

# Chum Line



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

JUNE 2025

## LARRC DINNER MEETING

# LARRC WELCOMES SCOTT MANSON

Scott Manson, CCA Orange County Board Member, Izorline Pro Staff and author of A History of Tady Lures will be with us to discuss his new book, A History of Southern California Surface Iron.



## Dinner Meeting

## June 30, 2025

**Social Hour 6:30pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm**

**Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406**

# What's On My Mind

By John Ballotti

## White Seabass



The California Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program (OREHP), commonly known as the White Seabass Program, is a hatchery and grow-out program that is researching the feasibility of using raised marine fish to enhance wild fish populations successfully. Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) in San Diego is the hatchery contracted to provide juvenile White Seabass, 4 inches long, to 13 grow-out facilities operated by volunteers throughout southern California. The fish are held at the grow-out facilities until they are ready for release, typically around 8 to 10 inches long.

The OREHP began in 1982. Assembly Bill 1414 authorized the program to focus on California Halibut and White Seabass; however, research eventually focused on White Seabass due to its depressed condition and high value to both recreational and commercial fisheries.

The OREHP is funded by selling Ocean Enhancement Validations on sport and commercial fishing licenses required for fishing in waters south of Point Arguello in Santa Barbara County. Additional funding comes from the Federal Sportfish Restoration Act (SFRA). The OREHP is managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in collaboration with an advisory panel (AP) and a scientific advisory panel (SAC). Members of the AP provide policy direction, including the expenditure of fee revenue, for the OREHP.

The Ocean Resource Advisory Panel (AP) is a 10-member panel consisting of stakeholders representing Aquaculture (1), Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels (1), Commercial Fishing (2), Public / Non-government (1), Sportfishing (3), and non-voting members CDFW (1) and California Sea Grant (1).

The Scientific Advisory Panel (SAC) is a 10-member panel of academics with specializations in marine biology, aquaculture, fisheries management, and genetics, among other fields.

To assist the AP and SAC, California Sea Grant was contracted to coordinate the first formal, comprehensive review of the OREHP's progress towards achieving its goals and objectives. The evaluation highlighted advancements in marine finfish biology and hatchery science and identified challenges. In 2020, the California legislature passed AB 1949, which mandated reform of the OREHP, with an eval-

uation to be completed by 2028, partly based on stakeholder input. California Sea Grant was contracted in 2022 to obtain stakeholder input for this reform process. The report, *Developing a Vision, Criteria, and Options for the Future of the Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program*, provides a roadmap to craft the final report to be submitted to the California Legislature.

Fishing stakeholders support the OREHP based on a stewardship ethic. Overall, stakeholders identified five broad goal components and criteria for the OREHP's success: research, enhancement, education & engagement, fisheries & ocean management, and transparent governance. Population enhancement is ultimately important, but achieving a specific target is not seen as necessary or feasible in the short term. From the beginning of the program, identifying hatchery-raised fish in the wild depended on the return of White Seabass heads to the hatchery to scan for the coded wire tags (CWT) embedded in the fish before delivery to the grow-out facilities. To better identify hatchery-spawned fish, the OREHP funded a genetics research program to identify hatchery fish through laboratory analysis of harvested fin clips. The preliminary results of this program are scheduled to be available at the end of 2025.

Achieving some level of population enhancement is one of several long-term goals of the program. However, narrowly focusing on setting and demonstrating a particular enhancement level or contribution rate in the next three years is problematic because:

- Enhancement is not a dealbreaker to stakeholders, as shown by the survey results, so it is not necessarily a priority that must be determined by 2027.
- There is not yet a shared understanding of which methods will provide accurate estimates of the enhancement level or contribution rate. Genetic analysis is an important step forward in determining this level.
- A productive and safe enhancement level or contribution rate has not yet been identified.

