

# Chum Line



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

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**PLEASE NOTE - THERE IS NO  
DINNER MEETING THIS MONTH**

# A Message from the President

By Ted Feit

## FANTASY FISHING THROUGH THE 2020 CORONA VIRUS EPIDEMIC

“Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis” is a book published in 1993 by Howell Raines, an avid fly fisherman, author, and former editor of the New York Times. In the book, Raines casts deep into the troubled waters of his high-pressure career, painful divorce, and family feud, finding solace in fly fishing. Now, all of us are immersed in the unprecedented coronavirus epidemic that has drowned out our fishing plans for the upcoming months. So, I thought for my column this month I would provide some suggestions for fantasy fishing diversions to entertain and stimulate us while we remain safe in our homes.

### Books:

“A River Runs Through It and Other Stories” by Norman MacLean. This novella (about 100 pages total) is not only a great fishing story but also a classic of American literature. Norman Maclean grew up in a small town at the junction of great trout rivers in western Montana. His father was a Presbyterian minister, and in the family, “there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing.” The story focuses on the relations between the author, the father, and the author’s troubled older brother Paul, all of them bonded by family love and trout fishing. The prose is stunning. Here is a sample near the end of the novella:

*“Now nearly all those I loved and did not understand when I was young are dead, but I still reach out to them. Of course, now I am too old to be much of a fisherman, and now of course I usually fish the big waters alone, although some friends think I shouldn’t. Like many fly fishermen in western Montana where the summer days are almost Arctic in length, I often do not start fishing until the cool of the evening. Then in the Arctic half-light of the canyon, all existence fades to a being with my soul and memories and sounds of the Big Blackfoot River and a four-count rhythm and the hope that a fish will rise.”*

“The Ultimate Fishing Book” edited by Lee Eisenberg and DeCourcy Taylor. This is a large size, beautifully designed, compendium of fishing essays, short stories, photographs, drawings, and paintings suitable for a coffee table but even better being savored in your own hands. The collection of stories and essays are amazing. Their titles alone give a flavor of their breadth and draw you in: “Fishing the Run: Close call on the Brazos,” “Finders, Weepers: Welcome to Muskie Country,” “Private Waters: Rolling Your

Own Farm Pond,” “Natural Limits: The Once and Future Atlantic Salmon,” “Catching On: Deeds Among the Steelhead,” “Remembered Lessons: Down-Home Bass,” “Saltier Tales: Along the Shoreline, Lightly Armed,” and “Night Schemes: Getting Through the Winter.” The authors are writers who love to fish, and prove the adage “Some of the best fishing is done in print.” Published in 1981 and out of print, this hardcover book is available on Amazon for \$9.91 + \$4.00 shipping. It’s a steal.

“Four Fish: The Future of the Last Wild Food” by Paul Greenberg. In this book, the author explores the history of the fish that dominate our menus – salmon, sea bass, cod, and tuna. The current state of these species is investigated and how we can create a world of sustainable seafood is explored. This book is available on Amazon in kindle, paperback, hardcover, and audiobook formats.

### YouTube Videos:

From the YouTube fishing treasury, I have compiled a list of “fantasy fishing videos” based on species. I have organized them into three categories: saltwater, freshwater, and exotic. I choose videos that are short (usually less than 12 minutes), go straight to the fishing experience, and are not too commercial. I provide the URL for each video, so you can copy it directly to your browser and view it. I must admit I enjoyed “my research” into finding these videos. The videos listed here are just a small sample of what is available. Enjoy.

### Saltwater:

Ling Cod: [www.youtube.com/user/Brandonkop](http://www.youtube.com/user/Brandonkop)

King Salmon Alaska:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sv7Z3FPpwWo>

Calico Bass:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAj3VuSaOk0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMPI0p-bpNw>

Halibut:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nf3IDmCB2j0>

White Sea Bass:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uplfkm2ULLM>

Yellowtail:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tccq2lkQq6M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7SRYWxV08c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaU2KEdMLkA>

Dorado:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5TCkjDPfjU>

Tuna:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLB-yLVQQwI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f3fVEobbj8>

**Freshwater:**

Steelhead:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYvnEQ9U4dQ>

Trout:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEicmswrkZM>

Bass:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zcbi5AiwCjg>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yV\\_k4XkkQek](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yV_k4XkkQek)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7T7DmHC\\_50](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7T7DmHC_50)

Atlantic Salmon:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXqUvet\\_lhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXqUvet_lhU)

**Exotic:**

Golden Dorado:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWtSIRaXRnI>

Tarpon (jungle):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjstrUixGGs>

**Movies:**

The movie version of "A River Runs Through It" is the best fishing movie I have ever seen. Directed by Robert Redford, an avid fisherman and outdoor enthusiast, the movie is faithful to the story – with some extra padding - but the river scenery and fishing scenes are spectacular. Check it out.

Let's all be vigilant, cautious, and stay safe. The fish will wait for us and only grow bigger!

## Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.



Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.

## LOS ANGELES ROD AND REEL CLUB FOUNDATION

By Joel Steinman

We had our first meeting of the year in March and the first order of business was the installation of officers.

