

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean

MAY 2026

LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES ERIK LANDESFEIND - CCA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Since getting his start working as a deckhand on a $\frac{3}{4}$ day boat in the 1980s, Erik Landesfeind has spent the last 40 years fishing the waters off Southern California and Baja. Taking what he'd learned during his years fishing on sport boats, Erik branched out to get his own boat with the intention of fishing saltwater bass tournaments. Over the next decade, Erik dedicated the majority of his fishing time to learning the patterns and behaviors of sand bass, calicos, and spotted bay bass. His efforts paid off in multiple tournament wins and an angler of the year title. Erik is also an avid offshore fisherman who spends most summers targeting tuna and marlin when he isn't fishing calico bass and yellowtail at the islands. This extensive and varied experience allows Erik to speak knowledgeably about all aspects of Southern California fishing.



Join us Monday, May 18, 2026!

Social hour starts at 6:00PM - Meeting starts at 7:00PM

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Dinner Meeting

May 18, 2026

Social Hour 6:00pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm

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Presidential Ponderings

Since last month I hope most of you have had the opportunity to hit the water for one of our favorite pastimes, fishing! And hopefully, maybe even some catching 😊

My planned trip for the Rockfish opener in early April was canceled due to weather. I will confess I am never sad when the captain makes that call. As some of you may know, I struggle with sea-sickness and while the patch does God's work, I am not looking to test the outer limits of its effectiveness. I am looking forward to trying a new medication recommended by several club members and will likely do that on a half day out of Channel Islands. I will relay details via the Discord app we are trying out (and email/text) if anyone is interested in joining. Although perhaps I do not want witnesses lol!!!

I had an amazing three-day Freezer Filler Special on Sophie's charter at the end of April. It was a nice break-in to the season (only civilized day fishing, thank you!) and I made good use of boat nap time but still brought home some bluefin, yellowfin and a few nice reds!!! There was an amazing variety brought over the rail and the weather was exceptional, along with the company. I love meeting new fishing friends and catching up with old ones!

Speaking of rockfish, I recently made some fish tacos from my catch and what really made them shine for me was the Baja Sauce a friend made. It was great on the tacos and would be amazing on fajitas or burgers as well. I stole the recipe and am sharing as follows:

Baja Sauce

½ cup mayo

½ cup Sour Cream or Greek Yogurt

2 Tbs lime juice

1/8 tsp garlic powder

1 tsp chili powder

½ tsp cumin

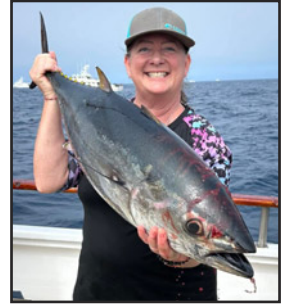
¼ tsp cayenne pepper

Whisk all well and refrigerate prior to serving.

Optional add ins- chopped cilantro, avocado, jalapenos

I hope someone enjoys this and please share your favorite recipes for cooking our fresh catches!

I truly enjoyed being a part of the CCA 2026 Anthony Hsieh Conservation Award Dinner and learning about the exciting contributions that the honoree, Dr Barbara Block, has made to expanding our pelagic knowledge. Truly inspiring and humbling to also learn that our very own John Ballotti was a past honoree. We really do have a treasure trove of dedicated and knowledgeable members!



We are coming up to the busy summer months and there are multiple events on the calendar to take kids and veterans fishing. If you are not already signed up to volunteer, please let us know what your interests and strengths are and how we can help you participate! Additionally, make sure you get your deposits in for any club charters you would like to attend before spots are filled. I look forward to sharing the rail and hearing all the stories!!!

Tami Shepphird

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CALENDAR

Board Meeting

May 11, 2026

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information if you would like to attend the Board Meeting.