Stakeholder consultations will determine the criteria for OREHP's long-term and short-term success. The short-term criteria focus on developing and implementing plans to put the program on track toward achieving the long-term, ultimate goals. This will ensure the program will continue beyond 2027, building on past achievements.

# SMILES ALL AROUND DURING LOU BERKE FISHING DERBY AT HANSEN DAM AQUATIC CENTER



By Ron Ballanti

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Nothing puts a smile on the face of a “grown-up” angler faster than seeing the smile on the face of a young child catching his or her first fish. Instantly, you are transported back to a time and place where, with the help of a kind and thoughtful adult, you were introduced to the Great Outdoors and the thrill of fishing.

This “passing of the torch” was everywhere to be seen on Friday, May 9 during the recent Annual Lou Berke Fishing Derby. On a sunny spring morning, about 100 LAUSD



special needs students from Lokrantz Elementary, Lassen Elementary and Maclay Middle School were joined by an equal number of adult volunteers and “fishing mentors” on the shores of Hansen Dam Aquatic Center for an outing to remember. As the school busses began rolling up around 9 a.m. (students from nearby Maclay Middle School walked over), volunteers queued up to greet a boy or girl and stay by their side throughout the event to help them bait up, cast, hook, and land a fish (or should I say, several fish).

Speaking of fish, the unquestioned stars of the show were the 1,000 pounds of catfish planted the day before by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Fishing in the City program. With help from members of the LAPD Dive Team a couple days prior, the fish were kept within a netted-in area, making it easy for the kids to catch fish along the shoreline. It wasn’t long after the first lines went into the water that whiskerfish averaging three pounds apiece began bending rods up and down the shoreline. There was even a handful of five-pound-plus models, too, which really got the place rocking and the competitive juices flowing.



The park was quickly

filled with the sounds of whoops, hollers and laughter as fish were reeled in, netted, and taken to the processing tables where they were cleaned and put



on ice for the students to take home for dinner. I volunteered to help dress and package the fish, and it was non-stop action at the tables from start to finish. I learned quickly that the kids (especially the boys) were keenly interested what fish guts looked like and were proudly looking forward to taking some tasty catfish home to their families. I was all too happy to oblige, on both counts.

As great as the fishing was, there was much more to hold the attention of youngsters and adults alike — including plenty of snacks, refreshments, and a great BBQ lunch catered by Calabasas Custom Catering.



The Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation has been holding this event for more than 20 years, providing this

memorable experience to more than 2,000 LAUSD students over this time. This annual event honors the late Lou Berke, who was one of the original club members and whose granddaughter was a special needs student. Through the Lou Berke Foundation, his family — Michael Berke, his wife Suzanne Berke and sister Susan Berke — continue to fund this annual event, keeping his spirit alive and providing some local kids with one heck of a great field trip.

It takes more than 100 volunteers to pull this off, managing everything from setting up and breaking down the area, to preparing countless rods and reels, passing out free T-Shirts, drinks, and snacks, and of course, being right by each angler’s side to coach them, cheer them on and help them land their fish. Many other



# Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

great organizations came from far and wide to pitch in, including Friends of Castaic, Conservation Corps of Long Beach, Sher Gelb CPA, Geronimo Men's Division, Rancho San Antonio, Kiwanis Club Chatsworth, Heal The Bay, and LA City Lifeguards, to name a few.

I recently became a member of the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club ([www.larrc.org](http://www.larrc.org)), in part because of its longstanding reputation for events like this, supporting kids and introducing youngsters to the fun of fishing who may otherwise never have that opportunity. If sharing this type of experience sounds fun — not to mention going on fishing trips and hanging out every month to chat about fishing — you might want to check the club out, too.

Click here to go the Shutterfly folder for all the rest of the photos taken by Marc Monforte.