*Joel Steinman, Chair,*

*John Ballotti as Secretary and Treasurer and*

*Mark Manculich as Historian*

We discussed grants and gave grants to the following:

Wild Oceans • Hubbs Sea World • Cal State University of  
Long Beach • Cabrillo Museum • Friends of Castaic •  
Aquarium of the Pacific

The silent and live auction in February was successful for us to sponsor our kids' trips and grants.

The foundation would like to thank the following for their donations:

*Aftco, Aquarium of the Pacific, American Tuna, Baja Fishing Convoys, Art's Deli, Eagle Claw, Tackle Express, Autry Museum, Bill Varney, Green Apple Restaurant, Monte's Restaurant, Western Bagel, Wayne Caywood of Malibu Sea Food and Tackle, Warner Brothers, Shamino, Santa Anita Race Track and Bob Selvin, TTI Blakemore Fishing Group, Santa Monica Masonic Lodge, Sal Valone of Bob Sands Tackle, Bite On Fish Attractant, Brent's Deli, Ca De Sol Restaurant, Cove Hotel, Disneyland, Creative Outdoor Distributor, Davey's Locker, Drive Wise, Gary Yamamoto, Izor Line, Kovea USA, The Lippey Company, Mike Morrison 22nd Street Landing, Natural History Museum, Needle Hearts, Nixon Museum, Regan Museum, Norm Weinstock, Petersen Museum, Pinks Hot Dogs, Mr. Don Powell Owner of the Gentleman from Cisco's Landing, Guided Trips from Jimmy Decker, Ben Florentino, Rob Baldwin, Scott Schiffman, Dan Trippeda, Andy MacDonald and Tom Speirs, RSA Inc., Trader Joe's and Wisconsin Pharmacal Company.*

I also want to give a special thanks to Steve and Linda Simon, Cathy Needleman, Pam Warren, Ron Glider, Mike Godfrey, Scott Schiffman, Joe Mahfet and Tammy Steinman for all their help in the preparation before the banquet.

It's sad that the Lou Berke kids' trip is canceled and we hope the other trips from the foundation will go as planned.

That's all to report at this time.

Joel

# A Fishing Story from the Past...

## AUGUST 2007 - PACIFIC DAWN LARRC TRIP

By Marty Waschitz

This story is from an August 2007 LARRC trip. Below is a photo of me holding one of the total of 92 albacores (25-40 lbs. each) that were caught on Pacific Dawn one day between 7:00 AM to 11:15 AM during a weekend trip off Baja. Capt. Cavanaugh, who knows his stuff, positioned us right in the middle of a school of Albacore somewhere out-of-sight of land off Baja. The ocean all around us was "boiling" just like a big pot of boiling water on the stove when you cook pasta. There were 5-6 fish coming in over the rail at a time. There were 16 LARRC members on the boat. The only reason that we had to stop fishing at 11:15 AM was that we were told that we had reached our limit.

The biggest problem calling everyone we knew to take some of the 200 lbs. of filets that I brought home after that trip.. but it cooked up real nice.

This was one of my most memorable fishing adventures. I am sure that those club members who were on board will agree.




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## CALENDAR

Board Meeting

April 20, 2020

Held via Conference Call



Dinner Meeting CANCELLED



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## Another Fishing Story from the Past...

A.L., do you remember this trip?

### Big Al Strikes GOLD



*Al Scow and Guide Dane Fyfe with 21.3-lb. trophy*

I have been reminded a half dozen times that “even a blind squirrel can sometimes find a acorn.” I did indeed find what is considered a trophy steelhead. I caught an estimated 22-pound beautiful steel-head. The estimated weight comes from measurements of 40 inches long and 20 inches around the girth. The picture testifies to its size. Unfortunately, the black and white photo cannot capture its beautiful colors.

Dan Felger and I flew to Campbell River and then on to the small town of Gold River, British Columbia. Local guide, Dave Fyfe, met us at the airport. Dave is owner/operator of “Fyfe’s Sea and Stream Charters”. He is an excellent guide and fun to be with. We were lucky to book his services due to a last minute cancellation.

Dan, Dave and I spent two and a half days fishing the river in a 14-foot “Zodiac”- type inflatable. The river has a lot of rough water and the necessary deep pools of calm water where the fish are holding. We hooked 14 fish but landed only 9. We fished using 10lb. line on 9-foot long “whippy” rods.

He guides fishermen from many parts of the world but primarily from England, France, Ireland and the United States.

The Gold River is named because of its golden colored water. The water is gin clear but has a distinct golden hue due to the mineral deposits from the mountains where the river originates. The river is a world- class steelhead fishery. It is all catch and release—artificial only—and barbless hooks. The river is nearly void of fish other than steel- head. There is no vegetation, algae, or bugs to support any feeding fish. The steelhead do not feed once they return to the river after spending most of their life in the ocean. Unlike salmon, they spawn and return to the pacific waters to live on.

