

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean SEPTEMBER 2022

LARRC DINNER MEETING

The LARRC Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022 at the **Seabridge Marina Slip Holders' Lounge** located right behind Yolanda's restaurant at **1601 S. Victoria Avenue, Oxnard**. There's a large free parking lot. There are two excellent restaurants. Yolanda's and The Raven Tavern for those not wanting Mexican food, but Yolanda's does have hamburgers and such. Mike Hartt has graciously offered to host a happy hour starting at 5:00 pm on his boat in slip I-20.

Directions to Yolanda's Restaurant and the Seabridge Marina Slip Holders' Lounge:

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Come and enjoy a fantastic evening - see you there!

September 19, 2022

Seabridge Marina Slip Holders' Lounge

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2022-2023

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation Grad Research Scholarship

This year the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Foundation Trustees were able to give Cal State University Long Beach \$7,500.00 in scholarships for students studying marine biology as their major. Here are the students that CSULB chose as recipients of the scholarships. I cannot understate the appreciation of not only the University, but the students as well, for this assistance from our Foundation.

Pamela Warren
Foundation Trustee



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Why I chose my field of study

When I was 8 years old, I decided I wanted to be a marine biologist. Most people grow out of their childhood career dreams; I didn't. I continued to say that my dream was to be a marine biologist even though I had no idea what that meant for me until late in my undergraduate career. I had a lot of help along the way from my teachers. It wasn't until my undergraduate career that I was able to get some hands-on research experience. I spent a summer collecting data on a large vessel in the Gulf of Mexico to help quantify the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on plankton communities. Then I was able to do a complete study on the ability of plankton to uptake a certain antioxidant. It wasn't until I attended a conference with talks about larval fish that I realized how interesting and cool they were. I knew immediately I wanted to do research on them.

Dear Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club,

My name is Emma Siegfried, and I was selected to receive the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation Grad Research Scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year. I am headed into my third year, and hopefully last, year of my masters' program here at CSULB while studying biology and researching the effects of climate change on California Grunion. This scholarship will help me focus this upcoming year on analyzing the data I have collected so far while also writing up my results for publication. Both processes are time consuming, and this extra support will be incredibly helpful as it means I can focus more on working on my research rather than finding other means to support myself.

In addition, this fall I will be spending a considerable amount of time preparing for and applying to Ph.D. programs. Upon graduation, I hope to start researching again in a Ph.D. program and continue working on answering some of the questions that I have been trying to answer here at CSULB. Again, your support is vital for this process, as being able to focus more on my analysis and writing as well as Ph.D. program applications will increase my chances of getting into a good Ph.D. program.

Because of how much of an impact this grant is going to have on my life over the next year, I wanted to write you all a quick letter to thank you so much for your generosity in providing funds for the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation Grad Research Scholarship and express my appreciation for being selected to receive it for the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,
Emma Siegfried



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Why I chose my field of study

I chose to study marine biology with a focus on ecology and physiology because I believe that these are two aspects of marine biology that can significantly contribute to our understanding of marine life and lead to conservative efforts. In furthering our understanding of how the environment influences the organisms that live in them as well as the impact that changes to these environments can have, the science community and public will be better informed on how to conserve marine life. In addition to this, my own curiosity about the physiology of marine life provides me with added determination and desire to help further the scientific community's understanding of marine life.

Dear Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club,

I would first like to sincerely thank the LA Rod and Reel Club for generously awarding me this grant. I appreciate the club's willingness and generosity to support the marine biology graduate students. For that I am truly grateful to have been one of the recipients of the grant.

I am a graduate student at CSULB and have finished my first year with a 4.0 GPA. I have learned this past year that having support, both academically and financially, is essential in research. This grant will allow me to obtain the necessary supplies and equipment to continue my thesis research in understanding phenotypic plasticity in sand dollar larvae.

Being able to complete my masters will allow me to obtain the necessary skills and experience to pursue a career in marine biology and conservation research after graduation. Your support through this grant will allow me to devote more time to my research and push me towards my goals.

Gratefully,
Ariana Lee



KAMERON WONG

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Why I chose my field of study

I was inspired to examine the impacts of anthropogenic pollutants in an effort to inform and influence environmental management. This is why I decided to conduct molecular and ecotoxicology research for my Master’s thesis project, and plan to pursue a Ph.D. in the same research field. The information gathered from this genre of research will not only benefit the environment, but can also be applied to human health. With these goals in mind, ecotoxicological research is crucial for identifying locations particularly vulnerable to certain types of pollution, maybe even highlighting socioeconomic disparities along the way, and working towards protecting humans, wildlife, and the environment.

