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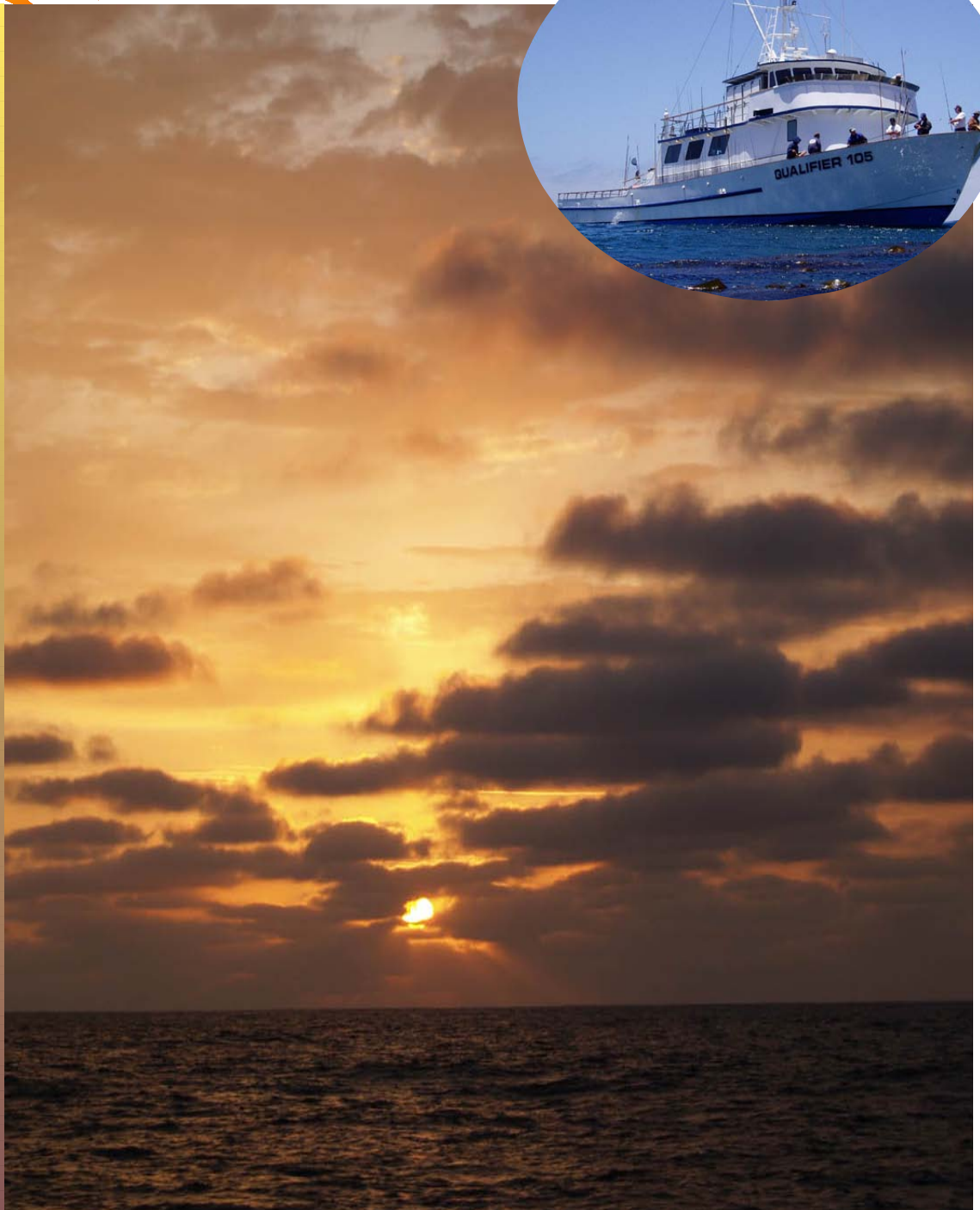
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Aug 31 Dinner Speaker A real Baja Pro!

Although a fly line expert, Mike Rieser has been on the Sea of Cortez scene since 1973. His interaction with the pangeros led to a foundation of knowledge and eventually the creation of The Baja Flyfishing Co. Mike, besides guiding in Baja, has worked as a commercial fisherman and a guide in freshwater fisheries. Featured often in the media, a book is currently in the works about the Sea of Cortez linking conventional gear to fly fishing.

