

Chum Line



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

LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES AREN ANTONIAN, OWNER, BOB SANDS TACKLE

Please come and meet Aren Antonian, the new owner of Bob Sands Tackle. Aren has been fishing since his youth and states that he practically grew up at Bob Sands. He, in fact, was employed by Sal Valone, the previous owner when Aren was older. He will be introducing us to his business as well as the fishing tackle he has in the store.



**Dinner Meeting
October 28, 2024
Social Hour 6:30pm**

Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm

Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys

What's On My Mind

By John Ballotti

Membership Renewal

Another year has passed, and it's time to renew your membership. For our new club members, this annual ritual keeps us going year after year. And if you've been paying attention, you'll know that next year marks our 75th year of continuous fun, friendship, fishing, and community service. It's a milestone we should all be proud of!



Some of you may be wondering why we have dues in the first place. There are certain operating expenses the club incurs that are not offset by income. Examples are insurance, storage, Chum Line, Website, Postage, Printing, Trophies, Yearbook, etc.

Dues renewal is simple and straightforward. You will have received or will receive your dues renewal notice in the mail. In the envelope will be my dues renewal letter, a letter from the Foundation co-chairs, your roster listing, the dues renewal form, and a self-addressed stamped return envelope. Here is all you need to do:

1. Put your name on the renewal form.
2. Indicate which membership you want (e.g., Active, Non-resident)
3. Correct any roster discrepancies on the back of the form.
4. Enclose a check payable to LARRC for your membership (\$120 or \$60)
5. If donating to the Foundation, enclose a separate check payable to the LARRC Foundation.
6. Put your checks and membership form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.
7. Mail

A word about Junior Members: the number of Junior Members has fallen in recent years, which is a shame because I know children and grandchildren are being born. Please take a moment to add your youngster (17 and under) to the roster.

I am looking forward to receiving your membership renewal.

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

Tribute Opportunity

Tribute Cards are available when you want to send your thoughts or feelings for –

- Congratulations • Graduation
- Anniversary • Illness Appreciation • Best Wishes
- New Home Baby Announcement
- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs • In Memoriam

Your LARRC Foundation is a charitable organization.

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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CALENDAR

Board Meeting

October 21, 2024
Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

October 28, 2024
Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406
Social Hour - 6:30pm Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm

Veterans' Trip

October 17, 2024

72nd Annual Banquet

February 23, 2025

CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola ~ August 2024

Let's start with a little inspiration and these 12 award-winning underwater photos give rare glimpses beneath the world's oceans

<https://www.aol.com/12-award-winning-underwater-photos-185502139.html>

Before turning to the question of what is "sustainable" and what we can do as consumers to support sustainability or a country to promote sustainability.

NOAA blocks U.S. ports for fishing vessels from 17 countries

NOAA Fisheries has banned U.S. port access for fishing vessels from 17 countries starting October 10, 2024. This decision targets vessels involved in illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing, or those harming protected marine life. The affected nations include China, Russia, and Mexico, among others. The port denials are aimed at vessels involved in illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing or fishing practices that harm protected marine life.

<https://www.nationalfisherman.com/noaa-blocks-u-s-ports-for-fishing-vessels-from-17-countries>

Rethinking sustainability of marine fisheries for a fast-changing planet

Many seafood products marketed as "sustainable" are not. More exacting sustainability standards are needed to respond to a fast-changing world and support United Nations SDGs. Future fisheries must operate on principles that minimise impacts on marine life, adapt to climate change and allow regeneration of depleted biodiversity, while supporting and enhancing the health, wellbeing and resilience of people and communities. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s44183-024-00078-2>

The Environmental Costs of Our Fish Sticks

Alaskan pollock is a \$2 billion industry supplying chains like McDonald's with fish sticks and other products. The fishing industry's destruction of marine habitats is compounding the dire effects of climate change on Alaska's ecosystems.

<https://jacobin.com/2024/10/fishing-industry-regulations-environment-alaska>

Due to alarming king salmon bycatch, feds close Alaskan pollock trawl fishery

The notion that Alaskan pollock are a sustainably caught fish took a mighty blow last week when the National Marine Fisheries Service closed the Gulf of Alaska pollock trawl fishery after a pair of midwater trawlers reported the bycatch of 2,000 increasingly rare Chinook salmon in a single day. According to the advocacy group SalmonState, observed salmon bycatch numbers in the Gulf of Alaska report that nearly 35,000 chinook salmon, almost 45,000 chum salmon and nearly 4 million pounds of halibut have been snatched up by trawl nets so far this year. Additionally, more than 800,000 crabs and 3 million pounds of Alaskan herring have also been observed as bycatch on pollock trawlers. "This is a wake up call for all Alaskans."

<https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/due-alarming-king-salmon-bycatch-feds-close-alaskan-pollock/7715995>

Health and Happenings

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happenings"

Please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email

simonmurphy08@gmail.com)

for any information about our club members/ family -

i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.

