

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

DARIN DOHI - UNITED COMPOSITES USA

Darin Dohi is your average Joe. He started fishing at the ripe old age of 3 with his mom at a local park while his dad was at work. Although most of those trips started off as duck feeding excursions, they turned into fishing trips with little solid glass spin casting rods and reels with 6lb line, a small bait holder hook, a mealworm dangling under a red and white bobber. Bluegill was the target species and to this day remains one of his favorite fish to catch. But truth be told, he loves to catch anything, anywhere, at any time. He even coined the phrase "From Bluegill to Bluefin...I love them all!" That is the essence of what he stands for.

Currently Darin works for United Composites USA, fishing rods and blanks, the marketing support department. United Composites USA is the only company entitled to use the patented and trademarked Dual Helix Technology and Single Helix Technology. The Dual and Single helix technology blanks are wholly constructed of longitudinal pre-preg glass and graphite in such a manner as to eliminate the need for any glass scrim backing or woven glass fabric. They offer blank designs



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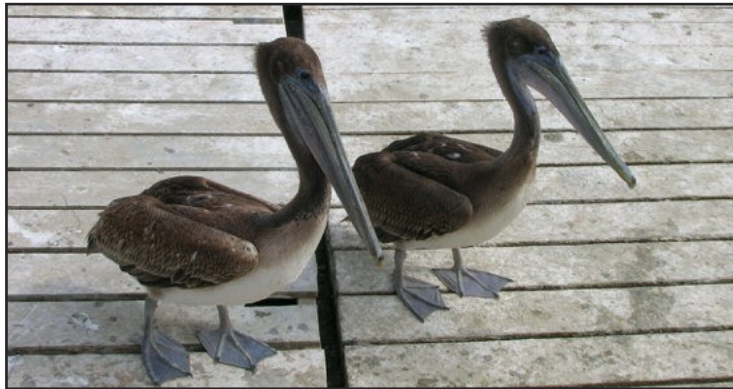
ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Submitted by Eric Rogger

- ◆ Los Angeles Times reported (9/9) that our population now stands at 38 million – this makes California the sixth largest economy in the world. Estimates show an increase to 44 million by 2030. Looks like we need some innovative programs according to the California Public Policy Institute.
- ◆ A possible listing of Blue Fin Tuna as endangered species is contained in a petition filed with NOAA by the Center for Biological Diversity. This move is highly controversial and would have profound effects on our sport and commercial fisheries.
- ◆ California Dept of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is holding up passing approval of less destructive nets until it can do further studies on their effect. We are talking about the deep set Buoy gear. This even though it is known that regular drift nets have a proven history of vast amounts of by-catch and retention of

non-targeted species.

- ◆ An article in the summer edition of North Pacific Focus (associated with Alaska Fishermen's Journal) describes the frustration and loss of income when CDFW closed the dungeness crab season in early November due to high levels of domoic acid. The fishery was finally cleared in late March (acid levels were found to be o.k.) much to the relief of Northern California fishermen.
- ◆ The Salmon Burgers served at Cathy's home during the last dinner meet brought to mind these other salmon notes - Bristol Bay, Alaska, recorded landing its 2 Billionth salmon in its 133 year history. All the result of careful planning by the state biologists. Escapement and shortening of the fishing seasons seemed to be the key. Production is now 150 to 200 million fish annually. (National Fisherman 10/16)



ALL ABOUT BAIT

If you fish saltwater then you've probably heard of rules passed earlier this year by NOAA protecting many of the forage fish found in the eastern Pacific. Of particular interest to us are those bait fish, anchovies and sardines often critical to the success of our sport. Now there is news that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is hosting a meeting Oct. 17th in Monterey to discuss prohibiting commercial fishing for other designated forage fish. These would include herring, lanternfish, squid etc.

Yes, I know that LARRC is not an environmental organization but we must recognize the importance of maintaining nature's food chain if future generations are to be able to fish not only for the sport but also to keep healthy this important food source. The various organizations we support, CCA – Wild Oceans – Sportfishing League will hopefully give us some updates after these meetings.

Also available – CDFW Communication @ (831) 649-7191 or cdfwmarine.wordpress.com

THAT PACIFIC "BLOB"

Since 2013 parts of our west coast waters have grown unusually warm. Scientists have noted twenty times more sea lions, hundreds of thousands of seabirds, and many more sea otters have died where the waters temperatures have been measurably warmer. The Laguna Beach Mammal Center took in hundreds of starving seal pups.

Remember last month we reported on the shutdown of the crab fisheries due to domoic acids in their food. Warmer water caused toxic algae. In 2015 market squid usually fished off the Channel Islands were found off Alaska. The coho salmon returning to west coast rivers arrived in malnourished condition. Is there a change of sea life in the offing? Some species may go north looking for cooler waters although the warmer conditions helped our sport fishing fleet have an excellent season.

In April of 2015 algae blooms stretched for two thousand miles from our Channel Islands to Kodiak. Scientists don't yet have definite answers and cannot predict for sure if this is a scenario of things to come. Climate change is under suspicion as one factor. Stay tuned!

The source of this material was found in the Sept. 2016 issue of National Geographic Magazine.

