

The November 30th Zoom Meeting of the LARCC will feature as speaker Shea McIntee, the Host and Executive Producer of “Stoked on Fishing.”

Growing up in Southern California Shea was either surfing or fishing. Shea’s dad Patrick handed him a cane poll before the bottle. Next in line was the 2-day saltwater trips that introduced Shea and his brother Ryan to the offshore scene. From a kid through his teenage years Shea had a passion for the sport of fishing and had to be in or around the water at all times.

At the age of 18 Shea purchased his first video camera and traveled to Costa Rica on a surf trip with his friend Sam and his dad Robert August from the classic film “Endless Summer”. After fun filming the trip and re-living the memories with friends at home Shea was fascinated with video. A year later at the age of 19 Shea learned how to edit, which quickly turned into a passion along filming.

Two decades later and thousands of hours of editing experience Shea had worked very hard and finally chased down his passionate dream. In 2005 Shea McIntee Productions was born, a professional production company that specializes in producing outdoor adventures.

From 2008 – 2012 Shea teamed up with a legend in the fishing industry Executive Producer Michael Fowlkes of Inside Sportfishing TV. Shea traveled around the globe filming, editing, and producing over 45 episodes for Inside Sportfishing TV.

From 2012 – 2013 Shea has taken his experience and talents and has been traveling the world producing fishing show for his own show called Stoked on Fishing.

When Shea is not producing shows for “Stoked on Fishing” he finds time to work with several charities including Olive Crest Children’s hospital, Wounded Warriors Foundation, Free Wheelchair Mission, and the Cepia Foundation / Costa Rica.

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DINNER MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 ~ 7:00 PM

A Message from the President

By Ted Feit

A DOUBLE STELLAR STAR - TED WILLIAMS

We can all bask in the afterglow of the Los Angeles Dodgers World Series victory this past October. Mookie Betts was rightly awarded the Willie Mays Award for the World Series Most Valuable Player. Like the legendary Willie Mays himself, Betts is accomplished in every aspect of the game and so exciting to watch.

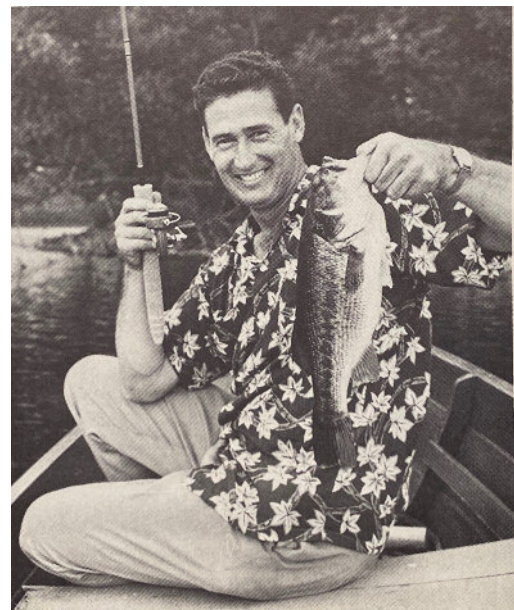


Williams is considered one of the greatest hitters of all time. His lifetime batting average was .344.

How is baseball related to fishing? While there is no direct relationship, one individual is known for stellar achievements in both sports: Ted Williams. As a baseball player, Ted Williams played for the Boston Red Sox from 1939 – 1942 and 1946 – 1960 and was known as “The Kid” or the “The Splendid Splinter” during his baseball years. He was a 17-time All-Star, two-time winner of the American League (AL) Most Valuable Player Award, six-time AL batting champion, two-time Triple Crown Winner (batting average, home runs, and runs batted in), and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966. In 1941 he finished the season with a batting average of .406. He was the last person to bat over .400 in a major league baseball season, a record which has remained his alone for 79 years!

Ted Williams was an ardent and accomplished fisherman throughout his life. Williams would fish anywhere, anytime, with different types of tackle, and in and on all types of water. He caught black marlin in New Zealand and tiger fish in the Zambesi River in Mozambique. In his later years, fly fishing became his favorite approach and Tarpon, Bonefish, and Atlantic Salmon his favorite quarries. After he retired, he divided much of his time between a home on the Mariachi River in New Brunswick, Canada and a home in Islamorada,

Florida. By 1982, he had caught and released over 1000 each of Tarpon, Bonefish, and Atlantic Salmon! He was inducted into the International Game Fishing Association’s Hall of Fame in 2000. He became one of only three athletes to be inducted into two professional sporting halls of fame. The others are Jim Brown (Pro Football Hall of Fame and Lacrosse Hall of Fame) and Carl Hubbard (Baseball Hall of Fame and Pro Football Hall of Fame).



Williams took a day off from baseball to catch this largemouth bass in a reservoir.

The sports writer John Underwood collaborated with Williams on a book entitled “Ted Williams Fishing ‘The Big Three’ – Tarpon, Bonefish, and Salmon” (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1982). He got to know Ted Williams and went fishing with him in Florida. Williams was by nature a perfectionist. (He had a prickly, sometimes contentious, relation with the press and the fans in Boston.) Fishing with Ted Williams was not for sensitive or thin-skinned people. Underwood said there are four things to remember when fishing with Ted Williams: (I) He is a perfectionist. (II) He is better at it than you are. (III) Needling people is part of his personality. (IV) He brings to fishing the same hard-eyed intensity, the same brooding capacity for scientific inquiry, that he brought to hitting a baseball.

To get a flavor of Ted Williams’ relentless approach to detail in fishing, here is a description of how he rigs his fly-rod for Tarpon:

TED WILLIAMS CON'T



This 397-pound bluefin tuna caught in 1941 was Williams' first big fish.

“I put at least 200 yards of backing on the reel, braided Dacron testing out to 30 pounds. I tie that to 90 feet of No. 12 fly line with a whip finish. Then I tie on a six-foot butt leader of 60-pound of monofilament with a nail knot. I make a perfection loop the diameter of a pencil on the other end and tie it to the strength measure, a two-foot tippet of 15-pound mono, a Bimini twist loop tied on both ends. I tie to the perfection loop with a clinch knot, going through the bottom and back through the top with a double barrel knot. Then I tie the bottom end of the leader through a loose knot on my 100-pound shock tippet and tighten that down against the Bimini twist. Then I tie the tippet with three half hitches and a whip finish of four wraps. I tie the lure on with a perfection loop.”



