

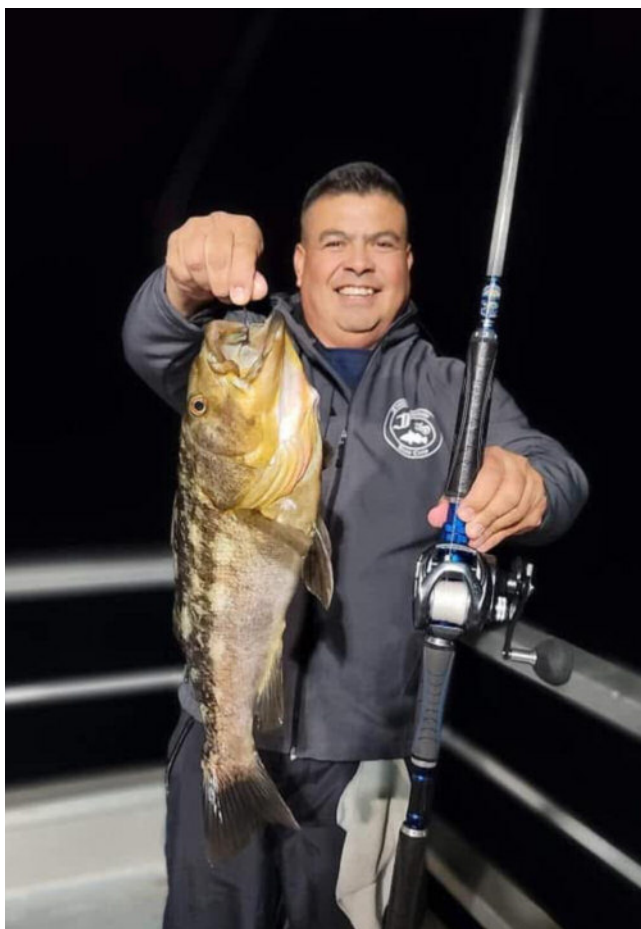
Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean MARCH 2026

LARRC DINNER MEETING

LARRC WELCOMES OLIVER SOLIS - FISHING SYNDICATE



We're excited to welcome Oliver Solis, owner and founder of Fishing Syndicate, as this month's LARRC speaker. Oliver has become one of the most influential rod builders in Southern California, known for designing purpose-built rods that reflect the way real anglers fish our waters. His commitment to craftsmanship, innovation, and community has made Fishing Syndicate a trusted name among private boaters, captains, and long-range anglers alike.

Oliver is a passionate educator, always ready to share hard-earned knowledge on technique, gear selection, and the evolving needs of West Coast fisheries. We're looking forward to an informative and engaging evening with one of the industry's true craftsmen.

**Dinner Meeting
March 30, 2026**

**Social Hour 6:30pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm
Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys**

A Message from LARRC President, Tami Shepphird

I wanted to thank everyone who has reached out to welcome me to the presidency position with the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club. I am grateful for the support and honored to hold the role for the next couple years. Having been a member for a few years, I thought I had a good idea of what we do. Boy was I wrong!! What I saw on the surface was just a tiny part of a lot of things happening. Much like the water, the hard stuff is happening out of sight. I have come to realize that each event we put together, from Lou Berke to dinner meeting, is the result of a lot of unseen work.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has put in the work and express my sincere gratitude. This club has a rich history, and I look forward to learning more about how we got here. That being said, I also want to hear more about where you want to go! Our amazing elections chair, Greg Cohan, included a survey in our most recent election. The majority said you want to fish more and our Charter Master, Dustin House, is making that happen!!! Look for signups and “save the dates.”

In that same survey, thirty-eight of you said we should focus on increasing membership. I would love to brainstorm new ideas to connect with anglers. We are on the lookout for a club member who is passionate about spreading the word to take on our presently vacant membership chairperson spot. My life has become richer through great friends, fishing, and new experiences.

I want to thank the club members who have reached out and offered words of wisdom and support. I will be utilizing all resources and advice!! I reached out to some past presidents who offered the following gems:

“Remember we are all volunteers”

So true and a good thing to keep in mind for all of us.

“Don’t make any fundamental changes.”

Rest assured, I am not about to reinvent the wheel!

“Run!” LOL Too late!

