

# Chum Line

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## Mark Your Calendars

**T**he LARRC Annual Awards Dinner and Auction has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21st. The time is 6:00 pm. and the venue is again the Braemar Country Club. Included in this year's entertainment will be some fine music and a great dinner and last year's superb magician, Howard Jay.

This is a family affair so look for the invites in the mail. It isn't too late to make donations to benefit the Foundation. Call Randy Sharon if you have items to donate or want to make a reservation: (818 991-9865).

Thank you,  
Paul Varenchik your 2003 President. ■

## United Anglers Prexy Our January 26th Dinner Speaker

Tom Raftican is a lifelong recreational angler and diver. He's been actively involved in sportfishing restoration, education and promotion since the eighties, first with United Anglers and then with the Santa Barbara Salmon Enhancement Association. Keeping the public informed has been one of his priorities and he produces and hosts, *South Coast Reel News*, a weekly TV show. Another show called *On the Water*, focusing on both fishing and boating, has followed. He serves as an advisor to the DFG on the OREHEP panel (Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Panel - dealing with White Seabass issues). He's also active on steering committees dealing with the issues of the MLPA (Marine Life Protection Act) and an environmental task force formed by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Phone in your dinner reservation at 818 808-4909 or [LARRCDinner@RSVPYahoo.com](mailto:LARRCDinner@RSVPYahoo.com) ■

## Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation Needs Your Support

This is our major annual fund raising event. It is held in conjunction with our Awards dinner (see item in box above) and enables the Foundation to schedule the Kids' Fishing Trips and other worthwhile and charitable events.

I encourage each of you to help us obtain donations that can help raise funds and remind you that they do not need to be fishing related. In fact, the foundation is making a great effort to obtain items which would be suitable for non-fishing members or their families. Please see partial listing of items already received is published on page 2. ■

# Happy New Year to All Good Fishing in 2004!

# LARRC Foundation Needs Your Support

As noted on our front page the Foundation will hold its annual auction in conjunction with the 2004 Awards Banquet on February 21st.

The auction is our big fund raising event in order to enable our Foundation to raise money for our annual underprivileged kids fishing trips and donations to other worthwhile causes.

I encourage each of you to help us obtain donations that can be used at the auction. These do not have to be fishing related. The foundation is making a special effort to solicit items which may appeal to our wives and other family members.

Some great auction items have already been donated and include the

following. (Remember these are deductible under our tax status.) A partial early list follows:

- **A 5- or 6-day trip aboard Larry and Connie Dinovitz' new and luxurious 80+ foot yacht for six persons.** (Donated by Larry & Connie)

- **A one-day fishing trip for two with calico bass expert and owner of Fish Trap Lures, Barry Brightenburgh.** (Donated by Barry).

- **A one-day freshwater bass fishing trip with largemouth bass expert Frank Polak.** (Donated by Frank)

- **A one-day fishing trip aboard Phil Press' boat.** (Donated by Phil)

- **Estate planning trust and will.** (Donated by Randy Sharon)

- **A sunset cocktail cruise and BBQ dinner with Dan and Carolyn Felger, for up to seven persons.**

(Donated by Dan and Carolyn)

- **Brand new Shimano Calcutta Graphite Bass Rod.** (Donated by Eric Rogger)

- **Three \$100 gift certificates to be redeemed at Malibu Fish & Tackle.** (Donated by Larry Methvin)

- **Several fishing trips out of H&M Landing – San Diego.** (Donated by Richard and Michael Lapidus)

Thank you for your support.

Randy Sharon, Chairman  
Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club  
Foundation (818) 991-9865



## BOARD BUSINESS

by Jim Carlisle

### BOARD ELECTIONS

Newly elected for 2004 are directors: John Ballotti, Tom Polliard, Royal MacNair, Bob Selvin, Steve Simon. Outgoing Directors are Francine Varenchik and Andy Keowen.

### FOUNDATION ELECTIONS

Al Scow and Frank Polak elected to 3 year terms. Phil Bell elected to 2 year term.

### QUESTIONNAIRE

in mail asking members to opt Chumline receipt via e mail vs. UPS

### DINNER MEETINGS

Garth Goldberg has business conflicts and needs a volunteer.

### BY-LAWS AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Trustees of the Foundation may not miss more than two meetings annually.