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That Q105 5-Day Fishing Trip July 20-25th



L to R: Cedar plug Eric; Shelly & Scott at weigh-in; Shelly and Dan Martin; Dave in killbox; Phil dreaming; Sam and Marvin

Report by Phil Bell

“Lucky 13” on an albacore bonanza! Dream about a five-day trip with only 13 anglers. Dream about almost perfect weather after terrible conditions the prior week. Dream about catching limits of big albacore plus some quality blue fin and yellowfin tuna. Dream about having a “Cordon Bleu” chef and a very professional and competent crew.

That dream actually came true aboard the club sponsored July 20-25th trip. **Dave Levinson**, our chartermaster, was accompanied by the following players: **Phil Bell, Dan Felger, Shelly Fried, Scott Lashbrook, Dan Martin, Sean McKenzie, Larry Methvin, Dave Permut, Eric Rogger, Sam Rubenfeld, Al Scow** and **Marv Smith**. Scott is a friend of Larry’s and Sean is the son-in-law of Sam. Too bad Bobby Horowitz couldn’t make it after experiencing a terrible two-day trip due to treacherous waters. A number of members

donated fish to Bobby just so his family would not go hungry!

Captain Joe Crisci told us that we would be targeting albacore and blue fin tuna about 150-200 miles south of Pt. Loma. On Monday, the first day, we started trolling south and after about 4 hours caught a few nice albacore. The second day, Tuesday, we scored big on the quality albacore (25-39 lbs) in the morning. We had a triple-troll strike. Most of us had half limits (15) by noon. Phil and Dave had the *hot rods* catching 10 catching fish on almost every stop. Then the bite shut off for 5 hours before we caught a few towards dark. Rack of Lamb for dinner lifted our spirits.

On the third day, Larry had the hot rod and could not miss a hook-up. The action was fast and furious with many of us completing our limits of albacore. Marv Smith, in order to help us pass the time, decided to demonstrate his golf swing using an axe handle (used to subdue fish). The slippery handle evaded his grasp and barely missed hitting the chef in the head. The crew and players laughed uproariously while Marvin turned a new shade of red. Continuing this mood of levity, chartermaster Dave, was photographed with a fish tag in his ear in the kill box. What a wild and crazy group! A few blue fin were caught late

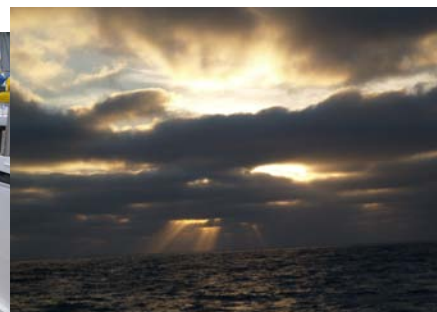
which boded well for the final day of fishing. Freshly caught and baked albacore for dinner!

On Thursday, we fished for albies to complete every one’s limits in the a.m. Found a nice spot of bluefin in the afternoon. The final half-day of fishing saw Dan Martin catch three nice BFTs in a row. Sean was using light line and was on a fish for 30 minutes. Eric fished with 10-lb test without much success. Dave caught albies and BFTs on the four different rods he had brought on the trip. Dinner was prime rib!

Scott Lashbrook took 1st jackpot with a 39.8 BFT. Shelly was second with a 39.2 BFT. Chartermaster Dave decided there would be only two winners. Interestingly, Scott had a second potential winner with his 39.6 albacore. Totals= 205 albies, about 45 BFTs and about 10 YFTs.

The Captain and crew were great Cal, Tim, Travis, and Don were right on the ball. ■

L to R: Sam with nice bluefin; Sam, Marv & Dave P; Players on deck; Deck scene; Another fine sunset.



LARRC'S Central American Connection

Story by Chas Schoemaker

One advantage to leaving LAX at 2:30 in the morning is the 9:00 a.m. arrival in Costa Rica. Clearing customs and finding the shuttle van from the hotel still leaves plenty of time for a leisurely drive to the Los Sueños Resort, which is on the Pacific Side, about a 2-hr. drive from the airport. After **Bob Selvin** and I checked in, we had lunch with our host, **Earl Warren**, who provided the general overview, took us down to the marina, and gave us a great tour of the Los Sueños (Dreams) resort premises and made us feel right at home. Our lodgings were a spacious condo on a golf fairway, with the jungle in the background. Later that evening we were joined by **Pamela Warren** along with **Brad and Jo Stich**, who flew in from North Carolina.