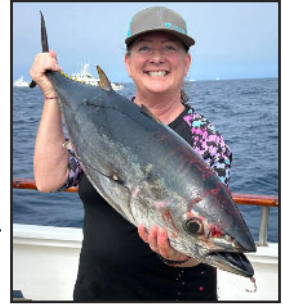
“You can’t make everyone happy.” Goes without saying. **BUT** I am open to criticism and want honest feedback. We can’t make it right if we don’t know it’s wrong. I appreciate the seasoned members for their experience and advice and love meeting new members who bring enthusiasm and new ideas. I am learning and navigating the ins and outs of what is involved in the events we host and am so impressed at how all the moving parts come together. This is truly a group effort, and it takes a village!

One of the things we have been discussing is a way for

members to share information regarding upcoming fishing adventures. Some ideas are a text tree, email chain, social media page, etc. I would love to get input and see what works. These would not be club-sponsored or sanctioned events but an opportunity for more of us to fish together.

Please know that I am always accessible via telephone or email and welcome ideas, thoughts and questions. I am so excited for our upcoming Lou Berke event (it is one of my favorite days of the year) and thank everyone who is working so hard to make it happen!!!

Let’s take kids fishing!!!!



CALENDAR

Board Meeting

March 23, 2026

Via Zoom • 7pm

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

Dinner Meeting

March 30, 2026

Social Hour 6:30 • Meeting 7:00

Lulu’s Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406

Lou Berke Special Needs Kid’s Fishing Derby

April 17, 2026

Hanson Dam

Twilight Trip

June 20, 2026

Betty-O Sportsfishing

Earl Warren Memorial Kids’ Trip

Marina del Rey

July 6, 2026

King of the Club

July 30, 2026

1 day Navegante Sportsfishing

73rd Dan Felger Annual Awards Banquet





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.

LARRC Member Profile —

Carol Chow

By Ron Ballanti

I admit it's likely that most of you know Carol Chow. After all, she's currently Vice President of the club and is in her second year as a chairperson for the Lou Berke Kid's Fishing Derby, one of the most important and long-standing annual events put on by the LARRC Foundation.

Carol's interesting backstory and recent global angling adventures, however, may not be such common knowledge among the troops. For example, that she came into the club as part of a family membership with her husband Keith and son Adam back in 2015 — but never considered herself an avid angler until relatively recently. "I went to the meetings, and I enjoyed meeting all the nice people, but I really didn't fish back then," Carol said, with a hint of embarrassment. "Sure, I fished with my Dad as a kid, but it definitely wasn't a passion of mine."

It was Carol's desire to serve others — something that clearly holds true today — that began her angling journey. Specifically, helping on several LARRC Foundation summer kid's trips by pitching in as a galley cook. It became sort of a pattern — Carol would hop on these trips to sling burgers and breakfast sandwiches and help deliver a memorable and hopefully transformative experience for local at-risk youth. She loved pitching in and watching everybody enjoy time on the water. Fishing, however, was the furthest thing from her mind.

"Then I went on one trip and the boat already had a galley cook," said Carol. "I found myself without a job, and somebody suggested I grab a rod and help teach a kid to fish." So, she did. And as often happens, experiencing something familiar through somebody else's eyes helped ignite a spark. "The captain put us on a wide-open bite, and the kids were having such a great time. The kids were reeling in blue rockfish one after another and everybody was having fun," said Carol.

From this spark, Carol began going on small group charter trips with her husband, son, and friends, enjoying everything from island and inshore bass fishing to yellowfin and yellowtail offshore. You could say that while Carol may have gotten into fishing late in life, she has certainly made up for any lost time.

Carol's growing passion for new fishing experiences has led her on a series of exotic angling adventures that, let's face it, most can only dream of. Such as carving out a couple of days during an excursion to the Galapagos Islands in 2022 to charter a local guide to explore untapped reefs teeming with big wahoo, amberjack, and other pulse-quickenning gamefish. Or exploring blue offshore waters around Puerta Vallarta for marlin, tuna and other pelagics. Or plying the icy waters off Homer, Alaska, for salmon and big barndoor halibut. And these are just some of her recent adventures.

