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Good Sportsmanship is Worth all the Fish in the Ocean



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LARRC Long-Rangers Enjoy Great Fishing and Even a Little Drama on the High Seas!

July Trip Fish Report by Frank Polak

Fishing trips, like ball games, have their own distinctive flavor. The outcome is always different, even if the fish (and the anglers) are the same. If you watch every Lakers game, each contest, and ending, has its own story. The players and uniforms don't change, but the final score does. The LARRC July 13-18, 5-day trip aboard the *Qualifier 105* was marked by highs and lows, euphoria and frustration. In some ways it was 3 different trips. How did it go? Keep reading!

ACT 1

We knew things would be a little different on this trip when Capt. Brian Sims told us we would actually be fishing by late afternoon or early evening. The target was Albacore off-shore. That was the good news. The bad news was the weather. Windy and rough, making for a less than pleasant ride to an area just outside of Ensenada. Things were made slightly more tolerable by a raffle, providing a prize for each of the 23 anglers. The big winners were **Julian Wolf** (a Calstar Rod) and **Ben Sussman** (a Pro Gear reel).

It was nearly dark when we finally put lines in the water. **Tom Carlisle** hooked the first albacore and handed the fish off to his nephew **Casey**, making his first saltwater trip. The fish, not pleased with this situation, came unbuttoned. It was also the last hookup of the day. With the ocean still

churning, we headed south in search of better conditions.

The next morning found the weather better but not the fishing. We kept working south to where several boats were scratching out a handful of albies. Late bites were a big part of this trip and as the day grew late the fishing grew better. At one point just about every rod was bent. Blood on the deck! It was a great way to end Act 1.

ACT 2

Our focus changed from offshore albacore to yellowtail and whatever else we could find at Guadalupe Island. We were not disappointed. After trying a couple of spots, we settled at Pilot Rock for limit style action on yellowtail that averaged 30 lbs—O.K., so there were a few 15-20 pounders in the mix. The rest were toads, caught on the anchor in perfect weather. There were also some nice calico bass taken as incidental catch. Two of our traveling party spent part of this trip trying out their fly rod skills. **Tom Carlisle** and **Dr. Eli Livnat** were rewarded with whitefish, scad mackerel and a handful of calicos. You may recall Eli set a world record last year at Guadalupe with a 4-lb, 5-oz calico on 20-lb. tippet.

Lightning couldn't strike twice, could it? Sure enough, Eli set the hook on a 5-lb, 8-oz. calico, breaking his own record! We spent the night at Guadalupe and fished

And the AUGUST 29th
Dinner Speaker is...



Jan Kirk, one of the co-owners of H & M Landing in San Diego, will be the LARRC guest. Jan is involved in the management of the landing and a number of its sport fishing boats. The *GO FOR BROKE* (a six pack), *The SAMURAI*, *CHEROKEE GEISHA*, *MUSTANG*, *RANGER 85* are part of the package. He will be talking about happenings at the San Diego landings, including a master plan for them and improvement of the parking situation. ■

King of the Calicos Tournament

SCHEDULED FOR
Sunday, Sept. 18 AT
LA Harbor Sportsfishing
San Pedro (Ports 'O Call)
ABOARD THE **Thunderbird**

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LARRC Long Rangers

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into the next afternoon (the yellowtail fishing remained excellent) when we picked up the anchor and headed offshore for what would prove to be the grand finale.

ACT 3

If you had to write an ending to this trip, you couldn't have done better than what we found on the final fishing day. Instead of the usual slow start we found biting fish early. As morning turned into afternoon, schools of surface feeding 'foamers' provided the steadiest action of the trip. In this mix were bluefin. After playing hard to get early in the voyage, the bluefin 'went on the chew,' with fish from 10 to over 40 lbs. The later it got, the better the bite. The time from your bait hitting the water to hook-up was usually less than 5 seconds. There's no better way to end a trip than 'leaving them biting'. Twenty-three smiling anglers headed north-east for home. A ride, by the way, that was glass smooth.

EPILOGUE

The final numbers came out to near limits of albacore, all the yellowtail anyone wanted, better than 2 bluefin per person all around and a handful of yellowfin. A 61.7-pound yellowfin took the first jackpot (Frank Polak) with 2nd place going to Dan Felger (48.6-lb bluefin) and Julie Smith in 3rd with a 46-lb. bluefin tuna.

The cast: **Todd Thibodo, Sean McKenzie, Tom Carlisle, Jack Carlisle,**



Ben Sussman and daughter, Lynn.

