

Chum Line



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

APRIL 2021

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

SALTYWATER TACKLE OWNER, SAMI GHANDOUR

Sami Ghandour, the owner of Saltywater Tackle, is the master of the grip and grin, jigging and popping and serves up stories of fishing the most far flung of destinations. Long casts, poppers and stick baits are the go to tackle to catch everything exotic! On Sami's trips be ready to catch yellowfin tuna to big groupers to GTs. There is a catch-you use spinning rods and reels and last time I looked-the spinning tackle comes in one speed. Check out the action on YouTube -Saltywater Tackle. So start working out now to get those arms and backs ready for an adventure of a lifetime. Check him out on Instagram @sam_ghandour or Facebook @saltywatertackle or email sami@saltywatertackle.com



Brandon with a beautiful wrasse (background pic as well)



Cathy with her long tail tuna

April 26, 2021

ZOOM Meeting opens at 6:00 for Social Hour

Dinner Meeting starts promptly at 7:00PM

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A Message from the President

By Ted Feit

A BLUEFIN BETROTHAL AND OTHER SUN-

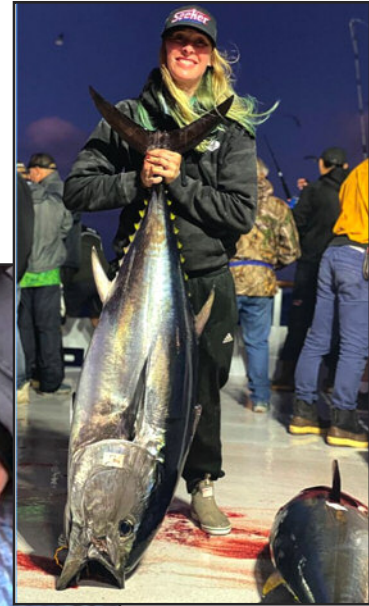
Annie Nagel's account in the March issue of Pacific Coast Sportfishing is one of the best fishing stories of 2021. Her boyfriend Nick introduced her to fishing when they started dating 11 years ago. It was love at first bite for Annie. For his birthday, she decided to surprise him with their first long range trip. She booked the "Christmas Special" on the Independence out of San Diego. She was disappointed when she found out that the typical target was rockfish, rather than pelagic fish, and maybe yellowtail.

The first morning they were awakened to "Try your 30 - 40 - pound setups, the fish are 280 feet down." One of their buddies who accompanied them on the trip hooked up. Captain Brian Kioyehara turned the fish around with only 10 wraps of line left on a little single-speed Avet reel. They landed the astonishing 171-pound tank! Big fish were all around and they were getting hungrier by the hour. Nick got bit and teamed up with his best friend Kyle to try to land the fish. When the 180-pound bluefin tuna hit the deck, Annie was ecstatic. She knew her boyfriend was going to make the best sushi when they got home.

But Nick had other plans and wasn't going to settle for a mere 180-pound tuna as his best catch. Nick knelt down on the bloody deck, pulled out an engagement ring, and asked Annie to marry him. She said "Yes!" and they went back to fishing. Annie lost two fish in the afternoon but got one more chance in the evening and landed a 113-pound bluefin. It was the perfect way to end an epic day. The boat ended up with 57 bluefin up to 220 pounds - most over 100 pounds - and six yellowfins.

Some Good News for Fisherman and the Oceans

A 20-year retrospective on the global aquaculture industry published in March in the science journal Nature provides some good news for fishermen and for the continued health of our wild oceans. The authors report that there has been significant improvement in the environmental impact of fish farming because farmed fish like trout and salmon are now being fed a mostly plant protein-based diet. Aquaculture is a source of income for millions of small-scale fish farmers and revenue for fish-exporting countries. It is also vital if the world's 7.75 billion people want to keep eating fish and shellfish (as they do) without devastating the ocean's



Annie with her bluefin

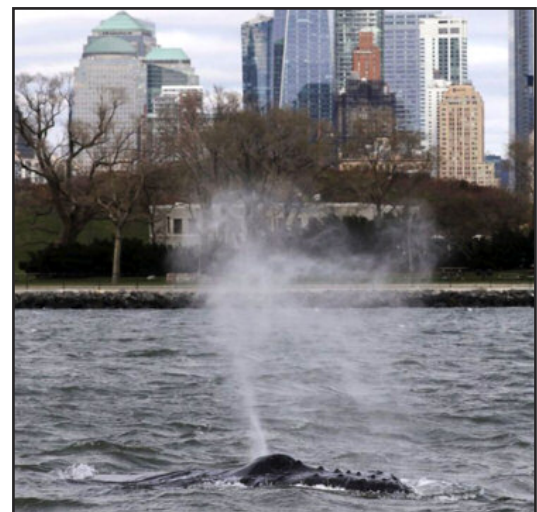


An unusual juxtaposition: A new engagement ring and a fresh caught tuna!

baitfish stocks, such as anchovies, sardines, and menhaden. Between 2000 and 2017, the study found that the production of farmed fish tripled in volume, even as the catch of wild fish used to make fish feed and fish oil declined. This is one situation where the economics aligns with ecology. The aquaculture industry has no reason to buy expensive wild fish feed once plant-based alternatives are on hand.