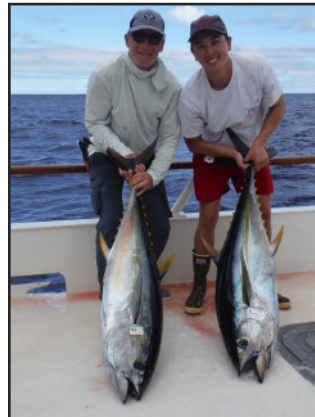
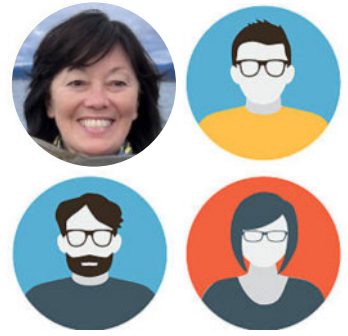
When I asked Carol about her top angling memories, she listed among them catching a 53-pound kingfish in New Zealand. For those of you who don't know, these beasts are like Califor-

nia yellowtail on steroids, and they fight just like you'd expect a yellowtail of 50-plus pounds to — pushing both angler and gear to the limits. "I remember our boat was quickly surrounded by sharks, which made landing the fish even more challenging," said Carol. She also shared a tale of boating a 130-pound Pacific Blue Marlin off Kona, Hawaii as another fishing memory she will carry with her always.

Carol isn't just about catching big game in exotic locations, however. She is a well-rounded angler, who for the past few years has gotten into flyfishing the Eastern Sierra waters for all types of trout. "For me, it's all about variety and experiencing new places and things. I want to check off as many different fish species as I can," said Carol.

She should be able to accomplish this on the next big adventure her family is planning for the beginning of June. An upcoming excursion to the Canary Islands — a Spanish archipelago about 60 miles off the coast of Morocco in northwest Africa — will, of course, include some time set aside for fishing with a local guide. Given the wide variety of fish that swim in these tropical waters, Carol should be able to check off a few more boxes on her ever-growing list.

And to think, it all started with putting down that galley spatula and picking up a fishing rod to help a youngster.



CONSERVATION MATTERS

March 2026

By Theresa Labriola, President, Wild Oceans

Every year, the National Marine Fisheries Service compiles research on the California Current ecosystem as derived from environmental, biological, economic and social indicators and produces an Annual Report for the Pacific Fishery Management Council. This year's report highlights that:

- Strong upwelling coastwise led to productive coastal conditions, held marine heatwave offshore.
- Diverse and abundant forage coastwide.
- Record HAB events in southern CA.
- Rapid spring melt-out, high temperatures, below-normal snowpack, & looming drought in the north.
- High precipitation alleviated drought in CA, but snowpack remains exceptionally low.

You can find the full report at the link below.

<https://www.pcouncil.org/documents/2026/02/e-1-acciea-report-1-2025-2026-california-current-ecosystem-status-report.pdf/>

Chronic ocean warming drives 20% annual decline in fish biomass

Chronic ocean warming is driving a near 20% annual decline in fish biomass across large swathes of the Northern Hemisphere, according to a startling new study. It's a sweeping study that goes some length to paint the complexity of the picture. This is a story more nuanced than a simple downward trend, but one that has found that extreme marine heatwaves - those now increasing in frequency and intensity - can temporarily obscure this long-term decline by triggering short-lived biomass surges in some of the ocean's colder region. <https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/chronic-ocean-warming-drives-20-annual-decline-in-fish-biomass>

Warming oceans drive humpbacks into fishing gear

Climate-driven changes to ocean conditions are increasing the risk of humpback whales becoming entangled in fishing gear along the US west coast. Fishing gear, like gillnets and traps, can entangle whales - injuring and killing them. Formal reports show an overall increase in entanglements: in 2014, there were fewer than 10 annual reported incidents involving humpbacks, but that number rose to 31 in 2024. Scientists have previously struggled to determine what is driving this. Entanglements are notoriously difficult to monitor, and humpback whale populations have rebounded following the end of commercial whaling, providing simply a greater number of whales who could be

susceptible to entanglement. But this new study suggests that population growth alone does not explain the trend. Humpback whales feed on the US west coast, near California and Oregon, on schools of anchovies, sardines and krill - prey that is reliant on cool, nutrient rich water that is drawn up from the deep ocean through coastal upwelling. However, rising ocean temperatures and recurring marine heatwaves are disrupting that system.

<https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/warming-oceans-drive-humpbacks-into-fishing-gear>

US lawmakers introduce marine carbon dioxide removal bill

U.S. lawmakers in Congress have introduced legislation to improve research into removing carbon dioxide from the ocean, potentially through aquaculture practices like seaweed farming. "Carbon dioxide removal is an essential tool in the fight against the climate crisis, in addition to being a driver of American innovation," U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) said in a release. "Our bill will encourage research into mCDR [marine carbon dioxide removal] to ensure it's safe and effective, benefits coastal communities, and protects ecosystems." The Removing and Sequestering Carbon Unleashed in the Environment and Oceans Act (ReSCUE Oceans Act) would establish a dedicated research program within NOAA to study mCDR and issue grants, develop a framework for mCDR field research sites, create an interagency working group to develop a federal mCDR research plan, and more.

