

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean AUGUST 2021

LARRC DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

SAL VALLONE, BOB SANDS SPORTSFISHING



Sal Vallone is the owner/manager of Bob Sands Fishing Tackle in Van Nuys, the oldest full-service tackle shop in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. Sal has owned and operated this store for 20 plus years. During this time, the store has grown from 800 square feet to 3000 square feet. Sal has many contacts in the fishing industry including tackle shop owners/operators, wholesalers, manufacturers and distributors, as well as the numerous anglers that pass through his store on a daily basis. An avid fisherman, Sal is a member of LARRC and other local fishing clubs.



Sal is the guy in the blue shirt.

August 30, 2021

7:00PM by Zoom**

Log in info to follow later this week

****An in-person alternative for the meeting is being offered in the backyard of Andrew Ratsky's house. Please bring your own preferred food and beverage and a lawn or folding chair. Please contact Andrew if you wish to attend.**

A Message from the President

By Ted Feit

FISHING, SOCIAL MIXING, AND THE CORONA VIRUS

Summertime. Coastal waters are warming. Kelp bed fish thrashing and splashing. Just offshore bluefins gathering and foaming. The big waters are promising, and your tackle is good looking. So, hush little baby, and consider going fishing.

This parody of the George Gershwin classic “Summertime” is cute, but what about the Covid-19 virus? Should the recent surge in new Covid cases in Los Angeles and parts of the country give one pause? Last week the C.D.C. released its data on “breakthrough infections” reported state by state. A breakthrough infection is defined as a Covid infection in a person who has been previously fully vaccinated. The key statistic is the number of vaccinated people who developed a Covid infection and were sick enough to be admitted to a hospital as a percentage of all the Covid hospitalization in that state. This statistic varied greatly from state to state (the reasons for this are uncertain). Alabama reported 0.3 %, Alaska 2.0%, California 0.4%, Colorado 1.2%, Minnesota 1.6%, and Rhode Island 4.0%. The overall average among the states is about 1.2%.

Let’s take a super cautious approach and use the data from the worst outlier state Arkansas - 4.7%. The effectiveness of the vaccines to prevent Covid infection is reported in the 2 – 4% range. Again, let’s consider the worst case: 4% of the vaccinated will get the infection. Using these numbers gets a little tricky. The statistics reported by the C.D.C. represents a conditional probability and to find an estimate of the risk of a vaccinated person winding up in the hospital with Covid you have to multiple the probabilities: 0.04×0.047 . The answer is a little less than $1/500$. Two weeks ago, there were 29 patients with Covid in the ICU at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank. Of these patients, 27 were unvaccinated. One patient was fully vaccinated with Moderna, and the other patient received the Japanese version of the vaccine in Mexico. This week there are 35 patients in the ICU with the similar proportions between unvaccinated and vaccinated.

Seven states – Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oregon, and Washington now have hospitalization levels exceeding their most recent winter and summer peaks. Dr. David De La Zerda has spent more than a year

treating Covid patients in the ICU at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. The patients Dr. De La Zerda sees are younger – many under 40, and because these patients are not on mechanical ventilators but instead on high flow oxygen systems that allow them to speak, he often talks to them. “Every single patient regrets not getting vaccinated,” he said. “I don’t have one that doesn’t. They look really sick, and they look really young. You can see somebody now talking to you, and the next time you see them, they’re dead.”

Given the increased contagiousness of the new variants of the Covid-19 virus and the general level of travel and social mixing in the country, **virtually everybody in the United States** is going to have an immune system encounter with the virus during the next two years. The only question is whether that encounter is going to be with the full virus or natural or parts of the virus’ clothing (i.e. a vaccine).

So, let’s modify the last line of our Summertime song to: So, hush little baby, and consider going fishing as well as getting vaccinated (if not already).

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

August 23, 2021

Held via Zoom - watch for an email

Dinner Meeting

August 30, 2021

Social Hour 6:30 ~ Meeting 7:00

Held via Zoom**

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20 BFT Over 200 Pounds!

Cathy Needleman just completed her goal of catching 20 BFT over 200 pounds. In reflecting on her experiences, she offers the following. At first she thought it a bit much, was encouraged to get it out there and so here it is.