## Is Your e-mail address functional?

Mike Godfrey reports that the following club members have non-functional e-mail address. Please contact him at [mgodfrey2@socal.rr.com](mailto:mgodfrey2@socal.rr.com) with your current correct handle! We will not be able to send you announcements otherwise!

- Arnold Scherpenborg
- Jamie Smith
- Frank Lopez
- Alan Dunn
- Bob Baldwin
- Jack Graham
- Rob Morrison
- Joe Cronin
- Larry Diamant

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# Chum Line Delivery

Do You Want the *ChumLine* delivered via US Postal Service or will you access the *Chum Line* via the Club's website [www.larrc.org](http://www.larrc.org) ?

*Chum Line* first asked this question of members last June. As a result about 30 members opted for the website. The LARRC decided to have Mike Godfrey run another questionnaire by members. The following lists your responses. If you feel that you have been overlooked or want your status changed, please inform Mike Godfrey at [Mgodfrey2@socal.rr.com](mailto:Mgodfrey2@socal.rr.com)

John Ballotti  
 Phil Bardack  
 Larry Brown  
 Jim Carlisle  
 Tom Carlisle  
 Barry Cohn  
 Scott Cohen  
 Will Ebersman  
 Alan Fields  
 Mike Godfrey  
 Brett Goldberg  
 Norin Grancell  
 Mike Grossman  
 Mike Haritt  
 Jan Howard  
 Michael Jordan

Tony Mindlin  
 Tom Polliard POLLIARD  
 Phil Press  
 John Rhind  
 Michael Rosberg  
 Scott Schiffman  
 Al Scow  
 Bert Serden  
 Randy Sharon  
 Ken Simpson  
 Brad Stich  
 Ben Susman  
 Joel Steinman  
 Troy Varenchik  
 Earl Warren  
 Raymond Yu

If you find your name on the above list you will not be receiving a mailed copy of the *Chum Line* after January. ■

## Donations Wanted

### Second Annual LARRC Foundation Fund Raiser

Joining **Bob Sand's Fishing Tackle Swap Meet**

to be Held at

**6743 Sepulveda Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA**

CALL: 818 994-1822

DATE: February 8th, 2004

TIME: 5:00 am. - 10 am.

Would appreciate any fishing tackle and related equipment to sell at the Swap Meet.

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE FOUNDATION.

For information call Steve Simon at 818 980-7470.

## New Board Member Steve Simon Reports on 2004 Plans

### FEBRUARY 8TH

Garage Sale

Proceeds to support LARRC

### APRIL 2ND

First Annual Trout Fishing Derby

### AUGUST (DATE T.B.A.)

Second Annual Beach Party

Anybody interested in a three-to-four-day trip to Mammoth Lakes? **Contact Steve Simon for Information at 818 980-7470.**



## January Humor

An elderly gentleman of 75 feared his wife was getting hard of hearing. One day he called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor gave him one two weeks hence and said, meanwhile there's a simple test he could do so that the doctor would have a basic idea of her problem.

"Here's what you do," he said, "Start about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response".

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." In a normal tone he asks, "Honey what's for supper?"

No response.....So he moved to the other end of the room, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey what's for supper?" still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks "Honey what's for supper?" Again he gets no response. So he walks up to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away, "Honey what's for supper?" Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

Damn it Earl, for the fifth time, CHICKEN!



Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

## 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.)

### ALASKA – KINGFISHER LODGE

**June 3-7, 2004**

Charter Master Arnie Cohen advise that this trip only has one remaining spot. Call Arnie at 818 366-3300 or home 818 368-5834 for info.

### QUALIFIER 105—Baja Skiff Trip

CONTACT CHARTERMASTER FOR AVAILABILITY

**7-DAY TRIP—June 5-12, 2004**

Charter Master Felger advises this trip is sold out. Contact him re: space 805 370—1632

### QUALIFIER 105—Albacore/Bluefin Trip

CONTACT CHARTERMASTER FOR AVAILABILITY

**5-DAY TRIP— July 14-19, 2004**

**Departs NOON, July 14**

This trip is also sold out at this time. Contact Dan Felger for information.

### QUALIFIER 105—Tuna/Yellowtail Trip


**5-DAY TRIP— September 9-14, 2004**

Departs noon Sept. 9th. Price is \$1850.

LARRC members have first priority through Dec.31. Limited Load of 22. Note that price includes tips, permits but not softdrinks, tackle, beer or fish cleaning (if permitted.)

