

# Chum Line



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From the President

**O**n February 2, 1996, Helayne and I were blessed with our first child, our son Ian Maxwell. When I hold Ian in my arms and look into his eyes, I wonder if Ian will share some of the same fishing memories that his father has experienced over the years.

I wonder if he will ever catch a limit of big calico bass at Naples Reef aboard the *Sea Hawk*, all on the iron.

I wonder if a wahoo will ever grab his jig a few feet from the end of his rod, fly out of the water and crash against the cabin of the boat (right next to him), before he can even set the hook; I wonder if he will be so shaken by this experience, that, for the first time in his life, he will not be able to fish for the next couple of hours.

I wonder if he will ever fly a kite on the *Qualifier* at Clarion Island and see a 135 pound yellowfin tuna

leap out of the water and jump on his bait.

I wonder if he will ever fish aboard Jay Lash's boat and catch the white sea bass of his dreams.

I wonder if he will go on countless fishing trips, but never forget any one of them no matter how old he gets.

I wonder if his children will be taught how to fish by their father and grandfather.

I wonder if he will share the same love of fishing that is shared by his father and grandfather and that was so deeply shared by his great-grandfather.

I wonder if he will have a great day on the ocean, enjoying the camaraderie, and the wonders of nature, even if he does not catch any fish that day.

I wonder...

Randy Sharon

## Passing the Baton...

After three years of doing the Chum Line I have decided to move on. The board has been informed of this and is presently talking to several candidates for the future editorship.

If you are interested in making a constructive contribution to LARRC call Randy Sharon. I know he'll be pleased to hear from you.

Cordially,  
Eric Rogger

## LARRC Foundation News

Joe Mahfet reports that the foundation will be hosting an auction of used and new fishing equipment at the October 28th dinner meeting. All items are to be donations by LARRC members and friends. This will go to benefit the foundation for the purpose of financing future LARRC kids' trips. Start now to get your gear to one of the Foundation Trustees. They are: Barry Fischer, Norm Weinstock, Joe Mahfet, Dan Felger, Bill Alpert, Joel Steinman and Earl Warren. Barry notes that the next foundation meeting will be at his home on Tuesday, July 9th. Club members wishing to attend please call no later than July 3rd. (818) 990-6208

## Abe Cohen Writes

For some time I have noticed some of the older members sitting alone at the various club functions. It is true that since 1985 we've had about a 50% turnover of members. This doesn't mean that the club has no respect for everyone. Some times it's plain difficult to locate contemporaries. Why don't some of you guys call your friends and invite them to go with you? Why don't some of you "upstarts" try to mingle a little more?

I'd like to suggest that for the May meeting we try to get as many senior members there as possible. We'd all like to see you! those that lack transportation please call Abe Cohen (310) 332-0885 or Henry Levy (310) 292-8423. You can also call Randy or Pam Warren if you need information or help.



## Membership News

### LARRC Welcomes...

We welcome Wei C. Wong as a new member. Wei is an attorney. We hope to meet you on some of our trips.

The board also voted in Jamie Smith who sells health insurance programs. What a nice guy!

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

ABE COHEN  
JEFF ELLIS  
MACHI MARSHALL

MICHAEL GROSSMAN  
TONY MINDLIN  
BARRY TAPER

## Unbelievable!!!

The March issue of *Sport Fishing Magazine* reported a new pending world record Blue Marlin catch of unusual proportions. An angler named Leo Cloosterman caught a blue weighing 573 lbs. on — get this — 4-lb. test line.

The same magazine carries a letter from a reader that maybe Leo baited his hook with dynamite or had lots of time to follow this fish around until it died of old age.

It seems *Sport Fishing* contacted the IGFA for verification and found that the whole fight had been videotaped. Don Lee let's see you beat that one.

## A Major El Niño in the Making

Steve Crooke, a California Department of Fish & Game biologist is quoted as relating a prediction by the Scripps Oceanographer Tim Barnett that a major warm water effect will hit our coast in the fall. Exotics in the Catalina Channel?

