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## What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

It is hard to believe it is already June. As you read this, I will be on the *Qualifier*

105 skiff trip chasing the elusive 10-pound calico bass. The calico bass fishing on these skiff trips is fantastic. It is also all catch and release. If you like fishing for checkerboards, I highly recommend you sign up for one of the upcoming skiff trips. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. What does this have to do with looking to the future? To answer this questions we must examine the past. We have all seen photos of times past displaying hundreds and hundreds of calico bass strung up between two poles or lined up rank and file in front of proud anglers. The picture caption often referred to a great accomplishment in a half day of fishing. Imagine this scene repeated day after, landing after landing, year after year. We are now living their future and must deal with depleted fish stocks, area closures, longer travel times, and a collective "How could they be so stupid to not see the conse-

quences of their actions." Hindsight is always 20/20 and judgmental. Humans by nature are prone to instant gratification and generally make decisions that are current time relevant rather than forward looking. The reason they did not see the consequences of their actions is that that they simply did not care.

Fast forward 50 years. What will be our legacy to future generations of anglers? We are currently facing the greatest threat to recreational fishing interests in our lifetime. Will future generations remember us as being asleep at the switch as they live with severely limited or the complete closure of recreational fishing. Will future generations lament "How could they be so stupid not to see what was happening." Time favors change, not the status quo. As the story goes, drop a frog in a pot of boiling water, gradually turn up the heat and he will sit there and be cooked. It is time to pay attention to what is happening around us before it is too late and we find ourselves cooked.

**Next month: Gearing-Up for the Annual Kids' Trip!** ■

## June 22nd Dinner Meeting

Our guest speaker for the June dinner meeting will be **Scott Schalliot!**

Scott has been a manufacturer's rep for sixteen years with Tim Bailey and Associates. They represent a number of major tackle lines including, Penn Tackle, Rapala, Storm and Williamson Lures. Ande Line, VMC Hooks, Braid. Scott has lived in Southern California since 1973 and says he enjoys both salt water and fresh water fishing. His main topic will be new items with emphasis on his Penn products. Be there to find out about all the late "stuff"

**Reservations strongly recommended.**

**EMAIL YOUR RSVP to:**

**[larrcdinnerrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:larrcdinnerrsvp@yahoo.com)**

**Or call the Hotline**

**At (818) 808-4909.**



## *Pacific Dawn* Charter Finds the Seabass By Jim Carlisle



LARRC members on the *Pacific Dawn*, May 8, 2006.

Sunday evening, May 7, found our LARRC charter group at Capt. Hook's Sportfishing anxiously awaiting the go-ahead to board the *Pacific Dawn*. The seabass had been biting at Santa Rosa Island for the past several weeks and we all had our fingers crossed that **Capt. Pat Cavanaugh** would find the fish for us the next morning. Once aboard, it was a nice surprise to find out we'd have **Capt. Stan Vath** as the 2nd for the trip. A number of us had fished long-range tuna with Stan many times on the *Excel*. The anglers that were fortunate enough to find themselves on the boat this day were **Jan Howard, Jim Carlisle, Dave Levinson, Chas. Schoemaker, Al Scow, Jim Holsinger, Rita and Sol Zide, Rick Uribe, Tod Gruberger, Pablo Varenchik, Stan Richstone, Vince Shriver, Norm Weinstock, Michael Dickter and Mister Dan Felger.**

As we left the harbor at 10 pm, Pat told us the game plan. The bait situation was tough with the live squid being hard to catch. He had a tank of the live stuff that he was conserving. We'd use it sparingly for the seabass, then use frozen bait for the rockfish. We arrived at Santa Rosa at about 3 in the morning and Pat and Stan proceeded to look around for squid. It was a bad news/good news situation. The bad news was that there wasn't much volume of squid around. The good news was that they metered large numbers of white seabass. We tried to jig squid until daylight but were only able to snag a handful. As it became light, Pat put out a round of squid for us to use. Within 5 minutes we had the first wave of

seabass hookups. The fish hit leadhead/squid combos, dropper loop rigs, and Rick even got one on the surface iron. The second wave of fish quickly came through and we were done. When Pat called for everyone to stop fishing, I looked at my watch and it was all of 6:08 am. We had reached our one fish seabass limits. It just doesn't get any better than that.