<https://link.shutterfly.com/dPxX2UnleUb>



# CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

## Alaska Marine Conservation Council Calls for Small Boat Fisheries Protections from Executive Orders

Small boat fishermen are working to assure benefits for coastal harvesters under new executive orders earmarked to restore American seafood competitiveness. “It all hinges on how it gets implemented,” said Michelle Stratton, executive director of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC), in an interview on April 28. AMCC contends that deregulation has the potential to jeopardize the sustainability of fish populations and that without thoughtful implementation and oversight, these orders risk harming Alaska’s independent fishing community. Without safeguards, large-scale fleets could dominate resources, marginalizing independent harvesters, AMCC warned. Success hinges on a robust public process and enforcement that protects small-scale fishermen while curbing consolidation that favors corporate interests, the council said. <https://thecordovatimes.com/2025/05/01/amcc-small-boat-fisheries-protections-executive-orders>

## In the Battle for Public Lands, Don't Forget America's Marine and Inshore Waters

As threats to federal lands mobilize defenders, America's vital coastal and ocean ecosystems face similar dangers. The missing piece in public lands conservation. Public lands have rightfully gained defenders amid proposals suggesting their sale to address budget concerns. The Conservation Alliance recently made a compelling economic case for keeping federal lands in public hands. However, an equally vital part of America's natural heritage remains vulnerable: our marine and inshore waters.

Like public lands, protected marine waters will be sold under the current administration policies for oil drilling, open ocean aquaculture, and deep-sea mining. This alarming development threatens these precious ecosystems and the economic benefits they provide to coastal communities and the nation. The \$1.2 trillion outdoor economy depends on accessible public lands, our oceans, coastal estuaries, and marine sanctuaries deserve the same protections. These aquatic environments aren't merely scenic backdrops. They're economic powerhouses, supporting coastal communities, commercial fisheries, and recreational activities that sustain millions of American jobs. <https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/americas-marine-inshore-waters>

## What a Whale Does Not See

Humpback whales make some of the longest migrations on Earth, swimming roughly 8,000 kilometers (4,970 miles) from their high latitude feeding grounds toward the equator to breed and calve. Along the way, they often “lunge feed” near coastlines, opening

their maws to engulf mouthfuls of fish and crustaceans. But they don't always get the perfect gulp—sometimes fishing gear gets in the way.

Off the west coast of Canada, for example, almost 50 percent of humpbacks spotted by people bear scars from encounters with ropes and nets. Whales, like many animals, learn from experience, so why they keep swimming into nets and ropes is a mystery. Furthermore, animals with large eyes tend to have better vision, Bolin says. If whales are intelligent creatures with big eyes that can presumably see well, why don't they just avoid the hazards? <https://www.biographic.com/what-a-whale-does-not-see>

## Ahead of World Ocean Day, Whitehouse and Murkowski Reintroduce Bipartisan Legislation to Ban Commercial Octopus Farming

Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) reintroduced the Opposing the Cultivation and Trade of Octopus Produced through Unethical Strategies (OCTOPUS) Act. The legislation would preemptively ban commercial octopus farming in the U.S. and prohibit imports of commercially farmed octopus from foreign countries. “Octopus are smart, sentient creatures that have no business cooped up on commercial farms,” said Whitehouse. “I'm glad to reintroduce this bill with Senator Murkowski to ban this practice and keep octopus wild in our oceans. Congress should heed the call of over 100 leading ocean scientists from around the world and quickly pass our bill.” <https://www.whitehouse.senate.gov/news/release/ahead-of-world-ocean-day-whitehouse-and-murkowski-reintroduce-bipartisan-legislation-to-ban-commercial-octopus-farming>

## Combating Illegal Fishing and Leveling the Playing Field for Our Nation's Fisheries: Opportunities for U.S. Leadership

Seafood and fishing are mainstays of coastal economies all over the world, and they are a major source of dietary protein for more than three billion people, including many of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities. Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing—estimated to account for one-third of global catch—plays a uniquely harmful role in degrading ocean ecosystems, depleting fish populations, and distorting seafood markets. IUU fishing is a top threat to economic and national security interests, compromises port and maritime security, harms U.S. fishermen, like Gulf shrimpers and salmon fishers in Alaska, and has become a high-profile concern in Congress due to its economic impacts.

