

Chum Line

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Message from Past President Mike Godfrey

Ever since I joined the LAARRC in 1998, I have been amazed at the enthusiasm of the members who volunteer for the various activities our club engages in. This memo however, deals with the increasing difficulties the LARRC committee heads have had in engaging people for these specific events—the annual Kid's Trip, the Marine Mentors Trips and the trout derby for "special" kids. Participants have been more difficult to enlist especially since 1998.

John Ballotti dealt with this in the December *Chum Line* citing the need for more deckhands at the July 2004 Kids' Trip. Indeed, **Frank Polak and Mike Grossman** were considering canceling the Mentors trips for 2005 due to insufficient participation last year.

Please calendar the following four events. These long planned occasions are part of our charter to link children and fishing. Sign up now! Reserve the time! Participate!

1 Friday, April 1, 2005

Trout Derby at Hansen Dam for Special Kids.
Contact: Steve Simon (818)980-7470

2 Monday, July 11, 2005

Annual Kid's Fishing Trip.
Pierpont Landing.
Contact: Paul Varenchik (818)341-5289 or
Bernice Mahfet (818) 907-7007

3 Mondays, August 1 & August 22

Marine Mentors Trips from Marina Del Rey.
Contact: Frank Polak (818)881-8634 or
Mike Grossman (818) 757-7377

(See additional details elsewhere in this *Chum Line*)

In the November *Chum Line* **Bob Selvin** asked us to "Give something back to the club." Unless you've been to a board meeting you can't know what it takes to run LARRC. Any club member can come to a board meeting but please call the 2005 Prexy Bob Selvin (310) 474-4143 so we can set a place for you.

The LARRC is known for its charitable events on behalf of children and youth. The contact persons listed above are waiting for your call as volunteers. Let's support our traditions

....CALL NOW....WE NEED YOU!! ■



Mike Farrior to be March 28 Speaker

Mike is the historian for the Avalon Tuna Club and a member of the IGFA Board Of Trustees. He has made numerous contributions to the California angling community and is working hard to get more Californians recognized in the IGFA World Fishing Center Hall of Fame. Mike has written a history of the Avalon Tuna Club—quite an undertaking since the club was founded in 1898. He also collects historically significant memorabilia. Now is your opportunity to get first hand answers to questions on the process, rules and regulations to follow for IGFA records. He's an excellent speaker and familiar with all aspects of fresh and saltwater fishing.

Call in your dinner reservation to
(818) 808-4909 or
email: larrcdinnersrsvp@yahoo.com

ATTENTION CHUM LINE RECIPIENTS

While most of our "hard" copies hit the mail around the end of each month., many club members receive their newsletters by downloading from the internet—<http://larrc.org> This is a simple process provided you have a computer and will save the club mailing and printing expenses. If you would like to be progressive and join your name to the internet list please let the editor of the *Chum Line* know. Eric Rogger 310 476-5936 hm, or fax 310 476-6811 or email: wstridge@aol.com This is a solicitation!

Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2005

2005 Weekday Charters On the "New Blue Fin" berthed at Capt. Hook's Landing.

Located at 3600 S. Harbor Blvd. in Oxnard.

RULES FOR 2005 ARE:

- 1) Usual Departures are 4 a.m. and usual returns will be about 4 p.m. @ \$100 Early Departures (10 p.m.) for outer islands.
- 2) Charter Master will notify. Early departure and weekends are \$135.
- 3) Trips Limited to 10 players unless children are brought. Wide berths to be used by parent and child.
- 4) Boarding is open after 6 p.m..
- 5) The boat has a full galley—please no ice chests!
- 6) Check in at the dock prior to boarding. If office is closed check in on the boat.

