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The President's Slate

Last month we were all intrigued and entertained by the SDUPS Underwater Film Festival. For those who went to Two Harbors you have memories that we can only be envious of. but then again... we got to watch some pretty incredible videos. Take a moment and check out the SDUPS website to see the winning entry.

Here comes the summer in San Diego... everyone ready! Water warming up, plankton bloom in full bloom! And we are readying ourselves for movies on the beach, trips to Catalina, diving at the Shores, the Cove, Marine Room, Coronado Islands and beyond.

Remember that the Long Beach Scuba Show is May 30-31 and is the one west coast show dedicated to this sport that you all live and love so we'll see you there!!

It's now time to go blow bubbles!

Michael J. King

San Diego Dive Club Officer's Meeting

Have some ideas and suggestions on the direction the dive club should be heading? Come share those ideas with the club officers. All members are encouraged to participate in the San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meetings. The Officers' Meetings are held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:

Marie Calendar's, 6950 Alvarado Rd. La Mesa

The officers of the club try to anticipate the needs, desires and best interests of the club, but remember that this is your club too, and we need your new thoughts and ideas to keep the club fun and exciting.



Long Range Calendar

****San Diego Dive Club sponsored events****

July SDOF Dive-a-thon,
<http://sdoceans.org/index.php>

Jul 11-18 Sport Chalet, Cozumel trip
 \$998 + Airfare. Contact Sport Chalet

Raffle Prizes May 2009 Meeting

Scott Brown-3 t shirts, Mask,
 Cozumel Book, Lunch box
 John Swanson- gift card to Sports Chalet
 Steve Fellet- Mesh Dive bag
 Cody Gilstrap- Thermos and Soft sided cooler
 Scott Anderson-flip flops, soft sided cooler, T shirt
 Kevin Lass Pelican Float, ID tag
 David Pierce-thermos

May San Diego Council of Divers Meeting:

This Month's Guest speaker was Gregg Morris, Current President of Bottom Bunch Dive Club. Greg has been diving for over 50 years and entertained us with stories and photos of diving in his native Australia. Greg and his friends made a lot of their own gear, tanks and camera housings. It was interesting to see the progression from home made to widely available store bought equipment.

3R's – Our own SDDC will be hosting the first session next Saturday at Boomer/La Jolla Cove

Registration will be at 8:00am. Mandatory briefing starts at 8:15am, enter the water 8:30 am.

Boomer/La Jolla Cove

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Meet at - 1150 Coast Blvd. (La Jolla Cove steps)

Next MLPA meeting on May 21st. 8:00 am at the Doubletree Hotel in Santa Ana.

New set of maps to come out. Public comments can be made online at

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/>

SB428 would allow the City to designate Children's Pool a marine mammal.

The council feels that the assembly is hearing a one sided story. If you are concerned about this change and oppose this bill - please write your assemblyman or check out the sample letters available on the council website: sddivers.com. Next month's meeting will be held June 9th, 7:00 at the La Jolla Brew House

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Guest Speaker – Tom and Marie Phillipp, Honeymoon interrupted-life-threatening DCS in Palau

Thursday, June 4th, 7pm at Giovannis

Last year, for reasons unknown, Marie suffered type II DCS in Palau. Come hear Tom tell their gripping and emotional story, and learn from their experiences. Tom is amongst the founders of the San Diego Dive Club. He started at Sport Chalet in Huntington Beach in 1984, and was tasked with opening a Dive Department in the 4 former Stanley Andrews Sporting Goods Stores in San Diego County. Tom switched to US Divers in 1995, which merged with SeaQuest to form Aqua Lung in 1998, where he is Product Manager. A diver for 28 years, and an instructor for 25, he never tires of diving.



