

# Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean SEPTEMBER 2018

## LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER SEPTEMBER DINNER SPEAKER REPRESENTATIVE, AVET REELS

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**September 24, 2018**  
**94th Aero Squadron**

**16320 Raymer St • Van Nuys, CA 91406**

Please state your name and choice of entrée,  
and if you are bringing a guest, state your guest's  
name and choice of entrée.

HAPPY FISHING - See you at the meeting

## Dinner Meeting Menu

~ Salad ~

California Mixed Greens with apple slices, candied walnuts,  
raspberry vinaigrette dressing

~ Entrée ~

- Grilled Lemon Rosemary Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes & vegetable medley
- Fresh Atlantic Salmon, rice pilaf & vegetable medley
- Roasted Tri-tip of Beef, garlic mashed potatoes & vegetable medley

Dessert ~ Warm Apple Pie

# ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Submitted by Eric Rogger

## ◆ ALL ABOUT SEAFOOD CONSUMPTION

NOAA has a recent report relating to US Seafoods. (9/18) The report is astounding! It notes that the US imported more than 6 billion pounds of seafood, valued at \$21.5 billion while exporting 3.6 billion pounds valued at \$5.4 billion during 2017. Although we have an active seafood industry, 90% of what we eat is imported.

The Commerce department is attempting to reduce this deficit. One suggestion would be to increase our aquacultural farming. Major buyers of US seafoods include China, Japan and South Korea. The tariff questions loom large in the current negotiations and would certainly affect these imports.

## ◆ INFO ON BILLFISH IMPORTS

Maybe you never heard of the Billfish Conservation Act of 2012. At the time, the US was the major importer of marlin, swordfish, sailfish etc. that were part of our traditional fisheries. Efforts by Wild Oceans and the IGFA worked to maintain the future of all billfish. Thus the 2012 Act prohibited their importation to any part of the mainland. The exemption was the Hawaii billfishery.

Earlier this month a bill was signed (HR4528) BCA – Billfish Conservation Act – which prohibits imports of all billfish into the US no matter what their source.

## ◆ ANNUAL FISHING LICENSES

A new bill before the Senate (SB 518) would eliminate the current system of buying fishing licenses which expire at the end of each year! You buy it in July and it is valid for only six months. If passed the new licenses would be good for one year

from date of purchase. Please contact: Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher NOW – Call Sacramento Office 916-319-2080 or San Diego Office 619 338-8090. Do it now! Make your voice heard!

## ◆ MORE ABOUT THE MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT

Last month this column commented on the “modernization” of this original legislation designed to prevent overfishing of existing resources. (HR 200) This act has been amended several times and is now up for another modification. I am indebted to Chaz Schoemaker for forwarding an article from “Mother Jones” which deals with this issue by calling it an “Empty Oceans Act.” “Mother Jones” points out the controversy between commercial and recreational factions. Catch shares, loosened limits, forage fish problems, even the lion fish invasion in our Southeast fishery is discussed. Sorry but all these details cannot be published here! If you are sufficiently interested in them please let me know and I will forward a copy to you. Please send a postage affixed, self addressed envelope. If easier ask for a copy by e-mail!

## ◆ FINALLY - IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THIS...

The House of Representatives has passed legislation designed to protect salmon fingerlings trying to reach the Pacific from various upriver spawning areas. HR 2083 will deal with the excessive predation by sea lions in the Northwest. Regrettably California legislators have not dealt with the sea lion problem as have those for Washington & Oregon.

Comments or contributions would be welcome:  
Eric Rogger [wstridge@aol.com](mailto:wstridge@aol.com)

## Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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# A Message from the President

Mike Hartt

As the summer season begins to wind down, I would like to discuss some important club business and to report on two charters that I personally took part in. For any other club members who have been on a recent charter, now would be a great time to submit a story and any pictures that could be included in the Chumline.



As you know we had a meeting on the 27th at the Daily Grill in Santa Monica. This is a tough time of year with vacations (and fishing!) to attend meetings, but we really do need your support. Both the Daily Grill and the 94th Aero Squadron require a minimum charge for the rooms we use, and when we fall short, the club needs to make up the difference. Always consider bringing a friend or a perspective member. This helps the total count and maybe picks up some new members as well.

