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Great Albacore Fishing Highlights: LARRC 5-Day Trip on the *Qualifier 105*—by Frank Polak

The success of a fishing trip is often measured by the previous outing. If you caught a limit last week but get only half limits this week you say things are slow. Get a half limit this week after striking out last time and you say things are greatly improved.

In the case of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club's July 5-day trip aboard the *Qualifier 105*, success or failure would be gauged against last year's incredible fishing that included 10 blue fin tuna over 100 lbs., a wide open albacore bite and that saw everyone limit-out the

first day and kep patty yellowtail nearly as good. **Phil Press** ran out of superlatives in his *Chum Line* article describing what some veteran long-ranger's called their best trip ever.

With that backdrop, 23 LARRC members and guests departed San Diego on July 14 to the news from **Capt. Brian Sims** that the fishing was, well, not very good. The albacore had stopped biting and the bluefin had disappeared. By dinner time the situation had changed. The boats had begun catching fish again

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August 30th Dinner Meeting

The August 30th dinner speaker will be manufacturer's representative Rick Ozaki. *Chum Line* was not able to get further information in time for this publication.

Call in your reservations:

(818) 808-4909 or

email: larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com ■

Records to Note

Soaking a live squid off Broad Beach in Southern California on New Year's day resulted in a 42-lb. Calif. Halibut for Keith K. Denette of Port Hueneme. He managed to bring in the big flatfish in just 16 minutes through using only 8-lb. line.

Source: *Saltwater Fishing* 6/2004 ■

LARRC member, **Wayne Caywood**, landed a 11-lb. Albacore on 4-lb. line. Now that's a sport.■

BOARD BUSINESS

During the Monday, July 19 2004 Board of Directors meeting the subject of members delinquent in dues was discussed. There are weight slips being submitted and tournaments being entered by persons who have not paid their 2004 dues. The board decided that members not in good standing can not submit weight slips or fish in club sponsored tournaments. However, for 2004 the board decided to give delinquent members until August 10, 2004 to pay their dues. If the dues payment is not made by August 10, 2004, then all records will be forfeited. For 2005, the board will publish well in advance the date by which the dues must be paid. After that date, submittal of weight slips and fishing in club tournaments will not be allowed. A member wishing reinstatement will have his or her request go before the board for approval according to the club by-laws.

—Reported by John Ballotti. ■



The happy group

Albacore Trip continued

about 160 miles from Pt. Loma. That would be our first destination.

Day 1 was by far the best of the trip. The bite was somewhere between good and wide open (most of the time) and the quality of the fish was outstanding. Albacore averaging 35 lbs. with several over 40! As a bonus, the weather was flat calm and windless, thanks to a tropical storm south and west of Cabo. With plenty of albacore in the hold, Capt. Sims informed us that we would be heading for blue fin a few hours away.

Day 2 was about finding bluefin and we did. Not nearly as many or as large as last year, but several between 20 and 40 lbs. were caught with the water temperature in high 60s.

There were also yellowfin, a few dorado and even a big eye tuna (a first for your reporter!). With the bite tapering off after lunch, we headed back for the first-day albacore area and topped off our catch for the trip. With plenty of fish on the boat, we would spend the next day checking out Guadalupe Island.

Day 3 dawned with great promise at Guadalupe, including calm water in the low 70s. Capt. Sims even ordered Marauders on the trolling outfits since conditions were right for wahoo. The search for wahoo, and yellowfin, proved fruitless. We finally anchored up at the north end of the island for yellowtail, catching a couple of dozen. The real highlight of the day came while fishing for calico bass. **Dr. Eli Livnat**, a Florida-based member, caught a 4-lb.-plus calico on a fly rod with a 20-lb. tippet, which he has submitted to the IGFA for a world record. By late afternoon, Capt. Sims turned the *Q105* northeast. Our final day would be spent looking for big bluefin.