Photo Tip of the Month

Silhouettes Creating silhouettes is backlighting taken to an extreme. Objects with strong shapes or easily recognizable shapes can make excellent silhouettes. Combine with a strong foreground or background for a great shot. All detail in the front of the subject is lost. Silhouettes often work because of their simplicity. For example, a fish close up with the sun directly behind it. Silhouettes are often enhanced with a sunburst in the photo. Remember to use a fast shutter speed (1/150th or higher) to freeze the sunrays. Let's summarize how to create good silhouettes:

- Pick a shape that has strong form and is easily recognizable
- Make sure there is strong contrast between the object and the background. Obviously having the sun or bright water behind the subject is the best way
- Use manual exposure mode or meter off the brighter area of the background.
- Turn off your strobes.
- The outline of the silhouette should be very crisp. A high-speed shutter will help in this.
- Bracket your exposure if possible

Contact your local Sport Chalet**Point Loma (619) 224-6777****La Jolla (858) 453-5656****Mission Valley (619) 718-7070**

Photo of the Month Contest

A friendly contest we can all enjoy. Here's how it works. Take an underwater photo, frame it for easy display, and set it up at the club meeting with the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five free raffle tickets. Membership is not necessary to vote. One vote per person. The intent is to involve as many club members as possible in the fun and entertainment. Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system.

- *Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting*
- *The photographer must be submersed in the same liquid as the subject*
- *One picture per person per month*
- *Display your picture as taken with your camera and lighting*
- *Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using any form of Photoshop'ing before printing*

Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner. We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, hopefully we'll see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Photo of the Month- Suzanne Scriven Anenome, Ship Rock, Catalina

Rocks, Rips & Reefs Program (3Rs) 2009 sddivers.com

3Rs is an in-water education and site orientation program for divers and snorkelers. Participants are briefed on the interaction of surf, swell, and tides on underwater rocks and reefs, and then enter the water and tour popular diver sites. The 3Rs is free and open to the public. Snorkelers welcome! SCUBA Certification is not required, but swimming experience is recommended. Participants must sign a liability waiver as part of registration. Participants aged 17 or less must have the waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Bring a mask, fins, and snorkel. A full wetsuit and gloves are strongly recommended for warmth and protection from scrapes. Spring suits are OK. Weights are discouraged unless you are a strong swimmer or your wetsuit is extremely buoyant. Scuba gear (regulator, BC, tank, etc.) is not used during the 3Rs. If you have not been diving or snorkeling recently, please check your gear before you arrive.

For all dates below, registration will be at 8:00am. Mandatory briefing starts at 8:15am, enter the water 8:30 am.

Boomer/La Jolla Cove

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Meet at - 1150 Coast Blvd. (La Jolla Cove steps)

Session Host: San Diego Dive Club

North Bird Rock

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Meet at 6000 Camino de la Costa, La Jolla

Session Host: San Diego Rainbow Dive Club

Shell Beach

Saturday June 20, 2009

Meet at - 1000 Coast Blvd. (nearest cross street - Ocean St.)

Top of the stairs about half way between La Jolla Cove and Children's Pool

Session Host: San Diego Freedivers

Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves)

Saturday July 11, 2009

Meet at 1325 Coast Blvd. (Old Shell Shop)

Session Host: Dive Animals

Marine Street

Saturday July 25, 2009

Meet at - 300 Marine Street

Session Host: Ocean Explorers Society

Hospital Point

Saturday August 8, 2009

Meet at - 400 Coast Blvd (south of Cuvier)

Session Host: The Sea Dogs

Casa Beach

Saturday August 22, 2009

Meet at Life Guard Tower 850 Coast Boulevard

Session Host: Bottom Bunch



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
at

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East
From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West
Giovanni's is on the South side of Clairemont Mesa
on the West side of Ruffin

Monthly raffle drawings!

January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we will have a grand raffle prize.

The winning ticket is drawn from that evening's batch and from the previous two months.

***ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE
ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!***

Dips, Tips and Trips

Send a description of your favorite local dive spot, your best Dive Tips or U/W Photo Tips, or a brief report or article describing your last Dive Trip. Each month we'll select and publish the best ones in the *Primary Regulator*.

Submit them electronically to, jlburtonus@yahoo.com NLT the 15th of each month. Submissions are subject to editing.

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