

Chum Line



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

JULY 2024

LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES EMMA SHUPARSKI, B.Sc - STRAIGHTWATCH QUADRA COORDINATOR

We are going to have a whale of a meeting this month. Emma Shuparski will be joining us from Quadra Island, British Columbia. Emma is a seasoned naturalist with an academic specialization in coastal geography and cetology (the study of whales, dolphins and porpoises). She has been working for Straightwatch for 4 years and will be discussing her work in British Columbia studying and researching all types of whales. Straightwatch is a stewardship-based marine mammal monitoring and education program that operates in several areas of the Salish Sea area including Quadra Island.

Please join us for a program that is guaranteed to elevate your appreciation for the next pod of whales you encounter.



Dinner Meeting July 29, 2024

Social Hour 5:30pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm
Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys

What's On My Mind

By John Ballotti

Participation

Our club's 75 years of continuous existence is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. As the average age of our members rises, it's crucial for the next generation of club leaders to step forward. Are you ready to be one of them? I believe you are, but you might need more information about the available roles and the time commitment required to excel in these positions.

Let's discuss what is available. You should already know that the club has seven members on the board of directors who are responsible for the club's affairs overall. Directors serve a two-year term. The terms overlap, so some continue each year while others term out or stand for re-election. A director is limited to two consecutive terms.

Committees are the backbone of our club, driving all our activities. The committee chairs play a pivotal role in planning and executing these activities, ensuring the smooth functioning of the club.

Our club has 27 committees. That is a lot, and consolidation of similar committees may be in order. One important reason there are so many committees is to spread the work and not have any one committee chair overwhelmed. You do not need to be on the board of directors to be a committee chair. This is worth repeating. You do not need to be a member of the board of directors to be a committee chair. Some committees are more active, such as Chum Line or Membership. Some are not, e.g., Family Events and Taxes. Let's look at some of the more recognizable committees:

Apparel—The apparel chair is responsible for ordering the logo jackets, hats, sweatshirts, etc. We do not maintain an inventory except for hats. Steve Simon has been doing this for more years than I can remember. I know he would be happy to train a new Apparel Chair.

Charters – There is an overall club charter chair and individual charter masters for each charter. Dustin House is the club's charter chair. If you want to see more or a different type of charter, step up and research the boat or location. Determine the cost and present it to Dustin and the board of directors.

Chum Line Editor—The Chum Line is our newsletter, published monthly. The editor is responsible for assembling the articles and forwarding them to the graphic designer.



Sophia Huynh does a beautiful job, and I am sure she would like some help training the next editor.

Environmental Affairs—If you are interested in the environment and sustainable fishing, this would be an excellent committee chair for you. Non-resident member Theresa Labriola from Wild Oceans often contributes pertinent articles to the Chum Line. Local knowledge is also essential. Please get in touch with me if this interests you.

Membership—This is perhaps the most important committee. Richard Stone has done an outstanding job increasing membership over the last three years. I know Richard is looking for his replacement. If you like meeting new people and talking up the club and foundation activities, then this committee chair is just right for you.

Earl Warren Memorial Kids' Trip – This committee has two chairs: i) Volunteers and ii) Kids. It is the heart and soul of the club and foundation. Richard Stone and John Goss have worked tirelessly to invite, organize, and execute this special day. They would like to train the next generation of kids' trip leadership.

Lou Berke Trout / Catfish Derby - This special event for LAUSD special needs kids has become well known throughout the community. Taking nearly 100 special needs kids fishing each year, along with an equal number of volunteers, requires flawless preparation and execution. Steve Simon's dedication and enthusiasm for the event are infectious. Steve wants to work with the next-generation leader to ensure a smooth transition. It does take some time and energy to pull this event off. However, the children's giggles, smiles, and squeals all make up for it.

Mentors' and Veterans' Trips—The chair of these committees' primary function is arranging for the boat and participants. Working with kids and veterans is very rewarding. If this interests you, please let me know.

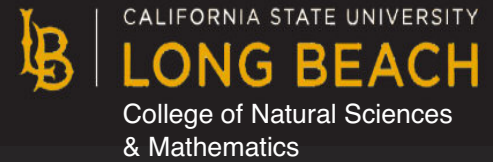
There are more committees, but you are probably tired of reading about them by now. Just know that they are there, and if anything interests you, contact me. You will not be alone in any committee you chair. The club's board of directors and the foundation's trustees are here to help you.