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

February 24	Thurs	August 10	Wed
March 23	Wed	August 20	Sat
April 13	Wed	September 17	Sat
May 18	Wed	September 21	Wed
June 4	Sat	October 19	Wed
June 22	Wed	November 16	Wed
July 27	Wed	December 1	Thurs



Dinner Meetings

March 28th

April 25th

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

March 21st

April 18

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Brob 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

May 9—Mon. Valley Inn _____

Aug. 8—Mon. Site to be announced _____

Nov. 7—Mon. Valley Inn _____

Other Events

April 1 Annual Hansen Dam Trout Derby _____


April 2 & 3 Marina Del Rey Halibut Derby _____

May 7 King of the Calicos Tournament _____

July 11 Annual Kids' Trip, Pierpont Landing _____

August 1 & 22 Mentor Trips, Marina Del Rey _____

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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.

Alaska – Kingfisher Lodge, Sitka. June 11th to June 15th

Arnie Cohen will again lead a LARRC contingent and notes that ten more spots are available. The fare is \$1695. It includes food, fishing, snacks, soft drinks, fish cleaning and packaging for the trip home, Alaska license & salmon stamps, rain gear, tackle, and bait. Also included are airport pickup and transportation to the lodge. Excluded are tips and alcoholic beverages.

Required is a \$400 deposit made out to the Charter Master: Arnie Cohen w/818 366-3300, r/818 365-5834. Call for additional information if needed.

RED ROOSTER III—4-Day Tuna Trip

- 1—Departs: Saturday, July 9th, 1 p.m.
- 2—Returns: Wednesday, July 13th, 9 a.m.
- 3—Cost: \$1220. \$200 Deposit Reserves Spot

RED ROOSTER III—3-Day Tuna Trip

- 1—Departs: Wednesday, September 7th, 1 p.m.
- 2—Returns: Saturday, September 10th, 9 a.m.
- 3—Cost: \$885, \$150 Deposit Reserves Spot
- 4—Not included: Tips, Drink, License, Fuel Surcharge

For complete information & brochure call Arnie Cohen at 818 368-5834 or 818.366.3300 (wk) ext. 1221.

The Red Rooster website is: www.redrooster3.com

PACIFIC DAWN Weekend Charters

Oxnard—Capt. Hook's Landing

Mar 12, Apr. 16, May 21

- 1-Departs: Trips leave Fri. night at 9 pm.
 - 2>Returns: Sat. at 6 pm
 - 3-Cost: is \$150.
 - 4-Not Included: Fish cleaning., food & drinks, tips (@15%)fuel surcharge if required, Mexican Permits.
 - 5-Deposit: 100% deposit will hold your spot.
- MARCH & APRIL TRIPS ARE SOLD OUT. THERE ARE 5 OPENINGS ON THE MAY TRIP.

San Diego—Fisherman's Landing

1 1/2-day trip August 28

- 1-Departs: Leave Sat. night at 9 pm
 - 2>Returns: Mon. am at 6 am., Aug 29
 - 3-Cost: is \$340
 - 4-Not included: fish cleaning, food & drinks, tips at 15%, fuel surcharge if required, Mexican Permits.
 - 5-Deposit: 50% deposit of \$170 will reserve your spot. Bal. Due 7/15
- Make checks payable to LARRC and send to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Dr. Long Beach, CA 90803 (562)598-0940 jamesnc@earthlink.net Co/charter person is Jan Howard (949) 837-1431 saltwaterwoman@cox.net
- THERE ARE 5 OPENINGS ON AUGUST TRIP

QUALIFIER 105 – 7-Day Skiff Trip

SOLD OUT BUT CANCELLATIONS OCCUR. FOR UPDATES

PLEASE CALL THE CHARTER MASTER – DAN FELGER at 805-370-1632, FAX 805-370-1483 dan@dartrealty.net

This trip will again be hosted by Barry Brightenburg of Fish Traps.

