

Chum Line

Good Sportsmanship is Worth all the Fish in the Ocean



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Serious Business

Message from our V.P Bob Selvin.

Every month, at the Valley Inn, just as we hold club meetings there, the LARRC Board of Directors has a meeting to plan, legislate, amend, and alter the club's activities. Over the years, I have served several terms as a board member and have found it most rewarding to have my say and input on many items of club business.

This article I am writing was long past due to appear in the *ChumLine*. It really does puzzle me why more members—who are NOT on the board—don't attend board meetings to see what they are like and what transpires. You've heard the cliché before, but darn, it's true. The club is only as good as the members make it AND care about it. You reap what you sow. The founders of this club laid the groundwork that has now been passed on for decades.

When you first became a member of LARRC, I'll bet you had at least a "tinge" of excitement and enthusiasm that you were now the member of a well-respected club that dated back to 1950. Remember when you got your membership certificate, your hat and the pin? Yep, you joined a fishing club, but this club is just as much about friendship, networking, volunteering and getting involved—as it is about fishing.

It is much more than showing up at an occasional dinner meeting and fish-

ing on an occasional charter. If this is what you have been doing, I assure that you are not even close to reaping the benefits of what this club has to offer. The founders had a vision and they worked at it to make it last—they volunteered. They showed us by example and then passed the torch. The directors and officers who followed made the club what it is today.

Are you happy to be a member? Don't you agree that membership is a bit of a privilege? Do yourself a favor and reciprocate those privileges the membership gave you.

Give something back to the club! Get involved, attend dinner meetings, join the board at some of their meetings. Do these things now! ■

Accurate Reel Owners to be Guest Speakers on Nov. 29th

Jack Nilsen has been a saltwater angler for 40 years. His twin sons David & Doug hold the patent on the famous twin drag reels they designed rather than modify other gear. They started making conversion kits for Penn reels in the 80s but have now established a solid base and will give us a full update on Accurate Fishing Reels. They will be along to answer questions.

Call the Hot Line for dinner reservations, this is the final dinner for the season as we are dark in December.
Call (818) 808-4909 or email: lar-rcdinnerrsvp@yahoo.com ■

Fish of Note:

Robert Young, of Santa Monica, was proud of his new 6-lb. test halibut record. The same day he got approval for his 32.7-lb fish another angler bested him with a 32.8-lb. model. To get even he started fishing 2-lb. line. The result was a 22.6-lb. halibut which took about a half hour. The action happened in Santa Monica Bay.

Dave Vedder, a *Salt Water Sportsman* NE Editor, was jigging for lingcod near **Seward, Alaska** when he hooked a fish on 16-lb. line that weighed 62.7 lbs. It may be a new line class record. (*SWS 10/04*)

Homer, Alaska has been called the Halibut capital of the world. **Don Hanks**, of Sparks, Nev. latched on to a 352.6-pound monster. The fish had to be shot before being hauled into the boat. (*LATimes 10/12*) ■

Two Newly Minted Members Join their First Charter Fishing Trip! Text by Jack Genero



A happy Jack Genero.

The Pacific Dawn departed from Fisherman's Landing on Friday night, August 21, for a day and a half fishing expedition into Mexican waters. Thirteen members of the LARRC, plus "rookies" Jack Genero and Mel Stein, boarded that charter Saturday night in search of albacore and making new friends. This being our first trip we didn't really know what to expect from the Skipper, Pat Cavanaugh, his crew or other members on the charter – or of course from the fishes themselves (if there were to be any.) Now was the moment Mel and I had been waiting for since last May, when Jack Graham had invited us to attend our first meeting. Finally, at about 11:30 pm, we all boarded the Pacific Dawn. Too tired to talk to any one, we turned in.

