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## LARRC Family Picnic 2004

Wow! What a terrific day and if you missed it—shame on you!!!

LARRC's second annual family picnic was a very successful event and I want you to know what you missed. Sixty seven adults and approximately 40 children and infants enjoyed a bright, sunny, clear blue sky at Lake Sherwood combined with great food, good fishing, sightseeing, and enjoyable camaraderie.

Thanks to the culinary expertise of Paul Varenchick and his able assistants—Billy Vaughn, and Steve Simon, the day's menu included: hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ Chicken, BBC albacore tuna, spicy Italian Sausage, homemade chili, fresh picked corn on the cob, chips, salsa and guacamole. We extend special thank yous to: **Fran Varenchik** for her potato salad and fresh fruit melon

salad, and to **Linda Simon** for delicious chocolate, sour cream or lemon cakes. Everything was topped off with ice cream and miscellaneous drinks. **Paul Varenchik, Steve Simon and Billy Vaughn** really worked very hard to ensure that no one would go away hungry—no one did, and I'm going to have to diet hard this week!

Since I was busy eating, fishing, playing with my grandson, Adam, touring the lake on **Dan Felger's** boat (thanks for the tour and for making multiple trips around the lake)—check our smiling faces—more eating and fishing, I had only had time to watch **Paul Varenchik** hook and release a big bass, and **Ian Sharon** who caught a big bass as well.

Special thanks to Dan Felger for arranging our use of Lake Sherwood and the boat tours, and to Paul Varenchik and Steve Simon who worked so very hard to make this wonderful day such a success.

Look for the 2005 announcement of the Family Picnic Event in a future *ChumLine*.

**BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE.**

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## Sept. 27th Dinner Speaker Announced.

**Pete Haynes**, popular and seasoned teacher of many fishing seminars, will be on hand September 27th. Pete has a long history in Southern California. He started out as a motorcycle cop graduating from that career into his main love of fishing. For many years Pete did the long range thing while representing Izorline and spending summers guiding in Canada and Alaska. Currently working with Shimano as a product specialist we'll be treated to a knot-tying seminar. During his last visit to LARRC we had a similar session and it was a sell out! Make your dinner reservations via the hot line or by email. **(818) 808-4909** or email: [larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com](mailto:larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com)

## A Catch of Note:

**Kevin Pfeif**, of Costa Mesa, caught a 92.1lb. yellowtail at Guadalupe Island. Columnist **Bill Roecker** noted that Pfeif looked down at his nearly spooled Newell 235 reel, mounted on a Graftech GS 180M rod, and figured the end of the line was near.

"We thought it was a 30- to 35-lb. yellowtail, maybe, or a yellowtail that I had tail wrapped," Pfeif said. "We really had no idea of how big it was."

It was earlier this year that *Qualifier* 105 crewman, **Tommy Lambert** caught a 91.6-lb. yellowtail. His IGFA application for a new record was still pending as of July. ■



The Godfreys in HMS Felger.

## RFA MOURNS WEST COAST LEADER

*Randy Fry*, aged 50, died on Sunday, August 15th, in the middle of the afternoon, on a gloriously warm day out on the Pacific Ocean. He was killed by a great white shark in fifteen feet of water while diving for abalone.

Fry was employed by the Recreational Fishing Alliance, a non-profit, grass roots organization advocating the rights of the recreational fisherman and divers. He was our most important voice in Sacramento and was responsible for our activities on the west coast.

The tragic event took place while diving off Mendocino's Kibesillah area for abalone. Randy and a partner had been in the water for only fifteen minutes and were in the process of adjusting their diving gear when a big shark appeared and hit Randy. His diving partner, Cliff Zimmerman, noted the shark was as big as a pick-up truck. A subsequent search by Coast Guard helicopter was useless.

Randy Fry had a knack for getting people organized to fight fishing closures. A former scuba diver who enjoyed the ocean and was dedicated to its preservation. RFA will continue the fight for recreational fishing rights in his memory. ☺

## WORLD CLASS SALMON FISHING

### Report by Pete Giannini

My wife, **Mercedes**, and I have recently returned from the very best salmon fishing that we have had in our entire lives. We fished July 26-29th and were fortunate to catch our salmon at Nootka Wilderness Lodge on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Our hosts were Irene and Dave Fyfe. They joined LARRC last year after Dan Felger and Al Scow made their expedition to their lodge.

Mercedes won the jackpot for the greatest total weight of fish caught for her limit. She took home her limit of 4 Kings with three of those in the Tye Class (over 30 lbs.). The combined weight totaled 118 lbs. I caught the largest Coho which weighed 12 lbs.