After getting the seabass put down in the fish hold to chill, Pat took us about a mile down the beach to try some halibut drifts. While the halibut didn't want to bite, those pesky seabass found us once again. After 4 quick releases, we got out of there and went out to deeper water looking for some of those big Reds that Santa Rosa is famous for. Weather conditions made for easy rockfishing. With little wind, the comfortable slow drift helped us find excellent fishing for a good variety of Reds and Widow Rockfish. We were getting close to our limits, Pat went looking for some smaller spots that had some of the larger grade Reds. We found one last spot that was loaded with jumbo Reds and we quickly topped off our sacks.

After Taking a few group pictures, we weighed up the Jackpot. Mr. Dan Felger had the biggest fish of the day and kindly donated his JP winnings to the crew. It was then time to enjoy seabass tacos for lunch and flat calm ride back to the harbor. All in all, it was a perfect day on the ocean.

**Note: There is a *Pacific Dawn* 1.5 day tuna charter out of San Diego departing 8/26. A few spots are still open. See Multiple Day Trip Listings. ■**

## **MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS**

THESE TRIPS ARE PRIVATE CHARTERS AND THE FULL CHARTER PRICE MUST BE PAID 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 YOU CANCEL AND A REPLACEMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE. LARRC MEMBERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THEIR GUESTS.

The chartermaster on the Qualifier Trips will be Dan Felger.  
**ADDRESS:** Dan Felger, Dart Realty, 860 Hampshire Road, Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Dan can be reached at (805) 370-1632, (805) 370-1483(FAX) OR [dan@dartrealty.net](mailto:dan@dartrealty.net)

**Qualifier 105 — 8-Day LARRC Charter**  
**9/12-20**  
**TWO SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME**

Note: Cancellations Do Occur  
 Call Chartermaster Dan Felger for information

**Qualifier 105 — 7/12-17 Tuna Charter**  
**SOLD OUT**

The Charter Master on the Pacific Dawn Trips will be James Carlisle. **ADDRESS:** 7128 Seawind Dr., Long Beach, CA 90803, (562) 598-0940 H or (320) 332-9770 W or email [jamesnc@earthlink.net](mailto:jamesnc@earthlink.net) Or contact Jan Howard at (949) 837-1431 or email: [saltwaterwoman@cox.net](mailto:saltwaterwoman@cox.net)

**Pacific Dawn — Ltd. Load Trips (15)**  
**-- San Diego—Fisherman's Landing**

- 1 1/2-day trip Sun. August 27**  
 1. **Departs:** Saturday, August 26 at 9 pm.  
 2. **Returns:** Monday, August 28 at 6 am.  
 3. **Cost:** \$370 \*includes permits, plus fish cleaning, food, fuel surcharge if any, 15% tip.  
 4. **Deposit:** 50% to reserve, balance due 7/15.  
**FIVE SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME.**

**Make all Checks Payable to LARRC. NOTE that**  
**Cancellations Do Occur. Call Charter Master for Latest**  
**Standby Information.**

## **KINGFISHER LODGE**

**SOLD OUT**

**CONTACT ARNIE COHEN FOR INFO 818- 366-3300**

## **RED ROOSTER III**

**4-Night Tuna Trip**

SAN DIEGO—July 8th-12th  
**8 SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME.**

## **RED ROOSTER III**

**4-Night Tuna Trip**

SAN DIEGO—Sept. 5th-9th  
**12 SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME.**

Note: Cancellations Do Occur

Call Chartermaster Arnie Cohen for information  
 home 818 368-5834  
 office 818 366-3300 ext 1221

## **2007 QUALIFIER 105 Skiff Trip** **Announced**

The Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club has chartered the Qualifier 105 for a 2007 skiff trip. The dates selected are 2 weeks later than previous trips, which should mean better weather and fishing. The details are as follows:

1. The dates are Saturday, June 18 - June 23, 2007
2. The cost is \$2175 per person.
3. Limited load of 18. Charter Master may overbook by 1.
4. Not included: drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning, tips and Mexican permits, jackpot and fuel surcharge.
5. A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with an initial deposit of \$575. Subsequent deposits of \$400 each will be due October 15, 2006, January 15, 2007 and April 15, 2007. Check to be made payable to LARRC & sent to Dan Felger. See policy message above.

