

# Chum Line



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

AUGUST 2022

## LARRC DINNER MEETING

# TWILIGHT FISHING TRIP

## ABOARD THE BETTY-O

The dinner meeting on August 29, 2022 will be a twilight fishing trip aboard the Betty-O. Boarding time will be around 4:00 PM and return around 9:30 PM. This will be inshore fishing for sand bass, etc.... There will be the customary raffle, fish stories and announcements.

Your board of directors approved subsidizing the trip and your cost is only \$25, which includes the boat ticket and tip. You will purchase your own food from the galley menu. There will be no on-shore dinner meeting on August 29th.

The trip is limited to 20 spots and are filling up fast. Contact John Ballotti [johnballotti1@gmail.com](mailto:johnballotti1@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. Once your \$25 is received, your spot will be confirmed.

Like previous club charters, proof of covid-19 vaccination and a signed liability waiver will be required.

Any questions, please reach out to John at 310-995-3592

Looking forward to seeing you aboard the Betty-O.



# AUGUST 29, 2022

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# Coastal Conservation Association NEWS

I am happy to announce that CCA Los Angeles has been divided into 2 separate Chapters, North and South. This was done in order to facilitate better communication locally and to allow greater participation by all fishermen represented by CCA.

I plan to contact fishing clubs, tackle businesses and fraternal groups to enhance membership and participation in CCA. All of us need to come together to conserve, promote and enhance the present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. This is the objective of CCA California on their website, CCA.org.

The North Los Angeles Chapter covers San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley and the area north to the county line. Inclusion is voluntary and there is no solid demarcation line between north and south chapters. The Board is busy lining up future events for everyone's enjoyment. I plan to hold meetings and events in both Valleys for this Chapter.

I will be asking more individuals to join our North Chapter Board. The initial Board besides myself as President includes Andrew Ratzky as Vice President, Joseph Mahfet as Treasurer and Denise Davis as Secretary and Ronald Hall. We still need additional Committee Chairs to help in many areas. And there are positions for Board members at large as well. Please consider volunteering for the CCA Board. Everyone's input is important.

Our main goal at this time is to increase membership and participation. Membership is only \$35 a year-the best way to support this organization. Please also watch for our upcoming Facebook page so that you will be able to know about all of our events.

I encourage you to come aboard and join like-minded fishermen and keep fishing alive.

My email is [WilliamLDavis7@gmail.com](mailto:WilliamLDavis7@gmail.com)

My phone is 626-390-7673 for calls or texts. (Text preferred)

William Davis

President CCA LA North

## CALENDAR

### Board Meeting

August 22, 2022

6:30PM Social Hour • 7:00PM Meeting

Virtual Meeting - email to follow with info

### Dinner Meeting

August 29, 2022

Twilight Fishing Trip aboard the Betty-O  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

My apologies for being absent from the past few Club meetings and the July newsletter. I've had my hands busy working overtime on my summer business, Romeo Gelato, in Hood River, Oregon. Here's a picture to prove it!



◆ **Citizen Science Helps NOAA Keep Tabs on Our Oceans** Much of the work of studying our oceans falls to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and for decades, the agency has relied on citizen scientists across the country to fulfill its mission. Fishermen, beachcombers, weather watchers and more contribute their observations and data to NOAA citizen science projects like the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network and Marine Debris Tracker. In 2010, three species of rockfish were listed as endangered in the Puget Sound in Washington, and NOAA Fisheries wanted to learn more about them. Anglers jumped in by taking non-lethal tissue samples from rockfish they caught and sending them in for genetic analysis. That data ultimately led to the first delisting of a marine fish species from the federal endangered species list. Have you ever participated in a NOAA Citizen Science program? Find opportunities at <https://www.citizenscience.gov/catalog/#>

◆ **Why Do We Need a Crisis to 'Organize?'** - In Bob Rees's latest blog, he notices that unless there's a crisis (i.e. hatcheries closing) most anglers are content just going about their business, taking advantage of the good times, and critiquing agency policy during the bad times. He asks, what factors do we need to look ahead for in the next iteration of the Magnuson Stevens Act, that will certainly impact stabilizing stocks of fish? <https://conservefish.org/2022/06/30/why-do-we-need-a-crisis-to-organize/>