Back to fishing!

Six of us were at the Wild Strawberry Lodge in Sitka Alaska from June 27 to July 1. This charter was organized by Dave Levinson and he did a great job. The lodge itself was very nice and comfortable. The location cannot be beat. It is practically on the main marina parking lot where you can just walk to the boats after breakfast. The target species in Alaska are obviously Salmon and Halibut. We did great with the Halibut and Black Cod, catching our limits, but fell short on Salmon, just landing a few during our three days of fishing. Limit restrictions in Alaska are controlled very tightly and can be different in different zones. Salmon is one per day and the size window for Halibut is also very strict; cannot be too small or too large. I would rate



the food as average and the staff as excellent. Also, the prep and delivery of our catch was first rate. Everything was labeled, vacuum packed, and hand delivered to us at the airport prior to our departure. I will be looking into a 2019 trip and am

always open to suggestions. Many of the lodges are represented at the Fred Hall show, so please take some time to talk to the lodge owners. Canada should be another consideration, including Vancouver Island. Maybe better limits!

Albacore anyone? I am also looking into a charter out of Westport WA next year. A quick flight into Seattle, rent a car, and drive to Westport.

My other club trip this year was the John Ballotti charter to Cedros with Orchid. John did an amazing job with this charter, and believe me, it is not an easy place to get to. Drive to San Diego, take a van across the border to Tijuana, clear customs, back in the van to Ensenada and the airport, and then hop into a thirteen passenger Cessna direct non-stop to Cedros! After that, pile into three trucks (all with the check engine lights on) and within twenty minutes you are at the lodge. Just the trip getting there is an adventure in itself and the lodge

certainly is a welcome sight! The owner, Juan Carlos, is in the process of building a beautiful place to stay on Cedros. The rooms are very comfortable and the view is amazing from the entire back patio. No AC as of yet, but I did see the units on site and being installed. Water pressure pretty low, and in some rooms the hot was on the left and in others on the right, but turn them both on and you get warm water!



I have done very little Panga fishing in the past, so I am certainly not an expert. However, I have been to Cedros many times, on a long range boat out of San Diego, like the Red Rooster, where our target fish has been Yellowtail. I had looked into this trip as a substitute because Cedros is now listed as "closed" to the San Diego fleet. Although there were some disappointments, it was definitely lots of fun! The Yellows were in short supply, but



Donald and I each landed a nice 20 pounder the first day. Over the next few days, some of the guys landed a few more, but nothing near like the Yellowtail fishing I have had in the past at Cedros. I wondered if the schools were more offshore, and that the Panga guys just did not have the range or could not afford the cost of fuel, which is very expensive on Cedros. That said, I was amazed by all of the other species available to catch! If you are a Calico guy, you are in heaven. Sheepshead and Halibut were also caught on a daily basis. It was pretty hard not to hook into a Calico once we found some loaded kelp beds.



Probably not my style for a future trip, but I would never discourage any club members from giving some of these amazing Baja locations a shot. I just happen to like boats with toilets and USCG approved life preservers.



I look forward to seeing many of you at a future meeting and expect the quality fishing to continue well into the fall.

# LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL CLUB FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

## *2018-2019 Recipient Thank You*



Dear Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation,

Thank you for awarding me \$2,500 in grant funding. Your support will allow me to conduct experiments and run a computer model to predict the spread of an invasive marine tubeworm that was recently found in the Los Angeles River. Your commitment to support graduate student research is greatly appreciated and will help me answer some fundamental questions about the potential spread of this species. Your support also gives me the opportunity to learn new skills in conducting experiments in larval biology and computer modeling in which I plan to apply to environmental conservation once I complete my master's degree. Again, I cannot thank you enough for your support.

Sincerely,  
Alison Yee

Alison Yee

## *Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Marine Biology Grant Proposal Form*

### **1) Project Title**

Predicting the spread of the non-indigenous marine annelid *Ficopomatus enigmaticus* in central and southern California by larval dispersal.

