

LARRC Dinner Guest Speaker

Fishing With Captain Jimmy Decker

Come meet Captain Jimmy Decker! He offers guide services to Catalina Island, Offshore trips and to San Clemente Island. He is Pro Staff for Everglade Boats, Berkley, Abu Garcia, Spiderwire, Fenwick, Penn, Simrad, Motor Guide, and Hobie. He is an impressive angler with three IGFA records and several first places in tournaments.

You can check out his website www.fishingwithdecker.com or his Facebook page Fishing With Decker, or at Instagram @fishingwithdecker .



DINNER MENU

April 27, 2015

- Fresh Garden Salad ~ Choice of two dressings
- 1/2 Roasted Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley ~ \$30.00
- Seared Ahi Tuna, Rice and Vegetables ~ \$37.00
- Pot Roast, Potato Pancakes and Applesauce ~ \$33.00
- Kale Penne Pasta ~ \$29.00
- Coffee, Tea, or Iced Tea

Please RSVP — ASAP!

Email your RSVP to LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com

If you are bringing a guest, state his or her name and choice of entrée.

Thanks for your cooperation. — Mike Godfrey

WHAT'S ON MY MIND

By John Ballotti



The assault on recreational fishing is real and expanding. If you do not think this is true or possible, then consider this.... about 500 years ago most people were certain the world was flat; 200 years ago news traveled as fast as a person on horseback or a ship at sea; a little over 100 years ago man was land bound, convinced fly-

ing was for the birds; around 50 years ago man was earth bound with outer space left to the science fiction writers; About 25 years ago the internet was in some backroom laboratory with most of us trying to figure out how a fax machine worked; as little as 10 years ago there were relatively few extensive recreational fishing closures in California. Just imagine what we might learn when we wake up tomorrow. The point of this article is to remind everyone that even the most resolutely and broadly held concept is subject to a changing environment. Our heads should not be stuck in the sand while others are changing the course of our sportfishing future.

Visionaries see change coming while most of us blithely go on with our daily lives unaware or not concerned with what is happening around us until it is too late to make a difference. Here is the plain truth. The assault on recreational fishing is real and it is expanding with the help of well-heeled special interest groups who want to see an end to recreational fishing period.

There is an underlying belief by many that nothing can be done to stop this onslaught. We convince ourselves that what we do as individuals does not matter so we live with the consequences and most likely spend a lot of time complaining about the results. We blame others for not acting effectively on our behalf or denounce opposing points of view with emotion and judgment not logic and reason. We do not want to be bothered to be educated on the issues and then make an effort to do something about it.

Unfortunately, I believe many in our club have taken the position that, as individuals, they cannot do anything about the future. They are content to complain without making any effort to learn the issues and take action. There is a feeling that it is impossible to make a difference, and there is the perception that it is impossible for the recreational fishing organizations representing us to work together. With credit to Addias, impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they have been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It is an opinion. (It is impossible for man to fly.) Impossible is not a declaration. It is a dare. (The world is flat.) Impossible is temporary. (You cannot travel faster than the speed of sound.) Impossible is nothing. We can make a difference and together we can make a big difference.

Happy Birthday Jesse

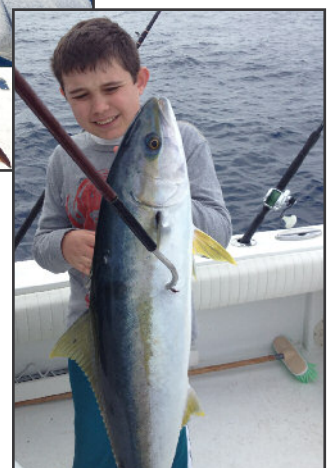
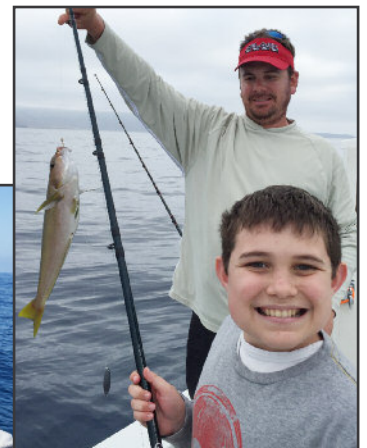
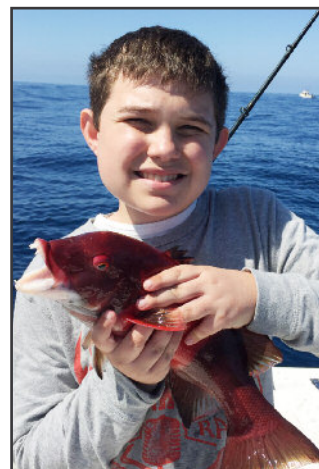
By Barry Cohn

Junior member Jesse Nangle asked his best fishin' buddy (and grandpa) if I could take him fishing for his 13th birthday. After 2 seconds of thought, I suggested that we spend a day with Captain Brandon Hayward out of Oceanside. How about yellowtail fishing at San Clemente Island? Conditions were perfect, so Jesse, his dad Mike and I climbed aboard, and off we went for the 2-½ hour trip. We arrived just after sunrise and so did the yellowtail. Jesse hooked his first yellowtail immediately. It was actually an ocean white fish, but he didn't care. No worries, he got bit again next time down, and yes it was a 10-pound plus yellow! Dad got one and so did I. Nice!!

