

# Chum Line

Good Sportsmanship is Worth all the Fish in the Ocean



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## President's Message

Having missed only one dinner meeting in the last four years, I'm continually surprised and pleased to meet members of long standing. Just when I assume that the only new faces will be guest speakers or prospective members, I'm introduced to someone who was a past president or has been a member more years than the number of candles on my last birthday cake.

I often wonder what it was about tonight's meeting that enticed this individual to attend. Granted, some popular guest speakers bring our members out of the woodwork. More often I am told that they just missed seeing old friends and hearing the latest fish reports. And yes, there is the occasional, "I left my tackle on the boat, and Dan brought it to the meeting for me to pick up."

Regardless of the reason, I encourage ALL club members, especially those who have not attended a meeting recently, to come to the next one. It is important to provide new members and guests the opportunity to meet a diverse cross section of the club, not just hardcore members, who attend every meeting.

Monthly dinner meetings also serve as a forum to recruit volunteers for club events such as the Kids' Trips, Marine Mentors or the recent Club Picnic. Meeting attendance is often seen as a barometer of the club's current health, regarding member participation. More attendees equals better participation, which equals a healthier club.

In case you are wondering, the reading on the barometer is a little low. We need an average of 55 members (dinners sold) at the meetings, we are currently averaging 46 dinners per meeting. As you

can see, we are close, and only need a few more of you to attend.

We are booking new, interesting and informative speakers. We have also improved the quantity and quality of raffle prizes. You will see top-of-the-line, name brand, rods and reels up for grabs. Next month, don't miss an opportunity to win one of Shimano's prized Trinidad reels.

I thank everyone for your continued support of the club, and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Your participation will help to make the club better.

—Brad Stich, LARRC President 2004 ■

## Oct. 25 Dinner Meeting Features Ben Secret

Highly acclaimed calico bass fisherman **Ben Secret** will be the featured speaker at the October dinner meeting. Fishing locally for more than forty years, Secret is well known for his tutorials which include the popular and definitive "Techniques for Inshore Calico Bass". Secret is currently in the marketing department of Shimano American Corp. in Irvine. He will do a presentation which will include calico fishing tips, equipment suggestions and an overview of what is new from Shimano.

(818) 808-4909 or email: [larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com](mailto:larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com) ■



Mike's 49.10 WSB.

## A Catches of Note:

**Mike Grossman** was fishing the Island Tack out of Channel Islands Harbor and brought in a 49-lb. 10-oz White SeaBass. Amazingly, he did it on 10-lb test. Congratulations!

Angler **Steve Smith**, fishing out of Key Largo, FL., Caught a 150-lb. wahoo off Rum Cay in the Bahamas in June. Tackle was 80-

lb. line rigged with a Black Bart Lure. (SWS 9/2004)

While at Guadalupe, our own **Arnie Cohen**, on his three day *Red Rooster* Charter managed a 84.9-lb yellow-tail on 40-lb line. He's applying for a new IGFA World Record. ■



Arnie's 84.9 YT.

## Marine Mentors 2004—An Update

The LARRC Marine Mentors program sailed twice this summer, once again introducing young people to the magic of fishing. Both trips were held aboard the *Betty-O* out of Marina Del Rey.

Our first trip, August 2nd, hosted the Phoenix House adolescent rehabilitation facility. A dozen youngsters, many of them first timers, were treated to a good bite, posting half-limits of 1- to 4-lb. sand bass. A considerable number of them overcame a bit of sea sickness to hook their first fish.

Our second trip, on August 23, was easily one of the best in the 9-year history of the program. The group of 12 included young people from the LAPD's North

Hollywood division—Jeopardy Kids and Police Explorers. They experienced flat calm weather and even better fishing. Ten of the 12 had never fished before. The day started with small bonito, mackerel and a couple of barracuda coming aboard the *Betty-O*. That was followed by an absolutely wide open sand bass bite on Ocean Park Reef between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The final total was 1/2 limits (96) of sand bass and at least 140 marginal or short fish



Youngsters with their "First Ever" fish.

released. Every youngster caught at least 10 fish, some considerably more.