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/us-lawmakers-introduce-marine-carbon-dioxide-removal-bill>

Exploring Tuna Management & Aquaculture Opportunity Areas

Lyf Gildersleeve provides a primer on two current topics at the Pacific Fishery Management Council. First, the advancement of offshore wind has dominated marine planning conversation in recent years. Through offshore wind, Biden administration aimed to create 30 gigawatts of clean energy by 2030, an ambitious plan supported by the Governor of California. However, the accelerated approval process outpaced a thorough assessment of the environmental impact. Second, this includes several important meetings focusing on the management of Northern Pacific Bluefin tuna and the Northern Albacore Tuna. Lyf helps untangle the issues.

<https://conservefish.org/2026/02/11/exploring-tuna-management-aquaculture-opportunity-areas>



KIDS FUN FISH • CASTAIC LAKE

 SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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- RODS, REELS & BAIT PROVIDED
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www.castaiclake.com/kidsfunfish

2026 King of the Club Tournament



Date: July 30th, Thursday

Cost: \$175

Anglers: 22 anglers – 11 two-person teams (Teams are self-selected)

Charter Master: Sophia Huynh, fishnsoph@gmail.com 818-216-8210

Location: Redondo Beach Sportfishing, 140 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Trip Description: Full day fishing, leaving at 5 am and returning approximately 7 pm

- Snacks, drinks, tip, and fish cleaning are an additional charge per angler.
- Full galley available for food purchases. Meals are not included; there is a galley minimum to meet, so please order food and drinks.
- Arrival is 2 hours prior to departure to check in, sign the boat manifest, and show proof of fishing license (not included)

Winning team receives King of the Club jackets!!

Make your check payable to **LARRC** and mail it to John Ballotti, 1751 B Andreo Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501.

Please contact Sophia Huynh to inquire about availability

WANTED

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON WANTED



KEY RECRUITMENT POINTS:

1. **LOVES TO FISH!** (Must enjoy the water and the catch!)
2. **LOVES TO TALK!** (Must be engaging, friendly, & outgoing!)
3. **LOVES TO TALK ABOUT FISHING!** (Sharing stories & passion is essential!)
4. **LOVES TO HEAR ABOUT FISHING!**
(An attentive, enthusiastic listener to fellow anglers!)

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU, WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU TO BE THE AMBASSADOR FOR LARRC!

REWARD: THE THRILL OF BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY & LEADING LARRC MEMBERSHIP!



APPLY NOW! SEND INQUIRIES & RESUMES TO: INFO@LARRC.ORG | WWW.LARRC.ORG | JOIN THE ADVENTURE!



26th Annual Lou Berke Kids Fishing Derby

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS Friends, Family, Club Members

Put on by.....Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club and Foundation

PlaceHansen Dam Aquatic Center (Fish Pond) Lake View Terrace

Date.....April 17, 2026

Time.....7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Participation. Students from LAUSD Lokrantz Special Education, Lassen Elementary & Maclay Middle School

(All these students are special needs)

This will be the 26th year that we have taken these schools for the annual fishing derby for their students.

The event takes over 100 volunteers to make the magic happen. The ratio is 1-1 with each of the approximate 110 students who participate. We need volunteers to do Many members assist the kids and instruct them how to cast and catch a fish tackle prep, food prep, serving of the food, and fish cleaning

Free T-Shirts, Breakfast, and Lunch is served to all volunteers. Once the students arrive, we start preparing lunch for all students, teachers, parents, helpers, and all volunteers. All fish caught are cleaned immediately and put on ice for each student to take home.

Please email or call Carol Chow-carolchowla@gmail.com (310-729-2825)

or

Ted Feit- tedfeit@gmail.com (805-404-7976) to volunteer.

Please provide us your first and last name and address per CA drivers license, your phone number, email address, and Shirt size.

"All youth event volunteers will be screened before the event using state databases."



The clean up crew working on the net for the up coming Lou Berke Kids Fishing Day.