Day 4 proved that while finding fish is one thing, catching them is something else. Several schools of 100-lb. bluefin were seen boiling, with some

YES!!! There are White Seabass Off Our Coast! Stan Richstone Reports

We took off at 4 a.m. on Wednesday June 2nd aboard our charter vessel "Seabiscuit". The target was WSB (white seabass to you) I'd like to report that between five and nine a.m. we got our limits. The fish weighed from 20- to 35-lbs.

Bait used was fresh and dead squid and two fish were caught on a black and white jig.

The WSB were near the surface in an area only seven miles from Oxnard Harbor. About 20 boats had congregated in an area which I named the "no name mud flats".

After 9 a.m. we took off for Anacapa Island for a calico bass bite. We caught about fifty (30 released) for a great day on the water. The food was excellent

and the laughs plenty.

Thanks to **Arnie Cohen** for his charter master work. LARRC members **Vince Shriver, Norm Weinstock, Greg and Dave Garfinkle** filled out the six pack trip. ■



Left to right: Norm Weinstock, Vince Shriver, Stan Richstone, Arnie Cohen, Greg Garfinkel and Dave Garfinkel.

estimated at over 200 lbs. by Capt. Sims. Getting them close to the boat proved frustrating. For all the crashing fish we found none were hooked. Even the albacore disappeared as we finally ran out of time and headed for San Diego.

Overall this was a terrific trip. We had near limits (about 13 around) on the biggest albacore many of us had ever caught. The fish averaged over 30 lbs., with none under 20. The first place jackpot went to Sam Rubinfeld's 44.6-pounder, 2nd was Antonio DeFillipo at 43.9 pounds and 3rd place was a 42.2-lb. albacore by Garth Goldberg. And we had variety— bluefin, yellowfin, yellowtail, big eye, dorado and even a couple of skipjack.

As always, the *Qualifier* crew was outstanding. A new feature this year

was the use of refrigerated salt water (RSW) to keep the fish fresh, replacing the normal practice of freezing. Several long range boats are using this method at the request of their passengers and it's proving popular in delivering their catch for processing.

And finally, our traveling party: **Dan Felger (chartermaster), Brad Felger, Michael Rosberg, Eli Livnat, Antonio DeFillipo, Eric Rogger, Todd Thibido, David Lodge, Al Scow, Vince Shriver, Tom Carlisle, Tom Polliard, Garth Goldberg, Al Scow, John Rhind, Sam Rubinfeld, Sean MacKenzie, Jamie Smith, Julie Smith, Ben Susman, Lynn Belew, Julian Wolf and Donald Sutherland.** ■

MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2004

Club Members please note: LARRC guarantees the boat operator the contracted number of passengers and payment for each charter trip. Your commitment to go makes you responsible for your fare and that of your guests. (Italics indicate private i.e. not LARRC charter.)

QUALIFIER 105—Tuna/Yellowtail Trip

5-DAY TRIP— September 9-14, 2004
 Departs: noon Sept. 9th. Price is \$1850.

THIS TRIP IS SOLD OUT.

NOTE: Chartermaster Sherwood Kingsley has been replaced for this year by former Chartermaster Richard Stone. Sherwood will be recovering from ankle surgery during this time.

Call Richard Stone for availability (661)296-6669 ofc.; (661) 296-4723 home or email: richardstone@earthlink.net.

RED ROOSTER

3-DAY TRIP:

Departs: Wednesday September 8 at 1pm.
 Returns: Saturday September 11 at 9am.
 Cost: \$840/ Send \$100 deposit to reserve spot.

