

Chum Line



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

LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES ANDREW MACK

Andrew Mack started fishing at age 4 and has been hooked ever since. An avid freshwater and saltwater angler, Andrew has built a career around the sport. He is a fishing guide for freshwater rod and reel as well as bowfishing for invasive species. Not only has he held a 100-Ton Master Captain license, but he was also a writer for Western Outdoor News for a few years in California. He is also a representative for the IGFA North America. Andrew is also part of the Angler Chronicles TV Show that airs on FanDuel Sports Network. With years of fishing experience, he has successfully caught multiple species of different fish in over 14 states and 2 other countries. Not only is fishing his passion, but he also enjoys helping other anglers be successful in their fishing adventures as well, either in person or on social media. As a social media fishing influencer, he has grown multiple fishing pages to thou-



sands of followers and has a passion for helping anglers catch more fish with the right information and knowledge of fishing destinations.

Topic will be trout fishing in lakes to streams jigging, trolling, soaking bait. Then finishing up with bow fishing.



Dinner Meeting August 28, 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

Why I Joined LARRC



With the 2025 King (yes King) of the Club Tournament concluded (story and photos in this edition), I began thinking about why I joined LARRC in the first place, 20-something years ago. I was busy with my job, traveling around the world, stressed about deadlines, product launches, and supply chain issues.

Joining our club was a decision that transformed my weekends and vacation time, enriching my life in ways I never anticipated. Having fished all my life with family, the thought of joining a club and Bob Selvin's insistence led me to LARRC. However, what I discovered was far more rewarding than simply casting a line into the water.

The fun of fishing is undeniable. Each trip to the ocean, lake, or river brings the thrill of anticipation, whether it's the hope of catching a trophy fish or the joy of simply enjoying nature's beauty. The camaraderie of fellow club members amplifies this excitement. We share stories of our best catches, swap tips on techniques, and even engage in friendly competitions that add a playful spirit to our outings. These shared experiences create lasting memories that are cherished long after the fishing rods are packed away.

Friendship is another significant aspect of my involvement in the fishing club. The diverse group of individuals I've met has enriched my life in unexpected ways. From seasoned anglers to enthusiastic beginners, everyone brings their unique perspective and experiences to the table. We bond over our shared passion for fishing, but it's the laughter, support, and encouragement that truly solidify our friendships. Whether it's celebrating a successful catch or offering advice during a tough day on the water, the connections we've formed extend beyond fishing.

Fellowship is the heart of our club. Monthly meetings, group outings, and community events foster a sense of belonging and unity. We come together not just to fish, but to support one another, share our lives, and build a community rooted in mutual respect and shared interests. Joining the fishing club has not only enhanced my fishing skills but has also provided me with a network of friends who share my passion. It's a journey filled with fun, friendship, and fellowship that I cherish deeply.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

August 18, 2025

Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

August 25, 2025

Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406

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

Navengante - 1.5 day

October 28-30, 2025

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for
October 19th, 2025, for our
Tackle & Tacos Extravaganza!!

Gate opens at 9am until 2pm. No early entries. Tacos will be available for purchase from Die Hard Tacos (from San Fernando). Giant thanks to Club Member Eric Negrete for committing and being a part of this event!

Location will be the parking lot at 9660 Cozycroft Avenue, Chatsworth 91311. Thank you to Mike Hartt for the use of the lot!

We would like to expand our extravaganza to include gently used fishing apparel. If you have clothing or hats you never wore or don't like anymore, let's give it a second life and raise money for the Foundation.

• If you have any items you would like to donate to the LARRC Foundation, so we can add it to the offerings please contact Tami tshepphird@gmail.com or Sophia fishnsoph@gmail.com to coordinate pick up and donation receipt.



DIE HARD TACOS

SAN FERNANDO, CA

CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

Jaws turns 50: Has the iconic film played a role in the dramatic decline in shark populations?