The weather has a big influence on the fishing. The more miserable and cold, the better. Rain, cold temperatures and an occasional snow flurry are all part of the experience. Dan nearly “froze up” completely. My fingers and toes are just now back to normal. As cold as our weather was, it was not bad enough to raise the river level and improve the fishing. We fished hard and put in 10 to 12 hours a day on the water the first two days. I hooked and landed my 22-pound steelhead just before noon on our last day. Dan I and I were both cold, hungry, and decided to call it a trip. I couldn’t ask for a better ending to a fishing trip. I plan to have a mount made of the fish to show off to all my family and anyone else who might want to hear “the rest of the story”. —Al Scow



*Dan Felger’s steelhead.*

# So you want to give *Fly Fishing* a try?

By Rob Baldwin, Fly Fishing Chairman

When most people think of fly fishing, they think of wading in a scenic river, and making beautiful long casts to rising trout. But “A River Runs Through It” was not filmed in Los Angeles – for obvious reasons. Our rivers often have concrete sides, and are fueled primarily by runoff. We have some trout here and there, but Southern California is no mecca for coldwater species. The limited opportunity to catch trout is the main reason why most anglers don’t take up fly fishing.

Enjoying fly fishing in our local waters requires dedication and creativity. Our local lakes do offer warmwater species like bass which can be caught on the fly, and of course, we have an abundance of saltwater fishing opportunities. But most anglers are comfortable using conventional gear to catch fish and are reluctant to learn something new.

Admittedly, there are some real barriers to getting into fly fishing. The gear can be expensive, rigging can be complicated, learning to cast takes time. Frankly, a fly rod isn’t always the best tool for the job – particularly when it comes to fighting more powerful saltwater fish. Once you hook a fish, rather than playing it on the reel, more often than not, you end up having to “strip in” the fish. That’s nothing more than glorified hand-lining. So why would anyone want to catch fish on a fly rod? Well, if you try it, you might just like it. They say variety is the spice of life, and it’s just one more way to enjoy your time on the water.

With that in mind, our persistent ChumLine editor, Donald, asked me to write a “how-to” article about fly fishing. You know the type: (rigging, knots, hooks, and “bait”). I’m going to take a step back from all that for now because the learning curve for fly fishing is steep. But if you’re game enough, and persistent enough, I promise you will get there.

Honestly, if you’re just getting started, I would skip all the technical stuff for now and approach this like we do with the kids who come out for our Kid’s Trip or the Lou Berke Trout Derby. It’s more about “catching” not “fishing” when you’re just getting started. Having success early gives you the motivation to persist through the learning curve to become proficient at rigging, casting, and tying flies. Don’t go out and buy a bunch of new gear until you get a chance to experience what it is all about, and see if you like it.

There are a couple of ways to go about it. The first is to find someone who already knows what they are doing, and let them provide the gear and do all the rigging for you. Ide-

ally, you’ll want to find someone with a boat, and let them take you out and put you on fish. I’m told such people do exist, that they may even be found amongst our club members. If you ask nicely, they may only require you to share in the fuel, food, ice, and chum costs. (Not that I’d know anything about that).

There are also several guides who specialize in saltwater fly fishing in our local waters. Captain Bill Matthews of Flytime Fly Fishing <http://flytimeflyfishing.com/wordpress/> is responsible for getting me hooked on saltwater fly fishing. There are others: Vaughn Podmore operates out of Long Beach/San Pedro [www.saltyflyfishing.com](http://www.saltyflyfishing.com). I know of several in the San Diego area as well.

The Fishermens Spot is an excellent fly shop in Van Nuys on Burbank Blvd. near the intersection with Van Nuys Boulevard. The shop has been in business for over 40 years, and the owner at one time was a member of the LARRC. The guys behind the counter are serious fishermen, and know their stuff. They are always willing to help someone new to fly fishing. If you’re up for a more formal learning experience, they offer casting and fly tying classes. They also host local fly fishing-specific charters to the Channel Islands on the Sea Jay and offshore fly fishing trips on the Fortune, as well as destination fishing trips to Cedros Island, La Bocana, Alaska, Christmas Island, and other exotic places.

Probably the best fish to target for getting a taste of saltwater fly fishing is the Pacific Bonito (*Sarda chilensis*). They readily eat a fly, and fight like mini-tuna. You’ll find them on the frontside of Catalina, often on the East End by the Quarry or just west of Avalon. Skip the whole casting thing in the beginning, and just troll the fly. Pretend you’re on the stern of the Excel and it’s your turn in the trolling rotation (except you have to hold the rod in your hand, and you can’t take a nap in your deck chair). I promise you, once you get a strike and that little bonehead starts ripping line off your reel, you’ll be having fun. If you have the good fortune to hook one over five pounds, you will have to do some bona-fide work to land a big bonito on a fly rod.

In my view, fly fishing is more work, but it is also very rewarding. If I can be of any help to a club member who wants to give fly fishing a try, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

# ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Submitted by Eric Rogger

Couldn't start this month's column without involving the Coronavirus effects! National Fisherman magazine had a story how this pandemic has affected Asian and U.S. seafood markets. A lockdown of ports in China caused a drop in lobster imports that was felt by Florida Keys fishermen. Prices dropped almost to half their normal export prices normally quoted at \$12 to \$20. Canadian exporters also noticed their prices drop as a result of the virus. Exports of farmed salmon from Norway as well as clams from Alaska were also hard hit.