Speaking of menhaden, this important forage fish in the Atlantic Ocean accounted for some unusual pictures around the Big Apple (i.e. New York City) this past December. Here are pictures of humpback whales blowing off steam (so to speak) in front of the new World Trade Center and waving at the Statue of Liberty.

No, the whale was not gazing at Lady Liberty as a tourist. The whales were there to chomp on the vast schools of menhaden that had settled into New York Harbor.

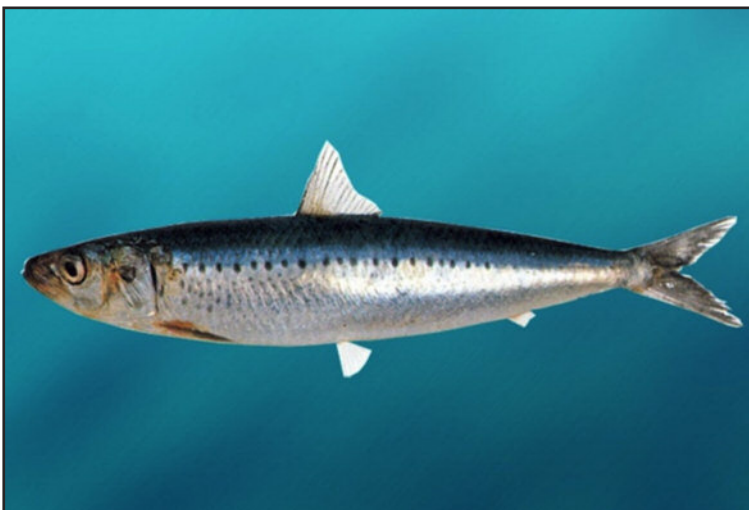


A BLUEFIN BETROTHAL AND OTHER SUNDRIES CON'T



On the Pacific coast, the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, based in San Diego, reported this past week on a mind-bending bait fish breakthrough. In a series of remarkable experiments, fish geneticists have succeeded in inserting select bonefish genes into the genome of the Pacific Sardine (*Sardinops sagax caerulea*). The aim is to combine certain aspects of bonefish behavior with the convenient size and nutritional value of the Pacific Sardine. According to the Scripps Public Relations Department, work is on-going to develop a genetically modified line of sardines that can be successfully propagated. They predict that their line of bait-fish will be available to select bait fish outlets by the summer of 2024. The revenue generated by these sales will support basic research at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. While pricey, these “designer sardines” are incredibly spooky and will imitate the first run of the hooked bonefish, taking off hell bent for leather away from the boat after being cast. No frustration from having your sardine swim back to back to the boat, hover in the water, or swim in circles.

Is not science wonderful? April fool!



Prototype of a designer sardine that combines bonefish behavior while preserving sardine “muchability”

**MESSAGE FROM THE
CLUB CHARTER MASTER -
ANDREW RATZKY**

LARRC Members,

I want to invite you to go fishing with the club. We have two great all day charters this Summer on the Triton and the Gail Force. This is a perfect time of year to fish, without going overnight. Likely destination is Catalina Island targeting Yellowtail, Calico Bass, Bonito and other surface fish.

Details of both trips are as follows:

Triton Charter

Date: Saturday, 07/17/2021

Days: Full Day, 5am - 5pm

Cost: \$183.00, crew tip included in the price.
Food and fish cleaning extra.

Anglers: 18, limited load. . . **12 spots available**

Departs from: LA Waterfront Sportfishing & Cruises, 1150 Nagoya Way, San Pedro, CA 90731

Gail Force Charter

Date: Saturday, 08/14/2021

Days: Full Day, 5am - 5pm

Cost: \$184.00, crew tip included in the price.
Food and fish cleaning extra.

Anglers: 16, limited load. . . **11 spots available**

Departs from: LA Waterfront Sportfishing & Cruises, 1150 Nagoya Way, San Pedro, CA 90731

Please make checks payable to LARRC and mail them to Andrew Ratzky, 23297 Park Ensenada, Calabasas, CA 91302. You can also email me at aratzky@yahoo.com to check on availability before you send a check.

I look forward to seeing you on the water!



NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF FISHING

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

◆ **EXECUTIVE ORDER 14008** - I wasn't able to attend the Club's March meeting as I was on a deadline, writing a comment letter for Wild Oceans on Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad>). Many of you may know that section 216 of this Executive Order calls for achieving the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030. It directs the Secretary of the Interior to work with other agencies, governments, and stakeholders including fishermen to identify strategies that will encourage broad participation in this goal and produce guidelines for determining whether lands and waters qualify for conservation, and to establish mechanisms to measure progress toward the 30-percent goal. The good news here is that fishermen are explicitly part of the conversation.

My comments were focused, however, on a different part of the Executive Order directing the Secretary of Commerce to collect input on how to make fisheries and protected resources more resilient to climate change, including changes in management and conservation measures, and improvements in science, monitoring, and cooperative research. As our climate changes and extreme weather events become more common, they are causing ocean changes, shifting stocks and disrupting the supply of sustainable seafood. We must build durable management responses that protect ocean ecosystems. Then we can ensure ocean resources and opportunities thrive to their fullest extent for future generations.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act provides us with a solid foundation for preparing for climate change. But, I argued, in order to build more resilient stocks and communities, we need to invest in the fisheries and ecosystem science that supports ecosystem-based fishery management and gives the managers what

they need to act with precaution in the face of uncertainty. Wild Oceans has long championed this approach as a win-win for the ecosystem and fishermen. Hopefully, you all agree too.

◆ **INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION (IOTC)** In other conservation news this month, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) ended a Special Session in mid-March without reaching consensus on reducing limits on yellowfin tuna fishing. World Wildlife Fund criticized the delay, "Hiding behind the excuse of 'a lack of data,' IOTC member-states are pushing yellowfin to the brink – and threatening the livelihoods and food security of millions of people across the Indian Ocean." <https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/iotc-delays-yellowfin-decision-wwf-declares-decision-lost-opportunity>

◆ **SEASPIRACY**. - The new Netflix documentary Seaspiracy has sparked a conversation about the conditions that produce the fish on our plates. But it has been the target of criticism by many for being misleading and failing to provide the full context to viewers. Some of the most controversial claims: the sea will be empty of fish by 2048; it is not possible to have sustainable levels of fishing; and we should stop eating fish. Regardless of whether or not they are fans of the film, many agree that the oceans matter in the fight against the climate crisis, both for providing food security for millions worldwide along with protecting cultural ways of life, including recreational fishing. Here's one review - <https://www.ecowatch.com/commercial-fishing-netflix-documentary-2651331648.html>.

◆ **FINALLY**- a look at how as Covid-19 stagnates food chains, direct-to-consumer seafood provides a largely untapped solution. <https://www.eugeneweekly.com/2021/03/25/above-the-surface/>

CALENDAR

Board Meeting via Zoom
April 19, 2021

Dinner Meeting via Zoom
April 26, 2021



NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF FISHING

March 18th, 2021
Honorable Jim Wood Assemblyman, District 2
State Capitol, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 817 (Wood): SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Wood,

On behalf of the 2 million licensed anglers in the state of California and thousands of businesses that support recreational angling activities, the following organizations are pleased to offer their support for your bill, AB 817, legislation that aims to increase fishing participation rates critical to protecting our state's economy, jobs, and state and local tax revenue.

AB 817 would transition California's calendar-based fishing license to one that is valid a full 365 days from the date of purchase and a mobile phone app that makes compliance and renewal easier. This bill reflects that national movement towards adoption of the 365 model and complements the recent activities and proposals that have resulted from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) implementation plan presented to the Governor and Legislature on increasing the number of anglers in the State.

Outdoor recreation in California is big business and tax revenue for thousands of small businesses, local governments, and CDFW. California's anglers spend \$3.5 billion annually in related industries (gear, guides, boats, tackle) and contribute \$500 million in state and local taxes each year. Tens of thousands of California jobs are directly impacted by the success of our sport. CDFW is a major recipient of revenue from the sale of fishing licenses, and special validations, which are necessary for fishing nearly everywhere in the state with a few limited exceptions.

Since 1980, annual resident sport fishing license sales have declined 55% while the state's population has increased over 60%. While California has a population of more than 39.8 million people, one of the country's longest coastlines, more than 3,000 lakes and thousands of rivers and streams, it has the lowest fishing participation rate per capita in the country.

One of the contributing factors is California's costly annual fishing license that expires on December 31st of each year, regardless of when purchased. Because most anglers will not pay full price for a license that is not valid a full 365-days from the date of purchase, CDFW fishing license data reveals that annual license sales peak in the first quarter of the year and then decline significantly by late Spring, even as weather warms and outdoor recreational activity increases.

Establishing a license that is valid for 365-days from the date of purchase, along with an app that will display fishing licenses on mobile devices, will help address California's declining fishing participation rate as seen in 14 states that have transitioned to a 365-day license. States that offer a 365-day license are outperforming revenue of states that only offer a calendar-based license. As has been the case in other states that market 365-day licenses, the state stands to benefit from new sales and revenue that can be used for funding important wildlife and conservation programs.