Explicatives on the Water-reflection on 229 lb. Bluefin

Something happens on the water when a captain sees or marks large Bluefin tuna. The blurted out vocabulary, colors on the side of not being PC.

“Oh f____k look at all the f____ing fish”. “ F____ck, they are over the place “.

Birds, breezers, foamers of large Bluefin bring out the adrenaline and the foul language that follows.

“Fill up the balloon “ “ tape it to the kite “. “ Send out the kite “. “ Sh_t not there “, **where the bird school is.** “

“Oh those flying fish smell like sh_t. “ “ OMG “! “.

There has to be a million lil f____kers around.“ “ We want the big mother f____ker “!

“Oh cr_p“, the kite busted off-there it goes, right straight to h_ell! “ Get another one (kite) out “. “ Fill that baby up with air “!

“OMG “. “ Reel, reel reel!!!! “ Get the line tight.“

“Hey-did I say REEL “?

“Oh sh_t, the f____kin fish missed it “!

I have to say I'm guilty of explicative release when I have a big fish on the line and I'm trying so hard to wind that fish onto the deck.

“Oh sh_t I'm getting spooled “. “ I can't fu____ing stop this guy “.

Reel, reel, reel.

“Oh s____t, this fish is taking all the line I just wound on “.

“What the f____k, he's going straight out again“. “Oh h_ell he's off, he's off-I lost him”.

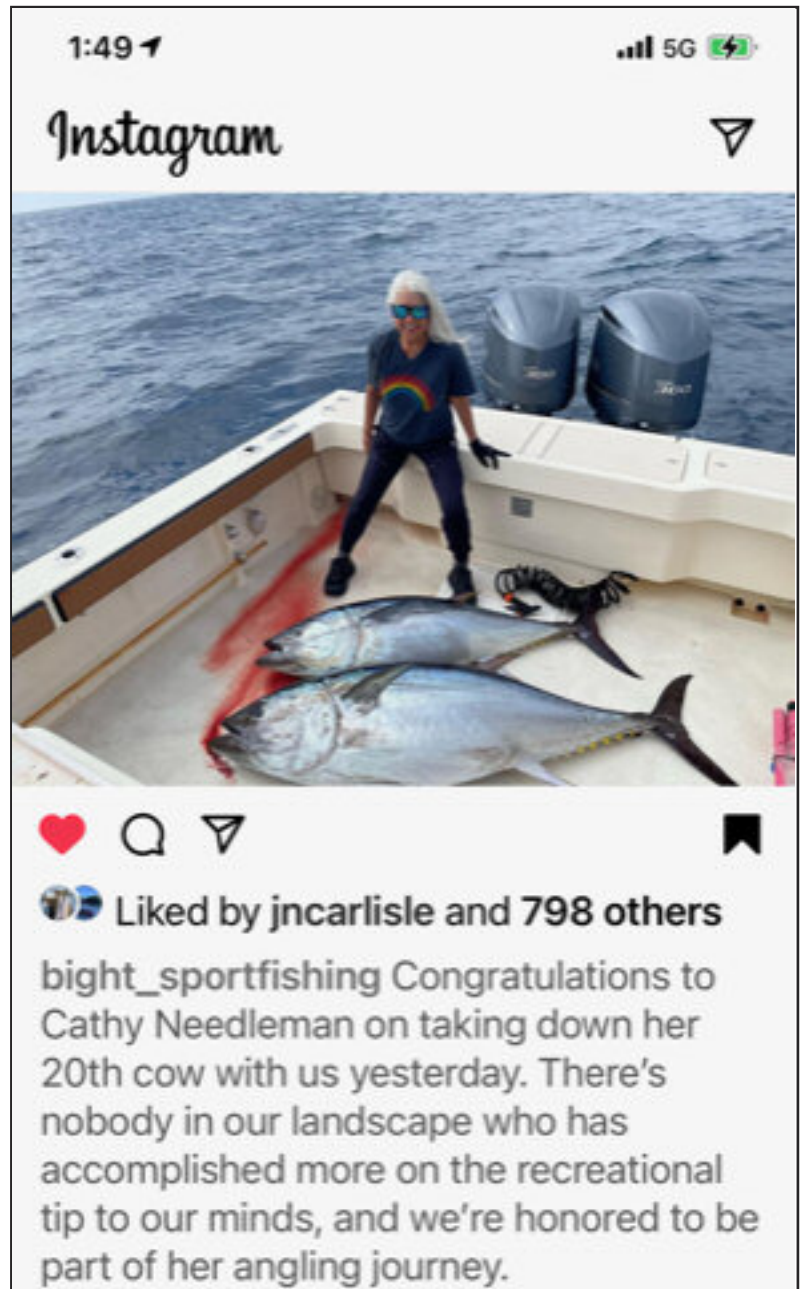
“Oh so sorry-he's swimming towards the boat “.

