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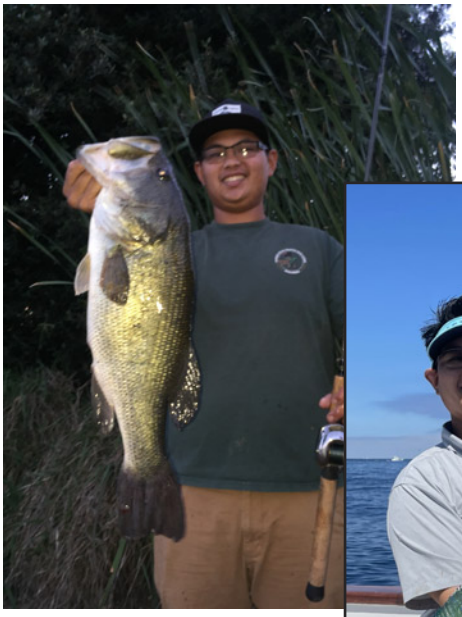
LARRC Welcomes Ryan Sheng - Fish N' Fools



This month's dinner speaker will be Ryan Sheng, the new owner of Fish N' Fools in Chatswoth.

Ryan has been an avid fisherman since before he can remember. He grew up in the SFV and caught his first fish at Balboa Park. He grew up fishing bass at Castaic Lake and started working at The Fish N' Fools in high school. He started ocean fishing soon after and got hooked on the ocean. He worked at The Fish N' Fools while attending CSUN and left after graduating with a business degree. Ryan took over The Fish N' Fools the beginning of 2026.

Let's support our local tackle store and meet Ryan!

Dinner Meeting
August 31, 2026
Social Hour 6:30pm Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm
Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys

Presidential Ponderings

July and August have been busy months! Not all fishing related, but I was able to jump on one of our own Sophie and Wendy's charters for a three-day ladies only trip on the Searcher. I am excited to report that I have "dialed in" my seasickness remedies and, despite very "sporty" weather, did not chum once!! Thank you to all the members that reached out with advice. It was truly appreciated. I landed on the "shock" bracelet and some new pills. What a treat not to feel sick!!!

I wish I could say that it was a great catching trip but that was not the case for me. I did get to meet some great new lady anglers, hang out with friends from last year, and had an amazing few days out on the water. We went over knots and I enjoyed checking out how everyone organizes their tackle as that is my next project. I went home fat and happy, so there were no complaints here!!!!

I am headed to Washington State and hope to check out some river fishing while visiting my daughter and granddaughter! But mostly just looking forward to spending time with them and meeting the beef herd. We will have our monthly Board of Directors meeting on the 24th via ZOOM and all members are welcome to attend. We welcome new faces, ideas and suggestions 😁

Thank you to Dustin for putting together a great charter trip on the Navegante. I really enjoyed fishing with club members and their family and cannot wait for the next one! Look for info on how to sign up while spots are available.

I hope to see you at the next dinner meeting, club event or charter! Let's hear those fishing tales!!!

Possible new column ideas??
Cuisine Corner
Reel Recipes

I still had some lovely rainbow trout from my day out with club member Ron Ballanti and was looking for new recipe ideas. Someone had (jokingly) mentioned cooking it in the dishwasher and I decided to try it out! I defrosted a whole cleaned fish and placed it in on foil with butter, lemon and some cooking sherry. Simple salt and pepper and I sealed it up. I wasn't sure about the whole process, so I ended up making another foil packet just in case!

I ran the dishwasher for a single cycle (no soap) and waited to see what I got! I have to say there was ZERO smell of fish in the house! And when I opened the packet, the fish was deliciously tender!!!! The skin peeled right off and it was delicious with an Asian sauce and some rice.
I will definitely do a variation of this again- let me know if you try it!!!!

CALENDAR

Board Meeting
August 24, 2026
Via Zoom
If you would like to attend the board meeting, please email the Club President for link information

Dinner Meeting
August 31 , 2026
Social Hour 6:30
Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406

Navegante 1.5 day Trip
September 29, 2026

Navegante 1.5 day Trip
October 29, 2026

CONSERVATION MATTERS

August 2026
By Theresa Labriola

Troubled Waters
The largest conservation areas in the U.S. are in the Pacific Ocean. President Trump is rolling back their protections.