To secure reservations send your deposits of \$500 to Sherwood Kingsley. Subsequent deposits due March 1, May 1, and July 1. Send checks made out to LARRC to Sherwood at 10680 W.Pico Suite #360, Los Angeles, CA 90064. (310)836-3934, (310) 836-9352 fax.

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### RED ROOSTER

**4-DAY TRIP:**

**Departs Saturday, July 10 at 1pm.**

**Returns Wednesday, July 14 at 9am.**

Cost : \$1185/Send \$200 deposit to reserve spot

**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

For additional information and reservations please call Arnie Cohen Home # 818 368-5834 Work # 818 366-3300 ext.1221. The Red Rooster website is: [www.redrooster3.com](http://www.redrooster3.com)



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# Trophy Winners as of DECEMBER 30, 2003

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
<b>OCEAN WATERS</b>									
Albacore	12	Mike Grossman	40	0 *	White Sea Bass	20	Jim Carlisle	50	2
Albacore	16	Tom Carlisle	32	3 *	Yellowtail	20	Michael Lapidus	26	14
Albacore	16	Tom Carlisle	29	0	Yellowtail	25	Brad Stich	31	3 *
Albacore	20	Richard Lapidus	31	6	Yellowtail	30	Don Lee	26	3
Albacore	20	Julian Wolf	23	1	Yellowtail	40	Paul Varenchik	44	6 *
Albacore	25	Barry Cohn	38	5 *	Yellowtail	50	Don Lee	27	14
Albacore	25	Joel Steinman	43	0 *	Yellowtail	60	Jonathan Varenchik	43	4 *
Albacore	30	Eric Rogger	26		<b>FLY ROD</b>				
Albacore	40	Dan Felger	34	3	Albacore	20 Tippet	Tom Carlisle	22	0 *
Albacore	40	Al Scow	38	2 *	Albacore	20 Tippet	Jim Carlisle	21	8
Albacore	60	Joel Steinman	50	0 *	Amberjack	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	5	0 *
Barracuda, Great	16	Wayne Caywood	8	0 *	Bass, Striped	12 Tippet	Eli Livnat	19	0 *
Barracuda	20	Joel Steinman	9	0 *	Blue Fish	12 Tippet	Eli Livnat	9	0 *
Bass, Calico	4	Brad Stich	3	0 *	Cero Mackerel	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	7	0 *
Bass, Calico	6	John Ballotti	2	8 *	Dolly Varden	8 Tippet	Eli Livnat	3	12 *
Bass, Calico	6	Michael Grossman	4	2 *	Dolly Varden	10 Tippet	Eli Livnat	6	0 *
Bass, Calico	8	Richard Lapidus	2	3	Pompano, African	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	4	0 *
Bass, Calico	8	Eric Rogger	6	0 *	Salmon, Pink	8 Tippet	Eli Livnat	3	0 *
Bass, Calico	16	Warren Hoberman	6	11	Salmon, Pink	10 Tippet	Eli Livnat	7	0 *
Bass, Calico	16	Al Scow	7	2	Salmon, Silver	6 Tippet	Eli Livnat	12	0 *
Bass, Calico	20	John Ballotti	8	0	Salmon, Silver	8 Tippet	Eli Livnat	14	0 *
Bass, Calico	20	Bob Selvin	10	10 *	Salmon, Silver	10 Tippet	Eli Livnat	16	8 *
Bass, Calico	25	Bob Selvin	8	4	Salmon, Sockeye	6 Tippet	Eli Livnat	6	0 *
Bass, Calico	25	Bob Selvin	9	2 *	Salmon, Sockeye	10 Tippet	Eli Livnat	7	10 *
Bass, Sand	4	Royal MacNair	2	1 *	Skipjack	4 Tippet	Don Lee	6	3 *
Bass, Sand	16	John Ballotti	6	8 *	Skipjack	20 Tippet	Don Lee	6	10 *
Cod, Ling	20	Stan Richstone	18	0	Steelhead	8 Tippet	Eli Livnat	5	0 *
Dorado	10	Eric Rogger	20	0 *	Blue Fish	20	Eli Livnat	5	2 *
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	26	4	Bonefish	8	Raymond Yu	Released	
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	35	6	Bonefish	10	Raymond Yu	Released	
Grouper, Gulf	80	Dan Felger	61	5 *	Bonefish	12	Don Lee	Released	
Halibut, CA	20	Brad Stich	37	2 *	Bonita	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	13	0 *
Halibut, CA	25	Tom Carlisle	26	0 *	Cobia	20	Eli Livnat	28	0 *
Pargo	40	Joel Steinman	16	0 *	Dorado	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	15	0
Pargo	50	Joel Steinman	17	0 *	Grouper	20	Eli Livnat	4	6
Salmon, King	10	Eric Rogger	16	0 *	Jack Cravelle	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	7	0 *
Salmon, King	10	Larry Dinovitz	26	8 *	King Mackerel	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	14	0 *
Salmon, King	20	Barry Cohn	26	0	King Mackerel	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	9	0 *
Salmon, King	25	Earl Warren	32	2	Pompano, African	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	4	0 *
Salmon, King	25	Al Scow	30	6	Rainbow Runner	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	4	0 *
Salmon, Silver	20	Barry Cohn	11	0 *	Sailfish	20	Pam Warren	Released	
Salmon, Silver	20	Al Scow	13	0 *	Sierra	20	Eli Livnat	5	4 *
Tuna, Bigeye	80	Tom Carlisle	70	13 *	Skipjack, Black	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	6	0 *
Tuna, Bluefin	10	Eric Rogger	27	6 *	Snook	12 Tippet	Eli Livnat	9	15 *
Tuna, Bluefin	10	Brad Stich	30	12 *	Trevally, Blue	12	Don Lee	Released	
Tuna, Bluefin	12	Brett Goldberg	34	14	Triple Tail	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	5	8 *
Tuna, Bluefin	16	Jim Carlisle	35	0	Trout, Brown	12 Tippet	Don Lee	6	8 *
Tuna, Bluefin	16	Dean Hendrickson	38	8	Tuna, Blackfin	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	25	0 *
Tuna, Bluefin	20	Michael Lapidus	39	5 *	Yellowtail	20 Tippet	Jim Carlisle	15	6 *
Tuna, Bluefin	25	Richard Lapidus	41	6 *	<b>FRESH WATER</b>				
Tuna, Bluefin	25	Barry Cohn	36	0	Bass, Peacock	20	Michael Grossman	17	0 *
Tuna, Bluefin	30	Julian Wolf	36	9	Bass, Striped	2	Steve Greanias	6	8 *
Tuna, Bluefin	60	Frank Polak	118	0	Bass, Striped	4	Royal MacNair	8	0 *
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Al Scow	148	1 *	<b>MENS RELEASED</b>				
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Al Scow	148	2 *	Sailfish (8)	30	Earl Warren		
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Barry Cohn	58	6	Seabass, Black	20	Barry Cohn		
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Dan Felger	77	10	Sturgeon	80	Al Scow		
Tuna, Yellowfin	50	Bill Vogel	100	0	Sturgeon	100	Al Scow		
Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Al Scow	119	6	Sturgeon	100	Tom Carlisle		
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dan Felger	235	5					
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dan Felger	171	3					
Wahoo	50	Dan Felger	37	8					
Wahoo	50	Bill Vogel	49	7					
Wahoo	80	Dan Felger	62	3					
White Sea Bass	30	Jamie Smith	34	0					