As business owners and anglers in the state of California, we are pleased to support AB 817, and look forward to working with you as this legislation moves through the committee process.

Sincerely,

Coastal Conservation Association California,
Oceanside Senior Anglers,
San Diego County Wildlife Federation



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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

There recently were 2 re-appointments and 1 new appointment to the California Fish & Game Commission.

Jacqueline Hostler-Carmesin, 65, of McKinleyville, has been reappointed to the California Fish and Game Commission, where she has served since 2013. Hostler-Carmesin has been Chief Executive Officer at Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria since 2010 and was Director of Transportation and Land-Use Planning there from 2007 to 2009. She was Roads Director at the Hoopa Tribal Roads Department from 2003 to 2007. Hostler-Carmesin held several positions at the Redwood Empire Aggregates Inc. from 1990 to 2002, including Payroll Administrator and Contract Administrator. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Hostler-Carmesin is an American Independent.

Samantha Murray, 44, of Del Mar, has been reappointed to the California Fish and Game Commission, where she has served since 2019. Murray has been Faculty and Executive Director of the Master of Advanced Studies Program in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego since 2017 and Principal at Samantha Murray Consulting since 2015. She was Director of the Water Program at the Oregon Environmental Council from 2015 to 2016. Murray directed various programs at the Ocean Conservancy from 2007 to 2014 and was Conservation Director at the Golden Gate Audubon Society from 2005 to 2007. Murray was Assistant Director of Conservation at the Audubon Society of Portland from 2004 to 2005 and a Legal Intern at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in 2003. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Lewis & Clark Law School. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Murray is a Democrat.

Erika S. Zavaleta, 49, of Santa Cruz, has been appointed to the California Fish and Game Commission. Zavaleta has been a Professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department since 2016, where she was a Professor in the Environmental Studies Department from 2003 to 2016. She held multiple positions at The Christensen Fund from 2005 to 2007, including Consultant and Program Specialist for Landscape Ecology. Zavaleta was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley from 2001 to 2003. She is a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences and the Ecological Society for America; a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor; a member of the Society for Conservation Biology and the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group and Invasive Species Specialist Group; an advisory

board member at the Wildlife Conservation Society – Climate Adaptation Fund; and Associate Editor at Elementa. Zavaleta earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in biological sciences and a Master of Arts degree in anthropology from Stanford University. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Zavaleta is a Democrat.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

ON EMISSIONS, BOTTOM TRAWLING COMES OUT ON TOP

- A new study published Wednesday in the journal Nature found that one industrial fishing method --- bottom trawling --- emits as much carbon dioxide annually as airplanes do. Bottom trawling entails dragging a weighted net along the ocean floor to catch low-lying seafood such as shrimp, crab, and flounder.
- The method was already notorious for wreaking havoc on ecosystems because, in addition to its targeted catch, turtles and other marine life can get tangled up in the large nets and die. Now we know that trawlers also release significant carbon dioxide emissions into the ocean by disrupting the carbon-rich sediments as they rake the seafloor.
- Further, the research shows that an area isn't depleted of carbon after being trawled once. Emissions are still released for up to 400 years at a rate of 40% of the initial year's emissions as new layers of sediments are disrupted. It's hoped the study will help inform negotiations as world leaders convene this May in Kunming, China for the most significant UN-biodiversity conference in a decade. (Vox, Reuters)

“He was a force of nature for nature”

Ecologist and environmental scientist David Schindler, whose dramatic whole-lake experiments proved that phosphates in soap trigger algae blooms, has died aged 80. “He was the greatest and most influential water ecologist on the planet,” says ecologist John Smol. Schindler left an indelible mark on Canadian ecology while living a notable life full of dog sledding and fearless environmental advocacy. “For me, science is like eating and drinking,” Schindler said. “I’d feel pretty empty on a day when I didn’t do any.”

It's Yellowtail Time!

A GUIDE TO YELLOWTAIL FISHING

By Larry Brown

It's time to start thinking Spring and summer fishing trips and the iconic California yellowtail is ready to play.

Yellowtail are the perfect game fish for the west coast angler. They are extraordinarily strong; they can be targeted all year round; they can be found in nearly all waters within reach of California anglers; they are delicious and they can be taken using nearly all popular techniques, including fly lined live baits, surface iron, yo yo style iron, dropper loop and trolling. The purpose of this article is to explain each of the techniques used to catch yellowtail and to increase your expertise and success targeting these predators. Let's review each of the techniques in detail.

This article focuses on the techniques used on party boats and long range boats. Private boaters can use all of these techniques but also need to become expert at using their electronics and various chumming and trolling techniques, which are not critical skills for the passenger on a sport boat.