Steven Spielberg's iconic film *Jaws* first hit theaters on June 20, 1975 — 50 years ago. Based on the bestselling novel by Peter Benchley about a great white shark mauling and killing summer tourists at a Massachusetts beach community, the movie terrified viewers, many of whom blame it for a subsequent lifelong fear of sharks. In contrast many shark scientists, educators, and conservation advocates say the movie helped inspire them to study or protect sharks — and they bemoan the way sharks were portrayed, which undeniably changed public perception on a massive scale.

Conservationists don't claim that people thought sharks were cute and cuddly before they saw Spielberg's great white terrorizing Amity Island beachgoers. Before *Jaws*, though, people didn't really think about sharks very much at all, and now — more often than not — they're terrified of them. Sharks have faced many conservation challenges since the film's premier, but what's going on, and how much of it can be blamed on *Jaws*?

<https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/jaws-turns-50-has-iconic-film-played-role-dramatic-decline>

Warming oceans are changing shark migration patterns

As oceans heat up, coastal sharks are adjusting their calendars. Instead of swimming south in early fall, many are now sticking around longer due to global warming. Researchers tracked this trend by following six shark species along the U.S. East Coast. They used acoustic tags and detection models to uncover how ocean warming delays the sharks' southern migrations by up to 29 days. "Both temperature and photoperiod (length of sunlight) influenced the timing of the sharks' southernly migration, and it is likely that they both cumulatively influence migratory patterns," said lead author Maria Manz. If sharks delay migration but human activities continue on schedule, it could spell trouble. For example, commercial fishing in the Northeast typically ramps up in the fall. Sharks that remain in the area face a higher risk of accidental catch. Static conservation policies will not hold up if shark behavior keeps changing. The researchers suggest dynamic management tools, like adjusting fishery closures based on temperature data.

<https://www.newsbreak.com/earth-com-2402525/4103429445941-warming-oceans-are-changing-shark-migration-patterns>

Countries seek urgent CITES protection of more than 70 sharks and rays

Several proposals seeking greater protection of more than 70 shark and ray species from commercial trade were raised this week for deliberation at the 20th meeting of

CITES, the global convention on the wildlife trade, to be held in November. "The world is at a tipping point for sharks and rays," Luke Warwick, director of shark and ray conservation at the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), said in a press release. He added that more than 37% of shark and ray species are threatened with extinction, and the statistic rises to more than 70% for species in the international trade.

<https://news.mongabay.com/short-article/2025/07/countries-seek-urgent-cites-protection-of-more-than-70-sharks-and-rays/>

Conservation groups to sue NOAA Fisheries, US Coast Guard over West Coast vessel strikes on whales

The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and Friends of the Earth plan to sue NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Coast Guard over vessel strikes on whales and sea turtles off the coast of California. According to CBD, neither NOAA Fisheries nor the Coast Guard have properly analyzed how California shipping lane designations could contribute to vessel strikes on whales or sea turtles. "Routing vessel traffic through these important habitat areas causes deadly ship strikes. Indeed, ship strikes of large whales in the approaches to California's ports have been documented for decades. These ship strikes not only harm individual animals, but they are also impeding the recovery of these imperiled species," the groups said in notice letter to the Coast Guard.

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/conservation-groups-to-sue-noaa-fisheries-us-coast-guard-over-west-coast-vessels-strikes-on-whales>

Gray whales that travel West Coast recorded at lowest number in 50 years

Gray whale populations have plummeted to the lowest number in more than 50 years as climate change upends Arctic Ocean food webs. New population estimates of the Eastern North Pacific gray whales are the lowest since the early 1970s, according the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Southwest Fisheries Science Center, which on Wednesday released this year's population estimate of just 12,900 gray whales. The calf count also cratered to just 85, the lowest since recordkeeping began in 1994. Most gray whales eat prey at the edge of the Arctic sea ice for the energy they need to complete their epic 10,000-mile-long migration each year between their summer feeding grounds and calving lagoons in Mexico. They have endured boom-and-bust population cycles documented in the past by scientists. But the environment these whales depend on may be changing at a pace and in ways they can't adjust to this time. Unprecedented conditions in the Arctic due to climate change could be pre-

Conservation matters con't

senting the whales with survival challenges they have never faced before, according to NOAA.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/climate-lab/gray-whales-that-travel-west-coast-recorded-at-lowest-number-in-50-years>