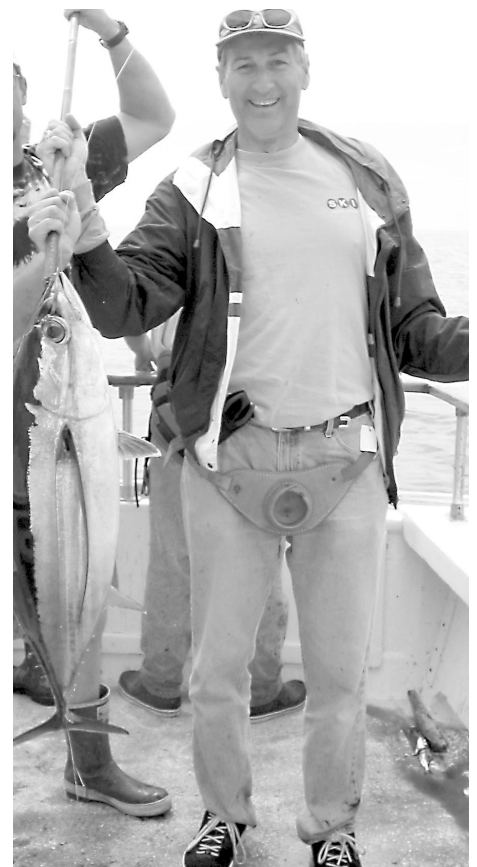
Come Sunday morning, Mel woke first



Sponsor Jack Graham.

from loud sounds banging on the deck. Realizing there was no one else in the bunk area, he woke me up and said: "Let's go upstairs, something's going' on there". In a heartbeat we were up on deck.

Wow, the sun was bright in the sky and everyone was slamming their catches onto the deck. These guys were catching albacore left and right. Out of nowhere a crew member came forward and got our rigs set, then Jack Graham stepped forward and baited our hooks with live anchovies. Suddenly, we were fishing! Incredible! We had smiles on our faces as wide as a 1500 lb shark's jaws – that's fish talk for big smile. Our lines were now in the deep blue. Waiting, still waiting. Two minutes felt like two hours. Bang! The tip of Mel's rod is making a U-turn and something is



A happy Mel Stein.

taking his line.

Suddenly, I have a fish on my line too. Incredible. Within a few minutes, we both have fish in the holding tank. We were out of breath. So this is what it's like. Everyone is catching fish, fish, fish. This is what I call a fishing party. Well, by noon everyone has helped us catch our limit of five albacore." Hooray" Everyone is happy, they're catching and releasing now. That evening our skipper and his master cook served everyone a gourmet meal of fresh albacore.

If this is what you call fishing with the LARRC count us in. What an initiation!

Ed Note: Jack Genero and Mel Stein were voted into membership by the board. They were assured that fishing would always be like this. ■

Qualfier 105 September 9-13th

Text and Photos Courtesy of Brett Goldberg



Brett Goldberg



Steve Crump

non-stop current, we continued to sail in anticipation of the first bite. The captain reported that the *Royal Star* had hooked 190-lb. yellowtail within an hour of fishing. They had to move off their spot as they had limited out. We all wondered if this was true or just information to whet our appetites. We finally arrived around 3:30pm. The captain dropped anchor and we had a few biters, but slow action for 1/2 hour. This was not the frenzy that we wanted.

We pulled anchor, moved 100 yards, reset and the bite was one, 190 yellowtail landed...15- to 25-plus pounds in non-stop action!!!! The loss count was as high as the landed count, rocks, tangles, kelp, equipment malfunctions, all took their toll. As usual some followed their lines and others stayed put. It will happen...you will cross lines, but you need to keep moving, keep communicating, and listen to those

DAY 1—We all arrived at the dock with the usual anticipation of the parking hassles associated with Point Loma's parking lot. As usual, we all arrived early for the hurry-up-and-wait for the parking spots. The *Q105* pulled into the dock a little late as the hot, humid, heavy, still air from the remainder of Hurricane Howard hung on us. It felt as though the tropics had moved north to San Diego.

While talking to the folks who had just disembarked from the previous 5-day trip, we found out that they had had a very poor trip. Spoiled by bad weather, dirty water and rough seas on the outside, when they finally did find fish they were mauled by sharks at Guadalupe. Their main problem was a 25-ft., 3000-lb. shark named Fred by the crew and identifiable by two white spots on his back. Their hook-to-land ratio was 141 to 18 according to the captain.

But we were not deterred!!! The captain made the decision to make a straight shot to Benitos a 22-hour run from the



bait dock. The seas were rougher at the bait dock than out on the open seas. We left a little late, against an uphill current that slowed our progress by 2-3 hours, but this created dead calm, flat seas. We sailed to our destination in perfect weather escorted by large pods of dolphin and with tons of high hopes.

DAY 2—With an original ETA of 1:00 pm being moved later and later due to the

around you. Members and non-members alike had the first day "get to know you" blues, but a great time was had by all! Good dinner conversations and early to bed. We are off to Guadalupe Island. 12-13 hours, depending on current.

