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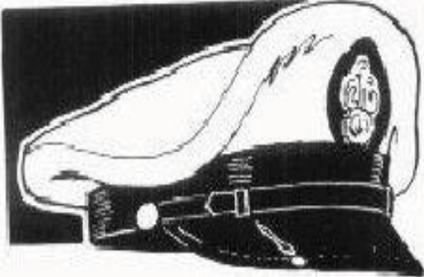
**October, 2013**

**San Diego Rod and Reel Club**

**(619) 277-0255**

**Meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, '13**  
**at the Bali Hai**

- Happy Hour 6:00
- Meeting at 7:00
- Darin Dohi of Seeker



**President**  
**Alex Williamson**

Well, it's about that time of year again. Officer elections are in December. I wanted to give you a chance to hang with the board at our next meeting and see if you want to be a board member. The board meetings are always the Tuesday after our Club meeting at 6:30 at the Bali Hai. The meeting usually is over before 8pm. You should be in our club for at least one year to be on the board. We ask for a three year commitment but some do more, others do less. We have several events that we run and ask for you to try to attend half of them. Major event are the Fred Hall show, Day at the Docks, Big Fish, about four kids events and of course attending the Club/board meetings each month. Each officer also has their own duties, but in some regards that is the fun part. We get to interact with you, the member,

and try to make the club a fun place to hang. At the back of the bulletin is a copy of the board positions and their responsibilities. In some cases the board positions are chosen or requested. So if you have an interest in a particular position, let us know and we will hook you up with that board member. Also see our website under "Contacts" to see a list of our current officers. Each one of them is a valuable resource to your club and we are better off because of them. As your president, I have served as an officer for four years and each year I have learned something new, as well as the reward to be working for the better of the club. Your club needs you and your ideas, give it some thought and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Bali Hai.

See you all on the big pond.  
Alexander Williamson



WHAT'S THAT?!!



**Rhonda Ito**

FCM's

For all of you who were at the weigh-in on Saturday and were witness to Mike's BIG Catch, here is the scoop (from my sister in-law, the story teller) and photos!

Saturday evening, after a day of fishing, Mike calls to ask George to come up to Mom's ... he needs help unloading something from his boat. George comes down and tells me, Mike found some kind of yellow "missile" they plucked out of the ocean. It took 3 guys to unload it... "scary," I'm thinking.

This morning the U. S. Government calls our house. I didn't answer the phone and they didn't leave a message.

This afternoon, Rosie calls to say she has some food to deliver for Mike and us. I tell her to call me when she's at Mom's gate. Ten minutes later, the phone rings, I just pick it up and tell Rosie I'll be right there! Oops, it was a man on the other

end stating he is from the U. S. Government and he is at Mom's gate to retrieve, what turns out to be, some type of mini submarine that gathers information. It dives under the water then comes up to the surface for 20 minutes then goes back down. IT SAYS RIGHT ON IT "DO NOT REMOVE FROM THE WATER!" The GPS tracking it had on it, located it at Mom's address. So, they knew exactly where to find it. There were about 4 government officials equipped with badges (very friendly, thankfully) and they were VERY happy to get it back. We later found out it had a value of \$1,000,000.00. No wonder they wanted it back!

They did ask to spread the word that IF you ever come across anything that like that again, to leave it alone. This has lithium in it and he said it is could have caught fire if they had tampered with it YIKES!!!  
Lesson learned Mike?? Spread the word to all your fishing buddies (:

Till Next Month,  
Rhonda



**Tournament Master:**  
**Lee Fleming**

### **SD Bay Halibut Tourney.**

Side-pot Spotted Bay Bass (14" minimum).

Saturday, 12 October 2013

Lines-in at first light.

Weigh-in 1500-1600 hours (3:00 - 4:00pm).

BBQ to follow!

Entry Fees: \$20 member  
\$25 non-members,  
\$10 side-pot. Everyone on your boat must be in the tournament and if one is in the side-pot, all must be in the side-pot.

Boundary: must be in the bay and no farther south than a line from Pt. Loma Light to the tip of Zuniga Jetty.

