

Chum Line



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Fantastic Voyage by Julian Wolf

Every August, Eric Rogger puts together a five-day trip on the *Polaris Supreme*.

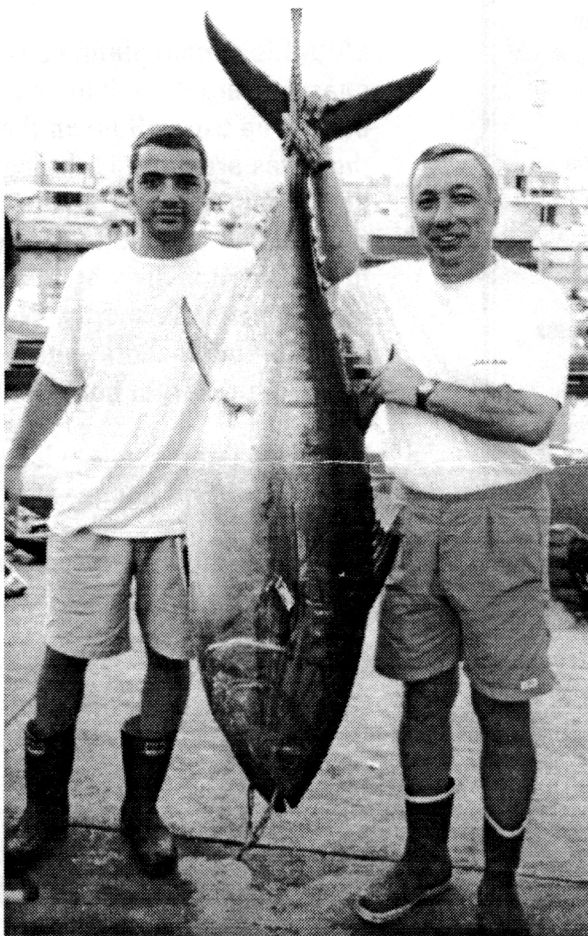
At one time Skipper Tommy Rothery targeted tunis alalungus — albacore to the uninitiated — but these days, they, like many former California residents, have left us for the likes of Oregon and Washington. Now we must target other tunas and did they ever come through this year!

LARRC members on this trip were Eric, Ken Simpson, Pirate Neufeld, Miro and son Rafi Hussenjian as well as Mark O'Brien and his dad, and myself. Mark's dad had traveled from Pennsylvania to get a taste of some "real fishing."

The first night we traveled 200 miles to a fabulous yellowfin tuna spot. Does 478 yellowfin on our first day sound fabulous? And for only nine hours of fishing? You bet! Some of the heartier types boated over 30 fish that day. Those more sensible settled for an average of 20 fish. Skipper Tommy Rothery has a new filleting service complete with blast-freezer, so nearly everyone was able to choose the type of fish to take home.

Day two was spent chasing blue fin on a series of stops. These weighed about three times as much as the yellowfin which has averaged 151 lbs. We had an occasional yellowfin which were considerably larger than those of the prior day.

Eric was responsible for the most outstanding performance on day two. He masterfully handled a blue fin on 16 lb.



Father & Son Team Gang Up on Bluefin
Miro & Rafi Hussenjian with their 150 lb. Fish

test and a new Calcutta 400 reel that weighed 60 lbs. at the dock. Time required 1.56 hrs.

Day three was for the big blue fin. Eric had a luncker on for at least a half hour and developed a novel way to release the fish. He farmed it reel and rod during one of the numerous tangles.

Mark O'Brien had the second biggest fish at 152 lbs. and Ken Simpson came in third with a 78 lb. toad. The largest fish weighed 151 lbs. Miro and Rafi double teamed for a beautiful 150 lb. blue fin.

It was a rough day for tackle. Probably twice as many blues were farmed as were boated.

Our tally for the day was 41. The time after dinner was spent replacing line and hooks which were straightened out by 200 lb. fish.

Wednesday, our last day of chasing was very slow. Trolling from 5:30am until 2:30pm yielded stops, mainly skipjack but no birds, kelp paddies etc. were sighted. As of leaving time only about 7 fish were boated. The skipper aimed for a 7am arrival at the dock. The weather was excellent throughout and the bait was A-1 Sardines. The crew did a yeoman's job saving men and fish from the corners. There were five West El Ley RRC members on the trip and an interesting discussion re: a possible club merger ensued.