<https://www.nrdc.org/bio/molly-masterton/combating-illegal-fishing-and-leveling-playing-field-our-nations-fisheries>

# SOMETHING DIFFERENT – SOMETHING NEW!

By Marc Monforte

One of the things that I enjoy about membership with the LARRC are the various opportunities made available to me for participation in various types of fishing; including the associated destinations traveled to in order to experience such adventures. Now that I have more time in retirement to participate with a more diverse schedule other than my well-established, traditional/annual fishing activities, it is now time to also pursue **Something Different –Something New!**

To that end, I just recently returned from a wonderful, first time, five day fishing excursion to a destination near **Ixtapa / Zihuatanejo, Mexico**. In addition to myself, fellow club members Donald Goldsobel, David Morgan and Dylan Harris joined the outing. Also participating were two long-time friends of Donald, both Andy and Alex Krasnoff to complete the group. Many thanks to Dylan for taking the lead in doing the fishing destination research, coordinating all the trips arrangements and associated travel logistics.

Our trip started with a 3 hour 15 minute flight from LAX, and touchdown at the Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo International Airport, Mexico. Although it is called International, to put it in perspective, it only has four bays to handle the larger sized jets. Disembarking down a set of steps, it was just a short walk to the one room terminal. After clearing customs, our 6-passenger SUV rental was awaiting at the curb. In order to reach our actual fishing destination we needed to leave the airport area. Geographically adjacent to the airport is the resort City of **Ixtapa**, which borders the Pacific Ocean in the municipality of Zihuatanejo de Azueta, in the State of Guerrero. Ixtapa is generally characterized by contemporary, high-rise and resort type villas. It offers a modern beach resort, town experience, whereas nearby Zihuatanejo proper has more of an atmosphere, character and feel of traditional Mexico.

**Zihuatanejo** is on the Pacific Coast of Mainland Mex-

ico, about 150 miles northwest of Acapulco, and belongs to a section of the Mexican Pacific Coast known as the

**C o s t a G r a n d e**. Made famous by

“**The Shawshank Redemption**”, where

Tim Robbins’ character Andy Dufresne escapes prison and heads straight to his dream paradise, Zihuatanejo (pronounced **zeewhantan-ay-hoe**) and often shorten to “**Zihua**”, forever putting this once sleepy fishing village on the tourist map.

Heading southwest from the airport along Mexico Highway 200 for approximately 50 miles, we drove past small patches of rural Mexican living and small towns/villages. What a contrast to what we are accustomed to here in the U.S. All along the drive, the roadway was lined with numerous coconut and mango groves. In addition, to keep your driving attention focused on the road and certain pedestrian areas, there were various sized “**TOPE**”, or as we refer to them here, speed bumps! Some were painted and had forewarning signs, but those without made for an occasional “sorry about that” moment. After a few stops along the way for some munchies and cold cervezas, we were finally arriving to our planned destination, **PVG!**

**Puerto Vicente Guerrero** is a very small fishing village community with a population of just over 400 residence. In contrast to the Ixtapa/Zihua area, don’t expect a bustling tourist scene with numerous hotels and shops, as PVG is primarily a fishing village. It’s a laid-back beach experience and a taste of very rural, authentic coastal life. Although small and inconspicuous, it is famously known for and named after **Vincente Guerrero**, who was the foremost surviving military hero of Mexico’s wars of Independence. Vincente, who served as the second President of Mexico in 1829, was Mexico’s one and only President of African descent, making him their 1st Black President. During his presidential term, he ended the institution of slavery throughout Mexico.