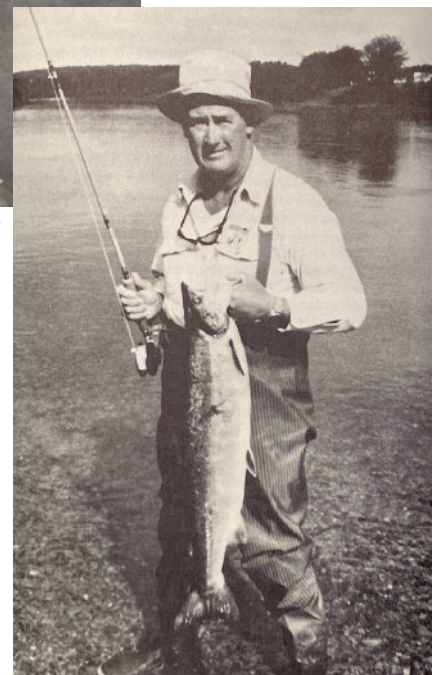
Williams caught this 130-pound tarpon on his first cast off Islamorada.



Williams plays a tarpon close to his boat. As the tarpon jumps, Williams bows the rod forward to take up some slack in the line to prevent a break off. This is known as “bowing to the King” in Tarpon fishing parlance.



Williams with a ten-pound bonefish caught on a fly rod.



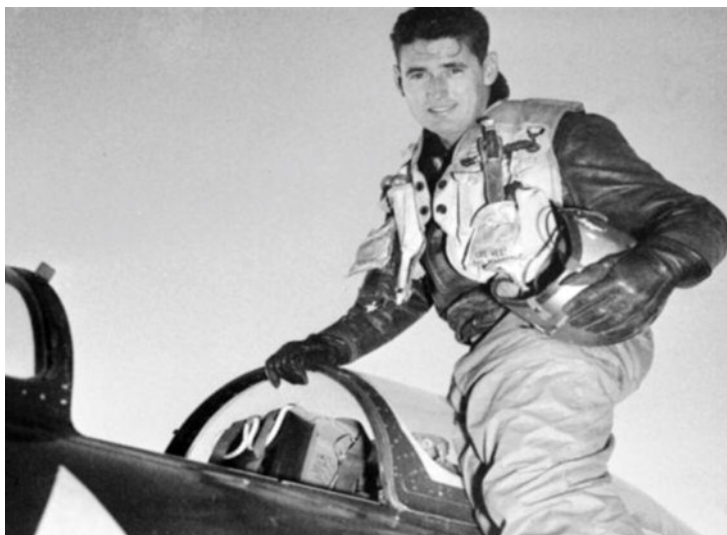
A fifteen-pound Atlantic Salmon from the Miramachi.

TED WILLIAMS CON'T



Fishing for Trout on a lake in North Carolina.

Williams served in the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps during World War II, from 1943 to 1946, and returned to active duty for portions of the 1952 and 1953 seasons as a Marine combat pilot during the Korean War. That's right, a sports superstar actually took time off to fly combat missions during wartime! Williams also raised millions of dollars for cancer care and research. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1991, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the United States Government, from President George H.W. Bush for his contributions to sports, national service, and charity work.



Captain Ted Williams stands atop his jet fighter at a Marine Corps air base in South Korea, February 1953.

From the Yearbook Organizer

I would like to thank everyone for such prompt attention to the renewal of their membership and the unexpected surprise of sending funds for the LARRC Foundation.

If you haven't yet returned your paperwork- there are still quite a few who have not returned their renewal - Please do so and don't forget the reverse side of the form. Looking for birthdays and anniversaries.

My sincere thanks to all of you.

Linda Simon

The Foundation Acknowledges this Tribute Received to Honor

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Tammy & Joel Steinman

In Memory of Andy Levinson, son of David Levinson

Linda & Steve Simon, Nickie & Michael Godfrey, Tammy & Joel Steinman, Cathy & Steve Needleman, Sandu & Norm Weinstock, Pamela Warren

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Remembering Don Lee

By Mike Godfrey

Today, October 28, 2020 Nickie and I learned of the passing of one of our members – Don Lee. One of my fondest memories with Don occurred in January 2003 when I had the pleasure of meeting him in Costa Rica where we were hosted by Pam and Earl Warren at their condo. Nickie, Pam, Earl, Don and I shared meals and fished the bountiful waters off the coast of Los Suenos. My image of Don patiently standing in the stern of the boat while he flyfished for one of the many species of billfish in these waters was a learning experience for me. He hooked up a few times but alas on this day, no billfish were successfully landed. He never failed to smile throughout the day and his humorous comments about flyfishing made the day even more enjoyable. I mentioned that I didn't know much about flyfishing and he promised to set me straight in the spring. We parted friends and I looked forward to seeing him again.

In April 2003, Don attended a LARRC dinner meeting where he insisted that I attend a flyfishing seminar coordinated by Pacific Flyfishers (of which Don was a member). I attended one Saturday in May while Don stood by me patiently helping me learn the flyfishing basics (along with many humorous comments). Don Lee was a soft-spoken angler who will be missed by our members yet remembered for his humor and many kindnesses.

“May his memory be for a blessing;”

Don Lee

By Randy Sharon

Most people in the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club knew of Don Lee as Cathy's father. I am sure that Don would smile and take great pride in that characterization. Don was a Life Member of the Club (having joined in 1979). I remember him simply as “Don”. Don and his wife Joyce were friends with my parents. I met Don as a young teenager. Don always had time to talk to me - and when we talked, we always spoke about fishing. I cherished my time with him. Don knew that we each shared a love for fishing - and so when I passed the State Bar (more than 35 years ago), Don gave me a gift that I will never forget - a membership in the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club. Don would never brag about his catches but I could always tell that he was an excellent fisherman. He loved to catch big fish on light line. He continues to hold the Club's record for the following: 64 lb pacific halibut on 25 lb test; 19 lb, 6 ounce rainbow runner on 20 lb test; 5 lb 9 ounce skipjack tuna on 4 lb test; 23 lb 9 ounce yellowfin tuna on 12 lb test; 116 lb 5 ounce yellowfin tuna on 30 lb test and 28 lb 6 ounce wahoo on 8 lb test. He was a very unassuming gentleman, humble and kind with a very good sense of humor and according to my wife very handsome. Even after his stroke several years ago, which made it difficult for him to speak, he always maintained his sense of humor. He was one of those very rare people that if you knew him, you loved him - and I did love him. My thoughts and prayers to his lovely family.