Some of the most pristine ecosystems left in the world are found in the Pacific. These remote islands and atolls are biodiversity hot spots, home to thriving coral reefs and bustling seabird colonies. More than a million square miles of the Pacific Ocean are safeguarded as U.S. marine national monuments and sanctuaries. Now, the Trump administration is opening some of these waters to commercial fishing.
https://apps.npr.org/troubled-waters

The Depredation Debate
Charles Witek provides a thoughtful review of the depredation debate and concludes "The depredation problem can't be ethically addressed by depleting the number of ocean predators, just so anglers can enjoy their sport. But it can be solved once the angling public understands that they share the sea with sharks, seals, dolphin, and other native predators, and that so long as they compete for the same target species, anglers are going to have to share a portion of their catch, as well."
https://conservefish.org/2026/07/08/the-depredation-debate

The Effect of Higher Ocean Temps on Climate — A Q&A with Scripps Oceanographer Art Miller
This July, a massive record-setting heat dome locked over the central and western United States, putting roughly 70 to 80 million people under extreme heat warnings and advisories. Researchers at La Jolla's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, which has been tracking coastal ocean temperatures daily for 110 years since 1916, report that a prolonged marine heatwave has kept Southern California coastal waters significantly above average. Data from the Scripps Pier tracking program shows persistent high-pressure systems reducing cold water upwelling, leading to local water temperatures 3 to 7 degrees Fahrenheit above normal and stressing marine ecosystems. This century-long dataset shows that the coastal Pacific has warmed by roughly 3°F (about 1.6°C) over the past 110 years. What does this all mean? Are these weather phenomena linked? Check out this Q & A with Art Miller, a Distinguished Research Oceanographer Emeritus and a senior lecturer in climate sciences at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (UCSD).
https://timesofsandiego.com/environment/2026/07/27/what-do-higher-ocean-temps-mean-for-the-climate

El Niño is Already Scrambling Fisheries Throughout the Pacific
From California to Peru to India, the powerful weather phenomenon is creating winners and losers across the commercial and recreational fishing industries. We're not even one month into "super El Niño, the natural Pacific weather pattern characterized by warmer than average sea surface temperatures, and fisheries around the world are already getting scrambled. In Peru, government officials have effectively canceled the fishing season for anchovies, one of the country's most important exports and a leading source of fish oil and animal feed globally. The Indian government is preparing for a season of smaller, less plentiful Indian mackerel. Meanwhile, in Southern California, recreational and commercial fishers have reported some of the most successful months of tuna fishing they've ever seen. The divergent situations show how El Niño can create winners and losers across the fishing industry, decimating some species while making others easier to catch. For fishers, the result is instability, with many forced to consider seasonal diversification. And consumers can expect fluctuations in the price of key fish products.
https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/el-nino-already-scrambling-fisheries-throughout-pacific/7716307

Five Ways to Save Our Ocean, According to Leading Conservationists
Sylvia Earl and Titouan Bernicot recently sat down together with CNN to discuss the state of the ocean, how technology can help it recover and why exploring and protecting marine ecosystems is important for all life on Earth. These are five ways they believe we can

turn the tide and revive our ocean: 1) turn setbacks into opportunities, 2) support local efforts, 3) create opportunities for participation, 4) leverage technology, and 5) protect entire ecosystems - not just coral. https://www.cnn.com/climate/ocean-conservation-sylvia-earle-titouan-bernicot-spc-c2e

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.

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 maybe deducted. Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

Information Request and Donations may be addressed to:

Tammy Steinman
tammysteinman7@gmail.com

LARRC Member Profile — Steve Simon

I'll start off with the basics…the "tale of the tape," as it were. Steve Simon has been a member of the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club (LARRC) for 33 years. He and his wife Linda have one son, Eddie, and two grandkids — 6-year-old Bradley and 3-year-old Andrew.