After catching a couple more, we moved on to the rock pile to try for some bottom grabbers. Lots of fun with lingcod, red rockfish, more ocean white fish, a nice 3-pound calico and several sheephead!!!

Jesse said " this was a great birthday present fishing with Brandon, and grandpa told me that I am the best fisherman out of all my cousins".

Hmmm, I wonder what I will want to do on my birthday?



Friday, March 13, A Very Lucky Day for the LARRC/Lou Berke Annual Trout Derby

By Phil Bell

These were but a few of the enthusiastic comments I heard at the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club/Lou Berke Annual Trout Derby held at Hanson Dam this year on Friday, March 13th.

Club president John Ballotti welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to help out. Steve Simon instructed the volunteers on the protocols of fishing with Special Needs children.

Then the busses came with 50 students and 30 staff from McClay Middle School, Lokrantz Special Education Center, and Leichman High School. Volunteers were encouraged to introduce themselves to the students and escort them to the dam for a fantastic fishing experience.

I fished with an Autistic and a Down syndrome youngster. They had so much fun, casting, catching, and netting their fish. They hooked a catfish almost every cast. The DS boy I fished with did not want to stop fishing-not even for lunch. After catching and netting their fish, the catfish were put on stringers and brought to the cleaning table. The fish were cleaned and bagged by John Vowels, Michael Hartt, Sophia Huynh, Andy MacDonald, Mike Godfrey and Robby Cohn for the lucky fishermen to take home.

Breakfast and lunch were terrific. Paul Varenchik, a longtime Club member, and official Club caterer brought Calabasas Caterers out in full force to provide a delicious breakfast and bbq'd lunch for everyone.

Over 100 volunteers, including LARRC members helped out. Other groups included: **The Lou Berke Family, Friends of Castaic, students and faculty from Ports of Los Angeles High School, grad students from Cal-State Long Beach, Geronimo Men's Division, Fish and Wildlife personnel, Fishing News Network, San Fernando Valley Fishing Club, Forrest Service with Smoky the Bear, and spouses, friends and family of LARRC.**

Triangle Caterers, Western Bagel, Rockview Farms (orange juice and other juices provided), **Izor Line International**, and **Berkeley Fishing Tackle** (donated a rod and reel tackle combo for each student as well as Power Bait) all generously supported this event by donating their products.

Special thanks to:

The Net Shleppers, Gerinomo Men's Division – Jerry Williams and Lance Milatz for their "pulling of the chain" and net of 250 feet by themselves (450 pounds). Who set up the huge net, which corralled the catfish and trout into a relatively small area of the dam, and then stayed afterward to retrieve and pack the net.

Emilio Rebollar for procuring, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for donating 2,000 pounds of catfish, and 500 pounds of trout.

Best Derby ever!

A blessing for everyone who participated.

Great event for Special Needs kids.

Catfish Rule!

Tom Spiers, Andy MacDonald, and Scott Shiffman for rewinding all the reels with fresh line.

William Davis for procuring and cutting up the mackerel for bait. Donald Goldsobel, like many volunteers, did double duty as net shlepper and assistant bbq chef.

This year LARRC really came together as a volunteer group extraordinaire helping Special Needs students have a fabulous time fishing and catching. Lets continue that great spirit for all the upcoming LARRC volunteer programs.

Next year I think we might want to change the name of this event to:

LARRC/Lou Berke Annual Trout and CATFISH Derby!

* See all of the Derby photos on our Facebook page -

www.facebook.com/LosAngelesRodandReelClub



LARRC BOOTH A HUGE SUCCESS AT FRED HALL SHOW

For the first time LARRC had a booth at the Fred Hall show. It was a resounding success. A great looking booth was erected at little cost to the club. In fact, the entire cost of the booth was covered by the sale of raffle tickets. This was all due to the efforts and contributions of Steve Simon, Andy MacDonald, Mike Godfrey and John Ballotti to whom we give our special thanks. Every day of the show we had a multitude of club volunteers greeting the attendees, selling raffle tickets and promoting the club. Over fifty people

signed up showing interest in getting more information on the club. They were all invited to attend a dinner meeting.

We had a great location. There was lots of foot traffic. We were surrounded by booths that drew a huge crowd.

Whenever people stopped to find out what the club does, they responded with compliments to the club on how great it was that we take kids fishing. This was definitely one to put in the win column. We are ready to do this again next year!



Felipe (with club member Richard Stone at the recent Fred Hall Show) was an inner city kid we took fishing in 1985. He has fished ever since and still remembers his trip with us as the reason he started fishing.

Diana and Sophia showing off the raffle prizes.

SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT KIDS....AND FISHING

There's been more than a few negative stories about sport fishing in the past few months. So here's one that gives a little hope for the future.

A few days before Christmas, the San Bernardino County parks department hosted a kids trout derby at Glen Helen Regional Park in Devore (the park has 2 lakes that are more or less regularly stocked with trout and catfish.)

The event, for ages 7-15, attracted 135 participants. Since it's not located near a residential neighborhood, transportation was required...and provided mostly by parents.

In all, 25 prizes were awarded for a number of categories. Top prize was a tackle set valued at \$400, won by an

11 year old from Riverside.

As reported previously in these pages, Glen Helen Park was the site of a Boy Scout event last fall at which LARRC taught fishing basics and assisting several hundred youngsters in catching what was for many their first fish.

(Source: Los Angeles Daily News)



THE MAGNIFICENT 7 RIDE THE MAXIMUS

By Fisherman Phil Bell

Led by Charter Master Larry Brown, the Magnificent 7 anglers, included LARRC member Phil Bell, Art Lyons Alex Bravo, Mike Gooing, Mark Atlas, and Spiro Sotiropoulos. All the Mag 7 had a great time on the Maximus 7 day trip out of Puerto Vallarta from 3/21 to 3/28. This boat only targets big Yellowfin Tuna.

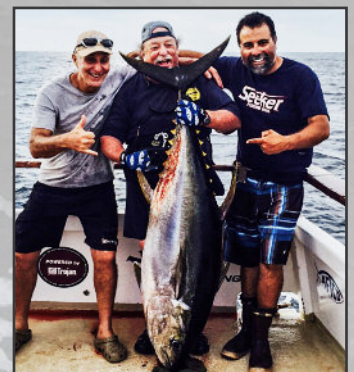
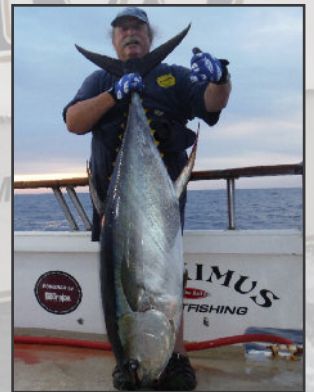
The boat reached the big tuna area of Tres Marias in 7 hours and we fished from gray light to dark every day. The amazing thing about this trip is reaching some of the finest tuna spots in Mexico in a short time (7 hrs.), so you get maximum fishing with a minimum of travel. The area boasts incredible abundance including breaching whales, black, common and spinner dolphin, sea lions, thresher sharks, hundreds of working bird schools, marlin and big tuna.

The bite was consistent and each day we caught yellowfin between 40 and 253 1/2 pounds. I caught my personal best 3 times. 118, 130, and 155 pounds. My previous

best was 78#s Two other anglers, Mark and Art caught their biggest yellowfin also at 201, and 253 1/2 #s. Mike, Alex, and Spiro, caught a number of fish in the 120 to 200 pound class. Larry won the daily jackpot on the last day with a 160 pounder. A total of 49 tuna from 40 to 254#s were caught.

Captain Keith Denette and the crew Avino, Alejandro, Mario, and Armando were outstanding. They anticipated anglers needs, helped anglers get bit, quickly solved problems and worked together like a well-oiled fishing machine. Alejandro dove into the water a couple of times to untangle lines and rescue fishing gear.

Several LARRC members will be joining some of Larry's charters later this year, including the joint LARRC/Brown charter on the Red Rooster the last week of August, all should be amazing fishing adventures.



1st LARRC Surf Fishing Seminar of 2015, Saturday March 21st

by Nick Ekdahl

Nobody came to the seminar. At first I was a little disappointed and then not so much read on and you will see why...

At 7:10 AM I locked up the car and went fishing by myself.

Since I was going to discuss the old school swim grub technique using 2" Big Hammer MORF (Motor Oil Red Flake) which was once the "Go to" lure before Gulp showed up, I decided to work it and all of the other colors I had brought. I used them all and everything else I had in my tackle bag just to knock some rust off of those techniques. Threw the Lucky Craft Flash Minnow, Kast Master in different sizes and colors, some lead heads with various plastics and even tried some spinner baits that I happened to have on me.

The conditions were all in my favor: Rising tide, no kelp, gentle current, small shore break, easily

spotted structure and rips, no wind, pleasant air & water temperatures.

All for naught.

Then I went back to the trusty Gulp 2" Camo Sand Worm for one small Barred Surf Perch. By this time I had walked quite a ways up the beach so I turned around and just walked with no casts all the way back to the river mouth and decided to make a few casts before calling it a day and to my surprise a good sized Smelt hit the Gulp and gave me a couple of drag peeling runs before I surfed him in. That made the day for me.

So, it was a good thing that no one showed up because the fishing was vey, very slow and I like for everyone to catch some fish at the seminars, especially those new to surf fishing.

Better luck at the next one, which is Sunday, May 17th.





California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Management News
News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 11, 2015

New Recreational Groundfish Regulations Now in Effect

The California Fish and Game Commission adopted several changes to the current recreational groundfish regulations that apply to ocean fishing in state waters up to three miles from shore. The new regulations were adopted by the Commission at its Feb. 11 meeting, and became effective March 10.

