

Chum Line

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The Year of the Cows

Al Scow, Dan Felger, Jan Howard and Ger Steinberg all found themselves on a 10-day trip aboard the Excel looking again for the 200-lb. tuna patches. Al asked one of the deck hands, Ryan O'Connor, to write up the trip—presumably HE was too busy fishing! As it happens Ryan did an excellent job although his story overlaps some of the details published in Western Outdoor News (10/21) which ran a long range preview section in that issue. Thank you Ryan O'Connor!—Editor

As we cleared the point, on October 5th for the Braid 10-day trip, **Capt. Shawn Steward** pointed the *Excel* south and close to the beach, but our destination was unknown. The previous 8-day was controlled by Hurricane Otis, which meant all the other long-range

boats had to run and hide as well, so there were no boats giving any worthwhile reports. Luckily for us the seas had eased up and the forecast called for a warm and smooth ride. We kept our fingers crossed and rigged up for the various situations we might find.

"It is going to be a campground at the rocks, I'm not going there," said Shawn over the radio. "I think we are going to try and go cow hunting, over."

Though we have many new faces, we had plenty of anglers with 200+ patches on their jackets, and any crew member will tell you that an inexperienced angler willing to listen can catch fish with the best of them. Some of our top guns were club members of the LARRC. With the talk of cow hunting, there was a renewed sense of excitement

among the passengers, as well as the crew. For long-range anglers, the past two years have been the best the San Diego sport fishing fleet has ever seen and with the coming season everyone is anxious to see

Nov. 28, Dinner Speaker

Bob Selvin announced that saltwater expert Kevin Mattson, a representative of Hastings manufacturing, producers of Graphite USA Fishing Rods, will be the guest speaker at the this final dinner meeting of the year. ■

Save the Date – Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006

The LARRC Annual Auction to benefit the LARRC Foundation will be again be combined with the awards brunch on Sunday Feb. 19th at the Braemar Country Club. Donations of used items (in working order) or new ones will be welcome. These need not be limited to fishing tackle. Toys, household items, jewelry etc. have found new homes in past years. Please help support the various Kids' and Mentor trips by donating whatever items you can. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted – when made to the Foundation they are tax deductible. ■

if the cycle will continue.

It's just a big fish cycle," said second skipper Justin Fleck, "we just had an albacore cycle and the past two years have a big tuna cycle. With all the big ones they are seeing down in Puerto Vallarta, hopefully the cycle will



Typical Catch of Long Range Boat

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The *EXCEL* office has advised that due to several cancellations there are spaces available on the "Braid Products sponsored trip" departing Friday, Nov. 25 and returning December 12 (with fly-back option from Cabo on December 9).

LARRC members on this trip include Dan Felger, Al Scow, Jan Howard, Tom Carlisle, Jim Carlisle, Chas. Shoemaker and Tim Turis. This has been an extremely popular trip. Last year produced 41 tuna in excess of 200# and the year before there were 37 over 200#.

**Anybody interested should
contact the *Excel* office at (619) 223-7493.**

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continue."

After traveling two days down we started trolling marauders for wahoo as Shawn and the crew looked for yellowfin tuna. By mid-day we had found a school of 20-30 pounders that stuck with the boat all afternoon. We pulled about 200 of the baby giants through a mix of skipjack and small yellowtail. As most of the other boats piled up at the Rocks as expected, Shawn announced that we would be making mackerel that night for some heavy artillery as we would be cow hunting the following day.

Heading west/southwest out of the bay, we arrived at the bank around mid-morning and were encouraged by good signs of life. Big dorado up to 40 lbs. and giant squid up to 60 lbs. kept the anglers occupied as the crew kept a sharp eye on the high circling frigates. No more than 20 minutes later we got the bait tank ready and the first school of big ones appeared on the sonar. They seemed to be hungry but were hard to land after long battles and by day end we had put six big ones on

the boat ranging from 170-235. Three of these were the first cows of the season.

Our second day was frustrating, we found fish, hooked the fish, but didn't land the fish. Jan Howard pulled on one for about 45 minutes when her 135-lb. spectra broke. Another angler lost one 10 feet from the surface after his 150-lb. leader was chewed through. Finally at lunch another guy landed a fat one which taped out at 235 and we all took a deep breath of relief—"we got the stink off". The rest of the day was spent glassing for the elusive black dolphin which swim with the big ones. End of the day saw us with 4 more cows and a bunch of other nice ones but some anglers had yet to feel a nibble. Justin and Shawn decided that we would go to Mag Bay and make more mackerel and give it another shot.

