



Liar's Corner

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Presidents Corner by Bob Eades

It's almost November. I can't believe how fast the summer went by, and in a few weeks, good old Daylight Savings kicks in and the days will be even shorter. The club just got off the 2 ½ day Fortune charter and it was a good one, you can read about it in the Trip Report below. What I can say, is that the weather was perfect. Not a whole lot to talk about so I'll look forward to seeing everyone at the November 6th meeting at IHOP in Ontario. Our guest speaker will be Dept of Fish and Wildlife. Trung, our speaker is involved with the bait fisheries management for the state, so it should be an informative talk considering what's happening with the potential Sardine closures. By the way, I think there is still **ONE** open spot left on the November Pacific Dawn 1 ½ day trip. Just Sayin.....

Tight Lines,

Fortune Trip Report – By Dan Keck

After filling our slammers and bait tanks with small size sardines the Fortune tied up at an empty spot at the bait receiver to sit out some windy conditions on the outside. Captain Bob called us into the galley for our safety meeting and game plan for the next 2.5 days.

Bob said the fishing has been pretty much the same for several weeks and the best tackle setup would be small hooks (size #4) and light line (20-25lb). He added that the Yellowfin tuna in the school are all about the same size, 18 to 25 ponds. He also said, that there will be some Skipjack tuna mixed in with the school YFT. The plan was to fill our limits of YFT in the morning and then change location northwest and take a swing at the Bluefin tun.

At 2:00 AM, we left the comforts of the Bay and made a short trip south about 27 miles into Mexican waters. At gray light we put out the troller's and started the search for a school of fish that wanted to play. Captain Bob had no problem putting us on some fish and we filled our first day of limits in a few hours. We Then traveled northwest to the area where they had been catching the Bluefin the day before. We made several stops on several schools but none of them would come to the boat. The fish would boil on our bait down swell and upswell but not within casting distance. At sundown, we even found a school that was well developed and very promising. The crew baited the school very heavily and tried to get a reactionary bite going. It turned out to be, a typical Bluefin day in the off cycle. At the end of the day we were rewarded with limits of YFT and a Tri-tip dinner with all the sides including some "atomic" horseradish sauce that would bring you to tears.

That evening we headed back into San Diego and resupplied our bait tanks and tied off at the bait receiver again for a restful night. Once again, in the early morning hours, we headed back out to the tuna grounds and started catching our second day of YFT limits. It did not take us long to fill our tags and we headed back north to the BFT schools. We fished most of the day trying to get those elusive Bluefin to bite. It was not until late in the afternoon that we got our first fish to bite. **Dennis Treffry**, a friend of **Steve Berczik**, was the first to hook up on a light outfit with a 40lb. leader. He fought his fish for two and a half hours and lost it at gaff. It was estimated by the crew to be a fish over 100lbs. Meanwhile, captain Bob baited an outfit with a nice mackerel and got bit almost Immediately. He handed off his fish to **Rob Quiroz**, who put the wood to this fish and laid the rod on the rail and hoisted it in. His reward was a beautiful 49lb. BFT that was the biggest fish landed on the

trip. **Bob Eades** saw the action and decided to switch to a Flatfall jig and got bit. He landed his fish and at the scales it weighed 42.45lbs. The point four five pounds becomes a significant part of the story that I will share later.

The fishing continued with a slow bite well into the dark. **Dave Schaefer** was the fourth person to get hooked up. He was fishing with a sinker rig and a sardine. After a short battle, **Dave** landed his 43 pound Bluefin tuna. It was clear that **Dave** had the right outfit. Soon as he landed his fish he re-baited his line and cast out again. While fishing, **Dave** volunteers to take a photo with his fish. So, what does **Dave** do? He hands his rod to **Jack Reeder**, one of **Bob Reeder's** sons, who was taking a short break from fishing. No sooner than **Dave** hands off his rod, **Jack** immediately gets bit. After a tremendous battle, **Jack** landed the fish. At the jackpot weigh-in, **Jack's** Bluefin weighed 47.65 pounds and was the jackpot winner. Now here is the rest of the story that does not require a special investigation. The story is that since this was **Jack's** first Bluefin tuna, the tradition has been that the fisherman eats the heart of their catch. But somehow the heart from **Bob Eades' fish** was removed and given to **Jack**. It is unclear how big the heart was and how much it weighs is unsure. The reason being, if the heart weighed more than .55 lbs or 8.8 ounces, **Bob Eades** would have taken second place in the jackpot. **Bob** being a great sportsman, did not challenge the weigh-in and took a respectable third place. Therefore, First place went to **Jack Reeder** with his 47.65 pound Bluefin tuna and **Dave Schaefer** took second place with his 43 pound Bluefin tuna. It is needless to say that it was good to catch some Bluefin this year and it was nice to have two club trips in a row that we took limits of YFT. There is a very good chance that these fish will stick around for our next trip in November. Well that's all I have for this report. Until next time, tight lines and happy fishing.

ISWAC 2019 FISHING SCHEDULE

TRIP	LEAVE	RETURN	BOAT	LOAD	PRICE	LANDING	TRIP DETAILS
11	11/9	11/11	Pacific Dawn	18	\$475	Fishermans	1 & 1/2 Day
12	12/7	12/7	Spitfire	20	\$60	Mr DI Rey	Twilight

Monthly Club Meetings

IHOP
80 N. Euclid
Upland, CA
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Board Meetings

Cask & Cleaver
8689 Ninth Street
Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Time: 6:00-8:00PM

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