## Goodwill & Cheer

Irv Hill is at home resting and doing well after recent by-pass surgery. As is Maury Goldfarb after having experienced successful cataract surgery.

Tuna beware, lite line enthusiast Don Lee is also at home and on the mend after recently shedding a kidney on short notice.

Otto Painter will be back East visiting his eldest son, who is not well. Best to both of you, Otto.

Marilyn Frumkes recovering from back surgery sent a thank you note to LARRC for a fine bouquet dispatched by Bill Vogel. Marilyn promises to help in LARRC efforts after May. What is this? Some kind of dynasty? Look out Shanone you might be replaced as raffle ticket puller.

*Thanks to all the many friends in the LARRC for your best wishes, kind cards and welcome phone calls during my recent sojourn to Cedars Sinai. Special thanks to Harold Price for the stale cookies, the bag full of broken corroded Langley Reel parts as well as the spool of 137 yards of used 50-lb. Mono by Western W 40.* — Don Lee

TO: LARRC Members  
 FROM: Michi Marshall  
 SUBJECT: 1996 Kids' Trip Photography



For the July 15th '96 Kids' Fishing Trip, there will be two boats out of Santa Barbara this year — the *Condor* and the *Sea Hawk*. There will be 3 photographers, Michi Marshall, Doug Dorflinger and \_\_\_\_\_?. Would someone out there be interested in filling this fun and honorable position? We will supply you with a Polaroid camera if you don't have one. (The films are donated to LARRC)

The best thing about this is that you don't even have to be a good fisherman to fill this spot and can still get to ride the boat as a 'dead head.'

Please call Hal Clark or Michi Marshall if interested. Note that we are also looking for a fourth person for a stand-by in case one of the three couldn't make it at the last minute.

TO: LARRC Members  
 FROM: Barry Taper  
 SUBJECT: Six-Pack Tuna Charters

I have tentatively chartered the 65 ft. *Patriot* for four separate "fish-filled" sportfishing trips this summer and fall. I will proceed to firm up these charters if I have a favorable response to my letter.

The *Patriot* is a newer "6-pack" that joined the San Diego fleet in late 1991. It is faster and larger than most of the other "6-packs."

July Trip Board: Wednesday evening — July 3rd (covers July 4th weekend)  
 Return: Sunday evening — July 7th (4-day trip)

August Trip Board: Thursday evening — August 8th  
 Return: Monday evening — August 12th (4-day trip)

September Trip Board: Thursday evening — August 29th (covers Labor Day weekend)  
 Return: Monday evening — September 2nd (4-day trip)

October Trip Board: Thursday evening — October 10th (covers Columbus Day weekend)  
 Return: Monday evening — October 14th (4-day trip)

We are scheduled to board at approximately 10 pm for departures and return at approximately 7 pm (depending on proximity of fish and boat schedule).

The charge for a four-day trip for six persons is \$6,600 or \$1,100 per person. A deposit of \$550 is required per scheduled trip. No reservation will be held without a deposit.

Please contact or send deposits to:  
 Barry H. Taper  
 9460 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800  
 Beverly Hills, California 90212  
 Phone: (310) 550-8688

All 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.

The yacht will depart from and return to H&M Landing, 2801 Emerson Street, San Diego, California. 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 \$8.00 to \$2.00 per 24-hour period.

We are limited to six passengers so an immediate response is essential.

I will drop any proposed charters that I am unable to fill within the next couple of weeks.

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Mr. Hiro Hussenjjan  
550 S. Hill Street #1050  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Mr. Hussenjjan:

I wish to sincerely thank you and the members of Los Angeles Rod and Reel for your generous donation of fishing rods for our children. As you could tell by their reactions when you brought in the fishing rods, they are extremely excited about receiving the fishing gear and are looking forward to participating in fishing activities.

As you know, Children Are Our Future is a non-profit agency serving neglected and abused children, ages five through seventeen. Our purpose is to provide these children with a clean, stable, safe environment which supports their social, psychological, and mental development. We provide services to the total child in educational, recreational and professional treatment areas.