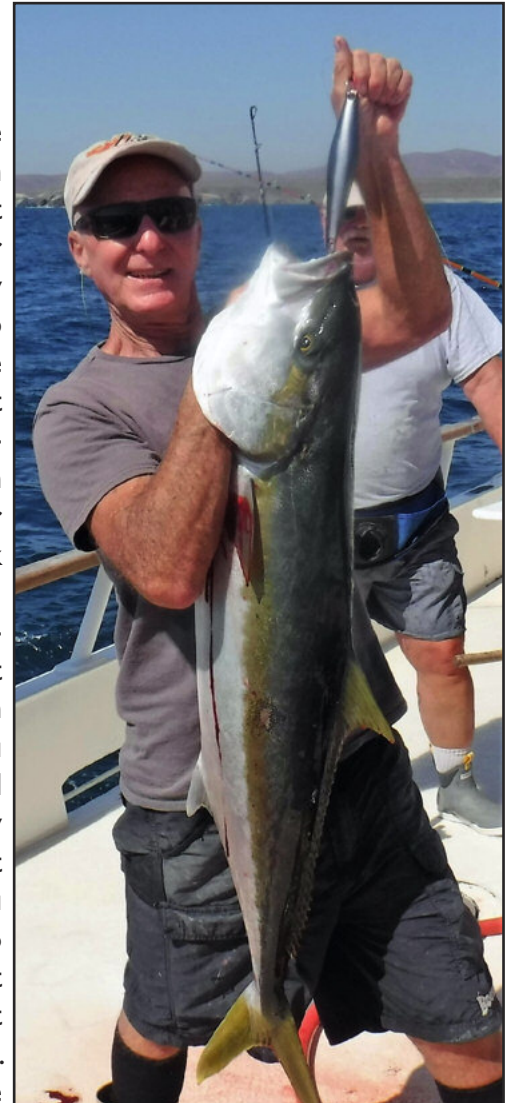
Bait

Although yellowtail can be caught on many different live and dead baits, live sardines, mackerels and squid are their favorite meals, which are also the baits most available for use. They will also strike dead squid, slabbed filets and stripped bait.

When using live sardines or anchovies, bait selection is critical. Baits should be very healthy, strong, brightly colored and fast. The one you can't catch in the bait well is the one you want on your hook. Do not select baits with damaged scales, red noses or eyes or white or red spots anywhere. Lighter colored, almost pastel green and light grey colors are the primo baits and will stand out from the darker bodied baits. They will normally be swimming below the darker ones and freak out when they detect the shadow of your hand or bait scoop. Try to scoop up only one or two baits, try to minimize the trauma to all baits, return the unused baits to the bait tank quickly and never leave the bait scoop in the bait well. It acts just like a gill net damaging the remaining baits and will piss off the captain and crew.

The objective is to select the best bait and get it in the water as gently and quickly as possible. Before you touch a bait, dunk your hand in the bait well, to lubricate your palms. This will reduce the friction of your skin against the bait's scales and minimize damage to the bait. Hold your hand in

the corner of the well and when your chosen bait calmly swims over your hand slowly and calmly lift up your hand and the bait will just wilt in your palm. Attacking them quickly with your hand will spook them and I guarantee the healthiest baits you want to grab can swim faster than you can grab. Hold onto the bait very gently – do not squeeze. If you drop the bait do not use it – just discard it or boot it over the side. Quickly pin the



bait on your hook, grab the line about 6 inches above the hook and let go of the bait. Then quickly walk to the rail and gently cast the bait. You should know where you are going to be casting before you pin on the bait so you can walk to that position without looking and without hesitation.

Match the hook size to your line test and size of the bait. It's always a good idea to ask the deckhand what size hook to use. If you are going to deviate from this advice go slightly smaller, not larger. For pin head anchovies and line under 30# test use a #4 or #2 hook. For large anchovies and very small sardines you can use #2, #1 or #1/0 hooks. Medium sized sardines can handle #1/0 or #2/0 hooks. For large sardines and heavier line use #2/0 to #4/0 hooks. Mackerels and squids require #4/0 to #6/0 hooks depending again on the size of the bait and line test. For smaller fin baits and lighter lines use the thinner wire live bait hooks. Forty and fifty pound line can straighten light wire hooks, so

It's Yellowtail Time! con't

use the heavy wire hooks. Using J-hooks or circle hooks is a personal preference but I prefer J-hooks for yellowtail because don't have teeth that can damage your line. Lastly, small hooks are more stealth and get more bites, but large hooks grab more meat, have more holding power, and result in fewer pulled hooks and lost fish. If the bite is very picky, scratchy or if the fish are line or hook shy, use smaller hooks. When they are stupid and chewing everything use bigger hooks.