On the plus side the same magazine also reported that 2019 was a banner year for salmon production in California. The fleet landed 2.19 million pounds. Normal ocean temperatures and ample rain contributed to the successful year.

◆ **THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE.** . . headlined a story dealing with new regulations issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. New rules prohibit bottom trawls in more than 140,000 square miles of ocean off our west coast. Large weighted nets dragging along the deep coral bottoms, known to be nurseries for many species can no longer be used.

◆ **OCEAN CONSERVANCY.** . . sent out a solicitation in support of an act proposed by Senators Udall and Bennet. It is meant to protect our oceans and ocean life against harm occasioned by climate change. Biodiversity and extinction are also addressed by this program due to be concluded by 2030. The proposal states that oceans are warming 40% faster than 5 years ago resulting in habitat loss and danger to our marine ecosystems. Members interested in making a contribution: please contact me for the details.

◆ **A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS.** . in Canada has developed a plan to produce biodegradable plastic cups, plates and cutlery from the shells of an invasive crab species. A chemist at McGill

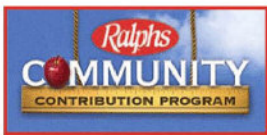
University in collaboration with Kejimikujik Park in Nova Scotia developed this technique to deter the European green crabs which has been invasive since the 1980's.

◆ **ALASKA!!!** . . All you ever wanted to know about Alaska!!! This is of interest to those of us who have been on an Alaska trip or are contemplating one. These stats are from *National Fisherman* – their March issue- somewhat impressive. Alaska has been the most important producer of seafoods for some time. The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute focused on the 2017-18 period with this report - 58,700 people were employed with wages totaling \$1.7 billion. This included 29,400 commercial fishermen using more than 9000 vessels. During the study period an annual average of 5.7 billion pounds of seafood from 100 different species were harvested. Salmon accounted for 820 million pounds Processors added to the value by producing more than 300 seafood products. In 2018 2.2 billion lbs. of Alaskan seafood was exported to over 100 countries. Let's hope they can keep this up!

◆ **LET'S FINISH ON A POSITIVE NOTE.** . . In case you missed a report in the *LATimes* (12/20/19) a resurgence in bottom fishing. After having been closed for several years because of species depletion it was resumed with the approval of environmental groups which had once opposed bottom trawling. In a cooperative movement fishermen and enviros (National Resource Defense Counsel) charted out areas not threatening the bottom dwellers. This area involves the size of Rhode Island off the coasts of Oregon and California.

As usual... comments would be welcome c/o Eric Rogger [wstridge@aol.com](mailto:wstridge@aol.com)

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# Big Tuna - Wanna Join the Cow Club?

By Larry Brown

Everybody should book a winter long range fishing trip at least once in their life. Many anglers have catching a cow tuna on their bucket list. Even if you don't, trust me, after you land a 200lb plus yellowfin tuna your life is different. You join the club of elite anglers in the world who have that accomplishment notched on their belts.

With today's gear anybody can do it. I have seen 100 lb ladies, 15 year old kids and 85 year old couch potatoes hook and land a cow tuna. With 2 and 3 speed reels, rail rods and a crew member to assist you and coach you any feelings of inadequacy or intimidation can be minimized and you can be self assured you have what it takes.

All of the deluxe long range sportfishers have great loaner gear. I have guys come from all around the world toting just their clothing and toiletries and have a great time and catch fish. The boats will set you up with all the gear you need. They will have the rods, reels, hooks, line, jigs, etc., and the nice thing is they will only give you what they know is working based on most recent experience,

so you are not stuck with tons of expensive gear most anglers buy to cover all possible scenarios of a long trip. You can return what you don't use and are only charged for what you do use.

On the way to the fishing grounds the captain or a highly experienced crew member will conduct seminars on the wining techniques for hooking and landing giant tuna and wahoo. By the time you get to the grounds you will be ready to target, hook and land these fish. You will have the right gear set up; you will know the correct techniques for bait presentation and how to use your gear for optimum effectiveness and efficiency. All of this of course doesn't guarantee a 200 pound yellowfin tuna will inhale YOUR bait, as this is still a rare event. And it certainly doesn't guarantee you will overcome all of the inherent obstacles, and that you will land the monster. Maybe this is part of the appeal and makes victory oh so sweet.

You ask, "what obstacles?" As one of my favorite captains likes to say, "getting bit is about the ONLY good thing that can happen when your line is in the water." After that it is almost all bad: knot's and connections can fail, line can explode, hooks can straighten or break, sharks can swallow your fish whole or up to the gills, hooks can rip out of the mouth, you can tangle with other anglers, another angler can hook up and saw you off, your line can rub against the chine or nick or get tangled with the props and rudders, your fish can pull you into the reef structure and cut you

off or chew through the line with his sharp teeth, even rods and reels can break. So, why on Earth is this fun? It's because of the one other good thing that can happen. After a long, tough battle you win, your fish is gaffed, the captain tapes or weighs it and the cow bells ring. You did it. You have your cow tuna. You can celebrate and be welcomed the club.