The open season dates and allowable fishing depths for the recreational Groundfish Management Areas are as follows:

- Northern – Open May 15 through Oct. 31, in 20 fathoms (120 feet) or less
- Mendocino – Open May 15 through Oct. 31, in 20 fathoms (120 feet) or less
- San Francisco – Open April 15 through Dec. 31, in 30 fathoms (180 feet) or less
- Central – Open April 1 through Dec. 31, in 40 fathoms (240 feet) or less
- Southern – Open March 1 through Dec. 31, in 60 fathoms (360 feet) or less

Staff from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) worked closely with recreational stakeholders to develop the regulations prior to submission to and approval by the Commission. “The changes are designed to allow as much fishing opportunity as possible while remaining within allowable catch limits,” said Marci Yaremko, CDFW’s State/Federal Fisheries Program Manager. “However, as we do each year, we will be closely monitoring catches up and down the state during the open season to ensure we don’t exceed any limits.”

Other changes include:

- An increase in the lingcod bag limit from two to three fish
- A sub-bag limit of five black rockfish within the 10-fish Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling (RCG) complex bag limit
- Statewide closure of the California scorpionfish fishery from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31

Take and possession of bronzespotted rockfish, canary rockfish, cowcod and yelloweye rockfish will remain prohibited statewide.

For more information about recreational groundfish regulations and to stay informed of in-season changes, please call the Recreational Groundfish Hotline at (831) 649-2801 or check CDFW’s Marine Region Groundfish Central website at www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/groundfishcentral/index.asp.



Black and Yellow Rockfish - CDFW file photo

Do you know what are Groundfish?

If not, check out Groundfish Central on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s website! It’s a great place to learn more about the fish we love to catch and the ones we must throw back!

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/groundfishcentral/index.asp>

Castaic Lake: Tom Stout Memorial Fishin' & Fun For Kids Day!

Scott Schiffman invites all members to volunteer at the Tom Stout Memorial Fishing Day for Kids. The event is Saturday May 2, 2014 at 8am until noon. The Foundation is supporting the event financially, and several members of the club volunteer each year as well. Any club members interested in volunteering should contact him at club_webmaster@larrc.org for additional information, and /or to get on the list of volunteers.

Castaic Lake

Tom Stout Memorial Fishin' & Fun For Kids Day!



**Saturday,
May 2, 2015
8am until Noon**

Upper Lake/
Main Launch Ramp

Kids 15 and under fish in the Net Containment Area (No adult fishing permitted in Net Area)

Limit: 3 fish per child (Subject to change based on cooperation of fish bite)

No catch and release

Raffles & Prizes!

Tackle Giveaway!
(while supplies last)

Free Hot Dog Lunch to participants 15 and under
(Adult lunch \$3.00)

Rods, Reels & Bait provided!
(Participants to fish in staff controlled area.)
No open fishing in containment area, wait time in line expected for open fishing station.

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CALLING ALL COOKS

Crispy Catfish & Cracked Freekeh

Submitted by Sophia Huynh

A friend of mine told me about a company called Blue Apron. They send you three meals for two people with all the ingredients included minus the basic stuff like salt, pepper and oil. I went over to her house and we made this recipe (check out the recipe card!!!) It was so delicious and easy to make that I had to share with everyone, while I give full credit to Blue Apron. We added two filets of yellowtail since we were feeding 4 people that night and both the catfish and yellow tail were delicious.

Something to add: credit nuts.com
Freekeh (pronounced "FREE-kah") is an ancient Middle

Eastern cracked cereal that is made from roasted green wheat. Freekeh is a promising super food that is often compared to quinoa and faro.

Cooking freekeh is extremely easy and difficult to mess-up. Just combine one cup of our bulk freekeh, two and a half cups water or broth. 1/2 tsp of salt and 1/2 tsp olive oil. Bring the mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for about 25 minutes. It's ready to serve as-is or with your choice of seasonings.

Hope you enjoy this as much as we did!!
Sophia Huynh

Crispy Catfish & Cracked Freekeh

with Kumquat, Thai Basil & Chile Glaze

In America, catfish are most closely associated with the cuisine of the South, but they're actually found the world over. In this dish, we're taking cues from Southeast Asian cooking and coating the fish in an incredible, complex (but easy-to-make) glaze. You'll combine sweet, tart kumquats (which are native to the Asia-Pacific region) with aromatic Thai basil and bird's eye chile, a variety prized for its heat and fruity notes. Stewed with sugar and a little vinegar, these ingredients create a flavorful, concentrated topping for catfish.