Dear Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club,

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Grad Research Scholarship! I am deeply honored to receive this award, especially since I personally know previous recipients and the caliber of their research.

I have just completed the first year of my Master’s program in Biology with a research focus in molecular and ecotoxicology. After graduating, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. with the skills and experience I gain from this program. While I am extremely passionate about the research I am conducting for my thesis, I currently work 3 jobs to keep my head above water while I attend graduate school.

This generous scholarship helps to ease my mental and financial burden, allowing me to submerge myself more deeply into my research. I look forward to continuing my education and preparing to present at a national research conference in the fall, knowing that my endeavours are supported by LARRC.

Sincerely,
Kameron Wong

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

Summer, for me, is the time of international fisheries meetings, and my days are often filled with scientists and managers discussing how best to manage highly migratory species. We have all witnessed the resurgence of Pacific bluefin tuna first-hand, and this summer scientists confirmed our on-the-water observation that bluefin are recovering from the historically low biomass of 2010. The rate of recovery is increasing and it is very likely the second rebuilding target of 20%SSB will be achieved by 2029. I share some concern that the recent high recruitment is resulting in an overly-optimistic projection. The Joint Working Group of fishery managers from Japan, Taiwan, Korea, the United States and Mexico reviewed the stock assessment and strong recovery, and chose to maintain commercial bluefin tuna limits at status quo for this year. I'd like managers to maintain status quo until we see strong recruitment continue for a few more years. This way, we can shield ourselves from another collapse.

On the flip-side, western Pacific striped marlin remains at historic lows. Scientists were unable to complete a new assessment because they could not achieve consensus on a new growth curve. Therefore, scientists could not provide updated stock status and conservation information. According to the best available science, annual commercial catches must be reduced by more than 50% to 1,359 t in order to return the spawning stock biomass to 20% of historic, unfished levels. That's not great news for our eastern Pacific striped marlin stock which mixes with the western Pacific stock.

There have been some very interesting research articles published this summer:

◆ Researchers at McGill University say there's **No 'Safe Space' for 12 key ocean species on North American West Coast.** Climate impacts will significantly affect twelve economically and culturally important species home to the California Current Large marine Ecosystem over the next 80 years. This includes loss of aerobic habitat for one of our key forage species, anchovy.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/07/220729102443.htm>

◆ A new study led by scientists at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and University of Washington Applied Physics Laboratory finds that **Anticyclonic eddies aggregate pelagic predators in a subtropical gyre**, or put more simply, marine predators, such as tunas, billfishes and sharks, aggregate in anticyclonic, clockwise-rotating ocean eddies. As these anticyclonic eddies move throughout the open ocean, the study suggests that the predators are also moving with them, foraging on the high deep-ocean biomass contained within. Scientists have long studied isolated predator behaviors in other regions of the ocean, tagging animals and tracking their dive patterns to food-rich ocean layers, such as the ocean twilight zone (mesopelagic); but an understanding of how eddies influence behavior of open ocean predators, specifically in food-scarce areas like subtropical gyres should inform effective management of these species, their ecosystems and dependent fisheries. <https://www.whoi.edu/press-room/news-release/how-marine-predators-find-food-hot-spots-in-open-ocean-deserts/>

◆ Finally, in a compelling piece, Ben Goldfarb asks, **When is it Time to Give up on Doomed Fisheries** <https://hakaimagazine.com/news/when-is-it-time-to-give-up-on-doomed-fisheries/> This is a story about winter flounder in Rhode Island. This is where I grew up fishing. As climate shifts, and the species composition of Narragansett Bay changes, it's leaving fishermen to wonder if winter flounder can ever return. It's a reminder that humanity is not the only force exerting pressure on our favorite fish. But, we have the ability, with restraint, to ensure winter flounder, or Pacific bluefin tuna or striped marlin can withstand changes that are coming.

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CALENDAR

Board Meeting

September 12, 2022

6:30PM Social Hour • 7:00PM Meeting

Virtual Meeting - email to follow with info

Dinner Meeting

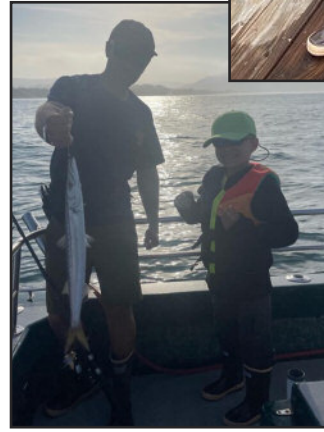
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Hooked for Life

By Allen Brodetsky

We all create memories in life. Then there are those memories that last a lifetime. Took my boys on their first saltwater fishing trip. It's been something I have wanted to do since the day they were born. I couldn't have been happier to take them fishing with the captain I love fishing with the most. Thank you Captain Christian with Sekas Sport fishing for making a dream come true. The boys had a blast pulling on bass and barracuda. We also got to see a huge pod of dolphins. Mission Accomplished! The boys are hooked for life!