DAY 3—We arrived at Guadalupe Island around 9am. Again, another glorious day, blessed with calm seas and beautiful skies. We looked around for some time

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until we settled on a high spot in 180 feet of water. With some small boils and a slow start. **Norin Grancell** hooked up on a large fish on 40-lb test. He was on this fish for some time. The bite went off for some, yet stayed elusive for others. The yellow fin tuna were here and hungry. The current was difficult to fish, but if you got your bait away from the boat you would connect. This author had several hooked, some landed, but I was plagued with equipment and operator errors. I let my attitude get in the way, and for that I was sorry. I was on one large fish for well over an hour and never saw color when the line just wore through. Norin's fish came on board and it was over 100 lbs. We were off to a great start. **Nona Grancell**, Norin's wife, was the hot stick of the day, every time you turned around she was on another yellow fin tuna. She would put her reel in low gear and crank them to the boat.

We had all started to settle into a working team. There were the usual suspects on board, **Eric Rogger, Dan Felger, Al Scow, Jim Marshall, Richard Stone** (charter master extraordinair!) and a host of others too numerous to name. We were well on our way to a great trip. I must mention that the rail time award (for most time at the rail) goes to two guys that have my utmost admiration. **Bob (Doc) Horowitz and Abe Cohen**. These guys held their posts at the rail morning, noon and night. If there was fishing to be done they were out there, lines in the water, looking for their next bite. While I was resting up top and savoring a cool drink, trying to escape the heat and catch my breath, there on the rail, are two octogenarians out fishing the rest of us!!! Hats off to you guys!!

That night we had to make bait. The captain pulled anchor after dinner and we went outside and caught mackerel to fill the wells. In the mix were a few large squid. We went back to our original spot to sleep it off.

DAY 4—Today started differently for me, up early and on a dropper loop with a large squid I put one on the deck without a soul around, by breakfast I had three, no equipment failures, no operator errors. By

breakfast we had the whole gang fishing and Nona took over the hot stick spot, at least until a new rookie, **Andrew Clyne** woke up. He could do no wrong. He was on every time you turned around with a streak that lasted throughout the trip. This day was about yellow fin. My hands felt as if they were going to drop off. Most had fish, but a few of us hooked and handed off to the less fortunate—this will become more important later.


At one point the seals that were around our boat and eating our bait, all darted off at the speed of light. Fred was in our presence! The shark looked like a small submarine—it cruised by like a dark ominous shadow. What a sight!!! But he did not bother us. Whether myth or truth, the deckhands seem to think the generator on the nearby *Excel* has some sort of attraction to the sharks. They seem to feel when *that* boat is around the sharks preferred eating around *that* boat. A quick check of the *Excel's* website confirmed that they indeed had the sharks the same day we had none. The sharks hung on the *Excel* for two straight days even with several moves. After dinner we all had a blast on the 1- to 5-lb squid, filled the kill box and had a few in the live wells.

DAY 5—A most unbelievable yellow tail bite. Put a squid on a large hook, drop it below the marauding scad mackerel—let it drift, and boom, pick up, run, spit, pick up, run, count to twenty and wind down on them. Some people started to hand off yellowtail to those less successful, as if the fish knew we had to leave by 10:30. Deckhands were casting iron for tuna on the outside...What a bite...

Steve Crump a non-member, who has helped on many a kids' trip, hooked more fish than he could count. He handed one to Doc and one to Abe. Steve then hooked another and asked a

deckhand if he wanted to pull on that fish. The deckhand said "sure but you gaff it". When it came up Steve could not gaff it ...it was the biggest yellowtail either had seen. (Earlier this year another *Q105* deckhand had caught a huge yellowtail which weighed 91.6—possible record pending and Arnie Cohen caught one that scaled out at 84.9 (last month) This one came in at 83.6 lbs. The fish of a lifetime nevertheless.


Jackpots went to Norin Grancell with his 101.9-lb. tuna, 2nd place went to Rob Baldwin with a 89.6-lb. tuna and Richard Stone 3rd spot with a 77.4-pounder. Totals at the dock were 266 yellow tail and 118 yellow fin tuna. **SIGN UP NOW FOR NEXT YEAR...The dates are 9/7-12, 2005.** ■



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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.

AZTEC—Two day free lance trip Nov. 14-16th. From Pierpont Landing.