Dave Carlisle, Casey Carlisle, Dan Felger (our chartermaster,) Brad Felger, Larry Methvin, Scott Lashbrook, Eric Rogger, Dave Levinson, Dirk Perriseau, Ray McIntosh, Sam Rubinfeld, Antonio DeFillippo, Eli Livnat, Al Scow, Jamie Smith, Julie Smith, Ben Sussman, Julian Wolf and Lynne Ballew.

How do you top a trip like this? I don't know, But we'll try again next year. See announcement in 'Multiple Day' listings in this newsletter. ■



TOP: Frank Polak with 61.7lb. BFT. Above: Eli Livnat with possible world record (5.8lb. Calico) on fly rod.

Board of Directors Adopts Amendment to By-Laws Re: Membership Renewals

The Board of Directors adopted the following amendment to Section 5, Article IV of the Club By Laws regarding membership renewals: If a member's renewal form and dues payment have not been received by December 31 preceding the year of renewal, then the member may, upon board action, be placed on pending status for a period of up to one year and shall not appear in the Roster for the following year. Pending status shall mean that for up to one year following the applicable

December 31 renewal deadline the pending member is eligible for reinstatement without any further action, upon receipt by the Board of the member's renewal payment and renewal form. The membership of any person who is a pending member for any consecutive one-year period shall expire at the end of such one-year period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member who has failed to renew by the December 31 deadline, may not be placed on pending status if at least one Board

member shall state that he has personal knowledge of that member's intention not to renew membership. In such case that membership shall expire as of December 31 of that calendar year. ■

Sitka Trip Highlighted by a 210-lb. Halibut

Reported by Phil Bell

This year marks my third exciting trip to Alaska at the Kingfisher Lodge in Sitka. I booked my June 3-7 trip at the Fred Hall Show with Seth Bone who owns and oversees Kingfisher Charters.

When I arrived at the Sitka airport at 11 pm, I was greeted by Ben, a driver from the lodge. As I arrived a day early, I went sightseeing the next day and shopping in the beautiful little town of Sitka. Driven to the lodge in the afternoon, I met the group I was going to fish with the next day.

After a 5am breakfast, I was assigned to a new all aluminum 30-foot boat the *Osprey* with Capt. Jeremy. Our group decided to split all the fish we caught and set up a trolling rotation for our daily salmon limits. The limit on king salmon was caught by 8:30am (1 per-day, 5 per-year) and they ran 18-28 lbs. but the most fun was catching the smaller silver salmon (limits of 6 per day). My biggest king was 26 lbs. and my biggest silver was 10 lbs.

Then we fished in shallower water (130 ft) for ling cod and yellow eye rockfish. There is a slot limit on the lings (30-40') We jigged off the bottom using one-pound lead heads with giant scampies.

After catching our limits of lings, we proceeded into deeper water (360 ft) to try for some of the legendary halibut. Capt. Jeremy noticed a spot on the meter that looked promising but had never fished. Just when I was getting impatient I experienced a huge strike which put a substantial bend in my rod. I put the reel in low gear and started reeling up. The fish ran 5 times before I brought it to the boat about 25 minutes later. Jeremy clubbed the fish and shark hooked it through the mouth, he asked for help and angler Jake was given a hand gaff. They both hauled the huge halibut on board and it taped out at 210 lbs. This was my largest fish ever!

The third day saw us on a different boat with Capt. Jim. Again we had good luck with limits on kings and a whopping 16 silvers. Angler Ron brought a 220-lb halibut to the surface while fishing for lings and we all gave him a 'high five'. The hot tub that night felt very good. Our group brought back 3, 50-lb boxes of filets each. Alaska Airlines had to put me up an extra night because of mechanical problems. Kingfishers was very accommodating and I recommend their lodge highly.

Editors Note: Nice going Phil! One June 18th however John Bierman, of Orange County, caught a 365-lb Halibut at Cook Inlet, Alaska. A guy named Zachary Branch of Long Beach, who also stayed at Kingfishers, caught a 376.5-lb halibut during a tournament there in June. You will just have to go back to Alaska next year and try some more. ■



Phil Bell with halibut.

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MALIBU FISH'N TACKLE

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Wherein Arnie Cohen's Grandkids Outdid Him

By Phil Bell (Large Halibut Catcher)

Shelly Freid, potential new LARRC member, caught the biggest and most fish on a recent *Seabiscuit* trip out of Channel Islands Sportfishing. He caught a keeper ling and a nice size red snapper at the same time. Then, just to prove it wasn't a fluke, he did it the second time. Of course he proceeded to explain—to all fishermen who would listen—his baiting technique of using a squid head with a strip of squid for maximum attraction.