Some guys take 20 trips before they land their first cow tuna. Some guys do it on trip number one. I watched 85 year old Stan Malin land a "super cow," a yellowfin tuna over 300lbs, last season on our Red Rooster 3 adventure, Stan's first long range trip in 45 years.

But is it all worth it? The trip is expensive, the odds of "success" are low. Who is this crazy? It's because the ecstasy is so

much greater than all the agony. When you finally get your fish on the boat the feeling is indescribable.

But if you are going to do this and be good at it and maintain your sanity establishing real expectations is key. By real expectations,

I mean low! There is a really high likelihood there will be 200 and even 300 pound tuna swimming within a few hundred feet of the boat throughout the trip. Whether they bite a bait with a hook in it is another story. Biting your bait reflects even lower odds.

Overcoming all of the aforementioned obstacles lowers the odds even more. But you have a shot. You will see these giant tuna crashing and boiling in the chum line and the odds are good there will be one or several landed by the boat. This by itself is an adrenaline rush.

So what are the realistic expectations? How should we define success? It's called a "fishing trip." It is not called a catching trip. There's a good reason for this. Expect to be on a beautiful boat being pampered with great food and great service. Expect to be taken to the zones where thousands of giant tuna have been landed. Expect to have the gear that is up to the task and crew members who will mentor you and prepare you and coach you through the process if and when you do get hooked up. Be sure to enjoy your fellow anglers, crew members, poker games, reading, the beautiful ocean, the gorgeous sun rises and sunsets, the raffles, learning new knots and techniques, sharing fish stories, good food and wine. A successful fishing trip is a complete vacation, not just the catching. You can even expect, but not assured, to catch some beautiful quality fish. It is not uncommon to catch

*There is a great billboard sign outside the famous Gigling Marlin Café in Cabo San Lucas. It reads, "If our food or service do not meet your expectations, please lower your expectations." When customers have their expectations met or exceeded, high levels of customer satisfaction are achieved. The same is true fishing on these long winter trips. If catching a cow tuna is your expectation, please lower your expectations.*

50 – 100 lb tuna and a couple of wahoo . These may even be your personal bests. Regardless, they are gorgeous fish that will fight to the very end. Enjoy every one of these fish because it could be the only one for the trip. Maybe you'll get several 100 pound tuna and several wahoo, but savor each and every one of them. Failing to land a 200lb cow tuna is the realistic expectation. You hope beyond hope you will be the lucky angler, but please go in with realistic expectations and have a blast regardless of the catching.

But here are 10 tips to increase your odds at hooking and landing your big tuna:

1. Use fresh, high quality line and change it out after any big tuna, long fight, big tangles or if you detect any abrasion.
2. Tie your knots and connections perfectly – test them
3. Use good quality, sharp hooks
4. Set drags correctly and reset them each morning and after each big tuna
5. Maintain reels and rods in perfect condition
6. Bait Presentation and Casting are Critical
7. Setting the hook or not when using circles
8. Avoid or reduce tangles and try getting out of them ASAP
9. Pull hard - reduce your fight time by 20%
10. Bring and keep a positive psyche and attitude



Donald Goldsobel's

## CALLING ALL COOKS

### Oven Roasted Trout on Cast Iron, My Best

Occasionally, I read cooking magazines, like in the doctor's office. I saw a recipe and it talked about using mayonnaise to seal in seasonings and juices when cooking fish in the oven. That got me thinking and I got out my cast iron flat pan (see the photo). I like trout with the skin real crisp. This is what I did.

Oven preheated to 500 degrees with the cast iron pan in the middle rack of the oven. Get that pan real hot!

You will need:

- Cast Iron pan
- A large spatula
- Oven mitts
- One trout fillet
- Lemon Juice
- 1 Green Onion
- tsp Capers and some of their juice
- 2-3 TBS Mayonnaise (I use Best Foods Low Fat)
- TBS Grape seed or peanut oil (no olive oil)

Squeeze a little lemon juice on the trout. Chop the green onion and the capers. Blend with the mayonnaise and caper juice. Spread evenly on the trout

Spread the oil on the large spatula. If you do not have a big enough spatula, use a dish. Place the trout fillet on the spatula. Carefully open the oven and slide the trout on to the very hot pan. The oil is for the crisp skin and to make it easier to slide the fish onto the pan.

Set a timer for between 10 and 14 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillet and the idiosyncrasies of your oven. It is done when the top starts to brown. You may want to move the pan to a higher rack to get it real brown without over cooking the fish.

That's it! Enjoy the best trout ever.