Just what effect does a day on the water have on a young person? Here's a story from the first trip: *A youngster named Dominic had a tough start. He was seasick and not very interested. In fact, he slept through the first hour of the trip. One of our mentors finally got him up to the rail and up with his first fish. That was soon followed by a 2nd hook-up. Dominic was*

*next seen instructing the other kids on how to reel in their fish. By the end of the day, he was baiting his own hook, casting and landing his own fish. His confidence soared with each passing hour. It's a good bet he'll remember that trip for a very long time!*

None of this would have been possible without our Mentors: **Michael Grossman, Steve Simon, Sam Rubinfeld, Phil Bell, Marvin Smith, Eric Rogger, Dan Felger, Mike Godfrey, Brett Goldberg, Joel Steinman, Randy Sharon and Bill Vogel.** We also received generous help from two guest monitors. **Chick White and Cal Link.** Cal came all the way from San Diego and his job as the 2nd ticket on the *Qualifier 105* to donate his

expertise!

We will have more Marine Mentors trips next summer. Dates and other information will appear in the *ChumLine* and be announced at upcoming Club meetings. If you've never been a member on one of these trips, please plan on signing up. It's an experience you won't forget.

—Submitted by Frank Polak ■

### Who pays for the Mentor trips?

We thought it would be appropriate to ask this question along with the preceding article. Of course, our own LARRC Foundation does this good deed along with making grants to worthwhile fishery projects and our annual "Mammoth" July Kids' Trips.

The annual auction to raise funds for the LARRC Foundation will once again be taking place in conjunction with the awards banquet Feb. 27th, 2005. Donations for the auction are being solicited now. If you have new or fishing tackle in good condition—or even non-fishing items please start

thinking about donations now. **Contact either Michael Grossman or Steve Simon.** Remember this is the primary fund raising activity for the LARRC Foundation and its main source of funding for the Kids' Trips and the Marine Mentor Program.

# Fishing the *Lucky K!* by Michael Grossman




**L**ucky K is a 44' Pacifica Sportfisher owned and operated by **Capt. Kevin Kinsella** and managed by LARRC member **Larry Edwards**. (Cortez Yacht Charters). For the past several years a group of us have been chartering it in September for a day of off-shore fishing. LARRC members Brent Simpson, Norm Weinstock (and his son Rob), Randy Sharon, Joel Steinman and yours truly fished the *Lucky K* on Wednesday 9/8. We had heard that the albacore had disappeared for the time being but there were small yellowfin and yellowtail to be had. Small was the operative work. We started fishing around 7 a.m. and were limited-out

on small yellowfin within two hours. We continued catch-and-release, for a little while, and then headed back to the Coronados where we had heard there was some good yellowtail action. Although we did not find the 'tails, we did have some excellent calico bass fishing.

The weather could not have been better. Nice flat seas sixty miles out and bright sunshine. Captain Kevin runs a wonderful operation. Deckhand Devin and Cook Jeff treated us like Kings. A great time was had by all. In addition to the fishing it was a relaxing day on the water. Very relaxing—as witness the photos. ■



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## THE PRICE OF TUNA REACHES \$44 PER LB

Barry Cohn, Club Member and Partner in a CPA firm recently returned from a five-day trip. He calculated: (round figures)

<b>Charter Cost</b>	<b>\$1800</b>
<b>License &amp; Fuel Surcharge</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Tip and Galley</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>Gas &amp; Parking</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Hooks &amp; Line</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$2475</b>
<b>Trade in at the dock—150/6-oz. cans.</b>	
<b>Cost per can</b>	<b>\$16.50</b>
<b>Cost per pound</b>	<b>\$44</b>



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## SEVEN TONS OF FUN! By Mike Baar

Some of our LARRC members join Eric Rogger on his annual ultra-limited load *Polaris Supreme* Charter—this year August 14th-19th. We had an inauspicious departure—occasioned by a balky generator—so that after loading bait we had to return to the dock for a couple of hours. The time was spent setting up our gear. Tommy then made the usual introductions on safety procedures.

Dennis Cleary—2nd ticket on this trip—gave the standard tackle seminar and other instructions to make the trip more pleasurable. The generator delay did not impact our

fishing time as we reached the fishing grounds at 6 a.m. the first day. We were greeted by choppy seas and encountered our first albacore within minutes of our arrival in the area. These fish were in the 28- to 40-lb range and were so hungry that the boat landed half its limit. The balance was taken in the remaining stops during the rest of the day ultimately releasing all fish under 20 lbs..