Our income is derived from a "Purchase of Services" contract with the State of California. Due to State budget limitations, we are always looking for ways to extend our program and services without incurring the additional costs.

Because our budget does not include the purchase of recreation equipment, your generous contribution will allow our children the opportunity to participate in fishing programs that they would not have normally been able to partake in. We hope to continue this friendship for future programs.

Sincerely,

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# LARRC Club White Seabass Broodfish Weekend a Conditional Success

Some 20 stalwart members volunteered their time and money to participate in this major effort to help relieve the immediate problem of the Carlsbad Hatchery since they find themselves with only 30 broodfish — not enough genetic diversity — ahead of the summer season. It is indeed a victory to have this many dedicated people come out to help the cause.

Dan (Ahab) Fink ably organized and filled the boat and gave all of us a chance to appreciate him more. He's always ready with advice and help but screwed up badly when it came to catching squid for bait. The weather conditions were fine but the long hours at the rail of catching one squid at the time took their toll. The second night we all crashed since there weren't any squid biting at all.

Bob Fletcher, who was on board, hooked the only legal fish and Mark Drawbridge deftly deflated it. Five others were caught and will be kept to "grow up" at the hatchery. Bob is the President of SAC (to those of you not familiar with this term) this is the recreational commer-



*The "Searcher" at dockside in Redondo Harbor.*

cial sportsfishing group and Mark is a biologist with the Carlsbad Hatchery. Also on hand for good advice was Steve Crooke, a biologist with the Dept. of Fish & Game. Most of us enjoyed meeting Milton and Bill Shedd, and Mike Duffy an attorney, who are part of the driving force behind the whole WSB program.

Fishing with dead squid was not successful unless you count the number of bat rays caught. Brian Bach excelled in this department and was renamed BAT MAN! We caught an occasional mackerel and calico bass (by accident) and most of us had to be content watching the Hanaa Pa — a private yacht — about 30 yards away cranking on 15 white sea bass. Since we had the big slammer to hold these fish we subsequently took these aboard, as well as the ones collected from a holding pen at Cat Harbor, for transport back to Redondo Beach.

Steve Crook reported later that a total effort resulted in 70 fish being caught and that this will help substantially to relieve the problem. With the careful handling they got let's hope most of them survive.

LARRC club members earning honorable mention are: Tim & Michi Marshall, Eric Rogger, Abe Cohen, Jon Smith, Tom Trainer, Ben Susman, Don Kaplan, Bill Vogel, Al Spievak, Brian Bach, Hal Clark, Doug Dorflinger, Dan & Shanone Frumkes, Mike and Richard Lapidus, Richard Stone, Marv Smith and of course Dan Fink!

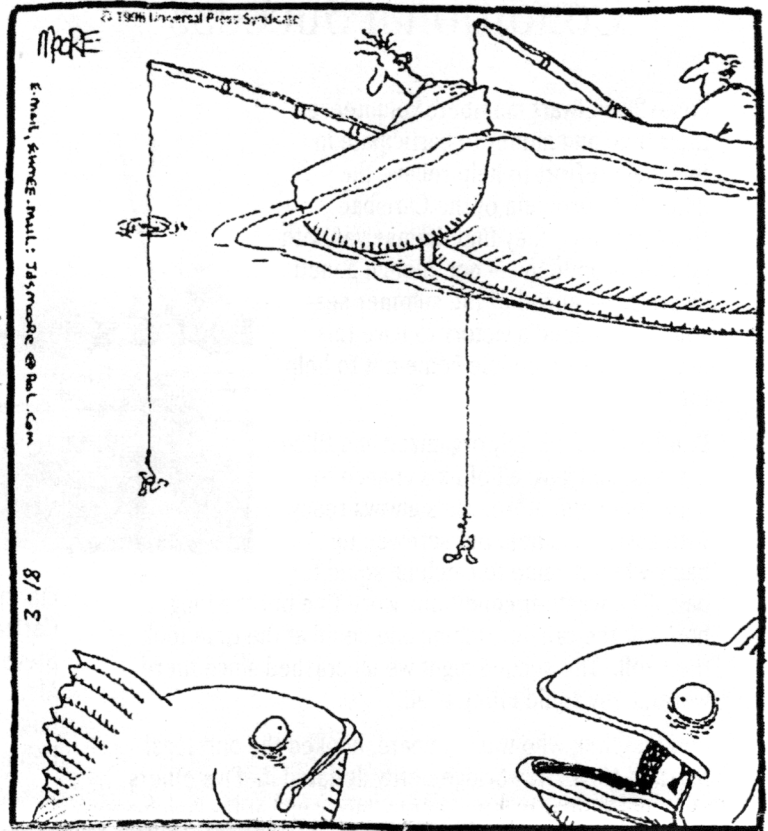
Art Taylor, skipper/owner of the *Searcher* worked his butt off to find squid for bait — even going up to the Channel Islands the night before — and the crew was excellent. They deserve our future support.