See me at the next meeting.

Lee Fleming, 858.382.2629  
Jawbreaker vhf- 16, 68, 72



**PR Director:**  
**Tim Foote**

We had an enjoyable and useful presentation about fishing reels from Ken Corwin of Ken's Custom Reels, and about knots from Wendy Tochiara from Izorline. Those two subjects are probably the most important ones a fisherman should focus on. Note that Wendy has recently been named a California representative for the I.G.F.A.

Our Speaker for the October meeting is Darin Dohi, General Manager of Seeker Rods, USA, one of the premier fishing rod manufacturers in the world and founded in 1988 in the City of Long Beach. Darin began fishing at age four in park lakes in the Torrance and Long Beach areas. At the age of 10 Darin's fishing interest was sparked by a tournament bass fisherman named Earl Chin, from whom he learned a great deal about how many factors influence the ability to catch fish; such as weather, structure, water conditions, lures, etc. He used this knowledge to obtain

employment at a local tackle store when he was 15. He began as a “gofer” and ended up wrapping custom rods and repairing reels for the store’s customers. Darin likes to fish big Calico Bass and is a big fan of Cory Sanden and his MC Swimbaits. Darin believes in getting kids involved in fishing and organizes an annual tournament for his church.

See a video tour of the Seeker factory narrated by Darin at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hFz1QyybAw>

Tim Foote

## Picture of the Month



Fox with a 33lb 8 oz, 44” long Halilbut caught on 9/7/13. That’ll fill the



**Weigh Master  
Curt Itogawa**

As Yogi Berra would say, “It’s déjà vu all over again”. Our Yellowtail / Dorado Tournament first place winner is Ed Howerton with a combined weight of 18.96 lbs. (14.06 lbs. Dorado and 4.90 lbs. Yellowtail). He will also receive 5 men’s sport points.

The second place winner was his fishing partner Dennis Burlason with a combined weight of 18.16 lbs. (13.68 lbs. Dorado and 4.48 lbs. Yellowtail), and 4 men’s sport points.

Mike Ito receives third place and 3 men’s sport points for his catch of a 5.96 lbs. Yellowtail. Mike also wins the **Booby Prize** for his capture of a yellow submarine glider. It was far out to sea, floating 6 inches below the surface, and the strobe light in the tail not functioning. It had been adrift long enough to gather some sea life on it, but it made a poor patty for fishing. I have a feeling its life will be much easier adrift in Mike’s pool mapping the bottom.

The tuna side pot goes to Dennis Burlason for his 30.12 lbs. Yellowfin Tuna.

Our next competition is the San Diego Bay Halibut Tournament with the side pot fish to be announced at the club meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Until the next weigh-in, stay safe and have fun.  
Curtis Itogawa



**Raffle Master  
Lou Duchen (and Ellie!)**

Hello FCM's,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the club for supporting the raffle. With everyone's help the raffle table has become profitable for the club. With our continued sponsors that time and time again step up to the plate and donate, it helps support the SDRRC.

The October raffle will again be loaded with certificates and equipment that was donated. A special thank you to Tim Foote for the beautiful framed prints donated by Marshall Madruga

and framed by Tim. We again will be raffling off one print in October and the last print will be for November. We still have trips, Terrifin and bait certificates to give away. The table will be loaded like it was last month, so don't miss an opportunity to win some great merchandise.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and if there is something that you would like on the table, please don't hesitate to ask. We are hopeful that Lou, with all your well wishes, will be able to attend the meeting. He is continuing on the road to recovery.

Thanks and Roll the Barrell,  
Ellie



DJ also found a nice 'but on September 7<sup>th</sup>. I'm guessing their freezer is well stocked now! WTG DJ and Fox!!!



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Gary Mouritzen

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The fishing has been wide open with a lot of the primary pelagics sought after are being caught (Yellowfin, Bluefin, Yellowtail and Dorado). Some fish are small, but a lot of them have size to them. So be prepared with varying arsenal on board.