The trip was a class act and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Fishing Regulations for Club Members Anxious for Awards

As we get more heavily into the late summer fishing experiences, the Board would like to remind you of the following rules:

- When you commit to go on a trip, you pay for that trip unless the chartermaster or you can find a substitute for your spot.

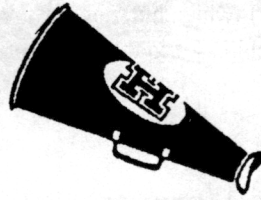
Note also the fishing rules on pages 49 etc. in our yearbook.

- Once you hook a fish you cannot have any other person handle your line or rod if you intend applying for record status.

The only exception to this is a crew member disentangling you or helping you around some obstruction. (i.e. anchor chain). In this case however, IGFA rules would disqualify you.

Please check the fishing records on page 63 of our yearbook to see if you actually are a contender for a new record.

GOOD FISHING!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

LARRC is contemplating a five-day light-tackle charter. Targets will be mainly lunger-size calico bass. The trip will be on the *Polaris Supreme* and the dates are June 11 through June 16, 1996. You do not have to make a definite commitment at this time, but an indication of interest would be helpful to the Board in arriving at a decision which will have to be made shortly. Note that this is a skiff trip in which inshore areas —not usually within range of the larger boats — become accessible.

If you are interested at all or want more details please call Eric Rogger at (310) 476-5936.

The Fare including tips, drinks and permits would be approximately \$1300.

Membership News

LARRC Welcomes...

Herbert Belinky

Raleigh D. Karr

Philip A. Friedman (Mr. 946-TUNA)

Robert E. Maine and Christopher Stripeter have applied for Membership.

Chum Line Contributors this Month....

JULIAN WOLF

DAN FELGER

OTTO PAINTER

RUSS IZOR

BOB SELVIN

MARK O'BRIEN

Goodwill & Cheer

by Otto Painter

Otto Painter, our Goodwill & Cheer Ambassador called to report on himself. Seems he has been in the hospital twice for ticker problems but says he is now recuperating — slowly — at home. Stay well Otto...

Bill Alpert — Dr. of Calico Bass Fishing — scheduled for Surgery Sept. 18th. We wish you well!

Bob Beaver — reportedly recovering after a freak knife attack while selling an automobile.

Abe Zide — our continued thoughts and good wishes are with you! Keep up the fight!



TO: LARRC
FROM: Russ Izor

I know, I know, ... It's a Tradition! And as an "Honorary" member of LARR Club it should be my role to be quiet and let the concept of the "Kids' Trip" alone...as Tivea said in "Fiddler" "I don't know why, but it's a tradition."

Getting the kids "out" for a summer day is certainly worthwhile, but, does it have to be a fishin' trip? A fishing trip that takes an awful lot of work by a dedicated membership. A trip that has grown very costly, and in my opinion ineffective, from a catching standpoint, because the fishery is not there anymore. Catching, needless to say, is the name of this game for sure. Without it, why bother? Also, and this is very real for those who had to suffer...that Redondo barge, though very nice, is anchored in open water and a lot of kids got sick...add to the roll of the barge Jimmy Port "hocking" the free food pitch (and Jimmy, I love you and wish you were my son). Even if there wasn't a seasick potential there would be one by the time the kids get back to their homes.

Last of this is that we are supposedly interested in conservation. What few fish did go off the barge in those plastic bags were absolutely worthless by the time they took a bus ride to the staging areas. Face it fellas', lets re-examine the "tradition."

For much less money we could charter *M.V. First String* on a Monday in June...It could sail three times with 150 people on a three-hour harbor cruise that would involve all the harbor activity — there is enormous amounts of breakwater building, dredging, shipping, tugs, containers and visual vistas that would blow the minds of these young people — the Queen Mary, the Spruce Goose dome that is now used mostly for action movie production. Each run would go past the old Henry Ford Bridge where the bridge master would open and close the lift bridge. Jimmy could still try to get the kids sick with "free food"...Lots more...and never go outside the confines of the harbor...