The meticulous pre-planning by Bob Selvin allowed for five days of fishing. Roosterfish were the targeted species on our first foray, which was on the super panga Snook. Both Bob and I were successful in catching roosterfish, along with six jack crevalle and two sierra mackerel. The sierra were taken to the local restaurant., *The Hook-Up*, that night, for dinner. The fish were cooked up four different ways and were delicious in each variation.



Bob and I were joined the next day on the *Snook* by Brad Stich, and we again targeted roosterfish. All three of us were successful. Bob had a definite trophy estimated to be in the 60-lb. class. I was fortunate enough to get two, estimated in the 40- and 50-pound range. All roosters were released in good health.



Above: Big rooster and Charles.
Right Top & bottom: Brad and Bob; Bob Selvin and his rooster.
Bottom left: 5 LARRC Presidents; Earl Warren, Brad Stich, Pam Warren, Bob Selvin, Charles Schoemaker.

The following day found us on the 31-foot cruiser *Fandango*, headed south to the offshore high points, in pursuit of various bottom fish. The bigger models were not cooperating but we did land nine different species of fish, including wahoo and a rainbow runner, our evening guests of honor at dinner, which was highlighted by a lightening storm that provided spectacular visual effects during dinner.

Tuesday, Bob and I were back on the *Fandango*, with Brad rejoining us as we went offshore toward the 26-mile bank searching for the best bite. Unfortunately, the water was still green, but a small portion, far offshore, of blue

water yielded a few mahi-mahi, along with needle fish, trigger fish, gumdrop groupers, barrelito and Jack crevalle. It was decided take one last shot at the roosters, so we headed south of the resort to the area off Jaco.

I just baited up and put the line in the water when it was ripped by a large fish, which left no doubt that it was a serious contender for whatever. This was on my 20-lb. outfit and provided a really good workout and plenty of opportunity for Brad and Bob to get in good natured jests and insults while I was otherwise preoccupied fighting the fish. The fish was almost to the boat for about 20 minutes and it seemed that we were going back and

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Central American trip

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forth over the same 50 yards of territory when finally it came in, was visible, and appeared to be a very large roost-fish. It was brought to the leader, at which point it decided it didn't want to come in as yet and took off on another long run. Another see-saw battle ensued, and I brought the fish to the boat for a second time, where again the deckhand had the leader in his hand but the fish decided to come back to life one more time for another sizzling run. We repeated the process and the third time was the charm when the fish was finally captured, quickly photographed and released. The captain and crew estimated the fish at 65 to 70 lbs. ■



Brad Stich.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Schiffman



Last month our club held the 59th Annual Kids Trip in Long Beach at Pierpont Landing. The weather was perfect, the ocean was flat, and the barracuda cooperated. I was on the *Pursuit*, and what I witnessed was kids having a great time enjoying the food, fish and ocean air. The sights and sounds of kids acting like kids filled the boat as we had a non-stop barracuda bite for almost two hours.

The key to this event as well as all our events can be summed up in one word—volunteers! I want to personally thank each and every volunteer who gave their time, so that the day would be a memorable one for the kids. Smiles, fishing, food, and fun, that's what summer should be!

This month we have three club events: two Mentors' trips, and our Seventh Annual Club Picnic. The Mentors' trips, run by **Frank Polak**, are an opportunity for you to teach a kid to fish. This is a 3/4-day boat where you spend the day, one-on-one, with a child. It is a special day for all, as the kids grasp the fundamentals of fishing with your guidance. Once you volunteer on a Mentors' Trip, you will be hooked for years to come.

Our Seventh Annual Club Picnic takes place at the beautiful Lake Sherwood on August 9th, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This, aside from our monthly meetings, is one of the few events that are for the club

members and their families. With fishing, boating, and an unbelievable BBQ, this lakeside event is a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon with family and friends.

Finally, I want to thank all the club members that have sent pictures in the last month. If you have not visited our club website lately, we have added 100's of pictures that change each time you visit a page. If you have any suggestions for our website, a fish report, pictures, or all of the above—please send them to larrcwebsite@gmail.com. ■



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Arnie Stein/Norm Weinstock Fishing Story!