Frank Polak 1st Annual Memorial Highliner Trip

Submitted by Nick Ekdahl

I had planned this trip back in September 2015. Frank Polak was a regular member of the “Usual Suspects” gang that frequented my Highliner charters and was very interested in going on this trip. It was one of the last email threads we had together. So, after his passing I decided to name the trip after him.

On Saturday August 13th we all gathered at the Rondo Landing Parking lot around 5:30 AM to get organized for a 6:00 AM departure. For this trip the “Usual Suspects” including me were my father Carl, my brother Kris and friends Ross Lombard, Roland Gutierrez, Brian MacDonald and Manny Masso. My friend Mauricio Palacios was supposed to go but unfortunately he got sick the night before and could not make it.

The plan was to go to Catalina Island; according to Captain Gary the fishing had been very good there lately. Unfortunately Gary had also gotten sick the night before so he too was not able to make the trip. His Second Captain John had been with us on many trips before as had Deckhand Frank so we knew we were in good hands even with Gary being absent. John and Frank had gone over to the bait receiver and loaded up on big sardines for our trip before we boarded the boat. After introductions and a brief but thorough safety talk we got under way. Before we left the slip I mentioned the fact that this was a memorial trip for Frank Polak and talked about how much fun he had on these Highliner trips. Carl, Kris and Ross all knew Frank and we miss our wise cracking fishing buddy very much. On the way to the island we readied all of our rigs for the various types of fishing we might do but primarily set up for fly lining the Sardines. Our targets on this trip were Yellow Tail and Calicos.

Roughly an hour and a half later we pulled up on our first spot. Fishing conditions were near perfect as the wind

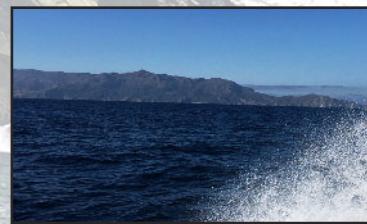
and current were cooperating with each other and we were able to get close to some very fishy looking kelp lines with good structure below. We cast our baits and let them run. It was not long before I felt the Sardine on the end of my line get hammered and the line begin to peel off... I swung and the rod loaded up; I thought “Yellow Tail!” The fish ran me into the kelp and it was a battle to get him out, I gave him some line to swim free and then cranked back down and he finally came free of the kelp and I was able to get control and bring him towards the boat. It was the wrong color! As it got closer I saw that it was a Calico and a big one. Frank was right there with the net and we brought him on board, this was the largest Calico I have caught in local waters, it weighed 7-1/2 lbs. We were all hooting and hollering about what a great fish it was when my brother Kris suddenly hooked up and had his own battle. He finally landed his and it was another big bruiser Calico weighing in at 7-3/4 lbs.!

This set the tone for the rest of the day. We all caught a limit of legal Calico and released many more. Kris managed to catch two Yellow Tails as bonus. There was a lot of variety with some Sheephead, Blue Perch and a nice sized Bonito which I think gave my father Carl the best fight of the day on 6 lb. test!

This trip was the most fun I have had fishing on a boat in quite a while. The past few boat trips have been low producers or skunk fests and I think that Frank was watching over us and convincing the Calicos that our sardines were the tastiest fodder in the ocean. I know he would have cracked wise with a few jokes to add to the laughter and good humor that were on the boat; nothing like a bunch of happy anglers catching fish; he would have fit right in. I sure do miss him.



The Usual Suspects



Catalina ahead



Ribbon Rock

IN MEMORY OF THE PASSING OF A VERY SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER

By Earl Warren

I am very sad to report the passing on September 2nd of Ben Susman, who was a very special club member. Ben is survived by his wife, Mimi, his son Howard, his daughter, Lynne and 4 grandchildren.

Ben, from the moment I joined the club in 1966 at the age of 26, stepped right up to help mentor me along with his closest friend and also a mentor to me, Bill Pearlman. Ben participated in all club events and was our President in 1967 following Bill who was President in 1966. Ben always was the first to step up and volunteer his time and talent to assist both the Club and Foundation in all of their events.

Ben was an avid and excellent angler fishing locally and out of San Pedro and San Diego, first on the New Hustler and then on the New Hustler II as a member of the infamous "Dirty Dozen", which was appropriately named because they only took 12 anglers on every trip. (See photo attached of dirty dozen. Ben is the angler with the boots over his shoulder. How many of the anglers in the photo can you recognize?)

I, along with other club members, had the privilege and pleasure of fishing with Ben and always enjoying the pleasant company of Ben and Mimi at club events. Ben and I, along with our wives were invited as special guests to the "Celebration of Life" memorial for George Mio and we asked to speak about our long time adventures and close friendship with George.

Ben, Mimi Lynne and grandson Jake all hold club records and Ben is a member of the "Hall of Fame Club". Ben enjoyed going way up north to fish for giant lake trout.

Ben still holds 3 club records for lake trout.

Ben was a very successful attorney specializing in real estate transactions. He was also a great businessman and invested in very successful mobile home and trailer parks in California.

His favorite fishing platform (and mine also) was the Qualifier 105 and we enjoyed many successful fishing trips together with owner-operator John Klein. Ben fished with his family whenever he could and his daughter, Lynne, was a regular angler on the "Q 105".

