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FISH STANDINGS

CALIFORNIA

Calico Derby	Closed
Calico Bass	Juan-Carlos Aguilar - 5.62 lbs
White Seabass	Jeff Benedict - 72.0 lbs
Yellowtail	Juan-Carlos Aguilar - 38.4 lbs
Halibut	Open
Sheephead	Open
Bonito	Open
Barracuda	Open
Dorado	Open
Bluefin Tuna	Open
Lobster	Open

OUT OF STATE/COUNTRY AWARDS

Yellowfin Tuna	Open
Reef Fish	Jorge Veliz Ramirez - Grouper 78.94 lbs
Pelagic, non-tuna	John Hughes - Yellowtail 45.5 lbs

Kent McIntyre Award

Juan-Carlos Aguilar - 51.6 lb WSB + 38.4 lb YT = 90 lbs
Jeff Benedict - 72.0 lb WSB
Steve Parkford - 64.2 lb WSB

Perpetual Big Fish Trophy

Jeff Benedict - 72.0 lb WSB

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Jeff Benedict, Brian York, Jon McMullin, Will Wither, Steve Parkford

2021 CALENDAR

- July 7th - Monthly Club Meeting 7PM
IN PERSON at Me 'n' Ed's Pizzeria
- July 31st - Deadline for Picture Submission
- October 2nd - Spiny Lobster Season Opens
- October 9th - Fall Classic
- November 25th - Thanksgiving
- December 4th - Christmas Party at Acapulcos in Marina Pacifica Long Beach
- December 25th - Christmas



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

JULY 7th, 7:00 PM



**This month's club meeting will be held IN PERSON, at
Me-n-Ed's Pizzeria
4115 Paramount Blvd, Lakewood, CA 90712**



Let's get together and have a good time!

President's Letter



Hi everyone, what a great Blue Water Meet! It was a big success and being able to get back on the island for the festivities was fantastic.

Congratulations to all those who placed and to Seamus who won again! Now it's summer and time to look for pelagics. I'm looking forward to making runs offshore and to the outer islands. We live in a special place to be able to do what we do for sure. Make sure to check all your safety equipment and be safe out there! I hope everyone gets a chance at some blue water fish.

Paul Zylstra

EDITOR'S NOTE



Summer is here.

Cobalt blue water, teeming with life and opportunity. This season is shaping up to be all time if the results of our 58th annual Blue Water Meet are any indication.

Big fish coupled with big smiles are what keep us coming back for more.

May your fish be plentiful this season!

*Juan-Carlos
Aguilar*

58th Annual Long Beach Neptunes Blue Water Meet



Congratulations to Seamus Callaghan for his 3rd time win in the Long Beach Neptunes Blue Water Meet. His previous wins were in 2013 and 2018.

Thanks to all those who participated in the meet. Special thanks goes to Neptunes President Paul Zylstra and the Executive Board for putting together a very well organized meet. It was great that COVID has finally come to an end and I'm glad to see happy faces on the beach again.

Only the first 5 places win trophies. All the fish taken this year were huge. Hard to believe that a 32.8 lb fish did not place in the meet. In previous years, a 32 lb fish could have won the meet. I would think that this year had the biggest combination or average placement weight in Neptunes history.

Thanks to all those who participated in the meet. We hope to see you again in November at the Fall Classic.

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Final 2021 Long Beach Neptunes Blue Water Meet Results

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| 1. Seamus Callaghan | 61.6 lb WSB | LB Neptunes |
| 2. Larry Heinrich | 50.0 lb WSB | LB Neptunes |
| 3. Aaron Peters | 49.1 lb WSB | Invited Guest |
| 4. Kyle Brannon | 40.4 lb WSB | LB Neptunes |
| 5. Juan Aguilar | 38.4 lb YT | LB Neptunes |
| 6. Mike Marsh | 32.8 lb WSB | LB Neptunes |
| 7. Brad Thompson | 28.8 lb YT | OC Spears |
| 8. Mike DeGiosa | 25.1 lb YT | LB Neptunes |
| 9. Devin Cervantes | 8.7 lb Calico | OC Spears |





**Howie
Mandel
got his
hands
dirty with
DeGiosa's
fish**

**Mike Marsh
with a solid
yellowtail**



Neptunes & friends *Bottom Scratcher* trip to Santa Barbara Island



The name “Bottom Scratcher” has a long history within the spearfishing community. Many years ago, pioneers of our sport formed the now legendary spearfishing club, The Bottom Scratchers, paving the way for innumerable divers to come. Built in 1968 by Bill Johnston of The Bottom Scratchers spearfishing club, the *Bottom Scratcher* dive boat was built with freedive spearfishing charters as its main role. Recently, the Long Beach Neptunes and their friends resumed the tradition of running spearing trips aboard the iconic vessel.



Passengers arrived late Tuesday evening to board the vessel, go over safety, and get underway in the wee hours of Wednesday morning. After a “lively” uphill ride into some short period wind swell we arrived at our destination, Santa Barbara Island, just at sunrise. The sun put on a magnificent show, with hues of amber and crimson peeking through the silvery clouds set on an azure backdrop of morning sky. A wonderful way to start the day.

Anchoring in a calm area, the divers started their morning routines. After breakfast for most, and only coffee for others, the hunt was on. Some decided to jump off the boat and try their luck near the boat, while others opted for the tender to take them further out in hopes of coming across something tasty to bring home.

After a short while the first fish of the day was shot and brought onboard. Rusty Deeble, a Long Beach Neptune Tentative, managed to find a nice white seabass to take home, his first ever. Conditions were improving, with the wind subsiding, and visibility in some spots nearing 60 feet.



Just before lunchtime, a ruckus was heard on the swim step as Steve Morissette handed up a solid 26 pound white seabass. Before we were finished high fiving Steve, Jordan Martin slid up with a slug of his own. On the swinging scale, we called it a 45 pound fish, his personal best.

We spent the rest of the day looking for more fish, but alas it was not meant to be. We tucked in for the night and got ready for round two.

Early Thursday morning found us anchoring on an offshore pinnacle, only to be forced to move on after discovering the current was raging. We slipped into an area that looked promising and deployed divers in all directions. Conditions were favorable and the divers had a couple sightings, though no fish decided to come home with us that day. We pulled the hook and headed home, enjoying the company of a great group of friends.



We had the honor of hosting some legends of our sport, including Tom Blandford, a longtime member of the Neptunes. He was kind enough to write some words that really helped capture the feeling of this trip.

"I wanted to thank you for ramrodding the charter to Santa Barbara Island. I know it's a lot of work and I appreciate your efforts. Even though we didn't get a lot of fish, I had a great time and can't wait for the next one.

Living out of state makes it difficult to be an involved club member, so I haven't had a chance to meet new members and a few old-timers. This charter made that possible,

I was impressed with the young Turks (yeah, the old-timers too). They were serious, competent, and fun to hang with: a terrific group of free divers and spearfishermen.

Personally, I think the future of the club is in good hands with these young men and women at the helm.

Thanks again for your hard work,

Tom Blandford"





To the crew of the Bottom Scratcher: Kevin, Eduardo, and Loryn, a huge THANK YOU. This was a fantastic experience, and I hope this will be the first of many trips I get to join along in.

Juan-Carlos Aguilar



REMINDER

**PLEASE SUBMIT
YOUR FAVORITE
SPEARFISHING
PICTURE TO PAUL
ZYLSTRA BY JULY
31st!**

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