*White seabass being transferred from the "Aztec."*

## IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"Swim right over to within inches of it, then turn your nose up and swim away. It drives them freaking nuts."

Source: Jeff Ellis

## Trophy Contenders as of April 30, 1996

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
<b>OCEAN WATERS</b>				
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Gerald Steinberg	170	0
<b>FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Peacock	12	Don Lee	13	8 *
<b>MEN'S RELEASED</b>				
Tuna, Bluefin (10)	130	Mark O'Brien	N/A	
<b>LADIES</b>				
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Sally Vickers	139	10 *
Wahoo	30	Sally Vickers	46	8

Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and 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.

Send Weight Slips To:

Dan Felger

5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 120

Tarzana, California 91356

FAX: 818 708-3657

## SALMON, COURTESY OF SACRAMENTO RIVER HATCHERIES

Information gathered by the California Department of Fish and Game indicates that a successful hatchery release program in northern California accounts for the majority of kings caught last season. The fish originated from two tributaries within the Sacramento River system, according to data from tiny metal implants placed inside the nostrils of fingerling salmon. DFG officials used special decoders to detect the implants and the origin of these fish when they studied specimens recovered in Southern California. This latest news bodes well for future salmon runs, as well as a similar program now in effect to raise juvenile white sea bass.

Source: Sport Fishing 5/96

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CATCHES

Sport landings (dock totals of fish counts) of salmon taken south of Point Conception, past 10 years:

1995	23,000
1994	3
1993	35
1992	48
1991	539
1990	291
1989	25
1988	193
1987	5
1986	487

\*Estimate from Los Angeles Times catch reports.

Source: Department of Fish and Game biologist Steve Crooke

### Tony Mindlin Reports Yearbook Errata:

"Ian Sharon's middle name is Maxwell and not Mathew. I have been told that Ian was so upset by my mistake he is not talking to me."

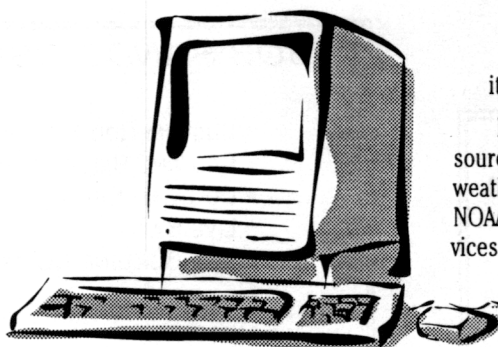
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# Fishing the Internet



It's not a new type of commercial gear. And it isn't some remote group of canals.

It's the "information highway," cyberspace, "the web" and a place chock full of more informational opportunities for the fisherman than one could ever dream of. I was encouraged to get on the Internet by a fishing friend who told me about the weather information available there. With some reluctance I decided to give it a try. And now I am hooked. The vast pool of information and the quick communication is almost breathtaking. In one evening I gathered weather data from the East Santa Barbara Channel Buoy (offered up from a computer at Penn State University); checked out some information about a couple of old movies (from a data-base in Bristol England); browsed through an article on Italian Wine (at a library in Sienna, Italy) and sent an E-mail letter to my niece in New Jersey (which arrived at her computer within seconds). I'm hooked.

