

Chum Line



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


LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES BRIAN "THE CIGAR A'FISHIN'ADO" NGUYEN

LARRC is proud to have fishing tackle industry veteran, renowned tackle outfitter, and sportfishing advisor, Brian "The Cigar A'fishin'ado" Nguyen, as guest speaker at our March meeting. His seminar, "Sunrise to Sunset: Proactive Yo-yo Jig Fishing for Bluefin", will teach you step-by-step how to be effective using commonly available yo-yo jigs. Come learn how to proactively increase your jig bite opportunities and hook-to-land ratio by deploying practicable and repeatable techniques with appropriate equipment.



Sportfishing Workshop



Brian
"The Cigar A'fishin'ado"
Nguyen

SUNRISE TO SUNSET: PROACTIVE YO-YO JIG FISHING FOR BLUEFIN

- Rod & Reel Options
- Line & Leader Set-up
- Yo-Yo Jig Selection & Rigging
- Boat Drift
- Procedural Casting
- Jig Presentation
- Expectations of a Bite



Mon, March 31, 2025
Social @ 5:30PM
Meeting @ 7:00PM
Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd
Van Nuys, CA 91406

All Anglers Welcomed!
Please RSVP with John Ballotti
johnballotti1@gmail.com

Dinner Meeting March 31, 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

75th Anniversary Celebration

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration Banquet and Fundraiser took place on February 23rd. I hope you were there. If you were, you experienced a great venue, good food, terrific silent auction items, and an exciting live auction. There were 145 in attendance, which is a high bar to surpass at future events. Each attendee received a copy of the Chum Line Special Edition, a LARRC logo luggage tag, and a CCA CAL red bank pouch. The foundation raised over \$16,000 to help fund community service activities like taking underserved inner-city kids fishing, marine biology scholarships, and grants for education and research in all ocean matters.

The club recognized the 2024 fishing trophy winners and awarded Special Awards to deserving members who went above and beyond the call of duty in 2024.

Those winners were:

- Toby Williams** - Rookie of the Year
- Dustin House** - Distinguished Service Award
- Steve Simon** - Friendship Award
- David Stich and Asher Cohen** - Junior Sportsmen of the Year
- John Goss and Richard Stone** - Special Service Award
- Scott Schiffman** - Most Valuable Person Award
- Wendy Tochiara** - First Gamefish of the Year

The next time you see them at a dinner meeting or other event, please congratulate them for a job well done.

Looking forward to 2025, the club needs more weight slips, especially from junior members. Weight slips are in the Yearbook or online. We also need members to step up and participate in one of our many committees, the club board of directors, or the Foundation



David Stich, son of past president Brad Stich, with his Junior Sportsman of the Year and 2024 Fishing awards.



Trustees. If you have any questions about how or where you can help, please get in touch with me.

In 2025, the club will offer four fishing charters: two (2) 1.5-day trips on the Navegante in June and October, the King of the Club full-day tournament on the Navegante in July, and a yet-to-be-scheduled twilight trip on the Betty-O. Details and sign-ups will be forthcoming at the March dinner meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the March dinner meeting.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

March 24, 2025

Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

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

Annual Kids' Trip

July 7, 2025

Pierpoint Landing

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The monthly prices are as follows:

1/8 page: \$20

1/4 page: \$40

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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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THE BUCK STOPS

U.S. Looks Beyond Scapegoats to Secure Striped Marlin Conservation
 By Theresa Labriola
 Reprinted from *Wild Oceans Horizon Issue 176, Fall 2024*

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), the international body responsible for ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific, met in Suva, Fiji in December for their annual meeting. The United States spearheaded the adoption of the first ever international catch limits for the steadily declining stock of north and central Pacific striped marlin. Their tenacity and willingness to make conservation the number one priority has put striped marlin on a path to recovery.