If I had to come up with one word to describe Steve, it would be "self-starter." That's two words — but I'm a fisherman, so you'll understand if I fudge things a bit.

For example, Steve got himself into fishing, rather than "inheriting" it from a family member. He was born in Manchester, England in 1944 after his parents fled Germany during Hitler's rise to power. Even though his father served in the British military, his parents were not allowed to purchase a home in England. So, his parents brought Steve and his two sisters to the U.S. as young children. Sometime during his upbringing in Southern California, his aunt was inspired to buy him a basic freshwater spinning outfit — and from here the self-starter gene kicked in.

Steve began his passion for saltwater fishing the same way many of us did — spending long days at local fishing piers fishing for whatever would bite. During middle school, he made friends with other youngsters who were into fishing, and soon they had their own little "fishing club" visiting piers from Long Beach to Malibu. Steve also shared a fond memory of his father taking him on his first overnight trip out of Pierpoint landing, even though his dad wasn't a fisherman.

Steve was drafted into the army in 1966 and over an 18-month period he traveled through 18 European countries while serving as a U.S. Army photographer. While overseas, he shopped at army PXs in various locations, building up his tackle collection for his eventual return home — including several French-made Mitchell spinning reels, which he still proudly owns.

Steve kept up his love of fishing and began regularly chartering the Island Tak out of Channel Islands Harbor in the late 1980s, eventually taking along his own son and building his network of fishing friends. Along the way, he made friends with Seymor Rimland who worked at The Fisherman's Spot in Van Nuys. Seymour had been a past president of LARRC and he recruited Steve into the club in 1993. Being a self-starter, Steve didn't waste any time getting involved. For example, Steve worked together with then club president Michael Godfrey to start up the Lou Berke Fishing Derby program for special needs kids. This successful program, sponsored and supported by the Lou Berke family and the non-profit LARRC Foundation, has expanded over the years to include students from different local schools and has taken thousands of special needs kids fishing over its 25 years. It is a legacy event for the LARRC Foundation and is looked forward to annually by students, their families, and scores of LARRC volunteers alike.

Steve served two terms as Co-Chairman of the foundation, where he worked with others in the club to create additional programs for the LARRC Foundation to make a positive impact on society and the community. These include mentor's trips to take at-risk youth fishing and veteran's trips that help our brave warriors experience the fun and peace of being on the water. These trips are always fully funded by the foundation, meaning that guests are treated to the trip, loaner tackle, and even food. These trips are still at the core of the LARRC Foundation's mission — and volunteering to be part of the team at one of these events is one of the most fulfilling things about being a LARRC member. Steve is also rightly proud of starting up the used tackle sale to help raise funds for the foundation more than 25 years ago.

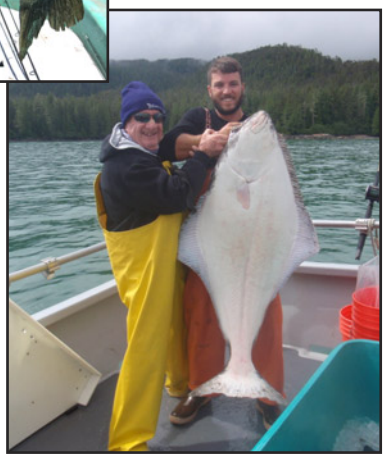
"Attending meetings and going on club charters is great, but volunteering at events like these will change your outlook on life," says Steve. "Helping a kid catch his or her very first fish will make you feel like a child again. And sharing the deck with a brave veteran brings a new appreciation not only for their sacrifice, but for the transformative power of being out on the ocean. Whether you're a new member or you've been in the club for 30-plus years like me, I encourage you to get out there and make a difference."

Steve's dedication to the club and the foundation hasn't gone unnoticed. He won the Abe Zide Most Valuable Person Award in 2004, 2008, 2009 and

2011, as well as the Otto Painter Distinguished Service Award in 2003, 2006 and 2008. He holds numerous club fishing records, including a Men's Saltwater Hall of Fame record for 46-pound, 3-ounce California halibut, and a litany of other line-class ecords for fish ranging from sand bass, lingcod, and red drum to channel catfish, carp, and rainbow trout.