Ben was buried in his fishing boots (the same ones in the picture), a long sleeved white shirt with air holes in it with years of built up fish blood on it that he always fished in and a fish hook on the collar of his shirt.

Ben, when he joins up with his very close friends, Bill Pearlman, Julian Wolf and Captain George Mio will be given tackle by them and be able to fish without any MPA zones or other restrictions.

Ben, all of us who knew you and fished with you, warmly wish you tight lines and please give our best to our other members that have passed on.



The dirty dozen on the New Hustler II. Ben Susman is the angler with the boots and George Mio, the owner-operator and former member of the club is in the left background. The father of a well recognized angler is on the extreme right (Don Lee - the father of Cathy Needleman).



Hannah, Lynne and Ben with some nice yellowtail. Doesn't get better than this: Family and Fishing!

Ben with his granddaughter, Hannah Ballew, at his favorite and only position on the boat - the corner rail!



LARRC Members Volunteer on MDRA/Larry Brown Vets Fishing Trip

By Fisherman Phil Bell

LARRC members Phil Bell (Coordinator) and Steve Simon volunteered on MDRA/Larry Brown Vet Fishing Trip on September 27th. 31 vets, 7 staff, and 7 volunteers had a great time and caught lots of rockfish. The vets were very appreciative of the MDRA and LARRC Vet fishing programs this year. You can volunteer for the final LARRC/Larry Brown Vet trip of the year on the Betty O on Nov. 8th. Contact Steve Simon for details.



Mag 7 Score Bonanza of Rock Fish on Baja Whirlwind Tour

By Phil Bell

The Magnificent 7 including LARRC members Paul Verenchek, Phil Bell, Will Ebersman, William Davis, Richard Stone, Keith Heerdt, and Dave Morgan caught a variety of quality rock fish on the 5 day Baja Whirlwind Tour.

Arranged by Baja Fishing Convoy's Orchidea Martinez, the trip included fishing stops at Castro's Camp, Don Eddy's of San Quintin, and the Hotel Coral and Marina in Ensenada.

Orchidea drove us in a 15-passenger van loaded with all our fishing gear and luggage. Her amazing knowledge fishing locales, Baja roads, and fluent Spanish all contributed to a really unique and enjoyable experience.

The variety of accommodations, boats, and fishing locales was very well planned. From basic bare bones at Castro's Camp fishing in pangas, to the luxurious Hotel Coral and angling on the 45' yacht Game Fisher.

San Quintin had the best fishing for huge reds, nice sized lings and 1 yellowtail. Don Eddy's owner Tony provided great meals and wonderful hospitality.

Keith Heerdt and Richard Stone tied for the jackpot with a large bonito and equally large red snapper aboard the Game Fisher near Todos Los Santos by Ensenada. Paul and Orchidea prepared a delicious breakfast and lunch in the galley. After fishing, the Hotel Coral and Marina in Ensenada provided us with a great pool and hot tub for the perfect place to relax at the end of our Whirlwind 5 day fishing tour.

I will definitely book this trip again next year with Ochidea Martinez of Baja Fishing Convoys. Her website is bajafishingconvoys.com.



The beautiful Coral Hotel and Marina.



Paul V and Orchidea cooking in the galley



William Davis and his yellowtail



The Magnificent 7 with their haul of big reds and lings

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ASPE Annual 2 Day Fishing Trip

8/24 - 8/25/16

By Nick Ekdahl

I belong to two professional organizations and one of them, American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), has an annual fishing trip that dates back 20+ years. I have had the pleasure of participating in most of those trips. Many of them were on the Fury out of Dana Wharf and several of my "First" catches were made on that boat: Yellow Tail, White Sea Bass, Calico, Barracuda are among those species. Way back then the trips were overnights to San Clemente Island usually leaving on a Friday and fishing all day Saturday. About 5 years ago, the new ramrod Charter Master decided that we were going to start doing two day tuna trips! He chose the Ranger 85 and that is the boat we have been using ever since.

I had not been on the trip for the past couple of year due to conflicts in scheduling but this year it all worked out, my brother Kris was even able to participate; he has been a welcomed angler on past ASPE trips. There were three of my coworkers on the trip and I know many of the engineers and contractors that were on the manifest so I knew the caliber of the anglers on board. For the most part it was a very experienced bunch with a couple of green horns that would need some guidance and tackle help as the rental rods were way under gunned for what was to come.

The trip left Wednesday night August 24th from H&M Landing and was expected back Friday August 16th in the evening. I met Kris at the overflow parking for H&M Landing and we loaded up his stuff in my car then headed over to the Brigantine for a Happy Hour fish taco and margarita before heading over to unload our gear. My co-worker Robert met us at the bar and since he is new to tuna fishing, Kris and I explained how the "Tuna Shuffle" works and what to expect. We headed on over to the landing around 8:00 PM as the expected departure time was 9:00 PM. I was very lucky and scored a paring



2016 Ranger 85 ASPE Fishing Trip group shot.

spot in the parking lot close to H&M! This was a good omen and made it easier to get our gear to the staging area and meet up with the rest of our group. Everyone was excited as we watched trophy bluefin tuna caught on returning boats brought up to the block and tackle to get weighed and photographed!