Where to hook a bait is also an important subject. Hooking a live bait through the nose is probably the most common tactic. If you have a strong current or expect a long soaking time because the fish are boiling 100 yards from the boat or if you are using a weight of any kind, only nose hook your bait. Gently insert the point of the hook sideways through the nostrils in the small white cartilage between the eyes and end of the nose. Stay clear of the eyes.

One of my favorite methods is to shoulder hook my sardines, just in back of the neck. The hook is on top of the bait, which will be less visible to predators which always attack from below. Nose hooking and shoulder hooking will allow you to "fish" the bait when slowly winding in which frequently induces a strike. Wind your baits in slowly and hang on.

You can also collar hook your anchovies or sardines. Be extremely gentle and insert the hook just under the hard C-shaped material at the edge of the body just next to and under the gill plate. The hook should cause no bleeding and the bait should freely dangle and freely swim.

Sardines and mackerels can also be butt hooked. Gently pass the hook just under the surface cartilage just under the anal fins. You should draw no blood. Blood means you've gone too deep. Butt hooking baits encourages them to swim straight down and away from the boat and is a good technique if there is no current or when the fish are boiling and biting close to the boat. Baits will not last as long when they are butt hooked, and never butt hook a bait when you are using a weight or need to soak the bait for a long time. Whereas nose and shoulder hooked baits may also get bit if retrieved slowly back to the boat, this advantage is lost with butt hooked baits. Butt hooked baits require an even more

gentle and lofty cast. If you are not an expert at a gentle loft cast, a smooth underhand pendulous cast gets the bait headed in the right direction when it hits the water. Butt hooked baits are easier to feel in the water. Whenever they stop swimming sometimes back spooling and a slight twitch is just enough aggravation to get them to peel off another few yards of line, which frequently triggers a strike.

Squid is a favorite bait when in season. This is very easy fishing. Use a sliding sinker and hook to match the bait's size and line test, pin the hook through the mantle of the squid and let it drift in the current.



Fly lining a bait means using no sinker, which is most effective when the fish are boiling on the surface. Sometimes the fish are hanging deeper in the water column and you'll want to use a sliding sinker. In either case you'll always want your bait to swim freely, and you should always be able to feel your bait swimming and taking line off your reel. Do not tolerate bad baits. If your bait swims back to the boat or does not get bit when other baits are getting bit, fire your bait and get one that works.

Slabs and strips of filleted mackerel or white fish can also be lethal baits. Strips can be fished just like squid. Cut 1 X 4 inch strips, slightly tapered from a filet and pin one on a sliding sinker set up. Slabs are also used on dropper loops and will be discussed in that section.

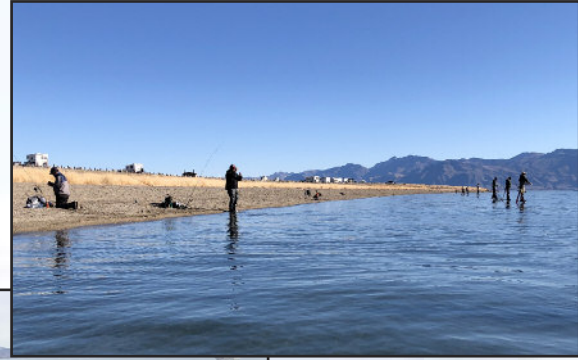
The hook set is critical for yellowtail. They frequently grab a larger bait sideways and carry it for a few seconds before they turn it and swallow it. A typical strike resembles a freight train picking up your hook and screaming towards the horizon. For small baits let it run for just 1-2 seconds; for large sardines let it run for 3-4 seconds; for mackerels let it run for at least 5-6 seconds, which will seem like a lifetime. When your bait is picked up, point the rod tip right at the fish. After the required wait time, put the reel in gear, continue to point the rod tip at the fish and wind down on the fish until you feel the load. Only when you feel the full weight of the "hooked fish" on your line and it is stripping line off under drag should you raise your rod. With circle hooks just gently raise the rod and begin your fight. With J-hooks you can execute a solid, macho hook set to drive the point home, but it is not necessary..

[Click here](#) to learn about dropper loop and jig fishing for yellowtail.

Pyramid Lake

Last month, I went on a road trip to Pyramid Lake, NV with a couple of long time fishing friends. It all started with Mike Armenta, Turner's Outdoorsman Oxnard manager, showing me pictures of these giant trout being caught at some lake up north. He had a customer come in and tell him about it. In turn I was seeing pictures on Instagram of people going up there and their amazing catches. It was the universe telling us to plan an adventure. Our other two friends Robert and Tomo go there often but since we usually fish salt water, it never came up until now. Now we are a party of 4, but when I told my friend Jim Milbrand, works at Fish n Fools, that we were going; he didn't want to miss out.