When you ask him about his biggest angling achievements, he doesn't talk about the fish he reeled in. Instead, he fondly rattles off stories about the early days of the club, where he and other members would take turns setting up trips to places like Cabo, Florida, Louisiana, Wyoming and other exotic destinations. "It was just a group of friends, fishing and having fun together," he says.

Whether you're talking about planning events to help youngsters and the community, or standing at the rail reeling in fish, Steve has no plans of slowing down. As proof, consider that he and fellow club member Ed Lieberman teamed up to win the 2026 King/Queen of the Club tournament just a few weeks ago. It wasn't the first time, and it probably won't be the last.



Steve's son and grandson Bradley with a big tilapia

Members

John Ballotti and his grandson were on Catalina Island. His grandson fished the kid's derby and won ribbons for the biggest fish and most fish. Good times.

Sophia Huynh caught a nice 120lb bluefin tuna at night aboard the Searcher on her annual Seeker 3 day trip.

IT WAS A LONG DISTANCE TO GO FISHING

PART 2

By Marc Monforte

After the first half-day of fishing, we only boated 7 Wahoo and 5 Yellowfin Tuna. Although there was fish in the area, the problem was with the brown sharks. Sharks, Sharks, and more Sharks!! Unfortunately, the sharks were so prevalent, that a majority of fish caught became shark food. They were so aggressive that they would even eat the Wahoo while caught on the troll. It became apparent quite soon that fishing the shallows was not practical. The strategy changed to fishing the deeper water just outside the shallow area, and before the significant dropoff. The tuna and Wahoo prefer the shallows where the baitfish are, so trying to entice them to deeper water was challenging. Slow trolling a Yummy-Flyer off the kite along the shallow/deepwater ridgeline was the best opportunity to hook a bigger tuna, but the sharks would also chase them as well, if to close in. The first three kite fish were all 200-pound class, including the one I worked through the sharks, with a hanging weigh of 234 lbs. After fishing for a second day and facing the same onslaught by the sharks, it was time for a change.

Unfortunately, the shark situation at Hurricane Bank has been getting worse each year, following the moratorium placed on the killing of sharks in Mexican waters a couple of years ago. In prior years, the long-line boats would come to the Bank and catch the sharks for their fins. This annual culling would keep the shark population in check and also assist the tuna seiners that would also frequent the bank for tuna. In years past, I have been at the Bank when as many as six or seven tuna seiners were catching fish there at the same time. On one particular trip, the seiners would set their nets so close to our boat, that the surface buoys would bang against the hull. On that day, and one for my memory book, I actually caught two tuna while throwing jigs within the seine net! Still not sure if that qualified me as a Commercial Fisherman? Over the last three years visiting at the Hurricane, I have not seen a single purse seiner. It seems to me that without the annual culling, that certainly has something to do with the huge volume of sharks there now.

During the two evenings that we spent at the Bank, the crew was challenged to catch flying fish for our kite/big bait fishing. I say challenged, because as the flyers arrived, so did the brown sharks. After a relatively short period of time, the boat was surrounded by a couple hundred sharks. No Joke! It was actually very entertaining to watch the crew battle the sharks. As the flyers came into the lights alongside the boat, the sharks would boil on them and a feeding frenzy was in full swing. The crew did manage to scoop a couple hundred flyers each night, of which a majority were wrapped and frozen for later trips.

With only 21 Wahoo and 8 Yellowfin Tuna to show for our 1 ½ day effort, it was time to make an overnight move to Isla Clarion. The Sharks Won! Leaving around noon time allows the minimization of lost fishing time. The 180-mile southwest move taking about 18 hours and allows for an arrival time to the island in the early morning.

