette - Open
23	Thurs. Aug. 12, Noon	Mon. Aug. 16	4	\$ 950	Phoenix Fishing - Open (602) 266-2624
24	Mon. Aug. 16, Noon	Fri. Aug. 20	4	\$ 950	Cloyes Fishing Campaign - Open
25	Fri. Aug. 20, Noon	Tues. Aug. 24	4	\$ 950	Open
26	Tues. Aug. 24, Noon	Sat. Aug. 28	4	\$ 950	Chuck Barnett - Open
27	Sat. Aug. 28, Noon	Weds. Sept. 1	4	\$ 950	San Jose Rotary - Open
FALL - SAN DIEGO 1999					
28	Weds. Sept. 1, Noon	Sat. Sept. 4	3	\$ 700	Open
29	Sat. Sept. 4, Noon	Thurs. Sept. 9	5	\$1100	Phoenix Fishing - Open 602) 266-2624
30	Thurs. Sept. 9, Noon	Tues. Sept. 14	5	\$1100	AHI Invitational
31	Tues. Sept. 14, Noon	Sun. Sept. 19	5	\$1100	Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club
32	Sun. Sept. 19, Noon	Fri. Sept. 24	5	\$1100	Hubbard Charter
33	Fri. Sept. 24, Noon	Thurs. Sept. 30	6	\$1320	Taylor Tackle - Open
34	Thur. Sept. 30, Noon	Weds. Oct. 6	8	\$1320	Performance Tackle - Open
35	Weds. Oct. 6, Noon	Fri. Oct. 15	9	\$1575	Berkley - Open
36	Fri. Oct. 15, Noon	Mon. Oct. 25	10	\$1975	Franco - Open
37	Mon. Oct. 25, Noon	Thurs. Nov. 4	10	\$1975	Boss Hoag - Open
38	Thurs. Nov. 4, Noon	Sun. Nov. 14	10	\$1975	J & T Tackle - Open
39	Sun. Nov. 14, Noon	Weds. Nov. 24	10	\$1975	Accurate Fishing Products - Open
FALL - CABO SAN LUCAS 1999					
40	Fri. Nov. 26, Noon	Sat. Dec. 4	8	\$2000	Ride Down / Fly Home Ride Trip
41	Sat. Dec. 4, Noon	Tues. Dec. 14	10	\$2975	Fly Down / Fly Home
YEAR 2000 MILLENIUM CLIPPERTON TRIP - LIMITED LOAD					
2	Jan. 26	Feb. 7	12	\$3500	Fly Down / Fly Home
2	Feb. 15	Feb. 27	12	\$3,500	Clipperton - Fly Down / Fly Home
3	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	10	\$2975	Revillagigedos (Cabo to Cabo)
4	Mar. 24	Apr. 3	10	\$2975	Revillagigedos
5	Apr. 11	Apr. 21	10	\$2975	Revillagigedos
6	Apr. 28	May 8	10	\$2975	Accurate Fishing Products
7	May 17	May 27	10	\$2975	Melton International (Cabo to Cabo)

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**Joe Cronin has resigned
from the Board of Directors.
Congratulations to Danny Zide who has
been elected by the Board to serve the
remainder of Joe's term.**

Q105Trips

Many of the LARRC members have signed on for
Trip #41, December 4 through December 14, 1999
and

Trip #6, April 28 through May 8, 2000.

If you would like to join them, call the
Qualifier 105 office at 619/223-2786 or
Dan Felger at 818/708-3278.

Trophy Contenders as of May 26, 1999

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
OCEAN WATERS				
Amberjack	50	Dan Felger	22	0 **
Calico Bass	N/A	Michael Grossman	7	0
Halibut, Calif.	16	Steve Simon	21	9
Ling Cod	12	Norman Weinstock	17	0 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Larry Clark	40	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Dan Felger	62	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Dan Felger	109	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dan Felger	147	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	150	Gerald Steinberg	303	8 **
Wahoo	16	Eric Rogger	40	0
Wahoo	30	Dan Felger	36	3
White Sea Bass	8	Al Spievak	22	3 *
White Sea Bass	12	Bob Beaver	31	0
White Sea Bass	16	Marvin Resnick	49	9 *
White Sea Bass	16	John Vowels	29	6
Yellowtail	6	Royal MacNair	9	11 *
Yellowtail	8	Al Spievak	18	2
Yellowtail	12	Al Spievak	12	8
FRESH WATER				
Steelhead	8	Earl Warren	15	6
Steelhead	8	Jeremy Warren	15	3
Steelhead	16	Earl Warren	17	1
Steelhead	16	Jeremy Warren	17	1
Trout, Rainbow	4	Jeremy Warren	11	4 *
FLY ROD				
Trout, Lake	6	Don Lee	10	7 *
MEN'S RELEASED				
Marlin, Striped		Joel Steinman		
Shark, Tiger		Dan Felger		
LADIES				
Marlin, Striped		Joel Steinman		
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LADIES' RELEASED				
Bonefish		Linda Caywood		

FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR
Yellowtail - Royal MacNair - April 21, 1999

* New Club Record

** New Club Record, but ineligible for trophy.

PLEASE NOTE: To be eligible for a trophy, the catch must exceed 60% of the applicable line test category.

