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

LARRC Dinner Meeting

LARRC Welcomes

Anthony Cannuli

Anthony Cannuli - an avid angler in fresh and saltwater with over 20 years professionally in the fishing industry. While working on boats for over 16 years and traveling around the country fishing; he has picked up a lot of different techniques and tips that he is happy to share. He will be discussing inshore fishing;A-rigs, plastics and techniques to get you hooked up.

Currently he is a sales representative in the fishing industry and is an LA chapter board member with CCA he is committed to working towards a healthy future for our fishing community.

Dinner Meeting

September 28, 2026

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

Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys

Presidential Ponderings

I have not fished yet this month and am not sure I will so please let me live vicariously through your fishing stories and photographs!!! The bite is crazy out there right now and I would love to see some of our club members snagging some exotics so close to home!

I have been experiencing increasing pain in my knee that had an ACL replacement and meniscus repair six years ago. A bit of a conundrum, as I want to lose weight and get in better shape, but when I increase my activity, I end up on the couch with my leg elevated on ice. I found that counterproductive so finally bit the bullet and went back to the surgeon. The good news is he can fix it. The bad news is that means surgery again. Not loving that but I plan on fishing, camping and hiking for many years to come and I need my knee to work!

I am enjoying some fresh catches from friends (thanks Greg and Sophie). I made a delicious poke using a traditional Japanese recipe and will be having a sushi night soon! I love that there are so many wonderful ways to enjoy our bounties and love hearing new recipes. Let's hear how your catches are hitting your tables!!!

We will be sending out materials soon for elections. The Board of Directors has seven members and meets once a month virtually to discuss ongoing club agenda items and future activities. I consider us a fun group, and we always welcome members to attend and see what goes on "behind the scenes." We will have an open spot on the Board of Directors and would love for you to become involved. Please reach out with any questions.

Another fun way to get involved is to volunteer on our veterans and kids fishing trips! Come see why we do what we do and put a smile on someone's face while enjoying an amazing day on the water.

Our upcoming charter at the end of September is full but we still have spots open on the trip leaving October 29th and returning October 31st on the Navegante out of Redondo Beach. At only $455 for a day and a half trip with meals included, you cannot beat this deal! And you will be fishing with fellow club members, their family and friends!

I hope everyone had an amazing Labor Day Weekend and look forward to catching up at our next dinner meeting Monday September 28, 2026, at Lulus Restaurant in Van Nuys. Come early to enjoy fellowship and stay to hear our engaging speakers! See you there!!!

A Thank You from the Veterans

On Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 7:00 a.m., a group of 10 Veterans from VA West Los Angeles departed for Marina del Rey to participate in a fishing excursion coordinated by Rony Figueroa, VVAC, of U.S.VETS West Los Angeles.

Through the generosity of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation, Veterans enjoyed a full day of fishing, recreation, and camaraderie. The foundation provided a hot breakfast and lunch, all necessary fishing equipment, and individual California fishing licenses, each valued at $21, for every participating Veteran. In addition, the foundation offered fish-cleaning and filleting services so that Veterans could take their catches home ready to prepare and enjoy.

The group boarded the fishing vessel at approximately 8:00 a.m. and traveled toward the Palos Verdes Peninsula to fish in deeper waters. Veterans spent the day enjoying the ocean, learning and practicing fishing skills, and connecting with one another in a positive outdoor setting. The boat returned to the dock at approximately 2:30 p.m., and the Veterans returned home tired but appreciative after a memorable day on the water.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club and Foundation and its staff for making this meaningful opportunity possible for Veterans at VA West Los Angeles. Their generosity, planning, and commitment created an enjoyable and supportive experience for everyone who attended.

A particularly meaningful moment occurred when one participating Veteran donated a portion of his catch to another Veteran who had hoped to attend but was unable to due to worsening health conditions. This thoughtful gesture reflected the camaraderie, compassion, and mutual support shared among our Veteran community.

Respectfully,

Rony Figueroa, MPA
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"Serving Those Who Served"

CCA California – September Update

By Greg Cohan

CCA California has a lot going on this fall, particularly on the advocacy and conservation fronts.