# C A L E N D A R

## LARRC Charters 2006



### 2006 Weekday Charters on the Sea Biscuit berthed at Channel Islands Landing in Oxnard.

- 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 x1221 ofc.**

### S C H E D U L E :

June 1, Thursday	September 27, Wednesday
June 28, Wednesday	October 11, Wednesday
August 16, Wednesday	October 25, Wednesday
August 30, Wednesday	November 15, Wednesday
September 13, Wednesday	

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

#### King of the Calicos Tournament:

The King of the Calicos tournament date has been changed to July 28th. This is the day after the Kids' Trip. **Current team bragging rights held by Randy Sharon and Brett Goldberg are up for grabs.** The already popular tournament should be even more in demand this year as teams will be blind drawn after the tournament is over. Everyone will have a chance to be on a strong team. 11 two-person teams will compete for the team championship. In addition, there will be cash prizes for the heaviest calico and heaviest individual limit. The largest bass, 7 pounds or over, will also win a custom built rod. Details:

- Chartermaster:** John Ballotti
- Where:** Pierpont Landing (Toronado) Long Beach
- Depart:** Thursday night July 27 around 9 p.m.  
be on board no later than 8 p.m.
- Return:** Friday evening, July 28
- Galley:** Open - pay your own
- Cost:** \$150 (includes crew tip and prize money)
- No. of Anglers:** 22 (11 two person teams)
- Cash Prizes for:** Heaviest team weight  
(fish limit not fisherman) - \$50 each angler  
Heaviest individual limit - \$50.  
Heaviest individual fish - \$50.
- Rules:** Detailed rules will be published and distributed before the tournament
- Deposit:** **Because of anticipated sellout 100% deposit is required**  
Deposits Made Out to LARRC  
Send to John Ballotti at 1739 Andreo Ave. Torrance 90501  
Email questions to: john.ballotti@mattel.com

### Dinner Meetings

June 26

Next: July 31

Use the hotline for your reservations (818) 808-4909 or email [LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com](mailto: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

June 19

Next: July 24

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Ballotti at 310.252.2258 at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

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### Other Events

- July 10 Annual Kids' Trip at Pierpont Landing
- July 28 King of the Calicos
- August 7 & 21 Annual Mentor's Trips out of Marina Del Rey
- August 13 Lake Sherwood Picnic
- September 8 Volunteers "Thank You" Trip

### LARRC Says Thank You to Volunteers

If you've participated in the various trips to help entertain the kids' groups as a—deckhand, cook, bringer of supplies, organizer etc.—you may be eligible for a FREE fishing trip, 9/8. Your resume should indicate three out of four trips participated in.

**For additional information contact Steve Simon (818) 980-7470.**



## ALBACORE LIMITS PROPOSED!

This report was recently published (April 14) in *Western Outdoor News*. The message is from Darrell Ticehurst a member of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. We are quoting verbatim...

**Sacramento**—In other actions at the PFMC we are proposing more restrictions on the groundfish seasons in Oregon and Washington because of a new yelloweye stock assessment. The industry and DFG pushed hard for a new assessment because they were sure that there were many more yelloweye out there than the data showed.

What a bummer when the new assessment came in quite a bit lower! Instead of an expanded season or larger bag limits, everything is curtailed. The latest data shows that yelloweye might take until the year 2134 to rebuild if caught at the rate forecast for this year.

Yelloweye has a lot less impact in California because we catch so few of them, but canary rockfish are still very limiting for us. At the current rate forecast for 2006 we will rebuild the stock in the year 2064, so don't expect much relief on the groundfish season, although the DFG is trying to craft a season that gets us out to 30 fathoms and takes some pressure off the nearshore ecosystem.

Albacore limits came up again at this session, and will again in June. I don't think that we will be able to avoid limits because IATTC, an international tuna commission, has agreed that albacore are fully exploited and need to have some protections. If we don't put one on ourselves through the PFMC, then Washington D.C. will likely force one on us, and that will surely be more restrictive than what our analysis shows is necessary.