On July 22 Norm and I headed out to sea from Mission Bay with **Barry Brightenburg** to complete a trip we bid on and won at the 2007 banquet. Barry and his wife just had a child and his schedule was turned upside down and could not accommodate us 'til now. Although he and I had never met, his reputation as one of the finest fishing guides on the west coast assured me that it would be an eventful day. His fishing gear on board was first class and his knowledge of the areas we fished in and what we might expect to catch were very impressive. Having fished for many years with different captains and guides I can say with all candor that I knew if fish were to be found, he would find them. I was not disappointed when we pulled up to kelp patties and saw dorado under them. His guidance on fishing these exotics couldn't have been better and the smile on my face after landing a 32-plus-pound fish and others would have told any one that I will be back again. We subsequently trolled the surrounding Mexican waters looking for albacore and bluefin tuna after



Arnie with nice dorado assisted by Barry!

receiving reports that they had been seen. We did encounter bluefin that were apparently feeding, however they wouldn't take a lure. The seas were calm and the weather great. Hundreds upon hundred of leaping porpoise and a Minke whale that I had never seen before. We thanked Barry for a great day.

Story by Arnie Stein. (aka.Ltl Wino) ■

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Bert Serden recovering from successful back surgery....**We hope to see you soon!**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Chair, **Barry Cohn**, notes two new prospects: **Bruce Powell**, who is in the wood-working business, and who has fished with us on numerous occasions has applied. Also a prospect is **Nick Ekdahl** as a non-resident member. Brother Nick Ekdahl is a board member.

NOW LISTEN UP! LISTEN CLOSELY!

Rising carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are eventually absorbed by the oceans.

Researchers at Scripps Institute of Oceanography at UC San Diego, have found that white seabass have developed larger ears (otoliths) from the more acidic conditions. Conditions by 2100 might result in ear bones 7-9% larger. Scientists are not yet able to predict how these fish will fare in the future in terms of navigation, balance etc.

Source: LATimes 6/27

CALENDAR



Dinner Meetings

AUGUST 31

Next: SEPTEMBER 21

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.

*At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks*

Board Meetings

AUGUST 24

Next: SEPTEMBER 14

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Scott Schiffman at 818/341-7528, email schifty57@sbcglobal.net 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*

Other Dates

- August 3 Marine Mentors' Trip
Marina Del Rey/Betty O
- August 9, 2009 Family Picnic
- August 13 Junior Members' Trip
Oxnard/Aloha Spirit
- August 17 Marine Mentors' Trip
Marina Del Rey/Betty O
- October 7 King of the Calicos

That 59th Annual Kids' Trip

**Report by Steve
Simon LARRC
Foundation
President**

July 13th saw the LARRC Foundation sponsored Kids' Fishing Trip departing Pierpont Landing in Long Beach. Beautiful skies and calm seas prevailed. Terrific barracuda fishing was the order of the day as the boats did not fish inside their usual area—the breakwater. As a matter of fact we joined other boats near the Huntington Flats.

The groups of kids we treated were **Girls and Boys Club of Newhall, Pomona, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, LA's Best, Los Angeles Police Dept/Pacific**



Kids and Volunteers all enjoyed the day.



Division, Para Los Niños for the Children, Watts Special Task Force and the Variety Boys & Girls Club.

With the help of 100 volunteers we had a successful day of fishing. A special thanks to **Paul Varenchik** and **Jimmy Port** who put together a fantastic Sunday night BBQ Dinner for all those

volunteers who assembled tackle for the next day.

Additional thank-yous to **Bernice Mahfet** and **John Vowels** (group check in) and boat Captains **Mike Godfrey, Andy MacDonald, Marv Smith** and **Scott Schiffman**.

Thanks also to Professor **Jim McKibben** from California State University Long Beach for providing the Mobile Science Museum.

*Ed Note: The few pictures below do not do justice to the event. We'll have to do better next year. Thanks to **Mike Godfrey** and **Joel Greenberg** as well as **Scott Schiffman** for their photographic efforts.*

*The Foundation also wants to acknowledge donations made for the Kids' Trip by **Frank Polak, Al Scow, and Dave Levinson**. **Steve Simon** made a donation to the Foundation on behalf of **Dan Felger's mother**. ■*



FOUNDATION REMINDER:

We can use donations of Fishing tackle and other items for our Fundraising events.

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OFFICIAL CLUB CHARTERS

Please note that official LARRC Charters - official meaning that the club has a financial commitment to the boat owners are enclosed in a blue box on this page. Members signing up for a club trip are obligated to pay the full fare in case they cannot make the trip for some reason. We will attempt to fill your space - or you may do the same - in a timely manner.

ALL PACIFIC DAWN TRIPS—both Ventura and San Diego—are Chartermastered by Jim Carlisle. Information and confirmation questions should be addressed to him as follows: Jim Carlisle (562) 598-0940 (H), (310) 332-9770 (W)—EMAIL jncarlisle@verizon.net. Co-chartermaster is Jan Howard (949) 837-1431, EMAIL saltwaterwoman@cox.net.