Can we all explore this? Can this get past the word "tradition" long enough to imagine how much more good it would do for inner city kids to have this sort of trip?

Last but not least...Hats, tee shirts for the "deck hands," trophies, pins, etc. Everybody, count all this up and measure it against the common good.



Letters to LARRC

Enforcement Committee Update

Ventura Deputy District Attorney Pilot Program

We recently received some very favorable feedback from Greg Bose, Supervising Deputy District Attorney in Ventura County, regarding the Fish and Game Prosecution Pilot Program. As most readers will recall, the program was created in 1993 after United Anglers volunteers offered the program as a solution to the Ventura District Attorney's Office and the Department of Fish and Game's problems relating to their inability to prosecute fish and game violations.

We assisted in the creation of a new Deputy District Attorney position whose purpose would be to prosecute Fish and Game Violations exclusively. After receiving the support of the County Board of Supervisors and a pledge of financial support from United Anglers, the position was created and the District Attorney's Office began to pursue the backlog of fish and game cases.

A recent communication sent to the Board of Supervisors by Mr.

Bose praises the program as a creative and effective way to successfully prosecute the violators while simultaneously raising funds for the county and improving the morale of fish and game wardens. His letter stated that the new position is now self-supporting and should be made permanent.

In 1994 the Deputy District Attorney's office filed 187 fish and game cases, of which 151 were successfully adjudicated resulting in assessed fines, civil penalties and cost recovery of \$146,473.

United Anglers has contributed \$12,500 to help offset the initial costs of the program and is proud to have been instrumental in the creation of this position which will not only result in the increase of the effectiveness of the fish and game wardens but will also serve to enhance the quality of our precious marine resources.

Source: Don Trojan, UASC Enforcement Chair

Tuna and Billfish Off Kona, Hawaii on the *Sea Genie II*

BY MARK O'BRIEN

Sea Urchin Gonad Enhancement

Sea Grant marine advisors Susan McBride in Humboldt and Paul Olin in Sonoma Counties are investigating the feasibility of feeding sea urchins to improve their gonad quality and increase their market value. The project represents a combination of fisheries and aquaculture in that urchins with poor quality gonads are harvested and then enhanced through feeding inland-based tanks. The goal is to identify optimal diets and culture conditions, and assess the economic feasibility of the "feed lot" concept applied to sea urchins. If the project is successful, it will result in increased value and use of the sea urchin resource.

Coastal communities in northern California are experiencing significant social and economic changes resulting from reduced employment in the fishing and timber industries. The decline in red sea urchin landings has contributed to the regional economic downturn and it is unlikely that harvest will increase to levels of the early 1990s. While landings of commercially valuable urchins decline, there remain substantial numbers of urchins with undeveloped gonads that have little or no commercial value.

Source: Calif. Sea Grant Program, Summer'95

I spent an enjoyable four days (June 28 to July 1) fishing for tuna and billfish off Kona, Hawaii, on the *Sea Genie II*, captained by Gene Vander Hoek (tel. 808-325-5355). The boat is a new 39' Rybovich and is a gorgeous big-game fishing platform, with teak and Awlgrip throughout, a Rybovich fighting chair, and a dizzying tuna tower. The captain and crew of two were superb — friendly, knowledgeable and diligent (I've never before had a crew member pop open my drinks for me).

We mostly fished live squid and dead baits, on two set deep lines and one handline, drifting at night in 1,000 fathoms. Hawaiian crew member Carlton deep-chummed using a "maki dog": — chunks or frozen anchovies wrapped inside a weighted canvas square, which he lowered by hand to about 25 fathoms, then jerked on the line to produce a spread of chum. The water was so clear and still that occasionally you would see a flash as a yellowfin or albacore gobbled up the chum.

One of the most interesting items of tackle used in Hawaii is the circle hook for tuna (often considered a longline hook). I observed that these hooks have incredible hooking and holding powers and usually end up in the corner of the jaw, where the fish cannot easily bite down on the line or cause the hook to drop out. I bought a bunch of them and plan to try them this fall and winter in Baja.