For those not familiar with Isla Clarion (Clarion Island) or formerly known as Santa Rosa, it is both the westernmost and most remote of Mexico's Archipelago de Revillagigedo. Located in the eastern Pacific Ocean, this archipelago is comprised of the four remote islands and their surrounding waters: San Benedicto (245 miles southwest from Cabo San Lucas), Roca Partida (80 miles northwest of Benedicto), Socorro (40 miles west of Benedicto), and Clarion (239 miles west of Socorro). The Hurricane Bank is still another 180 miles west of Clarion, so as reference, it is a total of 880 miles from Cabo. The archipelago is part of a submerged mountain range, with the four islands representing the peaks of volcanoes emerging above sea level. Apart from the small naval base on Socorro and an even smaller naval garrison/camp on Clarion, the islands are uninhabited.

Each of the islands display characteristic terrestrial flora and fauna and their relative isolation has resulted in high

levels of species endemism and mico-endemism, particularly among fish and bird species, many of which are globally threatened. The islands provide critical habitat for a range of terrestrial and marine creatures and are of particular importance to seabirds such as the Masked, Blue-footed, Red-footed and Brown Boobies, Red-billed Tropicbirds, Magnificent Frigatebirds and many other species dependent on the islands and sea habitats. The Archipielago de Revillagigedo is the only breeding site in the world where one of the rarest seabirds in the world, the critically endangered Townsend's Shearwater, exist. They are also home to the endemic Socorro Dove, Socorro Mockingbird, Socorro Wren, Clarion Wren, and Burrowing Owls.

In the marine realm, at least 10 reef fish species have been identified as endemic, including the spectacular Clarion Angelfish, which are known for their "cleaning stations", by which they feed on ectoparasites of the Giant Manta Rays which inhabit these waters. The islands are also home to more than 20 species of sharks. Yikes! Not more sharks!

The entire archipielago is a Mexican Biosphere Reserve and in 2017 the government created the Revillagigedo National Park, expanding the previously small reserve around the islands to the largest "no-take" marine protected area in North America. In 2022, the Revillagigedo National Park was formally included as part of the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (CMAR) marine protected area network. As currently managed by the Natural Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP), fishing is restricted through the marine area zoning system, allowing for a 12 nautical mile no-take fishing "Buffer Zone" from each island. Although the Excel's permit calls for that 12-mile buffer zone limit, Justin had mentioned to the passengers on our way to the island, that the Marine Area Zoning System was extending the "buffer zone" out to 20 miles. I haven't heard any official verification of that declaration, but we will see what happens for next year.

As with the protection of the marine area habitat surrounding the islands, equal protection of the island's terrestrial flora and fauna habitat is equally protected. To date, tourism has been severely restricted by the Mexican Government, and only a set number of diving boats are allowed within the biosphere's buffer zone. No people are allowed on-shore without an official permit. To help restore terrestrial values, previously introduced and invasive sheep, pigs, cats, rabbits and mice have been targeted for eradication. Although all the sheep and pigs have already been eliminated from all the islands, Socorro still has a small population of cats and mice. (as an interesting note, Rats were never introduced to the islands which is exceptional for subtropical islands of this size). They still have the pesky mice, by luckily no rats.

Likewise at Clarion, the sheep and goats have all been eradicated, but a large population of rabbits still exist. On one of my past visits to the island, I was lucky enough to be invited to spend the day ashore with five other passengers. In addition to the various activities I experienced that day, I also participated in a "Rabbit Hunt". As strange as it may sound, we didn't hunt with rifles, rather we killed them with "Rocks". We chased them until they stopped, we threw large rocks and hit them to incapacitate them, and then quickly dispatched them. In addition to the 15 fresh/skinned rabbits we returned to the Excel with, we also brought back 50 to 60 lobsters. That said, there are still plenty of rabbits that exist on the island today. What surprises me is that they do so even though there is no source of fresh water on the island. They have adapted to survive only by the water derived from the vegetation they eat.

Having fished the far away fishing location from many years past, and long before all the current environmental protections/restrictions have been enacted, I had the opportunity of exploration that not many people/anglers can participate in today. I have been lucky enough to go ashore five times (out of the eight times visiting) at Clipperton Island, France. Besides the two shore visits on Clarion, I also spent half a day on Socorro Island, walked on the Lava Flow at San Benedicto

Island, laid hands upon Roca Partida, and spent four days on Guadalupe Island (that's a story for another day/article coming soon).