One of the biggest items to watch is the **October 13–16 Fish & Game Commission meeting,** where final decisions are expected on the **15 Bin 2 MPA petitions**. If you missed the recent bioregional meetings, there is still an opportunity to submit comments to the Commission. CCA is also planning a training session for anyone interested in participating in the October meeting.

On the habitat side, CCA continues its work on the invasive **Sargassum horneri,** which can impact our native kelp habitat. Chapters are being encouraged to help educate anglers about the issue and report sightings. CCA is also working with CDFW on the updated **California Artificial Reef Plan**, which could eventually help guide the development and monitoring of new artificial reefs in California waters.

There's also some interesting fisheries research underway. CCA has been involved with the new **Barred Sand Bass tagging program** studying movement between Southern California and Baja. More than **1,000 fish have already been tagged, with eight recaptures reported so far**. CCA members have also been volunteering aboard sport boats to help collect additional sand bass data.

Looking ahead to 2027, CCA, CDFW (California Dept of Fish and Wildlife) and the Sportfishing Association of California are pursuing a **youth fishing grant** that could provide fishing trips, tackle, lunch and educational workshops for kids aboard CPFVs throughout California.

CCA California also welcomes **Devin O'Dea as its new Executive Director**, starting in mid-September.

Finally, there are a couple of upcoming events: the **South LA BBQ and STAR Awards Party is October 3rd** at the Compton Hunting & Fishing Club, and the **Orange County Pinhead Open Golf Tournament is October 23rd** at Costa Mesa Country Club.

There's quite a bit happening behind the scenes, and many of these efforts directly affect recreational fishing access, habitat and future opportunities in California. We'll continue to pass along updates as they develop.

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

CALENDAR

Board Meeting
September 14, 2026
Via Zoom
If you would like to attend the board meeting, please email the Club President for link information

Dinner Meeting
September 28 , 2026
Social Hour 6:30
Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd. • Van Nuys, CA 91406

Navegante 1.5 day Trip
October 29, 2026

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2027
Lou Berke's Kid Fishing Derby
April 9, 2027

Club Members,

LARRC has reserved a table at the CCA LA South BBQ and CCA Star Awards on Saturday, October 3, 2026. If you would like to attend and have the opportunity to see John Ballotti in the dunk tank… I mean... celebrity guests in the dunk tank. Please email Gregcohan@me.com to indicate your interest and mail your payment to:

John Ballotti
1751 B Andreo Ave
Torrance, CA 90501

The Club is offering tickets at a discounted rate of $75 to the first 10 people whose payments are received. If you are already a CCA member—or plan to join—this is a great deal. Your ticket includes:

- Food and drinks at the event
- A one-year new CCA membership or membership renewal
- Entry into the 2027 STAR Tournament
- A chance to see who wins the 2026 STAR Tournament.

The membership and STAR Tournament entry alone are an $80 value.

The event will be held at the Compton Hunting and Fishing Club, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please see the flyer for additional details.

CONSERVATION MATTERS

September 2026
By Theresa Labriola

All About Bluefin Tuna

This summer, a last-minute meeting brought international negotiators together to strike consensus on a long-awaited long-term harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna. This plan will help ensure the continued recovery of Pacific bluefin tuna and support coastal communities. It serves as an example of a science-based conservation success. The agreement replaces traditional annual negotiations about quotas with a science-based, precautionary, and long-term plan to manage Pacific bluefin tuna sustainably. It is intended to create stability and long-term sustainability of bluefin. Five recreational organizations have united to fund research about bluefin tuna migration Dr. Block's proposal will help fill in the gaps in our understanding of bluefin spawning, recruitment, and migration to ensure the long-term harvest strategy yields the results we all desire: a robust spawning stock and fishing opportunities for future generations.