Ingredients

- 2 Catfish Fillets
- ½ Cup Cracked Freekeh
- 3 Cloves Garlic
- 2 Ounces Kumquats
- 1 Bunch Collard Greens
- 1 Large Bunch Thai Basil

Knick Knacks

- 2 Tablespoons Sugar
- 2 Tablespoons Instant Flour
- 1 Bird's Eye Chile
- 1 Tablespoon Rice Vinegar

Makes 2 Servings
About 550 Calories Per Serving
Cooking Time: 15 to 25 minutes



For cooking tips & tablet view, visit blueapron.com/recipes/560

Recipe #560

Instructions

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Cook the freekeh:
Heat a medium pot of salted water to boiling on high. Once boiling, add the freekeh and cook 20 to 22 minutes, or until tender. Turn off the heat. Drain thoroughly and return to the pot.

2



Prepare the ingredients:
While the freekeh cooks, wash and dry the fresh produce. Peel and thinly slice the garlic. Slice the kumquats into thin rounds. Remove and discard the collard green stems; roughly chop the leaves. Pick the basil off the stems; discard the stems. Remove the stem of the bird's eye chile. (For a spicier dish, halve the chile lengthwise to expose the seeds.) Immediately wash your hands and cutting board after handling the chile.

3



Cook the collard greens:
While the freekeh continues to cook, in a medium pan, heat 2 teaspoons of oil on medium-high until hot. Add the garlic; cook, stirring frequently, 1 to 2 minutes, or until fragrant. Add the collard greens and 2 tablespoons of water; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 2 to 3 minutes, or until wilted. Transfer to the pot of cooked freekeh. Wipe out the pan.

4



Cook the catfish:
While the freekeh continues to cook, pat the catfish fillets dry with paper towels; season with salt and pepper on both sides. Place the flour onto a large plate. Coat one side of each seasoned fillet in the flour, shaking off any excess. In the same pan used to cook the collard greens, heat a thin layer of oil on medium-high until hot. Add the fillets, coated side down first. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until golden brown and cooked through. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate and set aside in a warm place. Carefully drain off and discard the oil, leaving any browned bits (or fond) in the pan.

5



Make the glaze:
While the freekeh continues to cook, heat the pan of reserved fond on medium until hot. Add ¼ cup of water; stir in the kumquats, bird's eye chile, sugar, vinegar and half the basil. Cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 5 minutes, or until thickened. Turn off the heat; remove and discard the chile. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

6



Finish the freekeh & plate your dish:
Add a drizzle of olive oil into the pot of cooked collard greens and freekeh; stir to combine and season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide the finished freekeh and cooked catfish between 2 plates. Top each fillet with a few spoonfuls of the glaze. Garnish with the remaining basil. Enjoy!

Join the Fun and Friendly Competition by turning in your Weight Slips

By Chas Schoemaker

Overview of Club Fishing Rules and Awards

The club fishing rules start on page 54 of the 2015 yearbook. At the back of the yearbook, and also available online on the Club's website, is the LARRC Official Weight Certificate. This is an overview of the LARRC fishing awards and rules, to enable the happy angler to understand the circumstances under which the form should be filled out and submitted to Joel Steinman for review and inclusion in the monthly Chumline Trophy Contenders.

Any species of fish recognized by the IGFA that is caught in a sportsmanlike manner is eligible to compete for club recognition. To qualify, the fish must be weighed on a scale deemed reasonably accurate and a properly verified weight certificate must be submitted to the Fishing Records Chair within 14 days of return to port. Weighed fish should be witnessed; there is a box on the weight slip for situations when this is not possible. Club records should be photographed and measured if possible. The fish may be released after it has been documented. Fish that are not weighed but released, as defined in Section 6A on page 57, are eligible for a separate species award under a Released category. Calico bass have a special rule, section 3, which requires that all calico bass be released for club recognition.

The general award categories are saltwater, freshwater, and fly-fishing. Within each category are men's, women's, and junior members records. For salmon and steelhead there is a further definition refinement. Fish are submitted by line weight class. Monofilament and spectra lines are permitted, classified by the top thirty yards of line per the manufacturer's stated line weight. Flyfishing rules track the IGFA rules, with tippet weights of 2 to 20 pounds.

As the season progresses, the monthly Chumline Trophy Contenders will have additions and changes.

At the end of the year, allowing for appropriate time for any potential submissions from late season trips, the leading Trophy Contenders become the yearly Trophy Winners. The process then starts anew for the next year.

There are four special awards in the club: for the first local game fish, for the first albacore, for the winners of the club tournament, and for the largest calico bass caught that year. The specific geographic and species requirements for first local gamefish award are spelled out on page 58. Sorry Steve, the yellowtailed carp is not an eligible species. Bonus points to those who know what a broadbill is or have actually seen one. Aside from Ron Ashimine, I do not believe any have been caught by club members since the 1950s.

The yearly contest is meant to be a fun event. The more traditional members of the club will limit their submissions to calico bass, tuna or yellowtail, but all IGFA recognized species are eligible, so if you want to see your name in the Chumline, you

could submit a line class weight slip for a rubber lipped perch, a mackerel, or one of those huge stocked trout. Since this club historically has been a deep sea club, opportunities abound for the fresh water anglers and fly fishers.