FISHING THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA Part 1

By Marc Monforte

In November, fellow LARRC members Donald Goldsobel, Michael Herrera and myself embarked on a highly anticipated trip to fish the Gulf of California. To facilitate the trip, we participated with a private six-day charter coordinated by the former owner of Phenix Rods, Jeff Tseng. For many years, Jeff has annually lead groups of anglers between the months of May and November, to fish the Gulf by way of Tony Reyes Fishing Tours.

The Gulf of California (Golfo de California), also known as the Sea of Cortes (Mar de Cortes) or more commonly called/spelled Sea of Cortez, is located between the Baja California Peninsula and the mainland of Mexico. It spans approx. 700 miles in length and varies in width from 30 to 150 miles. The encompassing gulf includes 37 major islands among the more than 900 total islands and islets found there. In addition to a number of various seabird species, this body of water is also home to over 5000 species of marine life, making it one of the most diverse seas on the earth, and thus designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Gulf has been a primary source of Mexico's leading marine resources, including sardines, anchovies and shrimp. As related, this fish rich ecosystem is also host to many migratory whales, including the Gray, Humpback, Killer, and the magnificent Blue. Interestingly, there are some resident Fin and Sperm whales that do not migrate out of the Gulf.

Upon an invitation from my long-time personal friend, and a LARRC supporter (Vic Villa), it was with eagerness that I committed to the bucket-list trip. The trip had also been on Michael's bucket list for a long time as well, and Donald was anxious to make a return trip after not being there for many years. In addition to the destination's allure, the attraction of fishing for a number of fish species not yet caught by us, was also a part of this trio's motivation to venture to the Gulf.

The charter that Jeff organizes and plans for includes a total of 18 anglers, based upon a preference for two anglers per skiff (panga), rather than the optional three. The beginning of the trip involved all the various car-pooling anglers to meet at a designated starting location in the city of Calexico California on a Sunday morning. Once all the vehicles had fueled up and visited a local insurance agency to obtain the requisite Mexican auto insurance, we all started the caravan journey to and over the US/Mexico border. After a short and timely crossing, we stopped at the Immigration Office to obtain the required Tourist Visa (free for a 7-day visit), before the caravan headed south on Mexico's Hwy 5



towards the town of San Felipe. After about a 2 ½ hour drive over a very good road, covering about 125 miles, we finally arrived at the fishing pier that our hosting boat was berthed at.

The first order of business was for all the passengers to load all their fishing tackle and empty ice chests onto the boat, and then stowaway their personal gear into their assigned stateroom. Due to the time of day and the tide being so low, the pier's gangway to get aboard the boat necessitated that we stepped over the rail on the upper, third deck. Once the vehicles were emptied, they once again caravanned to one of the boat owner's (Tony Reyes Jr.) house and parked in the secure, gated compound. After a short ride back to the pier, all the anglers were provided a briefing on the upcoming trip logistics. Since the boat wouldn't be departing until the next morning, everyone made their own arrangements for an overnight motel stay in San Felipe. With that accomplished, the group headed out for a walk about town, while at the same time visiting a few food locations to sample some of the local ethnic dishes (including my first time eating octopus tacos); and of course, some cold cervezas. After a good night's rest, it was time for breakfast at one of the local sidewalk restaurants serving a recommended bowl of menudo, along with other traditional fare as well. After the hearty breakfast, it was time to head back to the pier and boarding the boat for departure.

For those that may not be familiar with the boat "Tony Reyes", it is a 107-foot, three-decked, steel hull boat that has staterooms that can accommodate up to 30 anglers (seven 2-person and four 4-person units). The rooms are individually air conditioned and have 110-volt outlets. For shared

use, there are six heads, and four fresh, hot water showers. There is also a spacious galley for serving the daily meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), in addition to the on-deck buffet-style meals we enjoyed as well. Cold beverages including various brands of beer, soda and bottled water are available at any time during the day and night, and conveniently included in the base fare. At your discretion, you are also allowed to bring any type of drinks or hard liquor that you may otherwise prefer. Blow deck on the stern is a very spacious "ice hold" that is used to keep all the fish caught throughout the trip appropriately chilled and fresh.



On the stern, they carry (stacked 3-high) nine Pangas (22-foot skiffs with 50-horsepower outboards), which can fish either two or three anglers. As mentioned, on Jeff's charters, most all the pangas customarily fish with only two anglers, which makes for a more comfortable and roomy option, (although one had three anglers on this trip). The pangas have two small live bait wells to store the bait that is caught each night during the trip, as well as a small hold with crushed ice for the "keeper" fish storage and beverages.