Finally the Ranger 85 crew had the boat cleaned up from the previous trip and we boarded. Kris, Robert and I had a game plan: divide and conquer. Robert took our bags and was going for middle bunks in the bow, Kris took the rods and was going to get them into convenient rod racks and I was going to score ideal tackle box placements. It all worked out perfectly and as we had 26 anglers resulting in a pretty light load and there ended up being plenty of elbow room. We signed in, got in the jackpot and got out numbers for the trip. Kris and I were on the same trolling rotation which was good as we could pass the time talking and catching up; very few if any bluefin had been caught on the troll...

The Captain for this trip gathered us up on the bow and he ran down our options, it boiled down to chasing trophy bluefin or chasing schools of smaller yellowfin. Based on what happened the day before and today he said our chances were the same either way. It was going to be run and gun for footballs or life time fish. He then asked us what we wanted to do. There were some questions which were all answered well and then we all voted for going to the "43" and chasing the giant bluefin, who knows when the next time we would get a chance at them? Now that we knew what the target would be we set about rigging up our rods to either fly line the big sardines we had in the bait tanks or to use a Flat Fall jig, I was sure glad I had some in my tackle bag!

After that chore and some more tuna fishing training for Robert such as "Step to the Left (or Right)," "Follow your line!" and "No angles, no tangles!" and teaching some knots to a couple other newbies it was time to crack a beer and catch up with my colleagues from ASPE and see how their work was going and if there were any projects for which I could render design assistance. That quickly evolved into tall tales and fishing



Sunset Day

lies, each one bigger and better than the last. With thoughts of catching the “Big One” in our heads it was time to hit the bunks for some shut eye; I really appreciated the middle bunks that Robert secured for us earlier, it made a big difference for me by the end of the trip. We had a couple of extra bunks nearby for storing our gear so it was ideal.

Day One: I was awakened around 5:30 AM by the thud and the slap, slap, slap of a big fish beating against the deck overhead and I thought “Darn it, I overslept, got to get up and get in on the grey light bite!” I got my deck boots on, woke up anybody that was still asleep, grabbed my fighting belt and flew up the stairs to the deck. There were two big bluefin on the deck and two more hanging! There was just the right mixture of excitement and pandemonium going on... I grabbed one of my rods with a flat fall jig tied on, cast in the stern and began my first walk up the Ranger 85. As I followed my line while the jig sunk down. On my third shuffle I got bit and it was game on! Lack of coffee



Bluefin Tuna

and some fumbling on my part as well as being well over matched on this big fish resulted in watching my line peel off at an alarming rate from my AVET MX loaded with 30 lb. mono. I was being spooled! I couldn't believe it so I jammed the lever to full strike and it slowed down for a couple of seconds and then broke off. I was disappointed and to my credit I did not curse a single word! I stayed totally optimistic as we were on a biting school and while I was fishing one of the two that were hanging was gaffed and the other one was lost. Another fish was hooked up just as I lost mine so hope was still there. I grabbed my AVET JX 2 Speed Seeker SC 665 40 lb. combo, which is what I should have used in the first place, and tossed another Flat Fall jig over the side. I fished this set up for roughly an hour without a bite. Must have been on about my 30th shuffle I got hit on the drop. I started counting as the line started to peel off then stopped and then it really started to scream off the line so I moved the lever forward into strike and let the rod load up. “Fresh One” I yelled and put the rod butt into my fighting belt and hung on, this was a big fish! One of the Deckhands stuck to me like glue helping me negotiate the other hanging fish and anglers as well as the anchor windlass. The fish took a few runs and I gained the line back in an epic see saw of wills. We could see deep color and I got even more excited if that was possible, this was a BIG fish! Finally it went into the death circle and I put the reel into low gear and cranked away until we had color at the surface. The deckhand stuck in the head and more gaffs were called for to make sure it stayed stuck. The Deckhands lifted it up and over with a thud and the deed was done. Then and only then did I shout out a big “YAHOO!” I was pretty darn happy to land what would later turn out to be a 73.5 lb. bluefin

Tuna, by far my Personal Best as well as the largest fish I've ever caught.

Throughout the day we moved a few times, drifted by some kelps, anchored up on high spots, tried kite fishing, we did it all to get the bites. Later that day when we were anchored on one of the high spots Kris hooked, fought and landed a 20 lb. yellowtail! Skunk off! He was pretty darn happy with himself as by then the bluefin bites were getting scarce. We were seeing plenty of breaking fish, getting them to stay up and bite was the challenge. I was happy to be done with my trolling duty and have lunch; the food was very good on this trip. Since I had a fish in the hold I was more leisurely about the rest the afternoon and evening. We anchored up at San Clemente Island for the night. While we were waiting for the second dinner seating Kris and I used the light gear we brought (you never know what opportunities there might be...) to see what we could catch off the rocky bottom. We corked a bottle of wine, poured a cup and sent down some dropper loops with Gulp for bait. Calicos were the answer! Kris even caught a legal one. We released a bunch of shorts and it was fun. What was really cool was that fact that the deck lights attracted the squid up to the surface and the crew scooped up a good amount for the next day. All in all it was a great way to spend Kris's Birthday!



