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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 - 41.8 lbs
Halibut	Open
Sheephead	Open
Bonito	Open
Barracuda	Open
Dorado	Bill Peratt - 12.3 lbs
Bluefin Tuna	Josh Wells - 143.312 lbs
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

Jeff Benedict - 72.0 lb WSB + 23.9lb YT = 95.8 lbs  
Steve Parkford - 64.2 lb WSB + 29.8 lbs YT= 94 lbs  
Juan-Carlos Aguilar - 51.6 lb WSB + 41.8lb YT = 93.4 lbs

### Perpetual Big Fish Trophy

Josh Wells = 143.312 lbs Bluefin Tuna

## 2021 CALENDAR

- October 2nd - Spiny Lobster Season Opens
- October 6th - Monthly meeting at Me 'n' Ed's Pizzeria
- October 9th - Fall Classic
- November 25th - Thanksgiving
- December 4th - Christmas Party at Acapulcos in Marina Pacifica Long Beach
- December 25th - Christmas



# **MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**

October 6th, 7:00 PM



**This month's club meeting will be held at**

## **Me-n-Ed's Pizzeria**

**4115 Paramount Blvd, Lakewood,  
CA 90712**

## **Mel Mitchell**

**"LA Bugman" will be giving a presentation on Bug Hunting. He is a veteran bug hunter who started young in the Bahamas & became one of Southern California's experts in the sport. He'll be sharing his knowledge, experience and some rare videos taken over the years.**





**20th Annual Long Beach Neptunes**

# **Fall Classic**

**Saturday, October 9th 2021**

**[Click Here for entry form](#)**

Application deadline is 11:59 PM, Thursday October 7, 2021

# Vice-President's Message

Hello Fellow Neptunes! Welcome Fall!

What an incredible time of year this is! Bluefin have been abundant, the Fall Classic is upon us, and of course, one of our favorite times of year: Lobster Season! I know you and your family members are looking forward to many lobster dishes ahead, as we embrace this special time of year.

Our prez is off enjoying well earned family time in Italy, so I wanted to fill you in on a few things. We're excited to have one of our favorite friends, "LA Bugman" Mel Mitchell speak about lobster at our October meeting! In addition, we'll be taking applications and doing final preparations for the fall classic! Who's going to win this year? Another Bill Peratt bluefin? And don't forget the Calico and Lobster categories! This is our one and only "open" tournament! Can't wait to see everyone there!



It's hard to believe, but we're already looking to closing out the year, as we enter the final quarter. We have Manufacturer's night set for our November meeting, our Christmas dinner ahead, with a great photo book put together by prez Paul Zylstra! I've seen the copies, and they're epic!

I look forward to seeing everyone at what should be another great meeting, and more importantly, at the Fall Classic weigh in on the 9th.

**Dive safe!**

**Byron Quinonez**

# EDITOR'S NOTE

Days are getting shorter, and the water is beginning to show signs of Autumn. Lobster season is only a few days away, and the anticipation of this year's nocturnal adventures looms large in my mind. Go get 'em Neptunes!



Another pandemic first for me. Fairly slack current out at Farnsworth and not much going on. Did a drop and was down in the haze on top of the pinnacle and I look to my right and there are a few seabass lazily swimming by. The one in front was the biggest so I swam past two others (which didn't even spook) and center punched the leader. It was only 20lbs but added to the yellow I shot earlier on the East end, another nice CA combo. My second this season and the first Seabass I've ever shot at Farns! So Good!! Also, it's always good to have a spare leg on board for scale LOL.

JOHN HUGHES



PARKFORD

WITH A FAT

SEPTEMBER

SEABASS!







## TENTATIVE BIO

**Name: Rusty Deeble**

**Hometown: Long Beach,  
Ca**

**Started Diving: 2016**

**Sponsor : Masahiro Mori**

My name is Russell Deeble, most call me Rusty cause I'm always in and out of the water and I guess. I have 5 kids and a awesome wife. I'm 4th generation Long Beach since my great grandfather came here in 1917.

I started diving from the inspiration of a couple buddies, Matt Cruz and Eric Rael (who are currently Neptune tentatives) and since then I never looked back. I borrowed a gun for a couple dive trips, then quickly decided to drive down to meet Jay Riffe and buy a couple guns. Since then I have met amazing people along the way and have been involved in getting more people into the sport. After a year of spearing, I met Doug Ulmer and did a trip with him, Mori, and Michael De Giosa.

