

Chum Line



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

LARRC DINNER MEETING

AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT ANNOUNCING THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



November 28, 2022

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd • Van Nuys, CA

Happy Hour Starts at 6:00 pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

This month, the Pacific Fishery Management Council took preliminary action to implement hard caps on the California drift gillnet fishery. Hard caps would close the drift gillnet fishery if it reached a limit on the number of endangered or threatened marine mammals and sea turtles caught. Hard caps are a backstop to ensure the fishery acts within pre-determined limits. The Council is scheduled to take final action in June, and I'll be back in touch to get your support.

In October, I participated in an international meeting on bluefin tuna management attended by the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and others. We've all seen more bluefin in the water, and, in order to keep the recovery going, managers agreed to leave commercial quotas at the present levels. But, if the stock continues to grow, managers will likely increase catch. Drop me a line if you have thoughts about how to secure recreational Pacific bluefin tuna opportunities as commercial fisheries grow.

◆ California delays Dungeness crab opening for fourth year

- Over the past few years we've all heard news about increased whale entanglements in the Dungeness crab fishery. As part of a program to permit Dungeness fishing while reducing risk to whales, leatherback turtles and other wildlife, California worked with the California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group to develop a Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program. They collected data on these species and then uses the data to evaluate the risk of entanglements with fishing gear. The result is data driven closures that protect fishing and protected species. It's a pilot program for how we can better use ecosystem information to create dynamic management that adjusts to changing habitat conditions. <https://www.nationalfisherman.com/west-coast-pacific/california-delays-dungeness-crab-opening-for-fourth-year>

◆ In October, the U.S. Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing released its wide reaching **National Five-Year Strategy for Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing**. Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing is one of the greatest threats to ocean health and a significant cause of overfishing. It contributes to the collapse or decline of fisheries that are critical to the economic growth, food systems, and ecosystems of numerous countries around the world. It is also a global problem that disadvantages law-abiding fishers and seafood producers. Read more about the Strategy at - <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/agency-statement/federal-agencies-release-joint-us-strategy-combating-illegal-unreported-and>

◆ **'Astounding' amount of fishing gear lost in ocean each year** - It's known as "ghost gear." Abandoned traps, aimlessly drifting nets, and other lost fishing equipment can haunt the ocean for years, ensnaring and killing whales, turtles, and other marine creatures. The magnitude of the problem has been hard to quantify, but a new study provides the first solid global estimate of the amount of equipment lost each year: enough nets to cover Scotland, for example, and fishing line that could wrap around the equator 400 times. <https://www.science.org/content/article/astounding-amount-fishing-gear-lost-ocean-each-year>

◆ **NOAA Science Center in La Jolla Finds Count of Gray Whales Along West Coast Down by 40%** - The number of gray whales migrating along the Pacific Coast of North America has declined by nearly 40% from a 2016 peak, according to new U.S. research. In addition, the population produced its fewest calves on record this year, researchers noted in a report released Friday. The 38% drop from the population's 2016 high of 27,000 whales to 16,650 this year resembles previous fluctuations, but warrants further attention. The latest decline, though not fully explained, likely entails several factors including environmental changes that have shifted the whales' food sources of tiny crustaceans and other invertebrates they prey on in the Arctic. <https://timeofsandiego.com/tech/2022/10/09/noaa-science-center-in-la-jolla-finds-count-of-gray-whales-along-west-coast-down-by-40/>

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Veterans' Fishing

By Steve Simon

Our last Veterans' trip of the year was October 25. We had 15 Veterans and 5 LARRC members as deckhands. Joe Mahfet, Ron Glider, Ed Lieberman, and Jim Carlisle and myself.

Great trip will look forward to next year



2nd Place, 1st Place, Most fish caught



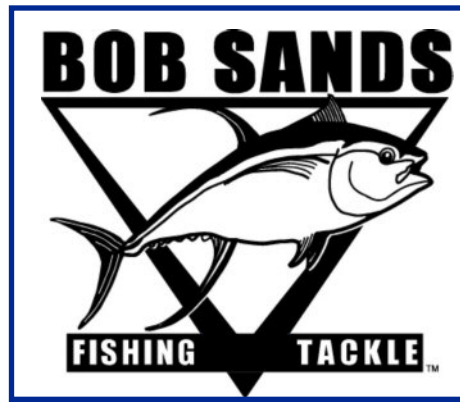
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**SUNDAY
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SWAP MEET & TACKLE SALE



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Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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Get the “Back-up Rig - FAST”

