



## ***Liar's Corner***

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### ***Presidents Corner by Tom Fitzgerald***

Greetings Saltwater Anglers,

We were able to get our first trip of the year out. I will let **Dan Keck** fill you in on the details below. Speaking of trips, we have added a day and a half trip on the **Pacific Dawn October 7-9** out of **Fisherman's**. October is usually an excellent time to go fishing! The cost of the trip is **\$570.00** which includes meals but does not include Mexican permits, possible fuel surcharge, and dock taxes. If you are interested, please see **Steve Berczik**.

Our next meeting is **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at **Brandon's** located at **370 N. Mountain Ave.** in **Upland**. The meeting starts at **7:00 pm**. Many of us come early to have dinner and socialize before the meeting. Newcomers are always welcome.

If you have not done so yet, please make your membership dues current.

Our guest speaker for **May** is **Luke Burson** from **Cedros Sportfishing**. I know several members of the club have fished Cedros or will be fishing there this summer and should be interested in what he has to say.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Tight Lines,

Tom

### ***Toronado 1.5 Day Trip (April 23-25, 2022) by Dan Keck***

Howdy anglers, **Dan Keck** here with your trip report for the Tornado trip out of Pierpoint Landing in Long Beach. The week prior to our trip experienced very windy conditions and very few boats ventured out to give us some sense of what was biting. Due to these conditions, we did not venture out to San Nicolas Island which was our primary target. The forecast was way too rough for our liking. With that option eliminated, it was decided to go to San Clemente. With no prior trips or charters, we were allowed to board early and departed early. We loaded up with some nice sardines at the bait receiver and headed for the island. About 4:00 am, we anchored in Pyramid Cove and looked for Mr. Squid. Unfortunately, he never showed, and we started fishing for some early season White Seabass and local Yellowtail. Regrettably, they also did not want to play. We even tried our hand at some stringers of kelp in the cove, but there was no current and the bass were not biting. Things were looking bleak, but the sun was shining. The day was beautiful, not a cloud in the sky and best of all, NO WIND. It was an absolute

great day on the water. That's when it happened, **Robert Reeder** hooked and landed a nice 12.6-pound Halibut, and hope was restored.

With the morning half gone, we made a move out to deeper water in search for some Rock Fish. Now this was not your shallow water rock fishing, we were fishing in 50 fathoms (300 feet). The fishing started off slow and we tried several rocks before we finally found a rock that had some hungry fish that were biting. However, most of the fish were Whitefish that pecked away at your strip of squid. To avoid the attack of the Whitefish, the deck hand suggested that we switch to Sardines. Let me say, that was a game changer. We were now getting into some nice Rock Fish. Some were even getting doubles. While others, Me, hooked into a nice 10.45-pound Ling Cod. The fishing was not wide open, but as I looked around, I noticed there was a steady pace of someone brining up a nice catch from the deep. We worked away several more hours at filling our limits. Now it has been said that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, but nothing has ever been said about on a person. I am still shocked, but it happened, I was fortunate to land a second lingcod that could be a contender at the weigh-in.

Late in the afternoon and into the evening, we moved back into the island for another go at the kelp and some bass. The water was still a cool 59° and the current was going opposite of the evening breeze. However, a few bass were caught, and most were under sized and released. While everyone was fly lining sardines or throwing plastics, "**Mr. Fisherman of the Year,**" **Marty Levy**, pulled from the rocks the most confused fish of them all and the biggest for that species of the year. A respectful and undisputed entry for its class, a nice 4.1-pound California Sheephead.

In closing, I want to take you back to the story about lightning never striking twice. At the "Sundowner," **Robert "The Zeus" Reeder**, brought down the thunder with the lightning and landed a second Halibut. The Skipper said, "that is like catching a Leprechaun." Needless to say, everyone was SHOCKED! But it goes to show you, that working hard at the rail does eventually pay off.

At the weigh-in, the two heavy weight contenders were, my second Lingcod and **Robert's** second Halibut. With **Steve Berczik** officiating the official Weigh-in, it was determined that my second Ling weighed 14.1 pounds and **Robert's** second Halibut was 12.2 pounds. Both fish are now contenders for "Biggest Species" of the year. Now don't forget, if you feel you have a contender for a big species, YOU need to enter it at the end of the trip during the weigh-in and before the crew starts processing the fish.

#### YEAR TO DATE

1. Sheephead, 4.1 pounds – Marty Leve
2. Halibut, 12.1 pounds – Robert Reeder
3. Ling Cod, 14.1 pounds – Dan Keck
4. Rock Fish, (none entered)

## 2022 FISHING SCHEDULE

TRIP#	LEAVE	RETURN	BOAT	LOAD	PRICE	LANDING	TRIP DETAILS
3	5/13	5/14	Pacific Dawn	18	\$245	Ventura	Overnight
4	6/3	6/4	Pacific Dawn	18	\$265	Ventura	Overnight
5	7/16	7/16	Spitfire	30	\$100	Del Ray	Full day
6	8/27	8/29	Pacific Dawn	18	\$570	Fishermans	1 ½ Day
7	10/7	10/9	Pacific Dawn	18	\$570	Fishermans	1 ½ Day
8	11/12	11/14	Pacific dawn	18	\$570	Fishermans	1 ½ Day
9	12/3	12/3	Spitfire	20	\$65	Mr DI Ry	Twilight

Trips 6, 7 & 8 include meals.

### Monthly Club Meetings

Brandons Diner  
370 N. Mountain  
Upland, CA  
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.  
First Wednesday of the month

### Board Meetings

Brandons Diner  
370 N. Mountain  
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Time; 6:00-8:00PM  
Third Wednesday of the month

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