Pacific Dawn Tuna Trip 2009
SAN DIEGO, Fishermen's Landing
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Fishing Sunday, August 23.

King of the Calicos Tournament—2009 Version
 There is still time to sign up for this years' "King of the Calicos Tournament". We are planning to take 13 teams and need additional players. Departure time will be Tuesday night October 6 tentatively scheduled on the Toronado out of Long Beach. The tournament will begin Wednesday a.m. and we will return in the evening. The cost of this trip is \$175. Don't have a team mate? We'll fix you up! Please call Barry Cohn, Director – at 310.479.9600 x221 or email: Bcohn@cohnhandler.com. Join the fun – Call Now!

The July 8-12 Queen Charlotte Island Trip A Notable One

Report by Barry Cohn

A big success on our annual salmon spree to the Queen Charlottes in B.C. can be reported. Everybody caught kings, lots of silvers and pinks as well and even one chum salmon landed by **Doug Smith**. Halibut fishing was slow but there were 3 big ones caught. A 54-pound personal best by **Ross Lombard**; a 130+ by guest **Gerold Knuffer** and a gigantic 300+ monster caught and released by **Dietmar Kruger**—it was bigger than the boat. **Roger Howard, Ted Weitz** and our other guests had a great time. The weather was terrific and a good time was had by all. Thanks for putting this trip together, Bert. We are all looking forward to 2010 already. JOIN US????

Our next trip is on the *Limitless*, departing Thursday night, August 6th. **Nick Ekdahl** is the Chartermaster. PRAY FOR TUNA! ■

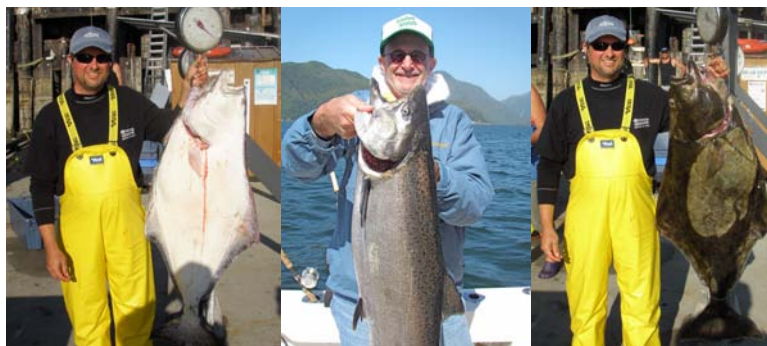
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WLARR TRIPS OPEN TO ALL

The following trips were organized by WLARR but are open to all. The price includes the trips, galley, tips and fish cleaning. The asterisk indicates prior night departure. Double asterisk refers to special charter conditions listed below.

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Aug.7-8*	Limitless	Newport	6	Alb.YT, Calico	\$630.
Sept.7-8*	Pacific Dawn	Fishermen's	15	Albacore, YFT	\$550.
Sept. 28	Highliner	Redondo	6	Calico, YT	\$280.
Oct. 17	Highliner	Redondo	6	Calico, YT	\$280.
Nov.7-12	La Paz**	David Jones	12	Tuna, Dorado	\$1500.

Please contact Barry Cohn for additional information and to book local trips. First come first serve (310) 479-9600 xt 221 - Mail deposits (25%) to Barry Cohn, 11400 W. Olympic #630, LA 90064.



TROPHY CONTENDERS 2009 AS OF JULY 25

SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB.OZ.

MEN'S

OCEAN WATER

Bass, Calico	6	John Ballotti	5	13	*
Bass, Calico	15	John Ballotti	4	15	*
Bass, Calico	30	John Ballotti	7	3	
Bass, Calico	12	Steve Simon	4	11	
Halibut, California	8	Rob Baldwin	30	0	*
Halibut, California	12	Steve Simon	23	4	
Halibut, California	16	Paul Varenchik	35	5	
Halibut, California	30	Randy Sharon	46	0	*
Jack Cravalle	20	Chas. Schoemaker	16	2	*
Jack Cravalle	30	Earl Warren	26	8	*
Jack Cravalle	65	Chas. Schoemaker	25	0	*
Red Rock Cod	25	Barry Cohn	4	8	
Roosterfish	30	Earl Warren	66	8	*
Roosterfish	50	Earl Warren	48	0	
Salmon, King	20	Barry Cohn	25	0	
Sierra	40	Bob Selvin	10	2	*
Tuna, Bluefin	30	Dan Felger	32	4	
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Dennis Saylor	140	5	
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dennis Saylor	174	8	
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dennis Saylor	182	2	
Tuna, Yellowfin	125	Al Scow	237	0	
Vermillion Rockfish	50	Nick Ekdahl	6	0	*
White Sea Bass	20	Larry Dinovitz	25	0	
White Sea Bass	20	Dirk Perriseau	21	4	