As we navigated the dirt roads through the populated



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areas that do not utilize property addresses, Dylan's GPS driving was successful in finally delivering us to our fishing destination, the **Bahia La Tortuga Fishing Lodge**. In contrast to

the majority of surrounding dwellings, the lodge was surprisingly well maintained, clean and very comfortable. Upon our arrival, we were greeted with cool margaritas and appetizers by the three *Senoritas* that would be our lodge hostess during our visit. During our time there, our hostess who were local residents, cleaned our rooms daily, prepared and served us our hot breakfast, lunches for on the water, welcome back from fishing margaritas and appetizers, and a hearty, hot dinner. After we were all situated in our rooms and then spent some time relaxing on a warm evening outside, under the patio/pool area with more margaritas and cervezas, it was finally time to get some sleep before our first day of fishing.

After an early breakfast, our driver loaded up all the cooler chests onto the open, stake-bed truck, directed the six of us aboard, and we were off on a one-mile drive to the awaiting pangas. At the **Port Vincente Marina** there is a small fishing pier, which accommodates a fishing cooperative and the associated fleet of pangas that fish, service local area visitors, and visiting anglers. The Lodge arranged for three two-angler pangas to take us to the fishing grounds each day. After pairing the teams up for the day and meeting our **Pangadero**, we boarded the canopied pangas, and then assessed the tackle situation. Whereas on many other resort type trips where you bring your own tackle, this trip was nice because the Pangadero provided all rods, reels and terminal tackle. No traveling with fishing gear was great! For offshore fishing, it was larger conventional reel outfits for the trolling duties. For the onshore fishing option, it was lighter spinning gear.

**For our first day of fishing**, Donald and I decided to start offshore, where we had our best opportunities for billfish and tuna. Since the billfish and tuna like the blue water, we had to travel about 40 miles to find it. Luckily, the weather was coopera-



tive, so the ride was not too bad, for a panga that is! Once in the zone, the Pangadero set out the three trolling outfits in search of our first fish. To entice the fish to bite, two outfits had skirted lures, and the third outfit had a live bridled baitfish. The first couple of hours were spent covering a lot

of water, but once we spotted the diving birds and jumping porpoise, we got encouraged about our chances. As so often happens, under the birds and porpoise were the **Yellowfin Tuna**. For the next couple of hours, we followed the flocks and pods, and caught our days' worth of tuna. For the day, we boated nine of the tuna between 25 and 85 pounds, and my largest around 125 pounds was quick-released at the



leader. Compared to standing at the rail of a long-range sportfisher, fighting and landing a 125 pound tuna, it is hard to put into words the drastic difference in fishing technique needed to accomplishing the same feat from a small panga!! After a two-hour ride back to the pier, it was nice to get back in, especially after having traveled about 90 plus miles for the day. Where is the masseuse when you need one!

Back at the pier, our driver was there to take us back to the lodge, along with a couple of tuna (including Donald's 75 pounder) for meals and ceviche. Once again, it was nice to have an awaiting margarita to greet us. The other two teams of David and Dylan and Andy and son Alex had already returned, having been in-shore in pursuit of Roosterfish, of which none were located that day. The rest of the late afternoon and evening allowed relaxing, soaking in the cool wading pool, and/or a local walk-about to see the local sites. The Lodge is just a hundred yards from the ocean, located within the **Playa Escondida (Hidden Beach) Bay**, known locally for its beauty and tranquility. On the southern end of the bay is **Los Pichurris Beach**, which is a protected Tortuga egg laying/hatchery beach.

**On the second day of fishing** all three teams fished offshore in hopes of locating the tuna again. Once again, it was a long ride offshore to find the blue water. Whereas most of the catching did not happen until the afternoon hours, this day was much slower, and not many fish were landed. Alex and Andy did have a nice 100-pound class sailfish and smaller sized tuna for the day's effort. Although

Donald and I didn't have any billfish or tuna for the day, we can't say we didn't hook anything at all. In fact, while fishing in Tortuga filled waters, we did inadvertently hook one on the troll. Luckily it was only hooked in the tip of its flipper, so it was easily boated, un-hooked and released. Exciting to see up close, touch and release un-harmed.