“It's a shark, it's a shark it's a f____king shark “!

The tuna hits the deck, I slump down and say “ sh_t “.

Then I stand up and say, “ lets do that again “!

My comments are usually measured and exact but not when I'm on a Bluefin...



ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

◆ **Pacific bluefin tuna quota to increase for commercial vessels.** Last month, I attended the Pacific Bluefin Tuna Joint Working Group meeting. Delegations from the US, Mexico, Japan, Taiwan, and Korea discussed whether and how to increase the Pacific bluefin tuna quotas. They agreed to increase the ocean-wide commercial catch of large bluefin (greater than x pdf) by 15% with an addition 200 mt increase . They based this decision on scientific analysis showing this would not jeopardize their goal of increasing the spawning stock biomass to 20% by 2034. The agreement must now be adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. I'm concerned that the decision to increase bluefin tuna catch could jeopardize rebuilding and the continued recreational fishing opportunities we've seen in California. I'll keep an eye on the science and ask you all to keep an eye on the water. Together we'll sound the alarm if we see trouble.

◆ **California halibut management process begins.** CDFW is in the initial stages of considering scaled man-

agement for California halibut. They will hold a series of webinars to explore shared priorities and concerns for the long-term sustainability of the species, ecosystem and fishing community. Learn about the process and how you can participate at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Nearshore#56021327-california-halibut>.

◆ **California starts to implement 30x30.** Earlier this month the Conservation of Coastal Waters Advisory Panel released its summary document: Advancing 30x30: Conservation of Coastal Waters. The Conservation of Coastal Waters Advisory Panel collaborated to explore strategies that California could pursue to conserve 30% of California's coastal waters by 2030 (30x30) in a way that is meaningful, equitable, and measurable. They have scheduled a workshop on that will feature a presentation from the Advisory Panel, as well as an opportunity to provide input on how California Natural Resources Agency and its partners can deliver on the State's 30x30 goal. Learn more about the process at <https://www.californianature.ca.gov>



50 pound white seabass Jim caught at Catalina Island in early June.



A giant 5.5# sculpin from San Miguel Island in July

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

Tribute Opportunity

Tribute Cards are available when you want to send your thoughts or feelings for –

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- Baby Announcement • Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- In Memoriam

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DURING A DROUGHT, SAVE A TROUT (AND OTHER FISH)!



12 P.M.



CALLING ON ANGLERS FOR A VOLUNTARY CHANGE

67° F



California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is asking recreational anglers to voluntarily change how, when and where they fish to minimize stress and mortality among fish populations suffering due to drought conditions.

CDFW is advising anglers to fish before noon on certain inland waters home to trout and other coldwater fish species. This self-imposed action is known as a "Hoot Owl Restriction," referring to limiting fishing to hours when the hoot of owls can be heard.

CDFW's new "Water Watchlist," which lists specific waters anglers should avoid fishing past noon, will be updated as conditions change. Sustained afternoon water temperatures on a waterway exceeding 67 degrees Fahrenheit for trout fisheries could trigger addition to the list.

Anglers can help decrease fish stress by using fish-friendly techniques such as handling fish as little as possible, avoid fighting fish from cool deeps where they cross temperature gradients of 10 degrees or more and using coated nylon nets to protect a fish's slime layers and fins. More angling tips can be found on CDFW's Hoot Owl webpage.

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This communication is considered CDFW News.

LARRC Club Triton Charter

By Ted Feit

On June 17th, LARRC had its first charter since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Triton sailed from Los Angeles Harbor Sportfishing to Catalina through placid seas. A steady bite of undersized barracuda and calicos accompanied by a sprinkling of keepers characterized the fishing. The highlight of the day occurred just as the boat was about to make a move. Using 15 lb. test line and a #2 hook tied to a small sardine, Max Glieberman hooked up with something solid. After a lengthy battle, Max was finessed the fish to gaff and a 30 lb. yellowtail landed on deck.