FLY ROD

Bass, Calico	16	Jim Carlisle	3	2	*
Trout, Cutthroat	4	Bert Serden	3	3	*

FRESH WATER

Bass, LG. Mouth	3	Andy MacDonald	3	13	*
Bass, LG Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	3	9	*
Bass, LG Mouth	10	Joel Steinman	3	8	*
Bass, LG Mouth	20	Dan Felger	3	8	*
Bass, Striped	6	Scott Schiffman	11	9	*
Bass, Striped	8	Scott Schiffman	9	7	
Trout, Lake	12	Al Scow	36	0	

MEN'S RELEASED

Black Sea Bass	40	Kevin Jusilla	Released		
Halibut, Pacific	100	Dietmar Kruger (320+)	Released		
Roosterfish	20	Chas. Schoemaker	Released		
Roosterfish	25	Brad Stich	Released		
Roosterfish	50	Bob Selvin	Released		
Roosterfish	65	Chas. Schoemaker	Released		
Sailfish	25	Rob Baldwin	Released		

WOMEN'S

Amberjack	30	Pamela Warren	26	8	
Mackerel, Sierra	30	Pamela Warren	10	12	*
Marlin, Striped	50	Jan Howard	Released		
Roosterfish	30	Pamela Warren	17	8	

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Bass, Calico	12	Dominique Perriseau	5	2	*
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	3	2	*
Halibut, California	15	Dominique Perriseau	26	1	*
Red Rock Fish	25	Dominique Perriseau	8	1	*
Sheepshead	25	Dominique Perriseau	12	6	
Trout, Rainbow	4	Alexis Warren	6	5	*
White Sea Bass	15	Dominique Perriseau	20	8	*

*Possible Record.

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August 2009 —One Man's Opinion!

This month by Eric Rogger

Retirement gives you an opportunity to smell more roses and to look more closely at the things you enjoy doing. Like many of you, fishing has been an important part of my life. Not so much for the consumption of sea life but mainly because, when fishing, we can get completely detached. It can be an adventure each time and the camaraderie and fresh air, along with a little exertion only add to the pleasurable experience.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to engage, over the years, in many long-range efforts in the pursuit of tuna. Being a long time member of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club, as well a past board member at United Anglers, you cannot escape becoming aware of our fisheries' problems. You cannot avoid hearing about the MLPA, for instance, and on a larger scale those problems associated with offshore fishing. There is a new movie out, recently reviewed in the *L.A. Times*, called "The End of the Line". Based on

an investigative report by British Journalist, Charles Glover, it details the demise of worldwide fisheries. Particular attention is paid to the European (and North Sea) cod, a staple which is virtually being wiped out by destructive fishing methods, fleets controlled by large conglomerates, subsidies to prevent loss of jobs, abuse of quotas and much non-enforcement on the part of the European Union.

A recent "Marine Bulletin" from NCMC, (National Coalition for Marine Conservation) also caught my interest since it reported the plight of the Bluefin Tuna. Their population is now at its lowest, ever. Estimates range from 10-18% of normal. What really raised my hackles however, was a report on the commercially important forage fish fishery. This is our bait and food for the larger predators. I am sure most of you have never realized that anchovies, mackerel, squid, sardines etc. are caught in vast numbers and used in fish farming and pet food. The pet food industry now uses 10% of the global supply of forage food. The swine industry consumes 24% of fish meal and oil, never mind

the poultry industry!

A Stanford University economist concluded that it took 3 lbs of wild fish to raise 1 lb of salmon. The Commerce Dept. has released \$33 million dollars in grants to the Oregon and California Salmon fishermen distressed by the third year failure in four. Think fish farms are the answer? Already almost 70% of our seafood consumption is imports!

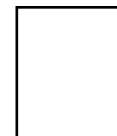
Why should we be concerned? Fisheries are a world wide problem and their products are shipped where ever money is to be made. I strongly suggest that our foundation also consider the bigger picture when making grants.

Note: "The End of the Line" book is available on Amazon. Also of great interest is a book titled "Tuna".

The story of the worldwide diminishing resource of blue fin tuna. Written by Richard Ellis it is available at www.vintagebooks.com

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