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## Trophy Winners Continued

WOMEN'S SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
Albacore	25	Jan Howard	31	5 *
Barracuda, Great	12	Linda Caywood	7	8 *
Dorado	80	Sally Vickers	33	9 *
Salmon, King	6	Connie Dinovitz	31	5 *
Salmon, King	8	Connie Dinovitz	22	0 *
Salmon, King	20	Pamela Warren	27	9 *
Salmon, King	25	Pamela Warren	29	9 *
Salmon, Silver	6	Connie Dinovitz	9	0 *
Salmon, Silver	8	Connie Dinovitz	8	0 *
Tuna, Bluefin	25	Jan Howard	43	5 *
Tuna, Bluefin	60	Jan Howard	110	2 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Sally Vickers	234	5 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Jan Howard	215	3 *
Wahoo	40	Jan Howard	35	0 *
Yellowtail	25	Rose Burns	33	14 *

**SARDINES**  
Trout 4 Harrison Hunter 2 8

\* New Club Record

**First Game Fish of the Year**  
Jim Carlisle—White Seabass, 20 lb.—4-12-03

**First Albacore of the Year**  
Eric Rogger—2-13-03

## Forget Worms; These Fish are Swallowing Prozac

A Baylor University toxicologist found traces of the antidepressant drug Prozac in the lake water in the flesh of bluegills swimming around it. The lives of the fish in Lake Lewisville, near Dallas, have improved markedly in recent weeks.