15lb braid to 10lb fluoro-carbon. I had two fish on



and they self released 10 feet from me. I wish I could have taken a picture with them but its safer for them to be released quickly. It was super fun. Robert caught several, so did

Tomo, Mike and Jim both landed one.

We were fishing from shore and also waded waist deep where it was sandy or accessible. The weather was gorgeous and people were saying how nice it was. The flip side was they said the fish bite better with bad weather. Oh well, what do you do? Let me tell you I was so happy I invested in insulated waders, the best money spent ever! I was never cold and I made sure to layer up. I had 2 pairs of micro fleece top and bottom thermals on, t-shirt, sweatshirt, down jacket, beanie, wool socks, and toe warmers all under my insulated Banded waders. Mid day it was warm enough to take the jacket off but the wind would come through and it was chilly. When the sun went behind the mountains, the temperature dropped fast.

Here is an excerpt from the Lodge's website:

Pyramid Lake Lodge is located in northwestern Nevada. Surrounded by over 125,000 acres of Pyramid Lake and a vast variety of recreational activities, both on and off the lake. Boaters can take to the warm, salty water for great skiing, wake boarding, paddle boarding or tubing. Fishermen are drawn to the world class Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, found only within the waters of Pyramid Lake.

Mike booked us an RV through Pyramid Lake Lodge, it was a little tight with 5, but I had my own room, Mike had the other, Jim was on the pullout couch and Robert & Tomo brought cots. In all honesty, we were so tired it wouldn't have mattered if we were in tents.

The first day of fishing Robert took us spinning reel fishing and we threw spoons (which the lodge has an impressive assortment of) all day from grey light to sunset. We fished

The second day we had booked a day with Pyramid Fly Co. Trevor was our guide and there was another group of 2 with a different guide and we all fished together. The first location we fished was rocky shore and the fish were jumping all just outside of my

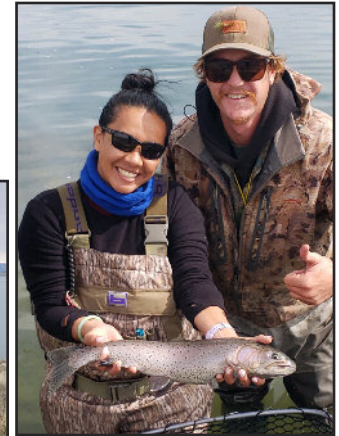
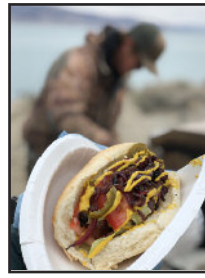


Pyramid Lake can't

casting ability. Almost like they were taunting us. One of the guys from the other group caught a nice one, we all cheered as if it was ours. Trevor got a call from one of the other guides saying their spot was biting. So we packed up and made the move. This location was rocky shore as well but you could see the drop off about 20 ft from shore, just in my range. We all were able to get bites and land our fish. Jim and Mike both landed beautiful trout in the 12-14 pound range. Pretty awesome for our first trip. I was super happy landing 3 of these beauties all on the fly!! We netted them, took lots of photos and released them to get bigger. Trevor was a fantastic guide, he was patient and taught us a lot. Also, cooked us breakfast at the first stop and lunch at the second stop. He even let us extend our day a little longer, for that one last cast!! I highly recommend going with them if you decide to try fly fishing for the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout at Pyramid Lake.

We planned on fishing early morning before we headed home, but we were all super sore and exhausted. The weather was coming in too and as we packed up it started to snow! We figured it was better to head down in the ok weather instead of waiting and maybe dealing with a snowstorm.

I really want to go back up and fish, so if anyone is interested....Let's plan it!!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A new member application has been received from **Timothy "Tim" R. Manaka!** Tim was sponsored by John Ballotti, who he met through being a member of CCA CAL LA Chapter and on the State Board of Directors.

Tim is in the insurance industry and his company specializes in insuring members of the fishing industry. He is an avid saltwater and fresh water angler and goes out of San Diego and in the Sierras.

Tim is married with a son and a daughter, both who will soon be out of college. Which will give him more time and money to go fishing!

We look forward to meeting you Tim!



This Rabbi found a new fishing spot during Passover!

Steve and Andy hit it big at Westlake

The largest was 3lb. 8oz. on 4lb test!



Junior Member, Oliver Feit-Leichman models his new LARRC jacket



A woman goes into Cabela's to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get, so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter.

The clerk was standing behind the counter wearing dark glasses. She says to him, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes."

She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, "That's a 6-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-pound test line. It's a good all-around combination, and it's on sale this week for only \$20."

She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!"

As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. "Oh, that sounds like a MasterCard," he says.

She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was her who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around?

The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please."