Dinner Meeting

May 18, 2026

Social Hour 6:30 • Meeting 7:00

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406

Twilight Trip

June 20, 2026

Betty-O Sportsfishing

Earl Warren Memorial

Kids' Trip

Marina del Rey

July 6, 2026

King of the Club

July 30, 2026

1 day Navegante Sportsfishing

Navegante Overnight

August 9, 2026

Navegante 1.5 day Trips

September 29, 2026

October 29, 2026

FISHING TRIP SPONSORED BY LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL

On April 16, we took 9 veterans from the West LA VA Campus fishing on the Betty-O. Post-trip, we received the following from the VA event coordinator, who sent it to the VA staff.

Team,

On Thursday, Veterans from the VA West Los Angeles campus embarked on an unforgettable fishing excursion that combined recreation, learning, and camaraderie along the Southern California coast. The group departed promptly at 7:00 a.m., heading to Dock 52 in Marina Del Rey, where the day's adventure officially began. Upon arrival, participants checked in, submitted their liability forms, and received their fishing licenses, setting the stage for a well-organized and exciting experience. A total of nine Veterans, including the Activities Coordinator, took part in this special outing.

Before setting sail, the group was welcomed aboard with a hot breakfast, creating a comfortable and energizing start to the day. The crew provided clear and thorough instructions on fishing techniques, including how to properly use rods and reels, bait hooks, and safely handle equipment. They also covered important safety guidance, including what to do in case of seasickness—an honest and practical orientation that helped prepare everyone for the open water.

The boat then made its way toward the Palos Verdes Peninsula, anchoring off the coast near Hermosa Beach. With approximately 20 individuals onboard, including crew and Veterans, the experience felt both personal and well-supported. This exclusive trip, generously hosted by the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club, was dedicated entirely to Veterans from VA West Los Angeles, allowing for a focused and meaningful outing tailored to their enjoyment and learning.

Once anchored, the fishing lines dropped—and the excitement quickly followed. The first catch of the day was made by Veteran Fred Huston from Building 701, who successfully reeled in a Sand Bass. The crew assisted by cleaning the fish for him to take home, adding a rewarding and tangible outcome to the experience. Several other Veterans also made catches throughout the day, while others took the opportunity to learn new fishing skills with hands-on guidance from the supportive crew.

While the ocean provided a beautiful backdrop, it also presented a challenge for some participants. Four Veterans experienced seasickness and needed to take breaks to re-



cover. Despite this, the overall spirit of the group remained positive, with encouragement and support shared among participants. For many, the experience of being out on the water, learning something new, and connecting with fellow Veterans made the day truly special.

The group returned to Dock 52 at approximately 3:00 p.m., wrapping up a full day of activity before heading back to the VA West Los Angeles campus. This trip was more than just a fishing outing—it was an opportunity to build community, develop new skills, and create lasting memories.

Special thanks to the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club for their generosity and dedication in providing this incredible experience. Their commitment to teaching Veterans how to fish, along with their patience and hospitality, made a lasting impact on everyone involved. We look forward to continuing to offer meaningful and engaging opportunities like this for our Veterans in the future.

I have cc'd John Ballotti from the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club, VA Staff, and Property Managers from all three buildings

Respectfully,
Rony Figueroa, MPA
Volunteer Veteran Activities Coordinator
www.usvets.org



2026 King of the Club Tournament



Date: July 30th, Thursday

Cost: \$175

Anglers: 22 anglers – 11 two-person teams (Teams are self-selected)

Charter Master: Sophia Huynh, fishnsoph@gmail.com 818-216-8210

Location: Redondo Beach Sportfishing, 140 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Trip Description: Full day fishing, leaving at 5 am and returning approximately 7 pm

- Snacks, drinks, tip, and fish cleaning are an additional charge per angler.
- Full galley available for food purchases. Meals are not included; there is a galley minimum to meet, so please order food and drinks.
- Arrival is 2 hours prior to departure to check in, sign the boat manifest, and show proof of fishing license (not included)

Winning team receives King of the Club jackets!!

Make your check payable to **LARRC** and mail it to John Ballotti, 1751 B Andreo Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501.

Please contact Sophia Huynh to inquire about availability

Members

Health and Happenings

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happenings"

Please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email

simonmurphy08@gmail.com)

for any information about our club members/ family -

i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.



LARRC enjoying a night out supporting CCA California.



