

Chum Line



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From the President

The Awards Celebration held on February 25, 1996, marked the beginning of a new year for the LARRC — it marked the start of our 47th year.

We have a lot to look forward to in 1996 including:

For the first time in the last several years, certain members of our club will join forces in an interclub tournament against the San Fernando Fishing Club. The tournament will take place on March 10, 1996 the next interclub tournament. Bill Alpert is the chairman of this year's event. The trip is already filled; but Bill is making a list of interested fishermen for future tournaments.

Twice a month, Arnie Cohen will be the chartermaster on the Santa Barbara one-day charters. Last year, the charters found unbelievable catches of salmon and calico bass.

Dan Fink will be in charge of the speakers at our monthly dinner meetings. Dan has a knack of knowing anyone who is anyone in the fishing industry. Dan's knowledge and expertise promise to find exciting and informative speakers at the meetings.

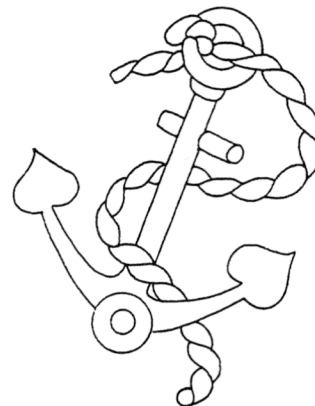
Dan Fink will also be in charge of a two-day charter on April 27th and 28th aboard the Searcher, leaving out of Newport Beach. The purpose of the trip is to catch white seabass, and to keep them alive for the holding areas arranged by United Anglers. Please call Dan for more details about this unique trip.

On July 15, 1996, our club will hold the 47th anniversary of the Kids' Trip. Hal Clark is the chairman of this year's event. This year, we are chartering the Condor and the Sea Hawk out of Santa Barbara. We intend to take over 200 underprivileged kids fishing, and to show each of them a marvelous day on the ocean, away from their troubled lives. I believe that this year's kids trip will be one of the best ever. The Kids' Trip is the day that I feel the most proud to be a member of the LARRC. I encourage all of you to join us on this wonderful day.

From September 6th through 11th, 22 lucky members of our club will be on the Qualifier 105 for our annual long range charter. Eric Rogger has been in charge of this event for the last several years; and thanks to his efforts, the trip grows in popularity each year. I am happy to report that I will be able to tell some of the fish stories after this year's long range trip, as opposed to just listening to the stories by the fishermen.

I look forward to a great 1996.

Randy Sharon, President



Foundation Meeting Slated

The next LARRC Foundation
board meeting will take place

at:

Dan Felger's house

April 2nd

19333 Wells Drive, Tarzana

12:00 noon

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.

Important Notice

The Seahawk April 3rd and
the March 20 & 21 Two-day
trips have been cancelled.

Julian Wolf
reports that a
six pack trip out of
Cabo to the Revillas
had to be CANCELLED
because Mexican
Authorities are not issuing
fishing licenses for the
small boats.
(We assume this applies
to small American
registered boats).

Membership News

LARRC Welcomes...

New Member Justin Warren.

Harold Price has re-enlisted — Welcome Back!

Applied for membership...

Wie C. Wong, Attorney
James M. Smith, Insurance

Goodwill & Cheer

Earl Shimon passed away — condolences to his family.

Hal Clark's wife, Abby on the mend.

Chum Line Contributors this Month....

HAROLD GOODMAN
RANDY SHARON

MIKE GROSSMAN
JULIAN WOLF



1995 Trophy Winners

SPECIAL AWARDS

DR. SYLVAN GOLDBERG DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dan Fink/Pamela Warren

Awarded annually to the member(s) who gives himself willingly and unselfishly to the various club functions. This member is a "worker."

ARTHUR WEINGART JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Danny Nisenbaum

Awarded annually to the junior member(s) who demonstrated willingness to learn the sport and who exhibited exemplary deportment and attitude.

MARTY LASKOWITZ TROPHY

Steve Simon
June 4, 1995

Awarded to the angler who catches the first game fish of the year.