◆ **130-Year-Old Menus Show How Climate Change Is Already Affecting What We Eat** - By studying the so-called mean temperature of restaurant seafood, scientists have shown how the species that grace our plates have changed with time. <https://hakaimagazine.com/news/130-year-old-menus-show-how-climate-change-is-already-affecting-what-we-eat/>

◆ **Biden Signs Memorandum to Combat Illegal Fishing** - In June, President Biden issued a broad memorandum calling illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing a threat to American economic competitiveness and national security, the global fishing industry, and to the fight against climate change. "IUU fishing undermines sustainable fisheries and healthy ocean ecosystems, threatens economic security, and natural resources

critical to global food security, and puts law-abiding fishers and seafood producers in the U.S. and abroad at a disadvantage," Deputy NOAA Administrator Janet Coit said. <https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/biden-s-iuu-memo-leaves-some-advocates-wanting-more>

◆ **So Long to Open-Net-Pen Salmon Farms?** - This year could see the end of open-net-pen salmon aquaculture on the US and Canadian west coasts. This approach to salmon farming is already banned in California, Oregon, and Alaska, leaving British Columbia and Washington State as the last two holdouts. Now, with leases and licenses for the few remaining open-net-pen salmon farms about to expire, politicians in both jurisdictions must decide whether to renew them, or end the practice for good. <https://hakaimagazine.com/news/so-long-to-open-net-pen-salmon-farms/>



## Palos Verdes Reef Project Update

Daniel Studt with NOAA Fisheries shared this great link with an update on the Palos Verde reef project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGg0hm06v7c> Check it out!

## Health and Happenings

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

# O Canada, Oh My

By John Ballotti

Joel Steinman and I set out on a 9 day Canadian adventure into the remote Northwest Territories / Nunavut Province. Kasba Lake was our destination. After a two-hour delay at LAX we finally made it to Winnipeg at about midnight. The problem was our checked bags did not make it. Leaving on a charter at 6 AM the next day meant we would arrive at the lodge with only the clothes we were wearing and whatever we had in our backpacks. Since there are only two flights a week to the lodge, we would not get our bags for four days. Luckily, the lodge was prepared. There was warm clothes to purchase, excellent excellent rain suits and we amazed that they even had new underwear available. Seems like this has happened before.

The lodge was comfortable and the two bedroom, two bath cabin we stayed in was great. The fishing and catching was amazing.

As all good anglers do, we arrived with a wide assortment of lures. It turned out that in 8 days of fishing, we used only two; 5 of diamonds spoon, and Johnson Silver Minnow Spoon. That's it. Pike or lake trout, it didn't make a difference. The only variation came when we fished for Grayling. 1/8-ounce dark colored Hook Up Bait was the hot lure. Wanting to catch a Grayling on the fly rod I tried a 4-weight rod, floating line, and a bead head pheasant's tail fly. It worked. Many 3 and 4-pound Grayling took the fly, with the largest being a 4 1/2 pound trophy fish. One time a 10-

pound lake trout grabbed the Hook Up bait and the fight on 6-pound test line was on. Down to the last two wraps on my Shimano Stradic Ci4 500 size reel, the fish finally stopped and was slowly brought back to the boat. What fun!

On the Pike side of the trip, Joel got the biggest fish of anyone at the lodge for the 8 days of fishing. A 46-inch, 27 pound trophy. We caught 4 over 40 inches and too many to count over 35 inches. On the only day I kept count we brought 63 Pike to the boat. Kasba Lake did not yield any trophy lake trout for us but dozens of fish up to 14 pounds were caught.

Despite the luggage snafu it was a great trip.



Start of another great day.



Joel with his Trophy Pike.



Typical Lake Trout for the Trip.



Trophy Grayling.



Lake Trout on 6 pound test line.