to spend the day offshore certainly paid off dividends. Among their daily catch was a Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Sailfish and Yellowfin Tuna. Interestingly, Dylan and Alex had stopped off at a local beach restaurant on their way back from the pier, and while awaiting their drinks, they watched as a large tuna was carried into the kitchen area. After

Upon return to the pier, I opted for the one-mile walk back to the Lodge to take advantage of a closer look at the local sites. The port and marina are not far from the lodge, but its bay is separated from **Playa Escondida Bay** by a large peninsula. Most noticeable in the bay is **Isla Park Puerto Vicente**,

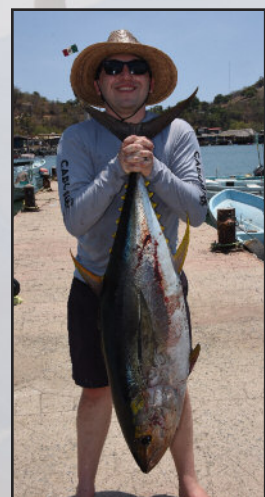


which is an area of small restaurants, shops and most noticeably a large floating water park. Large inflatable walkways and slides provide the fun, while speedboats pulling inflatable



couches around the bay trying to lose their screaming riders, is for the more daring. Along the walk, I also viewed the local resident housing, the elementary school, the small Navy Camp, and the one and only market. More cerveza please!

**On our third day of fishing**, Donald and I had enough long rides offshore, so we opted for the in-shore experience, in search of the elusive Roosterfish. This was my first experience in pursuit of Roosterfish, so I learned a lot about the methods and techniques. The Roosterfish like to patrol the surf area in search of their next meal. As such, our Pangadero cruised just outside the first set of breaking waves, while trolling smaller size, rapalla-style lures. In addition, the third outfit trolled locally caught live baits. Up and down the coastline both north and south, we patrolled the waters, while coming precariously close to some of the breakers. Although we did not find any Roosterfish at home, there were plenty of other fish like Bonito, Pompano, Needlefish, etc. Being close to shore, it allowed for an earlier return to the pier and lodge, as we awaited the others return from their offshore patrol.



David, Andy, Dylan and Alex's option

an inquisitive question to the staff member, it turned out that the tuna was actually Dylan's fish that their Pangadero sold to the restaurant. Likewise, our Pangadero did that same thing with all the tuna we left for him as well. Since it is a fishing community, it is customary for the locally caught fish to be sold to the various restaurants and hotels in the area.



**On our last day there**, our flight back home was not until late afternoon, so we had until 1:00 pm before we needed to start the drive back to the airport. After a later served breakfast, everyone spent the interim time relaxing at the lodge or, like myself, making a final local walk-about. Walking across the street and through the Bereto Beach Pavilion/Restaurant, I took a hike past the Tortuga beach, and to the southernmost point of Hidden Beach Bay. Hiking to the top of the peninsula there made for a great view of the entire bay area. From there, hiking back across the entire bay to reach the northern most point, I stopped into a small beachside restaurant, or "Palapas" called the Escondido, to try a local dish I had been recommended. Local specialties include both Lobster and various stews made with a local plant called "manger", which is characterized by its delicious flavor. The stew I tried was called "**parrillada**", that included chicken, flank steak, ribs, sausage and chambray onions. After that tasty meal and last margarita, I made my way to a beach hammock just shy of the high tide waterline. After spending a relaxing 30-minute swing, as the breaking waves rolled back and forth under me, I realized that this fishing adventure was coming to an end, and arrived back to the lodge just in time to load my bags into the SUV, it was off to the airport for us all. Along the drive, taking in the rural countryside, I gave thought about how much fun it was to experience **Some Different – Something New!**



# TACKLE DONATION AND SALES

Since our dinner speaker, Scott Manson will be speaking on the history of surface iron jigs; we thought it would be great to offer the inventory of jigs to our awesome club members! We will bring them to the dinner meeting to purchase \$5 for 1 jig or \$20 for 5 jigs! It's a great deal and helps to raise money towards our kids and veterans' events. Below are photos of what is available. See you at the dinner meeting!!