BEN JACOBS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Bob Horowitz

Awarded annually to the member(s) recognized for unselfish assistance to others and for conduct befitting the true definition of "Sportsman."

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS

Randy Sharon

Hal Clark

Awarded to the member(s) for longstanding service in furtherance of the Foundation and/or annual Kid's Trip.

MAX FENMORE TROPHY

James Marshall
September 16, 1995

Awarded to the angler who catches the first albacore of the year.

MURRAY JONAS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Joseph Mahfet, Jr.

Awarded annually to the outgoing president in recognition of the tremendous time and effort required to fulfill the responsibilities of that office.

MOST VALUABLE PERSON

Randy Sharon

Awarded to the individual who has been of exceptional assistance to the president during the year. It is not necessarily awarded annually and it is the most prestigious of the Presidential Awards.

ROBERT MARGULIES FUN TROPHY

Bryan Bach

Awarded annually to the member who catches the largest Calico Bass in local waters.

BOBBY PLATT FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Eric Rogger

This is the most prestigious and coveted award of the club. It is not necessarily awarded annually, but, when awarded, it is given to the member(s) whose continuing efforts have resulted in the advancement of sportfishing and the LARRC in general.

PRESIDENT'S CITATIONS

Bob Beaver
Hal Clark
Larry Clark
Arnie Cohen
Larry Edwards
Dan Felger
Barry Fischer
Maury Goldfarb
Miro Hussenjian
Richard Lapidus
Jason Lash
Garo Minassian
Tony Mindlin
Otto Painter
Frank Polak
Bob Selvin
Earl Shimon

Awarded to the member(s) for outstanding service to the club during 1995.

TED HAMMOCK FRIENDSHIP AWARD

Michael Grossman

Awarded to a member of LARRC for donating his time and effort to a member who may be handicapped in some manner. In short, a friend in need.

1995 "KING OF THE CALICOS" TOURNAMENT

Bill Vogel
Norman Weinstock
Tim Vowels
Earl Warren
Joel Zide

**Congratulations
to all!**

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD

Pamela Warren

Mollusk Madness: Fishing Nets Full of Squid, profit

RECORD HAUL: Many worry the resource is being harmed to meet the ever-growing demand.

by Steve Pratt

The Ventura-Santa Barbara area has turned into the squid capital of California, and a major supplier for world markets.

Last year, commercial fishing operations off the coast of the two counties caught 62 million pounds of market squid, an increase of 24 percent from 1993's 50 million pounds. Area boats caught more than half the state's record-breaking total of 120 million pounds in 1994.

"There's an unlimited market for squid right now," said Tim Sullivan, who operates a boat out of Ventura Harbor. "There isn't even enough squid out there to meet the demand for it. China is buying a lot more squid than ever and they are exporting more and more to Japan and Europe."

While Californians are racing to meet the demand, many worry that they are endangering the squid population — and next year's paychecks.

"There has been a huge debate about whether or not the area is being overfished," said Bob Fletcher, president of the Sportfishing Association of California. "There are so many more boats this year that intense pressure is being put on the resource."

The 8-inch-long eight-armed sea mollusks are commonly referred to as the food of the sea. "It's a very important part of the food chain," Sullivan said. "White seabass, barracuda, just about anything eats squid. If we wipe them out, it could have a negative effect on other fisheries." The question the Department of Fish and Game will ultimately have to answer is one posed by Zeke Grader, executive director for the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association. "The real question is: Can this resource withstand this kind of pressure?"

More than 40 boats — including 25 from Washington and Alaska — can be seen on just about any night off the coast. Light boats track the squid, illuminating the skies and making a small part of the sea seem as bright as daylight.

With the squid season expected to last into February, the 1995 harvest is stacking up as a potential record-setting year. Last year over 61,000 tons of squid was landed statewide, breaking all records according to the Department of Fish and Game.

The demand for squid has meant increased revenue, especially at Ventura Harbor, where squid boats have pushed the marina occupancy up from 72 percent to 80 percent the last year.

