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2010 NEPTUNES CALENDAR

February 3rd (Weds.)
Wednesday Meeting

March 3rd (Weds.)
Wednesday Meeting

March 21st (Sun.)
Awards Banquet - 4 pm

April 7th
Neptunes Auction

May 5th (Weds.)
Wednesday Meeting

June 2nd (Weds.)
Wednesday Meeting

June 5th (Sat.)
2010 Blue Water Meet

July 7th (Weds.)
Meeting

August 4th (Weds.)
Meeting

September 1st (Weds.)
Meeting

October 6th (Weds.)
Meeting

October 9th (Sat.)
Fall Classic

Diver of the Month



Larry Heinrich
L. B. Neptunes
Member since 1991
Sponsor: Jay Riffe

Started diving at 12
for Abalone with his
Dad at Palos Verdes

Biggest fish: 190 lb
Yellow Fin

WSB: 62.8 lb

Yellowtail: 46 lb

Quote: "Close together,
straight forward eyes
make the predator"

Meet Larry Heinrich; LBN since '91

Larry is the consummate free diver. He represents all the best qualities of a silent hunter; he's efficient in the water, knowledgeable about the technology, and will always end up with fish.

Larry started diving at twelve years old with his father — diving for abalone, (remember those?) in Palos Verdes. His biggest fish is a 190 lb Yellow Fin.

His biggest White Sea Bass was 62.8 lbs and I believe it was off the beach near county line.

His biggest Yellowtail was a whopping, killer 46 lb monster

Best thing to know about Larry is that while he's a killer, he can spot a predator in a crowd, "Their eyes are close together and straight-forward"— check the mirror...it might be you!





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CURRENT STANDINGS FOR 2009 FISH AWARDS

2009 Calico Derby 1/07/09 to 3/31/09
 Winner – **John Hughes (8.4 lbs)**

Calico Bass of the Year –
John Carpenter (9 lbs)

Halibut – **Josh Baldwin (14.0 lbs)**

Barracuda – **Open**

Sheepshead – **Open**

Yellowtail – **John Carpenter (37 lbs)**

White Sea Bass – **Joe Prola (68.7 lbs)**

Bluefin Tuna – **Open**

Lobster – **Danny Jones (4.9 lbs)**

Big Tuna Out of Country (Yellowfin) –
Mori (68 lbs YFT)

Big Fish Out of Country (Pelagic) –
Mori (68 lbs YFT)

Big Fish Out of Country (Reef) –
Joe Prola (119.5 lbs) Mexican Grouper

Kent McIntyre Award – **Open**

SEND US YOUR DIVING AND/OR FISH PICTURES!



If you have any good pictures of speared fish, club events, dive meets, hunting trips, vacations, or just funny pix or articles, please submit them to the Newsletter Editor.

Don't worry...we won't laugh at you (too much). See yourself in the Trident!



Twenty-five years ago, there were very few free diving, spear fishing clubs anywhere in the USA or even the world. Today, there is a proliferation of free divers in every sea and in every ocean. As a result there are many clubs and organizations divers to join. In addition, because of the internet and the blogs, there are plenty of other ways for divers to learn about the sport, read stories, and make contact other divers. It used to be that one the best way to learn was to come to our meetings and talk with other divers. But this is changing.

Nevertheless, the Long Beach Neptunes is one of the best-recognized spear fishing clubs in the world. And one of my objectives is to make it more and more prestigious to be a member of the club. If you're willing to participate in making this club great please help in every way. We need true enthusiast not tired, disinterested members.

Here's where you can help:

1. We need entertainment suggestions for every meeting — the monthly meeting is the core of what we do; it's our once-a-month connection and we need more participation

2. We need help with the newsletter — more stories picked off the internet, more news from divers and their catch, recipes, etc

3. Auction — the club operates on a budget of over \$10,000 a year. Membership provides a small fraction of that; the only other fund-raiser is the auction — we need to generate donations from the best suppliers of diving goods and promote the heck out of it...and attract attention for "bidders" from all around Los Angeles and San Diego — we need volunteers to find donations!

4. 2010 Blue Water Meet — this is what makes the club different from other clubs, our BWM is one of the oldest (if not the oldest) spear fishing competition on the West Coast — we need members to help and to haul stuff and not be grumpy about it!

5. 2010 Awards Banquet — There is no point to a competition without an Awards Ceremony — we can cut this back to nothing or we can celebrate those who shot trophy worthy fish; what is it going to take to get the non-winning divers to attend? We need your participation! This year Craig Manicke has scored a cool location on an electric river boat to cruise the Newport Harbor on March 21st, 4 pm.