## CALENDAR

### Board Meeting

June 23, 2025

Via Zoom • 7pm

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

### Dinner Meeting

June 30, 2025

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406

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

### Twilight Trip ~ Betty-O

June 21, 2025

### Marine Mentor ~ Betty-O

June 24, 2025

### Annual Kids' Trip

July 7, 2025

Long Beach Sportfishing

### King of the Club

Navengante

July 24, 2025

### Navengante - 1.5 day

October 28-30, 2025

## 2 OPEN Positions

We would appreciate your help. There are currently three open positions to chair the following committees:

Apparel

Tackle Management - Maintenance

Let John Ballotti ([johnballottil@gmail.com](mailto:johnballottil@gmail.com)) know if you are interested in or have any questions about these committees

# Members...

Club members, Wayne Caywood and Steve Simon, fished Westlake Lake on May 15, 2025. The Ned rig and Senko rig were the worked the best and hooked many bass. The largest bass for the two of them were 3.3 lb. and 3.4 lb.



Kevin Boyle and Sophia Huynh went down to Punta Chivato, B.C.S. in early May and had a great time shore fishing. They used small "Kastmaster" type lures for almost everything. Some of the larger pargos were caught on "Rapala" type lures. They released 99% of all the fish but keeping some large pargos for dinner one night for everyone. About a week after coming home, some large roosterfish were caught.. of course!!



**TROPHY CONTENDERS 2025**  
as of May 31, 2025

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Dorado	200	Greg Cohan	32	8*
Halibut, California	25	Greg Cohan	12	6
Halibut, California	30	Merit McCrea	9	7
Marlin, Blue	200	Greg Cohan	160	1*
Rockfish, Vermillion	60	Greg Cohan	5	11*
Tuna, Yellowfin	200	Greg Cohan	81	2
Wahoo	60	Marc Monforte	72	6*
Yellowtail	50	Marc Monforte	48	2

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
Trout, Rainbow	6	Keith Heerd	6	0*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Large Mouth	4	Paul Varenchik	7	0
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Scott Schiffman	6	5
Bass, Large Mouth	9	Greg Cohan	3	8
Bass, Large Mouth	10	Joel Steinman	8	4*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED</b>				
Shark, Silky	200	Greg Cohan	RELEASED	
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Greg Cohan	132 Taped	

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Halibut, California	30	Wendy Tochihara	4	14

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
Trout, Rainbow	6	Carol Chow	5	4*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED</b>				

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED</b>				

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Connor Cohan	2	9
Bass, Large Mouth	10	Emilee Steinman	RELEASED	
Bass, Large Mouth	10	Valentine Steinman	RELEASED	
Bass, Large Mouth	10	Vincent Steinman	RELEASED	
Bass, Large Mouth	10	Vincent Steinman	RELEASED	
Dorado	200	Connor Cohan	32	8*
Tuna, Yellowfin	200	Connor Cohan	89	5*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>				
Halibut, California	30	Merit McCrea	9	7
May 11, 2025				

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>				

# Charters 2025

## **RULES REGARDING CLUB CHARTERS**

All LARRC charter participants signing up for club charters are obligated to pay the full fare to reserve a spot. In the event a participant cannot make a trip, the club will attempt to fill the space once a waitlist forms. A participant may try to fill their space prior to departure. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunk preference is assigned by the charter master based on the order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.

June 21	Betty-O	Twilight Trip • \$75 (includes tip)
July 24	Navegante	King of the Club • \$175• Eleven teams of two
October 28-30	Navegante	1.5 Day Trip • \$455 Member / \$470 Non-member

## **Health and Happenings**

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happenings"  
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