### **2) Statement of Problem**

*Ficopomatus enigmaticus* is an invasive marine annelid currently found on every continent except for Antarctica<sup>1</sup>. This species is likely a successful invader because it can survive in water of a broad range of temperatures, salinities, and dissolved oxygen concentrations, and it can tolerate large amounts of pollution. Like other serpulids, they produce calcium carbonate tubes, and aggregations of those tubes can form large reefs. Reefs of *F. enigmaticus* can alter benthic communities by competing for space, changing water flow and settlement properties, and encrusting other species. Aggregations of this species can encrust boat hulls, harbor structures, and intake pipes of cooling systems of industrial

plants. One account reported a boat hull with aggregations of *F. enigmaticus* 23 cm thick. Boat fouling species are a nuisance because they increase drag resulting in increased fuel consumption, thus boat owners need to invest funds and time on biofouling paint and mechanical removal of encrustations when these species are present.

*Ficopomatus enigmaticus* was first reported in California around 1920, from San Francisco Bay<sup>3</sup>, and was later discovered in Elkhorn Slough (south of San Francisco Bay) in 1994<sup>4</sup>. In 2015, a large population of *F. enigmaticus* was identified in the LA River<sup>5</sup>. This past summer, funded in part by LARRC, I conducted surveys along the coast of central and southern California and found additional sites where *F. enigmaticus* was present (Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Newport Bay). For the next portion of my project, I will determine how far larvae can be transported by ocean currents from their current locations.

Adults of *F. enigmaticus* are sessile, however like many other marine invertebrates, they have a planktonic larval stage. One potential way *F. enigmaticus* may invade new sites is through larval dispersal. The planktonic larval duration (PLD), the time in which larvae are suspended in the water column until they are competent to settle, is important because the longer larvae remain in the water column, the farther they may be transported by ocean currents<sup>6</sup>. The PLD may depend on temperature and food limitation<sup>7,8</sup>. One question I am asking as part of my thesis research is: can current populations of *F. enigmaticus*, eg. Los Angeles River population, spread by larval dispersal? I hypothesize that larvae of *F. enigmaticus* are not food limited and have a short PLD; thus, they do not disperse effectively to new suitable sites. This may explain the current limited distribution of adults. If larvae are food limited and/or have a longer PLD, larvae may be transported to new locations by ocean currents, which may lead to the potential spread of this invasive species by larval dispersal.

### 3) Objectives

My first objective is to determine realistic estimates of the PLD of larvae of *F. enigmaticus* using natural food concentrations at two temperatures. My second objective is to determine if larvae are food limited in nature. My third objective is to run a particle dispersal model using the number of days found as the maximum and minimum PLD to determine how far larvae can be transported by ocean currents.

### 4) Approach

To determine realistic estimates of the PLD of larvae of *F. enigmaticus*, I will rear larvae in natural food concentrations by using field collected seawater from the mouth of Alamitos Bay. The mouth of the Alamitos Bay has a public dock and is easily accessible from CSULB. Field collected seawater will be filtered with a 30  $\mu\text{m}$  mesh to remove debris and large particles; larvae of serpulids do not eat particles  $>30 \mu\text{m}$  (Pernet, unpublished data). I will obtain gametes of *F. enigmaticus* by breaking the tube of adult worms which will induce spawning. For each culture, gametes from five females and five males will be pooled.

To determine if temperature affects the PLD, larvae will be divided into two temperatures (16°C and 22°C; the low and high temperatures I have recorded at the mouth of the LA River). To determine if larvae are food limited, larvae will be divided into three food concentrations (natural food concentrations, natural food concentrations plus the algae *Isochrysis galbana*, and 50% of natural food concentration in 0.2 micron filtered seawater). This will result in a total of

six treatments. Each treatment will be placed in 1 L beakers with a density of  $\sim 3$  larvae per mL (I have shown that larvae at this density have high growth rates). Two sets of each of the three food concentration treatments will be placed on a stir rack in a water bath. Each water bath will be in an incubator at 16°C. A water heater will be placed in the water bath of the 22°C treatment to maintain the higher temperature. Beakers will be washed and field collected seawater will be changed every other day. This experiment will be replicated three times in the summer and three times in the winter.