Perhaps the fish, once nervous and wary, will let go of their inhibitions and latch on to any bait thrown their way, up to and including a pop-top ring or a fruit loop.

There is also the question of what will happen to the fishermen who eat the Prozac laced bluegills. I'm guessing that they will either lose their enthusiasm for fishing and spend their weekends splayed out on the couch watching senior golf on TV, or else anybody and everybody with access to a boat and fishing pole will descend on Lake Lewisville to the point that you will be able to walk across the water without getting your feet wet.

It is one thing to fling a handful of Twizzlers into the bag of a kid dressed up like Arnold Schwarzenegger (brrr!). It is another thing entirely to open your front door and find a 100-pound sugar craving shark that is in the throes of a speedball of Demerol, Ritalin, Benzedrine and Viagra.

Source: "Daily News" 11/5. Columnist Dave Grimes  
— Sent in by Stan Richstone.

## Membership News

LARRC welcomes the following new members:

### Keith Heerdt & Carol Stockhoff

15060 Ventura Blvd. #340  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
818/784-8541 kmheerdt@earthlink.net  
Keith is a CPA.

### Michael Feinberg

1114 12th St. #107  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
310/393-1255 mf1255@earthlink.net  
Mike works in the film business

### Bob Heerdt

19387 Live Oak Cyn. Rd.  
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679  
949/858-0335  
Bob is retired

### Rob Baldwin

6639 Sasparilla St.  
Simi Valley, CA 93063  
805/544-3311 fax 805/584-1333 katsuo@adelphia.net  
Rob is a financial planner

### Applied for Non-Resident Membership

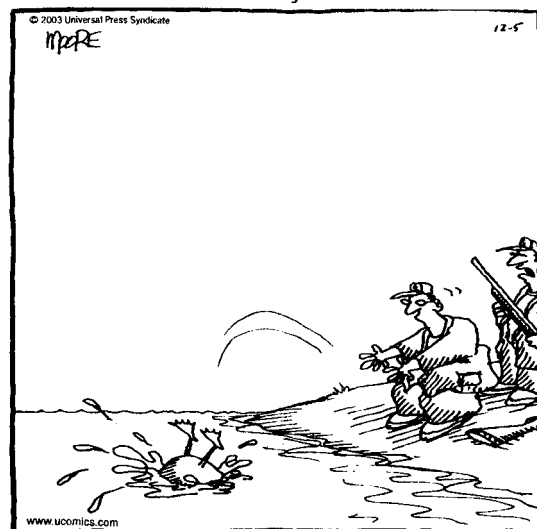
### Timothy Turris

375 N. Garden Lane - NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
404/875-5575

### Address correction

**Ellis Peter Miller**  
4320 Glencoe Ave #4  
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292  
310/823-7994 fax 310/823-7995

## IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"I don't know, Floyd. ... I know there's catch-and-release in fishing, but I'm pretty sure there's no such thing as 'shoot-and-release' ..."

Source: LA Times; Submitted by Andy Keowen

C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2004



- JANUARY 21 *Wednesday*
- FEBRUARY 19 *Thursday*
- MARCH 24 *Wednesday*
- APRIL 15 *Thursday*, 28 *Wednesday*
- MAY 12 *Wednesday*, 27 *Thursday*
- JUNE 2 *Wednesday*, 23 *Wednesday*
- JULY 7 *Wednesday*, 28 *Wednesday*
- AUGUST 11 *Wednesday*, 19 *Thursday*, 25 *Wednesday*
- SEPTEMBER 1 *Wednesday*, 22 *Wednesday*
- OCTOBER 6 *Wednesday*, 13 *Wednesday*, 28 *Thursday*
- NOVEMBER 10 *Wednesday*
- DECEMBER 1 *Wednesday*

1. Departure time will be 5:00 am from Cisco's Landing. Earlier departures will be at the discretion of the Charter Master. We may schedule trips for exotic or light tackle outings.
2. Return time is usually 4-5pm.
3. Sleeping Accommodations assigned by the Charter Master.
4. Loads limited to 6 people.
5. Cost: \$140 includes trip, bait, fish cleaning and tips. Drinks & Food are not included. Reservations and information from: **Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave. Northridge, CA 91326. 818 366-3300. Home phone 818 368-5843 fax 818 366-4945**

**CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE** –The 2004 calendar published in the December issue requires a **CORRECTION**. Note that the **July Board Meeting** is **\*July 19th** and the **July Dinner Meeting** is **\*July 26th**.