A Tribute to Don Lee

By Joel Steinman & Norm Weinstock

Los Angeles Rod and Reel lost a long-time member of our club. Don Lee was a gentleman and a lover of fishing. We have fished with him many times and he was a great guy. Don had a fabulous family and he instilled the love of fishing to his daughter - our own living legend Cathy Needleman. Our thoughts and best wishes go to Cathy and her family. Don will be missed by everyone who knew him.



Don Lee at age 5 with two halibut



Don Lee in later years with a calico bass

ERIC ROGGER: A REMEMBRANCE

During his 35 years as a member of the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, Eric Rogger could always be heard passionately speaking on behalf of the environment. He served for many years as the club's environmental committee chair. In addition, Eric was involved in many projects outside of the club, such as Wild Oceans and forage fish, and was committed to making the environment for the planet better.

Eric was a long time Chumline editor, for over a decade. He would have cut this short by about four or five years but it took that long to find a replacement editor. Eric went back to the days when there was a print edition of the club newsletter. He sometimes had an interesting editing style of chopping out a paragraph from a too long article (those were the days of paper editions and page limits)

Eric was also very passionate about light line fishing. When spectra just started to come into use, John Ballotti, Eric and I were skiff mates on a Qualifier 105 calico bass trip down at Cedros. We were in the heart of a kelp forest, where it was necessary to poke a hole into the kelp paddies to find a place to drop our plastics. John and I were trying the new fangled Spectra, using a rig which eventually became known as the kelp cutter. Eric was giving us lots of grief about the heavy line, 65 pound Spectra, which was basically the only thing available at that point.

Eric stuck to his guns with his 8-pound monofilament line. On this short skiff trip run, John and I each had about 10 fish, including two each over 7 pounds. Meanwhile, we watched Eric struggle through tangle after tangle after tangle. Eventually even Eric accepted the wisdom of using spectra in the kelp.

In addition to fishing, Eric was a blue ribbon winner with his bonsai plants. His prize plants were displayed at multiple club showings throughout the Southland,

For many years (possibly 20 or so), Eric was the charter-master on an August multi-day trip on the Polaris Supreme. His charter group was a mixture of enjoyable anglers, and the trip was always sold out.

Eric held several light line records for the club, including the 8-pound test line for yellowfin tuna, as well as the 10-pound test for yellowfin tuna and the 16-pound test for bluefin tuna.

Eric was old-school on the big tuna, believing no line should be heavier than 80 pounds. And he was talking 80 pound monofilament. Eric captured two 300 pound monsters in his career, including the current club record of 334 lbs. 8 oz. for yellowfin tuna on 80-pound test line, caught in 1992, and still the club's largest men's yellowfin tuna record.



ERIC ROGGER

Eric Rogger was a member of the club since 1985 {Life Member} passed away on October 20, 2020 - is survived by his wife Jeanne. Since joining the club, Eric has been involved as Charter Master (many of our members remember the charters on the Polaris Supreme), Editor of the Chum Line, Chairman of the Environmental Committee, and supported all of our youth activities throughout the years. His love of growing bonsai plants and enjoying classical symphony music was a lifelong passion. Eric continued to fish up until last year - with declining health he no longer was able to go out on the boats.

The twinkle in his blue eyes was always there to greet you with the warmth Eric possessed. There was always a smile on his face and he loved to talk to everyone about everything.

PUBLIC LANDS

SPORTSMEN WANT BUY-IN AS '30 BY 30' PUSH GAINS MOMENTUM

Emma Dumain, E&E News reporter

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Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) are leading an effort to protect 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. Francis Chung/E&E News

With Democrats expected to retain control of the House and an increasing possibility of a Joe Biden presidency, the hunting and fishing community is working to ensure it has a seat at the table for negotiating new federal policies relating to conservation and public lands.

The focus of its new efforts is the "30 by 30" initiative, a sweeping proposal that would set a national goal of protecting at least 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.

The initiative is being championed by two likely contenders to run the Interior Department in a potential Biden administration — Rep. Deb Haaland and Sen. Tom Udall, both New Mexico Democrats — and has been included in Biden's own environmental platform.

Yesterday, a new coalition of 13 groups rolled out a new website, mission statement and official resolution in support "in principle" of the 30 by 30 initiative.

"As American's original conservationists, the hunting and fishing community has proactively supported strategic efforts to conserve our nation's terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems for more than a century," the coalition's mission statement reads.

The statement makes clear, however, that hunters and anglers expect to have buy-in if and when implementation of the 30 by 30 initiative gets underway, saying, "We support 30 by 30 policies that recognize hunting and fishing as well-managed and sustainable activities that are in harmony with other management goals."

The coalition also appears to be on the offensive, positioning itself as a contingent of core constituents and powerful interests as lawmakers move ahead with implementing any new policies that could shut sportsmen out of negotiations.

While the coalition is not making specific requests or demands in a formal capacity at this point, it noted its support for 30 by 30 could be contingent on keeping existing recreation areas open for continued hunting and fishing activities.

The resolution also notes that hunting and fishing has "provide[d] Americans with opportunities to connect with the land, water, fish and wildlife," which in turn has "resulted in America's hunters and anglers emerging as the nation's

most invested conservationists, contributing up to \$3 billion directly to state-based conservation each year."

"Collectively, we are an asset for fish, wildlife, and habitat and we'll continue to ensure this remains the case as elected officials consider ambitious goals in the conservation space," said Jeff Crane, president of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, the education arm of the bipartisan Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and a member of the new coalition.

"Hunters and anglers are asking for a thoughtful approach to safeguarding our nation's lands and waters. In order to find common ground and achieve lasting results, complex management issues need to be resolved with input from a diverse set of stakeholders," echoed Whit Fosburgh, president and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, another coalition member.

Other coalition partners were more blunt.

"Hunters and anglers whose license dollars, excise taxes and fees support the conservation of our Nation's fish and wildlife resources and the habitats they depend on have a strong desire to pass on the sporting legacy to future generations. We support policies that protect important terrestrial and aquatic habitats," said Gene Gilliland, conservation director for the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

"But maintaining responsible access to those lands and waters is vital to ensuring continued appreciation and support among sportsmen and women," he said.

The current roster of coalition members also includes the American Sportfishing Association, the American Woodcock Society, the Center for Sportfishing Policy, the Coastal Conservation Association, the National Marine Manufacturers Association, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, the Ruffed Grouse Society and Safari Club International. Coastal Conservation Association of California Let's Talk Hook Up Western Outdoor News Angler Chronicles Pacific Coast Sportfishing Magazine Fish Taco Chronicles Sport Fishing Magazine Bent N Ballistic Outdoors California Sportsman Magazine The Log Newspaper.