I will start testing for competency to metamorphose five days after fertilization and continue every other day. To test for competence, six subsamples of 20 larvae each will be removed from the beaker and each subsample will be placed in a well of a 6-well culture dish. Each well will contain 5 ml of  $10^{-4}$  M of isobutyl methyl-xanthine (IBMX) dissolved in 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  filtered seawater. Bryan et al. found that  $10^{-4}$  M of IBMX in seawater induced settlement in another serpulid, *Hydroides elegans*<sup>8</sup>. I have already determined  $10^{-4}$  M IBMX in seawater will induce metamorphosis in competent larvae of *F. enigmaticus* and will not induce metamorphosis in non-competent larvae. This artificial inducer will be used to ensure the consistency of the inducing cue across all treatments and experiments. I will count the number of larvae metamorphosed divided by the number of larvae in each well to get a percentage of larvae that are competent to metamorphose. Larvae will be considered metamorphosed if radioles are present after 24 hours of exposure to IBMX.

The minimum PLD in days will be determined as the time when 50% of the larvae are competent to metamorphose. I expect that larvae will remain competent for a certain period of time, and then lose the ability to metamorphose. The maximum PLD will be determined as the time when 95% of larvae have lost competence to metamorphose in each treatment. Statistical analysis will be conducted using the Cox proportional hazard model.

To determine if dispersal of larvae of *F. enigmaticus* is restricted by near-shore ocean currents, I will use a particle simulation model. We will collaborate with Dr. Yi Chao (Remote Sensing Solutions and UCLA), who developed a particle dispersal model that can predict the trajectory of a virtual drifter off the California Coast. This model uses the predictions made by the Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS). The ROMS makes predictions every hour at depths up to 400 m with a spatial resolution of 3 km. Dr. Chao has agreed to provide ROMS data for the past 10 years and the code for the particle dispersal model.

I will release artificial particles into this model at sites where adults of *F. enigmaticus* are present. At each site, I will release one particle every hour for 45 days (1080 particles total) and track the particles' trajectory within 1 m of the surface layer for the minimum and maximum number of days found in my PLD experiments. This model will be run four times a year (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall) for the past 10 years. I will compare the frequency of distances traveled from the release site to the particles' end site in histograms for Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

## 5) Importance of Proposed Research

The results from the PLD experiments and particle dispersal model will predict if larvae can be transported to new sites distant from the current adult distribution. If my hypotheses are correct, that larvae of *F. enigmaticus* are not food limited and/or have a short PLD and thus do not disperse effectively to new suitable sites, the transportation of

adult worms (eg., boat fouling) and/or larvae (eg., ballast water) are likely important mechanisms for the spread of this species. If my results suggest I should reject my hypothesis, environmental managers need to be aware of the potential spread of this species via larvae. The distribution of predicted dispersal distances will allow environmental managers to determine the risk of invasion by larval transport at a given site. Furthermore, if larval dispersal is limited by season, environmental managers can plan removal efforts during those times to reduce the risk of larval transport due to spawning induced by the breaking of adult tubes.

## References:

<sup>1</sup>Dittmann et al. 2009. Report for the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board. <sup>2</sup>Read and Gordon. 2010. *New Zeal J Mar Fresh* 25: 269-273. <sup>3</sup>Cohen and Carlton. 1995. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Sea Grant College Program. <sup>4</sup>Wasson et al. 2001. *Biol Cons* 102: 143-153. <sup>5</sup>Pernet et al. 2016. *Bioinvasions Rec* 5: 13-19. <sup>6</sup>Shanks et al. 2003. *Ecol Appl* 13:S159-S169. <sup>7</sup>Pechevnik. 1984. *J Exp Mar Biol Ecol* 74: 241-257. <sup>8</sup>Paulay et al. 1985. *J Exp Mar Biol Ecol* 93: 1-10.