Nick with Blue Fin Tuna.

Day Two: This morning I made sure I was up and fishing in the early morning darkness. Not much was happening early on and I took breaks to casually have coffee and breakfast. There were a couple of big fish caught including the largest of the trip, a splendid 127 lb. bluefin specimen! Again we moved around looking for schools that wanted to play. We saw several schools of smaller breaking bluefin and I took some awesome video of them as we drifted closer to the schools. The whole time San Clemente was visible off in the distance. It is amazing to think that we were catching huge fish so close to home, not on a week-long trip down south.

This was a true Heinz 57 Variety trip as on one of our anchor stops a few of us sent down dropper loops with squid strips just to try something different and my co-worker Robert caught the largest Vermilion rock fish I have ever seen, over 10 lbs. I caught two very nice California Sheephead which I kept for my boss, he loves whole steamed fish. It would



Kris fighting his BFT with San Clemente in the background.

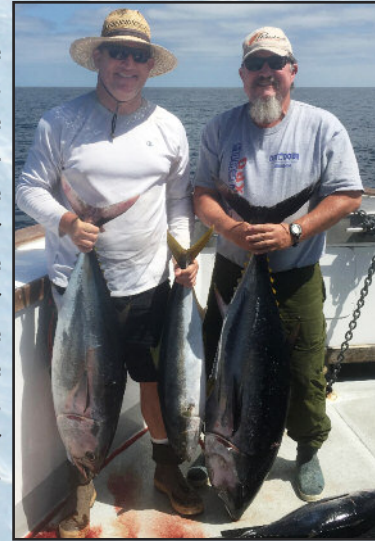


be a nice way to say "Thank You!" for sending me on this industry related trip. About 11:00 AM, I hooked another fish on my Diawa Lexa 400 7' Proteus combo using a Flat Fall jig. It was a smaller fish which was perfect fun on my lighter gear. Twenty minutes later it hit the deck. It was roughly 20 lbs. and it was another bluefin! I took a break for lunch and relaxed a bit, so far I was doing pretty well considering the number of hook ups and caught fish for the boat. We got on top of another big school and the Captain was really urging us to get bait or jigs in the water so I complied. I fished for about an hour

Kris with Blue Fin Tuna. making shuffle after shuffle and was encouraged by the fresh hook ups we were getting on the boat. I am glad we kept at it as Kris got the last fish of the trip, a 54 lb. bluefin, a great catch and his personal best tuna. It was not the largest fish of the rip but it was feisty and walked him around the boat a couple times and he did a fine job of fighting it and the crew did a great job keeping the path clear and gaffing the fish at

the end of the battle.

Not long after that fish hit the deck the Captain called for "Lines In" for the final time and we started the long trip back, an estimated seven hour boat ride was ahead of us. Time for a beer or two and reminiscing about the trip as we broke down our gear and sorted the terminal tackle back into the proper spots in the tackle box. The consensus was that we bested the fleet and our final fish count for 26 anglers were 25 bluefin tuna, 3 yellowfin tuna, 2 yellowtail and assorted bottom grabbers. There were at least a dozen maybe more fish hooked that were lost due to various reasons so there were plenty of chances. Kris and I accounted for 13% the catch so were pretty happy with ourselves. Thanks again to the Ranger 85 Captain and crew for great customer service and working hard to get us on the few biting fish that were out there!



Brothers Ekdahl



Donald Goldsobel's

CALLING ALL COOKS

CURRIED ANYTHING

By Donald Goldsobel

Do you like Curry? I love it and I found a way to make it that is so easy and absolutely delicious. I made ling cod poached in curry sauce and cauliflower sauté in the same curry sauce. The easy part is there is a Japanese ready-made sauce that comes in semi dry form. I got it from Marukai Asian Market. It is also available on line. The sauce is TASTY CURRY SAUCE MIX S&B. It comes in mild and hot. I broke a head of cauliflower into large pieces, cut an onion into eighths. A little oil in a Dutch oven, add the onion and let it get well browned then add the cauliflower. While the onion is cooking: in a saucepan, add water and curry. When the curry is dissolved in the water, brown the cauliflower. Add the sauce to the Dutch oven. Let it cook with the lid on loosely. I used a half package. I use more water and then let it thicken as it cooks with the cauliflower. The cauliflower is done when a fork goes in easily. I then put some of the sauce back in the pot with some water, brought it to a boil, added the fish and reduced the heat to a simmer.