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# CALLING ALL COOKS

## Yellowfin Tuna Tostada

*Tuna in fusion cuisine at its finest blends the best of Mexican and Asian flair.*

*We all have time on our hands and I have been scrolling the internet for fun and exciting fish recipes to try. I stumbled across this one and it was great! The recipe was originally posted in Salt Water Sportsman and the link is below. I hope you enjoy it!!*

*Sophia Huynh*

Originally posted on Salt Water Sportsman: <https://apple.news/AdDudwQ07R2Cst6nZR5HgBQ>

### Directions

#### Miso Aioli

- 2 Tbsp. miso paste
- 1 cup mayonnaise

1. Mix both ingredients thoroughly.

#### Sriracha Vinaigrette

- 1 Tbsp. Sriracha sauce
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/3 cup rice vinegar
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 tsp. ginger, chopped
- 2 scallions, chopped

1. Puree all ingredients together.

#### Tuna Tostada

- 1 lb. yellowfin tuna, diced
- 16 wonton skins, fried (4 per serving)
- 1 cup miso aioli
- 1 cup Sriracha vinaigrette
- 1 cup radish, sliced
- Sesame seeds, toasted
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. Add salt and pepper to the diced tuna, then mix with most of the Sriracha vinaigrette and let marinate for 10 minutes.

2. Pan-fry the wonton skins, and lay them out on a plate with a paper towel to soak up excess oil.
3. Mix sliced radish with leftover Sriracha vinaigrette and a little miso aioli to make a radish slaw.

#### Dish Assembly

1. Place a 1-ounce scoop of marinated tuna on each wonton, and dress with miso aioli.
2. Top with radish slaw, and sprinkle some toasted sesame seeds to finish.
3. Garnish with chopped herbs and serve.



# Double Your Charitable Giving and Save Tax by Using a QCD

By Keith Heerd

## What is a QCD?

If you are age 70½ or older, IRS rules require you to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. This additional taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A Qualified Charitable Distribution, QCD, is a direct transfer of funds from an IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity, as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to \$100,000, and can also be excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. In this scenario, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

Why is this distinction important? If you take the RMD as income, instead of as a QCD, your RMD will count as taxable income. Having higher taxable income can directly impact your eligibility for certain deductions and credits. For example, your taxable income helps determine the amount of your Social Security benefits that are subject to taxes. Keeping your taxable income level lower may also help reduce your potential exposure to the Medicare surtax.

## Larry Brown's Deal:

Larry Brown in his continuing outstanding support of the LARRC Foundation is working with the foundation trustees to possibly establish a self-sustaining Legacy Fund to support the LARRC Veterans Fishing Program. The Foundation has established a separate bank account to manage revenues and costs associated

with Veterans Fishing. Steve Simon has been managing the LARRC Veterans Fishing Program coordinating with the Betty-O, the West Los Angeles VA and his team of LARRC volunteers. Steve and all of the volunteers report about the fun and therapeutic benefits these trips have for our vets with service related disabilities.

Larry Brown has agreed to donate matching funds up to \$20,000 to LARRC Foundation. Larry's donation would be earmarked for the Veterans account but other members could designate their donations to veterans, kids fishing or the Foundation's general account, but Larry would obviously appreciate any funds going to support the Veterans Fishing program. So, any member who would like to donate to the Foundation can double their impact with Larry's matching donation. You give \$1,000 and he'll match with an additional \$1,000. John Ballotti is standing by to receive our checks and issue a tax receipt as the Qualified Charity.

## End Notes:

1. A QCD is reported as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-Inherited IRAs. For Inherited IRAs or Inherited Roth IRAs, the QCD will be reported as a death distribution. Itemization is not required to make a QCD. While the QCD amount is not taxed, you may not then claim the distribution as a charitable tax deduction.
2. A QCD is not subject to withholding. State tax rules may vary, so for guidance, consult a tax advisor.
3. When making a QCD, you must receive the same type of acknowledgement of the donation that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.
4. Consult your tax advisor to help you determine if both your IRA and the charity qualify for QCDs. LARRC Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is a Qualified Charity.

## Health and Happiness

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.