## 6) Budget

Item(s)	Cost	Funding acquired	Funding needed	Funding request from LARRC
9 Liter Carboy (2@\$98)	\$196	0	\$196	\$196
Folding Utility Cart (1)	\$46	0	\$46	\$46
100mg IBMX (1)	\$40	0	\$40	\$40
Six-well tissue culture plates (6 boxes [50 plates per box] @\$150)	\$900	0	\$900	\$900
500ml Erlenmeyer flasks (1 box of 6@\$228)	\$228	0	\$228.00	\$228
1L Pyrex graduated beaker, heavy duty (1box of 12 @\$336)	\$336	0	\$336	\$336
Aquarium Heaters (2@\$50)	\$100	0	\$100	\$100
Aquarium air pumps (2@\$10)	\$20	0	\$20	\$20
2TB external hard drive (1@\$70)	\$70	0	\$70	\$70
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$2468</b>			<b>\$2468</b>
<b>Tax</b>	<b>\$252.97</b>			<b>\$252.97</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2720.97</b>			<b>\$2720.97</b>

## Budget Justification:

I am requesting funding from LARRC for laboratory supplies to run my PLD experiments. I will need two carboys (including one backup) to hold field collected seawater and a utility cart to transport seawater from the field site to my vehicle and from my vehicle to the CSULB marine lab. I will need 1 L beakers for each treatment and Erlenmeyer flasks to culture algae. I will also need 2 aquarium heaters (including one backup) and 2 air pumps for the water bath treatments. I am also requesting funding for one 2 TB external hard drive to house ocean current data provided by our collaborator Dr. Chao to run the particle dispersal model.

# Kids' Trip - July 9, 2018

By Steve and Linda Simon



This was LARRC's 68th annual fishing trip for under privileged youth AND it was the first time we used 22nd Street Landing out of San Pedro. With the assistance of Landing Manager Mike Morrison we were able to acquire the Monte Carlo and the Native Sun for half day of fishing.

This year the participating groups were New Directions for Youth; Maryvale Orphanage; High Desert Child, Adolescent and Family Service Center, and the Midnight Mission. Our deckhands consisted of 40 LARRC members and friends. Things were a lot easier for the volunteers as both boats made breakfast and lunch for everyone. The trip was very successful with the kids catching California scorpion fish, sand dabs and bass.

Thanks again for all the support to our volunteers and friends.



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Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happiness" - please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email ([simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)) for any information about our club members/family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.

## CALENDAR

### Board Meeting

September 17, 2018

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm  
Millie's Restaurant

16840 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406



### DINNER Meeting

September 24, 2018

Social Hour: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm  
94th Aero Squadron

16320 Raymer Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE DECIDED THAT MEMBERS WHO DO NOT RSVP BY 12:00 NOON ON THE SUNDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL BE ASSESSED \$5.00 FOR AN EXTRA SET OF RAFFLE TICKETS. ADDITIONALLY, MEMBERS RESPONDING TOO LATE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ORDER THEIR CHOICE OF ENTREE.**



SAVE THE DATES  
2018

**OCTOBER 24, 2018**

Veteran's Trip

**NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

Veteran's Trip

# 3RD ANNUAL FRANK POLAK MENTOR'S TRIP HOPE STREET YOUTH CENTER

On an overcast morning in June, sixteen volunteers from the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club joined a baker's dozen of kids from Hope Street Youth Center on the Monte Carlo for a fishing trip. This was the Third Annual Frank Polak Mentors Trip, June 11, 2018.

It was a flat calm day, lead heads and squid were on the menu, and the Sculpin cooperated with gusto. Rods were bent, fish were caught, and all the kids were smiles!

This was a great bunch of kids, and it was a pleasure to spend the day on the water with them. As always, 22nd Street Landing, and the captain and crew of the Monte Carlo took care of all our needs, and kept us well-fed.

All too quickly it was 1:00, time to end our trip on the ocean and return to the docks. Kids with happy tired faces, and bags of fish fillets, tell me this day will not soon be forgotten.