The sentiment at this PFMC meeting was to establish the limit coast-wide, rather than state by state. Oregon currently has the only limit on the West Coast at 25 fish per person. The preliminary recommendation out of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Sub-panel for the PFMC was 10 fish per angler. ■



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## Trophy Contenders as of May 25, 2006

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	
<b>OCEAN WATER</b>					
<i>Cod, Red Rock</i>	30	Barry Cohn	6	0	*
<i>Cod, Red Rock</i>	25	Steve Simon	10	4	
<i>Dorado</i>	65	Joel Steinman	19	0	*
<i>Rooster Fish</i>	40	Charles Schoemaker	35	0	
<i>Sheephead</i>	10	Barry Cohn	6	8	*
<i>Tuna, Yellowfin</i>	130	Dan Felger	228	0	
<b>FLY ROD</b>					
<b>FRESH WATER</b>					
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Joel Steinman	2	11	
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Dan Felger	4	2	
<i>Bass, Striped</i>	20	Joel Steinman	13	0	*
<i>Steelhead</i>	8	Bert Serden	12	0	
<i>Trout, Brown</i>	15	Don Lee	16	3	*
<b>MEN'S RELEASED</b>					
<b>WOMEN'S</b>					
<b>SARDINES</b>					
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Holden Rosberg	2	2	
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Miles Rosberg	2	14	
<i>Bass, Large Mouth</i>	8	Miken Rosberg	1	12	
<i>Bass, Spotted Bay</i>	4	Jack Uribe	1	3	
* New Club Record					
<b>FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR</b>					
David Levinson—White Sea Bass—17 lbs. 8 oz.					
<b>FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>					

## New Twilight Trip Endorsed by Board

The board has opened the Club's junior member twilight sand bass trip scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5 to ALL Juniors, not only junior members of the club as was originally intended.

The 65-foot R&R has been chartered out of Marina Del Rey Sportfishing for this twilight trip leaving at 4 p.m. and returning about 10 p.m. There will be a limited load of 40Mm. Cost is \$50 for members, who must be accompanied by at least one junior (under 16). A member can bring up to three juniors (under 16) for FREE. Other adults are also \$50. Includes the full cost of the galley and crew tip to be paid by the club!

### DIRECTIONS TO MARINA DEL REY:

[http://www.marinadelrey\\_sportfishing.com/](http://www.marinadelrey_sportfishing.com/)

PARKING WILL BE AT DOCK 52.

### MAIL CHECKS TO:

Bob Selvin, 10820 Holmes Ave #301, LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:

(310) 474-4143 OR email: [calicobob1010@aol.com](mailto:calicobob1010@aol.com) ■

# No Really, it's Scientific Research, It Just Looks Like Fishing

By Dan Fink

**C**apt. David Bacon of the 6 pack vessel *Wave Walker*, has spent a year plus working on securing a grant to determine whether closed zones are of value or not. One of the concessions we fishermen did get with the Northern Channel Island closures (less than 20% of the total islands waters), was they be proven to have a purpose. Those that advocated closed areas (MPAs) insisted that the volume of fish occurring in the closed zones would result in better fishing as a result of overflow. Surplus fish occurring in the closed zones would result in better fishing as a result of overflow, i.e. that surplus fish would move out of the MPA where we would gain access to them. That's the theory anyway.

David's grant is set up to catch 400 calico bass in each of two closed regions, Scorpion's and at Gull Rock, Santa Cruz Island. These fish are to be caught, measured, tagged and released back within the closed zones they are taken in.

The objective is to determine if recreational anglers catch these same tagged fish somewhere outside the closed areas and answer the question, do calicos move in and out of a given zone? Remember, many a great theory has been shattered by the facts.

On board the *Wave Walker* were myself, and Joel Greenberg, representing United Anglers and Recreational Fishing Alliance, both organizations in support of this study. The fact that both come from the LARRC is just a coincidence and the fact we had fished and traveled to and from fisheries conferences together just made it all the more pleasant. Also on board, were of course David and his granddaughter/deckhand Tiffany, photographer Ramona Lisa and two marine biologists. I personally believe after this day's experience, I should be assigned 2 lovely biologists to follow me 24/7 but that would take another grant and I'm not sure how to write it up.

David's method of sample collecting is dependent on his remarkable ability to jockey his small vessel, (28') in and out of corners and tight to the walls giving his collectors easy access to all the boiler holes and corners that larger vessels dare not approach. He handles that boat like an experienced cowboy on a fine cutting horse. Joel and I just had to flip our lassos into the promising pockets he put us on. This method is more



**Fishing Boiler Rocks.**

*Courtesy of RamonaLisa.com Photography*

akin to freshwater bass fishing swapping the tules and pads with kelp and eel grass. For anyone who hasn't done it and their calico experience is limited to anchored up party boats you got to do this. It's a blast.

