

Chum Line



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



TACKLE & TACO EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

9660 COZYCROFT



**FISHING TACKLE,
OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT,
AND GENTLY WORN
FISHING APPAREL**

**FEATURING
CLUB MEMBER
ERIC NEGRETE**



**OFFERING DIE HARD TACOS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**DINNER
SPEAKER
to be
ANNOUNCED**

**Dinner Meeting
October 27, 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

Dues and Elections



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Dues – By the time you read this, you should have received your dues renewal mailing. Please return your dues, signed waiver, foundation donation, and any roster corrections in the provided stamped envelope promptly. You may be asking yourself, “Why am I paying dues, and what is in it for me?”—both good questions.

This year, the club offered discounted prices for the 75th Annual Banquet and our annual Twilight trip in June. If you attended both, you received a benefit likely more than your yearly dues. In addition to offering discounts for events, the club has numerous administrative expenses that dues must cover. These include: support for CCA California, which fights for the rights of recreational anglers; the Chum Line, our website; liability insurance; club supplies, such as postage and Zoom; recognition of the health and welfare of our members; storage; annual trophies; the annual Yearbook; and to cover any club charter shortfall. In addition to financial resources, these activities require volunteer time to achieve excellent results. I am grateful for the club members who step up and get things done.

Election – This year, we have four openings on the board of directors. This would be an excellent time to step up and put your name on the ballot. Please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible if you would like to be included on the ballot.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

October 20, 2025

Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

October 27, 2025

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Navengante - 1.5 day

October 28-30, 2025

Save the Dates for 2026

Annual Awards Banquet

February 15, 2026

Lou Berke Fishing Derby

April 24, 2026 (tentative)

Lake Sherwood Family Events

May 9, 2026

Surf Fishing Crew Expeditions

TBD June-August 2026

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 to Honor

To Linda Simon

Happy Birthday Wishes

Tammy & Joel Steinman

To Steve Simon

Glad you are feeling better

Tammy & Joel Steinman

To Scott Schiffman

Wishing you an easy recovery

Tammy & Joel Steinman

CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola

This month, the news contained a number of new publications connecting climate change to ocean change. These changes cascade down the ocean ecosystem, impacting our wild oceans and the sustainability of the open ocean ecosystem. These challenges are being met every day with good news, including the ratification of an international agreement to protect high seas biodiversity.

Nations ratify the world's first treaty to protect international waters

A major agreement to protect marine diversity in the high seas was struck in September when Morocco became the 60th nation to sign on, paving the way for the treaty to take effect next year. The High Seas Treaty is the first legal framework aimed at protecting biodiversity in international waters, those that lie beyond the jurisdiction of any single country. International waters account for nearly two-thirds of the ocean and nearly half of Earth's surface and are vulnerable to threats including overfishing, climate change and deep-sea mining. "The high seas are the world's largest crime scene – they're unmanaged, unenforced, and a regulatory legal structure is absolutely necessary," said Johan Bergen, senior vice president of oceans at the World Wildlife Fund. Still, the pact's strength is uncertain as some of the world's biggest players – the U.S., China, Russia and Japan – have yet to ratify. The U.S. and China have signed, signaling intent to align with the treaty's objectives without creating legal obligations, while Japan and Russia have been active in preparatory talks.

<https://apnews.com/video/nations-ratify-the-worlds-first-treaty-to-protect-international-waters-ac1cd76332804d8baab796f23ca3e3e8>

Climate change is driving fish stocks from countries' waters to the high seas

Fish and other marine organisms, though deeply affected by human activities, don't respect human borders. The ranges of many commercially important species in fact straddle the borders of countries' exclusive economic zones (EEZs) and international waters, known as the high seas. This arrangement, which makes fisheries management difficult, is set to get even more complicated as climate change continues to heat up the ocean, a new study says. The

study, published July 30 in the journal *Science Advances*, found that more than half of the world's straddling stocks will shift across the maritime borders between EEZs and the high seas by 2050. Most of these shifts will be into the high seas, where fisheries management is much more challenging and stocks are more likely to be overexploited. "The shift towards the high seas that they document would have some really serious consequences, in part because fisheries management tends to be much less effective in the high seas," added Pinsky, an expert on climate-driven fisheries distribution shifts. "Climate change is sending a whole bunch of fisheries out into the lion's den because the high seas doesn't have a great reputation for sustainable fisheries management."