LARRC FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

By Pamela Warren

I write to you as a Trustee of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Foundation, delegated as the liaison between the Foundation and applicants for the student scholarships the Foundation grants on a yearly basis. Last year the Foundation voted to give California State University Long Beach (CSULB) \$10,000.00 in funds for their graduate marine sciences scholarship applicants. The University reviews the student applications and awards the scholarship funds to the students they have chosen. In 2023, four students received

the Foundation funds. In the next four months, beginning with this issue, the Chumline will be highlighting each student. The gratitude for these funds expressed not only by the students, but the University liaison as well, cannot be understated. It gives me much joy to be able to represent the Foundation in one of many meaningful ways in which it supports and nurtures the future of the marine environment and sportfishing.



2023-2024

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Foundation Scholarship



Whitney Jones
Biology, M.S.

“With this funding I am able to continue my research goals of understanding how juvenile white sharks respond to sounds of beach activities from people in the water...I am honored to be a recipient and am excited to make the most of this opportunity”

Why I chose my field of study

Whether it be environmental pressure, societal influence, or a combination of factors, the way humans perceive and respond to the environment has changed drastically throughout the years; and likewise the way neighboring species interact with people has changed. My general research interests are in understanding the interactions that result in the co-occurrence of human and non-human animals. What interests me the most within this field is quantifying what sensory cues drive marine predator interactions with people in the water. Historically, mitigation efforts to reduce risk of harm to people in the water have led to ecologically damaging programs such as gillnets and drum-lining. My motivation for research on human to non-human animal interactions is that these mitigation practices can be replaced or used more sparingly with scientifically informed policies as opposed to those based in fear or social stigma.

Dear Ms. Warren,

I am writing to express my gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation.

I've spent a year developing this project with my advisor and your support has allowed me to see that work put into action. With this funding I am able to continue my research goals of understanding how juvenile white sharks respond to sounds of beach activities from people in the water. This will not only be useful to the public, which can use this information to inform beach goers of safe ocean habits but will also provide me with the experience in developing and implementing a project that will prepare me for a career in academia and research.

Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in my abilities! I am honored to be a recipient and am excited to make the most of this opportunity.

Best Wishes,
Whitney Jones

BETTY-G BASS

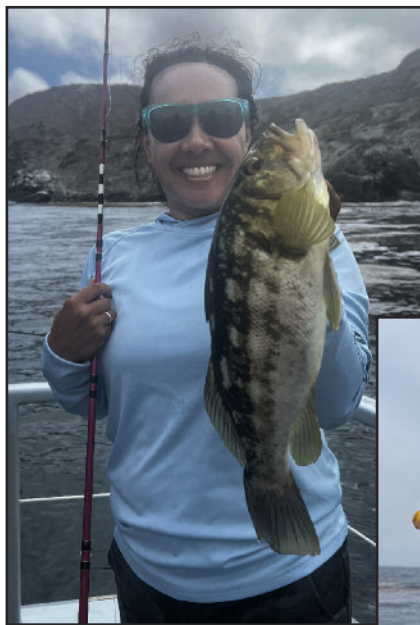
By Sophia Huynh

Very very early in the morning on Saturday June 29th, I met some friends for a day trip on the Betty-G out of Redondo Sportfishing. It was my first time fishing from there and on the boat. It's a smaller boat with 4 bunks, a table and a bathroom for amenities. We had 8 passengers and everyone was part of the same group that fish together often.

Since there isn't a galley or microwave, you pack a small cooler with your food and drinks. This group is awesome and they all bring food to share. There was donuts, 2 types of fried chicken, little cream puffs and I made tuna salad. Good to grab and eat was the best since there's not too much room to sit.

We left at 4am and headed to the back side of Catalina Island. The plan was to fish for calico bass and hope for some yellowtail. We had great calico bass fishing in the kelp on plastics and sardines with a smattering of barracuda, bonito and one small yellowtail that broke off. Then we went for sheephead with some white fish mixed in.