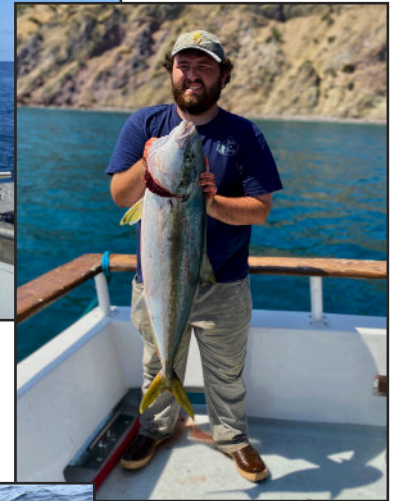
Max's fish would make the LARRC Fishing Records, since it bests Mike Godfrey's 21 lb. 12 oz. fish caught on 15 lb. test line caught in 2018. Max is not a club member but we hope he will join.

The Triton has an amiable and helpful crew, a comfortable galley, and adequate space for fishing around the boat. The parking at the LA Harbor Sportfishing is free and close to the boat.

Congratulations are in order to Cathy Needleman, who on July 20th landed her twentieth cow tuna (i.e. a fish over 200 lbs.). What an achievement!



Max playing the fish.



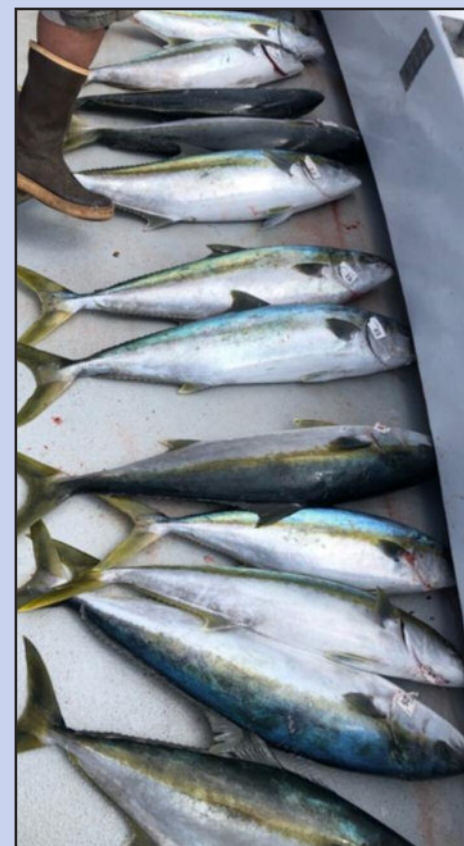
Max with his yellowtail.



Overnight on the Toronado

By Andrew Ratzky
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I went on an overnight on the Toronado fishing Sunday, July 25. We started on the backside of San Clemente Is. I believe the boat caught 26 yellowtail from 15 to 35 pounds for 29 people. About 20 of the fish were caught before daylight on a dropper loop fishing a squid bed on the backside. I caught one fish I estimate at 25 lbs. in the early a.m. hours on a dropper loop and live squid in about 120 feet of water. I hooked one more fish on a fly line sardine that broke me off.



Family, Friends and Fishing

By John Ballotti

The Ballotti family, 13 strong plus a good friend, made the much-delayed journey back east to Connecticut to celebrate our 50-year wedding anniversary. Trying to get the most out of the trip by spending time with relatives, friends, and of course fishing where I grew up was a challenge. Somehow, I was able to get in 4 fishing days and introduce my 3-year-old grandson, Nico, to his first fishing experience. First up was Horse Pond, a small spring filled pond along the road in Salem, CT. I traveled this road countless times back in the late 60's driving back and forth dating Sue. I always wanted to stop and I finally did. I wasn't disappointed as six largemouth bass were caught and released from shore. A soft Yamamoto creature bait did the trick on the small but feisty bass. Next Nico, his sister Audrey, and I headed to the beach to try our luck at surf fishing for Porgy. Porgy is the east coast equivalent of surf perch. This was Nico's adventure and it wasn't about catching, it truly was about fishing. As soon as the sinker hit bottom, he wanted to reel it in. What fun watching him crank away on the spinning reel. To his delight, he caught some seaweed. He proudly showed it to his mom and wanted to catch more. We all know the attention span of a three-year-old. Soon he was collecting shells, harassing his sister, and having a great time on the beach.