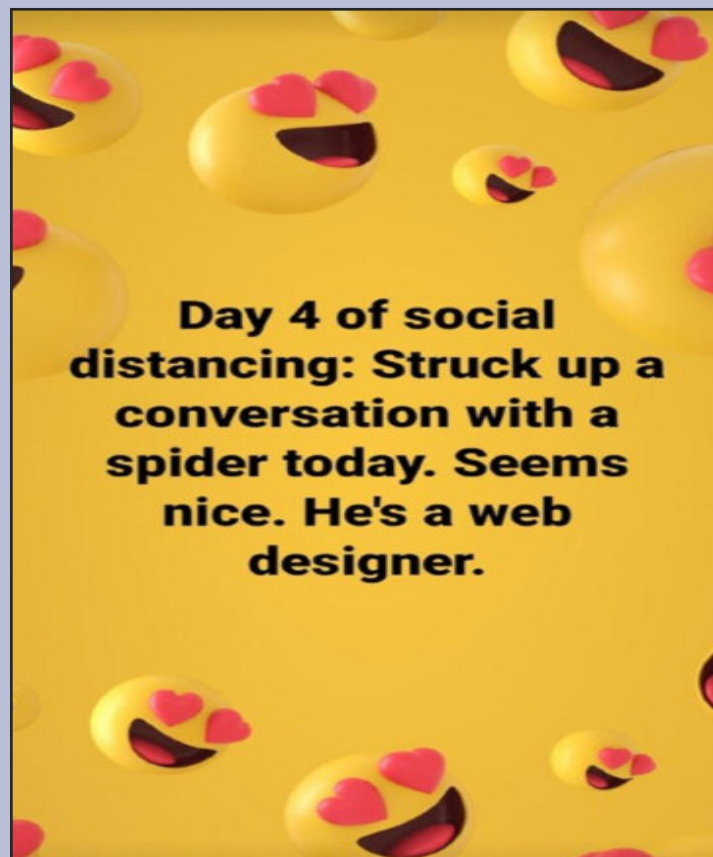
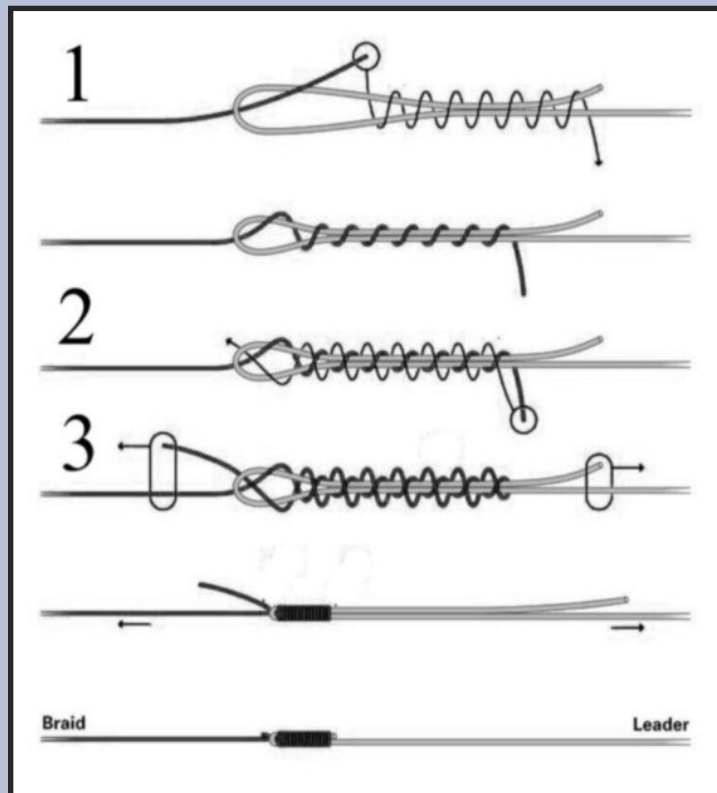
# Introduction to "Double Improved Albright Knot"

By Larry Brown

There are many methods to connect mono or fluoro-carbon leaders to your main braided line. Some pros insist on wind-on leaders. These take a lot of time and effort to make and deploy and present a big slinky in the water, which your sardine has to haul around, making him fatigue and appear less natural. Others insist on an in-line, served splice, which acts like a Chinese Finger Puzzle. It is the most stealth connection, but takes significant time. If done perfectly, like most knots and connections, it is very strong, but it is easy to do imperfectly, and I have witnessed some slip out under pressure leaving anglers with anguish and heartbreak. There are many knots like the blood or double blood knots, the double uni, the Bob Sands or Tony Pena and the FG knot, but I use and teach the "Double Improved Albright Knot" as my go to knot for this application. Please incorporate Step 6, two additional passes of the tag end of the braid through the loop. This is why we call it "improved." All the standard schematics only show one single pass through the loop to finish off this knot. This knot is fast to master, fast to tie, is brutally strong and is very stealth. Happy fishing.

## Directions

1. Make a loop in your mono or fluoro leader, with about a 6 – 8 inch overlap.
2. Feed your braided line through the loop from below, (feeding it up)
3. Pull about 10 inches of braided line through the loop, and pinch the top of the loop including the braided line.
4. Make 10 close wraps with your braid down the overlapped mono or fluoro, and then back track with 10 more wraps back up towards the loop.
5. Pass the tag end of the braided line through the loop from the top to the bottom, so the tag end and main line of the braid exit the loop in the same direction.
6. **This is not in any of the schematics, but I very highly recommend 2 more passes of the tag end of the braid through the loop. This will add significant strength and reliability to this knot.**
7. Lube up the entire knot with your saliva or spray bottle, and slowly push and pull the knot shut. Push with your thumb and index finger the barrel of braid towards the end of the loop. Then slowly pull tight, until there is zero slippage and trim very closely. I recommend pullers or numb chucks to help you pull the knot very, very tight and not cut your skin.



