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LARRC Dinner Meeting

LARRC Welcomes Fred Klinshaw



I have lived in Ventura County my whole life and am a lifelong sportsman, fishing and hunting SoCal since a kid. I enjoy fishing both Saltwater and Freshwater. I have been a tournament angler for many years, as well as a tournament director for the ABA Lake Cachuma Region since 2020. I am a full-time fishing guide focusing on Lake Casitas, Lake Castaic, Lake Pyramid, and Lake Piru. I am very busy with my business and absolutely love what I do. I like to focus on teaching during trips as well as helping anglers achieve their fishing goals. My business name is Fred Klinshaw Fishing and I can be contacted at www.fredklinshawfishing.com



Dinner Meeting
October 26, 2026
Social Hour 6:30pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm
Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys

Presidential Ponderings



I hope everyone is taking advantage of the amazing opportunities for catching exotics so close to home! I was saddened that our club charter was canceled due to a lack of bait. Kudos to the Captain for making the tough decision and putting the anglers first! Another reason to support the Navegante by jumping on one of our upcoming charters!!! Dustin has put together some awesome trips including the one coming just before Halloween weekend (you will be back in time for trick or treaters) and the rescheduled trip in November!

On September 18, 2026, we partnered with the Chatsworth Kiwanis, thanks to Michael Herrera and Paul Varenchik, to feed one hundred and fifty veterans at the Sepulveda VA Medical Center. It was a special day of amazing food and fellowship with a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem by a talented singer. Special thanks to Andrew, Steve, Dave, Charles and Glen for helping serve.

We are still looking to fill one upcoming vacant position on our Board of Directors. The position involves once monthly meetings, usually held virtually, and gives you an opportunity to have a voice in the direction of the club's efforts. Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings and we encourage participation.

Thank you to club member Ed Plevack for taking on the position of tackle management. Steve Simon has graciously shown him the ropes, and we are so appreciative of the help! We could never host an event like the Lou Berke Fishing Derby without the countless details that go into making it happen and this is an integral part. Steve Simon also chaired another Veterans Fishing Trip on the Betty O with Captain Mike on September 10, 2026. Thank you to club members Dave, Glenn, John, Ralph, Fred and Ron for being on hand to help the anglers! None of this could happen without our dedicated volunteers. Check out our website or contact us to see how you can get involved.

After many years spending her own time and money as the Health and Happenings Committee Chair, Linda Simon has stepped down. We thank her for her tireless dedication and appreciate all that she has done. It will be hard shoes to fill, and we will be discussing how we can continue to acknowledge and celebrate our members' life events.

But back to fishing…. I jumped on the Speed Twin out of Oxnard on a Thursday with a fellow club member. When I say that I did not miss a single drop, tried fly line, dropper loop, live bait, squid, swimbaits, colt snipers and even some stinky blue juice AND I STILL GOT SKUNKED. If being able to catch fish is a requirement for this position, you better start looking for my replacement.

Membership News

Membership renewals were mailed out and we hope you have received it. There's 2 forms to sign, check your contact information and make changes if necessary. Please return your signed forms, dues and if there's any information changes in the postage paid envelope. Thank you!



CONSERVATION MATTERS

October 2026
By Theresa Labriola

Just 10% Of World's Oceans Designated For Conservation, Study Finds

A new analysis reveals only 10% of the world's oceans are designated for conservation, a figure projected to reach just 12% by 2030, significantly missing the 30% target. Critically, only 3.5% of these areas are effectively protected, meaning harmful activities are genuinely restricted. The report highlights a severe funding gap, with only $1.8 billion allocated annually against a needed $15.8 billion. Experts emphasize that mere designation is insufficient; effective protection demands robust governance, long-term finance, and community involvement. The High Seas Treaty offers a crucial opportunity to accelerate progress, but requires swift ratification and ambitious implementation to safeguard marine biodiversity and economies.
https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamiehailstone/2026/09/23/just-10-of-worlds-oceans-designated-for-conservation-study-finds/