For those who may not have ventured to San Felipe before, it is a small coastal town with a community of less than 20 thousand residents. The town is mostly reliant on both tourist and commercial fishing/shrimping. The Bay of San Felipe is only about nine feet above sea level and at low tide, the water can recede as much as 1 1/2 miles. As such, it experiences one of the "largest tidal bores in the world" and exposes the nakedness of the ocean floor for all to see.

Also unique to San Felipe is its proximity to the Giant Cactus Forest, Valle de los Gigantes, or also known as the Valley of the Giants. Just a short drive south of town, a nature reserve is the home to an impressive forest of Cardon Cacti, the tallest growing cactus in the world. Found nowhere else on earth besides Baja and Sonora Mexico, they can reach heights over 60 feet and weigh over 25 tons during their 300-year lifespan. Although similar in look to the common Saguaro Cactus found in the U.S. and other

parts of Mexico, your only opportunity to see these magnificent cardon cactus is just a short side-trip away. Although I was not able to visit the valley giants on this trip, I will be looking to do so when I return in November 2026.

Although not having previous experience related to the trip's processes, procedures, protocol, etc., all three of us were fortunate enough to have Vic as our Mentor, and as such we had a very good idea what to expect and do. Prior to the trip, Vic spent a lot of time providing valuable information related to the various tackle needed, recommended fishing techniques, how the trip would progress, and other misc. bits of valuable information to help us be as prepared as possible.

After all the passengers were re-assembled on the boat late Monday morning, it was time to get started on our fishing adventure. The first priority was to make sure that everyone's fishing tackle and personal property was identified (tagged). To facilitate this task, each passenger was provided with a different color of vinyl tape, by which a small piece of that tape was attached to everything. This process comes in handy to easily identify your items both for yourself, as well as the boat's deck crew and Pangaderos, who assist with the handling of everything. All the fishing tackle is initially kept on the top deck, until such time that the pangas are off-loaded, and then whatever you want to accompany you in the panga each day is brought down to the stern deck.

Regarding what fishing tackle to bring, it should be kept in mind that you are bringing your tackle across the border into Mexico, so being conservative with the quantity you bring should be kept in mind, especially regarding the number of obvious rods and reels. As related to terminal tackle including jigs/lures/sinkers/hooks/etc., pack as you would for fishing similar fish in California and Baja. That said, I personally brought less rods, reels and other tackle than I would normally bring on a similar multi-day trip/boat. As



part of the learning experience on this first trip, I have made a note to bring a rod(s), matching reel(s) and jigs for vertical style (very effective) fishing next trip. In addition to my normal selection of jigs, two of the jigs I was encouraged to bring, and I fished the most on the trip were the Yo-Zuri Hydro Minnows and Shimano Coltsnipers. Also keep in mind that a lot of the fish hooked take advantage of the rocky bottom, and you may tend to lose a lot of jigs.

After getting permission from the local port authority, and the tide being of correct elevation, we were able to exit the harbor late afternoon and start our journey south to the narrowest part of the Gulf, the Midriff Islands. The regular routine is for the boat to travel the remainder of the day and all night long, covering about 250 miles, before arriving at the initial fishing grounds Tuesday afternoon. Once there, all nine pangas were off-loaded, outboard motors attached and other particular preparations were made to prepare for our first full day of fishing Wednesday morning. Because the Tony Reyes (boat) was our hotel and takes us to each of the various fishing locations as we work our way back north over

After dinner, it was expected that we catch the mackerel bait for the next day's fishing, or if not, then don't expect to use any! Before, during and after dinner, it was time for sharing the day's fish stories and then off to bed, so that we can repeat the same the next day.



the next five days, we were able to take advantage of the prime time of each day, that being sunrise and sunset, when typically, the bite is best.

Because the deck crew and/or designated Pangadero load all the tagged items we designated for the days outing, all we needed to think about is getting in the Panga and fishing. Likewise, upon each evening's return, they off-loaded our misc. items and then washed off the rods and reels. For the next four days, the routine would be the same. The normal day begins with having breakfast and then getting in the panga before the sun comes up. From there, we fished until about midday, when we returned back to the boat for lunch, a little rest, and then back to fishing again until sunset (and on a few days after sunset). Each time we returned to the boat, our fish were gilled/gutted and placed in the ice hold.

Tribute Opportunity

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- Congratulations • Graduation
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- Best Wishes • New Home
- Baby Announcement
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MEN'S FRESH WATER					Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Wendy Tochihara	3	8*
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Share your experiences with your fellow club members!



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