Chartermaster **Arnie Cohen** put together a nice trip in late June that included stops at Anacapa and Santa Cruz Islands. Arnie brought his grandchildren, **Rachel and Cameron**, on the trip. They had a great time and learned a lot about fishing from their grandpa. They also outfished him by a substantial margin. Arnie really wants to encourage LARRC members to bring their kids and grandkids on these *Seabiscuit* trips which are scheduled monthly through the summer and fall.

The fishing started slowly as we tried several spots at Anacapa and Santa Cruz for calicos. It has been a very slow year for calicos so



Arnie Cohen's grandkids, Rachel and Cameron.

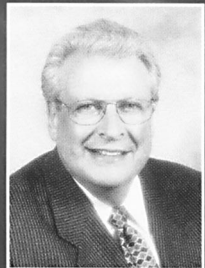
far, and this trip was no exception. After catching a few calicos, Captain Bob decided to try for rockfish at a spot that has been very productive off Santa Cruz. Immediately, we got hookups, and brought in some nice reds. We drifted over the spot several times, and each time we caught nice reds with an occasional ling thrown in. We ended the day trying for calicos and yellowtail but did not have any luck.

The weather was beautiful, the food was good, the anglers were friendly, and the fishing was fair. Captain


Bob is hopeful the fishing will improve in July and August. If past years are any indication, the calico fishing will get better as the water gets warmer. Everyone had some fish to bring home which was a definite plus.

We had the reds sautéed for dinner that night and they were absolutely delicious.

Contact Arnie at (818) 368-5834 if you want to join the Seabiscuit charter and don't forget to bring a kid. ■



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MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2005

Private Charters by the LARRC represent a commitment and the full charter prices must be paid irrespective of number of participants. If you sign up you are responsible for the full amount of the trip cost in the event that you cancel and a replacement cannot be found. LARRC members are responsible for the conduct and financial obligations of their guests.

TRIPS UNDERWRITTEN BY THE LARRC MAY BE FOUND WITHIN THE BOXED AREA.

RED ROOSTER III—3-Day Tuna Trip Sept. 7th to Sept. 10th

NOTE CHANGES IN DATES

There are currently two openings on this trip. Call Chartermaster for availability.
For information call Arnie Cohen at (818) 368-5834 (h) or (818)366-3300 (w) or the Red Rooster at email: www.redrooster3.com

PACIFIC DAWN Weekend Charters

San Diego—Fisherman's Landing 1 1/2-day trip August 28

Note the August Charter is now sold out!
Cancellations do occur... Call Jim Carlisle for info (562)598-0940 or email: jamesnc@earthlink.net. or co-charter person Jan Howard at (949) 837-1431 or email: saltwaterwoman@cox.net

QUALIFIER 105 – 5-Day Tuna Charter

- 1-Departure:** Noon, Wednesday Sept. 7
- 2-Return:** 7am Monday, Sept.12
- 3-Cost:** \$1695 per person
- 4-Limited load:** 23 Chartermaster may overbook by one.
- 5-Not included:** soft drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning if permitted, crew tips, jackpot, Mexican permits and fuel surcharge.
- 8-Deposit:** Payment must be received prior to July 1st. This is a LARRC charter and when you sign up you are obligated to the club in case a replacement cannot be found. Club members are responsible for the conduct and fees of their guests.
- 9-Checks:** payable to LARRC. **Send to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Rd. Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Call (805) 370-1632.**

ANNOUNCING 2006 TRIPS

Kingfisher Lodge Sitka—July 10 to July 14, 2006

Arnie Cohen will again lead a LARRC contingent next year. Please call for reservations and send a \$400 deposit. Price is \$1695 which includes food ,snacks, soft drinks, Alaska license, rain gear, tackle and bait as well as airport pickup. Call Arnie at 818 366-3300 (w) or 818 365-5834 to reserve your spot.

QUALIFIER 105 2006 Skiff Trip

- 1-Departure:** June 3, Saturday through June 10, Saturday
- 2-Cost:** is \$1975 per person
- 3-Passenger Load:** is 18 but C/M may overbook by 1
- 4-Not included:** are soft drinks, beer, tackle, jackpot , fuel surcharge, tips, Mexican license..
- 5-Deposit:** Reservations must be accompanied by an initial deposit of \$475.
- 6-Checks:** Payable to LARRC. This is a private charter and must be paid for by LARRC Irrespective of the number of participants. Therefore, if you sign up you will be responsible for the full amount of the trip cost in the event that you cancel and a replacement is not available. LARRC members will be responsible for the financial obligations and conduct of their guests.