Panel to Debate Overhaul of Marine Mammal Law

Last month, the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative hearing to consider legislation to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. Introduced by Rep. Begich (R-AK), the discussion draft would scale down the scope of the MMPA and raise the bar for the federal government to take action to protect marine mammals like whales, dolphins, seals and polar bears. Conservationist Jeff Corwin testified before the House Natural Resources Committee, warning that the proposal would undo decades of conservation success and lead to more deaths of whales, dolphins, manatees, and other vulnerable marine species. Read Ranking Member Jarred Huffman's statement on the bill at <https://huffman.house.gov/media-center/in-the-news/panel-to-debate-overhaul-of-marine-mammal-law>

Marine heatwaves impact maturation of black rockfish

A newly released study by Oregon State University and NOAA Fisheries researchers shows that marine heat waves in increasing frequency are having an impact on the growth and maturation of black rockfish in Oregon and Washington. "We do know that the occurrence of marine heatwaves is more often and more intense," said Claire Rosemond, now a fisheries biologist at NOAA Fisheries' Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Newport, Ore. "There are some monitored ocean indicators that can help us understand if the coming year would be warmer or cooler, but it is harder to predict how hot or how cold." <https://www.nationalfisherman.com/marine-heatwaves-impact-maturation-of-black-rockfish>

Rare purple sea creature found on SoCal beach. Could warming waters be why?

Oceanographer Anya Stajner was recently enjoying a sunset walk along the La Jolla Shores beach when a vibrant violet pop of color caught her eye in the sand. She got down on her hands and knees and was astonished to realize she had stumbled upon a rare species of sea snail, *Janthina janthina*. These creatures, more commonly known as violet snails, are distinguished by their striking purple shell and the delicate bubble raft they secrete to stay afloat in the open ocean. They are not known for their presence on Southern California beaches. "When I saw it on the beach, I instantly knew what it was, but I was in complete shock," said Stajner, a fifth-year doctoral student at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. "I would never expect to see one washed up in San Diego. The odds of that are so slim."

Stajner's discovery marks the first time that Scripps researchers have spotted these violet snails on local beaches in a decade, she said.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-07-23/rare-purple-snail-on-socal-beach-may-be-sign-of-warming-oceans>



Tribute Opportunity

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

• Congratulations • Graduation • Anniversary • Illness • Appreciation

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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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KING OF THE CLUB TOURNAMENT 2025

It was a dark and stormy night, the wind was howling, and trash cans were strewn across the yard. Sorry, wrong story. Dang Chat-GPT.

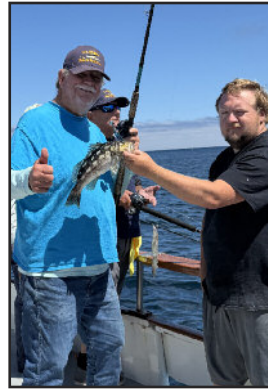
It got the wind howling part right. The 2025 King of the Club Tournament is in the books. Twenty-one anglers ventured to Catalina Island on the Navegante for our first-ever full day tournament. Eight chose to spend the night before on the boat, which turned out to be comfortable and afforded a chance for camaraderie and a good meal before turning in.

Promptly at 5 AM, the remaining anglers boarded the boat and off to Santa Catalina Island we went. The ride was bumpy but tolerable. Most used the travel time to catch up on lost sleep.

The first stop was just outside of and west of the Long Point Marine Protected Area. It was game on from the first line in the water. The Navegante's hand wells were full of the large, feisty sardines and live squid. The crew was kept busy unhooking calicos and weighing legals. Out of nowhere, **Tami Shepphird** comes down the rail following a fish. Halfway across the stern, the fish stops, and Tami breaks its spirit. Up to the surface comes the fish, down goes the gaff, and a nice yellowtail comes across the rail. The current dies, and Captain Mike decides to move on to the next spot just west of Two Harbors outside the Blue Cavern Marine Protected Area.