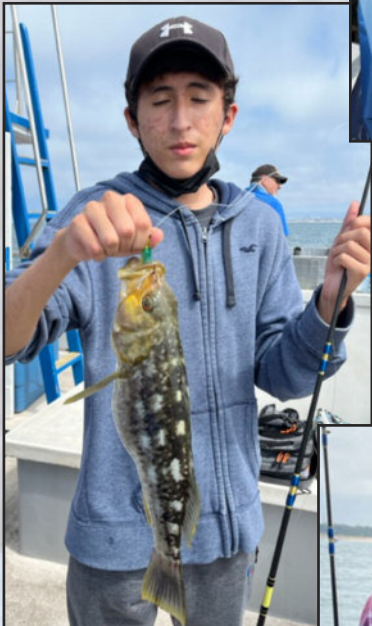
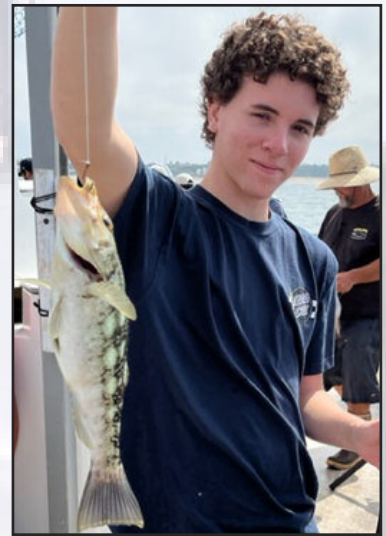
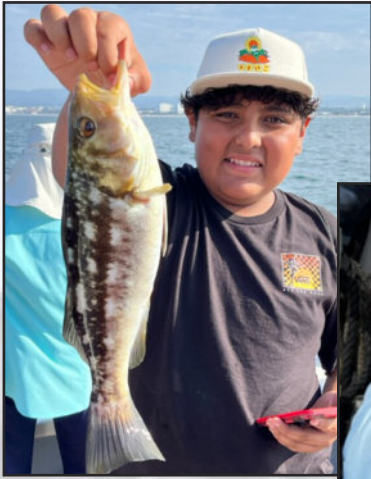
# MARINE MENTORS TRIP

By Joe Mahfet

A chance for Children strives to empower at-risk youth by providing the opportunities to set goals and the tools to achieve them.

Kids from Mary Star of the Sea High School enjoyed the Marine Mentors Trip on August 1, 2022. Joel Steinman & Joe Mahfet were the chairpersons. LARRC had 11 volun-

teers for 10 kids between 8 and 15 years old on the Betty-O. A good variety of fish were caught by the kids with help of the volunteers. There were 2 Officers that supervised the kids. LARRC Volunteers included: Ron Glider, David Morgan, Steve Simon, Joel Steinman, Joe Mahfet 3rd, Joe Mahfet Jr, John Goss, Andrew Ratzky, Fred Blasetti, Cathy Needleman and John Ballotti.



# Members...



Cathy Needleman had a great day with her son Matthew and his girlfriend Ariel. Here are some of the tuna caught 13 miles from Point Loma. All found on one school of fish and following the most massive group of terns. It was a "Ternado or Tern Vortex". Lots of action, run and gun!



Cathy with some nice bluefin, they weighed in 190 and 150 pounds!!

The Foundation Acknowledges this  
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*In Honor of David Levinson's 90th Birthday*  
Linda & Steve Simon

*In Honor of Jerry Howard to wish him a very Happy Birthday*  
Linda & Steve Simon

*In Memory of Debbie Montrose, daughter of Barbara Levine*  
Tammy & Joel Steinman

*Congratulations to Kevin Steinman on being the USATF Jr Olympics 3000 meter National Champion*  
Proud Grandparents Tammy & Joel Steinman  
Linda & Steve Simon

# RIDING THE ROYAL POLARIS

By Sophia Huynh

Fred Morioka, owner of Rice Bowl Charters, put together a 6 day on the Royal Polaris this past June. Kevin and I have ridden it in the past but never fished with Roy as the captain. So we were very excited for the opportunity.

We headed to Tanner Bank to fish for bluefin tuna for a couple of days. We had good night fishing with fish in the 40-200lb range. During the day it was looking and looking. After 3 nights, Roy ran to the kelp area so we could load up on nice sized yellowtail and some dorado. We almost had limits so Roy made the trip back to the bluefin grounds to end the trip. We tried to get everyone a bluefin but we were a few short. In the end we had 6 over 200lb.