LARRC Member Profile — Pamela Warren



One of the first things I usually ask when interviewing club members for the newsletter is for them to recount a special fishing memory or angling accomplishment. You know — one particular milestone that stands out as his or her crowning achievement.

The longer I spoke with long-time Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club member Pamela Warren, the clearer it became there would be several to choose from. Even as she relayed her impressive list of experiences (and I scribbled quickly trying to keep up), I knew she shared these stories without the slightest hint of bragging. These experiences were simply evidence of a life well lived, decades spent in service to our club, and an angling legacy passed on to future generations.

Pamela dabbled in some lake fishing as a child but credited her late husband Earl Warren for truly getting her into the sport. Earl, who served as LARRC President in 1970, introduced Pamela to both fishing and the club in 1982 — while they were still dating. A week spent down in Cabo San Lucas for “all you want marlin fishing” would likely hook anybody for life, and such was the case for Pamela. She joined the club that year and is still an active part of the organization and the fishing scene more than 45 years later.

In 1990 Earl had an opportunity to develop a destination fishing resort in Costa Rica and spent the ensuing 25 years living there, affording them the opportunity to fine tune their big game fishing skills. This exotic region is known for world-class billfish, and this became a particular area of focus.

Another huge angling milestone came in 2018, when both



Pamela (second from right) and Earl Warren (far left), with a swordfish, one of many billfish they've caught around the world.

met the qualifications for the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) Royal Billfish Grand Slam Club. This rare honor is bestowed to anglers who catch all nine species of billfish around the world: Pacific Blue Marlin, Pacific Black Marlin, Atlantic Black Marlin, White Marlin, Spearfish, Striped Marlin, Atlantic Sailfish, Pacific Sailfish and Swordfish. This endeavor requires extensive travel,

dedication, and more than a little angling skill. Consequently, this IGFA Royal Grand Slam is something few individual anglers achieve — much less husband-and-wife fishing teams.

In addition to battling billfish in tropical ocean waters ranging from Baja to Panama to New Zealand, Pamela has developed a special fondness for salmon fishing in Alaska and British Columbia. She makes sure to visit Campbell River, BC every couple years to enjoy the beautiful coastal scenery, wildlife and, of course, epic salmon fishing. It was about two years ago that she took her now 19-year-old granddaughter Brooke Warren on a journey to Campbell River to catch her first Chinook salmon. And with that, another future angler began what will hopefully be an exciting lifetime adventure.

“I have three granddaughters, Alexis, Brooke and Camryn. We exposed all of them to fishing, but Brooke is the only one who truly embraced it,” said Pamela. To help spark this growing passion, this August Pamela will be taking Brooke down to Los Suenos Resort on the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, where marlin, sailfish, tuna, and mahi abound in crystal blue offshore waters.

Pamela has other important plans her granddaughter’s angling future. “I’m going to add Brooke to my IGFA membership, so she’ll have a path to qualify for her own IGFA accomplishments,” she said. One achievement she’s eyeing for Brooke is an IGFA Royal Grand Slam or Super Grand Slam for catching three or four species of salmon in one day. This would definitely be something to look forward to on their next Campbell River adventure.

Pamela’s lifetime of dedication and service to LARRC is equally as impressive as her angling resume. For example, she broke



From left: Earl and Pamela Warren with some hefty Chinook Salmon caught in British Columbia

new ground as the club's first woman President in 1998. She co-chaired kid's trips with her husband, been the dinner meeting and dinner speaker chair, served on the LARRC Foundation's board of trustees twice and volunteered for various events and activities many times over the years.

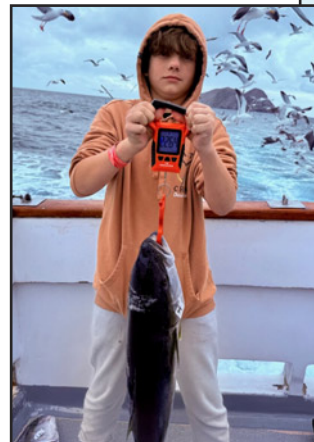
And she'll be the first to tell you all of it was her privilege. "The club has afforded me some wonderful friendships that I've cherished for many years," said Pamela. "I've never been around a nicer group of people, and many of the men and women I've met through the club have become lifelong friends. I find it remarkable that a club founded more than 75 years ago has been able to sustain itself and continue with a good membership."

