



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean AUGUST 2024

LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES SCOTT MANSON

Scott Manson, is the author of A History of Tady Lures as well as an Izorline Pro Staffer and a CCA board member for the Orange County. He will be presenting his research of the Tady family and everything Tady Lures has ever produced. He has just returned from a trip to Cedros Island and will share his tips and techniques for throwing surface iron.



Dinner Meeting August 26, 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

This and That

One of the significant projects I've been involved in is the creation of a new club logo to mark our 75-year journey. Designed by Debbie Norris with input from many members, this logo is a symbol of our rich history and promising future. Here it is:



The logo will be unveiled at the February 2025 Annual Banquet and Fundraiser, a key event for our club's 75-year celebration. Please mark your calendars for February 23, 2025, at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge, and show your support for your club and foundation.

In conjunction with the annual event, a Special Edition of the Chum Line, both online and in print, will be distributed at the event. It will feature articles by past presidents, highlights of the club's past achievements, and congratulatory messages.

Youth fishing is central to our club's community service. This summer, in partnership with the Los Angeles Marine

Protected Area Collaborative, we developed a short educational presentation to show the kids once they boarded the boat. If you were on the



first mentors' trip or the annual kids' trip, you might have seen the back of my head speaking to the kids. It is a simple but effective discussion of 3 topics: I.Why the Ocean is Important, 2.What You Can Do to Help the Ocean, and 3. Angler Code of Conduct. The core message is that the ocean is a fragile resource that can be both utilized in a sustainable manner (fishing) and protected at the same time. Combined with the Marina del Rey Angler trips there will be 21 kids' trips this summer hosting around 350 youths.

On the CCA CAL front, we continue to monitor the state's 30 x 30 efforts and the MPA Decadal Review. The California Ocean Protection Council continues to struggle with definitions and applying those definitions to existing coastal areas that should count towards the goal of protecting 30 % of the California coast by the year 3030. The California Fish and Game Commission has received 20 petitions with 80 action items pertaining to requested changes to the existing Marine Protected Areas. Some are big changes, and some are administrative changes to simplify the language and designations of the MPAs. The Commission has tasked the Department of Fish and Wildlife to sort all action items and make recommendations. This is an enormous undertaking as there are partisan politics at work. CCA CAL is the leading advocacy organization representing recreational fishing interests.

Lots of activity and more to do. Stay tuned.

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CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola ~ August 2024

Pacific Bluefin Tuna Rebounds

I don't have to tell this audience that Pacific bluefin tuna population has grown exponentially in recent years. In June, scientists confirmed that the stock had recovered from less than 3% of the historic spawning stock biomass (SSB) to more than 20% SSB. In July, a global working group - including representatives from the United States, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and several Pacific island countries - announced new recommendations for Pacific bluefin tuna fishing. The agreement included increases in fishing quotas for certain sizes of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Eastern and Western Pacific regions at levels that will still allow for increases in stock size. "In less than a decade, countries, conservation organizations, and industry have proven that by working together, we can put recovery and sustainability within reach."

https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/newsroom/press-releases/pacific-bluefin-tuna-management-plan-state-ment-july-2024

More Whale Falls Found off Los Angeles than in the Rest of the World Combined

A mysterious discovery recently reveals how little we know about the deep ocean. A pair of scientific surveys recently found the remains of whales—seven confirmed and almost certainly more than 60 total skeletons in the dark depths, a phenomenon known as "whale fall". Before this effort, scientists had found only about 50 whale falls in all the world's oceans since 1977. When these large marine mammals die and sink, they form biological oases on the resource-poor seafloor. Whale falls provide nourishment and even habitat for a wide range of creatures. The abundant whale falls provide a concentrated opportunity to learn more about the food webs these biological bounties support and the lives of the creatures who depend on them. They may also reveal more about the role decomposing whales play in the ocean's carbon and nutrient cycle. https://hakaimagazine.com/news/more-whale-falls-

found-off-los-angeles-than-in-the-rest-of-world-combined

Federal Fisheries Management: Efforts to Reduce and Monitor Unintentional Catch and Harm Need Better Tracking

In June, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a new report entitled, Federal Fisheries Management: Efforts to Reduce and Monitor Unintentional Catch and Harm Need Better Tracking. The report found federal efforts to monitor and reduce the unintentional catch or other harm to marine species, also called bycatch, in U.S. commercial fisheries are currently lacking. Bycatch is fish and other marine species that are unintentionally caught or harmed by fishing activities. Data on bycatch are primarily collected by fisheries observers, who deploy on

fishing vessels to count or weigh bycatch. But, NMFS is not covering enough vessels. The process for developing bycatch estimates generally involves extrapolating data from a subset of fishing trips with observers to generate bycatch estimates for a whole fishery. GAO found that developing estimates is more complicated and less reliable for fisheries with fewer observers and more limited data. Ultimately, NMFS must let Congress know what resources they need to support observer programs so that stakeholders are more informed when making resource decisions.