Over the sixty-five years of the club's existence, there have been many outstanding catches. Many excellent catches have stood as club records for years, before being bested by an even more outstanding catch. To preserve the memory of outstanding club catches, the LARRC Fishing Records Hall of Fame was created. The initial inductees included some very significant catches, such as Eric Rogger's 334 pound yellowfin tuna on 80 pound test (mono, in the pre spectra days) Hal Senter's 70 pound 6 ounce yellowtail on 30 pound test and Dr. Charles Dorshkind's 72 pound white sea bass on 20 pound test.

Hall of Fame fish are a special category for long standing or exceptional records that represent a noteworthy angling achievement difficult to duplicate and deserving of high praise. A club fishing record must be in place for 10 continuous years to be considered for entry in the Hall of Fame. Every November a new group of time eligible fish is screened and voted upon by the club's Board of Directors for Hall of Fame consideration. Unlike the yearly contest, not all species are eligible for Hall of Fame consideration. The fish weight to line strength ratio must be 1.1. See page 68 for the general discussion and rules.

Times change as do perceptions of outstanding angler achievements. When started, the club was an off shore and billfish club. In 1968 Evelyn Anderson landed a 353 pound black marlin on 12 pound test. In the 1980s, Steve Zuckerman landed 814 and 1,176 pound black marlin. These days, any marlin caught by most club members are incidental catches of stripers on tuna trips.

A really outstanding catch can be considered before the ten-year period. Examples of this category would be Arnie Cohen's 84 pound 9 ounce yellowtail and Cathy Needleman's 336 pound yellowfin tuna caught in 2013. Cathy's fish is the largest yellowfin tuna caught by a club member. To my knowledge, since 1950, there are only half a dozen members of the club who have landed 300 pound yellowfin tuna.

The 1:1 ratio does not preclude consideration for an otherwise qualifying fish as a special circumstances catch. The present club records for calico bass are 10 lbs. 12 oz. by Mike Feinberg on 16 pound test and 10 pounds 10 ounces on 20 pound test by Calico Bob Selvin. These are also believed to be the only verifiable ten pound calico bass in club history. If you are fortunate enough to haul a 12 pound calico out of the rocks or kelp on 40 pound spectra, and you have pictures, measurements, witnesses and proper documentation, you are most likely getting the yearly award and you are probably going into the Hall of Fame on special consideration.

A NEWS UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE OCEANS

Frank Polak, Environmental Co-Chair

The environmental front has seen quite a bit of activity in the past few months affecting anglers on each side of the country.

Here in the west, the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) voted at their March 10th meeting to recommend (to the National Marine Fisheries Service) regulating previously unregulated forage fish.

None of the species involved is likely to end up in a bait tank but is a key food source for tuna, mackerel, ling cod and halibut.

Included in the recommendation are thread herring, lanternfish, sand lance, saury, silverside, smelt and several types of squid.

The growing threat from aquaculture (think tuna pens) makes forage management more important than ever, especially as the west coast forage base appears to be in a state of flux. (Source: PFMC Meeting Minutes)

A threat to reintroduce longline commercial fishing in federal waters (3-200 miles from shore) turned out to be more smoke than fire. At that same PFMC meeting, a proposal was put forth to grant permitting a single longline boat to assess by-catch. No new longline permits (or new drift gill-net permits) were even discussed.

This is good news in the short term. Longliners could use

the results of any upcoming study to justify re-applying for new permits. We will keep you posted as these situations have a way of changing. (Source: Western Outdoor News, March 20)

Now some not so good news about the fish you may be eating.

According to an article in the February 6th edition of the Los Angeles Times, a new study done by researchers on both coasts shows levels of methyl mercury in Pacific Ocean caught yellowfin tuna has been rising steadily since 1998. The levels are still well below the health advisory threshold, according to those same researchers.

The levels were compared to yellowfin caught between 1971 and 1998.

Switching coasts, Florida anglers are finding fewer and fewer great barracuda (a larger, toothier first cousin to our Pacific Barracuda.)

The reason....increased commercial catches and the fact the species is completely UNREGULATED! That's right. There is no limit on how many of these fish can be taken.

That may be about to change. At the request of fishing guides, the state is now exploring imposing catch limits on the popular sport fish.

(Source: Los Angeles Times, Nov. 29, 2014)

FISHING ALASKA THIS SUMMER

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Members looking for an unusual experience might consider joining Dave Levinson and Eric Rogger during August this coming summer. This is the height of the silver salmon season and it is also the most pleasant of times in terms of weather.

Waterfall Resort is offering cabin cruisers – four to a boat – run by Coast Guard certified pilots. Don't worry about bringing tackle since foul weather gear and tackle are included in the package. Of course meals are included with a new gourmet lady chef on board this year. Professional fish processing guarantees the

safe arrival of your salmon or halibut when you arrive back at LAX.

The lodge itself is in an almost pristine surrounding of beautiful ocean front property. Be sure to bring your cameras and we must note that Wi Fi access is also available. Travel is by Alaska Airlines on direct flights to Ketchikan. We will be met there and transfer for a short hop by seaplane to the lodge. In case you want to extend your stay by a couple of weeks there is an on site Alaska Airlines contact on the premises. We are planning on a four day/ three night visit.