Without a doubt, the quality of the people in our club is an important reason for this sustained success.



From Left: Pamela Warren with a spearfish, one of the more unusual members of the IGFA Royal Billfish Grand Slam

Members



Connor got a good one this weekend. We had a spur-of-the-moment trip out to San Diego. Connor and Greg jumped on the Grande for a full-day Coronado trip. Greg got skunked, but Connor landed a 22.64-pound yellowtail.



The summer fishing season is upon us, and the third annual CCA California STAR Tournament kicks off on Saturday, May 23rd! The 14-week tournament will conclude September 7th, and now it is time to finally FISH!

- All anglers may submit through Fishing Chaos up to 2 species per category per day.
- All submissions must be taken on top of the Star Measuring Device or will not count as an entry.
- The youth category (13-17) has its own prize category and is not eligible for the grand prizes or weekly prizes.

For more information on prizes, measuring device pick-up locations, and more, please visit

ccacalifornia.org/star

CONSERVATION MATTERS

May 2026

By Theresa Labriola

In April, The Magnuson-Stevens Act turned 50. Here's a compilation of articles that help understand how this landmark legislation set the United States on track to become a world leader in sustainable fisheries management and what steps we must take to ensure vibrant fisheries for the future.

Magnuson-Stevens Act at 50: Charting a Course to Sustainable Fisheries

In April, we celebrated the 50 years since the United States signed the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This landmark law set the United States on a course toward sustainably and cooperatively managed marine resources. But in order to appreciate how far we've ventured, it helps to understand why we embarked.

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/magnuson-stevens-act-50-charting-course-sustainable-fisheries>

America's Fisheries Law Turns 50: Let's Skip the Midlife Crisis

One of America's most important environmental protection laws turns 50 this month. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act might seem like the Jan Brady of the environmental law world – nerdy, unglamorous and often overlooked – but it's also a big deal. This law touches everything from kelp forests to coral reefs, rockfish to sea lion rookeries, sharks to shearwaters. It comes right into our neighborhood grocery stores and the refrigerators in our homes, and affects the everyday lives of more people than you'd think.

<https://www.theinvadingsea.com/2026/04/13/fisheries-management-magnuson-stevens-congress-over-fishing-climate-bycatch-catch-limits>

The Magnuson-Stevens Act Turns 50

Protecting and sustaining the last major wild food source on earth—marine fisheries—should be an easy yes for decision-makers across the political spectrum. For five decades, our landmark fisheries law, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), has stood out for its conservation successes and enduring bipartisan support in Congress.

The success or failure of fisheries management reverberates far beyond the docks, affecting food security, local livelihoods, the character of our coastal

communities, and the long term health and biodiversity of our oceans. The urgency to get these decisions right is intensified by climate change, as fish populations off our coasts are moving into cooler waters, decreasing in productivity, and facing more frequent extreme events such as marine heat waves. Much has changed in the last 50 years, and various management challenges call for fresh approaches.

<https://www.nrdc.org/bio/molly-masterton/magnuson-stevens-act-turns-50>

Fifty Years of the Law That Changed our Fisheries

As the U.S. celebrates its 250th birthday this year, many of us in the fishing and ocean communities are also celebrating another important milestone: the 50th anniversary of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the law responsible for ensuring wild-caught seafood from U.S. waters will nourish our families and sustain our coastal businesses and economies for generations

America's storied fishing tradition pre-dates our nation's birth, but the passage of the 1976 Fishery Conservation and Management Act marked the beginning of our nation's path toward sustainable management of our fisheries. Over the subsequent thirty years, Congress added science-based conservation mandates to stop chronic overfishing and rebuild depleted fish stocks, leading to one of the most effective fisheries management systems in the world.