Deep-sea mining fails the money test, independent report finds

The promise of economic prosperity from deep-sea mining does not stand up to scrutiny, according to a new independent analysis that finds the proposed industry is likely to destroy economic value and cost governments more than it generates in public revenue. Case Not Proven: The Economics of Deep-Sea Mining stress-tests the industry's own economic projections against the risks associated with major frontier resource projects. Using data and projections submitted by The Metals Company's (TMC) NORI-D and TOML projects, the analysis finds that in more than eight out of ten realistic scenarios, deep-sea mining destroys value, even before environmental and other social costs are accounted for. There is a 61% chance that investors never get their money back. While TMC's projections suggest deep-sea mining could generate billions in value, the stress-test produces a median outcome of a $5 billion loss. "Deep-sea mining doesn't stand up as an attractive investment. The returns are too low for the technical, operational, environmental, price, demand and social risks involved," said Johnny West, report author and Principal at Koinon Consulting. "What my analysis shows is that the industry's underlying business model does not hold up when its own projections are tested against realistic risks."
https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/deep-sea-mining-fails-the-money-test-independent-report-finds/

US aims to issue deep-sea mining permits within months, Interior Secretary Burgum says

The Trump administration on Monday signaled it is nearing approval for permits to mine the deep sea, part of a broader push to boost ▫U.S. access to the critical minerals used across much of the country's economy. Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said during a gathering of G20 energy ministers in Houston that permits could come within months as the administration pursues a strategy of "energy addition" to expand supply chains for the country and allies. The specter of seabed mining being allowed to commence has alarmed many environmentalists due to concern it could cause irreversible biodiversity loss. Parts of the Pacific Ocean and elsewhere are estimated to contain large amounts of potato-shaped rocks known as polymetallic nodules that contain the building blocks for electric vehicles, weapons and electronics.
https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/us-aims-issue-deep-sea-mining-permits-within-months-interior-secretary-burgum-2026-09-14

NOAA Fisheries Takes A 'Sharp Turn Away From Science'

In July, the Trump administration relegated endangered leatherback turtles and whales to mere collateral damage in its race to profit from the oceans. Now, fisheries science is in the government's crosshairs. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced new agency priorities that they say are a commitment to "cutting bureaucracy, modernizing our science, and putting our fishing communities first." But experts say the agency's actions will erode fish stocks, threaten endangered species and surrender marine habitats to destructive trawlers. The agency-level reforms serve as a self-proclaimed "operational roadmap" to fulfilling President Donald Trump's "Restoring American Seafood

Competitiveness" executive order, signed in April 2025. On the table: opening marg national monuments to commercial fishing operations, scaling back critical habitat designations to focus more on the downstream economics of conservation and weakening decades of peer-reviewed science.
https://insideclimatenews.org/news/09092026/noaa-commercial-interests-threatens-fisheries

After Outcry, Monitors the Trump Administration Tried to Scrap Return to Sea
When the Trump administration started dismantling a $368 million ocean monitoring system earlier this year, scientists fought back. So did fishermen. And Congress. On Saturday, a 238-foot ship set sail to reinstall the first batch of monitors in the waters of the Pacific. The equipment was part of a network of 900 deep-sea instruments that had been anchored off Oregon, Washington State, Alaska, North Carolina, and an area between Greenland and Iceland known as the Irminger Sea. It included seismic instruments, and robotic gliders placed near underwater seamounts and volcanoes off the northwest coast. For a decade, the instruments had monitored coastal environments, marine ecosystems and powerful currents that affect the global climate, transmitting data that helped meteorologists, oceanographers, climate scientists and the fishing industry. That data has become even more vital as a powerful El Niño builds in the Pacific Ocean, affecting weather and fisheries.
https://www.nytimes.com/2026/10/03/climate/after-outcry-monitors-the-trump-administration-tried-to-scrap-return-to-sea.html

Warming seas are reshuffling plankton and the marine food web
Fish may be getting not only less food as the ocean warms, but food of lower quality, according to researchers studying how plankton communities are changing, and artificial intelligence is helping them track it near real time.