Help Inform New National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy!

Saltwater recreational fishing is a traditional American pastime integral to social, cultural, and economic life in communities across the nation. This time-honored activity allows millions to access America's great outdoors each year, while generating billions of dollars in economic activity. Essential to shaping NOAA Fisheries' approach to recreational anglers and their fisheries is the [National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy](#).

NOAA recognizes the need to adapt with a changing climate and the evolving needs of recreational fisheries and anglers. With the perspectives shared during the [2022 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit](#), NOAA Fisheries requests your input on revising the Policy during the public comment period now through December 31, 2022. Please [visit this website to provide](#) feedback on any changes or updates you would like to suggest for the Policy. Public meetings and webinars will also be announced when they are confirmed. Additionally, you can reach out to me directly: daniel.studt@noaa.gov and 562-980-4073.

The Policy serves as a platform to help the public understand NOAA Fisheries' perspectives and approaches to recreational fisheries issues. Developed with extensive public input, the 2015 Policy reflects the priorities of the day. Its goals and principles help guide Agency deliberations with regard to supporting and maintaining high quality sustainable saltwater recreational fisheries.

"Recreational anglers are one of NOAA Fisheries key constituencies," said Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries Janet Coit. "I am eager for input from our partners and the public to help us shape how NOAA Fisheries advances sustainable recreational fishing opportunities at a time when ocean uses and ecosystems are changing rapidly."

[Find additional information and link to the comment portal on our website.](#)

Daniel Studt

Recreational Fisheries Coordinator, West Coast Region

NOAA Fisheries

SUMMER FISHING BOOKENDS 2022

By Ted Feit

I have had two memorable fly-fishing experiences spaced at the beginning and end of the summer of 2022.

John Ballotti, Rob Baldwin, and I drove to Bishop Friday May 13th for a weekend of Eastern Sierra trout fishing. The scenery on 395 was spectacular: the road winds between the jagged uplifted massif of the Sierra Nevada, its peaks covered with snow, and the volcanic White Mountains, lava flows, and boulder fields on the right. Grazing steer festoon the meadows on either side of the road. Even the names of the towns along the way seem to conjure up – to me – freedom and impending outdoor adventure: Lone Pine, Big Pine, Independence. We checked into the Holiday and had dinner at the restaurant favored by the locals, otherwise known as “The Bowling Alley.”

We had planned to free lance fish on Saturday. On Sunday we had already booked a full day of fly fishing on Lake Crowley with Doug Rodericks of the Sierra Drifters Guide Service. While there are many fishing options around Bishop, we decided to try our luck on Crowley ourselves by renting a boat on Saturday. With Rob Baldwin as captain, we motored across the lake early in the morning to where “the fleet” was moored. The weather was picture perfect – warm and no appreciable breeze. We had a frustrating morning. Fishing with flies, lures, and spinners, we had no strikes and no fish. The fish were there as a dude in a float tube 50 yards from us kept on bringing in a trout every 5 to 10 minutes.

Frustrated, we decided in the afternoon to troll across the lake with lures and try some other spots. Our complete skunk was broken when I got a strike and landed a deep olive colored “mystery fish.” Doug Rodericks identified the fish the next day from its photo as a tui chub. Native to the Owens River as well as Great Basin lakes and rivers, it’s an important forage fish for trout – the Lahontan cutthroat trout

of Lake Pyramid grow massive feeding on them. While primarily a plankton and plant material feeder, they become piscivorous (fish eating) when they get big; hence this larger specimen attacked the trolled three-inch lure painted to imitate a baby rainbow trout.

We returned the fish to the drink and set off. I got a second strike. This was a more substantial fish and took out line. After a tussle, Rob netted the fish – my first ever brown trout. It was a beauty!



My First Brown Trout

That was the action for the first day. We had a nice meal at a really good Mexican restaurant in town.