The next morning started off with a blessing from *Poseidon*; the wind had died down and the fish were right next to the boat. Our first drift, that took close to three hours, saw five fish

hooked and five fish landed. Ger Steinberg finally shook the monkey off his back with a fish that taped at 183. The fourth fish of the morning was a 264-pounder and the fifth turned out to be the jackpot at 282 lbs.

Good weather and good fishing was the rule for three days of cow fishing. The rest of the trip was spent enjoying a good bite labeled "brochure-style Ridge Fishing". We had action on excellent-grade, school-size yellowfin, yellowtail, and a crazy bite on grouper.

A reminder for those going wahoo fishing: stop your jigs 15 feet from the boat when retrieving your jigs. These fish have sharp teeth and are dangerous in their pursuit of the lure. I would suggest that this early ten-day trip was arguably one of the best 10-day trips ever. Ironically, more cows have been brought to the dock since the Revillas were closed. This past May saw the boat return with 39 cows. I hope it bodes well for the coming season.

—Written by Ryan O'Connor ■

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 will be Dan Felger. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL CLUB AND SEND TO:** Dan Felger at 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

Qualifier 105—2006 Skiff Trip

Co-sponsored by Barry Brightenberg (Fish Traps)

1-Departure: 11 am, Saturday, June 3, 2006

2-Return: 7 am, Saturday, June 10, 2006

3-The cost: \$1975 per person

4-Passenger Load: Will be limited to 18, However the Chartermaster shall have the right to overbook by one.

5-Not Included: in the cost are soft drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning (if permitted), Mexican permits, jackpot and fuel cost surcharge.

6-A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with an initial deposit of \$975. Subsequent deposits of \$500 each will be due Jan.15 and April 15, 2006.

Qualifier 105—2006 8-Day LARRC Charter

1-Departure: 11 am Tuesday, September 12, 2006

2-Return: 7 am, Wednesday, September 20, 2006

3-The cost: is \$2935 per person

4-Passenger load: 22. Chartermaster may overbook by one.

If there is a 23rd spot sold, there will be a rebate of \$125, which will reduce the cost to \$2810

5-Not included: in the cost are soft drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning (if permitted), crew tips, Mexican permits, jackpot and fuel cost charge.

6-A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with an initial deposit \$685. Subsequent deposits of \$750 each will be due Dec. 15, 2005 March 15 and June 15 of 2006. See conditions above!

Pacific Dawn —2006

- Oxnard: Saturdays—Overnight

March 11, April 15, May 20

- San Diego: 1 1/2-day trip Sun. August 27

Trips to be run by Jim Carlisle and Jan Howard.

Call Jim for further Information (562) 598-0940 or

email jamesnc@earthlink.net or

Jan at Email: saltwaterwoman@cox.net

Qualifier 105—2006 5-Day Tuna Charter

This trip is presently sold out, but cancellations do occur.

Wait list reservations will be honored in the order of sign up.

1-Departure: 11 am, Wednesday, July 12, 2006

2-Return: 7 am, Monday July 17, 2006

3-The cost: is \$1965 per person

4-Passenger load limited: to 22 (1 less than 2005)

Chartermaster may overbook by one.

5-Not included: are soft drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning (if permitted) crew tip, Mexican permits, jackpot, fuel charge.

6-A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with initial deposit of \$465. Subsequent deposits of \$500 each will be due Nov. 15, 2005, Feb. 15 and April 15 of 2006. See conditions above!

KINGFISHER LODGE

4 nights, 3 days of fishing.

SITKA, ALASKA – June 10 to June 14. Cost is \$1795. This includes food, fishing, lodging, snacks, soft drinks, fish cleaning and packaging for home trip, Alaska license and salmon stamps, rain gear, tackle, and bait, transportation to lodge from airport.

Excluded are tips and alcoholic beverages. **A \$500 deposit made out to Arnie Cohen will reserve your spot. For additional information call (wk) 818- 366-3300 or (home) 818 368-5834.**

RED ROOSTER III

4-Night Tuna Trip

SAN DIEGO—July 8th-12th

Cost of this trip is \$1245

Send \$200 deposit made out to Arnie Cohen.

RED ROOSTER III

4-Night Tuna Trip

SAN DIEGO—Sept. 5th-9th

Cost of this trip is \$1190

Send \$200 deposit made out to Arnie Cohen.

The November Striper Story...

Marty Waschitz, 2005 LARRC Club Secretary, recently visited a friend on Long Island, New York, who had just purchased a new boat. The location was Shinnecock Bay and the fish weighed in at 13 lbs. 14 oz. It was 33.75" long. Marty notes that they also caught some fluke and striped bass too small to keep legally. Tackle used was 30-lb. braided line with 40-lb. flouro leader on a Shimano Calcutta Reel. The action took place on the "Double Haul" – a new 28' Grady-White. ■



Brad Stich.... We love you!