<https://www.nationalfisherman.com/fifty-years-of-the-law-that-changed-our-fisheries>

"The Ocean Called to Us as Kids"

In April, I joined the Marine Fish Conservation Network for a Waterside Chat. In a wide-ranging discussion, why healthy fisheries don't exist in isolation – they're part of a larger ecosystem affected by our actions, why we have an obligation to treat this resource with respect and to steward it for future generations, and why the Magnuson Stevens Act is one of the most important marine resources laws ever put in place, why it drives innovation, and how updates over the years since its passage have made it stronger. You can watch or listen to our chat.

<https://conservefish.org/2026/04/24/the-ocean-called-to-us-as-kids-a-waterside-chat-with-theresa-labriola-of-wild-oceans/>

FISHING THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA Part 2

By Marc Monforte

We started our first full day of fishing at Isla Salsipuedes, a small uninhabited island that is one of many protected islands in the Gulf. Its name literally translated to “Leave if you can” (from the Spanish *Sal si puedes*), which refers to the treacherous Salsipuedes Basin nearby, known for its powerful tidal currents and dangerous navigation obstacles. The waters surrounding the island are part of the exceptionally biodiverse Midriff Islands region of the Sea of Cortez. Because the seafloor drops dramatically near the island into the basin (or “the Trench”), there are both reef-dwelling species and deep-water pelagic fish very close to the shore.

After a successful morning of targeting/fishing the Cabrilla, we made a short move during lunchtime about 20 miles south and closer to the Baja Peninsula coastline near Puerto San Francisquito Bay, where the scenery is spectacular. The currents and tides in this area are known to be more dramatic. After the fishing day was over, we used our handy-dandy fly rigs to make bait that evening for use the next day. It is amazing how much mackerel bait was available and easy to catch.

After a 25-mile overnight move northeast, we arrived Thursday morning to fish at Isle San Esteban. The island is rugged, volcanic, and located southwest of Tiburon Island. Interestingly, the island is famous for “island gigantism”, where isolated species such as the chuckwalla and spiny-tailed iguana have evolved to much larger sizes than their mainland relatives. Also located close to the Salsipuedes Basin/Trench, the surrounding deep-water channel is a hotspot for resident Sperm Whales, Fin Whales, and Humbolt Squid, the whale’s favorite food. After another full day of fishing, the pangas arrived back to the boat at dark to unload the days misc. catch, which included a lot of Yellowtail and Cabrilla; caught with both live bait and lures.

Once again traveling overnight, moving north, we started our fishing on Friday morning at Isla Tortuga, or more commonly/locally known as Snake Island. This small volcanic island is interestingly home to the highly venomous



Turtle Island Rattlesnake, which is endemic to this island and known for its unusually large population density. As a recognized UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site, this rattlesnake is a unique species that only exists on this singular island.

It is estimated that on this six square mile island, there are 11 million snakes, which equates to one snake for every 10 square feet of land. This uniqueness makes Tortuga (Snake) Island one of the largest, if not the largest, rattlesnake nesting colonies in the world. In direct competition for the record of density population is another similar island off the coast of Brazil, which has the same name. Brazil’s Snake Island is the home to an equally venomous serpent called the Golden Lancehead Viper. Little wonder that these two unique islands are very rarely visited. At lunchtime, we make a short move northeast to an area called Diablo Point, where we caught a wide variety of fish, including more Yellowtail, Cabrilla, Pargo, and other varieties of bottom fish.

Once again, we took advantage of overnight travel to minimize any loss of fishing time and arrived Saturday morning at Isla Angel de la Guardia, which is also known as Archangel Island. This Biological Reserve and National Park east of Bahia de los Angeles is the 2nd largest of the eleven Midriff Islands, and northwest of Tiburon Island. As we motored north along the coastline, we could view this impressive island’s mountain range running along its 43-mile length, and reaching heights up to 4200 feet. As we transversed northward up the Canel de Ballenas to reach the northern tip of the island, we arrived at Puerto Refugio. On the approach to the enticing entrance, we were able to notably observe Roca Vela (Sail Rock), which sits like a guano-spattered signpost to the entrance to the Refugio Bay anchorage. Puerto Refugio is a huge bay flanked by the three smaller islands of Islas Mejia, Division and Granito. While we were panga fishing near the shoreline, catching Yellowtail, large Cabrilla, White Seabass and lots of bottom



fish, it was so exhilarating to cruise so close to the numerous Sea Lion Colonies, including both huge bulls and babies alike. The up-close viewing of hundreds of them, both in and out of the water, is what adds the fun and adventure to the trip!