CHARTERS 2016

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Oct 21	Pacific Dawn Overnight Ventura Sportsfishing - Trip leaves night before Possible Yellowtail *NOT INCLUDED - Fish cleaning, drinks. Fuel surcharge may apply. Cost: \$284.00*	SOLD OUT (Limited Load - 17 max) Email for Wait List	Reza Malekzadeh drpdlmalek@yahoo.com 562-824-7727
Dec 3	Pacific Dawn 2016 Ventura Sportsfishing - Trip leaves night before Target Species: Rock Cod, Lings Spawning, Yellowtail, Halibut, Sea Bass *NOT INCLUDED - Fish cleaning, drinks. Fuel surcharge may apply.	SOLD OUT (Limited Load - 17 max) Email for Wait List Cost: \$284.00*	Reza Malekzadeh drpdlmalek@yahoo.com 562-824-7727

NOTE:
LARRC members signing up for club charters are obligated to pay full fare in the event they cannot make the trip. The club will attempt to fill your space and you may try to do the same in a timely manner. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunks are assigned by the charter master in order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.
Contact Mike Hartt or Ted Feit
LARRC Club Charters in **BLUE** Larry Brown Shared Charters in **GREEN** Malibu Fish'n Tackle, Wayne Caywood Shared Charters in **ORANGE**

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHARTERMASTER - MIKE HARTT

As the 2017 season approaches, it's time to start thinking about booking some great charters. We'll be posting everything from one-day trips on boats like the Pacific Dawn to 10-15 day trips on boats like the Red Rooster and many others.

Any input or suggestions from club members are welcome. Let us know if you've been on a trip that you really enjoyed, and you want to let other club members know about it. Remember, it doesn't need to be an "official" club sanctioned charter to be listed.

Alaska is another great fishing destination for next year. We're already aware of several lodges that many members have been to. The Fred Hall show has an entire aisle dedicated to Alaska and B.C. I'd love to negotiate a LARRC package, but we will need at least six members who are interested in going.

Lets make the 2017 season one that's full of options that meet everyone's schedules and budgets.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Welcome new member Will Skinner! Looking forward to sharing the rail with you soon!

CALENDAR

Board Meeting
OCTOBER 17, 2016

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm
94th Aero Squadron
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Dinner Meeting
OCTOBER 24, 2016

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm
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2017

APRIL 7, 2017

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FISHING FOR GIANTS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

By Sophia Huynh

Giants? Prince Edward Island? You might be asking yourself, what is she saying? On Wednesday September 14th, Kevin and I flew to the idyllic Prince Edward Island on the East Coast of Canada, north of Nova Scotia. This Eastern most province of Canada is a hidden gem of a destination. Last year, we did the same trip but didn't have enough time to visit the capital of Charlottetown or other parts of the island. This year we planned a couple of extra days to sightsee and also, planned our flights better. We actually had a 2.5 hour layover in Montreal so no running from terminal to terminal; much more relaxing.

We booked 3 days of fishing with Captain Spencer Norton and mate Kieran Larkin on the Sun Catcher of Tightline Tours. I know some of our fellow club members have fished with Spencer or his father Greg Norton or brother Chance Norton. This family knows their big fish stuff and are wonderful people.

Thursday morning Kevin and I started our hour drive towards Charlottetown. We stopped in St. Peter's Bay at cluster of shops that faced the bay. We met a very nice lady who just opened a little shop selling curios who we bought our coffee from and another lady who sold jewelry made out of beach glass. After pleasant conversations with both ladies, they suggested a place for lunch called Rick's Fish 'n' Chips & Seafood House. They had delicious mussels, oysters, scallops and the traditional lobster roll. They also suggested going to the Greenwich Dunes Trail. It is a beautiful trail system with 5 different routes that all take you to the picturesque red sand beaches and sand dunes. We walked 3 of the routes and the highlight was a floating wooden bridge over Bowley Pond prior to cresting the dunes themselves and seeing the waves crashing the North Atlantic Shore. We headed back to the car and continued



our drive to the capital. When we arrived at Charlottetown, we drove around the center of town which is about 5 square blocks and is full of cute shops, restaurants and the con-

vention center. Side note, we learned of the PEI Shellfish Festival. It is a 4 day event featuring top chefs preparing all the amazing local seafood PEI has to offer. We were not able to attend it this year but it is a must for next year! We found a great restaurant called Sims Corner Steakhouse, they had an oyster bar offering 10 different types of oysters. It was a comfortable quirky atmosphere and a building with so much character, seeming like one of the original buildings on PEI. We opted for a mixed dozen oysters and shared an amazing chateaubriand steak. It was so so so good. I can't even explain how delicious it was. We had to head back to Rollo Bay after dinner since we were meeting Spencer and Kieran at 6:30 am at the docks.

The fishery in PEI is highly regulated and it seems to be working well for all involved. This year the regulations changed from 2 fish per day to 3 per day with some great modifications. Now when you hook a fish anything under 10 minutes does not count towards your 3 fish limit. One second over 10 minutes it counts as a caught fish regardless if the hook pulls or it is brought to leader. These changes made for full days of fishing!

Friday was our first day of fishing and Spencer said it would be the calmest in the viewable 4 day forecast, so we took the opportunity to move our fishing days up to take advantage



of the good weather. We met the guys at the boat and headed out to make mackerel for bait. After we caught a couple we headed out to the fishing grounds. We started marking fish and around 2pm we got our first bite and Kevin put on his stand-up gear and clipped the reel in. He



landed that fish in about 25 minutes fishing about 65 lbs of drag. Thirty minutes later we hooked up again, this time it was my turn! I landed my fish in 40 minutes. It was a big big fish, Spencer said 900 ++ maybe 1,000lbs but definitely close to it!!! The last fish of the day bit around 6pm and Kevin got it in before sunset!