- 1-Departure: Saturday, June 5. Return: Saturday, June 11.
- 2-Cost: \$1875 per person
- 3-Limited Load: 18—No overbooking since skiffs hold 3
- 4-Not included: Drinks, Tackle, Fish Cleaning (if allowed), tips. Mexican Permits, jackpot and fuel increase charges
- 5-Deposits: Reservations require a deposit of \$375 with subsequent deposits of \$500 due Oct. 15, '04, Jan.15 & April 15 of '05.
- 6-Checks: payable to LARRC. Send to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Rd. Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361

QUALIFIER 105 – 5-Day Tuna Charter

- 1-Departure: Wednesday, July 13. Return: Monday July 18.
 - 2-Cost: \$1795 per person
 - 3-Limited Load: 23—Charter Master may overbook by one.
 - 4-Not included: Drinks, Tackle, Fish Cleaning (if allowed), tips Mexican Permits, jackpot and fuel increase charges
 - 5-Deposits: Reservations require a deposit of \$595 with subsequent deposits of \$400 due Oct. 15, '04, Jan.15 & April 15 of '05.
 - 6-Checks: payable to LARRC. Send to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Rd. Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361
- THIS TRIP SOLD OUT BUT CANCELLATIONS DO OCCUR. Contact Dan Felger for latest update. See number's above.**

QUALIFIER 105 – 5-Day Tuna Charter

- 1-Departure: Noon, Thursday Sept. 7, return 7am Tues, Sept.12
- 2-Cost: \$2000 per person
- 3-Limited load: 24
- 4-Not included: tackle, fish cleaning (if any) jackpot, fuel surcharge
- 5-Included: Mexican Permits, crew tip, soft drinks & beer.
- 6-LARRC Members have first priority through 12/31.
- 7-Deposit: Your check for \$500 secures reservation with subsequent deposits required March 1, May 1, and July 1, 2005.
- 8-Checks: payable to LARRC. Send to Sherwood Kingsley, charter master at 10680 West Pico, Suite 360, LA 90064. (310)836-3934 or fax(310) 836-9352.

Calico Bass Skiff Trip on the Pacific Dawn Announced

Bob Selvin has been in discussions with popular, veteran long range **Capt. Pat Cavanaugh** of the *Pacific Dawn*. (<http://www.pacificdawn.com/>) since his appearance as a guest speaker at our January club meeting and he is very anxious to run this trip.

This trip is perfectly timed for the usual optimum fall conditions and just prior to the full moon to insure big tide swings. We will fish THREE full days in the Geronimo/Sac Reef area. Bonanza trips were reported there during September of both 2003 and 2004.

This trip is limited to eight anglers. We will have two large, comfortable inflatables to fish off and are carrying one spare. Cost to be determined (in \$1450 range). Calico bass expert, **John Turner of Mondo Swimbait**s, will be on this trip. Four spots remain at the time of this writing.

DEPARTS: Fisherman's Landing, San Diego
6 a.m., Wed., Oct. 19.

RETURNS: 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23

CONTACT: Calico Bob (310) 474-4143 ■



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KING OF THE CALICOS TOURNAMENT

The highly competitive club calico bass tournament will be held on

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Current team bragging rights held by Brad Stich and John Ballotti are up for grabs. Brad has been overheard saying, "Bring It On". The already popular tournament should be even more in demand this year as it will be held on a Saturday. 10 two-person teams will compete for cash prizes. The largest bass over 7 lbs. will also win a custom built rod.

THE PARTICULARS:

- Chartermaster:** John Ballotti
Where: Pierpont Landing (Aztec), Long Beach
Depart: Friday night May 6 @ 9 p.m.
Be on board by 8 p.m.
Return: Saturday evening, May 7
Cost: \$160 (includes tip and prize money)
Galley: Open – Pay on your own
Players: 20 (10 two man teams)
Cash Prizes: Heaviest team weight (fish—not fishermen) \$75 each angler
Heaviest Individual Limit - \$75.
Heaviest Individual Fish - \$50
Rules: Detailed Rules will be published prior to the tournament.
Deposit: Because of the anticipated popularity of the event, 100% deposit is required to hold your spot. Make checks out to LARRC.

Send deposits to: John Ballotti
1739 Andreo Ave., Torrance CA 90501

Contact/Questions:
e mail questions to
john.ballotti@mattel.com

5 of ten teams have already signed up!