Plankton form the base of the marine food web and can be divided into two main groups: phytoplankton and zooplankton. Phytoplankton are microscopic, single-celled organisms – such as green algae or cyanobacteria – that drift in the water and use sunlight to produce their own energy through photosynthesis. Zooplankton, meanwhile, are microscopic, animal-like organisms that feed on phytoplankton and other tiny organisms. Together, they underpin both marine and freshwater food webs."Two groups of plankton form the foundation of the marine food web, and they are so closely linked that a change in one can be profoundly felt by the other. As the ocean warms, both are changing," said researcher, Lauriane Ribas-Deulofeu at Nord University. "My research asks how they are changing, in terms of which species are present and how their abundance shifts over time, and what that means for the rest of the food web. If our hypothesis is correct, fish may be getting not only less food, but food of lower quality." https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/warming-seas-are-reshuffling-plankton-and-the-marine-food-web



Here is Paul Varenchik with his PERSONAL BEST! 7LBS PLUS at LAKE BALBOA. He let her go alive!

The Trip That Was…Until It Wasn't

By John Ballotti

After months of planning, packing, and repacking, it was finally time to begin our six-day trip to Cedros Island with Casa de Cedros, run by Jeff Mariani. Past president Brand Stich and his son David had flown in from Wilmington, North Carolina, and were already at the motel. Chas Schoemaker had gotten an early start and checked in as well. With Keith Heerdt driving, Ted Feit and I kept the conversation going, talking about the great time ahead. Storm Rachel was steadily tracking northwest, and all seemed right with the world. Then, at 3 p.m. somewhere along I-5 near Camp Pendleton, Jeff called. He sounded miserable. At the 2 p.m. weather update, for reasons only weather experts could explain, Rachel had abruptly turned due east and was headed straight for Cedros. The storm's path and strength gave the Cedros Harbor Master enough reason to close the harbor within two days. Jeff had no choice but to cancel the trip. The weather and harbor closure would leave no time to fish, and flying on and off the island would be dangerous. Just like that, the trip that was…wasn't.



We gathered at the motel to decide what to do next. Since we still had time and plenty of fishing gear, we chose to jump on an open-party day boat the next day and charter a six-pack the day after that. Keith made the call and secured six spots on the Sea Watch out of Seaforth Landing. After boarding at 5:30 a.m., we headed out with a load of the smallest anchovies I had ever seen. #4 hooks were necessary just to give the bait a chance to swim. The previous day's counts were full of yellowfin tuna, yellowtail, and dorado, so our hopes were high as we headed offshore in search of kelp paddies while dawn broke over the shoreline.



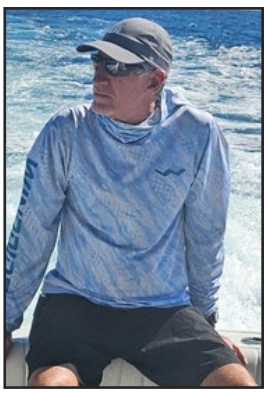
The first few stops produced dorado. During one trip to the bait tank, the deckhand handed me a regulation-size sardine and said, "Try this." I did, and I was rewarded with an instant bite that became the largest dorado of the day. The 25-pound fish wore me down on my 20-pound leader and Shimano Stradic 4000 spinning setup. For the first time, I watched a fish take me down to the final two wraps on the spool. Looking at the two wraps of yellow braid and the big, black, nearly empty spool, I knew I was in trouble. Fortunately, the fish stopped, and I pulled as hard as I could, gaining a few wraps with each dip of the rod. I made my way around the boat while others landed their fish, until I was the only one still hooked up. Yes, I was that guy keeping the boat from moving. Eventually, the fish gave up, and the gaff ended the fight. Then we moved on.

