

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean JANUARY 2025

LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES ANTHONY CANNULI

AVID ANGLER

Anthony Cannuli - an avid angler in fresh and salt water with over 20 years professionally in the fishing industry. While working on boats for over 16 years and traveling around the country fishing; he has picked up a lot of different techniques and tips that he is happy to share. Currently he is a sales representative in the fishing industry and is an LA chapter board member with CCA he is committed to working towards a healthy future for our fishing community.



**Dinner Meeting
January 27, 2025
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

Happy New Year New Beginnings



I wish all club members and their families a new year of hope, happiness, good health, and prosperity.

As I look forward to our 75th year as a club, I am impressed with our members' generosity, goodwill, and helpfulness. For the past 75 years, the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club and Foundation have positively impacted the lives of thousands of children in need. I fully expect this to continue for the next 75 years and beyond.

Thanks to the efforts of **Richard Stone** and **Toby Williams**, our club has several new members. Welcome! For those who have just joined the club and as a refresher to current members, I would like to devote the rest of this message to explaining the difference between the Los Angeles Rod and Reel **Club** and the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club **Foundation**.

The Club and Foundation are separate organizations with unique Federal Tax Identification numbers. The Club

has officers and a board of directors, while the Foundation has trustees. The Club was founded in 1950, and the Foundation's Irrevocable Trust was created in 1951. The Club is an IRS 501(c)(4) organization, which the IRS defines as a tax-exempt entity that aims to promote the community's general welfare and common good. Dues and donations to the Club are not tax deductible. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization exclusively for charitable purposes. Donations to the Foundation may be tax deductible. Always check with a qualified tax expert before claiming a deduction.

In simpler terms, the Foundation is the money, and the Club is the muscle for our activities. There are always opportunities to help. The Foundation is looking for a member to manage the donated tackle. The tackle is sold once or twice a year to help finance Foundation events like the Kids' and Mentors' Fishing trips. If you are interested, please get in touch with me.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the Club or Foundation.

Finally, you should have received your invitation to the 75th Annual Awards Banquet and Fundraiser, which will be held on February 23rd at the Porter Valley Country Club. This will be a special event that you do not want to miss. Please RSVP as soon as possible to make it the best it can be.



Foundation Tackle Sales Crew

CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola ~ January 2025

I was reflecting back on the past few years and the opportunity to contribute to The Chum Line. Throughout the month, I tend to set aside articles focused on marine conservation and then share them with the understanding that we are the apex predator of this great ocean ecosystem. With that position comes great power and great responsibility to avoid pushing the under-water-world out of balance. Many of the articles, including those on whale entanglements, off-shore aquaculture and bluefin share this common theme of human error and also human learning. I hope that we continue to trend towards the latter, and that some of what I share with inspire you to continue to support the conservation of our marine ecosystem and marine fish for future generations.

California commercial Dungeness crab season delayed until January 5th

The decision comes as part of ongoing efforts to mitigate risks to marine life, particularly humpback whales, which have been increasingly vulnerable to entanglement in crab fishing gear. Observations from November showed high concentrations of humpback and blue whales in key fishing zones. Additionally, four confirmed entanglements of humpbacks in crab gear this year, along with nine more involving unidentified fishing equipment, have heightened concerns. Environmental groups have expressed support for the delay. For crabbers, however, the decision brings mounting economic uncertainty. Discussions around innovative solutions, like ropeless fishing gear, have further divided opinions within the industry. While some see it as a potential path forward, others consider the technology impractical in an already heavily regulated fishery. <https://www.nationalfisherman.com/calif-dungeness-season-delayed-again-entanglement-risks-push-back-opening>

California expands pop-up gear trials

California is set to double participation in a pilot program testing the use of pop-up fishing gear for harvesting Dungeness crab - a move that conservation groups say will lower the risk of whale entanglements in fishing gear. Nineteen commercial California Dungeness crab fishers took part in the 2024 trials, testing a variety of alternative crabbing gears that don't rely on vertical lines endangered humpback whales tend to be entangled by. "The pop-ups worked, and

we brought home every trap that we set!" Half Moon Bay, California, crab fisher Steve Melz said. "The whole test is a complete success: crabbing again in front of home, no dirty buoys to clean, you never go to the wrong end of the string, and not to mention the better price that is paid for the crabs."

<https://www.nationalfisherman.com/california-expands-pop-up-gear-trials>

Saving bluefin tuna: The sushi delicacy threatened by climate change

Once pushed to the brink of extinction by overfishing, bluefin tuna has experienced a spectacular rebound in recent years. Tuna is the most commercially valuable family of fish in the entire world and bluefin. A single bluefin fetches more than a tonne of skipjack, the smallest and most abundant tuna species. This high value has led to overfishing, severely depleting bluefin stocks in 2010. But in recent years, bluefin tuna populations experienced an incredible rebound after countries introduced more sustainable fishing quotas and cracked down on illegal fishing. It's a big success story. But bluefin tuna now face another major challenge: climate change. Studies show that bluefin tuna are highly sensitive to temperature changes, with small increases affecting their metabolism, breeding and feeding habits. This finding makes it even more important to manage bluefin with an eye towards long-term conservation that can sustain fishing for decades to come.