## TROPHY WINNERS 2019 as of February 29, 2020

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>					<b>WOMEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
<b>MEN'S FLY ROD</b>					<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER</b>					Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	11	0
<b>MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED</b>					<b>WOMEN'S RELEASED JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>					<b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>				
					<b>FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>				

## Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation & AmazonSmile

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Wayne Caywood finessing a tuna on light line

# CHARTERS 2020

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
<b>Jun 20- Jun 27</b>	<b>Royal Star - 7-Day</b> 10am departure, The very best Father's Day celebration. Special gifts for all fathers/kids together on trip. Leaves and returns on a Saturday - NO rush hour traffic stress. Best deal of the year! Dock Location: Royal Star Sportfishing, San Diego, CA	<b>SOLD OUT*</b> Cost: \$2,125 Limit - 24 anglers	Contact Tracy 619-224-4764 <a href="mailto:rs@royalstarsportfishing.com">rs@royalstarsportfishing.com</a>
<b>Jul 21- Jul 22</b>	<b>Trueline Overnight - King of the Calicos</b> Tournament with ten two-man teams targeting Calico Bass Cost includes tournament, t-shirt, prizes and gratuity Dock Location - 22nd St Landing, San Pedro, CA Check payable to: LARRC Mail to Joel Steinman 5826 Ostrom, Encino, CA 91316	<b>SOLD OUT*</b> Cost: \$225 (payment in full holds spot) Limit - 20 anglers	Contact Joel Steinman 818-469-2326 Call before mailing a check
<b>Jul 26- Aug 3</b>	<b>Intrepid - 8-Day</b> Prime time offshore fishing for yellowfin and bluefin tuna. Leaves on a Sunday - NO rush hour stress! Dock Location: Intrepid Sportfishing, San Diego, CA	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$4,495 Limit - 22 anglers, limited load	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 <a href="http://www.fishintrepid.com">www.fishintrepid.com</a>
<b>Aug 1- Aug 3</b>	<b>Pacific Dawn, 2-Day Offshore Charter</b> Targeting yellowfin tuna, bluefin tuna, yellowtail dorado, etc. Mexican boat. Not included in fee. Dock Location: Fisherman's Landing, San Diego, CA Make check payable to LARRC. Mail to Mark Manculich 18440 Tribune St., Northridge, CA 91326	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: TBD Limit - 17 anglers	Contact Mark Manculich 818-613-6575 <a href="mailto:mmanculich@socal.rr.com">mmanculich@socal.rr.com</a> Contact Mark prior to mailing
<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Monte Carlo, Twilight</b> Local twilight trip targeting Sand Bass, Calico Bass and other bottom fish with a possibility of Yellowtail and Barracuda Cost includes crew gratuity. Dock location - 22nd St. Landing San Pedro, CA. Make check payable to LARRC Mail to - Andrew Ratzky 23297 Park Ensenada, Calabasas, CA 91302	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$84 (payment in full holds spot) Limit - 28 anglers	Contact Andrew before mailing check to confirm availability <a href="mailto:artzky@att.net">artzky@att.net</a>
<b>Sep 1- Sep 6</b>	<b>Red Rooster III - 5-Day Charter</b> NEW CLUB CHARTER Great time of the year to fish for yellowfin tuna, bluefin tuna, yellowtail and dorado. Guadalupe Island is an option! Dock Location: Lee Palm Sportfishing, San Diego, CA	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$2,525 Limit - 25 anglers, limited load	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 <a href="mailto:office@redrooster3.com">office@redrooster3.com</a>
<b>Sep 11- Sep 12</b>	<b>Trueline Overnight</b> Departs 8PM Sept. 11 and returns 6PM Sept. 12 Overnight trip to Catalina. Cost includes crew gratuity. Dock location: 22nd St. Landing, San Pedro, CA Check payable to LARRC. Mail to: Andrew Ratzky 23297 Park Ensenada, Calabasas, CA 91302	<b>OPEN</b> Cost: \$235 (payment in full holds spot) Limit - 18 anglers, LARRC reserves the right to overbook by two spots.	Contact Andrew prior to mailing check to confirm availability. <a href="mailto:artzky@att.net">artzky@att.net</a>

## CHARTERS 2020 CON'T

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Oct 3- Oct 10	<b>Royal Star - 7-Day</b> Great Fall fishing with a great group of anglers. Guadalupe Island is an option. Leaves and returns on a Saturday - NO rush hour traffic stress. Best deal of the year! Dock Location: Royal Star Sportfishing, San Diego, CA	<b>SOLD OUT*</b> Cost: \$3,595 Limit - 20 anglers, limited load	Contact Tracy 619-224-4764 <a href="mailto:rs@royalstarsportfishing.com">rs@royalstarsportfishing.com</a>
Oct 31- Nov 10	<b>Intrepid 10-Day</b> Perfect variety trip to destinations such as The Ridge and Alijo Rocks for tuna, wahoo, dorado, yellowtail and grouper. Saturday departure! Dock Location: Intrepid Sportfishing, San Diego, CA	<b>SOLD OUT*</b> Cost: \$4,960 Limit - 22 anglers, limited load	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 <a href="mailto:steve@fishintrepid.com">steve@fishintrepid.com</a>

**\* Always call for the standby list on sold out trips 310-435-8365**

**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 Andrew Ratzky - [Aratzky@att.net](mailto:Aratzky@att.net)      LARRC Club Charters in **BLUE**    Larry Brown Shared Charters in **GREEN**

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