I have listed a number of fishing websites and their "web addresses" for those of you who might like to browse them.

There are newsgroups which are like gigantic electronic bulletin boards devoted entirely to discussions of every imaginable topic related to fishing. You can read and contribute articles and participate in discussions at these newsgroups. Among the groups are:

- General Fishing Topics: **news:alt.fishing**
- General Fishing Topics: **news:rec.outdoors.fishing**
- Saltwater Fishing: **news:rec.outdoors.fishing.saltwater**
- Bass Fishing: **news:rec.outdoors.fishing.bass**
- Fly Fishing: **news.rec.outdoors.fishing.fly**

*Let's Talk Hookup* has a website that includes information on their sponsored fishing trips, summaries of recent topics and upcoming events. And you can send messages to Pete and Marty through this website: <http://controlroom.com/hookup/>

There are on-line magazines with articles and columns and reports such as: Fine Fishing Internet Magazine: <http://finefishing.com/finefish/ffindex.htm>

The Anadromous Page: <http://www.peak.org/~robertr/nav.html> I like this magazine and write a weekly Southern California report for it.

Southern California dock totals and information are available at Baja Rat's Page: <http://www.hooked.net/users/junior2/junior2.html>

Fishernet Data Base is a mother lode of information. Everything from illustrations of knot tying to direct links to some excellent weather sites including CNN: (<http://www.cnn.com>) and The Weather Channel: (<http://www.weather.com>) Fishernet Data Base is at <http://www.thefishernet.com/datatoc.htm>

A master list of just about every known fishing and fishing related website is at <http://www.eaglenet.com/PaxP/mstrs/fishing.html>

Our very own California Department of Fish and Game has its own website at <http://spock/dfg.ca.gov>

If you want weather information, there are many excellent sources on the net. The National Data Buoy Center offers a host of weather services and through their home page you can access NOAA, NWS, Coast Guard and Commerce Department weather services. The NDBC itself operates the data collection from unmanned buoys along the coastline of the United States (Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf) and the Great Lakes and Alaska. The data is transmitted from the buoys to satellites and then downlinked to various facilities where it is decoded, processed, formatted and made available to users.

Internet subscribers can access this information in a variety of ways. The two best seem to be the National Weather Service, Tallahassee, Florida through Florida State University and at Penn State University. I generally get my buoy data from the Penn State site because it seems to be the most current — never more than one hour old and often a lot less. The Penn State website is a "real-time" reporting of the buoy data; while the Florida State is a "near real time" facility. In order to use the Florida State or Penn State web site to get this information you have to know the identifier number of the buoy you want. No problem. This, too, is available from a website.

Here is a quick tour of the best of the weather websites.

The NDBC Home Page (best place to start): <http://seaboard.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

The list of buoys (get the name and identifier number here): <http://thunder.met.fsu.edu/~nws/buoy/mooredlist.html>

Penn State (the best place to get the most up to the minute data): <http://www.ems.psu.edu/wx/findbuoy.html>

Florida State (another source for the buoy data): <http://thunder.met.fsu.edu/~nws/buoy/>

Here are some of the buoy identifiers: East Santa Barbara Channel: **46053** (I find this one the most consistently reliable source for the sea conditions up in the SBA area).

West Santa Barbara Channel: **46054** (About 25 miles west of the East Channel Buoy but quite often the data is not available from this buoy).

Point Conception: **46023**

Redondo Beach: **46045**

Catalina Ridge: **46025**

The possibilities are just about limitless and if you can't find the information you want, just post a note on one of the newsgroups and someone, somewhere is bound to help you out. I have helped fishermen in Singapore, England and South Africa who needed information about a reel or needed to locate parts for reels. I ran across a note on the saltwater newsgroup a couple of weeks ago that asked if there was any place on the web that might give information on tying the uni-know. I chuckled to myself when I read this, thinking there was little chance that something this minute or esoteric would actually be available. I was wrong. Within twenty-four hours another reader had posted the web address for the Fisher Net Database (see illustrations as well. Like I said — the possibilities are limitless.