<https://news.mongabay.com/2025/08/climate-change-is-driving-fish-stocks-from-countries-waters-to-the-high-seas-study>

Ocean warming threatens Earth's tiny oxygen powerhouse

In the vast, sun-drenched expanses of tropical and subtropical oceans, the planet's most abundant photosynthetic organism reigns as the base of food chains supporting zooplankton and fish. But according to a study published Monday in *Nature Microbiology*, rising sea temperatures could slash populations of the microscopic cyanobacterium *Prochlorococcus* by up to 37% globally by 2100, with dire consequences for marine ecosystems. A decline in *Prochlorococcus* might also reduce nutrient recycling efficiency and carbon export to deep seas, weakening the ocean's role in sequestering carbon dioxide. Broader threats loom. As a key oxygen producer – generating about 20% of Earth's supply – *Prochlorococcus* losses could exacerbate deoxygenation in warming waters, creating "dead zones" hostile to marine life. Fisheries, already stressed by overharvesting, face further hits: Warming and oxygen dips are projected to cut tropical fish biomass, impacting food security for coastal communities.

<https://www.courthousenews.com/ocean-warming-threatens-earths-tiny-oxygen-powerhouse/>

U.S. Senate unanimously approves bill to improve harmful algal bloom response

Harmful algal blooms occur in rivers, lakes and coastal waters in all 50 states. The increasing occurrence and severity of harmful algal blooms has been noted by researchers in recent years, with the EPA citing climate change indicators like warming water temperatures, higher carbon dioxide levels, coastal upwelling, sea level rise and rainfall pattern changes as contributing factors. Harmful algal blooms directly threaten food security and subsistence, and can reduce oxygen levels in the water in events called hypoxia, killing fish and other marine life and harming coastal ecosystems and economies. This issue directly affects Alaskans, with the 2022 algal bloom in Alaska's Bering Strait region being one of the largest and most toxic blooms ever observed nationwide. The legislation recognizes the need for a comprehensive response to harmful algal blooms by authorizing multiple funding programs and management activities across federal agencies. The success of the nationwide harmful algal blooms program is built on HABHRCA's "emphasis on facilitating partnerships among federal, state, academic, and industry stakeholders, underscoring the bipartisan nature of HAB

and hypoxia problems and their national importance."

<https://www.homernews.com/news/u-s-senate-unanimously-approves-bill-to-improve-harmful-algal-bloom-response>

NOAA Fisheries determines 240 foreign fisheries do not comply with US marine mammals regulations

NOAA Fisheries has completed its analysis of which foreign fisheries comply with U.S. marine mammals protection requirements, determining that 240 of those fisheries should be banned from exporting to the U.S.

Under U.S. law, foreign fisheries must be found to have bycatch prevention measures comparable to those governing American fisheries under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMP) by January 2026. To continue importing seafood products from foreign fisheries, those fisheries must be issued a comparability finding from NOAA Fisheries verifying there are marine mammal protections in place. The determinations for harvesting nations are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/international-affairs/2025-marine-mammal-protection-act-comparability-finding-determinations>

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 may be 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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Chum Line Editor: Sophia Huynh
If you would like to submit pictures, articles, recipes for publication please contact me via email fishnsoph@gmail.com
Share your experiences with your fellow club members!

Members...



On the Twin Speed, out of Oxnard, five cousins got together for a day on the ocean. In the photo are cousins left to right, Drew Dickter, Hayden Dickter, Scott Cohen, and Mason Cohen. Michael Dickter was the photographer! Great day, as everyone limited out.



Club President John Ballotti had a Wild Wyoming Slam on his recent trip. Check out these beauties!



TROPHY CONTENDERS 2025 as of September 30, 2025

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Bass, Calico	15	John Ballotti	4	2
Bass, Calico	30	Greg Cohan	2	9
Bass, Striped Salt	30	Ed Lieberman	18	0
Dorado	200	Greg Cohan	32	8*
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 SALT WATER RELEASED				
Shark, Silky	200	Greg Cohan	RELEASED	
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Greg Cohan	132 Taped	

MEN'S FLY ROD				
Trout, Rainbow	6	Keith Heerdt	6	0*

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*
Bass, Striped	6	Greg Cohan	4	5

MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
Bass, Large Mouth	12	Paul Varenchik	RELEASED	

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

WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Trout, Rainbow	6	Carol Chow	5	4*

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	
Bass, Striped	6	Connor Cohan	2	9
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

	500	Dirk Perriseau	24	0
August 18, 2025				



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Tami Shepphird	John Ballotti
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Carol Chow	Dustin House
Scott Schiffman	

2025 FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Keith Heerd - Chairperson

Ron Glider	Toby Williams
Paul Varenchik	Chas Schoemaker
John Goss	Andrew Ratzky

2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Family Event	Keith Heerd
Apparel	Toby Williams
Awards Banquet 2026	John Ballotti
By-laws and Legal	Randy Sharon
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Chum Line Editor	Sophia Huynh
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Dinner Speakers	Wendy Tochiara
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Environmental Affairs	John Ballotti
Events:	
Earl Warren's Memorial Kids' Trip	Paul Varenchik & John Ballotti
Lou Berke Fish Derby	Ted Feit & Carol Chow
Bill Alpert King of the Club	Dustin House
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Fly Fishing	Rob Baldwin
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Tackle Management - storage & donations	Tami Shepphird & Sophia Huynh
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Trophies	Sophia Huynh
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