https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-106336

White House announces US strategies for sustainable ocean management

Three new federal strategies were issued in June to help us better understand how to achieve conservation and ecosystem restoration goals and integrate climate action into a sustainable ocean economy. "These reports point the way to work with this precious natural resource to address inequities and injustice and to meet the challenges of the climate crisis and biodiversity loss." The U.S. National Strategy for a Sustainable Ocean Economy will guide ocean policies to conserve healthy ecosystems, support resilient communities, and advance sustainable economic development. according to the White House. The National Ocean Biodiversity Strategy was developed by a team led by NOAA and the Smithsonian to help the federal government understand and restore ocean life by expanding the use of biodiversity information. The three-pronged strategy calls for the federal government to coordinate ocean research and conservation across the country, strengthen the information pipeline, and conduct listening sessions to understand the biodiversity needs of different interest groups. Finally, the National Aquatic eDNA Strategy is designed to advance low-cost and fast eDNA technologies to help scientists better understand what species are present in bodies of water. https://www.seafoodsource.com/ news/environment-sustainability/white-house-announcesnew-federal-strategies-for-sustainable-ocean-management

Warming oceans are pushing harmful algal blooms into polar waters

Alaska's Bering Strait was hit by an unprecedented bloom of toxic organisms, which cause paralytic shellfish poisoning, in 2022. Scientists say these polar blooms are more likely to occur as climate change pushes the oceans to ever higher temperatures. Scientists on a research vessel documented the extraordinary bloom, which may have otherwise gone unnoticed until someone consuming food contaminated with the microbe became ill. The blooms are becoming a threat to Arctic communities because

Bering Strait communities lack infrastructure to detect blooms. Local health officials only sprung into action to distribute advisories to the surrounding tribes, which rely on subsistence harvesting, after the researchers shared their high counts

https://www.science.org/content/article/warming-oceans-are-pushing-harmful-algal-blooms-polar-waters



STEVE SIMON

Born in Manchester, England – in 1944; Left for Chicago – in 1947 Headed to California in 1952– took up residency in Burbank

My parents started taking me fishing at Malibu Pier when I was ten years old.

When I was I4, my father would take me on overnight trips from Pier Point Landing, and from then on, my fishing adventures started.

I have fished in Mexico, Florida, Alaska, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Louisiana, and Hawaii.

After graduating high school, I started working in the Motion Picture industry. I was drafted in 1968. After boot camp, I was sent to Germany as a motion picture cameraman and was able to travel to 13 countries in 18 months.

After discharge, I started working in the motion picture industry on projects such as Star Wars, Titanic, Beverly Hills Cop II, and Sunset. Also, there are numerous television shows, which include Dallas, Hill Street Blues, Knight Rider, Knots Landing, Beverly Hills 90210, plus many others. I retired in 2006.



CALENDAR

Board Meeting

August 19, 2024 Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

August 26, 2024 Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406 Social Hour - 5:30pm Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm

> Veterans' Trip August 15, 2024 October 17, 2024

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PESCA PANAMA SPORTFISHING

By Dave 6 Morgan Tauring

If you are seeking a truly well equipped "all inclusive" exotic, expedition style with the comforts of a home fishing adventure, I have nothing but great things to say about Mike Aguat's Pesca Panama Sportfishing!

Your final destination is a fully equipped 80' home base fishing barge anchored just off the coast of Coiba, Central America's largest Island. The spacious platform includes an on-board kitchen and daily laundry service, two bathrooms

with hot showers, a comfortable indoor lounge and outdoor dining area with a full bar. The private rooms have 2 full and single bunk beds, air conditioners and ample A.C. plugs.

Very clean and comfortable.

When they say "all inclusive" they really mean it! This was my first time trying Mike's destination, but I quickly learned from the repeat guests that all you need for the week are pants for the planes, two pairs of shorts, two long sleeves uv tops, sandals or barefoot on the boats, a hat, and (important!) packable and portable "REAL" rain gear ... (I learned the hard way). In a nutshell, all that you need to pack for this trip should fit in a carry-on gym bag, not a suitcase, and from your arrival at the Panama City airport to your return home are well taken care of!