Saturday, we met at the boat at 6:15am then headed out for live bait and for the fishing grounds. The fishing was fast and furious. I was

up first and we got ready to chum the fish up. It was a matter of minutes when we got hooked up. I clipped the reel to the stand-up gear and settled in for the fight! This fish was pissed. It never went down, just stayed out and we saw it several times on the surface. After about 30 minutes of fighting and the leader was on the reel, it was only 10 feet or so from the boat. The leader was much shorter on this set up than the one I used the day before. Well, the fish saw the boat, felt the pressure and

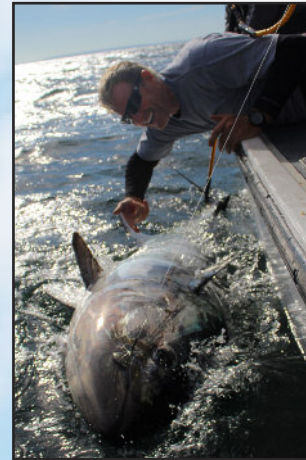


made a sharp turn for the opposite corner of the stern. I panicked, didn't put the clicker on or drop the drag so when it ran I fell on the deck with the rod strapped in and Spencer holding the fish. He had the fish at leader at the side of the boat and then the fish ran. It all happened so fast, the 200lb leader broke and gave Spencer a pretty good burn on his arm. I felt so bad for everything and injuring Spencer. He reminded me, you learn when things go wrong. If everything went perfect every time, we couldn't improve or learn from them. Needless to say, I learned a lot that day. Don't panic, remember what to do and its ok to



get help when things get squirrely. We were bit within 5 minutes of breaking off my fish and Kevin was up next. Kevin was using Cal Sheet's reel that he left on the boat for the guys to use. It is a

beast, Kevin had that fish to the surface in less than 15 minutes fishing close to 95lbs of drag with the reel and then the hook pulled. It was all in good fun and to test the power of the reel. We started to retie the gear and then fish were on the meter. So we started chumming and the started to come up! Spencer and Keiran put out a live mackerel and we were bit in minutes. I was still a little shaken and tired from my fish so I



told Kevin to take it. Kevin wasn't thrilled since he just finished fighting his fish literally 5 minutes ago, but he clipped in and started the fight. He was still using Cal's reel but this time eased up on the drag and let it run when it wanted to. Well, let's clarify the fish ran and burned through the leader, white spectra and then we found green backing at about 3/4 spool. Spencer and Keiran never knew there was green line on the reel. This fish ran and ran with 70lbs of drag, it was going to give Kevin a run for his money. Thirty minutes later we

had the fish at the boat and released safely.

Sunday was our last day and it was great! It was similar to Saturday that all of our bites were in the morning and these fish were still as feisty! It was pretty crazy timing, our bites were almost an hour apart for all 3 fish. I was up first and landed my fish at 7:22 am it was a beauty! We got our second bite 30 minutes later and it was Kevin's turn. He landed it in 35 minutes!! Our third bite was mine and I was tired, but had to say I fought 2 giant tuna in one day. So I took it. Also, Kevin didn't want to do back to back fish again. This fish was mean and made me work for it. I told Kevin when it goes up and down then I will pass it to him so we can share it. He said ok, but he told me later he wasn't going to take it. Glad he didn't. This fish had attitude, it was in the mono leader and coming in smoothly.

Then all of a sudden it took off left at the boat. There was a one foot rooster in the water from how fast this fish was going. Spencer yelled to me to put the clicker on and drop the drag, I didn't panic and did what he said. I unclipped and gave the



rod to him as he expertly maneuvered the rod around the boat and Keiran steered the boat to get the line out from under the boat. The teamwork Spencer and Keiran have is truly amazing and is integral to getting these giants to leader.

Since our day was over, we cruised through the fleet and watched fellow captain Hal fight his one keeper fish for the year. We were very lucky to be able to watch the boat come in and witness the offload, weighing and dressing of his giant tuna. His fish weighed in at 734lbs and a dressed weight of 570lbs. We took some pics with Hal and the fish to show everyone how big these giants really are!!!

PEI is a beautiful island with wonderfully friendly people. Tightline Tours is a first class fishing charter company and both have given us memories for a lifetime. As long as we are able to fight these fish and the fishery is open, we will be there every year with our great friends!!



EL NINO MEGABASS

By Barry Cohn

This El Niño calico megabass weighed in at a whopping 87oz. It was caught last month on the Limitless and was witnessed by current and former club presidents Donald Goldsobel and Allen Brodetsky.