Grand Excursion

By Ted Feit

A remembrance of things past: the line starts to unwind from the reel faster, you move the lever drag or put the reel in gear, suddenly the line tightens and the rod bends in a graceful arc, as the crew member tossing bait from the stern yells, "Fresh one."

I went out for a full day fishing on the Grande out of Point Loma Sportfishing to reacquaint myself with the above scenario. The 5:30 a.m. departure time necessitated a 2:00 a.m. wake call in Los Angeles for the drive to San Diego. Loading the bait tank with sardines was accompanied by an awesome sunrise. The boat chugged south to the Coronado Islands then veered westward to search for kelp paddies. The sun was out and the water turned cyan-blue. Some of the kelp paddies were empty nests, but others sheltered lots of hungry yellowtails. Lots of multiple hook-ups and crossed lines. Scenes of panic and pandemonium. I caught my limit and then some. The whole boat limited out. The fish were small, 5 – 7 pounds, but feisty and lots of fun to catch on a 20-pound outfit.

After securing my fish in the cooler, I ate a vanilla ice cream cone by the dock. The fishermen on overnight charters were lining up to board. I was hoping I could catch the Dodger game on the ride back to LA. No such luck, but it was a good day nevertheless.



Part of the haul of Yellowtail

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PRODUCER Lived Up to Her Name

By Richard Stone

I have been telling several of my friends about my fishing trips for years. Only 2 of them have any experience going ocean fishing previously. They have expressed much interest in going. So after months of this COVID social isolation I finally had enough. I called all the landings in San Diego and found an overnight trip that was seemed to work for everyone's schedules.

The Producer out of H&M landing looked like they have been having good fish counts. So I took 7 novice anglers on a deep-sea fishing adventure. My friend Adam Norvel brought his 6-year-old son, Scott Hittleman brought his wife and 22-year-old son, and Steve Hoxie brought one of his friends.

To maintain social distancing, we carpooled separately to the landing. Finding parking was an adventure unto itself. We checked in and looked for a place to eat. All the eating places were packed full with very long wait times. Being resourceful we ordered take out pizzas and Italian food to have a makeshift picnic.

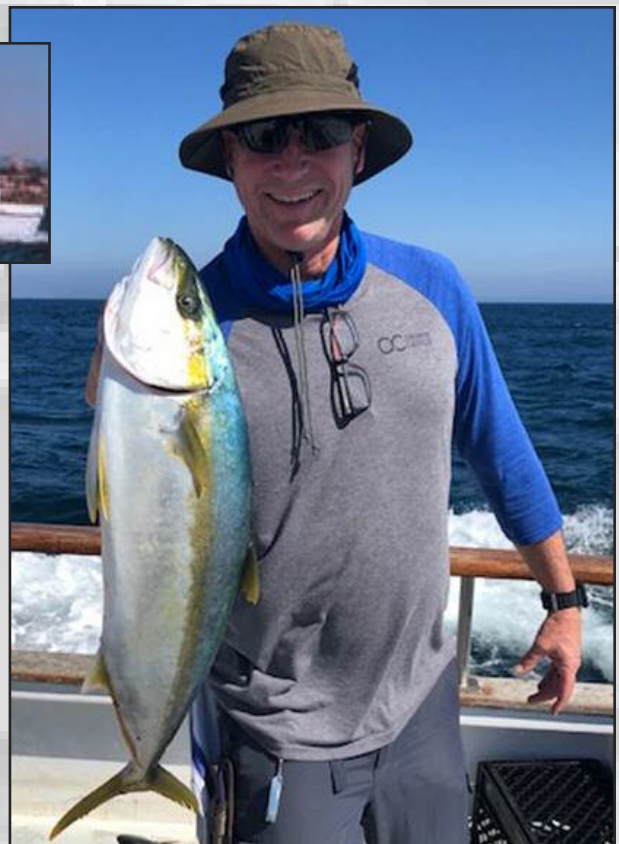
8pm they finally allowed us to get on the boat, found bunks and then the fun of getting everyone's rods, reels and tackle set up began. The bait was decent size. We were told to only use size 1 & 2 hooks. We settled in for few hours sleep and started fishing at gray light. We stopped at nu-

merous kelp patties. Almost every stop produced some bites. For the next 5 hours we caught we caught 4 to 10 pound baby Yellowtails. No tuna or dorado. While the size of the fish was small, they were plentiful. By the end of the day everyone had caught his or her limits. We released many fish.

The highlight of the trip was Adam's son, Robert, who had never fish before. He out fished almost everyone. He was a natural! While he needed help holding the rod and reeling in the fish he loved it. He was full of energy, and couldn't wait to put another bait on and get back into the water. Adam told me that for weeks afterwards Robert keeps asking when are we going fishing again.

The boat was well maintained. However, the deck crew was terrible. They did not manage deck or help the anglers at all unless they were asked. I had to keep reminding the anglers to step to the left and spread out as everyone was getting bunched up and lines were getting crossed constantly. The galley was not well stocked and all the food and drinks were very expensive. They did a poor job cleaning and fileting the fish. They charge \$6 per fish. Worst crew I have experienced on a boat.

While the fish were plentiful and our overall fishing adventure was a success, I will never fish this boat again.



From the Desk of Larry Brown

A Good Year For Fundraising

Unfortunately LARRC canceled its major annual banquet and fundraiser due to Covid concerns but we had a good year of fund raising anyway. So far this year Larry Brown's long range raffles have generated \$38,850, of which LARRC Foundation will be receiving \$20,350. MDRA and Rollo's kids will receive the remaining \$18,500. In addition to this LARRC membership really stepped up in response to Larry's "Matching Funds Challenge." Larry and Marie Brown promised to match up to \$20,000 of member donations responding to the challenge, and so far John Ballotti reports member donations at nearly \$24,000, for a total of \$44,000 from the member donations and the Brown family match. Larry's efforts will gross over \$64,000 for the Foundations activities including the kids, veterans and heroes fishing programs.