We had so much fun and I got more comfortable casting into the kelp. It was a long day but totally worth it.



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CALENDAR

Board Meeting

July 22, 2024

Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information if you would like to attend the Board Meeting.

Dinner Meeting

July 29, 2024

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Social Hour - 5:30pm Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm

Marine Mentors' Trip

August 5, 2024

Veterans' Trip

August 15, 2024

October 17, 2024



Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation

June 17, 2024

To: LARRC Club Members

From: Ed Lieberman and Steve Simon
Co-Chairman, Los Angeles Rod and
Reel Club Foundation

Re: Exciting News! 2025 Annual Banquet (75th Anniversary)
Silent and Live Auctions

The Club and Foundation will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary at the annual banquet to be held on Sunday February 23, 2025!

The silent and live auctions at the banquet have always been a major fundraising event for the Foundation. The funds provide recreational fishing opportunities for homeless, disadvantaged, at risk, under-served, or in-need individuals in the general Los Angeles area including youth groups, community recovery facilities and veterans. As well as funding scholarships for marine biology students and marine biology research.

We especially need help and participation from every club member this year to solicit items for the silent and live auctions, no matter how large or how small. Our goal is to raise more funds this year to commemorate our 75th Anniversary.

The foundation will be appointing a committee of club and foundation members that will lead the effort to obtain auction items.

This year, we are hoping to have new auction items (in addition to the fishing related items) that appeal to everyone. Items such as hotel and vacation packages, jewelry, autographed sports memorabilia, celebrity meet and greets, concert and sports tickets, artwork, adventure experiences, tech items (speakers, earbuds etc.) beauty and spa packages, private chef experiences, museum passes, etc.

We really need this to be a group effort. If every member forwards this memo to their friends requesting in-kind donations or asks friends if they have any contacts, we know we can meet our goal.

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If you are not comfortable asking directly, please forward the contact information of the individual to be contacted to me, and one of the committee members will make the call for you.

Soon, you will receive Live and Silent Auction Donation Forms to be distributed to any donor of cash or in-kind items for the auctions along with an information sheet which explains the Foundations charitable goals, etc.

Another way for you to help: This year's fundraising will include requesting cash donations for advertising or sponsorship. The advertising or sponsorship will appear in a special 75th Anniversary edition of "The Chumline".

Thank you for your participation. The auction committee will be communicating with club members on a regular basis for status reports on everyone's efforts and progress.

More exciting news to come as the banquet planning committee continues to make the 75th Anniversary event very special.

Ed Lieberman and Steve Simon
Co-Chairman and Trustees, LARRC Foundation

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- Congratulations • Graduation • Anniversary • Illness • Appreciation
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Donations maybe deducted. Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

Information Request and Donations may be addressed to:

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TROPHY CONTENDERS 2024
as of June 30, 2024

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Barracuda	30	John Ballotti	9	3*	Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochihara	17	3
Bass, Calico	40	John Ballotti	6	0	Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochihara	15	4
Hailbut, California	30	Ed Liberman	15	0	WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Halibut, California	40	Merit McCrea	30	0*	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Yellowtail	40	John Ballotti	23	15	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
MEN'S FLY ROD					Trout, Rainbow 6 Sophia Huynh Released				
Bass, Sm Mouth	12	John Ballotti	3	4*	WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
Trout, Cutthroat	12	Rob Baldwin	15	5*	JUNIOR MEMBERS				
MEN'S FRESH WATER					Barracuda 40 David Stich 10 0*				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	John Ballotti	6	12*	Bass, Calico 40 David Stich 5 0*				
Bass, Lg Mouth	12	Joel Steinman	3	14*	Halibut 40 David Stich 13 0*				
Trout, Rainbow	8	Steve Simon	2	8	Sheepshead 40 David Stich 12 0*				
MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED					Yellowtail 30 Asher Cohen 41 0*				
Bass, Lg Mouth	3	Paul Varenchik	Released		FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Steve Simon	Released		Halibut, California 25 Wendy Tochihara 17 3				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Scott Schiffman	Released		<i>February 24, 2024</i>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Joel Steinman	Released		FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
Trout, Brook	6	Kevin Boyle	Released						

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 members/ family - i.e., happy or sad news; health
 issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.



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