# Free Kids' Fishing Derby at Tri-City Regional Park

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# A Chance for Children

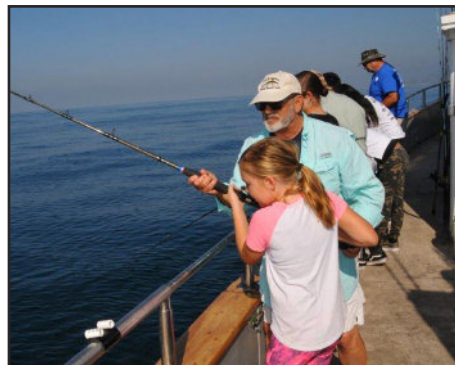
A Chance for Children Foundation Kids enjoyed The Marine Mentors Trip on August 6, 2018, Joel Steinman and Joe Mahfet were the chairpersons.

LARRC had 13 volunteers for 12 kids between the ages of 8 and 15 years old, on the Betty-O. A good variety of surface fish were caught by the kids with help from the volunteers.

There were 2 LAPD officers and Tai Collins Founder/Executive Director for A Chance for Children Foundation that supervised the kids.

LARRC Volunteers included Cathy Needleman, Andy Mac Donald, John Ballotti, John Goss, Ron Glider, Joe Mahfet, Dave Morgan, William Davis, Marc Monforye, Donald Goldsobel, Scott Schiffman, Steve Simon, Joel Steinman.

Joseph Mahfet  
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# Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club and New Directions for Youth

By Randy Sharon

On August 8th, the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation chartered the Aloha Spirit out of Channel Islands Sportfishing. We hosted ten children and two counselors from New Directions for Youth, which is an organization established in 1975 that provides services and programs to at-risk youth. When I spoke with the Director at New Directions for Youth about the time of departure and arrival, she told me that the children are willing to get up early and stay out late if it means that we have a better chance of catching fish. So we agreed to stick to the normal boat schedule: a 5:00 a.m. departure and back at the dock at 4:00 p.m.

All of the children, counselors and deckhands from the Los Angeles Rod and Reel arrived at the landing by 4:45 a.m. and the boat left the dock at 5:00 a.m. Prior to our departure, the skipper had already picked up bait (anchovies and a few mackerel).

I always heard that when you take children out fishing, the most important thing is to make sure that they catch something and that the "quality" of the fish does not matter. We chose to ignore that advice and go for the "quality".

The first stop, between Anacapa and Santa Cruz Island, was to catch a bunch of mackerel in the hope of using it as bait for yellowtail. There were about five of us that loaded the tanks with mackerel and then we were off to Anacapa to try to catch yellowtail. The plan was for the members of the club to hook a yellowtail and hand it off to the children. Allen Brodetsky was the first to hook one on a mackerel and a few minutes later Rob Baldwin hooked the next one on the iron. The yellowtail were 12-15 lbs and tough fish! The children did a great job pulling on the yellowtail with a lot of encouragement and a little help from the crew. I have been on many underprivileged kids fishing trips and these were the first yellowtail that I have ever seen caught on any of the trips. After the bite slowed down, we made a couple of moves and had very good fishing for calico bass, barracuda and perch. Between the fishing, the members of our club shared

conversations with children, played card games and enjoyed the galley food and drinks.

On the way home, we had a large school of dolphins pass next to our boat - all to the joy and excitement on everyone on board.

Many thanks to Rob Baldwin, Allen Brodetsky, Steve Diguseppe, Joe Mahfet, Steve Simon, Joel Steinman and Paul Varenchik for volunteering their time and to the skipper and crew on the Aloha Spirit.

A great day for all of us!



# Father and Son Alaska Fun

By Norm Weinstock



My son and I went to Alaska for a week of fishing.

The trip started off not so good as the weather was bad in Juneau and the floatplane could not fly out. We were stuck in the terminal waiting all the first day and finally we had to get a room in town and come back the next morning. We were finally able to get to the lodge about 3 pm on the 2nd day. So my 5.5 days of fishing turned out to be 3.5 days of fishing.