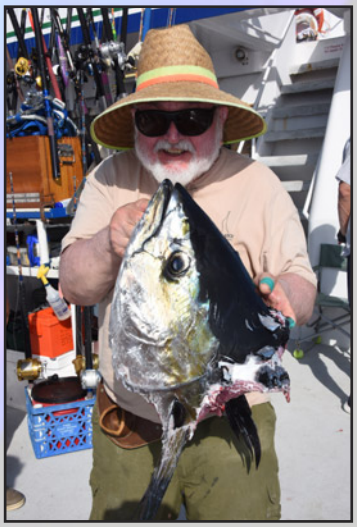
Anyway, getting back to the fishing at Clarion, it is much more challenging today, than it was in years past when fishing the inside, shallow areas of the island was standard, and so much more routine and productive. Compared to the previous past and common practice of anchoring up to fish for tuna, the strategy for fishing in the "offshore buffer zone", is a big change in strategy. As compared to the tuna arriving in the shallows to feed, the tuna offshore are more commonly on the move. Motoring around to spot a bird school and hopefully a school of fish under it, get ahead of it, throw some bait on it and hope to stop it, is the technique for today.

This technique of "find them if you can" which is oh so similar to fishing for Bluefin Tuna, is what kept us busy for three days. For all the effort, time and patience, we ended up with a total of 131 medium sized (40 to 150 lbs.) Yellowfin and 4 lost Wahoo. Unfortunately, the buffer zone is just too far from the shallows to successfully find and score reasonable numbers of Wahoo. Which is my favorite fish to catch. The other contributing factor to the low tuna count were the SHARKS. Yes, the sharks were also a major problem here as well. Quite surprisingly, the increased volume of sharks also at Clarion have caused them to venture further off-shore; in my opinion anyway. With a lot of effort, we did locate tuna, but once again, the catch and land rate was frustratingly on the side of the sharks. With no other fishing location options available that far south, on the third day at lunchtime, it was back on course to the Hurricane Bank once again.

Upon arrival, and for the next two and a half days we continued to try to outwit and battle the sharks. Staying in the deeper water off the bank was our only viable option and trolling either a live Flying Fish (we continued to catch at night), or a Yummy Flyer, which were more productive than soaking baits. A few wahoo occasionally ventured into the deeper water, but still not the numbers we were hoping for. On one afternoon we came upon a floating log, and hoped that there would be some Dorado at home, no such luck. The log was loaded with a few hundred trigger fish, so we scooped up about 75 of them, and used most of them on the tuna that were around. They do make good bait for tuna fishing.

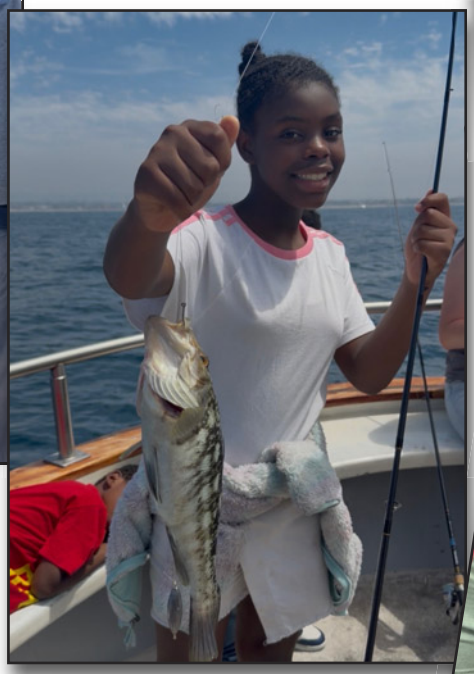
Having endured enough frustration at the Bank, we left a day early in hopes to stop somewhere up the line and fish for whatever we encountered. The wind was blowing heavy offshore and at Alijos, so we opted to head in towards the beach and find some Yellowtail along the way. The ride north was fairly rough so speed wasn't as good as expected, so our full-day of extracurricular fishing wasn't in the cards. We did spend a couple of hours of bottom fishing above Cedros Island for large Reds and lots of Lingcod, which I really enjoy eating, so that was nice. From there, it was back to Fisherman's landing to end the trip.