Additionally, Mercedes caught and released 12 additional King Salmon and I released 11. The released fish weighed 17-29 lbs. We were well pleased with our

guides

Nootka Sound is located on the north-west portion of Vancouver Island. It is one of the most beautiful areas in the world. The lodge is located a few miles inland from where Captain Cook first landed and discovered the west coast of the continent. Eagles, bears and Orca whales are abundant.

Being at Nootka's Wilderness Lodge is a great vacation aside from the fishing. The food is unsurpassed and the lodging excellent. The Fyfe's have created an idyllic spot both for R&R and avid fishermen.

Dave Fyfe advised us that the salmon fishing this year both in terms of numbers and weight of fish is the best experienced in the area. They can be reached at (250) 851-1500 or (250)850-1501. **email:** [dfyfe@oberon.ark.com](mailto:dfyfe@oberon.ark.com) ■



Pete and Mercedes with a day's catch.

# Fish Of A Lifetime Superlatives by Steve Simon

I had the pleasure of being invited to fish on the three-week-old yacht fisher owned by **Larry Dinovitz**, *Front Runner*, on July 17-18th. This was the first tournament entered to fish on this boat. The event was the Channel Islands Mako Tournament.

Met Larry at the boat at 6:00 a.m. and proceeded to the bait dock for ten scoops of bait. Started a chum slick 2.5 miles off Anacapa and Santa Cruz Island at 9:00 a.m. At 4:05 p.m. we get a blind strike on two of our rods. Five minutes later up comes the biggest mako shark that any of us had ever seen—it took both baits.

Consensus is it was approximately 15 ft. long and weighed about 1500 lbs. We cut one of the lines and started fishing with one rod. A 50SW and 80-lb. test with a 400-lb. steel leader. (I tied the knot—a double San Diego) After two and a half hours of battling this enormous shark we bring it alongside the boat and can't decide whether to gaff it or not. It is now 6:30 p.m. and the weigh-in for the tournament is 8:00 p.m. If we put the fish on board it would still take us 2 hours to get to the weigh-in so we decided to release it.

What a way to christen this fishing machine. The picture I took does not do the fish justice. **Thanks again, Larry, for a memorable experience. ■**



Steve Simon's Mako shark, taken aboard Larry Dinovitz' *Fun Runner* at 1500 lbs. estimated.

## *Notes From the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)*

### **PROTECTION APPROVED FOR COHO SALMON—**

The Fish and Game Commission has voted to add the Coho to the list of endangered and threatened species. Since the 1960s the coho salmon population between San Francisco and Oregon has declined 70%.

### **NEW PATROL BOATS COMMISSIONED—**

On August 19, the Department christened five new patrol boats to oversee the 1100-mile California coast. This brings the total of these vessels to seven. They carry a crew of four. Additionally, two existing large patrol boats and 15 medium-sized patrol boats are said to comprise the most modern enforcement marine fleet in the world.

### **NOAA AWARDS CALIFORNIA \$12.8 MILLION FOR SALMON RECOVERY—**

Combined with \$8 million in state funds for salmon recovery, these federal dollars will substantially improve salmon habitat, noted DFG director, Ryan Brodrick. NOAA is part of the federal government's Department of Commerce. ■

## 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.

### **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.**

### **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@Dartrealty.net**

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

#### **ONLY FOUR 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**

### **SPECIAL NOTICE:**

Mike Godfrey has had to cancel his spot on a 10-day trip—Oct. 30th—on the Polaris Supreme. He needs a replacement for his paid berth. The boat will fish Alijos Rocks and the Baja Banks for bigger game. **If you're a serious fisherman call (818)363-2974 OR [mgodfrey@socal.rr.com](mailto:mgodfrey@socal.rr.com)**

### **NEW FALL LARRC TRIP ANNOUNCED**

**Bob Selvin** announced this two-day freelance trip for Nov. 14-16th. Departing from convenient Pierpont Landing, the **AZTEC** would target San Nicholas Island and or Cortez Bank. The boat has spacious bunks and plenty of room on deck and the trip would be limited to 20 players. A great trip for fall tuna at a great price \$245. Also included are all meals and the crew tip. Beverages and fish cleaning are optional.

Call **Bob Selvin** at (310) 474-4143 or [calicobob1010@aol.com](mailto:calicobob1010@aol.com) for additional details.

Send a check made out to LARRC indicating your \$145 deposit.

C A L E N D A R

**LARRC Charters 2004**

On the *Seabiscuit*

Oct. 6 Wednesday  
 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.