Finally, a 25% discount is quoted during

this time slot for all "senior" members. Hey guys, we only go this way once! Jump aboard for the most memorable trip you will experience. If you need more details or pictures go to www.waterfallresort.com The dates we have chosen, for the senior discounts of 25% - are Aug. 11-14. There will be two full days and two half days of fishing. We'd certainly like some club members to join us so we can fill the boat! Eric's email is wstridge@aol.com and Dave can be reached at dajplevin@roadrunner.com

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

Tribute Opportunity

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

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

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:

Mrs. Tammy Steinman
 5826 Ostrom Avenue
 Encino, CA 91316
 818-987-2645
 818-345-6104 Fax
tammy2508@socal.rr.com

Chum Line Advertising

Do you have a business that fellow members would be interested in? If so, place an ad in the monthly Chum Line!!

Advertising Pricing

- 1/8 page: \$20 per month or \$240/year
- 1/4 page: \$40 per month or \$480/year
- 1/2 page: \$80 per month or \$960/year
- Full page: \$160 per month or \$1920/year

Buy 12 months and get one month free!

Checks made payable to LARRC and be published once payment and graphics are received. Contact Sophia (fishnsoph@gmail.com) or Donald (donald@dgoldsobel.com) for more information.

Thank you!!

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

APRIL 20, 2015

All club members are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to John Ballotti

johnballotti1@gmail.com

at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm Meeting: 7:00 pm

At Valley Inn

4557 Sherman Oaks Ave., Sherman Oaks



Dinner Meeting

APRIL 27, 2015

Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm

At Valley Inn

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SAVE THE DATES FOR 2015

MAY 18, 2015

Dinner meeting with special guest speaker CCA President, Pat Murray. No cost dinner with limited seating, so make your reservations early. More details to come!

JULY 6, 7, & 8, 2015

Bill Alpert King of the Club Tournament

JULY 13, 2015

Annual Kids' Trip,

Pierpoint Landing Long Beach

Let's reverse a disappointing trend of fewer and fewer LARRC member volunteers. Mark your calendars, volunteer and show up.

AUGUST 3RD & 17TH, 2015

Mentors' Trips

AUGUST 30, 2015

Family Picnic

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2015

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Amberjack	25	Mark Manculich	26	8
Bass, Calico	15	Chas Schoemaker	5	0
Bass, Calico	20	Chas Schoemaker	6	0
Bass, Calico	50	Joel Steinman	5	8
Bass, Calico	65	Mike Godfrey	6	3
Sheephead	6	Joel Steinman	8	9*
Tuna, Yellowtail	135	Barry Cohn	288	0*
MEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	3	Wayne Caywood	6	8*
Carp, Common	2	Steve Simon	5	15*
MEN'S RELEASED				
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Steelhead	10	Cathy Needleman	10	0
Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	11	0
WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
WOMEN'S RELEASED				
JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Amberjack	25	Montana Manculich	38	0*
Bass, Johnny	40	Jesse Nangle	4	2*
Sheephead	20	Jesse Nangle	8	8*
Rockfish, Starry	20	Jesse Nangle	3	6*
Whitefish	40	Jesse Nangle	7	2
Yellowtail	20	Jesse Nangle	9	12
FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Yellowtail	20	Jesse Nangle	9	12
		21-Mar-15		
FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				

Correction to March's Chum Line Issue

In the March issue, the article "From the Environmental Committee" referred to Wild Oceans (formerly NRDC - National Resource Defense Council). This was incorrect. It should have read (formerly NCMC - National Coalition for Marine Conservation)

Annual Kids' Trip

**SPECIAL NOTICE!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
OUR 65th ANNUAL KIDS'
TRIP SCHEDULED**

July 13th, 6 am to 2 pm
from Pierpont Landing,
Long Beach

Sign up now!

For additional Information...

John Ballotti

Cell 310-995-3592

email: johnballotti1@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome aboard Yovan Yovanovic and Roberto Olivera!!

Great to have two new members join the club. Hope to see you both on the rail soon!