Tuna management usually captures the majority of the WCPFC's attention. That figures since the Pacific Ocean accounts for more than 70 percent of the world's commercially landed tuna and the Pacific tuna catch is worth more than \$22 billion annually. However, WCPFC's duty encompasses not only the sustainable management of various tuna species, including skipjack, yellowfin, bigeye, albacore and bluefin, but also other highly migratory species and their marine ecosystems. This year, the meeting focused on often overlooked conservation issues such as seabirds, sharks, and marlins, pushing the delegates to consider the impact of tuna fishing on the long-term sustainability of other species. *Wild Oceans* once again strongly advocated for adoption of a conservation measure to limit the ocean-wide catch of striped marlin. We met stiff resistance from parties seeking to delay, trying to discount the science, and placing blame on others in order to avoid accountability, but ultimately conservation prevailed.

It's easy to pin marine conservation problems on foreign scapegoats. But, in doing so, we erode any effort to genuinely confront the problem. This seemed the predictable playbook for nations fishing striped marlin. By faulting Japan's historic drift gillnet fishery for the decline of Pacific striped marlin or attributing the languishment of the stock at historically low levels to China's emerging high-seas fishing, we can deflect blame. Asserting that fault lies elsewhere or ignoring the best science has hindered conservation for decades. These excuses have kept delegates from focusing on efficiently solving the problem of unlimited fishing pressure on striped marlin.

The United States broke this cycle with a proposal that requires international cooperation. The newly adopted striped marlin conservation and management measure sets annual catch limits (including discards) for the five nations with significant striped marlin catch, including Japan, Taiwan, Korea, U.S. and China. The measure reduces the U.S. catch from the recent and historically high levels to 228.4 metric tons (mt) per year. However, it also allows the roll-over of 150 mt of unused quota from other countries to the U.S. If everyone cooperates and holds catch near current levels the U.S. quota increases to 378.4 mt. At the same time, oceans-wide fishing mortality is reduced and the stock rebuilds. However, if the international cooperation experiment fails, and nations exceed quotas, the stock will continue to slide.

This new striped marlin management measure becomes operative in 2025. The WCPFC will review the measure in 2027, after completion of a new stock assessment. In the intervening years, U.S. fishermen have an opportunity to demonstrate techniques to avoid striped marlin through gear modifications or fishing location. The fleet has already adopted circle hooks, but could continue promising research to eliminate or lower the hooks that most frequently catch marlins. We'll continue to ask for inclusion of these boat-side measures in future negotiations.

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.

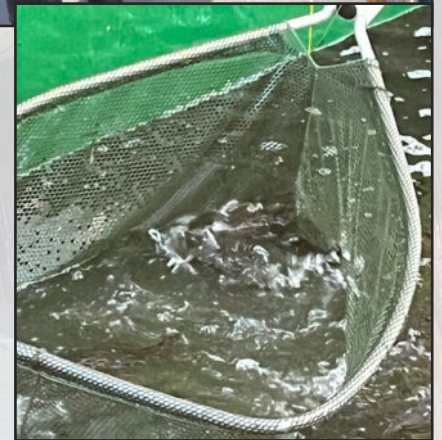
Members...



First fishing trip of the year with members Wayne Caywood, Robby Cohn and Steve Simon on February 19th. They were fishing Westlake from 11am to 2pm, caught 10 nice largemouth bass with the net rig and crank bait.

WSB

Friday, March 7th, Steve Simon, Ed Lieberman & Dave Goske went out with Captain Mike aboard the Betty-O to release some juvenile White Seabass into the ocean. Representatives Rex and Victor from Hubbs Seaworld Research Institute were there to coordinate the release. Also, as a bit of history and impact, in 2015, our one and only Steve Simon had worked with Marina Del Rey Club members to build the Grow Out Pens and they are still being used today.



TROPHY CONTENDERS 2025
as of February 28, 2025

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
MEN'S FLY ROD					WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED					WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
					WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
					JUNIOR MEMBERS				
					FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
					FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				



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

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