The second night we headed for Guadalupe Island in the hope catching yellowtail and bigger tuna. There was just enough current to carry the bait away from the boat. The fish gods favored us and although the bite was never

wide open, the next two days saw us catching 32 yellowtail 25 lbs.. and up and 70 yellowfin to 78 lbs.. We fished the east side of the island near Pilot Rock in calm water and, while there, were visited by several great white sharks which we tried to divert from grabbing our hooked fish.

The crew did this by dangling fish bodies which effort was only partly successful but which gave us a close up view of these large predators. I must report on one unusual event, when in the heat of one active bite, some wag connected Eric's line with a rubber boot. He thought he had a monster on his line. This will

be referred to as the "battle of the boot".

After a dinner of T-Bone steaks we left the island and on our way north topped off our albacore catch with a calm sea and very mild weather. More than 184 albies were released and the trip was considered a major success by the limited load players. Mike Baar, Dean Hendrickson, Richard Wong, Barry Cohn, John Seymour and Eric rounded up the LARRC contingent.

*Submitted by Mike Baar—Sorry, our picture taker had camera problems! ■*

## O-U-C-H...Bad Place to be Hooked Up!

*A story any sensitive angler will appreciate. From the Allcoast Main Discussion Board. Posted by Calico Bob*

I'm going out on a limb and suggest I might be the toughest mofo out there. We were fishing this past Thursday, and I had just pulled my son's line out of the water and handed him the pole. You fish for sockeye salmon with nothing more than a flasher and a bare red #2 Gamakatsu hook. I was going to change him to a double hook set up, and without realizing it, he had allowed the hook to rest in my lap. I got up to grab my tackle box and that's when I felt it!

OUCH! I said as a sharp pain ascended from my groin region in route to my brain. I was hooked, and not just in my shorts. I pulled back my shorts, and could see the red shank of the hook disappear back into the fleshy folds of my scrotum. I begged my son to hold his pole as still as he could while I pulled some slack from his reel to

ease the pressure on my snagged nuts. The barb entered the left side of my scrotum, missed the testicle, and managed to hook into my nut sack without coming out.

Fearing a fine day of fishing would come to an end, and faced with the knowledge of having to trailer my boat with a bare hook embedded in my nut sack, instead of electing to go to the hospital, I pursued my second option. I grabbed some ice from the cooler and concentrated on creating an exit route. My son passed my needle nose so that we could cut off the eye of the hook. Following this we pushed the Gamakatsu out through another layer and into the cork handle of one of the rods and lifted...

With my son present, I didn't utter one foul word. The grimacing and concerned look on my face betrayed the pain I felt. None the less, my son now thinks I'm the toughest man alive. Gotta admit, I do feel pretty tough after enduring that one. (Sorry No Pictures- Ed.) ■

### LARRC ELECTION NOTICE

The following people have been selected by the nomination election committee of the club to run for the board of directors of the Los Angeles Rod And Reel Club.

1. Michael Grossman
2. Dan Fink
3. Randy Sharon
4. Marty Waschitz
5. Bernice Mahfet
6. Jack Genero
7. Mel Stein

The bylaws of the club states that this list shall be circulated to the general membership at least 15 days prior to the mailing of the ballots. Any active member in good standing who wishes to be added to the ballot needs to make a written request by October 17, 2004. Send your requests to: Norman Weinstock, 4216 Nogales Dr. ■

# 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.

## NEW QUALIFIER 105 Skiff Trip Announced-2004

Departs Dec. 5, 2004 and returns Dec. 12, 2004

This 7-day trip priced at \$1500 plus permits and fuel surcharge. Limited to 18 players. A number of LARRC players already signed up although this is not a club trip.

If interested contact Dena at the Qualifier office at (619) 223-2786.

### NEW FALL LARRC TRIP ANNOUNCED

Aztec-Two Day Freelance Trip Nov. 14-16th. Fare is \$425 for this two day adventure. The boat will leave from Pierpont Landing. Limited to 20 players. Included are all meals and tip. Beverages and fish cleaning optional.