You know fishing is good when the 1/2 day boats are catching some of these. Even the 3/4 day trips are weighing in against the 1 day boats. However, if you really want the brunt of the fish, hop onto a 3-day and get a good workout!

On a recent trip, we came up to a paddy with lock jaw Dorado. The only way we got into them was by chunking sardines. They ate it up like candy and didn't know what happened until we ate Them up like candy! I always stay at it, especially if you know there's good fish to be had on that paddy. Sometimes drifting by a paddy doesn't work as they see your boat and shy away, so I will slow troll the bait back up

into position rather than pull the lines in and motor up back into position. This is usually when I'll get bit on these finicky fish.

If the paddy is full of small Dorado's be prepared for a surprise Marlin. There have been several occasions when we've hooked up a marlin on a paddy like this. It's tough when you've got light line, but it brings some real excitement on this unexpected bite!

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Fed met to discuss the economy (sorry, switching gears on you here!) and they realized that the rising mortgage rates had really slowed the economy down. This dropped mortgage rates by .75%, bringing regular loans to 4.25% and Government loans to 3.75%! There are lower rate options with paying points too.

If you or somebody you know got a mortgage with Mortgage Insurance 2 years or more ago, I am finding that most of my clients have a lot of equity now and we're able to get rid of their Mortgage Insurance. Please contact me if this is the case for you or somebody you know and I will analyze it for you/them. If it looks too close, then I will suggest we wait, but if the position is there, then I can tell you/them how much savings there will be.

It will be an honest analysis as to whether any of it makes sense to do.

Now Get Bent!

Gary Mouritzen

## FISHING STORIES

### Sea Adventure II 9/19 by Daryl White



I fished the Sea Adventure II on a 1 day private charter sponsored by a vendor I've worked with, En Pointe Tech. I normally don't do 1 day trips as my boat typically has better range, but as it was a free trip, I was in. As the boat was loading, it became apparent that it was going to be an interesting trip when they loaded 40 rental rods on board. 3 other guys and I were the only people that brought their own gear out of the 29 onboard.

As most of the people onboard have never ocean fished, it was amazing that we ended up with 86 Yellowfin Tuna, 47 Dorado, and 140 Yellowtail. The YFT were 10 to 25lb, the Dodo's were 4 to 25 lbs and the YT were mostly rats, with maybe 20 or so being 10 to 20lbs. I'd say we went 1 for 3 on hook-to-land ratio, with most being lost at the boat being sawed off. About 10 of the YFT were caught on the troll, but most of the fish came off of paddies.

To get to the YFT, you had to toss your bait out beyond the dodo's and YT, or drop an iron down below them. I ended up with my limit of YFT and Dodo's and gave away or handed off numerous Yellowtail. I had the largest YFT, which missed the jackpot by less than an oz. to a huge bull dodo.



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### Kurt Hoffman ... "My Best Ever 1.5 day Tuna Trip"



We wasted too much bait on the rat yellows, but we had live squid as well and just enough sardines saved us for a BFT school we finally got into at approximately 6pm.

My catch were Limits of YT, 5 YFT (footballs), 3 Dodos, and one BFT estimated at 50 pounds.

Jackpot was a 57 pound Bluefin Tuna, which was one of the 12 we landed from that late school.