The Foundation Acknowledges this
Tribute Received in Memory of

Alison Marshall

by Brett Goldberg

Meet & Greet

PAUL VARENCHIK (FROM THE 2001 ARCHIVES)

My passion for sportfishing started in 1959 at Santa Monica Bay. Fishing was done aboard barges located at Santa Monica and Malibu and there was also a place called the Porch where for \$1, you could walk through the tackle shop at the end of Santa Monica Pier and fish off the back porch with live anchovies, which were included in your admission price. Bonita were the main target species in the 3-5lb range. What a way to get hooked on fishing! A Mitchell 3oz Spinner, 20lb line and a fly-lined anchovy constituted the gear.

There were skiff rentals on the pier equipped with bait at \$1.00 for a half scoop and \$2.00 for a full scoop, Then we were off to the breakers after calicos and flatties. Sportfishers operating off the pier were the *Kiaora* and the *Bright I*. Malibu operated the *Gee Bee* and the *Lenbrooke* as well as the barge boat *Wae Wee Goe*.

One experience on a foggy morning resulted on the way to the barge when we had to shut down the engines and start banging a frying pan. Since we had no radar the banging would result in sound signals from the barge.

From the late '50s to the middle '70s football size bluefin would show every year. That hasn't happened since, but we have had some incredible white seabass, dorado and yellowtail bites in the last decade

I graduated from Santa Monica Bay fishing to 22nd Street Landing in San Pedro and rode the family owned *Dina Lee*. Wide open skinnies on the iron! Talk about fun - on this boat, the father was the captain, mom did the cooking and the kids ran the deck. We used to skin the barries and send them into the galley where mom would bread and deep fry them. Yummy! Now, of course the Coast Guard does not permit fryers in the galleys anymore. In the mid '60s, yellows were the target and Todos Santos Island was the place. A lot of fishing knowledge could be learned riding those scows out of Gordos of Ensenada. The spoofers were the

only lure in town and one could also get quite an education in town.

My first long-range trip was in 1978 on *The Holiday* - 8 days for \$440. All the way to Alijos Rocks. Steve Giffin was the captain and owner.

Francine and I met in the catering business about 20 years ago and on one of our first dates I taught her how to bait the anchovy and fish. She enjoys fishing but only when the seas cooperate. On a recent Cabo trip we stayed at the *Twin Dolphins*. I was able to fish five minutes from shore and wave to Francine at our bungalow. She joined me for the yellowfin and dorado action for the next tow days.

On a recent birthday celebration we rode the *Stardust* out of Santa Barbara to One-Mile Reef and caught a beautiful 30lb white seabass and the jackpot. Although she's not as wild about fishing as I am, she always encourages me to go and it's a most important factor in a successful marriage. We have three sons who love the outdoors.

Francine is a new committee person for LARRC and takes care of the Welfare & Happenings reporting. We look forward to many pleasant years of association with the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club.



Advertise Your Business or Service in the Chum Line

The monthly prices are as follows:

1/8 page: \$20

1/4 page: \$40

1/2 page: \$80

Full page: \$160

The page format is 8.5 x 11 with 3/4" margins all around

One month FREE with 6 months of paid advertising!

Contact John Ballotti

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Members...

Reza Malekzadeh is holding his 38lb white seabass that he caught in July, aboard the Pride out of San Pedro!



TROPHY CONTENDERS 2024 as of September 30, 2024

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Barracuda	30	John Ballotti	9	3*
Bass, Calico	40	John Ballotti	6	0
Hailbut, California	30	Ed Liberman	15	0
Halibut, California	40	Merit McCrea	30	0*
Halibut, California	80	Toby Williams	40	3
Lingcod	30	Ed Liberman	16	8
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Rob Baldwin	86	2
Yellowtail	40	John Ballotti	23	15
MEN'S FLY ROD				
Bass, Sm Mouth	12	John Ballotti	3	4*
Trout, Cutthroat	12	Rob Baldwin	15	5*
MEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	John Ballotti	6	12*
Bass, Lg Mouth	12	Joel Steinman	3	14*
Carp, Common	15	Arthur Schiffman	14	0*
Tilapia	15	Arthur Schiffman	3	2*
Trout, Rainbow	8	Steve Simon	2	8
MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
Bass, Lg Mouth	3	Paul Varenchik	Released	
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Steve Simon	Released	
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Scott Schiffman	Released	
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Joel Steinman	Released	
Marlin, Striped	60	Michael Patton	Released	
Trout, Brook	6	Kevin Boyle	Released	

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	17	3
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WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
Trout, Rainbow	6	Sophia Huynh	Released	
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Barracuda	40	David Stich	10	0*
Bass, Calico	40	David Stich	5	0*
Bass, Largemouth	8	Valentine Steinman	Released	
Bass, Largemouth	8	Vincent Steinman	Released	
Bluegill	8	Vincent Steinman	Released	
Halibut	40	David Stich	13	0*
Sheepshead	40	David Stich	12	0*
Yellowtail	30	Asher Cohen	41	0*
FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	17	3
		<i>February 24, 2024</i>		
FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				



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