We are not saying good bye! We are saying, "see you soon!" Though a member for a relatively short five years, Brad's involvement and participation have been way beyond the call of duty. If you've ever fished with Brad, you know that he's an outstanding angler and conducts himself in a very sportsman like fashion. I'm sure that his love for the Southern California saltwater fishery will bring him back for some of our summer charters.

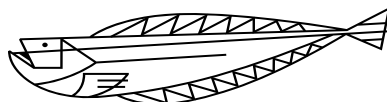
Good luck to you on your move to the east coast and subsequent change of life. Thanks for all your contributions. We will miss you, Jo, and all of your family. Your LARRC friends!

Submitted by Paul Varenchik ■

NEW SEASICKNESS PREVENTION ANNOUNCED

Presented as a wristwatch, the ReliefBand is used to treat morning sickness in pregnant women. It is handy while fishing too, to curb seasickness. The ReliefBand (reliefband.com) cures the age old malady by sending electrical impulses that interfere with the nausea processes in the brain. Electrodes press against your skin and work their magic within minutes, preventing or even reversing symptoms.

Source: USA Weekend 7/15 ■



Third LARRC Picnic — August 21

80 adults and 20 children attended our Third Annual Picnic—with special thanks to **Dan Felger** who again arranged for us to have our picnic at Lake Sherwood.

Paul Varenchik with a fabulous array of food was our #1 chef. Thanks to my wife **Linda**, for the delicious cakes—recipes available upon request.

We had professional boat tours given by Dan. As far as fishing goes...the junior members outfished the adults by 100 to 1. Special congratulations go to **Olivia Sharon, Grayson Dinovitz, Eric Ex** and **Miles Rosberg** for their superb angling ability in catching the largest large mouth bass of the day.

For those of you who did not attend the event, please don't miss this occasion next year as this is one of the real good times for the whole family—you missed a great affair. Look for date announcement in the *Chum Line*.

Thank you all....Chairman Paul Varenchik; Co-chair Steve Simon ■

Restrictions to Fishing off Hawaiian Islands Announced

The small islands and atolls were declared a Northwestern Hawaiian Island State Marine Refuge. State waters extend three miles from shore of the mostly uninhabited areas that are about a 155 miles northwest of Kauai. The area is home to delicate coral, scores of fish species and Hawaiian monk seals and turtles.

Source: LA Times 10/1 ■

C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2005

2005 Weekday Charters on the *Sea Biscuit* berthed at Channel Islands Landing in Oxnard.

RULES FOR 2005 ARE:

- 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 xt.1221 (ofc.)

SCHEDULE

November 16—Wed December 1—Thurs

Membership News

Voted into Active Membership:

- Michael Dickler, Encino, CA
- David Hockman, Encino, CA

Voted into Non-resident Membership:

- Ray McIntosh, Temecula, CA
- Chip Fitch, Chandler, AZ
- Tom Phelps, Phoenix, AZ

Goodwill and Cheer

Congratulations to Michael and Paula Grossman, on the birth of their grandson, Owen Henry Grossman, born Sat. 9/17 – weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz., 21". The proud parents are Jonathan and Laurie Grossman.

Michael and Nikki Godfrey are the proud grandparents of their fourth grandchild. Born Sept. 4th Aaron Benjamin Helfstein weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. Congratulations to the parents....Denise and Todd.

Board of Directors Adopts Amendment to By-Laws Re: Membership Renewals

The Board of Directors adopted the following amendment to Section 5, Article IV of the Club By Laws regarding membership renewals:

If a member's renewal form and dues payment have not been received by December 31 preceding the year of renewal, then the member may, upon board action, be placed on pending status for a period of up to one year and shall not appear in the Roster for the following year. Pending status shall mean that for up to one year following the applicable December 31 renewal deadline the pending member is eligible for reinstatement without

any further action, upon receipt by the Board of the member's renewal payment and renewal form. The membership of any person who is a pending member for any consecutive one-year period shall expire at the end of such one-year period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member who has failed to renew by the December 31 deadline, may not be placed on pending status if at least one Board member shall state that he has personal knowledge of that member's intention not to renew membership. In such case that membership shall expire as of December 31 of that calendar year. ■



Dinner Meetings November 28th

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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 21st

December 12th

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

Nov. 7—Mon.
Valley Inn

Other Events

Feb 19 '06
Annual Brunch/Installation/Auction

ELECTION NOTICE

Shortly, you will receive your ballot for the 2006 Board of Directors elections. Please make your selections and return your ballot before November 30th. There are five Board members to be elected. Please mark only five names on the ballot.