Call Bob Selvin at (310) 474-4143 or

[calicobob1010@aol.com](mailto:calicobob1010@aol.com) for additional details. Make checks out to LARRC.

## 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

**ONLY TWO SPACES LEFT!**

We just concluded another very successful trip during the most optimal time of the season. Limits of albacore plus-70 yellowfin to 60 lbs.. as well as larger model yellowtail were encountered. All but four spaces have already been committed for 2005. **If you can handle a very limited load charter of 18 please call Eric Rogger @ 310 476-5936, fax 310 476-6811 or email: [wstridge@aol.com](mailto:wstridge@aol.com)**

## QUALIFIER 105 – 7-Day Skiff Trip

**ONE SPOT 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

**For additional info on these two charters contact:  
Dan Felger (805) 370-1632 or fax (805) 370-1483  
E mail – [Dan@Dartreatly.net](mailto:Dan@Dartreatly.net)**

## SPECIAL NOTICE:

Mike Godfrey had signed up for a 10 day trip on the Polaris Supreme—Oct. 30th departure—for personal reasons he's had to cancel and is looking for an adventurous fisherman to replace him. This trip targets bigger game and wahoo. Mike is offering a discount to anyone interested. Please call if you're serious: (818)2974 or email: [mgodfrey@sdocal.rr.com](mailto:mgodfrey@sdocal.rr.com)

**C A L E N D A R**

**LARRC Charters 2004**



**Dinner Meetings**

October 25

November 29

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.

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**Board Meetings**

October 18

November 22

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

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**Other Events**

- November 1  
FOUNDATION MEETING

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

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- March 2-6  
Hall Show, Long Beach

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- March 16-20  
Hall Show, Del Mar

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**Membership News**

**Voted into Active Membership:**  
**Todd D. Thibodo**  
6845 Valley Circle Blvd. #23  
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**On the Seabiscuit**

Nov. 10      Wednesday  
Dec. 1        Wednesday



Cost of trips may vary depending on number of players - \$90-\$100. Food, filleting and tips will be extra.

**IN PURSUIT OF COWS...**

A 200-lb. plus tuna fish is one generally referred to as a "cow". The designation for a fish over 300 lb. must be a "super cow". **Chuck Garrison** recently had an article—which appeared in a fall issue of *Salt Water Sportsman*—in which he had researched the ten biggest tuna taken on San Diego based long range boats. With the closure, by Mexico, of the Revilla Gigedos in 2002, the hunt for these behemoths has become all the more difficult. Entry into "cow" tuna clubs has become more rare and probably much more demanding in terms of time and expense.

Club members who have achieved a 100-lb fish know what the angler is up against. It is not the purpose of *Chum Line* to re-write Chuck's excellent article but rather to give acknowledgement to those who've not given up on their dreams.

The largest of the cows ever caught was a 388.75-pound fish. Bill Poole was the Captain of the *Royal Polaris* 27 years ago when angler **Curt Wisenhutter**, fishing at night, hooked up to see his fish streaking toward the beach in shallow water. Fish hooked up in the dark often seem to be disoriented and this cow certainly was and it headed right back to the boat.

Wisenhutter could not retrieve line fast enough and the fish went under the boat dragging a bunch of loose line. It surfaced on the other side of the boat where two deckhands 'stuck' it. Time from hook up to gaffing: less than five minutes! Next time you catch a Kamikaze send your story to *ChumLine* and share it with other club members.



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# THE ROOSTER CROWS AGAIN!

Elaboration by Phil Bell

For those of us who joined **Arnie Cohen** on the *Red Rooster III* for an early September trip, it was an angling adventure we will not soon forget.

**Arnie, Mike Godfrey and Vince Shriver** made headlines. Read on! It was the writer's first three-day trip in Mexican waters and I'll be back.

The boat left H&M landing at 1:30pm and after the usual bait stop headed south at full speed. **Capt. Andy Cates** gave an excellent seminar on equipment and technique. The three-day trip had two options, in so far as destinations were concerned. One was San Benitos where an excellent yellowtail bite was reported to be in progress. The other was Guadalupe Island which would start us fishing six hours earlier but might be iffy on the yellowfin and yellowtail bite.