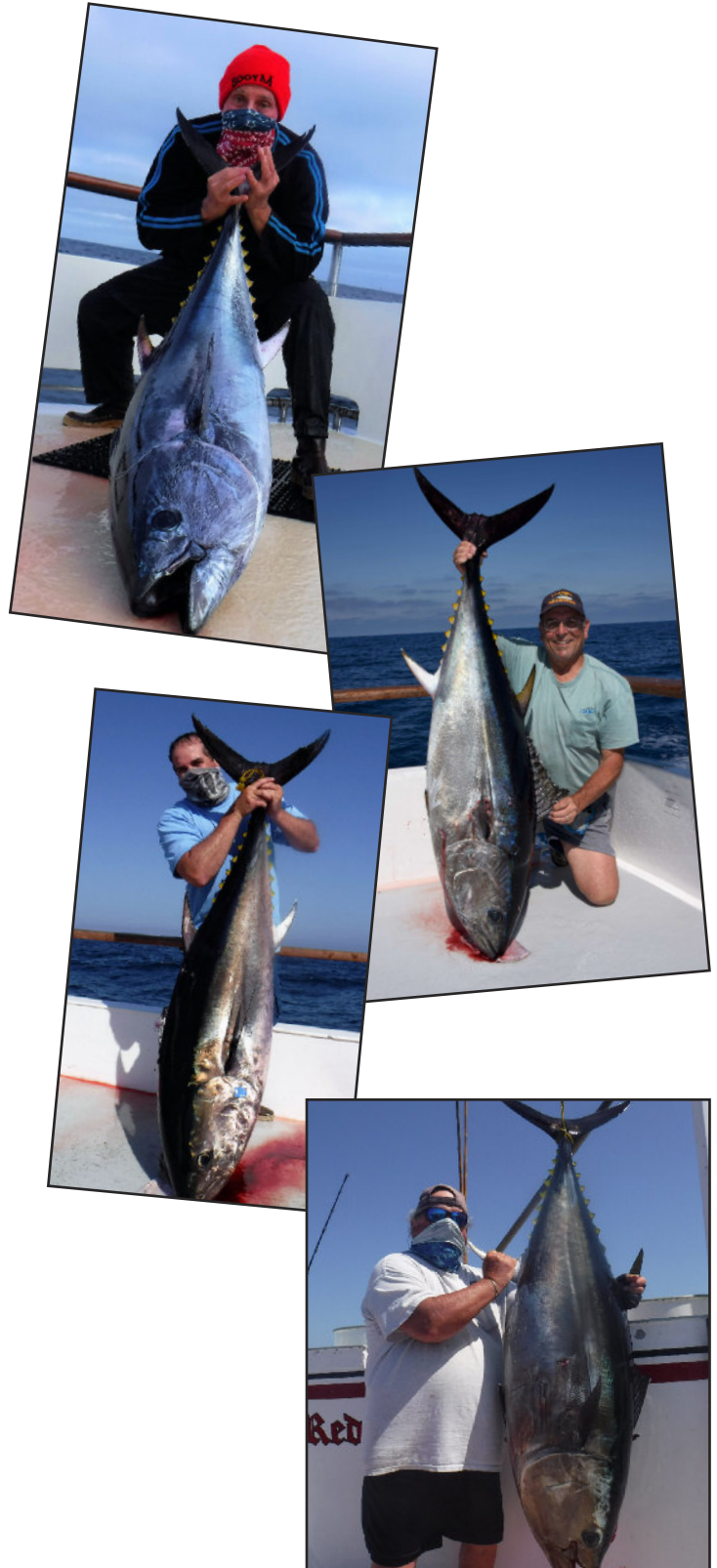
The California Bluefin Tuna Fishery

Epic, incredulous! These words don't do justice to what we are experiencing every day in our own backyard. Massive schools of bluefin tuna are hunkered down just off our coast. This cycle started about 8 years ago and seems to be building and building. I just completed my 10 day Intrepid trip. It was my 9th long range trip of the season and I have scored full limits of BFT on every trip. I don't want to jinx anything, but the fishing has been crazy GOOD. Most of the fish have been the 20 – 60lb school grade, which is excellent quality, but there always seem to be some kite and jig caught trophy fish, many of which are monsters. I have been blessed with 3 cow BFT in the last 12 months up to 277lbs and several more over 150lbs. Most of my biggies have been on the Nomad 320 gram Buffalo or Nomad 300 gram Gypsy jig at night. After the December and January storms these fish will move down the coast still within easy reach of San Diego boats, but will be unfished except for the commercial seiner fleet which will likely reach their full annual quotas with 2 weeks of fishing effort. I'm thinking of chartering some special 3 day trips this winter to target them. Let me know if you are interested and I'll keep you posted if and when I have them scheduled. Here are a few photos of these incredible fish.

Booking 2021 Charters

Hi Guys, Just a heads up. All of the Larry Brown 2021 charters are now SOLD OUT except for the limited load 5 and 10 day Intrepid trips. Several LARRC members are signed up

for the August 31 – Sept 5 Red Rooster 5 day charter. It too is now SOLD OUT but if you are the first on the stand by list there will be cancellations and you will likely be able to join us. Sign up now for 2021 on your favorite boats and favorite time of year before all the best charters are sold out.



A MAGnificent Time Fishing Magdalena Bay!

By Marc Monforte

Amid the continuing concerns related to the long-lingering COVID-19 virus that has curtailed almost all of the LARRC's events and fishing opportunities, three adventurous club members spent six October days fishing in the **Magnificent Magdalena Bay** area of **Mexico's Baja California Sur**. Looking forward to a long-time-in-arriving / planned trip, **Joel Steinman with daughter Robin, Donald Goldsoebel and son David, and Marc Monforte and son-in-law Gale**, ventured south to experience the **Magic of Magdalena Bay**, or as otherwise known in Spanish, **Bahia Magdalena**. Our six days consisted of one travel day each way, and four full days of fishing. But, before giving an account of our daily fishing itinerary and highlights, let me start out, for those not so familiar with "**Mag Bay**", a little background of geography and interesting history.

Magdalena "Mag" Bay, is geographically located about 643 miles south of San Diego, and 175 miles north of Cabo San Lucas on the western coast of the **Mexican State of Baja California Sur**. Mag Bay is a 31 mile long bay, and incorporates about 125 miles of interior lagoons and channels on the Pacific side of the Baja peninsula. The bay is protected from the Pacific Ocean by two large, sandy barrier islands – **Isla Magdalena** to the north, and **Isla Santa Margarita** to the south. Between these larger, scarcely populated islands and the smaller scattered sand banks, which separate the shallow bay from the Pacific Ocean, small channels let the water come in and out of the bay. And, as we witnessed while fishing at the mouth of the bay during tide changes, the current runs like a river. The south part of the bay is wide, with the more mountainous part of the islands as barriers. On the contrary, to the north the bay narrows to shallow channels, with thick mangroves growing on the sandy shores to both sides. I was told that these mangrove swamps, that provide sanctuaries for various sea birds (including blue

heron, white ibis, great egret, crested cormorant, and others I couldn't identify), are the largest mangrove system in the whole of the Baja California peninsula. During the four days of observation in which we traveled in and out of the bay, the contrast between the sandy desert dunes, the lush mangroves, and the vast blue ocean are very distinct there, and create a mesmerizing view of colors and textures. And the same was true of the varying contrast in the variety of in-shore verses off-shore birds we saw, including brown pelican, black-vented shearwaters, brown boobies, storm petrel, and those magnificent frigates which lead us to the feeding marlin. It is indeed a special and unique place, as compared to any other location in Baja.