I have seen this club be great, and not so great. I have seen some of the best friendships form and resentments boil-over. This is not a social club — this is an "extreme sport" spear fishing diver's club made up of guys who like and respect each other. Otherwise what's the point? Let's make the Long Beach Neptunes not just another diving club among many, let's make this club the preeminent spear fishing club in the world — that's our place. Are you in?

— Steve Parkford



Announcements



2009 Awards Banquet

Every year we celebrate the contest winners of last year's spear fishing and lobster grabs. As a club we find it difficult to get you all excited to attend an event when you may not have won an award. To make it more fun for you and your family, Craig Manicke has arranged for us to use the Angela Louise at a very reasonable price on Sunday March 21st at 4 - 7pm. It's on a Sunday, at the end of the day so you can still dive that weekend or even that day! It will be fun to be out on the Newport Bay with your LBN friends and family So hold the date, \$30 for each adult including dinner. Children prices to be determined. Open bar — there may even be a surprise or two! Make it happen and support the winners of the 2009!!

The Angela Louise in Newport Harbor



Who says Maine winters are cold?



An Update from Marty Getrich in the "Land of Moose."

There is certainly something to be said about being able to leave your keys in your car — and your house unlocked — and not have to worry about someone taking your shit. But when I first moved here in August the locals were telling me not to lock my car because it makes it difficult for them to get in to turn off my head lights should I forget!

Lots of good food and a crapload of really good beers makes the winters a bit more comfortable. I don't think I ever thought that walking out my front door and strapping on skis was going to be an option for me, but its actually quite nice. The only real problem is that their yellowtail only come as large as 40 pounds. You would think that a coastline that has monster bluefin tuna would have bigger yellowtail. Oh well...I hope all is going well with the Neptunes and your new administration. Does this mean they'll be offering health care through the Neptunes this year?

— Cheers, Marty

Joe Prola's Adventure Down Under ('09)

Being back in the "real world" is always a shocker after returning from Australia. For those of you not fortunate enough to have been, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING — I love that place! If you've never been...GO! If you have...GO AGAIN! Clear warm water (at least in the Northern half), fish everywhere, and low crowds, make it a spearo's dream! Plus the Aussies are great people and great divers. Most of them are hunting the 60 to 90 ft range, and they are shooting everything with rail guns. Another great thing about Oz is the variety of excellent eating fish. Most Aussies don't even shoot yellowtail because there are so many better eating fish around!!!

The only problem is the wide variety of biting, stinging, and generally dangerous animals that run around the place. You have to get used to fighting sharks off to dive there. I think that all the danger helps give the Aussies their, "She'll be right" attitude (meaning it will be OK). Bigger things to worry about in life than everyday trivial matters — like DYING!!!

While was in the staying on the Gold Coast, I unfortunately didn't even see any trophy fish. But I was able to stock my Father-in-law's freezer before I left and do a lot of trigger pulling with my railgun.



The first week I went Mud Crabbing with my friend Harip. The mangroves there hold these crabs the size of Dungeness crabs but it being my first time, I underestimated the speed at which they can move. First one I grabbed thinking, "Yeah, I know how to play with a crab..." Wrong answer! The thing grabbed me on the finger and detached its pincher from its body. I tried to pull the pincher off but it just kept clamping down harder! When Harip finished laughing he got his pliers and smashed it to get it off — that joint is STILL sore! We ended up with 6 and promptly ate them for lunch.

I went up North to Brisbane to go diving with Simon Baldwin. He put me on my first Spanish Mackerel. We were live boating at Flinda's Reef when I shot it. I stoned it, which was really lucky. When I pulled it up, 3 Sandbar Whaler Sharks came up off the bottom after it. Luckily, I was able to get it up before they got a hold of it. The technique then is to grab the fish, yank the shaft out, use the shaft to poke the sharks away, and hold the fish up as far out of the water as possible. Easier said than done with 3 sharks darting around and a 20 lb fish half in the water — the boat never gets there fast enough in that situation!



Later that day I shot a fair sized wahoo, stoned that too. (Get a railgun!) Also shot a second Spanish Mackerel. The other guys all shot 3 Spanish. They are a great eating fish, very mild and flaky.

One day I decided to drive south and make a swim out to Hasting reef. It's 300 yds. off the beach, and about 400 yds. the outside edge. I went with a local Aussie Alex Richie. We didn't see much in the way of game fish. I was laying in a gutter looking up at the wash rocks waiting for Mullaway (their White Seabass) when I decided to look behind me. 30 ft. behind me, slowly swimming up the gutter, was a 9 ft. bull shark! I swung my gun on him and charged. Lucky he did not call my bluff — he bolted when I got about 10 ft. away. I always find it completely against everything my brain is telling me — to see a shark and charge it — but so far it's working. Hey, that's what the Australians told me to do!

