

ABOARD THE LISA ANNE

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Ken Bertelsen, Bill Shattuc and I along with two other fishermen got aboard the Lisa Anne for a salmon seeking trip. We knew we had to go far so after leaving the jaws of Pillar Pt., we headed north towards the Farallon Islands and even further. The last word of salmon was that they were off Pt. Reyes. Ken stopped short of our destination and had a feeling about the location even if there were no other boats in sight. He was dead on accurate. We got our rods in and had been trolling for about 15 minutes and my rod went off. I nice 15lb king salmon in the box. We got several more hits and two more fish in the box. Ken tried to call by cell phone his fishing buddies on other boats but there was no cell signal so he put the report on the air. His buddies came running as well as a whole fleet of fishing boats. The bite was poor between us and the Gate and boaters were willing to make the run north to join us. We ended the day with 8 salmon and a beautiful day on the water. They call it FAC (flat and calm) and it certainly was.



A week later I joined Ken Bertelsen, Bill Kruger, his son David, Roger Hatin and another fisherman on a trip for Albacore. This is a fish that

is Ken's favorite to both fish and eat. Albacore likes warm, blue water and this time of year we get some just south/west of Pillar Pt. After traveling for almost two hours, Ken had another feeling that this was the place. Within 30 minutes a rod went off. We stopped to fish with live bait while the hooked fish was being brought in. Albacore fishing requires trolling fast (7.5 kts per hr) pulling jigs and enticing a strike. While the fish is being reeled in, live bait is tossed overboard to keep the rest of the fish in the area. The rest of the crew hooks a live anchovy on a bait hook and lets it drift, hoping to get more fish.



We lost about five fish reeling in jigs and only caught one on bait but that fish was a lot of fun fighting on light tackle. I know as I caught it. We ended up with five fish, all about 20-25lbs. The fillet nicely and when done right, you end up with four nice size pieces. Ken hopes to go again soon so more members can join him.