I think that most people may associate Mag Bay for the seasonal migration of the **California Gray Whales** that come from the Bering Sea during our winter months to calve, but there is also the great fishing there, whether it be in-shore or off-shore. Unfortunately, we were there at the wrong time of year, so we were not able to share the gray whale experience. Maybe another time though! It was quite amazing to hear the sad story about how the numerous pods of gray whales visiting Mag Bay were hunted to near extinction, until hunting was finally banned around 1950. Each day as we exited the bay, the remnant dock and buildings of the whale processing facility on Isla Magdalena was a reminder of what used to be, and what is now a much happier story of the whales re-claiming of their ancestral birthing grounds.

There are only a few small settlements in the bay and along the large lagoon shores. The largest is **Puerto San Carlos** (population of 5500), a tiny fishing town located at the northern part of the bay on the peninsula side, just below the elongated lagoons and extensive mangroves/estuaries, and where we stayed/fished from: **Mag Bay Lodge**. The main industry in San Carlos, a mostly dirt street town, is artisanal fishing, sport fishing and eco-tourism (whale-watching). The artisanal bay fisheries include shrimp, lobster, clams (including the large geoduck), and octopus. Interestingly, the crewman that we had assisting the captain during our last two days (Alberto), is regularly a commercial fisherman who catches and dives for all the foregoing species (but, he does carry fishing dykes!!). Another notable town in the bay is **Puerto Adolfo Lopez Mateos**, a little village that sits in the northern part, where Magdalena Bay Island's sand dunes are closer to the peninsula. It was described to me as having two main attractions, including the large cannery which processes mainly sardines and tuna caught by commercial fishing vessels



Joel Steinman and daughter Robin

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in the Pacific Ocean, and whale watching. This second attraction is what makes it considered one of the best places in the world/bay to encounter the visiting gray whales, due to their congregations there. Also on Magdalena Island is the small village of **Puerto Magdalena** that sits 18 miles across the bay from San Carlos, which offers whale watching tours in season, and of which we visited each early morning to catch mackerel for live bait fishing. Magdalena Island is also a habitat for bald eagles, of which I only saw one. Across the Bay's mouth on **Isla Santa Margarita** is **Puerto Cortes**, the only settlement on the island, and the site of a small naval base with a military-only airstrip.

And Now About the Trip:

Day #1: With the six of us arriving at the **Cross Border Express (CBX)** at 3:30 am, with luggage, tackle and fishing rod tubes in tow, we were all able to efficiently make the cross border crossing into the Tijuana Airport, where we departed at 6:00 am on Volaris Airlines for an 8:50 am arrival in La Paz. Upon arrival at the Manuel Marquez de Leon International Airport, we were greeted by a courier, who provided the ground transfer in an appropriately sized passenger van to San Carlos. **La Paz is the capital city** of the Mexican state of Baja California Sur, and the most populous city in the state (approx. 245,000). Geographically located on the **Gulf of California (aka Sea of Cortez)** side of the Baja peninsula, at the **Bay of La Paz**, 126 miles north of Cabo San Lucas, it would take a little over three hours to transverse the peninsula before arriving in **Puerto San Carlos**. The 166 mile drive along the narrow two-lane Federal Highway 1 was un-eventful, as we enjoyed the arid desert terrain, which included various varieties of cactus like the saguaro and the most notable of all, the cardon cacti. Along the length of our ride, there were varying numbers/forest of **Mexican Giant Cardon Cacti (aka Elephant Cactus)**. These cacti, which live for hundreds of years and protected by Mexican law, are the largest in the world. Also of interest, during the last few miles ride into San Carlos, the roadway was lined with tall wooden poles with platforms on their



Marc Monforte with leopard grouper

tops, which had been placed there to provide osprey, crested caracara, and turkey vultures a safe nesting site. This conservation effort didn't stop the birds from building their nests in the many adjacent high voltage power lines instead.

Upon arrival in San Carlos, we quickly unloaded the van at the **Mag Bay Sportfishing Lodge**. The property includes a three bedroom, two bath main house (lodge), and an oversized garage/storage/workshop/tackle room type building and an adjoining driveway that housed the various boats and pangas utilized to fish from. The courtyard has a small pool, hot tub and comfortable outdoor dining & lounging area. The three air-conditioned bedrooms with plenty of bed space and two baths allowed for a comfortable and clean night's stay. After getting settled in, we ventured outside to tour the boat/panga that we would be fishing from over the next four days. Donald, David, Gale and I were assigned to the 36 foot, canopied, **ProKat Catamaran** for off-shore fishing, whereas Joel and Robin were assigned a 20 foot **Covered Panga** for the estuary/mangrove fishing. After a dinner on-site, we ended the long day in preparation for a next morning's 5:30 am rising.

Day #2: After a quick breakfast, Joel and Robin boarded the panga in the garage, and rode it to the launching site, just a short distance away. Additionally, our group of four headed out to the catamaran that was moved and launched in the middle of the night (at high tide), to save time. During the days fishing, Joel and Robin visited various areas of the shallow water mangrove estuaries for the various species of fish found there, including corvina, spotted bay bass and others. Of note, Joel was also able to land a beautiful 11-pound **Snook**, which had been on his bucket list, and Robin caught a pair of red snapper (7.5 lbs. & 5.0 lbs.), that we ate for dinner on our third night.