Trophy Winners as of February 24, 2005

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
OCEAN WATER				
Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Dennis Saylor	110	0
White Sea Bass	16	Barry Cohn	22	0
FLY ROD				
FRESH WATER				
Steelhead	16	Don Lee	12	8
Trout, Rainbow	6	Paul Varenchik	9	4 *
MEN'S RELEASED				
WOMEN'S				
SARDINES				
* New Club Record				
FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR Barry Cohn - White Sea Bass 2-9-2005 22.0 oz				
FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				

Membership News

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

Volunteers are needed for the
Second Annual Trout Derby
organized for the benefit of
L.A. Unified School District
Disabled Children.

THE EVENT TAKES PLACE AT
HANSEN DAM
ON
FRIDAY APRIL 1ST.

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Call Steve Simon at 818-980-7470

If We have Fish Stories...why not a Cowboy Story? (Courtesy of Richard Stone)

A drunken cowboy lay sprawled across three entire seats in a posh Amarillo Theater.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the cowboy, "Sorry, Sir, but you're allowed only one seat." The cowboy groaned but did not budge.

The usher became more impatient: "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager". Once again the cowboy just groaned.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, without success. Finally they summoned the police.

The Texas Ranger surveyed the situation briefly, then asked, "All right cowboy, what's your name?" "Sam" the cowboy moaned. "Where are you from, Sam?" asked the Texas Ranger. With pain in his voice Sam replied, "The Balcony". ■

Arnie Cohen

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Not A Normal Fish Report

by Eric Rogger



JP winners, from the left: Tom Howe, Eric Rogger, and Dennis Braid.

Over the past few months Chum Line has published a number of fish reports dealing with long range fishing so I won't repeat the blow by blow description of how to catch a cow tuna. This would include such details as hook size, rod flex, a.m. or p.m. bite, presence of sharks, other boats and seiners, water temperatures, knots and leaders, etc. I too went on one of these voyages and considered some of

these ramifications to be of interest to my fellow club members. Your portable reading library should be in order, perhaps a walk-man or even DVD player might be helpful during those light periods when you are traveling. Hurricane Bank is definitely cow country but did you know it is about 1200 miles from San Diego in international waters. Actually, the bank is only about 1.5 miles of a U-shaped configuration that rises up like



Cows line up at the stern of M/V *Excel*.

a hill from the depth of the Pacific. It attracts a lot of sea life but of course you never see land. It can blow like crazy at Hurricane but we did enjoy calm weather for the most part. So calm, in fact, that several days out of our seven-day stay there was virtually nothing was caught. I forgot to mention the need for ear plugs above so, add this to your inventory. During the trip down—four days, slow days, and trip back, 550 miles from Hurricane to Cabo to those who fly back, three more days from Cabo to San Diego—there is always at least one person who wants to watch movies in the gallery. The excellent Bose sound system will definitely drive you away. “Kill Bill” was a favorite!

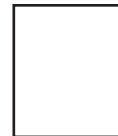
We did enjoy the luxury of virtual continuous chumming and or chunking with some great fishing. Personally, I feel that using 100 lb. minimum (recommended by the boat) on everything is not all that sportsmanlike but we did release a lot of smaller fish.

The three Mexican seiners that dogged our visit made various sets. It is my understanding they are after schoolies—not cows—and their holds can take about 80 tons each. Other trips reported on in the *Chum Line* usually have a good size contingent of LARRC members. There were only two others plus myself and they declined to do a fish report. I will be at the next board meeting and see if I can get them censured! I did catch the bug of going after cows however, and want to share my second jp honors with all who will listen.

The totals? The boat was plugged with 177 larger fish of which 13 were over 200 lbs. The wahoo bite was skinny at 19 only. Finally, I’m so glad the crew had a number of young sturdy guys with muscles. They were needed by some of us more mature adventurers. They were great...we had lots of fatigueing fun. ■

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