Our first day's efforts were to take place at Scorpion's a region I fished extensively before the restrictions were put into place. The first myth to be debunked, an area left unfished for multiple years would be teeming with big hungry fish. Not so. Conditions were tough, cool 57 degree water, crystal clear, no wind and most challenging, no current and a slack tide. Obvious solution, search out another area with better conditions. That would be fine if we were there to fish, but we're not, we're there to collect. Damn, I hate fine lines. We must procure our specimens from the designated zone. I collected the first sample and am proud for #1



**Measuring/tagging a calico.**

*Courtesy of RamonaLisa.com Photography*

tagged for this program. We went onto take 16 total calicos, most on shad tails or whams with Joel doing a fine job of controlling the johnnies and gophers when he switched over to Gulp! No doubt about it, he is the Cod King.

While 1 day spent day collecting doesn't prove anything, it does suggest that even behind "No Fishing Signs" immediate conditions take precedent. I've experienced 20 & 30 fish days within these same confines back when it was open to all. We were able to manage 16 calicos, the biologists kept calling them kelp bass, in spite of my constant correcting them. We have 784 more fish to go. Still, it was another great day on the water, they're all good, and this one was spent doing a job I've prepared my whole life for.

Those of you stuck outside the perimeters, don't begrudge me, it's no better collecting on the inside than fishing on the flip', and if you catch 1 of the plaid coated grumps sporting a chartreuse spaghetti accessory, turn in the numbers off it. Like teen-age kids, we need to know where they're hanging out. ■

## RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN... PROMPT ACTION NEEDED NOW!

There are eight regional fishing councils within the United States. These are part of our federal government—U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA Fisheries—and they are intimately involved in major fishery decisions. California is one of the states that deals with one of these councils, the Pacific States Fishery Management Council. (PFMC) Although you've probably seen this name many times before you were probably not aware that these councils have traditionally been staffed mainly by commercial interests. We now have an opportunity to support a nomination by Governor Schwarzenegger for the next seat on the PFMC. The importance of having a recreational fisherman gain this position cannot be sufficiently emphasized. We need fairness and balance in any future decisions. The choice is between **Jim Martin** and two commercial fishermen.

His selection will benefit ALL recreational fishermen, divers, shore and pier fishermen, kayakers etc. It will benefit ALL of the organizations engaged in attempts to get a level playing field at the PFMC, **You must act now...**

Jim was active in his local community in raising \$100,000 for the Hollow Tree Salmon hatchery. He is an advisor to the PFMC on groundfish matters. He is a member of the Mendocino County Fish & Game advisory commission. Recently Jim

became one of five trustees for the California Fishery Coalition, (CFC) an organization formed to actively engage in the MLPA process. Since 2004 Jim Martin has been regional director for the Recreational Fishing Alliance. (RFA)

Every person anxious to support our recreational causes should sit down and write a letter NOW. You can write a simple one such as the example below or you can engage in something more elaborate. The bottom line is that Jim knows the fisheries of the California Coast.

**SEND TO:**

**The Honorable Carlos Gutierrez**  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
14th and Constitution Ave.  
Washington, DC 20230  
cgutierrez@doc.gov

**COPY TO:**

**Dr. William Hogarth**  
Chief Administrator, NOAA Fisheries  
1315 East West Highway, SSMC3  
Silver Springs, MD 20910  
Bill.hogarth@noaa.gov

**SAMPLE LETTER:**

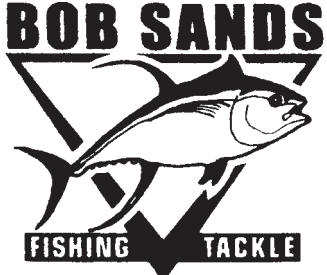
Please support the appointment of Jim Martin to the upcoming seat on the PFMC. As a private recreational fisherman with many years of experience on the water he has been active in fishery politics for a long time.

**OR** you can write a more elaborate letter...If you're in a group use their letterhead.

**DO NOT BE A NO  
SHOW...SIT DOWN  
AND DO IT TODAY!**

## Health Welfare & Happenings

Congratulations to Jackie & Joel Zide on the birth of their second daughter. **Breanna Olivia Zide, Born on May 7th at 6:04 am and weighed in at 7lbs. and 10oz. Girth was not available but length was 19.5".**



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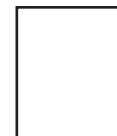
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