It was the writer's turn to snag a yellowtail. Hooked in the middle of the stern and up the starboard side, taking with it most of the lines in the water. The crew did an excellent job clearing lines. Settling in mid-ships, the fork tail soon surfaced and was added to the tournament point total. Again, many legal calicos came aboard, were weighed, added to the team total, and then released. It was time to head to our final spot for the day.

The closer we got to the west end, the windier it became. Casting became challenging. Like golf, you had to adjust your cast to compensate for the wind, or you would land 20 yards from your intended target. Again, the calicos were willing biters with many legal fish weighed. I was fortunate to land a 4-pound, 2-ounce beauty, the largest calico of the trip. The captain called lines out. The tournament was over, and the point tallying began as we headed home.



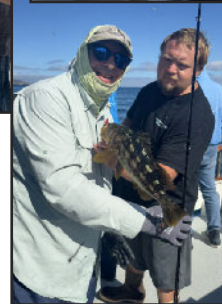
The results were close. The winning team, consisting of **John Ballotti** and **Chas Schoemaker**, had 86 points. Just two points shy was the team of **Dave Goske** and **Joe Average**. In third place, not far behind, was the team of **Steve Simon** and **Ed Lieberman**.

I think I speak for everyone on the trip when I say we all had a good time. Until next year.....



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CAROL CHOW

MY FISHING JOURNEY

My fishing story began in childhood, at the quiet edges of Lake Fort Scott, Kansas. I remember catching my first bass with help from my father, a physician, who stood beside me at the water's edge.

Every summer evening after work, my parents, my father and my mother, a R.N., would take our big family of 8 kids, often with our friends too, to the lake for various boating activities including fishing and watersports.

As I grew older, I occasionally fished with high school friends. But, over time, I drifted away from it. Life moved on, and so did I, until years later, when my husband, Keith, reintroduced me to fishing. Keith brought both our son, Adam, and me into the world of saltwater adventures. He invited me to volunteer on several youth fishing trips with LARRC. For the first two ocean fishing trips, I helped by cooking for the kids. On the third trip, however, the boat didn't need a cook. Instead, I was asked to teach kids how to fish.

That day became a turning point. I watched another volunteer, Michael Godfrey, instruct children how to catch live bait and secure it to their rod lines. I was then assigned two children of my own and helped them learn to fish. That experience showed me the value of fishing as a useful life skill

and how rewarding it can be to share fishing with others.

Since then, Keith has continued helping me grow my skills. We've fished together in rivers, lakes, ponds, and oceans across many states and countries. I've learned to fly fish, surf fish, and both saltwater and freshwater fish.

I enjoy targeting a variety of catching different fish species more than the number of fish I land. Fishing brings me both joy and a sense of accomplishment. Aug. 2025



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

*To Carol Chow in Memory of her Mother
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*To Brenda Griffin in Memory of Dan Griffin
from Tammy & Joe Steinman*

*To Wayne Caywood in Memory of his wife Linda
from Linda & Steve Simon*

Annual Kids' Trip

We had two great groups of kids from the Young Marines High Desert area totaling 35. The weather was beautiful, all the kids caught fish and went home with limits of sculpin. Here are pictures of all fun the Young Marines had!



Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

Annual Kids' Trip can't



Throwing the Rubber for Trophy Lingcod

By Ron Ballanti

(Originally printed in Sportfishing Magazine)

What does a lingcod eat? Anything it wants. These deep-water reef predators rule the bad neighborhoods where they live, feeding on octopus, sand dabs, rockfish and anything else they can fit in their cavernous, tooth-filled mouths. They will readily attack prey seemingly too large to swallow, a reason they are often caught by anglers as “hitch hikers” — literally lock-jawed onto hooked rockfish as they are reeled up towards the surface.

Smart Southern California anglers know this, and appeal to the lingcod’s ravenous appetite and aggressive nature by tossing super-sized swimbaits. It’s created somewhat of a cult following; small groups of swimbait aficionados gathering in the bow of party boats to “chuck the rubber” while the majority of the passengers deploy dropper loop rigs with one-pound weights meant to carry live or cut baits down into depths that can reach 300 feet or more.