The Mothership barge is supported by a fleet of up to five 28' Ft. Lauderdale Built Ocean Masters with twin Suzuki 150 outboards, the English-speaking crews have already rigged and readied all the rods, terminal tackle and bait one could want for fishing this region. Between the three boats, two fishermen per boat, I was told we landed 30 species between us, including my Bucket list 47lb Rooster Fish and many others!

Mike Aguat's Pesca Panama Sportfishing does not advertise, and their November through June season may be booked up to a year or two in advance, but it pays to offer to be put on the waiting list for any spots that may become available every season.... that's how I got aboard this time.

Mike Aguat's Pesca Panama operation can be found at: https://www.pescapanama.com/

To get a complete picture of what it's like there I recommend watching the Stoked on Fishing episodes of their trips there on Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwh1Y4oKocb-jit5OpGmSIYIzIRYCVEK6j

Go Fishing, get Happy! Dave 6.











Submitted by Donald Goldsobel

It has been a while since I have contributed to this column. I have found something that I feel I must share with you. Halibut is one of the most difficult fish to cook consistently well. I found a way that guarantees success for delicious, moist halibut every time. You only need three



main ingredients. You need halibut fillet, Trader Joe's, ridged, sea salt, potato chips, seasoning, and mayonnaise.

Preheat the oven to 425°. Line a flat ovenproof pan with aluminum foil.

Rinse the fillets and pat them dry. Crush a couple of handfuls of potato chips in a bowl. Put a very thin layer of mayonnaise on the fillets to coat them completely. Roll the fillets in the crushed potato chips. Lay them on the pan. Place them in the upper 1/3 of the oven. A one inch thick fillet should cook in approximately 12 to 16 minutes depending on your oven and the thickness of the fish. A food thermometer should register approximately 132 to 135° F. when the fish is done. This is a matter of personal taste.

Bon appétit.

Members



David Goske fished aboard the Pride June 26th out of 22nd St. One of two white sea bass caught at gray light.

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2024

as of July 31, 2024

| SPECIES | LINE TEST | ANGLER | LBS. | OZ. | SPECIES | LINE TEST | ANGLER | LBS. | OZ. |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------|-------|
| MEN'S OCEAN WAT | | | | WOMEN'S OCEAN | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | |
| Halibut, California | 40 | Merit McCrea | 30 | 0* | | _ | | | |
| Halibut, California | 80 | Toby Williams | 40 | 3 | WOMEN'S FLY ROD | | | | |
| Yellowtail | 40 | John Ballotti | 23 | 15 | | | | | |
| MEN'S FLY ROD | | | | WOMEN'S FRESH WATER | | | | | |
| Bass, Sm Mouth | 12 | John Ballotti | 3 | 4* | | | | | |
| Trout, Cutthroat | 12 | Rob Baldwin | 15 | 5* | WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED | | | | |
| Trout, Outimoat | 12 | 1100 Daidwiii | 15 | 3 | Trout, Rainbow | 6 | Sophia Huynh | Rel | eased |
| MEN'S FRESH WAT | | | | WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED | | | | | |
| Bass, Lg Mouth | 15 | John Ballotti | 6 | 12* | | | | | |
| Bass, Lg Mouth | 12 | Joel Steinman | 3 | 14* | JUNIOR MEMBERS | 3 | | | |
| Trout, Rainbow | 8 | Steve Simon | 2 | 8 | Barracuda | 40 | David Stich | 10 | 0* |
| | | | | | Bass, Calico | 40 | David Stich | 5 | 0* |
| MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED | | | | | Bass, Largemouth | 8 | Valentine Steinman | Releas | sed |
| Bass, Lg Mouth | 3 | Paul Varenchik | Released Released | | Bass, Largemouth | 8 | Vincent Steinman | Relea | sed |
| Bass, Lg Mouth | 15 | Steve Simon | | | Bluegil | 8 | Vincent Steinman | Relea | sed |
| Bass, Lg Mouth | 15 | Scott Schiffman | Released | | Halibut | 40 | David Stich | 13 | 0* |
| Bass, Lg Mouth | 15 | Joel Steinman | Released | | Sheepshead | 40 | David Stich | 12 | 0* |
| Trout, Brook | 6 | Kevin Boyle | Rele | eased | Yellowtail | 30 | Asher Cohen | 41 | 0* |
| | | | | | FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR | | | | |
| | | | | | Halibut, California | 25 | Wendy Tochihara | 17 | 3 |
| | | | | | | | February 24, 2024 | | |
| | | | | | · FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR | | | | |
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