The Hawaiians mostly use heavy tackle (130-200 lb. gear) and (with the proper license) are allowed to sell rod-and-reel-caught fish. The *Sea Genie*, however, also specializes in extreme light tackle fishing. Captain Vander Hoek and owner Jeffrey Meyer hold several IGFA records, especially for lightline shortbill spearfish.

While I had a great time fishing and learned many new techniques, I caught far fewer fish than I am accustomed to say, off Baja. I caught a 108-lb. yellowfin on a live squid at dawn and a 43-lb. spearfish on a trolling jig. At about 3:30 one morning, I was bit off twice in a row on a deep, cyalume-enhanced, live squid. As I reeled in the half-eaten squid, a 10' broadbill swordfish angrily swam up to the stern. The mate pinned a mackerel onto my line and tried to get the swordie to bite as he jigged the bait by hand right under the boat. Instead, it bit the boat's handline and the skipper hooked it right on the bill, about 18" above its mouth. That gave us enough leverage on the bill to wrestle it to the boat, where second skipper Rick shot it in the head. The swordfish, a rarity in Kona and the first ever taken on the *Sea Genie*, weighed 164 lbs. eight hours later at the dock.

We also landed several large jacks at night and were bitten off by a couple of albacore one night (which run up to 70 lbs. there). Several other boats caught some fat albacore on successive nights drifting, but we did not land any.

Although I did not wish to target blue marlin, we had a few marlin knock-down, one jumper which quickly shook off, and one very heavy marlin which I hooked on a bridled, live skipjack, using stand-up gear. The *Sea Genie* fishes live skipjack on a drop-back requiring perhaps 100' of loose line dragging in the wake. The crew member holds onto the line by hand and warns you when the bait gets spooked, indicating a predator is nearby. The marlin I hooked literally ripped well over 150 yds. of 80-lb. line off a 50-wide with a 28-lb. drag setting, before the line suddenly went limp. The skipper felt that, because I was fighting the fish from a dead boat, without forward line pressure, the marlin had been able to regurgitate its stomach and thereby to shake the hook. However, it was an awesome experience while it lasted — an extremely powerful fish.

Fish Counts — How Reliable?

BY DAN FELGER

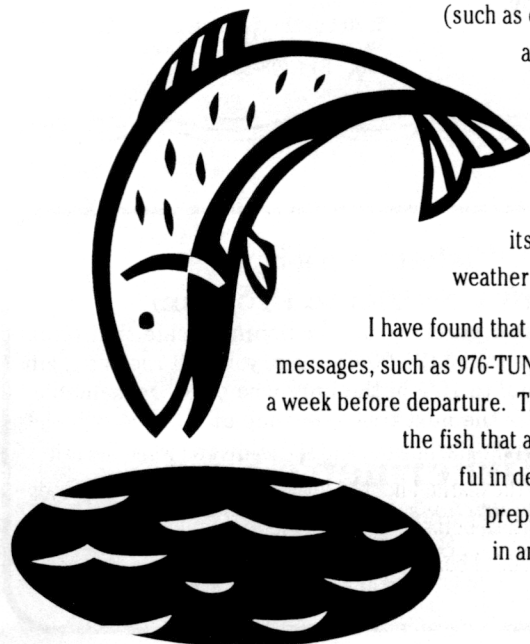
I know many of my fellow anglers make their decision to fish, or not to fish, or what tackle to bring based on the fish counts that are published in the *Los Angeles Times*. This is a mistake, and if you are going to make your decision solely on newspaper fish counts, you'd better understand how to interpret them.

Newspapers have deadlines, and therefore the landings must call in their catch reports prior to that deadline. Since many landings run multiple boats, the landings need to get the fish counts from their boats early enough so they can assemble them before calling the newspapers. This means that the fish reports, as reported in the newspapers, are probably catches that were made before 4:00 pm. In many cases the boat captains are "guessing" due to the fact that all the fish caught have not been cleaned and accounted for. Also, where do released fish appear in the catch report? As you are all aware, all liars are not fishermen but all fishermen are liars. It is not an uncommon practice for the boat operators to fudge, and then the landing to fudge, which really means that the actual fish count is bumped twice. Many landings also will understate the number of anglers so that the catch per angler looks better. Another practice is to average the catch. This practice involves leveling the peaks and valleys, so that the phenomenal days and the lousy days will all look the same. Also, fish caught on multi-day trips either do not go into the fish count or appear the day that the boat returns to the landing. A further problem occurs when targeted species