We met Doug Rodericks at the dock at 7 a.m. He said the trout fishing had been solid at the lake. The fish were holding between a depth of 14 and 20 feet and munching on a hatch of emerging flies as they made their way to the lake surface. The technique we used is called still water nymphing. The flies consisted of a #18 hook sporting a few turns of black and silver thread. From a distance of three feet, the fly looked like a bare hook! We used a roll cast to propel the fly fifteen feet or so away from the boat. An indicator (the same as a float) kept the fly at the proper depth. You needed to pay attention and arc the rod upward when the indicator disappeared. If I hadn’t seen it with my own eyes, I would be skeptical that such a minuscule plainly embellished hook could catch such amazing large fish.

We had a steady bite at various places in the lake all day. The weather was perfect and there was no significant afternoon wind – a common disturbance at Crowley. Overall, we landed about 25 – 30 beautiful rainbow and cutthroat trout. We also lost about 15 – 20 fish while playing them. The fish were from 16 – 22 inches in length and fat and sassy.



The Mystery Fish



Rob Baldwin with a Crowley rainbow



John Ballotti brings a trout to the net



John Ballotti holds a rainbow before releasing it



A beautiful Crowley Lake cutthroat

John sat down for a while and handed me his Sage flyrod inscribed with the name "Lucky John." Lucky John is the name on his (former) fishing boat and the name on his car's license plate. Happily married for 50 plus years to the same woman, it's a good name. The Lucky John fly rod proved magical for me, as I tied into a lunker rainbow with it. Before lifting the fish for a photo op, Doug reached behind him and withdrew a large as life model of a trout. He then gave me a brief lesson in how to hold a trout most benignly for a photo!

We could not have had a grander day of fly fishing for trout. Doug Rodericks was a superb guide. He deftly helped us play and land fish. For a rank novice like me, he helped me with my casts and told me when and how to mend my line. When the flies became scruffy or failed to attract fish, he changed them. He moved the boat around the lake when the bite died down in one spot and found new places with a hot bite. Rob Baldwin told me at the end of the day, most people fly fish for twenty years to hook and land quality fish like these. He was right.

In the beginning of September, I flew to Ashland, Oregon for a brief visit. My wife was staying with two grandchildren while their parents were off in Spain bicycling. I wanted to arrange a fishing trip. My first thought was to take them to



I hold my big rainbow in the anatomically correct position

the Umpqua river for smallmouth bass. The parents torpedoed this proposition since we would have to leave at 4 a.m. to drive for three hours and transverse a region with an ongoing forest fire. We called around and found Tonie "Tonetrout" Stewart, a local guide, to take Avi (age 12) and me for a day of fly-fishing on the nearby Rogue River.

Summer Fishing con't

Tonie picked us up at our house at 6 a.m. towing his custom drift boat behind his pick-up. The previous days had been smoky because of the fire further north but miraculously the winds had shifted and the smoke was gone! Tonie grew up in Colorado and has been an avid fly-fishing person since age 12. He was especially excited to be able to introduce another 12-year-old to fly-fishing. Unlike drought parched California, Oregon had a fairly wet winter and the Rogue was still full of water and running fast.

At the launch site, Tonie gave each of us a lesson on the roll cast and let us practice on land. Avi's fishing station was at the bow, Toni guided in the middle and used a set of oars to maneuver the boat, and I fished in the stern. Toni attached two flies with # 14 hooks to a six-foot leader of sinking line held to the surface by an indicator (float). The technical name for this type of fly fishing is Euro or Czech nymphing. We started getting bites and catching fish shortly after we launched. The trout appeared to be in the river everywhere. We got bites in slow water, in the riffles above and below rapids, across deep holes, and in stretches where the river was wide and shallow. Because the water was moving a lot faster than the boat, you cast behind the boat and let the



Avi with a Rogue river trout

flies drift for a minute or so parallel to the boat until it reached the bow. You were constantly casting and readjusting your line but the short floats were enough to attract fish. The fish were small feisty rainbows, in the 6 to 12 inch size range. We each caught about 20 trout over the course of the day.

A couple of times we hooked an aggressive 4" fish. This fish had a forked tail and a dark inner mouth. It was not a trout but a baby king salmon. It was nice to know that king salmon were reproducing naturally in the river and that some of these guys might become big salmon one day.

The experience of floating down the river was amazing. There were forested stretches, churning rapids, and places

where the river shore was the front yard for a custom log cabin. We saw flocks of geese in v-formation going up river, an osprey, ladies in bikinis in kayaks, and a man taking his beagle puppy – wearing a life vest – out for his first float trip.