Make no mistake, plenty of lingcod are caught on live mackerel, live sardines or even whole or stripped squid fished on “shrimp fly” rigs. Large lings are sometimes taken this way in between reeling up vermillion, chucklehead or any of a wide variety of rockfish species.

But if you want to catch lingcod almost exclusively — and the largest ones on the boat — big swimbaits are the way to go. I say almost exclusively, because truly large rockfish of 5 pounds and up will sometimes jump on these soft-plastic lures, as well, adding variety and quality to the equation.

Feed ‘Em a Mouthful

What do I mean by big swimbaits? Lure companies like Kustom Kraft, Candy Bar and Savage have developed specialized lures for this technique, with beefy, sturdy plastic bodies boasting large paddle tails for maximum action and vibration. Up to 10-inches long, these tails are made to use with heavy, wedge-shaped leadheads sporting 7/0 to 10/0 sized hooks. Depending on the depth of the structure being fished, leadheads can range from 4 to 16 ounces. Some lures, like those from Savage Gear, feature molded leadheads designed for use with specific integrated tails.

Chucking The Rubber

Working a lure that must be retrieved can be a chal-

lenge when fishing craggy, rocky structure in waters up to 300 feet deep. The ultimate goal is to swim the lure as close to the bottom as possible for as long as possible. Private boaters don’t have this concern, but party boat fishermen need to stay clear of other anglers fishing bait rigs straight up and down. The preferred method is to cast your lure from the bow or downwind corner of

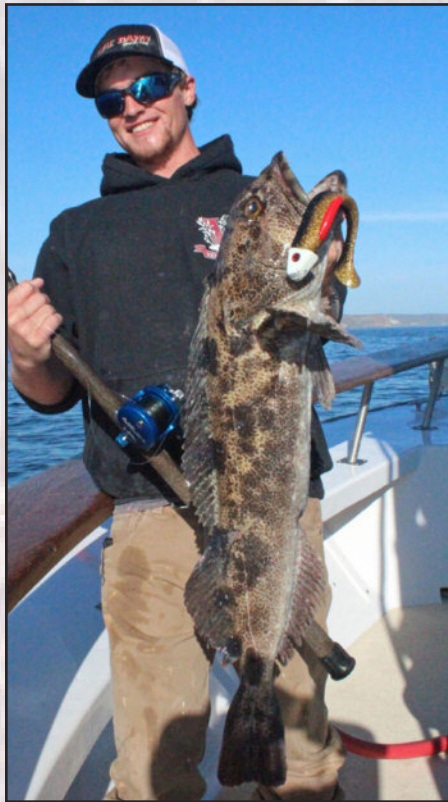
the stern. Toss the swimbait as far down drift as possible and let it sink quickly to the bottom. When you hit bottom, work the swimbait with a steady, medium speed retrieve for about 15-20 cranks. If you don’t get bit, freespool back to the bottom and repeat. As the boat drifts over and eventually away from your line, you will have to recast and begin the process again.

If the water is deep or the boat is drifting too quickly, you may have to use a more vertical presentation. In these situations, I just wind quickly for about 7 to 10 cranks, drop back and repeat. It takes some dedication to do this, but the reward is worth the effort. There are times, however, when conditions just won’t allow for working a swimbait. When this happens, I switch to my second-favorite lingcod lure, which is a heavy iron jig. These lures are made to be fished vertically and “bounced” just off the bottom. To create large target worthy of attracting the attention of big lingcod, I replace the usual treble hooks and replace them with a large single siwash hook, onto which I thread a 6-inch plastic or Berkeley Gulp grub.

Just Keep Grinding

Probably the hardest part for new anglers mastering the swimbait is breaking our natural human impulse to set the hook. Lingcod often grab the lure by the tail and hold on,





and if you jerk the rod you'll just pull the lure out of his mouth (often ripping the tail off in the process) Instead, just keep grinding the reel handle at the same speed until the rod loads up and the fish is solidly hooked. If the fish lets go or comes off after a few head shakes, immediately drop the lure down a few seconds and start reeling. Lingcod are extremely aggressive and hate to let any meal — even a fake one — get away. I can't tell you how many times I've sealed the deal after two

or three of these "re-bites." They are also very competitive, and it's not uncommon to have one or more free-swimming lingcod accompany a hooked fish on its way to the surface, ready to pounce on the lure should it come dislodged.