(such as calico bass) do not appear in reason-

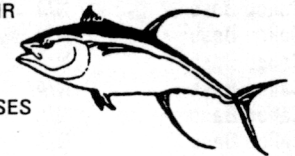
able quantities in the fish count. There could be many explanations for this, including: (1) lack of available live bait, which may only be temporary; (2) the boats from a particular landing not targeting that species on any given day. For instance, Sea Landing may not show calico bass in its count on days when the *Seahawk* is fishing rock fish; and (3) adverse weather conditions.

I have found that the best way to get good current fishing information is to call the recorded messages, such as 976-TUNA. On preplanned multi-day trips, I will call 976-TUNA commencing at least a week before departure. This will give me a good idea of where the boats are fishing, type and size of the fish that are being caught, and the weather conditions. This information is very useful in deciding which tackle to take on the trip. On single-day trips that were either preplanned or spur-of-the-moment, I will call the day before which is very useful in anticipating what to expect.



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Trophy Contenders as of August 25, 1995

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
OCEAN WATERS				
Calico Bass	N/A	Bryan Bach	8	8
Calico Bass	N/A	Joel Steinman	6	4
Calico Bass	N/A	Joe Mahfet	8	3
Calico Bass	N/A	Dan Felger	7	10
Calico Bass	N/A	Richard Lapidus	6	5
Calico Bass	N/A	Earl Warren	4	8
Halibut, California	20	Dan Felger	21	8
Halibut, Pacific	80	Dave Neufeld	179	0 *
Ling Cod	20	Gerald Steinberg	49	9 *
Salmon, King	2	Royal Mac Nair	11	10 *
Salmon, King	4	Dave Neufeld	20	0 *
Salmon, King	4	Royal Mac Nair	11	2
Salmon, King	6	Royal Mac Nair	15	2 *
Salmon, King	8	Don Lee	16	1
Salmon, King	12	Don Lee	26	4 *
Salmon, King	12	Dave Neufeld	18	8
Salmon, King	12	Bill Vogel	18	0
Salmon, King	12	Joel Steinman	11	0
Salmon, King	16	Earl Warren	35	0 *
Salmon, King	16	Dan Felger	30	8
Salmon, King	12	Joel Steinman	11	0
Salmon, King	16	Dan Felger	16	4
Salmon, King	16	Joseph Stern	20	0
Salmon, King	20	Earl Warren	37	8
Salmon, King	20	Gerald Steinberg	29	5
Salmon, King	30	Dan Felger	34	8
Salmon, King	30	Earl Warren	31	8
Salmon, Sockeye	8	Bryan Bach	8	2
Tuna, Bluefin	16	Eric Rogger	66	1 *
Tuna, Bluefin	50	Bill Alpert	66	9 *
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Mark O'Brien	140	13 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	20	Gerald Steinberg	57	9
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Jason Lash	78	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Marty Laskowitz	165	5 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Mark O'Brien	155	2
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Randy Sharon	125	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Bill Vogel	125	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Dan Felger	108	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Miro Hussenjian	105	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Dan Felger	145	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Howard Weinberger	155	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Randy Sharon	135	0
Wahoo	16	Eric Rogger	46	2 *
Wahoo	30	Bill Vogel	38	0
Wahoo	50	Dave Neufeld	55	0
White Sea Bass	12	Steve Simon	15	2
White Sea Bass	16	Randy Sharon	33	0 *
Yellowtail	30	Bill Alpert	38	6
FRESH WATER				
Steelhead	8	Earl Warren	16	8 *
FLY ROD				
Trout, Rainbow	12	Don Lee	7	1 *
MEN'S RELEASED				
Bonefish	8	Jack Wax	N/A	
Marlin, Blue	130	Randy Sharon	N/A	