Five Recreational Fishing Organizations Unite to Fund Stanford Pacific Bluefin Tuna Migration Research

A coalition of five leading recreational fishing organizations — American Sportfishing Association, Coastal Conservation Association National, Coastal Conservation Association California, International Game Fish Association, and Wild Oceans — has joined forces to support a new scientific initiative led by researchers at Stanford University to better understand and protect Pacific bluefin tuna (PBT), one of the most ecologically significant and recreationally important species in the Pacific Ocean. The study, led by Dr. Barbara Block and Dr. Emilius Aalto of Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station, will draw on more than two decades of electronic tagging data with over 100,000 days of tracking of 450 Pacific bluefin tuna to model the effects of multi-year migrations on the population dynamics of Pacific bluefin tuna across the Pacific Ocean. In addition, otolith and microchemistry data will also be incorporated where available.

Pacific bluefin tuna support highly valuable multi-national fisheries across the Pacific, with strong economic and cultural importance to both commercial and recreational fishing communities, particularly along the California coast. In the past decade, populations have rebounded from overfishing due to conservation measures and favorable ocean conditions. This has contributed to a resurgence of sport fishing activity along the California coast as well as in Oregon and Washington. The recovery has led to the allocation of new commercial quota increases. Current management models do not incorporate the spatial and migration details that are evident in the biological data sets. By creating new models that incorporate all the biological data available, we may be able to improve forecasts of the future population status. This newly funded project will address those gaps by:

- Integrating 20+ years of electronic tagging data collected by Stanford scientists on bluefin ranging in size from age 2-8 years.
- Developing a novel spatial population model that tracks tuna movements between the western and eastern Pacific, a migration that spans 5,500nm.
- Improving estimates of migration, mortality, and recruitment across life stages.
- Evaluating how fishing pressure in one region affects fish availability in another.

By capturing the full complexity of PBT migrations spanning thousands of miles, the research aims to deliver more accurate and biologically realistic predictions for stock assessment and management, allowing for a better balance of sustainability with the economic needs of fishing communities. "We are pleased to be able to have the funding that enables examining population structure, maturation, and movement for the Pacific bluefin tuna population, much as we have done previously for Atlantic bluefin tunas," said Dr. Barbara Block.

Why This Research Matters

Pacific bluefin tuna undertake one of the most extensive migrations of any marine species, traveling from spawning grounds near Japan and Taiwan to feeding areas in the eastern Pacific off North America, where they may remain for two to eight years before returning west. Heavy harvesting of younger fish in the western Pacific and increasing fishing pressure in the eastern Pacific may influence the number of fish available to U.S. fisheries. Research suggests that under 9 of 11 projected scenarios, recreational fishery catch of bluefin in the eastern Pacific could decline despite overall population growth (ISC 2024, Table 6.2), underscoring the need for more precise modeling of how these fish move and respond across their full range.

A Collaborative Investment in Ocean Stewardship

The five supporting organizations behind this work are making a strategic investment in science that bridges cutting-edge technology, international fisheries management, and conservation.

LARRC Member Profile – Mike Reinsch

Mike Reinsch — better known as "Capt. Mike" among Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club members and the Southern California sportfishing community as a whole — is the type of member any organization would love to have. Respected, actively involved, and ready to give his knowledge, time, and energy when needed. This includes using his beloved and historic fishing boat Betty-O out of Marina Del Rey Sportfishing to do kid's trips, LARRC Foundation mentor's trips, veteran's trips, club charters, and any other event or activity where needed.

Capt. Mike's sportfishing career, and in fact, most of his adult life, has been associated with the Betty-O. He worked on the boat for many years under John Ferrell and took over as owner/operator in 1998. It's also the same year Mike and his wife Patricia were married in a ceremony on deck — with legendary Capt. "Frenchy" Margaillan officiating, no less. Fast forward to today, they are still together, still in love with each other and with being on the water every day. Capt. Mike runs the boat, while Patricia runs the galley. Over the decades, they've treated many thousands of anglers and visitors from around the world to good fishing, good times and great food.