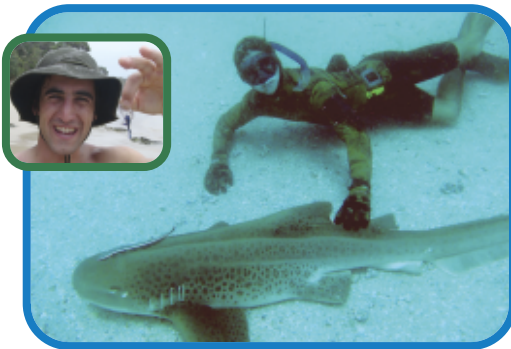
My good friend Danny Holder took me out diving a bunch of times. We pulled up on a ball of bait one day. Expecting to see it being driven up by Skipjack we were shocked to see it being circled, and actively fed on, by about 30 Spotty Mackerel (slightly smaller than Spanish but even better eating). Wasting no time, I grabbed a mask and the closest gun and dove in. I took one and hopped back in the boat to let the other guys go. We each pulled 3 off the school. The bait ball was so thick you could reach into it and pull a handful of

anchovies out. It was kind of scary when it would try to hide around you and the mackerel would come bashing into it and hit you.



Danny landed a nice Cobia one day. They like to hang out around the Bull Rays (Giant Stingrays) When he shot it, the fish tried to hide under the Bull Ray and taco'd his shaft against it — it was NOT happy! I chummed up a carcass we had filleted and then a Spanish came and so I shot that. The Aussie fish respond well to chum, they come right in and feed on it, but so do the sharks — makes it interesting.

I didn't shoot any Mullaway, we made a freedive in one of the reserves and I got some good photos of them. Along with a friendly Leopard Shark (not the same as here) that liked having his back scratched.



Oh and don't pick up Blue Bottles (Man-O-War Jellyfish) then wipe your face. But if you do, urine neutralizes the sting. Better hope you got a really good friend with you.

On a side note, some of you guys might like this; Danny has reached hero status in my book for his latest endeavor. In Australia they have major problems with feral pigs. The pigs kill native animals and ruin the native environment. They actually hire people to come and shoot them (Depredation, I think it's called). So when Danny and his friend James Tait were called in to cull pigs off a plot of land, whatta they do? James grabs his helicopter and Danny grabbed his 12-gauge. Danny culled 64 feral pigs in one day FROM THE CHOPPER, while James flew!!! Only in Australia, huh?

— Joe Prola

Start getting your fish stink on - RIPPER'S 2010



Tuna for the taking in Imperial Beach*



Kevin Carlson shows off one of the bluefin tuna he was able to pull from the surf.

IMPERIAL BEACH — Beachcomber Kevin Carlson says he never knows what the Pacific Ocean will deliver after a big storm, but Friday morning he encountered his most unusual discovery in more than 20 years of walking beaches.

Carlson found several bluefin tuna in the 35- to 50-pound class struggling in the surf line off Imperial Beach. He was just north of the Imperial Beach Pier and north of the first jetty when he spotted them. Carlson theorizes the tuna escaped from one of the tuna pens floating off the coast of northern Baja. Perhaps the recent storms tore open one of the pens.

"There were a lot of them out there," he said. "More than a dozen, but a couple of them were fresh dead fish and a few others were struggling to get out of the shallow surf. Once they got into the surf line, they couldn't get out."

Carlson waded in and gathered up 35- and 50-pound bluefin and let the ocean have the rest.

Yellowtail Open Free Dive Spearfishing Tournament San Carlos, Sonora Mexico



The 6th Annual Yellowtail Open
Presented by the AB Biller Company & JBL
Location - San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico
Saturday, March 13, 2010

"The Pacific Ocean has been wonderful and bountiful for me over the years," Carlson said. "But in 20 years of beachcombing, I've never found anything like this. I've found lobster traps with lobsters in them, you name it. You just never know what the Pacific Ocean is going to give up."

Carlson, who works on the sport boat The Long Run out of Marina Cortez on Harbor Island, said he plans to eat the tuna and save the carcasses for his hoop nets. He also hoop nets for lobsters.

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Joe's Strange Lobsters



Vintage Shot of Jay Riffe at Catalina with freshly caught White Sea Bass



Mike Ocsanes & Bob Donnell at Cabo Pulmo, Mexico sometime in the '80s

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