After the four of us arrived at the catamaran and got the rods and gear arranged, we headed across the bay at 28 knots to **Puerto Magdalena**, to make our mackerel bait



Gale Loop Marc Monforte's son in law

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for the day. Although the ProKat is equipped with two small live bait wells, we were only able to catch a few mackerel to supplement our trolling efforts with. With the sun now up, we ventured out of the bay and headed off-shore in a large northern loop, traveling as far out as 20 miles. After rigging the eight rods for trolling, we started to cover the calm waters north of the bay in search of some game fish. Although the morning started out very slow, the afternoon hour changed our luck and Gale hooked and landed the first striped marlin of the day/trip. After breaking the ice, all four of us were also able to subsequently bring a marlin, or two,



David Goldsobel with a dorado.

or three to the boat, and one dorado (mahi mahi) as well. By the time the 4:00 o'clock hour had arrived, and we started heading back to the bay/landing, we ended up hooking 13 striped marlin, and bringing nine to the boat for a few photos before releasing them to fight another day.

Arriving back to the house/lodge around 5:30 pm, we enjoyed the refreshingly cool water of the pool, and cold cervezas in hand. About an hour later, Joel and Robin returned from their successful day on the water as well. After we ate our dinner, while sharing our individual accounting of the days fishing activities, we walked over to the garage to view the days catch being filleted/processed, and a few more photos. With the first day's fishing behind us, it was off to bed for another early morning rising.

Day #3: What would turn into a regular daily routine for the next three days of fishing, Joel and Robin took their ferried ride in the panga to visit the mangrove estuaries once again, and the team of four also drove over to the landing to board the ProKat. Joel and Robin spent the day catching a few more of the previous day's species along with triggerfish, pufferfish, and a yellowtail. Once again covering a lot of off-shore miles trolling on the catamaran, the day produced more striped marlin, a wahoo and several acrobatic dorado.

In addition to the three marlin brought to leader, we all managed a few long-releases as well. While searching for the marlin, we came across bait balls that were being chased by marlin below and harassed from above by the marauding frigate birds. Jumping dolphins and curious sea lions were seen everywhere we traveled. Although the ProKat is routinely scheduled to fish six anglers, we all agreed that fishing four was much more manageable and accommodating. Once again, after a full day of fishing, we spent the last few hours of the evening having dinner and sharing our daily fish tales.

Day #4: With Joel and Robin off to fish other areas of the shallow water mangroves and sand bars with Captain (Pangero) Daniel, the off-shore team headed their way back across the bay to make bait once again at **Puerto Magdalena**. The bait was elusive that day, so captain Enrique ventured closer to the bay entrance, and tried an area next to the old remnant whale processing facility. With no luck there either, we set off to troll in an area further south of the bay mouth and where other boats were congregating. The day's fishing proved successful in us catching a couple more marlin, and also a few other variety of fish, including yellowtail, bonita and dorado. With the ProKat being powered with twin 300 H.P. Suzuki outboards, and speeds exceeding the regularly traveled 28 knots, we were able to quickly move to various other fishing areas when the current location wasn't producing. Among various other attributes of the ProKat, along with an onboard toilet, the off-shore fishing from the ProKat was much better than panga style fishing. In my opinion anyway. With another day of successful fishing in the books, it was another round of fish talk at dinner time. Thanks to Robin, we were able to enjoy a great ceviche made with her hearty orangeside triggerfish.

Day #5: With another "Ditto" day of fishing for both teams, we both set out for our last day of fishing. With the winds kicking up, the option to fish the off-shore area known as **Thetis Bank** had been taken off the table. Even though the ProKat could reach the bank in three hours, the winds would have made for a very rough ride,



Donald Goldsobel with a nice dorado of his own.

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so we all opted for Plan B instead, which was to travel north 20 miles to **Bahia Santa Maria**. Giving up the opportunity for more marlin, we rather geared up for some bottom fishing. Arriving at **Punta Hughes, at the mouth of Bahia Santa Maria**, along the coast of Isla Magdalena, we managed to catch some yellowtail, yellow grouper, cabrilla pinta, bonito, triggerfish, a variety of bass, including my nice quality leopard grouper. On the long trip back to the bay, it was a very bumpy ride, but worth the travel. Back at the lodge, we got an update from the panga team and found out that they had caught some of the same variety of fish as the previous days, but added pargo, sculpin, blunthead triggerfish and barracuda to the list. And, once again Joel had also checked off another fish from his bucket list, a nice pacific pompano; to also complement Robin's beautiful **7.7 pound Panama Graysby**.

Day #6: With the fishing days behind us, we got to sleep in and after saying our **"adios amigos"**, we once again boarded our shuttle service van for a trip to the airport. For our return trip to the Tijuana Airport, we were going to be leaving from the **Loreto International Airport**, 127 miles north of San Carlos, on the Gulf side. Once again trans-versing the Baja Peninsula on the way to **Loreto (or Concho)**, the last part of the drive over the **"La Giganta" Mountain Range (Sierra de la Giganta)** is most memorable. Descending from the top of the mountain into the sea-side town of Loreto with a view of the **Sea of Cortez** in the background is worth the long drive. As we traveled to the airport taking in the desert scenery, and only a couple of hours away from returning back home, I thought about the four days that the six of us just spent together. I thought about the good fishing that we all experienced, having caught about 26 different varieties, and for some, like my son-in-law Gale, many or all that they had never caught before! I

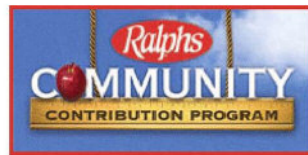
thought about the diversity between the town of San Carlos and the places that we thankfully live in! I thought about the fun and adventurous nature of traveling to this great fishing location! I thought about all the first-time sights I witnessed, but most importantly, I thought about the wonderful opportunity that we all had to spend time with our family member partner, for a memorable time of individualized bonding. The group has already thought about where we would like to visit next year, for another adventurous opportunity to have some **FUN!** **Maybe you may want to join us as well!**



Marlin about to be released.



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Sunrise over Westlake from Steve Simon and Andy MacDonald



Paul Varenchik spent the day on 3 pack charter out of Dana Point, with his son Troy and Grandson Dylan, on The Boardroom 2. They had to pull Dylan out of school for the day, but he got quite a learning experience catching his limit of Dorado, on a beautiful day in U.S. waters!



Sophia Huynh and Kevin Boyle had the pleasure of going on the Constitution's maiden voyage to Magdalena Bay. They flew into Loreto and drove to San Carlos to meet the boat. Fished for 3 days and caught some nice wahoo and dorado!



Boat Heads – Proper Use and Etiquette

URGENT: Please read

This may be one of the most important advisories you can read before stepping onto a long range sportfishing boat. Please read and implement. Boat heads, aka, toilets are different than toilets on land and need to be treated differently. Every long range fishing trip experiences the same problem. One or two anglers do NOT listen to the welcome seminar and misuse the heads resulting in a clogged system. It is ugly, messy, may create flooding and requires the crew to divert their attention from helping us catch fish to unclogging the toilets. And it is 100% avoidable. Boat heads work perfectly if and when used correctly. The only items you should put in a boat head are pee, poop and limited amounts of toilet paper. Nothing else, period!