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CHARTERS 2015

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
May 28-29	Pacific Dawn Overnight Details: Depart 8pm May 28 /Return 8pm May 29; Ventura Sportfishing Landing Target species: Rock fish, white fish, sheep head, halibut, bass, white sea bass, yellow tail. *Gratuities Included. NOT INCLUDED - Jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks, and snacks	1 SPOT (Limited Load 17 max) Cost: \$278.00*	Reza Malekzadeh drpdlmalek@yahoo.com 562-824-7727
June 29- July 3	Malibu Fish-N-Tackle and LARRC Shared Charter Details: Depart 11am June 29 /Return 8am July 3 Target species: TBA *Not included in fare: Jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks and snacks.	10 SPOTS Cost: \$1,475.00*	Excel Sportfishing www.excel sportfishing.com 619-223-7493 Wayne Caywood of Malibu Fish-N-Tackle
Aug 8-10	Pacific Dawn 2 Day Tuna Details: Depart 9pm on Saturday 8/8 return 8/10 6pm Target species: Tuna, Yellowtail and Dorado *(Fee will include Fare, Food, Mexican Permits, and Crew Gratuities. Not included in fare: Beverages (beer, water, coffee and soda), fish cleaning, a fuel surcharge (not anticipated) and optional jackpot)	4 SPOTS (Light Load 16 passengers) Cost: \$725.00*	Mark Manculich mmanculich@socal.rr.com 818-613-6576 Those interested will need to make an immediate 50% deposit with the balance due no later than June 9.
Aug 23- Aug 28	Red Rooster III Larry Brown & LARRC Shared Charter Details: Depart noon/ Return 8pm; Lee Palm Sportfishing; H&M Landing Target species: TBA *Not included in fare: Jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks and snacks.	6 SPOTS Cost: \$1,945.00*	Red Rooster III www.redrooster3.com 619-224-3857
Sept 9-12	Royal Star 3 Day Shared Charter Details: Fisherman's Landing Target species: TBA *Not included in fare: Gratuities, jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks & snacks Fish will be retained in the RSW hold until return to SD dock, where angler decides how to process fish. Those interested will need to amke an immediate 50% deposit at tiem of booking	10 SPOTS (of 12 reserved spots) Cost: \$1,235.00*	Royal Star www.royalstarsportfishing.com 619-224-4764 (Ask for Tracy) RD@RoyalStarSportfishing.com Mike Hartt 818-416-1885 mhartt@att.net or Earl Warren 818-807-8862 blackcloud@sbcglobal.net
Sept 26- Oct 3	Royal Star 7 Day Larry Brown & LARRC Shared Charter Details: Leaves and returns on a Saturday so NO traffic or stress!! Boarding by number. Limits of yellowtail and YFT last year plus wahoo & dorado. Warmer waterpelagics but ablies and BFT still possible. Target species: Offshore/Freelance *Not included in fare: Gratuities, jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks & snacks	6 SPOTS Cost: \$2,675.00*	Royal Star www.royalstarsportfishing.com 619-224-4764 (Ask for Tracy) RD@RoyalStarSportfishing.com
Oct 22-24	Pacific Dawn 2 Day Trip Details: Depart 8pm Oct 22 /Return 8pm Oct 24; Ventura Sportfishing Landing Target species: CORTEZ BANK- TUNA, YELLOWTAIL, WHITE SEA BASS; SAN NICOLAS- Rock fish, white fish, sheep head, halibut, bass, white sea bass, yellow tail * Not included in fare: Jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, and drinks	SOLD OUT (Limited Load 17 max) Cost: \$559.00* (Gratuities & Snacks included)	Reza Malekzadeh drpdlmalek@yahoo.com 562-824-7727

CHARTERS 2015

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Nov 2-12	Intrepid: 10 Day Larry Brown & LARRC Shared Charter Details: This could be variety at the Ridge, Alijos Rocks, Mag Bay or the big tuna may be at the Lower Banks - Perfect timing for a 10 day Fall trip. WAHOOOOOO!!!! Depart: Target species: Offshore/Freelance *NOT INCLUDED - Gratuities, Jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks, and snacks	10 SPOTS Cost: \$3,995.00*	Intrepid Sportfishing www.fishintrepid.com Steve 619-224-4088
Dec 4-5	Pacific Dawn Overnight Details: Depart 8pm Dec 4th/Return 8pm Dec 5th Ventura Sportfishing Landing Target species: Rock fish, white fish, sheephead, halibut, bass, white sea bass, yellow tail *Gratuities included. Not included in fare: Jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks and snacks.	8 SPOTS (Limited Load - 17 Max) Cost: \$278.00*	Reza Malekzadeh drpdlmalek@yahoo.com 562-824-7727

CHARTERS 2016

Feb 12-18	Red Rooster III: 16/13 days fly back option Larry Brown and LARRC Shared Charter Details: Cow tuna and wahoo. Izorline will co-charter and have staff on board for added fun and SWAG! Target species: Offshore/Freelance * Not included in fare: Gratuities, Jackpot, parking, fish cleaning, drinks and snacks.	OPEN Cost: \$4,955.00*	Red Rooster III www.redrooster3.com 619-224-3857
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NOTE:
LARRC members signing up for club charters are obligated to pay full fare in the event they cannot make the trip. The club will attempt to fill your space and you may try to do the same in a timely manner. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunks are assigned by the charter master in order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.



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Linda Simon will be our contact for "Health and Happiness" - please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email (simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net) for any information about our club members/ family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.

For the Record

The 2015 Yearbook inadvertently omitted newly elected Honorary Member Larry Brown from the club roster. With his permission, his contact information is printed below.

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Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
Email: LMBrownxx@earthlink.net
LarryBrownXX@gmail.com
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Photo Gallery



Scott Goldberg holding up his 23lb Halibut with help from a deckhand.



Robby Cohn with a nice Lingcod.



Robby Cohn with Andrew from the Mirage and a nice rockfish.



Good Lingcod Bait.



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