TROPHY CONTENDERS 2016

As of October 4, 2016

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					MEN'S RELEASED				
Amberjack	100	Barry Cohn	31	0*	Drum, Black	25	Joe Mahfet	Released	
Bass, Calico	15	Barry Cohn	5	7*	Drum Redfish	25	Joe Mahfet	Released	
Bass, Calico	15	Kris Ekdahl	7	12*	Drum, Redfish	25	Steve Simon	Released	
Bass, Calico	15	Nick Ekdahl	7	8*	Drum, Redfish	25	Joel Steinman	Released	
Bass, Calico	50	Steve DiGiuseppe	9	0*	Drum, Redfish	25	Steve Simon	Released	
Bonefish	6	Nick Ekdahl	2	3	Marlin, Pacific Blue	30	Earl Warren	Released 4	
Bonito	6	Carl Ekdahl	3	10	Marlin, Pacific Blue	50	Earl Warren	Released 8	
Catfish, Salt	20	Nick Ekdahl	5	3*	Red Devil	8	Joel Steinman	Released 4	
Catfish, Salt	20	Carl Ekdahl	4	8*	Roosterfish	50	Earl Warren	Released 4	
Dorado	20	Kris Ekdahl	15	1	Roosterfish	50	Chas Schoemaker	Released 3	
Dorado	20	Nick Ekdahl	14	4	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Chas Schoemaker	Released 6	
Dorado	20	Carl Ekdahl	18	3	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Earl Warren	Released 9	
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	82	0*	Shark, Black Tip	40	Carl Ekdahl	Released	
Drum, Redfish	12	Steve Simon	9	4*	Shark, Black Tip	40	Nick Ekdahl	Released	
Drum, Redfish	14	John Balotti	12	0*	Shark, Black Tip	40	Kris Ekdahl	Released	
Drum, Redfish	25	Joel Steinman	10	13*	Sheephead, Sout	25	Joel Steinman	Released	
Grouper, Black	60	Nick Ekdahl	32	2*	Sheephead, Sout	25	Steve Simon	Released	
Grouper, Black	60	Carl Ekdahl	28	3	Sheephead, Sout	25	Joe Mahfet	Released	
Grouper, Black	60	Kris Ekdahl	15	7	WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Salmon, King	30	Earl Warren	26	0	Barracuda, Atlantic	6	Lori Ekdahl	1	2*
Shark, Nurse	20	Nick Ekdahl	5	3*	Drum, Redfish	15	Cathy Needleman	33	0*
Sheephead, So	25	Joel Steinman	4	12*	Drum, Redfish	20	Cathy Needleman	30	0*
Snapper, Cubera	50	Chas Schoemaker	23	13	Flounder Arrow T	30	Cathy Needleman	57	0*
Snapper, Mullet	50	Earl Warren	22	9*	Golden Eye	30	Cathy Needleman	15	0
Snapper, Yellowtail	6	Kris Ekdahl	1	9*	Halibut, Pacific	30	Cathy Needleman	45	0*
Snapper, Yellowtail	6	Nick Ekdahl	1	4	Lingcod	30	Cathy Needleman	30	0
Snapper, Yellowtail	14	Carl Ekdahl	2	2*	Salmon, Coho	30	Pamela Warren	12	6
Trigger Fish Atlantic	6	Kris Ekdahl	2	6*	Salmon, King	30	Pamela Warren	26	8
Trout, Specal	25	Joel Steinman	3	9*	Tuna, Bluefin	35	Sophia Huynh	29	0*
Tuna, Bluefin	40	Nick Ekdahl	73	8*	Tuna, Bluefin	65	Cathy Needleman	150	0
Tuna, Bluefin	40	Kris Ekdahl	54	0	Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	229	0*
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Ron Ashimine	51	11	White Sea Bass	35	Sophia Huynh	25	0*
Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Ron Ashimine	97	2*	White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	55	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Barry Cohn	135	0	White Sea Bass	50	Wendy Tochiara	42	0
Wahoo	30	Chas Schoemaker	30	2	White Sea Bass	60	Jan Howard	39	0
White Sea Bass	30	Joel Steinman	59	0	White Sea Bass	60	Jan Howard	39	0
White Sea Bass	60	Jim Carlisle	68	8*	Yellowtail	35	Sophia Huynh	19	0*
White Sea Bass	60	Jess Chuang	63	0	WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Trout, Brown	8	Joel Steinman	Released	1	Bass, Peacock	8	Robin Hunter	3	5*
Trout, Rainbow	8	Joel Steinman	Released	50	WOMEN'S RELEASED				
Trout, Rainbow	8	John Ballotti	Released	50	Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Robin Hunter	Released 3	
MEN'S FRESH WATER					Marlin, Blue	50	Pamela Warren	Released 3	
Bass, Lg Mouth	5	Joel Steinman	6	0*	Red Devil	8	Robin Hunter	Released 6	
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	6	11	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Pamela Warren	Released 4	
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Mark Manculich	6	1	Tilapia	8	Robin Hunter	Released 1	
Bass, Lg Mouth	10	Tom Trainer	8	3*	JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Bass, Peacock	8	Joel Steinman	2	5*	Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Hayden Dickter	1	13
Catfish, Channel	6	Mark Manculich	9	8	Bluegill	6	Drew Dickter	0	11
Trout, Rainbow	2	Earl Warren	3	14*	Rockfish, Red	20	Kevin Steinman	Released	
Trout, Rainbow	3	Steve Simon	4	8*	Trout, Rainbow	3	Brooke Warren	3	2*
Trout, Rainbow	4	Earl Warren	3	4	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Trout, Rainbow	4	Earl Warren	3	8	White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	55	0
MEN'S RELEASED					FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	Released 4		25-Jan-16				
Catfish, Channel	8	Joel Steinman	Released 3						
Drum, Black	25	Joel Steinman	Released						
Drum, Black	25	Steve Simon	Released						



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