Trap Hook

To increase the number of solid hookups, I often rig my swimbaits with a simple trap-hook system. It's easy to loop an Owner 5/0 Assist Hook over the tip of the main hook and cinch it tight at the hook's bend. Depending on the length of the swimbait, this provides a large trailing hook near the tail of the lure. I've caught plenty of big lingcod stuck by the free trailing hook alone. A slow and steady re-

trieve is key when fighting a big ling. They usually make a strong run towards the structure once hooked, and after that, it's usually heavy weight with just enough head shaking to make you nervous. If you keep up steady pressure, lings usually stay fairly calm until they get near the boat.

These swimbait tails come in a wide variety of colors, and I've seen them all work. Shades of red and brown certainly match the natural coloration of juvenile rockfish. Mike Nickerson, former captain of the popular Channel Islands-based sportboat Pacific Dawn, showed me how to butt using a custom-poured tail he calls "Blue Bass," the common name for the ubiquitous Blue Rockfish that populate these reefs. At the same time, I've caught plenty on gaudy colors like glow in the dark, chartreuse, pink and white striped, and pearl white. Personally, I don't think color is all that important as long as you work the lure effectively in the strike zone and maximize bites when they happen.

Tackling The Technique

It takes a specific style of rod and reel to effectively fish these heavy lures. For example, relatively stiff, fast action graphite composite jig rods of 8 to 8-1/2 feet are best to lob lures that might weigh up to a pound. Conventional reels can be either star or lever drag, as long as they are capable of holding 300 to 400 yards of 65-pound braided line. Using straight braid with only a few feet of 40-pound test monofilament leader allows lures to sink quickly and keeps you in direct touch with the lure and your fish. The short length of monofilament (joined with a back-to-back uni knot) provides some added shock absorption and makes it easier to break off if (or should I say when) you get snagged.

Take my word for it, catching big lings by winding and grinding the plastic puts a whole new level of fun into bottom fishing. Give it a try, and you might get hooked. I'll see you up in the bow, swimbait outfit in hand.



Members...

Summer fun with kid! Here are President John Ballotti's grandson, Nico Bruno, and granddaughter, Audrey Bruno, with their first fish. Also, one of him (still a kid at heart) with a light line halibut.



TROPHY CONTENDERS 2025

as of July 31, 2025

SPECIES LINE ANGLER LBS. OZ.
TEST

MEN'S OCEAN WATER

Dorado	200	Greg Cohan	32	8*
Bass, Calico	15	John Ballotti	4	2
Bass, Calico	30	Greg Cohan	2	9
Bass, Striped Salt	30	Ed Lieberman	18	0
Halibut, California	25	Greg Cohan	12	6
Halibut, California	30	Merit McCrea	9	7
Marlin, Blue	50	Ed Lieberman	55	0
Marlin, Blue	200	Greg Cohan	160	1*
Rockfish, Vermillion	60	Greg Cohan	5	11*
Roosterfish	30	Ed Lieberman	50	0
Tuna, Yellowfin	200	Greg Cohan	81	2
Wahoo	60	Marc Monforte	72	6*
Yellowtail	30	Greg Cohan	12	6
Yellowtail	40	Greg Cohan	25	2
Yellowtail	50	Marc Monforte	48	2

MEN'S FLY ROD

Trout, Rainbow	6	Keith Heerd	6	0*
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MEN'S FRESH WATER

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*

MEN'S SALT WATER RELEASED

Shark, Silky	200	Greg Cohan	RELEASED	
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Greg Cohan	132 Taped	

SPECIES LINE ANGLER LBS. OZ.
TEST

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER

Halibut, California	30	Wendy Tochihara	4	14
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WOMEN'S FLY ROD

Trout, Rainbow	6	Carol Chow	5	4*
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WOMEN'S FRESH WATER

WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED

WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED

JUNIOR MEMBERS

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*
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Connor Cohan	8	5

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

Halibut, California	30	Merit McCrea	9	7
		May 11, 2025		

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR



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