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
Sailfish	12	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Sailfish	20	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Sailfish	30	Lad Rubaum	N/A	
Spearfish, Shortbilled	80	Mark O'Brien	N/A	
Steelhead (25)	8	Earl Warren	N/A	
Tuna, Yellowfin	80	Steve Simon	N/A	
LADIES				
Ling Cod	20	Sally Vickers	45	2
Salmon, King	16	Pamela Warren	24	0
Salmon, King	16	B.J. Greenfield	21	0
Salmon, King	20	Mercedes Giannini	41	8
Salmon, King	20	Sally Vickers	45	2
Salmon, King	30	Carolyn Felger	32	8 *
Salmon, King	30	Pamela Warren	25	0
Shark, Thresher	20	Teresa Winbigler	15	8 •
LADIES RELEASED				
Amberjack	30	Sally Vickers	N/A	
Tuna, Yellowfin (3)	50	Sally Vickers	N/A	
JUNIORS				
Salmon, King	16	Daniel Nisenbaum	19	0
Tarpon	20	Brian Taper	74	4 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	12	Shanone Frumkes	12	8

**FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR
WHITE SEABASS — STEVE SIMON**

Reminder: To be eligible for a trophy a member shall have attended a minimum of three regular meetings during the calendar year. This rule does not apply to junior members or ladies.

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.

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Meetings

	Dinner Meetings	Board Meetings
Sep	18	11
Oct	30	23
Nov	27	20
Dec	Dark	11
Jan '96	29	22
Feb '96 Awards	25	12

LARRC Other Events

Sept 8-13	<u>LARRC Trip — Qualifier 105</u>
Sept 18	<u>LARRC Foundation Auction</u>
Sept 18	<u>Foundation Auction at Dinner Meeting</u>
Oct 18	<u>King of the Calicos Re-scheduled Trip</u>
Feb '96	<u>Annual Awards Luncheon Braemar Country Club</u>

LA Rod & Reel Club Foundation Announces Auction

Barry Fischer advises that the Foundation will be hosting an auction of used (and some new) fishing equipment at the Sept. 18th dinner meeting. All items are donations by LARRC club members & friends. We are still in need of more merchandise to be auctioned off. Please call Norm Weinstock, Joel Steinman or me, Barry Fischer to arrange for the pickup of your donations. 818/501-0145.

The benefits of this auction will go to the Foundation for the purpose of financing future Kids' Trips. Dan Fink has agreed to be the auctioneer.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Sept. 11th
Joe Mahfet's
11870 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
310/571-2200
As a courtesy to the hosts please RSVP if not a board member.
Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Sept. 18th
Holiday Inn
170 No. Church Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90049
310/476-6411
Cocktails at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm

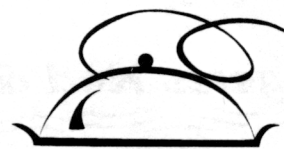
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LARRC WEDNESDAY CHARTERS ON THE SEA HAWK LXV
SEA LANDING — SANTA BARBARA
9/13, 9/27, 10/25, 11/8-9*, 11/22, 12/6
*2-Day trip to San Miguel

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, will take precedent. Also, several trips will be for light tackle rock fish 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: \$75.00 5:00am departure 2-day Trip — \$245 2am departure
\$95.00 2:00am departure

Junior members pay 50% (up to 2 per trip). With the uncertainty of fuel costs there may be a fare adjustment.

7. Charter price includes trip, bait, soft drinks, beer, icing fish, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. Not included are tips and fish cleaning. (Please be generous with the tips for the crew).
8. Reservations should be made through Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave., Northridge, CA 91326, Phone-Msg. Ctr. (818) 366-3300, Home Phone (818) 368-5834, FAX (818) 366-4945. Your reservation, written or verbal, is your commitment to pay, even if you do not go, and your agreement to abide by club charter policies as established by the CHARTER MASTER.



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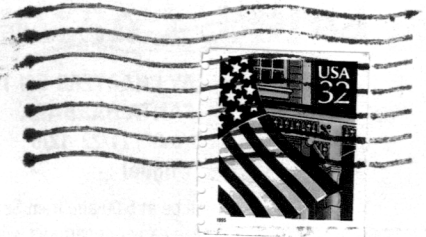
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