Take Care,  
Kurt Hoffman

**SAN DIEGO ROD REEL CLUB 2013 WEIGHT RECEIPT LIST\***

Sep-13

<b>LOCAL SPECIES (Plaques)</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	<b>Name (Men's)</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	<b>Name (Women's)</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	<b>Name (Juniors)</b>
<b>Albacore (Local)</b>						
<b>Big Eye Tuna (Local)</b>						
<b>Barracuda (Local)</b>	10.7	Harry Okuda	4..94	Nancy Ortiz		
<b>Bluefin Tuna (Local)</b>	50.44	Tim Foote				
<b>Bonito (Local)</b>						
<b>Calico Bass</b>	6.7	Rex Finney				
<b>Rockfish</b>	3.2	Shelly Cochlin				
<b>Dorado (Local)</b>	6.9	Mike Gladden			7	Sara Itogawa
<b>Halibut (Local)</b>	29.88	Curt Itogawa	21.8	D.J. Ludwig		
<b>Lingcod (Local)</b>	12.25	Lee Fleming				
<b>Mako Shark (Local)</b>						
<b>Sand Bass</b>	5	Ed Howerton	2.98	Janet Fleming		
<b>Spotted Bay Bass</b>	1.58	Darrel White				
<b>Striped Marlin (Local)</b>						
<b>White Sea Bass (Local)</b>	53.6	Fox Ludwig				
<b>Yellowfin Tuna (Local)</b>						
<b>Yellowtail (Local)</b>	27.56	Ed Howerton	28.4	Janet Fleming	26.7	Sara Itogawa
<b>SPECIES +150 Miles (Certificates)</b>						
<b>Blue Marlin</b>						
<b>Dorado (+150)</b>						
<b>Halibut (+150)</b>						
<b>Sailfish (+150)</b>						
<b>Wahoo (+150)</b>						
<b>Yellowfin Tuna (+150)</b>						
<b>Yellowtail (+150)</b>						
<b>Albacore (+150)</b>						
<b>Barracuda (+150)</b>						
<b>Big Eye Tuna (+150)</b>						
<b>Bluefin Tuna (+150)</b>						
<b>Bonito (+150)</b>						
<b>Lingcod (+150)</b>						
<b>Mako Shark (+150)</b>						
<b>Striped Marlin (+150)</b>	140	Tom Gruber				
<b>White Sea Bass (+150)</b>						
<b>Roosterfish</b>	15.1	Gary Mouritzen				

**Honorable mentions:** \*You must fill out an official weight receipt in order to be listed.

**1st Striped Marlin (Local, kill or released w photo & weight Est.)**

<b>1st Albacore</b>		
<b>1st Yellowfin (Local)</b>		
<b>1st Yellowtail (Local)</b>	26.5	Rex Finney
<b>1st Dorado (Local)</b>	6.9	Mike Gladden

# San Diego Rod and Reel Club Off Shore Dorado/Yellowtail Fishing Tournament Results

September 14, 2013

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ed Howerton**, combined weight of 18.96 lbs. (14.06 lbs. Dorado & 4.90 lbs. YT) 5 Men's points.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dennis Burlason**, combined weight of 18.16 lbs. (13.68 lbs. Dorado & 4.48 lbs. YT) 4 Men's pt.s

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mike Ito**, 5.96 lbs. Yellowtail. 3 Men's sport points.

**Side Pot Tuna: Dennis Burlason**, 30.12 lbs. Yellowfin Tuna.



## Sports Points Standing September 2013

(Includes points from tournament placing and one point for members fishing the tournament)

### Men

Ed Howerton 19  
Mike Ito 15  
Rex Finney 13  
Lee Fleming 9  
Dennis Burlason 6  
Vinh Gian 5  
Daryl White 4  
Tim Foote 4  
Bill Fleming 4  
Lou Duchene 3  
Fox Ludwig 3  
Curt Itogawa 3  
Dave Rehrer 3  
David Sachau 3  
Gordie Howe 2  
James Smith 2  
Hector Lopez 1  
Mike Goodsell 1  
Alan Bilstein 1  
Derek Ito 1  
Mark Waters 1  
John Plemmons Jr. 1  
Andy Redding 1  
Alex Williamson 1  
Mike Gladden 1  
Mark Logan 1  
Dennis Johnson 1  
Gary Mouritzen 1

### Ladies

Cheri Fleming 18  
Nancy Ortize 13  
Janet Fleming 10  
Shelly Cochlin 6  
Ellie Duchene 6  
Rhonda Ito 4  
Lori Sachau 3  
Cathrine Glidden 2

### Juniors

Sara Itogawa 2  
Henry Hammer 1

## **Upcoming Events**

- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Club Meeting at the Bali Hai
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>** – San Diego Bay Halibut Tourney
- **October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Lobster Tournament
- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Club Meeting at the Bali Hai
- **November 9<sup>th</sup>** – SDRRC vs SDA Bay Bass Tournament
- **December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Club Meeting