Just south of San Felipe, on Sunday morning we fished our last day at Isla Encantada, which is one of the six Enchanted Islands Group, comprising the San Luis Gonzaga Archipelago. It is a true desert island 20 miles long and 5 to 10 miles wide. Fishing along the shoreline allowed me to observe a few groves of those great Cardon Cactus succulents with their thorny, massive, sun-bronzed bodies. The very large flocks of grey pelicans were equally impressive to watch and be amazed at. After fishing just about half a day, it was time, unfortunately, to head back to the San Felipe port, of which we arrived at about 6:00 pm.

After berthing the boat at the pier, the first order of business was to get on the awaiting shuttle bus and retrieve our vehicles that had been parked at Tony's house during the trip. Upon returning to the pier/boat, all the passengers, with some assistance from both the boat crew and a few local helpers, took all our fishing and personal gear off the boat and loaded it into the vehicles. By the time all the drivers had returned to the boat from Tony's house, the process of handling the trip's impressive and varied catch was already well underway. On the stern, tables were set up for the necessary fish processing needed. It was basically, "all-hands-on-deck", to facilitate this task. As the catch was brought up on deck from the below ice-hold, the individual fish and stringers alike (which had been previously identified with each anglers assigned color vinyl tape), were segregated into associated piles.

Prior to the start of the fish processing, each angler had a conversation with their assigned Pangadero, (who was overseeing the handling of their catch), as to how they wanted their catch handled. We had a choice to bring back the fish whole, just headed, whole slab fillets, traditional portion fillets, bellies & collars, etc.. Per those instructions, as the fish were placed on the tables, the "cutters" would process the fish accordingly, and then the Pangadero would place the fish into your personal ice chest. Other than whole fish, the Pangadero would pack the fish into two-gallon zip-lock bags. As the bags were placed into the chest, an appropriate amount of crushed ice was also added, to prepare it for the drive back home. Most passengers brought two ice chests, with the 125 quart-size the most popular.

Because of the total number of fish caught by all the anglers combined, the final processing wasn't completed until just after midnight. After the ice chests were off-loaded from the boat and placed in the vehicles, it was time to tip our Pangadero, say our good-byes, and start the drive back home.

Although staying overnight in San Felipe is an option, all the passengers on this trip, including the myself, Donald and Michael opted to start our journey home that night. As we again utilized the caravan method of travel, and the road conditions being very good, it also worked out well for the border/reentry crossing. Luckily, at 3:00 in the morning, we found no

line at all, quickly drove through the checkpoint, and then homeward bound.



Part 3. In next month's issue



Soph's Freezer Special

By Sophia Huynh

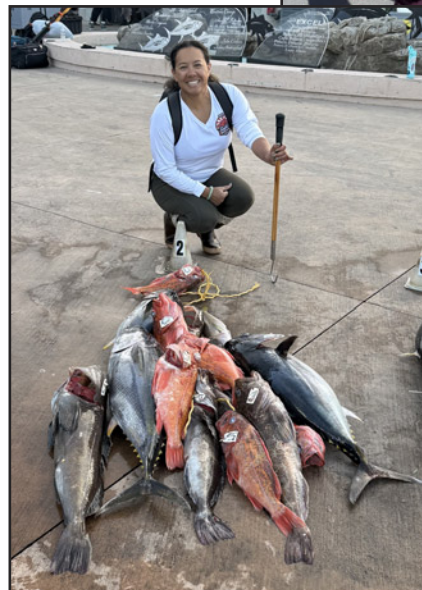
Back in November on my 8 day, I was chatting with a bunch of my long-time fishing friends. We all were very tired of nighttime bluefin fishing and only having tuna in our freezers. (I know, I know. What a horrible problem to have?) So, we decided to do a freezer filler type trip, like the old school Colnet, Cedros & Benitos trips for rockfish, lingcod and yellowtail. So, I put it together with Jen in the Shogun office and on April 25th we met up at Fisherman's Landing.