By Larry Brown

My very recent 10-Day Fall Intrepid trip produced great action on huge yellowtail on the Ridge, good wahoo fishing at the Rocks and one day and night of BFT fishing off Desperation Reef. Captain Sam Moore announced we had one more hour to fish before we had to head home. I was soaking a bait with 80# Gold Label and an 8 oz sinker when I was hammered on my Avet HX and Phenix PHD809 rated for 30 – 80. This is NOT a Cow Tuna rig! Line was screaming out so fast I was positive it was a monster. I fish with a very snug drag, some captains and deckhands call “stupid tight.” But this tuna didn’t seem to know he was hooked. I saw my line disappearing and asked the deckhand by my side if they had a back up rig ready. I was half joking but after a few more seconds realized we may need one. From the upper deck Captain Sam had seen what was happening ran downstairs, asked for my rod and immediately called for the “back up.” It arrived 20 seconds later with 20 wraps of line left on my spool. They connected it to my rig, but-toned down my drag to full and sent my beautiful outfit flying through the air and on a wild ride into the Pacific. Even with the backup (a 50 Wide) in free spool there was an unfathomable amount of drag on the fish. Imagine the drag created by 700 yards of braid, my rod and reel and a big float dragging through the dense water and an angry fish at the end has on the knots, line, gear and of course the fish. The mean, angry beast took out another 300 yards before she stopped. We very slowly retrieved my rod until we could see it on top of the water still a football field away. Then 80 yards, 50 yards, 30 yards (a boat length away. So close, but so far away. 10 yards, 5 yards, 4, 3, 2, 1 and I’m able to stretch out and reach the butt of my rod. Still connected to the back-up rig (just for good measure) I start winding my Avet HX. It’s a long way from 20 wraps to a full spool and victory but you do it one wind at a time.

It was dinner time and getting close to our time to head home. The damn fish didn’t hear the dinner call or care about us missing our eta. I was the only one in the water and feeling guilty I was holding up the program. But it was a gorgeous sunset, I was gaining line and wondering if this was a cow tuna and heard one of the deckhands suggest shark. Crap. Wait I feel a tail beat and will it to be a tuna. A cow tuna, by God! Captain Sam decides to chase the bugger down. As he idles forward reeling is easy, in fact it’s hard to keep up with the boat and I’m concerned about slack in my line and letting the bastard spit the hook. I’m

reeling in high gear (it’s a 3-speed) until we are finally up and down over the fish and again it’s just man versus beast. I finally get to my 100’ mark on my line but the fish still has a strong will to live and a lot of fight. I feel a strong tail beat and get him into a death circle so I’m 99.9% sure it’s a tuna. But this is where shit happens. The wind is picking up and now I’m fighting the fish and the boat bouncing up and down in the waves. But methodically I’m gaining. We get deep color and the fish knows his freedom is now or never and starts to dog the fight. I also know it’s now or never and go past strike to add more pressure, hoping the line is not too fatigued, my knots hold, the hook doesn’t straighten, and the fish doesn’t reverse his circle and cut me off with his sharp teeth. At 10 ft down I can feel victory but know agony is waiting to happen. A few more circles, the gaffs go in and victory is ours.

But wait. When the fish is coming over the rail and lands on the deck I don’t see no stinking cow. I see a 130lb class BFT. I’m a bit embarrassed my ass was just handed to me by a juvenile delinquent. To break the silence I ask, “where’s the other half?” And “Is that all there is?” The crew sees the humor and we all have a good laugh. It proves not all people are the same and not all tuna are the same. We have 150lb bullies and 250lb gentle giants we all know. This fish was a 130lb gangster from Oceanside that equaled some of the cow tuna I’ve landed. It also took a village to land it. Thank you Captain Sam for chasing it down, Captain Richard for being my second and manning the back-up rig, and Shane and both Roberts for joining the battle. I’m proud I did all my own winding but it took a village to beat the beast.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

November 21, 2022
Meeting via Zoom
6:30pm

Please check email for password

Dinner Meeting

November 28, 2022
Social Hour 6:00pm • Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm
Lulu’s Restaurant - 16900 Roscoe Blvd • Van Nuys, CA

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Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happenings"

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

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

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PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR UPCOMING 2023 CHARTERS

Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation & AmazonSmile

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September 30, 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, 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*
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

MEN'S OCEAN RELEASED

Dorado	50	Joel Steinman	40 Released
Pargo	50	Joel Steinman	15 Released
Rainbow Runner	20	Joel Steinman	15 Released
Sierra	20	Joel Steinman	10 Released
Snapper, Cubera	50	Joel Steinman	60 Released
Tarpon	50	Joel Steinman	100 Released

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

Buffalo Emperor	30	Cathy Needleman	8	0*
Grouper	80	Cathy Needleman	65	0
Grouper, Yellowtail	30	Cathy Needleman	15	0
Mackerel, Sierra	30	Cathy Needleman	9	7
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	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

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

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	203	0
Tuna, Bluefin	80	Cathy Needleman	120	0
Tuna, Bluefin	130	Cathy Needleman	210	0
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	63	1
White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	52	9
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	51	0
White Sea Bass	60	Cathy Needleman	8	5

WOMEN'S FLY ROD

WOMEN'S FRESH WATER

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED

Amberjack	50	Cathy Needleman	25 Released
Marlin, Blue	50	Cathy Needleman	200 Released
Pargo	50	Cathy Needleman	300 Released
Sailfish	50	Cathy Needleman	100 Released
Snapper, Cubera	50	Cathy Needleman	40 Released
Tarpon	50	Cathy Needleman	80 Released

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Bass, Calico	30	David Stich	7	0*
Dorado	25	Carson Glider	28	2*
Yellowtail	25	Carson Glider	33	6*
Yellowtail	40	David Stich	19	0*

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

White Sea Bass	Cathy Needleman	8	5
March 6, 2022			

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR



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