The first day on the ocean was good. The weather was calm and the sun shined, which is unusual. We caught about 10 halibut but all but 2 were either too small or too big. This year you are allowed one halibut per person per day and the halibut has to be 38 inches and under or over 80 inches so it makes fishing difficult. That day we also caught 8 silver salmon and most were quality fish. The following day we did ocean fishing again and I think we caught 4 halibut but we kept 2 legal fish. We also caught 8 more silvers and I was lucky enough to catch a nice king salmon. I thought the fish weighed about 25 lbs but they put it on a (I think not accurate) scale and it only weighed 15 lbs.

The 3rd day we went up a river and fished. I always love that day as it is beautiful and quiet and most time we catch a lot of fish. It rained on us a lot but I did not get wet and I like it in the rain. My son is an excellent fly fisherman and caught maybe 20 fish. I am not a good fly fisherman and maybe caught 6 fish. We did see a bear at about 150 feet away and a mother and 2 cubs in the distance. One of our guides had a shotgun and another had a pistol. We did fish the final 1/2-day and caught 2 nice halibut.

It is always great in Alaska. Baranof Wilderness Lodge is where we stayed at and only takes 14 people per week. Therefore they are always booked up. We were very lucky to get a cancellation this year.

# WIDE OPEN YELLOWFIN AND DORADO BITE ON THE SEA ADVENTURE 80 3

By Fisherman Phil

My son Andy and I had quite the sea adventure over Labor Day weekend on a 3 day fishing trip aboard the SA 80. Captain Mike McDaniel, son of owner/captain Scott, after talking to a few other boat captains, decided to go south to the open ocean area west of San Martin island. We travelled all night to get to the targeted area.

The following day, we were eating lunch when our trolling team was called. Andy went out immediately while I continued to eat. Smart move by Andy who got hooked up instantly



Phil, Fish and FUN

on a pink Yozuri Vibe trolling jig. He landed a nice Dorado and the fishing began in earnest. We went paddy hopping for the next 3 hours catching a few dorado and skipjack here and there.

And then IT happened.

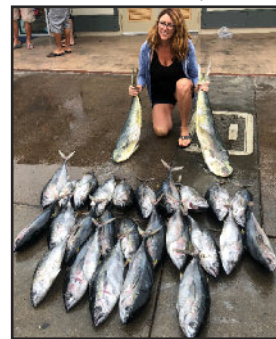
At 4 PM the captain spotted a huge kelp paddy and metered a gigantic school of Yellowfin Tuna. For the next 3 hours game on. Epic non-stop stop action on football sized tuna.

Everything worked with instant hookups. Light line, heavy line, small hooks, large hooks, jigs, trolling outfits, and jack poles. We were bouncing fish over the rail continuously. Every one limited out. The decks were covered with fish.

The captain stopped us fishing three times to clear the decks and put the fish into the rsw fish hold. It was the largest school of yellowfin the Captain has seen this year. Solid fish from 0 to 120 feet. Amazing!

The next day we travelled all the way north and tried fishing an area near the Coronado Islands. The meter showed solid bait from 0 to 120 feet and large fish at 150 feet below the bait school. We fished in the dark from 8 PM to midnight with out a bite.

Our final fish count was huge but the yellowfin and dorado were small. Captain Mike and the crew were very helpful and did a great job. The best part of the trip was fishing with my son Andy for the first time in 3 years.



Joy Smith, lady angler on the SA 80, with near limits for her and her husband Dennis



Phil and Andy fishing together again!



# VETERANS ABOARD THE BETTY-O

Photos and Recap by Andy MacDonald

On Wednesday August 29, 2018 LARRC had a group of Veterans aboard the Betty-O! The day was filled with great weather, caught over 200 assorted bottom fish ie salmon grouper, black bass, a mackerel or two. We spotted a ray, got sharked (he followed for awhile and had a great breakfast and lunch.)