There are seven members for consideration. They are: **John Ballotti, Jack Genero, Mike Godfrey, Eric Rogger, Bob Selvin, Charles Schoemaker and Steve Simon.** ■

Big Whitefish Highlight—Sept. Seabiscuit Trip

Submitted by Phil Bell

Arnie Cohen's September charter on the *Seabiscuit* was fun and productive in some unusual way. After an early morning departure we arrived at the north-west shore of Santa Cruz Island. The weather was beautiful after the late September rain the previous day. **Sam Rubenfeld** started things rolling by catching a large blue bass. The **Max Wunderman** caught a very large whitefish which set the tone for the entire day. Sam invited **Phil Bell** up to the bow and Phil instantly hooked another big blue, and another, and another, etc. **Arnie, Norm, Vince, Fred, Stan, Ivor, and Norm's friend Bruce** all caught nice fish. The unusually large size of the white fish and blue bass made the fishing enjoyable. There was a constant pick on the fish at each stop. Arnie caught the only calico that day. We ended the trip by fishing and catching some nice rock fish. Future trips may well start the night before, to give us a chance at the outer islands including Santa Rosa and San Miguel. **For space on the remaining trips call Arnie at (818)368-5834. ■**

FOUNDERS NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS

President **Bob Selvin** needs to be given credit for originating and executing this event. A number of founders and past presidents sat around the head table and exchanged reminiscences from the past. It is hard to believe that some of these guys can still recall some of the anecdotes from

fifty years ago.

George Mio who used to drive the *New Hustler* for the group was also in attendance. *Chum Line's* favorite anecdote concerned an albacore trip during which not much was happening. Some one called out "hookup" but there were no fish. Later on when there was an actual

stop **George Mio**, in retribution, would not halt the boat at all!. We all roared, but those on that trip obviously had other thoughts. A great evening with a virtual sell out crowd. The picture, taken by in-house photographer **Joel Greenberg**, shows the assemblage. ■



YOUR Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

Just as there are 10% of the people who catch 90% of the fish...there are 10% of Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Members who do 90% of the work.

If you're not listed on any of the committees, have never served or organized anything, why not make 2006 your year of participation. Fishing experiences you've had will always catch

the attention of *Chum Line* readers. That great fishing lodge you visited will surely get you some company for a coming trip. When you sit in on one of the board meetings it'll prepare you to run for political office and help you to be constructive. The guys who run charters or organize events might appreciate a hand. We know that almost everyone comes

out for the kids trips but that's not all the club does.

Make up your mind! Are you one of the 10% or 90% category. Soon we will have a new President, **John Ballotti**...give him a call and volunteer for something. We know he would appreciate it. ■

Thunnus Thyannus Orientalis (BFT)

The writer had occasion to travel to North Carolina's Cape Hatteras to try standup fishing for the bluefin tuna in late spring (1998) and which migrate up the Gulf Stream. We had a ball. The quota per boat, per day was one fish which had to be under 72" for retention. Catch and release was not affected. What brought this to mind was an article in the *NCMC Marine Bulletin* (summer 2005) which is entitled *The Disappearing, Underfed, Mercury-Filled Bluefin Blues*.

Briefly, what it tells us is that there is a major depletion of the larger fish, more evidence of mercury contamination and they are getting progressively skinnier. Pelagic drift netting with the excessive bycatch are just one of the problems.

West Coast anglers will also be affected. Japanese consumption of BFT has been estimated at 400,000 fish annually. The Pacific BFT travels thousands of miles across to Japan on their spawning migration. The highly fecund eggs are 1mm in. diameter and it is said that a 700-lb. fish sheds about 40,000,000 eggs. One of a thousand will be around after 1 year!

A medium size fish weighs 145-300 lbs., at 8 years. It can grow to 12' and weigh up to 1500 lbs. Their tail beats 30 times a second and speeds of 50 mph have been clocked.

While spotter planes have created more opportunities for harpooners, longliners probably still account for most of the problems. The harpooners by the way, now have electrically equipped harpoons which stun the fish and improve the quality of the meat. vs. a long fight. Many landings have buyers on hand to make certain the fish is quickly air freighted to Japan and other consumers.

The Blue Fin Tuna has been labeled the ultimate political fish since regulations seems to be based on whoever has the strongest lobby. Conflicting reports to the governing agencies have not resolved the need for more monitoring.

Have a good time next summer and hopefully we'll see more blue fin swimming with the albacore. For easy catch and release circle hooks are the ticket.

Written by Eric Rogger...a number of sources were involved. ■

Trophy Records

Joel Steinman is on vacation and we will resume next month.

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