Rogue River Scenery

Toward the end of the afternoon, I was working a riffle when the indicator disappeared. Tonie saw a silver flash in the water below. "That's no trout," he shouted, "that's a steelhead." Sure enough, the line started peeling off my reel as the fish made its first run. When I worked the fish closer to the boat it took several attempts to net it. Tonie grew more excited when he looked at the fish in the net. It was a wild steelhead fresh from the sea - a journey of 100 miles inland – and about 20 inches in length. The fish had taken Tonie's hand crafted fly that was conceived after talking with an older steelhead fisherman. He called his fly the "Little Pinkie" and instructed me to tell people at the landing that I caught the fish on a "Frenchman." Of course, we released the fish to continue the spawning run and maybe return again to the ocean and the river.

So, Avi got his first experience of fly fishing on a river and loved it, I got to catch a steelhead on my first attempt, and Tonie proved the efficacy of his homemade design. I look forward to fishing again with Tonie and Avi on my next trip to Ashland.



Rogue River Steelhead

Veterans' Fishing

We had 16 veterans and 6 volunteers for a beautiful day of fishing! Thanks to Steve Simon, Fred Blasetti, Jim Carlisle, Ron Glider, Mike Godfrey, Joe Mahfet for volunteering your time to make a great day for our Vets.



Members...



Cathy Needleman with her 234 lb bluefin tuna!



Ed Lieberman with a nice dorado!



Here's Cathy with a beauty weighing in at 210lb, which marks her 28th bluefin tuna over 210lbs! She had a great day with another 60lb on the popper and a 110lb on a flyer! Keep up the great work Cathy!

Larry Diamant Passes

By Larry Brown

Larry Diamant passed away on a recent fishing trip. He was fishing on the Red Rooster 3 with club members, Randy Sharon and Larry Brown. Larry's passion for fishing was always evident with his big smiles after landing a big yellowtail or tuna. Larry died while pursuing his dream. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Larry's wife, Christa, his children, Douglas and Rachael and the entire Diamant family. Larry always expressed fond memories of fishing with his LARRC pals and he remained generous with the club, always participating in the fund raising raffles for the club's kids and veterans fishing programs. We will miss him.



Red Rooster III

By Randy Sharon

On September 4th, I returned from a 5 day Larry Brown charter aboard the Red Rooster III. Captain Andy Cates and crew are as good as any that I have fished with and Larry makes sure that all of his charters are filled with a wonderful group of fishermen.

Last year, we had excellent fishing for yellowfin tuna and yellowtail at Guadalupe Island. This year, the boats were not able to obtain permits to fish Guadalupe, so our options were limited. Nevertheless, the fishing was again excellent. Most of the fishing was in Mexican waters near the Coronado Islands where we had boat limits of bluefin tuna from approximately 35 - 60 lbs and some 30-40 lb yellowfin. We also fished the area near San Clemente Island for nighttime bluefin tuna fishing, using knife jigs, for fish up to about 120 lbs.

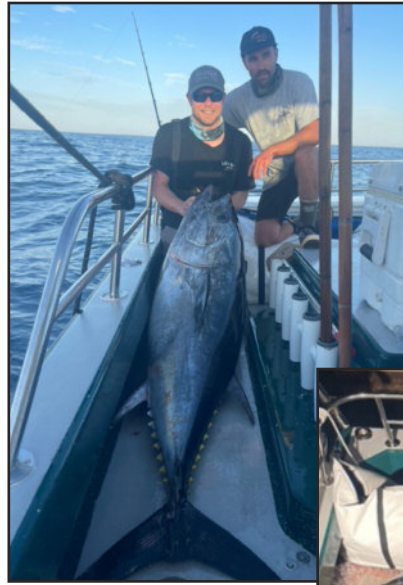
Sadly, I am sure that the trip will be remembered for the fact that near the end of our trip, long-time LARRC member Larry Diamant passed away while doing what he so loved to do - fishing aboard a long range fishing trip. Larry had a deep love for the camaraderie that he shared among his fellow fishermen aboard the fishing trips. On behalf of the LARRC and all of Larry's fishing friends, we send our deepest condolences to Larry's wife Christa and his entire family.



WORKING ON LABOR DAY

By Allen Brodetsky

Decided to spend Labor Day with some labor of love. My favorite Captain to fish with, Christian Sekas, of Sekas sportfishing and I left Sunday evening on a hunt for the big bluefin. We arrived at our area of operation around 11 PM. We looked around for a little bit and didn't see much so we decided to take a nap. 4 AM alarm goes off. We deploy a couple flyers on a sinker rig and get smoked on both rods. Got both in the boat within an hour. Both over 70 inches. After gilling, gutting and icing down the fish, we proceeded to look around. Saw great signs of life. Lots of breezers and good action on the meter. Not too many biters. We worked our way into another zone and found the meat pile. Bites were easier to get, but getting fish to stick was another story. We went 3 for 10 on afternoon fishing. Overall, an epic trip. Five fish over 70 inches around the 200 pound mark. Truly a day to remember. If you haven't had a chance to fish with Captain Christian, you're missing out. This is the best time of the year to go. So if you haven't had a chance to check the big bluefin scene, now is the time.