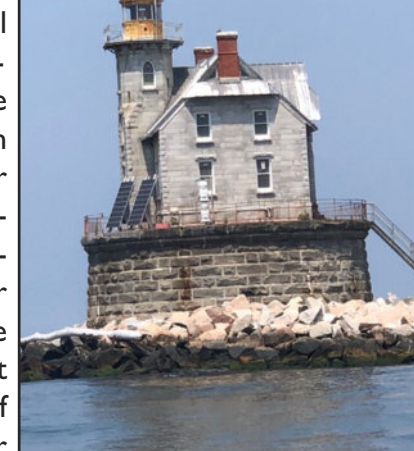
Long Island Sound Fluke

Growing up in central Connecticut we were fortunate to have a family cottage on Moodus Reservoir in Moodus, CT. Fishing for bluegill, chain pickerel, largemouth bass, catfish, and yellow perch filled my summer days and hooked me for life on fishing. I rented a boat and called my cousin to see if he wanted to join me for

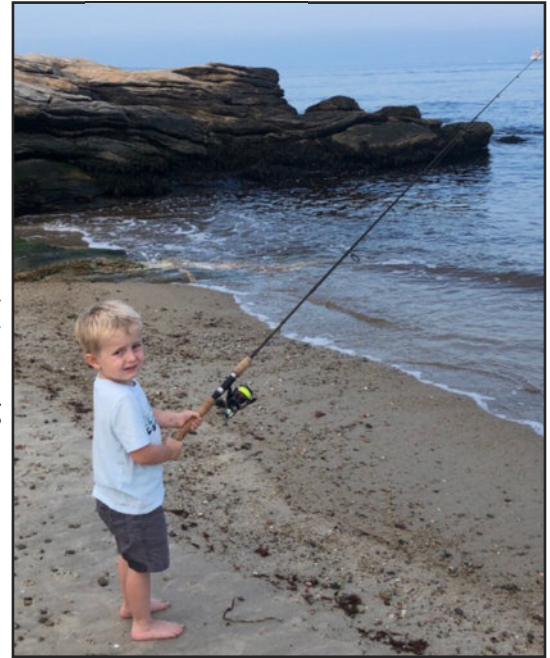
some fishing and memories. He did and we had a wonderful day boating around the lake, seeing our old cottage and lamenting the amount of development that had taken place on the lake shoreline. And the fishing was excellent with each of us catching a dozen smaller largemouth bass, a chain pickerel and a crappie. A 4-inch Yamamoto Senko worm was the ticket. When I think back on how we fished in the 50's and 60's we really didn't know anything, but still managed to catch our share of fish. Back then, it was primarily live bait, earthworms and shimmers.

The next fishing day on Lake Saltonstall as it was miserably hot, humid, and nothing bit. I did catch up with a friend I went to school with from kindergarten through college. It turns out I have another cousin with a boat. A 29-foot Hydra Sport with twin 225 HP Yamahas slipped on the Thames River in Norwich, CT. Cruising at 30 knots we quickly made it out to Long Island Sound and Fishers Island, NY. Using squid for bait we drifted around looking for Fluke. I did manage to catch a nice sized 21-inch Fluke. Using my travel spinning rod and 15 lb. test made the effort fun.

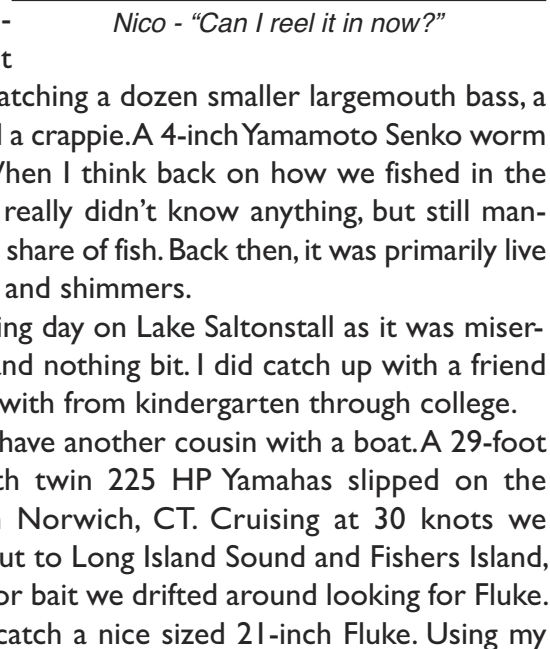
It was a great trip with quality family time, renewing friendships, and fun fishing.