QUALIFIER 105 2006 5-Day Tuna Charter,

- 1-Departure:** July 12, Wednesday, Noon through 7 a.m, Monday, July 17.
- 2-Cost:** is \$1965 per person
- 4-Passenger Load:** is 22 (1 less than 2005) C/M may overbook by 1
- 5-Not included:** are soft drinks, beer, tackle, jackpot, fuel surcharge, tips, Mexican license
- 6-LARRC:** participants on the July 2005 trip shall have first priority to reserve a spot for themselves through August 31, 2005. After 9/1/2005 any openings will be available to other LARRC members and their guests in the order received.
- 7-Deposit:** Reservations must be accompanied by a deposit of \$465, subsequent deposits of \$500 each will be due Nov. 15, 2005, Feb. 1, 2006 and April 15, 2006. Please see additional conditions listed above.
- 8-Checks:** Send checks payable to the LARRC to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Road, Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 913161. He can be reached at (805)370-1632, (805) 370-1483 (fax) or emailto:dan@dartrealty.net

The Charter Master for these Q105 trips will be Dan Felger.

Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

2005



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT:
The editor with kid; Kids with Trophies; Gear being readied; Kids with their counselors; ALL ABOARD!

OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER RIGHT:
Steve Scheider and Jim Port in Galley; The boat *Toronto*; Paul Varenchik at BBQ; Smiling youngster with first fish; Food boxes.

Kidz Trip



C A L E N D A R
LARRC Charters 2005

2005 Weekday Charters on the *Sea Biscuit* berthed at Ciscos Landing in Oxnard.

RULES FOR 2005 ARE:

- 1) Usual Departures are 4 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m. (\$130)
- 2) Charter Master will notify of early departures.
- 3) Children are half price with a full-price paying adult. Limit is 12 adults.
- 4) Boarding is open after 6 p.m..
- 5) The boat has a full galley—please no ice chests!

Checks should be made payable to Arnie Cohen. For additional information please call Arnie at (818) 368-5834 hm or (818)366-3300 xt.1221 (ofc.)

SCHEDULE

August 10	Wed	October 19	Wed
August 20	Sat	November 16	Wed
September 21	Wed	December 1	Thurs



Dinner Meetings

August 29th

September 26

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 22nd

September 19

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Bob Selvin 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

Foundation Meetings

Nov. 7—Mon.
 Valley Inn

Other Events

- August 1 & 22
 Mentor Trips, Marina Del Rey
- Aug. 21
 Annual LARRC Picnic at Lake Sherwood Picnic
- Sept. 18
 King of the Calicos at Thunderbird LA Harbor Sportfishing
- Feb 19 '06
 Annual Brunch/Installation/Auction

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FIVE-DAY CALICO BASS CHARTERS

BOB SELVIN IS OFFERING TWO SPECIAL BASS TRIPS:

1-'Go For Broke'—Sept. 11-16.
 Luxurious 6-pack. Cost is \$1667

2-'Pacific Dawn'—Oct. 19-Oct. 23
 Lots of room at the rail with an 8-player limit. Fishermen's Landing.

Call for additional info:
 Bob Selvin at 310 652-1100 or
 email: calicobob1010@aol.com

Membership News

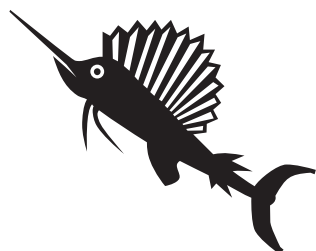
Applied for Associate Membership:
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Health Welfare and Happenings:

Congratulations to Paul & Francine Varenchik, on the birth of their first grandson, Brandon Evan Covas, on 7-13-05. Reported weight was 7lbs. 4 oz. His mom and dad, Marcus and Kim Covas are doing great!



Is Fishing Luck?

by Dan Felger

Every sport has its particular yardstick for achievement. In hockey it is the hat trick, baseball it is the no-hitter or grand slam, tennis has the bagel, golf has par, and basketball has the triple doubled. Deep-sea fishing is no different. A measure of success is boating a 200-lb+ yellowfin tuna (AKA cow). For many anglers, this is a lifetime pursuit that they never obtain. There is one well-known member of the sportfishing community and former sport boat operator that has never caught a "cow". It took my fishing buddy and fellow septuagenarian, **Al Scow**, over 25 trips to get his first over-200, and that was only by chance. Big Al was on his kite rotation on the *Excel* a few years ago and was having a miserable time. Sharks had made a mess of his gear. There were only about 30 minutes left on our last day at Clarion. Al was discouraged, his kite rig was trashed, and he just wanted to call it quits. **Captain Pat Cavanaugh** begged him to give one last try, so he "borrowed" my kite outfit. Five minutes later Al was on, and later boated, what turned out to be his first over-200. Luck? Lucky Al got his second over-200 a few years later on an *Excel* trip to Clipperton. This was a tough trip with few big fish. Al hooked up literally minutes prior to leaving. Luck?