LARRC 2004 CALENDAR

<i>Board Meetings</i>	<i>Dinner Meetings</i>	<i>Foundation Meetings</i>
January 19	January 26	
February 16	February —	February 9
March 22	March 29	
April 19	April 26	
May 17	May 24	May 10
June 21	June 28	
July 21*	July 28*	*See note above
August 23	August 30	August 9
September 20	September 27	
October 18	October 25	
November 22	November 29	November 8
December 13	December —	



**Dinner Meetings**

THERE IS NO DINNER MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 26th

Please note the HOT LINE number for future reference. Be sure to call it if you intend coming to our dinners. HOT LINE (818) 808-4909 or email to [LARRCDinner@RSVPYahoo.com](mailto:LARRCDinner@RSVPYahoo.com)

THE VALLEY INN  
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

**Board Meetings**

December 15

January 19

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Paul Varenchik at 818/285-4645 at least 2 days prior to the meeting to confirm attendance and if you will be having dinner. Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

THE VALLEY INN  
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**Other Events**

- February 21, 2004  
Annual Awards Dinner
- March 3-7  
Hall Tackle Show, Long Beach
- March 17-21  
Hall Tackle Show, Del Mar
- April 15-18  
Hall Tackle Show, Ventura
- July 12  
Annual Kids' Trip

**Upcoming Speakers**

- January 26  
Tom Raftican UASC President

# WOW...WHAT A TRIP!!!!

By Tim Turis

I just returned from the annual Braid Products 17-day trip on the EXCEL run by Captain Shawn Steward. For a very fortunate 18 passengers, it was a trip of a lifetime and is probably in the top five trips ever run for big fish. We departed Fisherman's Landing at 0900 on Friday, November 29 and would fish for 11 of the next 14 days. And what fishing we would have...**Trip specifics:**

**1)Weather** – Very nice weather for 13 of the first 14 days of the trip. We spent one day rolling around in the trough while on the drift, but it did not seem to have much negative effect on the fishing. I flew home from Cabo, but I understand that the ride home from Cabo to San Diego was not particularly pleasant.

**2)Bait** – We took about 500 or so scoops of absolutely gorgeous 7-8" sardines from the bait receiver. These were some of the nicest sardines that I have ever seen! We also made mackerel several nights at Mag Bay. Some nights the bait was 5-6" and some nights it was 7-8". Bait making was generally ok—not wide open by any means—but I think the full moon on the 8th had a negative influence on bait making. There were also a few small Caballito mixed in with the mackerel. We tried for squid two nights out of San Diego without any success. There is no other boat in the fleet that can carry the amount of bait that the EXCEL does and I firmly believe that the huge bait capacity of the EXCEL made a difference in being able to attract these fish to the boat and make them bite.

**3)Wahoo** – We caught a total of eight for the trip, two of which were about two-feet long and were released. The other six fish were all 30 to 35 pounds. I caught one on the troll on a yellowfin tuna pattern Braid Little Speedy and donated him to the galley where Chefs Ed & Jason turned him into a delicious grilled wahoo dinner!

**4)Tuna** – More big fish than any of us had ever seen! We ended up with a total

of 153 tuna and about 20 tuna releases. We had one fish over 300 pounds (307.9) and 35 fish over 200 pounds and I think that the AVERAGE fish was probably 150-160 pounds. We had less than 10 fish for the entire trip that were less than 100 pounds and all of those 80- to 100-pounders. We were cutting up 150-pounders for chunks and galley fish! We fished for these fish much like you would for albacore. We would drive around looking for large black porpoise, meter marks, or jumping/breaking fish. The larger black



**Sally Vickers with her personal best of 232.9 pounds.**

porpoise held the larger tuna, while the small gray/white porpoise held smaller tuna or no fish at all. Once Shawn located fish, he would direct the slide/trolling teams to put a bait in the water. A nose hooked sardine or mackerel on 10-150# test was let back 100 to 200 feet behind



**Dan Felger with his 235.3-pounder.**

the boat and the crew would start chumming as the boat slowed down. The shows that these fish put on jumping, boiling, and crashing on the chum and slide baits was absolutely unbelievable!! Every fish that you saw around the boat was big; there were simply no small fish around!.