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

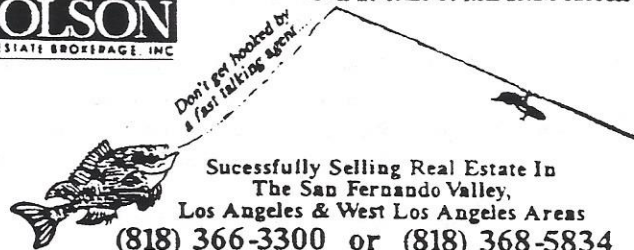
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JULY TRIP-4 days: Board: Friday- July 2nd- approximately 10 pm
 Return: Tuesday- July 6th- approximately 7 pm

AUG. TRIP-4 days: Board: Friday- July 2nd- approximately 10 pm
 Return: Tuesday- July 2nd- approximately 10 pm

Landing: Depart from and return to H&M Landing, 2801 Emerson Street, San Diego. Parking will be available next to the Landing Office. Be sure to have your parking stub validated in the office. It will reduce your parking fee from \$8 to \$2 per 24-hour period.

Cost: \$1,135 per person, each trip
Deposit: \$600 per person, each trip. No reservation will be held without a deposit.

Included: Charters are inclusive of yacht, crew, fuel, insurance, Mexican fishing permits, all fishing tackle, bait, fish filleting, meals, snacks, soft drinks, taxes, port and landing fees.

Participation is limited to 6 per trip, so immediate response is essential. Contact Barry Taper at 310/271-1078 (home) or 310/550-8688 (office). If response is slow, the charters will be dropped.

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1/2 page: \$ 80

Full page: \$ 160

- LARRC members will receive 50% discount on all ads;
- All ads must be submitted in finished form;
- Finished ad copy, together with payment, must be in the Editor's office by the 25th of the month to appear in the following month's issue;
- All ads shall be approved by the Editor prior to publication;
- No charge for ads from members pertaining to fishing trips or sale of personal items.

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landed a 353-lb. black marlin on 12-lb. test (IGFA World Record), and a 146-lb. sailfish on 12 lb. test;

5 HOWARD WEINBERGER—Landed a huge 350-lb. pacific halibut on 30-lb. test;

6 ABRAHAM SCHAFER—His short stint as a member of the Club produced a 165-lb. blue marlin on 4-lb. test;

7 MAX FENMORE—One of the three Club founders, Max landed a 308-lb. striped marlin on 20-lb. test in 1951 on linen line;

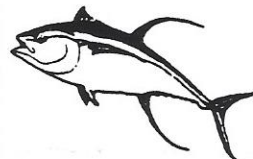
8 ROBERT THOMPSON—Another one of the Club's founders, he landed a 465-lb. bluefin tuna in 1951. Although on 130-lb. test, he was using linen line;

9 PAMELA WARREN—The Club's former First Lady, she got a 415-lb. blue marlin on 80lb. test;

10 SAM RUBAUM—129-lb. striped marlin on 4-lb. test. Any big fish caught on 4-lb. test is an accomplishment.

I know, I have probably missed a few other outstanding catches. Anyone who feels slighted, please respond with your catch of a lifetime.

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Excise Tax on Fishing Tackle...

By Russ Izor

Over 50 years ago an act of the Congress called the "Sportfish Restoration Act (Dingle/Johnson)" imposed a 10% excise tax on all rods, reels and lures manufactured in the United States. The intent of the tax was to provide money for research and rehabilitation of the fisheries.

Actually, a user tax laid on the backs of the sportfishing public. Certainly, not unfair. The system imposed came with a complicated distribution system that went something like this. The manufacturer could make a profit on his product if he priced it at \$10.00. He then added \$1.00 excise tax, and, as first seller, sent that tax to the Federal Excise Tax Section of the I.R.S. This part of your government then sent it over to the Federal Fish and Wildlife people (after a handling fee), and they were then charged with distribution back to the 50 states providing that the individual states could provide matching funds. Thus, the obvious emergence of funding for the states to create divisions of management of fishery resources. On the surface this doesn't look bad. HOWEVER, as in most all such good intentions, the road was paved straight to hell! Why? Because in the small print of this Act was a small "kicker" that forbade any state from getting more than 5% of this pile of user fee/excise tax. According to the history books, this was made a part of the Act to get the small states to approve. It's so long ago almost no one is still alive to actually know if this was true

or not. Accept it! Now, California, Texas and Florida have grown somewhat in the last 50 years. Please consider my state (California). We are 1/8th of the nation's population (33 million last count). We have an economy that is bigger than most of the world's nations! We have a 700-mile mountain range right down the middle of the state that is home to thousands of lakes and streams. We have a twin-river system that provides for endless fishing opportunities. We have 99 harbors along our 1,100 mile sea coast that shelters tens of thousands of sportfishers. We have a young vibrant population, as well as an enormous retired mass of people who fish, fish, fish! Yet, due to this law, our state gets only 5% of the money accumulated through this tax.

Are you ready for this?

The real bad part of this law is about to unfold. Help me count ...you buy the original product that cost (with a profit for the manufacturer) \$10. Now, the product enters the distribution system at the jobber level, and he must (to stay alive) mark up 30%. He then distributes to the retailer, and this store needs a keystone, 50%, or what the market place

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will stand. The cost to you, the consumer, who actually pays the tax, is not one dollar anymore. The tax part of your purchase is close to \$2.00. Guess what else? Go back to the starting point and remember that you get only 5% (\$.50) for your contribution to fishery management. It is my contention that we should have, at a minimum, 10%. If

our state gets approximately 10 million now, think about how much we could do with 20 million? Maybe next year we could finally get relief from ever increasing license fees!



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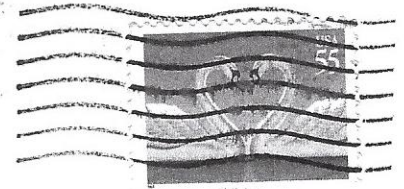
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