Back to Fishing

By Phil Bardack

Rock pile off Venice pier out of MDR, big Calico, not weighed, around 7pm, LARRC Dinner Meeting aboard the Betty O.

I have not really fished, literally, in twenty years other than a trip a month ago on the Island Tak out of Ventura, water was so rough, could not stand at rail, real bust... Trying to balance my self made me realize how old I have gotten. Use to be able to stand no matter how rough. Prior to that it was the summer of 2002 on a charter for my family that Earl arranged in CR when I took the family out and we caught and released 10 + sail fish, all on 20#. My grandson was born that January and we went down to see him with my two daughters.

The club trip was a wonderful evening, really delighted to see myself back in my old form. I did not count but I think I had about 8 calico and a hand full of sandys, all on plastic off the stern. Kept two for dinner. Several of the club members were sitting near by on the stern including Pam.

I am not much on writing stories, but I trust this picture says it all. Mackerel pattern fishtrap plastic (from early 2000) on 3/4oz head, 15# line, Abu Garcia reel, vintage 1970's and Loomis BB965 rod.





Donald Goldsobel's

CALLING ALL COOKS

By Donald Goldsobel

I recently went out on the Endeavor and scored a bunch of Dorado. I asked for some heads...for a friend to make fish head soup. When I got home, I found out she did not want them. These were big and meaty. I removed the collars! Great for grilling or smoking. Next time you get Dorado or Yellowtail, ask the deckhand for some heads. It is really too time consuming for the crew to separate the collars from the head. You do it and get a great and free bonus. I have smoked or grilled them on the gas grill in the past... dynamite!

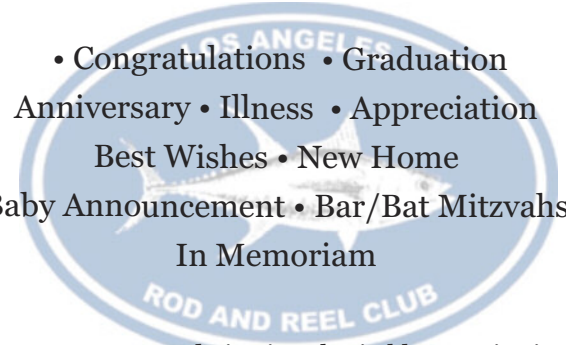


Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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FIVE ON FIVE: Weekly WON Tips

Five key mistakes to avoid in order to land more fish

BY LARRY BROWN

Special to Western Outdoor News

There are so many ways we handicap ourselves on fishing trips. Here are five stupid things I see all the time. I call it “angler error.” Just eliminate these five mistakes and you will almost assuredly hook and then land more fish.

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USING BAD BAITS

Bait selection and presentation are critical. Professional party and charter boat captains agree, “The single biggest problem keeping anglers from hooking more fish is not selecting a good bait and not casting well — not getting their bait out to where the fish are.”

Always select the best possible bait. All predatory fish expect to encounter strong, healthy anchovies, sardines or mackerel in their wild environment without hooks and line dangling from their bodies. The top anglers select only the strongest, healthiest baits in the bait tank, carefully and gently scoop them and caress them in their hand while they carefully hook them through the nose, across the shoulder or just under the anal fins in the most noninvasive way possible.

Look for the lightest-colored sardine, with boldly defined round black spots on its back. It is usually swimming beneath the others and most erratically when it notices your hand or net. Don't do a death grip on the bait and once it is on the hook release it back into the bait tank immediately. Then pinch the line 10 inches up from the hook and walk your bait to the rail where you will gently cast it into the water as quickly as possible. If you see a lot of scales on your rod butt, you are man handling your bait.

Solution: Master bait selection.



SELECTING LIVELY BAITS is essential to getting more hookups.

2

NOT BEING ABLE TO CAST OR CONTROL YOUR BAIT

So, you have the perfect bait. Now you need to execute the perfect cast and control your bait. The chum is landing 30 feet off the downwind corner of the stern. You see fish boiling on the chum. Crew members are yelling, “Boil on the chum!” If you can cast 30 feet and land your bait gently in the same zone where the chum is landing, it frequently results in an instant bite. If you can't cast and just drop your bait over the rail, chances are your poor bait will dart under the boat for protection. You likely won't get bit, there's a good chance you will be in a tangle and if you do get bit, you will likely lose the fish in the props or rudders.