For availability call Bob Selvin at 310 474-4143 or cali-cobob1010@aol.com for additional details.

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.

POLARIS SUPREME – 5-Day Tuna Trip Aug. 13-18, 2005

If interested call Eric Rogger @ 310 476-5936 or email: wstridge@aol.com

PACIFIC DAWN Weekend Charters

Oxnard—Capt. Hook's Landing

Mar 12, Apr. 9, May 21

- 1-Departure: Trips leave prior evening
- 2-Limited load: Trips limited to 15 anglers.
- 3-Deposit: Reservations require 100% deposit

San Diego—Fisherman's Landing

1 1/2-day trip August 27

- 1-Departs: Aug 27, pm
- 2>Returns: Mon. am, Aug 29
- 3-Deposit: 50% deposit required to hold spot. Balance Due 7/15
- 4-Cost: Prices to be announced by Chartermasters: Jim Carlisle and Jan Howard. Jim-(562)598-0940 jamesnc@earthlink.net Jan-(949) 837-1431 janhoward@cox.net

QUALIFIER 105 – 7-Day Skiff Trip

TWO SPOTS OPEN AT THIS TIME!

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

- 1-Departure: Saturday, June 5. Return: Saturday, June 12.
- 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 is sold out but, cancellations do occur. Those on waiting lists will be accepted in order of sign up.**

QUALIFIER 105 – 5-Day Tuna Charter

- 1-Departure: Noon, Thursday Sept. 7, return 7 am 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.

C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2004



On the *Seabiscuit*

Dec. 1 Wednesday

Cost of trips may vary depending

on number of players - \$90-\$100. Food, filleting and tips will be extra.



Dinner Meetings

November 29

December NO DINNER MEETING

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

November 22

December 13

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Brad Stich 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

Other Events

- November 1
FOUNDATION MEETING

- February 27, 2005
Annual Awards Banquet
A luncheon is planned for the
Braemar Country Club

- March 2-6
Hall Show, Long Beach

- March 16-20
Hall Show, Del Mar

- July 11
Annual Kids' Trip, Pierpont Landing

- August
Mentor Trips—Dates to be announced

IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE

by Eric Rogger

There has been much talk of closing fishing grounds off our coast. Often these closures are based on statistics which may seem contrary to what those of us who fish are noticing. A recent study funded to the tune of \$5.5 million dollars by the Pew Foundation is but one example. "The Impact of US Recreational Fishing" attacks the recreational fisherman as one of the problems of overfishing. According to Michael Sissenwine, PhD, Chief Science Advisor for NOAA, this report, which is being used as a basis for closure action, is based on erroneous assumptions and does nothing to help advance marine conservation. Jim Donofrio, Executive Director of RFA Advance Marine Conservation says this report is using junk science to attack recreational anglers. *Note: Investigators at various universities received grants from PEW.*

In California we have been dealing with the Marine Life Protection Act and prospects of closures since 1999. Lack of state funds have stalled the process. Now a group of environmental organizations have urged the state to move forward using private funds to advance the MLPA!

SB512—just signed—amends a section of the Fish and Game Code to allow individuals, not necessarily

knowledgeably involved in fisheries, to serve on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

Hearings are currently being held through 12/31/04 on the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM), a holdover from the Clinton Administration. This attempt at "conservation" would affect our entire coast out to 12 miles and involve all reefs, rocks and small islands. Banning most human interaction—kayaking, snorkeling, fishing and more. Some very scary language in this proposal.

An early legislative analysis of newly signed Bill SB1319 appears to contain language suggested by the PEW Report. Seems like special interest guiding government? Some have felt this act to be a "recfish" victory. With the appointment of a new nine-member blue ribbon commission, the jury is out.

We are doing our utmost to inform the blue ribbon commission and the principals dealing with the CCNM of our views. But we need your help.