Of course, the bluefin and yellowfin were starting to show up and bite the week before my trip. Which means everyone was concerned it would turn into a tuna trip. I assured everyone, rockfish lingcod and yellowtail were primary and IF the tuna bit during the day; then we would go.

Captain Rene went the distance for us to great, let me repeat great, rockfish grounds. It did take a day of travel with jig stops along the way down. Just in case something inter-

esting wanted to stop us and play. Well, we got a bunch of bonito, and it broke up the drive. Day 2 was awesome!! We were so lucky with the quality of rockfish and lingcod!! Everyone was so happy! Day 3 started off with yellowfin tuna and dorado on the troll starting around 6:30am. The plan was to spend a few hours with the tuna and see if they bite. If they didn't then we head closer to shore for more rockfish and yellowtail. Wouldn't you know, the yellowfin and bluefin tuna just kept biting! First rule of fishing, don't leave fish to find fish! So we stuck with it all day. It was pretty awesome. Since we ended up pretty close to home, fished all day and packed it up before dinner.

All in all, it was a successful freezer filler trip! We went home with rockfish, lingcod, bonito, yellowtail, dorado, bluefin, and yellowfin. It was the variety you get on a 10 day, but we did it in 3!!



WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOLUNTEER

Volunteering at our kids' events plays a crucial role in fostering community spirit, supporting child development, and enriching the experience for both children and you. Participation offers unique benefits that extend beyond the immediate event, impacting the child's social, emotional, and educational lives while also providing you with meaningful personal growth opportunities.

Our LARRC events are designed to promote learning, creativity, physical activity, and social interaction. Fishing is fun! You help ensure these events run smoothly and safely, creating an environment where kids can thrive. By volunteering, you provide supervision, encouragement, and assistance that help children feel secure and valued. This support boosts children's confidence and allows them to engage fully in activities that enhance their cognitive, emotional, and social skills.

You serve as a positive role model, demonstrating kindness, cooperation, and responsibility. These interactions can inspire children to develop similar traits, fostering a sense of community and empathy from a young age. Additionally, you help create inclusive environments where all children, regardless of background or ability, can participate and feel welcomed. This is especially true of our underserved children-in-need participants. They realize someone cares about them.

Our kids' events strengthen the community fabric by bringing together educators and local organizations. When adults invest their time and energy, they contribute to a culture of mutual support and collaboration. This collec-

tive effort helps build trust and shared responsibility for the well-being of younger generations.

Our children's events rely heavily on volunteers, who provide the manpower and enthusiasm needed to organize and execute activities. Without you, many of our events would struggle to exist or maintain quality. By volunteering, you help sustain important traditions and create opportunities for children to connect with peers and adults outside their immediate family or neighborhood. This hands-on support allows children to explore new interests, develop talents, and build friendships in a structured yet enjoyable setting.

Volunteering at LARRC kids' events offers you a chance to develop or enhance skills such as leadership, communication, and event planning. It also provides a sense of purpose and fulfillment by contributing to a cause that directly impacts children's happiness and growth. You will find joy in witnessing children's excitement and progress, which reinforces the value of your contribution.

Volunteering for LARRC kids' events is vital. It nurtures children's development, enhances community cohesion, and enriches educational and recreational experiences. It creates a supportive environment where children can grow confidently while fostering a culture of care and involvement among adults. The benefits extend to you; you will gain personal satisfaction and valuable skills. Ultimately, volunteering at kids' events is an investment in the future, helping to cultivate well-rounded, connected, and thriving communities.

Members



May 6th, Dave Goske and Steve Simon helped Marina Del Rey Anglers stock their grow out pens for White Sea Bass. The count on May 6th was 1700 and 2500 on May 5th. The wsb will be ready to release by the end May!