I had never seen spearfishing at this level and was intimidated but found my sanctuary. 3 years passed and I kept diving Catalina, Clemente Island, Long Beach, PV, Santa Monica, and some others. I then did a Palapas Ventana trip and shot a 117.5 pound yellow fin, landed it and had a sushi chef feed 45 people with amazing food. Needless to say, the hunt, the providing, and the gamesmanship has given me a natural high on life and has me coming back for more! I have done multiple out of country trips and more fish are being checked off the list.



Through the experience of spearfishing, I treat it like golf, you may not get your low score every time you play as shoot the big fish every time you spear but you played the best you could with what you have available that day. Through the tentative process I've met amazing Neptunes and shared some great laughs and good times. Excited to keep this adventure going.



Richard and Eric  
getting that deck  
bloody!





The other weekend a few friends and I made it out to SCI looking for yellows. The tuna pushed out to Tanner and we simply didn't have the time to get there. We started on the east end where Bilhorn and crew were working a spot and gave us a quick update of the island. I readied myself for our first drift but could tell conditions were sub optimal. I put my head underwater looking for the high spot but the hazy vis was working against us. I found the bait and made my first drop to 40'. I had a single yellow come through below me out of range but was encouraged at the prospect. This proved to be a tease as we worked the cove moving westward.

We found better vis and current but only one quick sighting of skittish fish. We moved around a few more times eventually settling on the last spot of the day. I dropped into some blacksmith and from below came a school of the right kind. Not immediately interested, I coaxed them within range and sent it. I saw that my shot was good and put the brakes on. The fish made it to the boat shortly thereafter and I was back in the water looking for his friends. With the sun setting and the skunk off the boat we set our course for the barn. On one of the stops I pulled out my pipe gun and went in the shallows to see what was around and came up with a little checkerboard. As life keeps getting busier, it's good to bring home fish when it counts.

Eric Bodjanac

# TENTATIVE BIO

Hey Neptunes, I've met a whole bunch of you studs, but let me introduce myself to everyone once again. My name is **Eric Rael**, and I'm a new tentative in the club (thank you Paul Z).

I'm not the youngest, or oldest guy in the group at 50 years old, but I might very well be the saltiest. Long, long ago, I got a Marine Engineering Degree and an unlimited tonnage Coast Guard License from California Maritime Academy. I sailed around the globe a few times on cargo vessels and tankers before accepting a job shoreside in the mid 90's.

I have dove some amazing places around the world and I often find myself going through withdrawals if I don't get in the water every week. I've always owned a boat and used to fish with rod and reel until about 15 years ago when the infamous John Hughes gave me the nudge I needed to start free diving and spearfishing. I fricken love it! I've had some great times and met some great people through this sport.





I try to get away from my wife and 3 kids as often as possible to hunt for some food to bring back to them. I have spoiled my family with some pretty solid seafood cuisine that makes them pressure me to go out and shoot some more fish. I look forward to diving with all you people and hope to win some tournaments in the near future. Be safe!

Eric Rael



Here's a couple "FIRSTS" for me...

First time spearfishing off a ski and was able to successfully executed a WSB strike mission.

First time taking an animal via archery and my first Mule Deer Buck.

All within an hours drive of my home in Long Beach.

Locals Only,

Brian York





## TENTATIVE BIO

My love of the water started when I was about 4. I vaguely remember standing on the top step of the learning pool looking down with uncertainty thinking the worst. Those fears however were soon replaced with excitement and happiness as soon as I learned how to hold my breath and swim.



Growing up in and around the South Bay, I was fortunate enough to be able to learn all the local beach activities. What I fell in love with though was fishing. Being able to go out, catch fish and become a provider is what really did it for me. It wasn't until my senior year of high school that I was introduced to my first Hawaiian sling and this put a whole new twist on fishing.

The cold mornings I spent chasing halibut at the Topaz jetty helped kickstart the love I have for spearfishing today. I'm super stoked that my passion for spearfishing has led me to become a Tentative for the Long Beach Neptunes. I'm anxious to meet new people and build long lasting relationships within this tight knit community. I want to be able to look back on my progression, share my stories and memories and give back to the next generation for years to come.

**Jacob Seto**





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