I was especially eager to write this story, as I have fond memories of fishing aboard Betty-O as a boy. When I was 13, my father would regularly drop me and my fishing buddy Russ off at the landing for a ¾ day rockfishing adventure. Even back in 1973, she was an "old soul," built in 1921 as a double-decker excursion boat for Catalina Island tourists. Russ and I felt so grown up, being on the water all day without parents, even hanging out in the wheelhouse chatting about fishing with Frenchy. These were the days of big black Penn Senators, Dacron line, five-hook gangions, and broomstick rods with L-shaped rail plates. While the experience took place more than a half century ago, I remember it like it was yesterday. I bring this up because after interviewing Capt. Mike and doing some research on the boat, I am going to make getting back out on the old girl a priority.

His wife Patricia cooking in the galley

Capt. Mike's involvement with LARRC began after he acquired Betty-O, and not by any coincidence. He was doing summer youth trips with the Del Rey Anglers prior to connecting with LARRC's Frank Polak, so he was eager to respond to another opportunity to serve the community. "Frank reached out to me about doing a mentor's trip on the boat, and things just sort of went from there," said Capt. Mike. "I was impressed by how they made sure to have one mentor for every kid on the trip, and how much the volunteers cared about showing them a good time." This led to some other foundation trips and club charters aboard Betty-O, and soon Capt. Mike started attending club dinner meetings. "After a while, I asked Frank about how I could join the club. He informed me that Patricia and I were already honorary members," Capt. Mike added. This was in 2012 (Frank Polak was president of the club in 2011 and 2012).

Kid's fishing aboard the Betty-O

LARRC has an equally close and long-standing relationship with Capt. Mike and the Betty-O, using the boat several times each season for foundation events or club charters. Members of the club were even integrally involved in throwing a 100th birthday party for the old boat in 2021, complete with live music and catered food.

This is me on the boat in 1973 (because I talk about how it was the first boat my parents let me go out on alone)

Of course, Capt. Mike was an avid Southern California saltwater angler in his younger days, when he was just "Mike." He grew up fish-

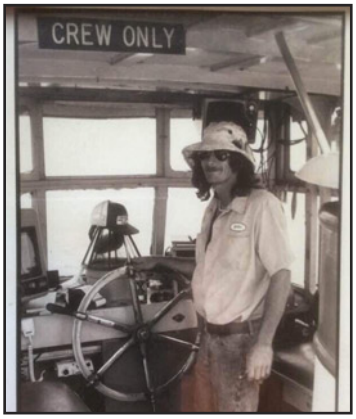
Capt. Mike loading up bait

ing in the 1960s aboard party boats out of Malibu and Paradise Cove, back in the glory days when Santa Monica Bay was teaming with calico bass, bonito, halibut, and summertime pelagics. This included fishing the Betty-O when she was running trips out of Paradise Cove, before she made her new permanent home at Marina Del Rey Sportfishing.

Still, Capt. Mike recognizes that the fishery in Santa Monica Bay is going strong today — particularly this summer. "Fishing has been really good, and we still have a lot of choices," said Capt. Mike. "We always have steady rockfishing available, really good calico fishing, and this summer we've had good shots at nice yellowtail inshore. We're also starting to see more forage in the bay, which helps. The landing is always working hard to keep live bait available. Sometimes we've had to make our own bait this season, especially if we're targeting yellows."

All in all, Capt. Mike expects good fishing to continue throughout the fall months. If you're interested in learning more and are ready to enjoy a day fishing aboard a boat that's a true piece of Southern California sportfishing history, call Capt. Mike at (310) 600-3069 or email him at mdrfish@gmail.com.