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20241210-saving-bluefin-tuna-the-sushi-delicacy-threatened-by-climate-change>

First aquaculture development plan in 40 years

The White House National Science and Technology Council has finalized the federal government's new aquaculture plan, the first in 40 years. The Strategic Plan for Aquaculture Economic Development outlines the government plans to invest in infrastructure, establish new research and development programs, and provide capital to the domestic aquaculture sector. This is the third and final part of the White House's National Aquaculture Development Plan. The other two parts - the National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture Research, which outlines federal priorities for research and technology, and the Strategic Plan to Enhance Regulatory Efficiency in Aquaculture, which

outlines how federal agencies can “improve efficiency, predictability, timelines, and reduce costs associated with the regulatory process” - were completed in 2022. <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/white-house-national-science-and-technology-council-finalizes-new-aquaculture-plan>

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Identification of Aquaculture

Opportunity Areas in U.S. Federal Waters off of Southern California Available NOAA Fisheries is collecting public comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement that analyzes the potential impacts to the human environment that could result from identifying Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in federal waters in the Southern California Bight NOAA. Comments are due February 20th.

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/draft-programmatic-environmental-impact-statement-identification-aquaculture>

**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.

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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.

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or Service in the Chum Line**

The monthly prices are as follows:

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1/4 page: \$40

1/2 page: \$80

Full page: \$160

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One month FREE with 6 months of paid advertising!

Contact John Ballotti
johnballotti1@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

January 20, 2025

Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

January 27, 2025

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Social Hour - 6:30pm Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm

72nd Annual Banquet

February 23, 2025

Veteran's BBQ



Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!





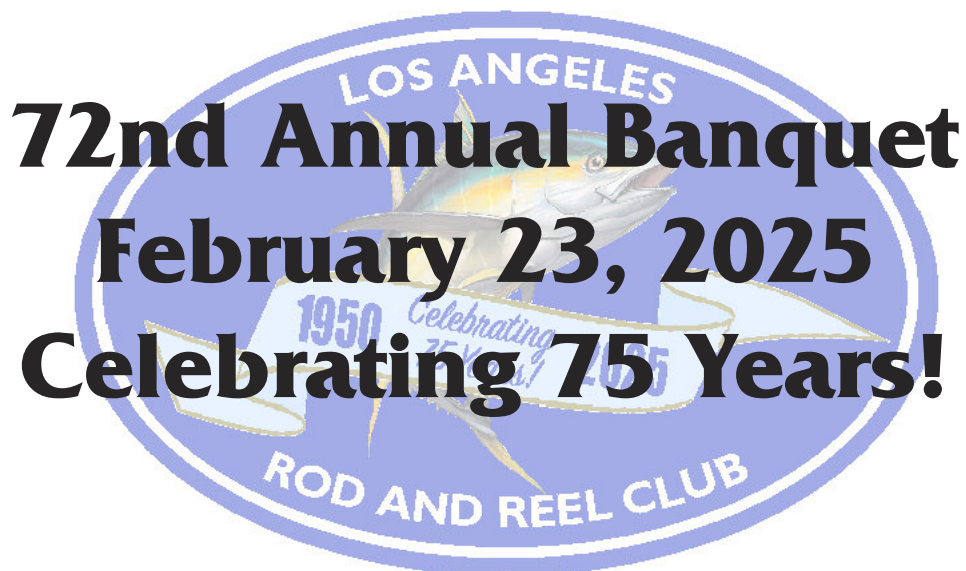


NEW CLUB RECORDS as of DECEMBER 31, 2024

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB	OZ
Barracuda	30	John Ballotti	9	3*
FLYROD				
Bass, Sm Mouth	12	John Ballotti	3	4*
Trout, Cutthroat	12	Rob Baldwin	15	5*
MEN'S FRESH				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	John Ballotti	6	12*
Carp, Common	15	Arthur Schiffman	14	0*
Tilapia	15	Arthur Schiffman	3	2*
JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Barracuda	40	David Stich	10	0*
Bass, Calico	40	David Stich	5	0*
Halibut, Pac	40	David Stich	13	0*
Sheephead	40	David Stich	12	0*
Yellowtail	30	Asher Cohen	41	0*

TROPHY WINNERS 2025
as of December 31, 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
Halibut, California	20	Steve Simon	17	0	WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Hailbut, California	30	Ed Liberman	15	0	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Halibut, California	40	Merit McCrea	30	0*	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
Halibut, California	80	Toby Williams	40	3	Trout, Rainbow	6	Sophia Huynh		Released
Lingcod	30	Ed Liberman	16	8	WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Rob Baldwin	86	2	JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Yellowtail	40	John Ballotti	23	15	Barracuda	40	David Stich	10	0*
MEN'S FLY ROD					Bass, Calico	40	David Stich	5	0*
Bass, Sm Mouth	12	John Ballotti	3	4*	Bass, Largemouth	8	Valentine Steinman		Released
Trout, Cutthroat	12	Rob Baldwin	15	5*	Bass, Largemouth	8	Vincent Steinman		Released
MEN'S FRESH WATER					Bluegil	8	Vincent Steinman		Released
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	John Ballotti	6	12*	Halibut	40	David Stich	13	0*
Bass, Lg Mouth	12	Joel Steinman	3	14*	Sheepshead	40	David Stich	12	0*
Carp, Common	15	Arthur Schiffman	14	0*	Yellowtail	30	Asher Cohen	41	0*
Tilapia	15	Arthur Schiffman	3	2*	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Trout, Rainbow	8	Steve Simon	2	8	Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochihara	17	3
MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED									<i>February 24, 2024</i>
Bass, Lg Mouth	3	Paul Varenchik		Released	FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Steve Simon		Released					
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Scott Schiffman		Released					
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Joel Steinman		Released					
Marlin, Striped	50	Chas Schoemaker		Released					
Marlin, Striped	60	Michael Patton		Released					
Marlin, Striped	60	Scott Schiffman		Released					
Trout, Brook	6	Kevin Boyle		Released					





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