Andy's decision for the Island venue turned out to be prophetic and we arrived at the north end about 8:30 am. Fishing was slow to start but eventually we started to catch 25- to 40-lb. yellowfin. It was like a constant pick with an occasional yellowtail thrown in. 30-lb. line seemed to be more successful than 40-lb. Sam Rubinfeld handed off his rod to me for my first yellowfin. He exemplifies good sportsmanship in LARRC. Changing our location several times did not change conditions too much so, Andy decided to anchor up for the night. After a great prime rib dinner some of us tried the dropper loop technique and stayed up all night.

The next morning we started early and immediately got into a yellowfin



Godfrey/Shriver Tag Team

bite. Mike Godfrey hooked and handed off to Vince Shriver a large yellowfin. They fought the fish for over an hour on 30-lb. line. Eventual success resulted in a 113.7-lb. yellowfin being brought over the rail. The captain called it "the tag team fish."

Arnie Cohen hooked a large fish flylining a sardine on 40-lb. test. At first it came in quickly, but then it woke up and started pulling ferociously. Arnie played it patiently and an hour later when a deckhand lifted a fish over the rail which he described *as a nice-sized yellowtail*. This was the understatement of the trip—he had landed a trophy 84.9-lb. yellowtail. Congratulations all around for this pending IGFA world record on 40-lb.

line. The IGFA all tackle world record is 92.1 lbs..

There were several LARRC members on the trip including: **Arnie Cohen, Mike Lapidus, Mark Lemp, Mike Godfrey, Tom Polliard, Frank Polak, Sam Rubinfeld, Phil Press, Vince Shriver and Phil Bell**. The total fish count was 88 yellowfin, 60 yellowtail. I wound up with 245 lbs.. of fish. The JP went to Arnie since the tag team's fish did not qualify. Second place went to Mark Lemp, a non-resident member from St. Louis.

Chartermaster Arnie put together a nice trip and the crew, including the galley, was superb. ■

# Trophy Winners as of Sept. 24, 2004

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.		SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	
<b>OCEAN WATER</b>											
Albacore	4	Wayne Caywood	11	0	*	<b>MEN'S RELEASED</b>					
Albacore	10	Eric Rogger	38	0	*	Marlin, Blue	30	Earl Warren	(1)		
Albacore	16	Tom Carlisle	37	0	*	Sailfish, Pacific	20	Earl Warren	(12)		
Albacore	30	Tom Carlisle	41	0	*	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Earl Warren	(19)		
Albacore	30	Barry Cohn	41	0		Sailfish, Pacific	40	Paul Varenchik			
Albacore	40	Tom Carlisle	48	0	*	<b>WOMEN'S</b>					
Barracuda	12	Barry Cohn	7	0	*	Albacore	40	Jan Howard	41	9	*
Barracuda	12	Troy Varenchik	5	4		Halibut	25	Sally Vickers	63	4	*
Bass, Calico	12	Barry Cohn	4	2		Roosterfish	30	Pamela Warren	45	8	*
Bass, Calico	16	Mike Feinberg	10	12	*	Salmon, King	20	Mercedes Giannini	33	0	
Bass, Calico	20	Vince Shriver	8	8		Salmon, King	20	Mercedes Giannini	12	Released	
Bass, Calico	25	Bob Selvin	9	12	*	Salmon, King	25	Sally Vickers	25	2	*
Bass, Calico	30	Bob Selvin	9	14	*	Salmon, Silver	25	Sally Vickers	17	1	*
Bass, Sand	6	Jonathan Varenchik	3	2	*	Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Sally Vickers	220	8	
Bass, Spotted Bay	4	Jonathan Varenchik	1	7	*	White Sea Bass	25	Jan Howard	22	2	*
Cabezon	16	Jim Carlisle	10	8	*	Yellowtail	40	Sally Vickers	47	0	*
Grouper, Black	30	Earl Warren	25	8	*	<b>SARDINES</b>					
Halibut	20	Dan Felger	16	8		Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	2	0	
Halibut, Pacific	25	Don Lee	64	0	*	Barracuda	15	Nick Varenchik	6	7	
Rainbow Runner	40	Paul Varenchik	19	0	*	Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	1	0	
Sailfish, Pacific	30	Bert Serden	88	0		Bass, Sand	12	Corryn Barney	3	0	
Salmon, Coho	20	Pete Giannini	12	0	*	Bass, Sand	12	Hunter Barney	2	12	
Salmon, King	10	Robert Jones	24	2		Bluegill	4	Harrison Hunter	1	8	
Salmon, King	20	Pete Giannini	36	0		Bluegill	4	Samantha Hunter	1	8	
Tarpon	20	Earl Warren	50	6		Cabazon	20	Billy Vauhan	5	4	
Tuna, Yellowfin	6	Michael Grossman	9	0							
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Barry Cohn	46	0							
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Tom Carlisle	219	14	*						
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Dan Felger	219	11							
Tuna, Yellowfin (open)	150	Al Scow	208	2	*						
White Sea Bass	10	Mike Grossman	49	10	*						
White Seabass	12	Mike Godfrey	7	0							
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	*						
<b>FLY ROD</b>											
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							
<b>FRESH WATER</b>											
Bass, Largemouth	4	Jonathan Varenchik	3	1	*						
Bass, Largemouth	12	Joel Steinman	3	8	*						
Catfish, Channel	8	Wayne Caywood	12	0	*						
Trout, Lake	16	Jim Carlisle	22	0							