Race Rock Lighthouse, Fishers Island, NY



Nico - "Can I reel it in now?"



Summertime, Nico and Audrey

Dr. Robert Horowitz – The Passing of a 102 Year Old Fishing Pioneer

Sent to us by Dave McGrouther

Dr. Robert Horowitz was born in 1919 and grew up in Watts where his family had a hardware store. Dr. Bob Horowitz went on to become a medical doctor and practiced into his 90's. Bob Horowitz was a VERY long time member of the LA Rod and Reel Club, and also attended meetings...into his 90's! To the LARRC, he was known as Dr. Bob, and to me he was Uncle Bob.

After marrying my wife 35 years ago, I was introduced to her family. One of my new family members and I bonded immediately. In 1986 and at age 25, I had a tremendous passion for fishing, and just started my Long Range journey. Meeting Dr. Bob Horowitz was enlightening to say the least. His knowledge of and passion for fishing was unlike anyone I had met. Unlike me, back in 1986 at a spry 67 he was a seasoned long range angler and a fountain of wisdom and experience.

Back in the 1990's whenever I went long range fishing, a number of passengers would always know Dr. Bob even if he wasn't on the trip. His personality was infectious, and people who fished with Dr. Bob always remembered him. In the 2000's there would also typically be a passenger or two on all trips who remembered him. As the years move on, there are fewer who still remember him...and of course those who do remember him are moving up in age, including myself (Dr. Bob at 100 and me at 58)

Over the years when we would meet at family reunions, the two of us would have our own little clique. No one understood our jargon or understood what we were talking about. Moreover, no one could understand how we could talk so animatedly and for so long about something as obtuse as going on a boat and chasing fish for days or weeks at a time. Eventually we were given time limits as to how long we could talk to each other at family reunions as we would seek each other out and not engage with anyone else. As you might imagine, we never stuck to any time limits. Bob was not only a true gentleman, but he was also incredibly generous. He shared his bounty with friends and neighbors. At family gatherings, he almost always brought fish or Sushi. Dr. Bob had a lot of interesting hobbies, but fishing was his passion. Like most of us who know Larry, Bob fished a lot of boats over the years. Most of those boats have been either retired or have changed names many times over. Towards the end of his fishing years, he mainly fished the fabled Q105 a boat we both loved and fished often. In 102 years, Dr. Bob lived a full life.



A Note from Cindy Mintz

Daughter of Dr. Robert Horowitz

Thank you, Ted.

This is a beautiful tribute to our dad. I have sent it to my family, and to Abe Cohen's son as well. I know that our dads are reunited and deep-sea fishing in the great beyond.

I am so pleased that Rabbi Feinstein connected us. And thanks to LARRC for bringing our dad a lifetime of joy.

Take care,
Cindy

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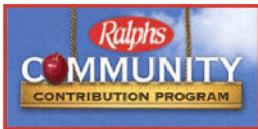
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for any information about our club members/ family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2021

Current to July 1, 2021

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Bass, Calico	40	Joel Steinman	7	0	Trout, Cutthroat		Sophia Huynh	3	Released
Yellowtail	40	John Ballotti	19	8	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S RELEASED				
MEN'S FRESH WATER					JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Bass, Lg. Mouth	4	Steve Simon	3	8	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Bass, Lg. Mouth	6	John Ballotti	4	14	Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER					FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
Cabrilla Saw Tail	30	Cathy Needleman	15	2*					
Pompano, African	30	Cathy Needleman	5	5*					
White Sea Bass	65	Cathy Needleman	52	9					
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	46	7					
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	25	0					
Yellowtail	65	Cathy Needleman	37	2*					

CHARTERS 2021

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
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 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
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

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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.

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LARRC Club Charters in **BLUE** Larry Brown Charters in **GREEN** Larry Brown/LARRC shared Charter in **ORANGE**



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