Knowing when to nose, collar or butt hook baits will also increase your success. Knowing when to fly-line versus using a sliding sinker is also important. Without a very detailed article on these techniques, my best advice is to be hyper aware of what technique is working “right now” and convert immediately. Listen to and watch your fellow anglers who are hooking fish and ask your crew member for their advice.

Using the perfect bait with a perfect presentation will dramatically increase your hookup percentages.

Solution: Learn how to cast a small bait 30 feet and practice at your local park

3

TYING KNOTS THAT FAIL

Curly Q's and half circles are evidence of bad knots. A curly Q means the knot unraveled and a tiny half circle means the knot cut itself on the eye of the hook. Bad knots lose fish and they are very easy to avoid. If you have ever experienced a knot failure, I hope you are open to learning a new knot, or how to tie your knot precisely. Just learn one good knot for each application and practice it for 5 minutes every month through the non-fishing season. Four knots for 4 applications:

1. Mono or fluoro to the hook or jig — I use the Spangler.
2. Mono-to-fluoro connection — I use the Seaguar.
3. Spectra to mono or fluoro connection — I use a double Albright.
4. Dropper loop — I use the Surgeon's Loop.

Don't be tempted to learn and practice five different knots for the same application. All the good knots work well if tied perfectly and all the good knots fail when tied imperfectly. Only confusion and failure result when you know five knots marginally but none perfectly. All of the crew members and fishing pros have their favorite knots, and they never fail because their knots are tied perfectly. Types of knots (or crimping versus knots) are personal preference. They all work when done correctly and all fail when done incorrectly.

Solution: Learn 4 basic knots perfectly — practice 5 minutes every month.



AVOID BAD KNOTS at all costs!

4

USING OLD OR BAD LINE

OMG, you spend \$1,000s of dollars on a trip and use old, cheap or damaged line. Bad line is a major impediment to hooking fish and bad line is a major cause for losing fish once they are hooked. Monofilament line has memory, and the tight coils it develops in just a week create significantly more drag in the water — picture a giant slinky in the water. Coiled line is more difficult to cast, it reduces the perfection of the bait presentation and it makes a solid hook-set more difficult. Long casts are frequently necessary to get your bait to boiling fish, into the current or away from the boat. Have you ever seen fish boiling on the chum but ignoring hooked bait? The increased drag of coiled line on your live bait will weigh it down, slow it down and make it appear unnatural. Finally, the giant slinky makes solid hook-sets more difficult as the line needs to be straight and tight to penetrate the bony jaws of many gamefish. Old monofilament line on your reel is bad even if it has never been used. You should also always check your line for nicks, abrasion and other damage that can weaken

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your line and quickly replace it to avoid losing the next big fish you hook.

Fluorocarbon usually gets bit better than mono and the coiling can be straightened by pulling the line under pressure. I use a 15-foot topshot of Seaguar Gold fluorocarbon on all my bait rigs tied directly to my braid.

Solution: Use fresh, high-quality line.



YOU SPEND LOTS of money on your fishing gear, so don't skimp when it comes to putting fresh line on your reel before a trip.

5

NOT LISTENING TO THE CREW

The crew is on the water every day, and they want you to catch fish. They know what works best and what does not. But, believe it or not, a lot of anglers just don't listen to or follow the crew's advice. I've heard salty old anglers say to young deck hands, "I've been fishing since before you were born." These are often the guys making the same mistakes for 30 years. It is also very frustrating for the crew after telling passengers multiple times what works to see them still doing their way. The crew knows the proper drag setting, where's best to toss in, the best bait in the tank, how to do the tuna shuffle and stay out of tangles. Ask them for help. Listen to them and you will



UGLY AND EMBARRASSING – Bad knots fit the bill for both.

hook and land more fish.

Solution: ALWAYS, listen to your deckhands and follow their advice, ALWAYS.

Bonus Time: Here are some bonus tips which will continue to improve your hookup and landing success.

Be prepared - Have the right gear ready to go at the right time. Be sure to be ready to get in the water when the captain says go.

Setting the hook – Learn how to set the hook when using J-Hooks and circle hooks. Always get tight before lifting your rod.

Use good quality, sharp hooks - Sharpen your hooks and check them frequently. A razor-sharp hook is more likely to grab and hold a fish. An ultra-sharp hook is also less invasive and damaging to the bait, penetrating the nose, shoulder or belly of the bait with less trauma.