Write your letter expressing your support of recreational fishing and coastal public access to:

**COASTAL NATIONAL MONUMENT
299 FOAM STREET
MONTEREY, CA 93940
(831) 372-6115
CACNM@CA.BLM.GOV ■**

Trophy Winners as of Sept. 24, 2004

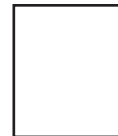
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OCEAN WATER												
Albacore	4	Wayne Caywood	11	0	*	Bass, Largemouth	12	Joel Steinman	3	8	*	
Albacore	10	Eric Rogger	38	0	*	Catfish, Channel	8	Wayne Caywood	12	0	*	
Albacore	16	Tom Carlisle	37	0	*	Trout, Lake	16	Jim Carlisle	22	0		
Albacore	30	Tom Carlisle	41	0	*	MEN'S RELEASED						
Albacore	30	Barry Cohn	41	0	*	Marlin, Blue	30	Earl Warren	(1)			
Albacore	40	Tom Carlisle	48	0	*	Sailfish, Pacific	20	Earl Warren	(12)			
Amberjack	25	Earl Warren	29	8	*	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Earl Warren	(19)			
Barracuda	12	Barry Cohn	7	0	*	Sailfish, Pacific	40	Paul Varenchik				
Barracuda	12	Troy Varenchik	5	4		WOMEN'S						
Bass, Calico	12	Barry Cohn	4	2		Albacore	40	Jan Howard	41	9	*	
Bass, Calico	16	Mike Feinberg	10	12	*	Halibut	25	Sally Vickers	63	4	*	
Bass, Calico	20	Vince Shriver	8	8		Roosterfish	30	Pamela Warren	45	8	*	
Bass, Calico	25	Bob Selvin	9	12	*	Salmon, King	20	Mercedes Giannini	33	0		
Bass, Calico	30	Bob Selvin	9	14	*	Salmon, King	20	Mercedes Giannini	12	Released		
Bass, Sand	6	Jonathan Varenchik	3	2	*	Salmon, King	25	Sally Vickers	25	2	*	
Bass, Spotted Bay	4	Jonathan Varenchik	1	7	*	Salmon, Silver	25	Sally Vickers	17	1	*	
Cabezon	16	Jim Carlisle	10	8	*	Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Sally Vickers	220	8		
Grouper, Black	30	Earl Warren	25	8	*	White Sea Bass	25	Jan Howard	22	2	*	
Halibut	20	Dan Felger	16	8		Yellowtail	40	Sally Vickers	47	0	*	
Halibut, Pacific	25	Don Lee	64	0	*	SARDINES						
Rainbow Runner	40	Paul Varenchik	19	0	*	Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	2	0		
Rooster Fish	40	Earl Warren	37	6	*	Barracuda	15	Nick Varenchik	6	7		
Sailfish, Pacific	30	Bert Serden	88	0		Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	1	0		
Salmon, Coho	20	Pete Giannini	12	0	*	Bass, Sand	12	Corryn Barney	3	0		
Salmon, King	10	Robert Jones	24	2		Bass, Sand	12	Hunter Barney	2	12		
Salmon, King	20	Pete Giannini	36	0		Bluegill	4	Harrison Hunter	1	8		
Tarpon	20	Earl Warren	50	6		Bluegill	4	Samantha Hunter	1	8		
Tuna, Yellowfin	6	Michael Grossman	9	0		Cabazon	20	Billy Vauhan	5	4		
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Barry Cohn	46	0		* New Club Record						
Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Dan Felger	84	1	*	FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR						
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Tom Carlisle	219	14	*	Al Scow—White Sea Bass						
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Dan Felger	219	11		April 10, 2004—21lb 2oz.						
Tuna, Yellowfin (open)	150	Al Scow	208	2	*	FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR						
White Sea Bass	10	Mike Grossman	49	10	*	Wayne Caywood						
White Seabass	12	Mike Godfrey	7	0		June 14, 2004—11lb 0oz.						
White Seabass	16	Joel Steinman	17	8								
White Seabass	20	Dan Felger	31	2								
White Seabass	20	Jim Carlisle	41	0								
White Sea Bass	30	Lawrence Dinovitz	42	0								
Yellowtail	30	Barry Cohn	37	0								
Yellowtail	40	Arnie Cohen	84	9	*							
Yellowtail	80	Dennis Saylor	38	6	*							
FLY ROD												
Barracuda, Atlantic	20	Tippet	Eli Livnat	9	8	*						
Bass, Calico	20	Tippet	Eli Livnat	4	5	*						
Mackerel, King	20	Tippet	Eli Livnat	17	8	*						
Sailfish, Pacific	20	Tippet	Earl Warren	(2)	Released							
Salmon, King	20	Tippet	Don Lee	20	0	*						
Tarpon	20	Tippet	Don Less	19	11							
FRESH WATER												
Bass, Largemouth	4	Jonathan Varenchik	3	1	*							

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