In conclusion, I rated this trip as GREAT! Just like all the trips I take, because each trip is a personal adventure for me, and yes, very similar to others taken; they are always different! I always have a wonderful time on the water visiting all the fishing locations that I am so very familiar with, visited more times that I can recall, and certainly have sooo many fond memories of. Most importantly, I have a chance to share the rail with so many of my fishing buddies, of which I only see one time each year. And when I'm having a great time/trip, I sometimes catch fish as well! Like many trips past, there were some "first-time" experiences on this one as well, but in the end, one thing is for certain…….. IT WAS A LONG DIS-



Members

July 29th was the Kids' Fishing Derby. Here are some pics from the day. Johnny on the Spot, who caught the 2 biggest fish and practiced conservation by releasing a nice sheephead!



Kids trip 7/20/26 , group was from Calvary Chapel Crenshaw. For some of the kids it was their first time fishing. A friend of Dave Goske told him; he had never seen the one girl smile before. To Dave that was the best part of the trip.

Charters 2026

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.

September 29th (9 pm) – October 1st (5 am), 2026 – 1 ½ DAY TRIP

Cost: $455 for LARRC members, non-members $470. Meals Included. Non-members, please enquire.

- Note: A $20 fuel surcharge, at this time, will be charged and paid individually per angler on the day of the trip directly to the boat.
- Snacks, drinks, tip, and fish cleaning are an additional charge per angler.

Anglers: 17

Charter Master: Dustin House, cph_bass@yahoo.com (714) 904-5789

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

Trip Description: Departs 9:00 pm, Tuesday, September 29th, returns Thursday, October 30th, early morning (approximately 3-5 am).

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Redondo Beach is ideally located to go where the fish are. Tip is not included but is customary by each angler.

- Arrival is 2 hours prior to departure to check in, sign the boat manifest, and show proof of fishing license (not included)
- Please bring your own bedding – pillow and sleeping bag/blanket

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

Please contact Dustin House to inquire about availability

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2026

as of July 31, 2026

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Barracuda	12	Andrew Ratzky	5	15*
Bass, Calico	20	Greg Cohan	3	2
Bonito	30	Greg Cohan	10	2
Rockfish, Olive	30	Greg Cohan	2	4*
Sculpin	30	Greg Cohan	1	9*
Sheephead	20	Greg Cohan	2	3
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Greg Cohan	169	4
White Sea Bass	30	David Goske	38	0
Yellowtail	30	David Goske	30	6
Yellowtail	30	David Goske	28	2
MEN'S SALT WATER RELEASED				
MEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FRESH WATER				
MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Wendy Tochihara	3	8*
WOMEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
Trout, Rainbow	3	Carol Chow	3	10*
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED				
JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Amberjack	130	Connor Cohan	80	0*
Bass, Sand	20	Connor Cohan	1	6
Bonito	40	Connor Cohan	10	1*
Cabezon	20	Connor Cohan	1	2*
Lingcod	20	Connor Cohan	7	6
Rockcod, Olive	30	Connor Cohan	3	0*
Sheephead	20	Connor Cohan	7	8
Sheephead	30	Connor Cohan	3	3
Whitefish, Ocean	30	Connor Cohan	3	0
White Sea Bass	40	Connor Cohan	39	8*
Yellowtail	30	Conner Cohan	22	7
FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Tuna, Bluefin	100	Greg Cohan May 25, 2026	169	4
FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				

A Message from the Health & Happiness Chairperson

Birthday & Anniversary List

Our wonderful chairperson Linda Simon is requesting if members would send an email to her with your birthday and anniversary date (only month and day) so it can be updated in her files and she will be current on upcoming milestones.

If you would like to share the information please send this information to Linda Simon - email simonmurphy08@gmail.com

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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!

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