Avoid or reduce tangles and try getting out of them ASAP - If your baits are tangled, chances are you won't get bit, and if you do get bit the odds of landing the fish drops dramatically. If your fish are tangled, your odds of landing both or all fish decrease substantially. Tangles are avoidable much of the time. You can avoid tangles by being aware of where your bait is and where your fish is and by keeping them in front of you all the time.

Upgrade your gear and dispose of the old stuff - Sell or donate rods and reels you haven't used in five years. They are taking up valuable space and if you

haven't used them in five years, you likely never will. The new 2- and 3-speed reels and new technology rods just work better, are smoother, cast better, are more powerful and more reliable.

Set and reset drags correctly -

Be sure to set your drags correctly before your first cast and to reset them every morning of a fishing trip. Ask a crew member to set your drag and pull on it to learn what 10 pounds, 20 pounds, etc. feels like so you can do it next time without help.

Maintain reels and rods in perfect condition - Saltwater, dirt, old grease and normal wear and tear of drags and moving parts are all problematic for reels. A sticky drag or bad free spool are huge impediments for success. Service your reels just like your car or body. Check

your ceramic guides for cracks which can cut line.

Reduce your fight time by 20% - The longer you fight your fish, the more can go wrong. Having the drag set properly is critical. Trust your drag and when the fish is straight up and down it's time to add pressure by going past strike on your lever drag, tightening the star drag or aiding the drag by pushing the line against the hypolon on the rod. Very few hooks pull because of too much pressure. Excess time in the water can result in losing your fish to many factors: sharks, sea lions, tangles, kelp, rocks, the bottom of the boat — including the rudder or props — a weak point in the line or being cut off by a freshly-hooked fish.

Learn, Practice and Bring a Positive Attitude - Keep learning, practice and bring a positive attitude onto the boat. You will catch more fish and have more fun.

CONCLUSION

So even though the Love Story movie taught us, "It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," it's even better to love and keep the girl. In fishing, it's better to hook the fish, land the fish and eat the fish. Follow these lessons and you will do more of all of the above.



KEEPING HOOKS razor-sharp is imperative to hooking and landing more fish.

Charters 2022

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.

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Oct 26	The Endeavor, Overnight	2 SPOTS	Andrew Ratzky
Oct 27	Channel Islands freelance. Ventura Harbor Sportfishing Fare includes crew tip. Food and fish cleaning are extra. All passengers must show evidence of Covid vaccination prior to the departure date.	Cost: \$192 for LARRC Members \$207 for non-members Limit 22 passengers	aratzky@att.net

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BLUE - LARRC Charter GREEN - Larry Brown Charter ORANGE - Larry Brown/LARRC shared charter

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SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Bass, Calico	25	John Ballotti	5	8	Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	203	0
Grouper, Broom Tail	50	Chas Schoemaker	20	0*	Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	120	0
Jack Crevalle	40	Chas Schoemaker	25	1*	Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	210	0
Sheephead	25	John Ballotti	11	4	Tuna, Dogtooth	50	Cathy Needleman	180	0*
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Grayling	8	John Ballotti	4	8*	Tuna, Dogtooth	50	Cathy Needleman	80	0
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	6	12	White Sea Bass	40	Cathy Needleman	48	0
Bass, Striped	4	Scott Schiffman	8	10*	White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	52	0
Grayling	6	Joel Steinman	4	4*	White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	63	1
Grayling	6	John Ballotti	4	0	White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	52	9
Pike, Northern	30	Joel Steinman	27	8*	White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	51	0
Sunfish, Longear	30	John Ballotti	21	0	White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	8	5
Trout, Lake	6	John Ballotti	10	0	JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Trout, Lake	6	Joel Steinman	8	0	Bass, Calico	30	David Stich	7	0*
Trout, Lake	20	Joel Steinman	10	0	Dorado	25	Carson Glider	28	2*
Trout, Rainbow	3	Mark Manculich	4	1	Yellowtail	25	Carson Glider	33	6*
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Buffalo Emperor	30	Cathy Needleman	8	0*	Yellowtail	40	David Stich	19	0*
Grouper	80	Cathy Needleman	65	0	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Grouper, Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	15	0	White Sea Bass		Cathy Needleman	8	5
Mackerel, Sierra	30	Cathy Needleman	9	7	March 6, 2022				
Mangrove Jack	80	Cathy Needleman	16	8*	FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
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	0*					
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, Speckled	30	Cathy Needleman	3	8*					
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	234	0					

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The following people have applied for membership this month:

- Daniel Tabor of Los Angeles, who is a community college professor
- Bill Lang of North Tustin, who is a CPA



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