Don'ts: No paper towels, no dental floss, no finger tape, no ladies sanitary products, no candy or gum wrappers, no toothpicks, no gum, no fishing line, etc. Nothing but pee, poop and toilet paper.

Do's: It's very easy. Before starting your toilet business, flush for at least 10 long seconds. Hold the flush button down for 10 seconds or flush several times if it is an instant flush button. If you are pooping, flush as you are letting it rip. This will help avoid ugly skid marks and the next guest will really appreciate it. During your sit down flush several times to assure nothing is clogged or backing up. If you use 3 – 4

servings of toilet paper, flush after dropping each round. Then when you are finally finished hold the flush button down again for at least 10 seconds or do a couple of instant flushes. These heads use ocean water and there is no shortage. You are not wasting water.

Etiquette: When you are finished please leave the head as you would like to see it when you are ready to use it. The crews are routinely checking and cleaning the heads but they can't monitor after each use. We are all one big family so let's show each other the love and respect we all deserve. There is always a toilet bowl brush to clean up any skid marks on the porcelain. Use a couple of paper towels just to wipe down any surplus water on the sink and counter. After showering please remember to hang up the carpet floor mat over the shower door so anglers are not walking their boots with fish blood and scales all over it. These little courtesies make the long range experience better for all of us. If all else fails and there is a toilet clog, please immediately tell any crew member working the deck. Don't bother the chefs – we really don't want them handling the heads. Tell one of the guys on deck. If you are embarrassed just blame the guy in front of you or better yet blame the charter master – haha. The crew will really appreciate your immediate reporting of any problems. Please don't feel embarrassed. Shit happens.

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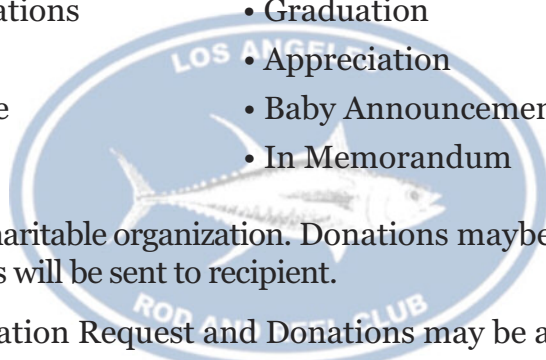
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Snook	30	Joel Steinman	11	1*					
Tuna, Bluefin	200	Allen Brodetsky	217	0*					
White Sea Bass	40	Jim Carlisle	38	0	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
White Sea Bass	60	Allen Brodetsky	36	5	Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Cathy Needleman	3	1*
MEN'S FLY ROD					Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	11	0
Carp	5	Andy MacDonald	5	8	Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	9	0
MEN'S FRESH WATER					Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	8	0
Bass, Lg Mouth	4	Steve Simon	4	11	Steelhead	12	Cathy Needleman	6	0
Bass, Lg Mouth	4	Steve Simon	Released		WOMEN'S RELEASED				
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Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Paul Varenchik	Released		Bass, Calico	15	Oliver Leichman	3	0
Bass, Lg Mouth	7	Joel Steinman	Released		FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Bass, Sm Mouth	7	Joel Steinman	Released		White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	36	0
Bass, Sm Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	2	7*	May 7, 2020				
Bass, Striped	7	Joel Steinman	Released		FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED									
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER									
Swordfish	80	Cathy Needleman	256	0*					
Tuna, Bluefin	40	Cathy Needleman	110	0					
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White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	36	0					
Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	33	6					

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DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Feb 5- Feb 21	Red Rooster III 16/13 (Option to fly home from Cabo San Lucas) Targeting cow tuna at possible destinations such as Hurricane Bank, Buffer Zone, or PV	SOLD OUT Cost: \$5,665 Limit - 23 passengers	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 office@redrooster3.com www.redrooster3.com
Jun 19- Jun 26	Royal Star The very best Father's Day celebration. Special gifts for all father/kids together on this trip. Leaves and returns on Saturday - NO traffic.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$2,175 Limit - 24 passengers	Contact Tracy 619-224-4764 rs@royalstarsportfishing.com www.royalstarsportfishing.com
Jun 27- Jul 2	Intrepid - 5 day Prime time for bluefin tuna and of course albacore, if they follow the La Niña pattern. Possible destinations The Ridge and Alijos Rocks. Leaves on a Sunday.	SPACE AVAILABLE Cost: \$2,770 Limit - 22 Limited Load	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 www.fishintrepid.com
Jul 26- Jul 30	Intrepid - 4 day Ultra, ultra limited to 13. Short summer trip for tuna, yellowtail, and dorado. Possible destinations The Ridge and Alijos Rocks.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$2,995 Limit - 13 Limited Load	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 www.fishintrepid.com
Jul 30- Aug 2	Intrepid - 3 day Limited to 23. Short summer trip for tuna, yellowtail, and dorado. Perfect trip to take advantage of the local bluefin and yellowtail.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$1,375 Limit - 23 Limited Load	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 www.fishintrepid.com
Aug 14- Aug 20	Red Rooster III - 6 Day 5 Day Summer time trip for offshore kelp. Yellowfin tuna, dorado, yellowtail and bluefin tuna.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$3,170 Limit - 25 passengers	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 office@redrooster3.com www.redrooster3.com
Aug 31- Sep 5	Red Rooster III - 5 Day 5 Day Summer time offshore trip. Yellowfin tuna, dorado, yellowtail and bluefin tuna. Guadalupe Island is an option.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$2,560 Limit - 25 passengers	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 office@redrooster3.com www.redrooster3.com
Oct 2- Oct 9	Royal Star - 7 Day Ultra limited load. Leaves and returns on a Saturday. Guadalupe Island for cow, bluefin fishing are options on the same trip.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$3,695 Limit - 20 passengers	Contact Tracy 619-224-4764 rs@royalstarsportfishing.com www.royalstarsportfishing.com
Jul 30- Aug 2	Intrepid - 10 day Limited to 22. Perfect variety trip to the Ridge and/or Alijos Rocks for tuna, dorado, wahoo, yellowtail and giant tuna at Hurricane Bank, Buffer Zone or PV.	SPACE AVAILABLE Cost: CALL FOR PRICE Limit - 22 Limited Load	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 www.fishintrepid.com

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