Included are stateroom, food, snack & bait. Not Included: Tips, beer soda, licenses, surcharge if any, filleting & Jack Pot

BOB SELVIN CHARTERS

Contact Bob Selvin for information regarding these trips
 (310) 474 4143, or e:mail CalicoBob1010@AOL.com

PACIFIC QUEST (6 pak)—Trip #3
7-DAY TRIP— Sac Reef/Geronimo skiff trip (calicos, yellows)
 Departs: Leaves Fisherman's Landing 7 a.m., Thurs., Sept 8
 Returns: Thurs., Sept. 15 approx 2 p.m.
 Cost: \$1725 (includes food -not tip) ... TWO SPOTS LEFT

PACIFIC QUEST (6 pak)—Trip #4
2-DAY TRIP— Sac Reef/Geronimo skiff trip (calicos, yellows)
 Departs: full moon Bluefin Tuna/Albacore, Yellowtail
 Returns: Tues., Oct. 26 approx 7 p.m.
 Cost: \$400 (includes food - not tip)Five spots left

PACIFIC DAWN—1½-day Trip

From Fisherman's Landing; \$325, food not included

Departs: Sat., Aug. 21, 10 PM *10 spots available
 Returns: Mon., Aug. 23, 7 AM

Note: This Pacific Dawn trip still has six spots left. This is a very limited load of sixteen. With the hot Albacore and Bluefin bite do not get left at the dock. Pat Cavanaugh has done remarkably well with his new operation. Call Arnie Scherpenborg at (805) 857-3171 or (805) 376-2227 or email him at Arnold@inlinesheetmetal.com Cost is \$325 - food, fuel surcharge and permits are not included.

For information call: Charter Master Arnold Scherpenborg at (805) 857-3171 e mail: Arnold@inlinesheetmetal.com These spots expected to book fast, reserve now!

NEW QUALIFIER 105 SKIFF TRIP ANNOUNCED—

Departs Dec. 5 and returns Dec. 12.

This 7-day trip priced at \$1500 plus permits and fuel surcharge. Limited to 18 players. A number of LARRC players already signed up although this is not a club trip. If interested contact Dena at the Qualifier office at (619) 223-2786.

QUALIFIER 105 7-DAY 2005 SKIFF TRIP, hosted again by Barry Brightenburg

Sat., June 5 -Sat., June 12.

Cost is \$1875. Limited to 18 players. Not included are tackle, beer, soft drinks, tips, jackpot, Mexican permits and fuel surcharge. 2004 participants will have priority through July 15, 2004. **Deposits required—\$375 with reservation.** Subsequent deposits of \$500 due 10/15, 1/15/05, and 4/15/05. **Checks should be made payable to LARRC and sent to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Road, Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Information: (805) 370-1632.**

LARRC CHARTER RULES: The limited load trips usually include food and permits; beer, tackle and fish cleaning (if permitted) are extra. Your commitment to go makes you responsible for your fare and that of your guests. The Chartermaster will require timely periodic payments to be made out to the LARR Club.

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C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2004

On the *Seabiscuit*

Aug. 11 Wednesday
Sept. 1 Wednesday
Oct. 6 Wednesday
Nov. 10 Wednesday
Dec. 1 Wednesday



Cost of trips may vary depending on number of players - \$90-\$100. Food, filleting and tips will be extra.



Dinner Meetings

August 30

September 27

Use the hotline for your reservations (818) 808-4909 or email LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com. RSVP at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

THE VALLEY INN
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

August 23

September 20

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Brad Stich at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

THE VALLEY INN
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Other Events

August 23

LARRC Mentors Trips out of MDRey aboard the Betty-O For details contact Frank Polak and Mike Grossman.

August 5

Interclub Tournament Contact Paul Varenchik

August 15

Lake Sherwood Party See Page for details

November 1

FOUNDATION MEETING

2/27/05

Annual Banquet /Awards

Membership News

Lynne Ballew

Applied for non-resident membership 13241 Mango Dr. Del Mar, CA 92014 (858) 350-5959 LSBallew@san.rr.com (Lynne is Ben Sussman's daughter)

Jack Genero

Applied for Active Membership 23175 Mulholland Drive Woodland Hills, CA 91364 (818) 634-3536 or jack619@aol.com Occupation: TV Production/Retired

Mel Stein

Applied for Active Membership 4015 Declaration Ave. Calabasas, CA 91302 (818) 642-5260 or Mel@salvolaw.com Occupation: Director of Marketing at Law Office

Jon Preston

Applied for Active Membership 1950 Lake Sherwood Dr. Thousand Oaks, CA 91361 (805) 373-0029 Occupation: Sr. Sales Mgr., Pfizer Inc.