The bite never broke wide open. The occasional kelp paddy produced yellowfin the size of small largemouth bass and yellowtail no bigger than home-aquarium fish. Chas showed me one he had caught, and I thought he was holding up a sardine for bait.



The next day, ready for a break from offshore fishing, we asked the six-pack captain to keep us inshore. We headed to the Coronado Islands to target yellowtail and calico bass. We fished hard, but the catch never came together. We covered the whole area—North Island, the middle grounds, South Island, and the rock pile—and ended the day with one sculpin and one calico bass that had been mauled by a sea lion. There was no life around the islands, and our run of bad luck continued.

When we returned to the landing, we consolidated our gear, packed the cars, and said our goodbyes. Chas headed back to the desert, while Brad and David went to a hotel to try to book an earlier flight home. Keith, Ted, and I pointed the truck north and began the drive back to Los Angeles. The canceled trip was disappointing, but spending time with friends, fishing for a few days, sharing meals, and simply hanging out made it worthwhile.





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 maybe deducted. Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

Information Request and Donations may be addressed to:

Tammy Steinman
tammysteinman7@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Board Meeting
October 19, 2026
Via Zoom
If you would like to attend the board meeting, please email the Club President for link information

Dinner Meeting
October 26 , 2026
Social Hour 6:30
Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406

Navegante 1.5 day Trip
October 29, 2026
November 19

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2027
Lou Berke's Kid Fishing Derby
April 9, 2027

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.

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.

- 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, Thursday, October 29th, returns Saturday, October 31st, early morning (approximately 3-5 am).

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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 September 30, 2026

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Albacore	400	Dirk Perriseau	27	0*
Barracuda	12	Andrew Ratzky	5	15*
Bass, Calico	20	Greg Cohan	3	2
Bonito	30	Greg Cohan	10	2
Dorado	60	Greg Cohan	11	26
Halibut, CA	30	Ed Plevack	25	4
Salmon, King	40	Ed Lieberman	17	2*
Sculpin	30	Greg Cohan	1	9*
Sheephead	20	Greg Cohan	2	3
Sheephead	20	Ed Plevack	12	0
Rockfish, Olive	30	Greg Cohan	2	4*
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Greg Cohan	169	4
White Sea Bass	30	David Goske	38	0
White Sea Bass	30	Ed Plevack	18	0
Yellowtail	25	Andrew Ratzky	27	14
Yellowtail	30	David Goske	30	6
Yellowtail	30	David Goske	28	2
MEN'S SALT WATER RELEASED				
Marlin, Striped	100	David Goske	Released	
Tarpon	30	Keith Heerdt	25 Taped	
Tarpon	130	Keith Heerdt	150 Taped	
MEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	12	Greg Cohan	2	8
MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Yellowtail	20	Sophia Huynh	25	3
WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Trout, Rainbow	3	Carol Chow	3	0*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Wendy Tochihara	3	8*
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
Trout, Rainbow	3	Carol Chow	3	10*
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Amberjack	130	Connor Cohan	80	0*
Bass, Lg Mouth	12	Connor Cohan	2	2
Bass, Sand	20	Connor Cohan	1	6
Bonito	40	Connor Cohan	10	1*
Cabezon	20	Connor Cohan	1	2*
Lingcod	20	Connor Cohan	7	6
Rockcod, Olive	30	Connor Cohan	3	0*
Sheephead	20	Connor Cohan	7	8
Sheephead	30	Connor Cohan	3	3
Tuna, Bluefin Pacific	30	Connor Cohan	89	Taped
Whitefish, Ocean	30	Connor Cohan	3	0
White Sea Bass	40	Connor Cohan	39	8*
Yellowtail	30	Conner Cohan	22	7
FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Greg Cohan May 25, 2026	169	4
FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
	400	Dirk Perriseau August 19, 2026	27	0

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If you would like to submit pictures, articles, recipes for publication please contact me via email fishnsoph@gmail.com

Share your experiences with your fellow club members!

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c/o Tami Shepphird

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