Once the boat was on the drift, it was just like fishing for albacore. Pick a good bait and cast with the wind in your face. These fish were not at all line shy and after the third day, I did not fish anything less than 100# straight tie or 150# on the slide. I used a Penn, two-speed, 50TW (by Cal Sheets), a custom 4'6" Calstar rod wrapped by Yo's Custom Rods, and a Braid Power Play harness and pad. I know that many anglers are using long (6-foot +) rods and fishing the rail. But I believe I can cast a sardine just fine and put as much pressure on a fish with my short rods in a harness as any rail fisherman. One of my two-hundred-pounders was brought to gaff in about 10 minutes still VERY GREEN! The short rods/harness fishing don't work for everyone, but they do work for me.

**5)Chunk Fishing** – I think that we

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got a total of five fish on the chunk. I was fishing a sardine when second ticket, Justin Fleck, suggested I try a chunk. On my second drop, I got bit and landed a 175-pounder. Moral of the story, listen to the crew's suggestions!

**6) Balloon fishing** – I think that we got a least half of our "cows" on sardines/mackerel fished under the balloon. A 17 or 24" helium balloon attached about 20-25 feet up the main line with a rubber band was absolutely deadly! On the drift it got the bait away from the boat down swell where there were only one or two other baits. I know that one very famous long-range skipper refers to the *EXCEL* as the "party" boat with all of the balloons that are being flown, but it would be very hard to argue with our success and I am not sure why more boats do not employ this technique.

**7) Released fish** – With five days of fishing remaining we were releasing anything under 150 pounds and with three days left, we were releasing anything under 180 pounds. I would estimate that we released about 20 tuna. I released three, one about 150 lbs and two that were bigger. How much bigger? I estimated them at 180 lbs. in the water and cut them off. My good friend, Ken Cirks, brought aboard a fish that looked to be about 170-175. After it was brought aboard, it taped out at 207 and at the dock weighed 206.7!



Jan Howard with one of her 3 over 200 pounds.

Looking at all of these big fish day after day, throws off your entire perspective!

**8) Other items** – In comparison to a normal "long-trip", we had far fewer lost fish than normal. I attribute this to several reasons. One, although we always

anchored up in the "prime time" morning hours, we did not hook a fish while anchored. All of our fish were hooked on the drift and as a result did not have the opportunity to be lost to the anchor line or "rocked" on the drop off. Second, these fish were not line shy and bit #100-lbs just fine. I used 100-foot premade top-shots (loop-to-loop connection; no crimps) and swapped them out every day or after every fish. I have great confidence in my top-shots as they have been tested on fish up 307.9#s (One of my 80-lb top-shots was used to land the big fish on this trip) Thanks Basil, for teaching me how to make top shots the right way!

**9) Passengers** – What a great group of people to share the trip of a lifetime with! We start this trip every year with Thanksgiving dinner aboard the boat after loading gear on Thursday and it only gets better after that! Although many of the passengers on this trip are members of AARP, they still hook, fight, and land these big tuna better than anglers half their age! The phenomenal fishing on this trip enabled 16 of the 18 anglers to catch fish over 200 pounds as well as set many personal best catches.

LARRC Passengers on this trip were: **Jan Howard:** 205.9, 213.0, and 215.3 Personal best and first two-hundred pounders. **Dan Felger:** 213.0, 230.05, and 235.3 Personal best. **Jack Carlisle:** 219.3. **Al Scow:** 203.5 and 208.2. **Tim Turis:** 200.9, 202.2, 208.4, and 208.5. **Ger Steinberg:** 214.9, 225.1, 233.7, and 239.2. **Sally Vickers:** 232.9 personal best and first 200-pounder.

The big fish went to **James McDaniels at 307.9.**

**10) Boat and Crew** – Fantastic! Captain Shawn Steward and crew members Justin Fleck, Mike Pritchard, Mike Ramirez, Joel Fleck, Rich and Chefs Jason Fleck and Ed Lacombe did an absolutely superb job on this trip from start to finish. This is perhaps the best crew that I have seen on this boat since I started fishing on it in 1991! Absolutely top notch! Thanks guys for everything.

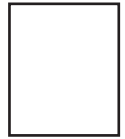
*Tim Turis is an airline pilot for Delta. He's applied for non-resident membership in LARRC. ■*



LARRC contingent: L-R, Dan Felger, Tim Turis, Al Scow, Sally Vickers, Jer Steinberg, Jan Howard, and Captain Shawn Steward (kneeling).

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