Charters 2026

RULES REGARDING CLUB CHARTERS

All LARRC charter participants signing up for club charters are obligated to pay the full fare to reserve a spot. In the event a participant cannot make a trip, the club will attempt to fill the space once a waitlist forms. A participant may try to fill their space prior to departure. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunk preference is assigned by the charter master based on the order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.

August 9th (9 pm) – August 10th (early evening), 2026 – OVERNIGHT TRIP

Cost: \$265 for LARRC members, non-members \$280. Non-members, please enquire.

- Note: A \$20 fuel surcharge will be charged and paid individually per angler on the day of the trip to the boat directly.
- Snacks, drinks, tip, and fish cleaning are an additional charge per angler.
- Full galley available for food purchases. Meals are not included.

Anglers: 18

Charter Master: Dustin House, cph_bass@yahoo.com (714) 904-5789

Location: Redondo Beach Sportfishing, 140 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Trip Description: Departs 9:00 pm, Sunday, August 9th, returns, Monday, August 10th, early evening.

September 29th (9 pm) – October 1st (5 am), 2026 – 1 ½ DAY TRIP

Cost: \$455 for LARRC members, non-members \$470. Meals Included. Non-members, please enquire.

- Note: A \$20 fuel surcharge, at this time, will be charged and paid individually per angler on the day of the trip directly to the boat.
- Snacks, drinks, tip, and fish cleaning are an additional charge per angler.

Anglers: 17

Charter Master: Dustin House, cph_bass@yahoo.com (714) 904-5789

Location: Redondo Beach Sportfishing, 140 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Trip Description: Departs 9:00 pm, Tuesday, September 29th, returns Thursday, October 30th, early morning (approximately 3-5 am).

October 29th (9 pm) – October 31st (5 am), 2026 – 1 ½ DAY TRIP

Cost: \$455 for LARRC members, non-members \$470. Meals included. Non-members, please enquire.

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Location: Redondo Beach Sportfishing, 140 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Trip Description: Departs 9:00 pm, Thursday, October 29th, returns Saturday, October 31st, early morning (approximately 3-5 am).

THE NAVEGANTE IS 65 FEET LONG WITH A GENEROUS 20-FOOT BEAM. SHE HAS A 160 SCOOP BAIT TANK, SIDE SCAN RADAR, AND RSW HOLD TO KEEP YOUR CATCH SUPER FRESH. THIS IS A COMFORTABLE BOAT WITH A FINE GALLEY. THE BUNK ROOM HAS 24 COMFORTABLE BERTHS.

Redondo Beach is ideally located to go where the fish are. Tip is not included but is customary by each angler.

- Arrival is 2 hours prior to departure to check in, sign the boat manifest, and show proof of fishing license (not included)
- Please bring your own bedding – pillow and sleeping bag/blanket

Make your check payable to LARRC and mail it to John Ballotti, 1751 B Andreo Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501.

Please contact Dustin House to inquire about availability

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2026 as of March 31, 2026

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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MEN'S OCEAN WATER

Bass, Calico	20	Greg Cohan	3	2
Bonito	30	Greg Cohan	10	2
Rockfish, Olive	30	Greg Cohan	2	4*
Sculpin	30	Greg Cohan	1	9*

MEN'S SALT WATER RELEASED

MEN'S FLY ROD

MEN'S FRESH WATER

MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

WOMEN'S FLY ROD

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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WOMEN'S FRESH WATER

Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Wendy Tochiara	3	8*
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WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Bass, Sand	20	Connor Cohan	1	6
Bonito	40	Connor Cohan	10	1*
Cabazon	20	Connor Cohan	1	2*
Lingcod	20	Connor Cohan	7	6
Rockcod, Olive	30	Connor Cohan	3	0*
Sheephead	30	Connor Cohan	3	3
Whitefish, Ocean	30	Connor Cohan	3	0

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR

Tribute Opportunity

Tribute Cards are available when you want to send your thoughts or feelings for

- Congratulations • Graduation Anniversary • Illness • Appreciation
- Best Wishes • New Home
- Baby Announcement
- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs • In Memoriam

Your LARRC Foundation is a charitable organization. Donations may be deducted. Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

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