My only bluefin for the trip was a team effort. I had rolled my ankles (both in the same fall) so I wasn't too nimble. My fish was heading up to the bow and I was afraid of hurting myself, so when I came upon Kevin on the midship rail, I handed it to him. I was happy to have it on the boat and happy for the assist. I had another one on the jig, but it came unbuttoned 100ft out. Super bummed. All is fair in love and fishing. Ha ha ha. Kevin landed his big one that weight in at 202lb!!!

We had a great trip with super fun people and a great crew!



## Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation Tribute Opportunity

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addressed to:

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818-987-2645 • 818-345-6104 Fax [tammy2508@socal.rr.com](mailto:tammy2508@socal.rr.com)

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**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.*

# CHARTERS 2022

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
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## RULES REGARDING CLUB CHARTERS:

All LARRC charter participants signing up for club charters are obligated to pay the full fare to reserve a spot. In the event a participant cannot make a trip, the club will attempt to fill the space once a waitlist forms. A participant may try to fill their space prior to departure. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunk preference is assigned by the charter master based on the order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.

<b>Oct 26</b>	Channel Islands freelance. Fare includes crew tip. Food and fish cleaning are extra. All passengers must show evidence of COVID vaccination prior to the departure date.	<b>The Endeavor, Overnight</b> Cost: \$192 for LARRC members Non Members - \$207 Limit - 22 passengers	<b>11 SPOTS</b> Contact Andrew Ratzky <a href="mailto:aratzky@att.net">aratzky@att.net</a>
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Contact Andrew Ratzky - [Aratzky@att.net](mailto:Aratzky@att.net)

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

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## TROPHY CONTENDERS 2022

July 31, 2022

**SPECIES**      **LINE**    **ANGLER**      **LBS.**    **OZ.**  
**TEST**

### MEN'S OCEAN WATER

Bass, Calico	25	John Ballotti	5	8
Grouper, Broom Tail	50	Chas Schoemaker	20	0*
Jack Crevalle	40	Chas Schoemaker	25	1*
Sheephead	25	John Ballotti	11	4

### MEN'S FLY ROD

Grayling	8	John Ballotti	4	8*
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### MEN'S FRESH WATER

Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	6	12
Bass, Lg Mouth	4	Scott Schiffman	8	10*
Bass, Striped	4	Scott Schiffman	8	10*
Grayling	6	Joel Steinman	4	4*
Grayling	6	John Ballotti	4	0
Pike, Northern	30	Joel Steinman	27	8*
Sunfish, Longear	30	John Ballotti	21	0
Trout, Lake	6	John Ballotti	10	0
Trout, Lake	6	Joel Steinman	8	0
Trout, Lake	20	Joel Steinman	10	0
Trout, Rainbow	3	Mark Manculich	4	1

### WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

Buffalo Emperor	30	Cathy Needleman	8	0*
Grouper	80	Cathy Needleman	65	0
Grouper, Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	15	0
Mangrove Jack	80	Cathy Needleman	16	8*
Pompano, African	30	Cathy Needleman	7	1*
Roosterfish	30	Cathy Needleman	52	4*
Roosterfish	30	Cathy Needleman	50	2
Roosterfish	30	Cathy Needleman	40	3
Snapper, Bedford	30	Cathy Needleman	8	6*
Snook	30	Cathy Needleman	9	4*
Swordfish	80	Cathy Needleman	192	0*
Swordfish	40	Cathy Needleman	140	0*
Trevally, Giant	50	Cathy Needleman	88	0*
Trevally, Giant	50	Cathy Needleman	80	0
Trout, Speckeled	30	Cathy Needleman	3	8*
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	120	0

**SPECIES**      **LINE**    **ANGLER**      **LBS.**    **OZ.**  
**TEST**

### WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

Tuna, Dogtooth	50	Cathy Needleman	180	0*
Tuna, Dogtooth	50	Cathy Needleman	80	0
White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	48	0
White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	52	0
White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	52	9
White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	63	1
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	51	0
White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	8	5

### WOMEN'S FLY ROD

### WOMEN'S FRESH WATER

### JUNIOR MEMBERS

Bass, Calico	30	David Stich	7	0*
Yellowtail	40	David Stich	19	0*

### FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

White Sea Bass	80	Cathy Needleman	8	5
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March 6, 2022

### FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR



## Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

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### 2021-2022 OFFICERS

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