# CHARTERS 2018

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Sep 29- Oct 6	<b>Royal Star</b> This is a seven day trip. Great Fall Fishing Leaves and returns on a Saturday. Guadalupe Island?	<b>SOLD OUT</b> WAIT LIST	<a href="http://www.royalstarsportfishing.com">www.royalstarsportfishing.com</a> Call Tracy 619-224-4764
Oct 27 - Nov 6	<b>Intrepid</b> Ten days on the Intrepid. Leaves on a Sunday Big variety of fish at the Ridge and Alijos Rocks. Tuna, Dorado, Wahoo, Yellowtail and Grouper	<b>SOLD OUT</b> WAIT LIST	<a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a> Call Steve 619-224-4088
Nov 30- Dec 1	<b>Pacific Dawn</b> Departs 10pm Nov. 30 , returns 7pm Dec.1 An early winter trip out of Ventura Harbor	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$280 Light Load of 17	Call Mark Manculich 818-613-6575 mmanculich@socal.rr.com

**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**

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As of August 31, 2018

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Bass, Calico	8	Kris Ekdahl	6	2*
Bass, Calico	14	John Ballotti	4	9*
Bass, Calico	15	Carl Ekdahl	8	1*
Bass, Calico	15	Nick Ekdahl	7	3
Bass, Calico	15	John Ballotti	5	15
Bass, Calico	30	Joe Mahfet	6	7
Corbina	6	Nick Ekdahl	2	10*
Lingcod	30	Chas Schoemaker	16	8
Salmon, Coho	25	Earl Warren	15	6*
Salmon, King	25	Earl Warren	25	8
Sheephead	16	Kris Ekdahl	14	6*
Sheephead	20	Scott Schiffman	13	10
Sheephead	30	Joel Steinman	13	4
Snook	12	Earl Warren	10	2
White Sea Bass	60	Allen Brodetsky	64	8
Yellowtail	15	Mike Godfrey	21	12*
Yellowtail	20	Chas Schoemaker	29	10
Yellowtail	30	Nick Ekdahl	36	3

<b>MEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Rob Baldwin	5	7*

<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	6	4
Bass, Lg Mouth	17	Joel Steinman	4	13*
Bass, Sm Mouth	6	Rob Baldwin	6	8*
Bass, Striped	4	Scott Schiffman	7	15
Bass, Striped	6	Scott Schiffman	8	13
Gar Fish	17	Joel Steinman	2	2*
East Pickerel	17	Joel Steinman	1	9*
Trout, Rainbow	4	Earl Warren	9	2

<b>MEN'S RELEASED</b>				
Marlin, Black	100	Kevin Boyle	2	Released
Tuna, Dogtooth	100	Kevin Boyle		Released

<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Salmon, Coho	25	Pamela Warren	10	3
Salmon, King	25	Pamela Warren	21	4
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	230	0*
Tuna, Yellowfin	60	Sophia Huynh	160	0*
White Sea Bass	30	Cathy Needleman	27	0
White Sea Bass	30	Cathy Needleman	24	0
White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	48	0*
White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	36	7*
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	58	2
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	53	0
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	37	0
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	41	0
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	76	1*
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	43	0*
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	41	0

**WOMEN'S FLY ROD**

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Trout, Rainbow	4	Pamela Warren	3	6
<b>WOMEN'S RELEASED</b>				
Amberjack	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Barracuda, Greater	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Barracuda, Yellow	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Bass, Red	100	Cathy Needleman		Released-
Bonita	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Dorado	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Emperor, LongMo	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Green Job Fish	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Marlin, Black	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Marlin, Black	100	Sophia Huynh		Released
Marlin, Blue	100	Sophia Huynh		Released
Nannygai	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Rainbow Runner	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Rockfish, RedStripe	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Rosy Job Fish	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Sea Bass, Moari	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Skipjack	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Snapper, Blue Stripe	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Snapper, Red	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Snapper, Ruby	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Shark, White Tip	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Trout, Coral	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Trout, Luna	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Trevally, Black	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Trevally, Blufin	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Trevally, Giant	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Tuna, Dogtooth	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Tuna, Dogtooth	100	Sohia Huynh		Released
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Cathy Needleman		Released
Wahoo	100	Cathy Needleman		Released

<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Hayden Dickter	4	1
Trout, Rainbow	2	Brooke Warren	3	4*
Trout, Rainbow	6	Ryan Weinstock		2Released

<b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>				
White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	36	7
January 3, 2018				

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