— **Michael J. Grossman**  
[execacn@ix.netcom.com](mailto:execacn@ix.netcom.com)

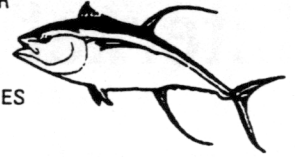
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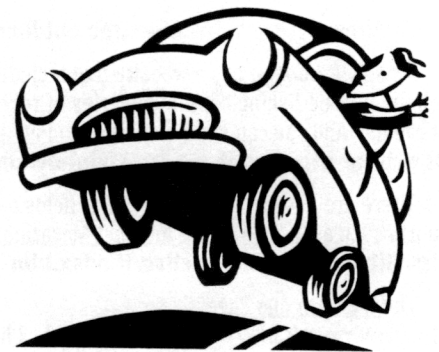
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FAX (619) 461-9303

Brochure — Courtesy to Brokers

## Need A Ride?

If you would like to attend our dinner meetings and need transportation — we'll find a club member to help you.



Try calling Randy Sharon or Pam Warren to make the arrangements. Here are their numbers:

Randy (818) 908-0567 Pam (818) 222-6025

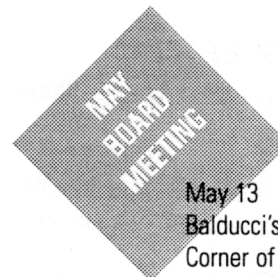
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## Meetings

	Dinner Meetings	Board Meetings
May	20	13
Jun	24	17
Jul	29	22
Aug	26	19
Sep	30	16
Oct	28	21
Nov	25	18
Dec	Dark	16
<b>1997</b>		
Jan	27	20
Feb	Dark	10

## LARRC Other Events

- May 18**  
**UASC Annual Dinner/Auction**  
**Balboa Bay Club**
- 
- Jul 9**  
**LARRC Foundation Mtg.**  
**at Barry Fischers**  
**RSVP (818) 990-6208**
- 
- Jul 15**  
**LARRC Annual Kids' Trip**
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- Sept 6-11**  
**LARRC Club Annual 5-Day Trip**
- 
- Oct 30**  
**King of the Calicos**
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May 13  
Balducci's Restaurant  
Corner of Sepulveda &  
Ventura Blvd.  
*Please call ahead. Randy will make reservations.*

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



May 20  
Holiday Inn  
170 No. Church Lane  
Los Angeles, CA 90049  
310/476-6411

Cocktails at 6:00 pm  
Dinner at 7:00 pm



The Dinner Hot Line  
number is:  
818 / 710-7701  
**USE IT!**

### Board Meeting for May

The next meeting will take place at Balducci's restaurant, which is located at the corner of Sepulveda and Ventura Blvd., 6 pm, May 13th. Randy will make reservations. Please call ahead.

## LARRC Charters 1996

### LARRC WEDNESDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV

#### SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA

1996 — 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

1. 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.
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 4:30 - 5:00pm, 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 16 adults or 17 people if juniors are participating. The CHARTER MASTER reserves the right to overbook by one.
6. Cost: \$85.00 2:00am departure; \$75.00 5:00am 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.
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.

## And Our Next Speaker is...

Bob Fletcher, President of the Sportfishing Association of California (SAC) is our next featured speaker. SAC for those unaware, is an organization of sport-fishing boats and landings along our coast.

Bob's personal credentials include every aspect of our local saltwater scene, from being the former owner/operator of the "Cat Special" to having been Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Fish & Game.

SAC works with every facet of Saltwater fishing from contact with Scripps regarding fish and condition predictions, the Coast Guard regarding regulations, the National Marine Fisheries and DFG on rules, and the Mexican Government on whatever's the hot topic this week. These are just some areas of Bob's expertise.

So come loaded with questions to this dinner meeting. He can field them all.

See you there.