**Dinner Meetings**

September 27

October 25

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**

September 20

October 18

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

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

March 2-6  
 Hall Show, Long Beach

March 16-20  
 Hall Show, Del Mar

**Membership News**

**Applied for Active Membership:**

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**Health, Welfare & Happenings**

**LARRC is sorry to note that Mirian Rich**, widow of past president, Gus Rich passed away.

**Francine Varenchik**—Good to see you at board meeting. Francine had breast cancer surgery in early July. Happily caught in early stages with a good prognosis. Treatment by radiation will be ongoing.

**Stan Richstone** and family have our condolences on the passing of his sister July 11th.


**Sherwood Kingsley** recuperating well after his Achilles tendon surgery. We understand that full recovery will take months. Sounds like a few more fish are getting reprieved!

**FISHY BUSINESS (From the National Geographic 3/2004)**

The saltwater aquarium trade is booming. Worldwide number of people with Aquariums is 1.5-2 million with annual revenues of \$200 million. The fish come from mostly Asian sources and the U.S. and U.K. are main importers. The number of fish taken yearly approaches 20 million. Value of a pound of food fish caught in the Maldives = \$2.72. Value of a pound of aquarium fish caught in the Maldives = \$227.

# Trophy Winners as of August 25, 2004

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



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# PERSONAL BEST!

Many of us have fished and caught an occasional truly unusual fish which turned out to be the biggest of that species you've ever landed. IGFA records, LARCC records are not in question—it's just you subduing some magnificent animal—not worth any money but a great feeling of achievement. If you can capture the moment with a camera then you have your bragging rights confirmed. It's called "my personal best".

While perusing one of the national magazines recently, I saw this ad for Penn Tackle, with **George Poveromo** posing with a 143-lb. wahoo caught off the Bahamas. Many club members have caught wahoo during long range trips and indeed you can sometimes catch

them at Guadalupe or Alijos Rocks provided the water temperature is near the seventies. The biggest one caught by a club member was landed by **Julian Wolf** in 1994 which weighed in at 115 lbs. Found in most

tropical waters the wahoo can achieve speeds of 60 mph made possible by its elongated body shape with propulsion provided by the caudal portion (tail). The body is stiff and drag reducing. Numerous sharp small teeth makes it such an efficient predator that a live bait may be sliced in half without alerting the angler. Hold on, chances are your target will return for the proximal half of your offering.

Members of the family scombridae, the wahoo is in the same group as are tunas but have not evolved into different species. They have more vertebrae and are said to be attracted to temperature break areas and current edges—especially those near steep drop offs. A relatively large fish ranging from about 11 lbs to 78 lbs would be standard. The largest wahoo on record is 158 lbs. and in 2001 a 202-lb. monster was taken off Baja. A commercial vessel claimed a wahoo that weighed at 2182 lbs. but,



this has not been verified.

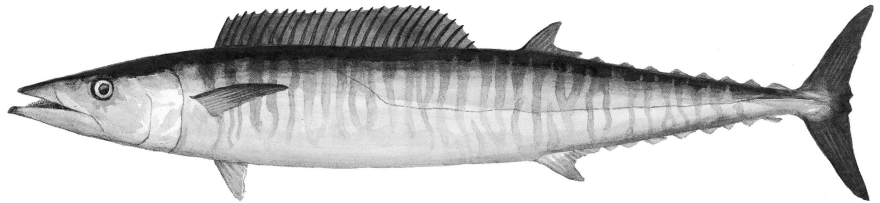
Studies in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans indicate their prime foods are scad, butterfish, mackerel, flying fish and squid. No studies on feeding habits have been done in Pacific waters. Wahoo are solitary once they become larger with only occasional groups encountered. Migratory

habit studies are inconclusive so far although one tagged fish was recovered in the Pacific after it had traveled 1707 miles—six and a half months after the initial encounter.

George Poveromo  
**Jan Howard with a 60-pounder.**

## WAHOO

*Acanthocybium solandri*



gave me his o.k. to use his admirable picture and also referred me to a website <http://www.wahooproject.org>. Managed by Florida Atlantic University, I found it fascinating. George has his own show: *George Poveromo's World of Saltwater Fishing* which airs on ESPN2. Although devoted mainly to east coast fisheries you might find some interesting tips on techniques to apply to us left coasters <http://www.georgepoveromo.com> To catch his monster, a Penn 70VS reel, Penn 2260ARA tuna stick and a P195 Big Game hook was used.

*If you can whip up an interesting story on your "personal best", and you feel club members would enjoy it, Chumline will be receptive. Remember that pictures make it more interesting. Eric Rogger.*



Since the website pictures were not usable for this article, we are substituting this photo of a "beauty" taken on the *Qualifier 105*.

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