I got my first on the *Polaris Supreme* in 2000. During the picture taking I was on my kite rotation, so I secured my rod to the trolling straps while the pictures were being taken. Guess what? While the pictures were being taken the kite bait got bit, and that fish turned out to be my second cow. Luck? #3 and #4 came 2 months later on the *Excel*. Wow, 4 cows in one year. Luck?

The closures of the Revillagigedos several seasons ago have prompted many long-rangers to stay away. One prominent ranger told me that until the Revillagigedos are reopened he isn't going to fish because the Islands and Clipperton are the only places where he can count on big fish. Did the closures affect long range fishing? Sans the Islands, boat operators were forced to seek alternate fishing grounds. Captains are paying more attention to the lower Cabo Banks, Puerto Vallarta and Hurricane Bank. The payoff has been tremendous. In December 2003, at the lower Cabo Banks, the *Excel* set an all-time record with 41 cows over 200 pounds. During the 2004/05 season more cow tuna than ever previously have been caught. I made three trips to Hurricane Bank last season on the *Excel*, and on those trips 110 tuna over 200 pounds were landed.

Does luck play a role? You tell me!

Trophy Winners as of July 25, 2005

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	
OCEAN WATER					
<i>Amberjack</i>	30	Earl Warren	32	10	
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	8	John Ballotti	6	4	*
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	10	John Ballotti	7	0	*
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	40	Joel Steinman	7	4	*
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	50	Rick Uribe	8	0	*
<i>Bass, Spotted Bay</i>	6	Rick Uribe	3	0	*
<i>Halibut, California</i>	20	Dan Felger	25	0	*
<i>Halibut, California</i>	30	John Ballotti	17	5	
<i>Halibut, Pacific</i>	80	Phil Bell	210	0	*
<i>Halibut, Pacific</i>	80	Earl Warren	61	0	
<i>Mackerel, King</i>	20	Barry Cohn	6	0	*
<i>Tarpon</i>	25	Charles Shoemaker	85	0	*
<i>Tarpon</i>	25	Barry Cohn	45	0	
<i>Yellowtail</i>	40	Thomas Carlisle	47	0	
<i>Yellowtail</i>	80	Dennis Saylor	52	0	*
<i>Tuna, Bluefin</i>	50	Dan Felger	48	10	
<i>Tuna, Yellowfin</i>	60	Dennis Saylor	110	0	
<i>Tuna, Yellowfin</i>	80	Eric Rogger	223	7	
<i>Tuna, Yellowfin</i>	100	Al Scow	204	0	
<i>Wahoo</i>	40	Earl Warren	39	6	
<i>White Sea Bass</i>	16	Barry Cohn	22	0	
<i>Yellowtail</i>	50	Dan Felger	40	6	
FLY ROD					
<i>Bass, Calico</i>	20	Eli Livnat	5	12	*
<i>Yellowtail</i>	20	Eli Livnat	20	0	*
FRESH WATER					
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	2	Frank Polak	3	10	*
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Andy McDonald	3	14	
<i>Bass, Striped</i>	8	Joel Steinman	2	8	
<i>Catfish, Channel</i>	12	Wayne Caywood	9	10	*
<i>Steelhead</i>	16	Don Lee	12	8	
<i>Trout, Rainbow</i>	6	Paul Varenchik	9	4	*
MEN'S RELEASED					
<i>Sailfish</i>	30	Charles Shoemaker			
<i>Tarpon</i>	25	Charles Shoemaker			
WOMEN'S					
<i>Albacore</i>	25	Jan Howard	26	0	
<i>Amberjack</i>	30	Pamela Warren	28	8	*
<i>Halibut, Pacific</i>	80	Pamela Warren	62	6	
<i>Tuna, Bluefin</i>	30	Jan Howard	42	0	*
SARDINES					
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Harrison Hunter	Released		

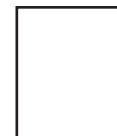
* New Club Record

FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR
Barry Cohn - White Sea Bass
2-9-2005 22.0 oz

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR
Jan Howard
6-28-05 26lb -6 Oz.

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