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Alex Rentziperisa - Non-Resident Member 3376 Silver Dana Point, CA 92629 (949)291-4327 or Sportsbarber@hotmail.com

Victor Villa - Active Member

30164 Loudon Court Castaic, CA 91384 (661) 294-0602 or PonchoV3a@aol.com

Health, Welfare & Happenings

Sherwood Kingley writes: For several years, the bone spur in my right ankle has been bothering me with increasing severity. I wanted to put surgery off until after our trip (9/9-9/14) The recovery time is two months in a cast and four months of physical therapy. I hope to be walking by January 2005. Surgery is scheduled for 7/26. (Richard Stone will take over as chartermaster for this year.)

LARRC wishes you the best of luck with this and a speedy recuperation.

Charen Dimand passed away. She was the wife of former LARRC member and past president Martin Dimand, and the daughter of LARRC member Harold Price. Our condolences are offered.

LARRC Announces Second Annual Family Picnic Sunday, Aug 15th on the beautiful shores of Lake Sherwood. Commencing at NOON and carrying on until dark.

There is boating, fishing, delicious BBQ, volley ball, horse shoes and much more...

Please RSVP ASAP to...

Steve Simon, 818 980-7470 or Paul Varenchik, 818 521-7261

Trophy Winners as of July 24, 2004

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.		SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	
OCEAN WATER											
Albacore	4	Wayne Caywood	11	0	*	FRESH WATER					
Albacore	10	Eric Rogger	38	0	*	Bass, Largemouth	4	Jonathan Varenchik	3	1	*
Albacore	16	Tom Carlisle	37	0	*	Catfish, Channel	8	Wayne Caywood	12	0	*
Albacore	30	Tom Carlisle	41	0	*	Trout, Lake	16	Jim Carlisle	22	0	
Barracuda	12	Barry Cohn	7	0	*	MEN'S RELEASED					
Bass, Calico	12	Barry Cohn	4	2		Marlin, Blue	30	Earl Warren	(1)		
Bass, Calico	16	Mike Feinberg	10	12	*	Sailfish, Pacific	20	Earl Warren	(12)		
Bass, Calico	20	Vince Shriver	8	8		Sailfish, Pacific	30	Earl Warren	(19)		
Bass, Spotted Bay	4	Jonathan Varenchik	1	7	*	Sailfish, Pacific	40	Paul Varenchik			
Grouper, Black	30	Earl Warren	25	8	*	WOMEN'S					
Halibut	20	Dan Felger	16	8		Albacore	40	Jan Howard	41	9	*
Halibut, Pacific	25	Don Lee	64	0	*	Halibut	25	Sally Vickers	63	4	*
Rainbow Runner	40	Paul Varenchik	19	0	*	Salmon, King	25	Sally Vickers	25	2	*
Sailfish, Pacific	30	Bert Serden	88	0		WOMEN'S RELEASED					
Salmon, King	10	Robert Jones	24	2		Roosterfish	30	Pamela Warren	45	8	*
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Tom Carlisle	219	14	*	Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Sally Vickers	220	8	
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Dan Felger	219	11		White Sea Bass	25	Jan Howard	22	2	*
Tuna, Yellowfin (open)	150	Al Scow	208	2	*	SARDINES					
White Seabass	12	Mike Godfrey	7	0		Barracuda	15	Nick Varenchik	6	7	
White Seabass	16	Joel Steinman	17	8		Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	1	0	
White Sea Bass	20	Dan Felger	31	2		Cabazon	20	Billy Vauhan	5	4	
White Seabass	20	Jim Carlisle	41	0		* New Club Record					
White Sea Bass	30	Lawrence Dinovitz	42	0		FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR					
Yellowtail	80	Dennis Saylor	38	6	*	Al Scow—White Sea Bass April 10, 2004—21lb 2oz.					
FLY ROD											
Barracuda, Atlantic	20	Tippet Eli Livnet	9	8	*	FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR					
Bass, Calico	20	Tippet Eli Livnat	4	5	*	Wayne Caywood June 14, 2004—11lb 0oz.					
Mackerel, King	20	Tippet Eli Livnat	17	8	*						
Sailfish, Pacific	20	Tippet Earl Warren	(2)	Released							
Salmon, King	20	Tippet Don Lee	20	0	*						
Tarpon	20	Tippet Don Less	19	11							