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20? How did you get \$34.50?"

He replies, "Yes, ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20, but the Duck Call is \$11, and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50."

She paid it and left without saying a word.



SHOUT OUT to the Deckhands!

By Ed Liberman (aka Sheephead Ed)

Sportfishing on party boats means different things to different Anglers.

Some like the competition, some like the stress relief and being away from the city, and some just like to hang out with friends and eat the boat burgers!

No matter what the reason, I think we would all agree that the deckhands are an important part of our experience. Some friendly (some not), some quiet, some just starting out and some the best fisherman on the boat.

The "shout outs" of the deckhands, "change your bait-change your luck", "don't drop until the captain tells you" and "last call for fish cleaning" are helpful to all Anglers (novice or pro).

Just think about their hard work, long tiring days and interacting with the general public.

Untangling lines, cleaning the boat (even more difficult during the Pandemic) and dealing with the special fish cleaning requests - "please remove all of the bones and pack my fish in three separate bags".

So let's all give our own "shout out" of thanks to the deckhands on the local and non-local party boats.

My "shout out" goes to Eric and Ziggy !

Health and Happiness

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happiness"

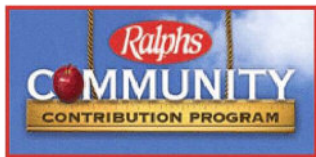
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for any information about our club members/ family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.

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for LARRC Foundation By Shopping at Ralphs!



Foundation



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Step #2: Print out this page and take it with you the next time you shop at Ralphs.

Step #3: At check-out, have the LARRC barcode swiped by the cashier together with your Ralphs Rewards Card/phone number.

Notice: The Ralphs LARRC Barcode needs to be swiped only once to link your Rewards Card to LARRC. Future shopping trips will help raise money for LARRC when you use your Ralphs Reward Card at check-out.

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2021 as of March 31, 2021

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S RELEASED				
Bass, Lg. Mouth	4	Steve Simon	3	8	JUNIOR MEMBERS				
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER					FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
White Sea Bass	65	Cathy Needleman	46	7	Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	25	0	FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2*					

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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- Appreciation
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CHARTERS 2021

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
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 CALL FOR STANDBY LIST	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.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$2,770 Limit - 22 Limited Load CALL FOR STANDBY LIST	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 www.fishintrepid.com
Jul 17 5am -5pm	Triton - Full Day Private Catalina Charter She is 60' long with a beautiful 20' beam. She boasts a giant 180 scoop bait tank, side scan sonar, large RSW fish hold, 30 bunks, a freshwater maker and all the other necessities to make her a comfortable fish killing machine. Overnight she is licensed for 22 anglers and on day trips licensed to carry 41 anglers. LA Waterfront Sportfishing & Cruises - San Pedro Catalina freelance charter, targeting yellowtail, calico bass barracuda and bonito.	OPEN Cost: \$183.00 Crew tip included/ Food & fish cleaning extra Limit - 18 Limited Load	Contact Andrew Ratzky aratzky@att.net To reserve a spot, make check payable to LARRC and mail to Andrew Ratzky 23297 Park Ensenada Calabasas, CA 91302
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 CALL FOR STANDBY LIST	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 CALL FOR STANDBY LIST	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 www.fishintrepid.com
Aug 14 5am -5pm	Gail Force - Full Day Private Catalina Charter The Gail Force is 55 feet long and 18 feet wide; Coast Guard inspected and certified for up to 45 passengers. LA Waterfront Sportfishing & Cruises - San Pedro Catalina freelance charter, targeting yellowtail, calico bass barracuda and bonito.	OPEN Cost: \$184.00 Crew tip included/ Food & fish cleaning extra Limit - 16 Limited Load	Contact Andrew Ratzky aratzky@att.net To reserve a spot, make check payable to LARRC and mail to Andrew Ratzky 23297 Park Ensenada Calabasas, CA 91302
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 CALL FOR STANDBY LIST	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

CHARTERS 2021

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
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 CALL FOR STANDBY LIST	Contact Tracy 619-224-4764 rs@royalstarsportfishing.com www.royalstarsportfishing.com
Oct 30- Nov 9	Intrepid - 10 day Limited to 22. Perfect variety trip to the Ridge and/or Alijos Roacks for tuna, dorado, wahoo, yellowtail and giant tuna at Hurricane Bank, Buffer Zone or PV.	SOLD OUT Cost: CALL FOR PRICE Limit - 22 Limited Load CALL FOR STANDBY LIST	Contact Steve 619-224-4088 www.fishintrepid.com

CHARTERS 2022

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Feb 8- Feb 24	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	OPEN Cost: TBD, Call for price Limit - 23 passengers	Contact Maria 619-224-3857 office@redrooster3.com www.redrooster3.co

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
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