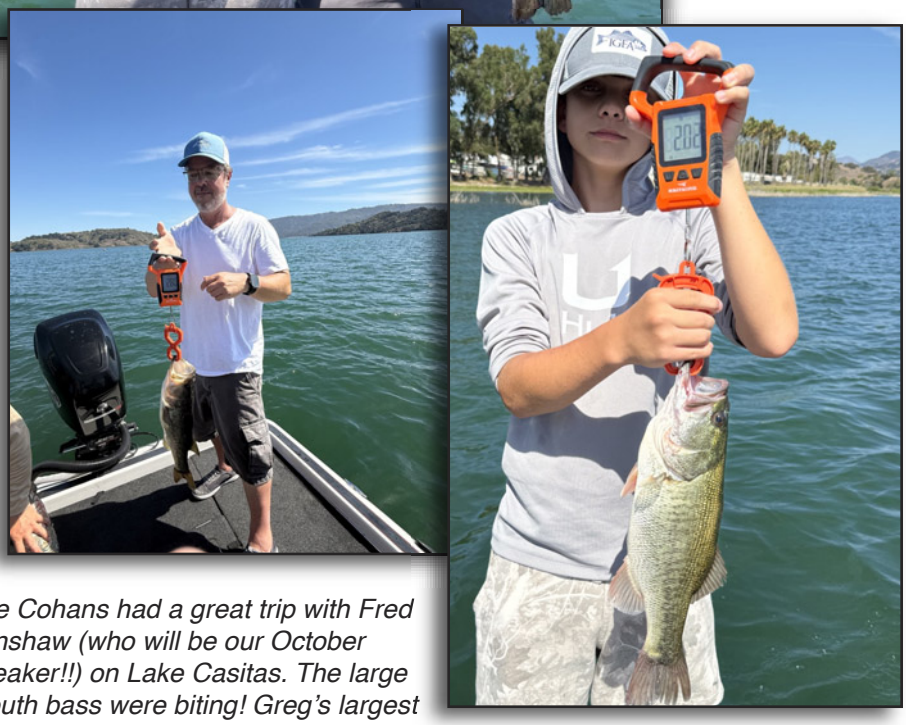
After looking at the pictures, strolling down memory lane, and getting to know Capt. Mike a little better, I'll be going first chance I get.



This one is Captain John Ferrell, who Capt. Mike worked under and learned under on the Betty-O.

Capt. Mike with a nice sand bass

Members



The Cohans had a great trip with Fred Klinshaw (who will be our October speaker!!) on Lake Casitas. The large mouth bass were biting! Greg's largest weighed in at 2.8lbs and Connor's weighed in at 2.02lbs both on 12lb test!!

Greg Cohan with a SoCal dorado aboard the Eldorado! It weighed in at 11.26lbs.

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.

Toby Williams had a good half day at Anacapa landing some nice lingcod on live mackerel.

Wendy Tochihara and Merit McCrea went out for Dove opener in Calexico. If you know Wendy, she can't pass up a chance to bass fish. Well, she succeeded and so did Merit!

Wendy Tochihara and Sophia Huynh had their two annual 3 day Ladies Trip on the Searcher. The yellowtail were biting along with some dorado, sheephead, rockfish and white fish.

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.

October 29th (9 pm) – October 31st (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, Thursday, October 29th, returns Saturday, October 31st, early morning (approximately 3-5 am).

THE NAVEGANTE IS 65 FEET LONG WITH A GENEROUS 20-FOOT BEAM. SHE HAS A 160 SCOOP BAIT TANK, SIDE SCAN RADAR, AND RSW HOLD TO KEEP YOUR CATCH SUPER FRESH. THIS IS A COMFORTABLE BOAT WITH A FINE GALLEY. THE BUNK ROOM HAS 24 COMFORTABLE BERTHS.

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 August 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
Dorado	60	Greg Cohan	11	26
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	25	Andrew Ratzky	27	14
Yellowtail	30	David Goske	30	6
Yellowtail	30	David Goske	28	2
MEN'S SALT WATER RELEASED				
Marlin, Striped	100	David Goske		Released
MEN'S FLY ROD				
MEN'S FRESH WATER				
Bass, Lg Mouth	12	Greg Cohan	2	8
MEN'S FRESH WATER RELEASED				
WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Yellowtail	20	Sophia Huynh	25	3
WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Trout, Rainbow	3	Carol Chow	3	0*

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
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, Lg Mouth	12	Connor Cohan	2	2
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
Tuna, Bluefin Pacific	30	Connor Cohan	89	Taped
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

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!

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club
c/o Tami Shepphird

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