Gladys Paunzen MacNair Notes:

Based on an article that Gladys found in the June issue of *WHEAT LIFE*, our attention is called to the huge amounts the FWS (Fish & Wildlife Service) is spending as a result of the ESA act. (Endangered Species Act). In particular there appears to be considerable impact on the farming communities of the northwest. It is claimed that the ESA listings do not serve their purpose. As of December 2003, 1,260 U.S. species were listed as endangered and that only 15 have been delisted. The spokesmen for this issue appear to be the Property and Environment Research Center

-(PERC) located in Montana. According to PERC 50% of the total expenditures reported by the FWS for 2000 are for the top seven species or just 0.6 percent of the ESA list. Fish make up a full eight of the top ten. Cited as a prime example: Farmers in the Klamath Basin of Oregon lost an estimated \$53.9 million of crop values in 2001 when irrigation was cut off to protect the Lost River and shortnose suckerfish.

Any comments out there?
Editor...

You Call this First Aid? Sent in by Bert Serden...

Two cowboys from Montana walk into the roadhouse to wash the trail dust from their throats. They stand at the bar, talking quietly about beef prices.

Suddenly a woman at a table behind them, who has been eating a sandwich, begins to cough. After a minute or so it becomes apparent that she is in real distress, and the cowboys turn to look at her.

"Kin ya swaller?," Asks one of them. "No", signals the woman, desperately shaking her head. "Kin ya breathe?," asks the other. The woman is starting to

turn blue and shakes her head again "No".

The first cowboy walks over to her, lifts her skirt and slowly runs his tongue up and down her left butt cheek. This shocks the woman to a violent spasm, the obstruction flies out of her mouth and she begins to breathe again.

The cowboy walks back to the bar and proudly takes a sip of his beer. His partner says in admiration. "Ya know, I'd heard of that there Hind Lick Maneuver, but I ain't ever seed nobody do it."

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Paul Varenchik Reports

I went back over some 2003 *Chum Lines* and noted that we were then talking up the 54th Annual Kids' Trip. So the July 12th trip, recently concluded, must be number 55. That's a lot of history behind another huge success. Over 400 kids were treated to excellent fishing—including a great barracuda bite.

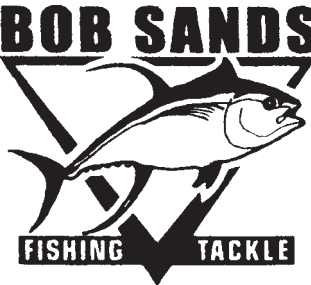


Volunteers readying tackle.

Photo by Joel Greenberg

I would like to thank all LARRC participants and some outside volunteers who helped make this day an outstanding one. From the feedback I received, including the Sunday night BBQ, and sleeping accommodations on the "Encore", all helped in our 2004 endeavor to entertain kids who would not otherwise have had this opportunity.

Special thanks to **Bernice Mahfet, Steve Simon, Troy Varenchik, Bob Andrews, Jim Port, Arnie Scherpenborg, Frank Polak, Joel Stein, and Brad Stich** for going that extra mile.



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Fireboat entertaining the kids.

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