"The season's been wonderful," said Nell Demers-Grey, the marina administrator at Ventura Harbor Village, which has room for 165 boats. "We've been maxed out. There's a waiting list for people coming in. We had to turn away a lot of the squid boats because we had used up all our slips. It's hard to say no to people."

The big harvest concerns Sullivan. He worries about depleting the resource by overfishing. But the Department of Fish and Game is not alarmed, and is going to take a watch and wait approach.

"Squid seems to be a healthy population right now," said Traci Bishop, a DFG biologist. "We know they are getting recordbreaking amounts of squid, but we do not know what effect all the activity is having on the population. As far as the department goes we don't really have that much data on the subject."

While the squid population may — or may not — be shrinking the bank accounts of fishermen are growing.

Boat operators are paid \$300 per ton of squid compared to \$70 for sardines. On a good day, squid boats can bring in as much as 50 tons, and boats such as Sullivan's can catch up to 100 tons during a good week.

"We usually bring in anywhere from \$20,000 to \$25,000 in a week, but then we have to pay the light boat and the crew," said Sullivan. He said the light boat crews typically receive 20 percent of the take.

The 100-ton boats (45 to 60 feet long) can hold about 50 tons of squid. There are two pumping areas where the squid are dropped off in Ventura Harbor and five in Port Hueneme. In the past, packers in Ventura Harbor could only buy 150 tons of squid per day, but have since upped their freezing capacity to 300 to 400 tons a night.

Al Ballabio of Pierpont Seafood unloads squid from boats in Ventura Harbor for State Fish Company in San Pedro.

"We get it off the boats and put it in containers with ice and then truck it down to San Pedro, where it's frozen there," he said. "The it's shipped all around the world. This doesn't get frozen and sold tomorrow. It's frozen and sold throughout the year."

A majority of the squid is exported around the world. The Chinese consider squid a cheap food source and calamari has continued to be a popular restaurant item in America. Squid is sold and canned in Europe and is also a valued bait fish for sportfishing anglers.

While this year's statewide harvest is not expected to reach the 61,000 tons caught last year due to a slow year up north. Southern California fishermen are on target to match their 1994 total of 46,000 tons, according to Bob Leos, a marine biologist with the DFG in Monterey.

Source: Ventura County Star, 12/9/95

Further Thoughts on Members

by Harold F. Goodman, M.D.

- Randy SharonToo young for the job
- Barry FischerSeeks job as Arrow Collar model
- Sally VickersGorgeous. Hope she can't read my mind.
- Abe CohenWhy would anyone befriend Bobby Horowitz?
- Bobby Horowitz.....Why would anyone befriend Abe Cohen?
- Alan Mannheim.....Tall, dark and ... well.
- Sherwood KingsleyTall,fair and ... well.
- Mark O'BrienWe needed another lawyer?
- Pam WarrenWhat can she see in him?
- Dave LippeyBaby sits Herm Epstein.
- Herm EpsteinShouts at Dave Lippey
- Dave Wende.....Run out of California
- Bob Brody.....Run out of California
- Jim MarshallMuch more subdued since married
- Ed RussoStill smoking
- Norm SchindlerBoy on a bike
- Shelly Balzac.....Fixer of elections
- Garo -----Can't spell it.
- Miro -----Can't pronounce it.

California Raises Poaching Penalties

California Governor Pete Wilson recently signed SB 123 into law, creating stiffer penalties for anyone caught poaching fish and wildlife within state boundaries. Previous fines could not exceed \$5,000, but now they can be up to \$30,000.

Source: SWS 3/96

NEW ALL-TACKLE HALIBUT

This past summer, Mike Golat of Unalaska, Alaska, caught this monster 395-pound Pacific halibut while night fishing in Unalaska Bay off Hog Island. The fish is a pending all-tackle IGFA world record. It took about an hour for Golat to bring the huge fish to boatside, when he then realized he had forgotten his harpoon. With no way of getting the fish into his 18-foot skiff, he ended up towing it to Devil Fish Point where it was weighed.

Source: SWS 3/96



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