\* New Club Record

**FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR**  
Al Scow—White Sea Bass  
April 10, 2004—21lb 2oz.

**FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR**  
Wayne Caywood  
June 14, 2004—11lb 0oz.

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# Epic Trip Exceeds Expectations with Huge Calicos

By Bob Selvin – (aka Calico Bob)

**I** RETURNED Sept. 16 from an EPIC 7 day skiff trip aboard the 6-pak, *Pacific Quest*, hopskotchng down the Baja coastline targeting big calicos (catch & release), that exceeded all expectations and perhaps set a new “standard” for skiff trips in the future. I can’t wait until the *Q 105’s* skiff trip coming up in December after this one!

Among the six of us on board were **Dan Fink** of Berkeley/Sevenstrand, who is also the co-host of the *Western Fishing and Boating* radio show on Thursday nights on 1540 am; the calico king, **John Turner**, of Mondo swimbaits; **Dennis Saylor**, **John Fenley** and 97-year-old **Bernie Mayers** and yours truly! Bernie was at the rail at times and caught some fish!

We had two inflatables and an aluminum skiff to use, but both inflatables developed problems during the trip, greatly reducing the amount of skiff time that we had. Even so, the short report is that we logged and legitimately weighed and released (on a Boka Grip and a very accurate Chatillion scale) 20 calicos over 8 lbs., 5 over 9 lbs., one over 10 lbs., and the big lunger—an amazing 11.5-lb beauty—to be mounted. We have video showing how we released these fish.

Aside from one crewman, the above represents the catch of Fink, Selvin and Turner in a limited amount of skiff time compared to the actual number of days of the trip. Saylor spent only limited time in the skiffs and Fenley and Mayers did not go out on a run.

**Lesson Learned:** Despite this great catch, we LOST a number of big fish. Of course, this is part of fishing. It is sheer

folly to use anything less than 25-lb. test, with 30-lb. probably preferred. I am not kidding. Reel of choice is a Calcutta 700TE. I borrowed a friend’s for this trip



Dan Fink’s Successes.

and needed it. I am purchasing one plus having Mike Grossman retool my 400TE’s to get 9 lbs. of drag.

All of the fish caught from the skiffs were on mondo swimbaits, courtesy of John Turner. Also, in our catch was one 90- to 100-lb. black seabass (one also lost), about a dozen yellowtail and hordes of pesky log barracuda and whitefish, and keeper lingcod in 120-180 feet of water mostly caught yo-yoing heavy jigs. An epic trip with not another fishing boat in sight at any time.

Personally, I did not match the 10 lb.



Buzz Bomb Bernie at 97 yrs.

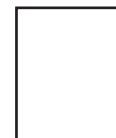
10 oz. calico that I caught on last year’s shorter trip (plus two 9 lbs.+ fish). But this year, I did manage four calicos of 9.0, 9.4, 9.12 and 9.14—not bad! Fink had a personal best 10.6 and 9.12 but naturally, a crewman, young Matt Lozano, caught the biggest—an 11.5 whopper. ■



Calico Bob with two beauties.

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