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The President's Slate

Work in Progress

There is a current work in progress involving one of the dolphin cut-outs from the Yukon. Our own honored club member Milt Beard was responsible for most, if not all, of the hull openings which were cut out of the Yukon. Two of those openings were in the shape of dolphins, one from each side of the bow, and anyone diving the Yukon has, of course, seen these openings. At some point in time the port side dolphin cut-out was acquired by a dive shop in northern California where it languished outside in their storage area never having been put on display. California Ships to Reefs approached the dive shop owner and the dolphin was graciously donated back to California Ships to Reefs. The dolphin was shipped down to DUI here in San Diego where I picked it up and brought it to my house for cleaning. The edges have been ground smooth as have the remnants of the interior bulkheads from that part of the ship. All the paint has been sand blasted off and the shape has been coated with a rust converter/preventer. By the time of this printing, I will have taken the dolphin up to the Laguna Beach studio of Wyland for painting. Once painted, I'll bring it back for display at a party July 14th aboard the Berkley, an event hosted by California Ships to Reefs and the Maritime Museum of San Diego, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Yukon's sinking. If there is any further information, I'll be sure to inform you at our June meeting. For now, our job is this: Find someone here locally to purchase this unique piece of SDDC and San Diego history and see that it is displayed here either publicly or inside a business where it can be easily viewed in the future.

Scott Brown

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.

June Meeting

Thursday, June 3rd, 7pm at Giovanni's

Guest Speaker Colleen Wisniewski

ReefCheck California "Dive With A Purpose"

Colleen manages the training and data collection efforts throughout Southern California. Colleen received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Rutgers University. After graduation, she spent 6 years teaching marine biology field classes and scuba diving in the Florida Keys and on Catalina Island. Most recently, Colleen spent over 5 years as the Director of the Kelp Restoration and Monitoring Project at San Diego Coastkeeper. Colleen will tell us how we can get

involved and turn our love of diving into a fun and educational activity where we truly can make a difference!

Reef Check California aims to build a network of informed and involved citizens who support the sustainable use and conservation of our nearshore marine resources. To accomplish this, volunteers are trained to carry out surveys of CA's rocky reefs providing data on the status of key indicator species.



Long Range Calendar

Jun 3	Monthly Meeting
Jun 12	Club Dive, 8 a.m. TBA,
Jun 12	3 R's, North Bird Rock, 8 a.m.
July 1	Monthly Meeting
July 10	Club Dive 8 a.m. TBA
July 10	3-R's, Goldfish Pt. (La Jolla Caves) 8 a.m.
July 24	3-R's, Marine Street, 8 a.m.
Sept 23-26	Channel Islands, on Horizon, Scott Brown
Oct 29	Two Harbors, 3 days, Rich Burns
Feb 17-27	2011, Key Largo or Carribean, stay tuned

San Diego Dive Club

Check Out These Benefits!!!

10% discount on non-sale dive gear & rentals, education classes, & boat charters at Sport Chalet.

10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air at Sport Chalet.

Quarterly buddy lists & Monthly newsletter.

Meet new friends and dive buddies at monthly meetings & dives.

Group travel to exotic diving locations.

Ocean, lake, and beach cleanup events.

Special member only events.

Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffle prizes.

Photo of the Month Contest

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos set out at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets and fame, and the appreciation of SDDC. The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system include:

- 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, and featured here. Competitors consider placing their photos on a CD to provide to the Newsletter Editor if they win, so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send to SDDCNewsletter@gmail.com.

May Photo Winner



Steve Gardner – Sculpin camouflaged on rock

Last Month's Meeting Highlights

~ May ~

Melvin Pasley, Lt. Col. (USA, Ret.)

“Disabled Veterans SCUBA Project“

<http://www.disabledveteransscubaproject.org>

Melvin spoke passionately about the mission of the Disabled Veterans SCUBA Project and the reasons he founded the program. Thank you Melvin for your service to our country, and for your service to the men and women of our Armed Forces.

May Raffle Prize Winners

Cody Gilstrap - UK HangAir Wetsuit Drying Hanger
Merrienne Dean - Tusa Fins
Bryce Newall - McNett Dive Care Essentials Kit
Walt Weaver - Winoka DeepSee Dive Knife
Mark Burrows - Sport Chalet Gift Card - \$25
Duane Jackson - Dive Tank Key Chain
John Swanson - IQ Tester Game
Steve Gardner - UK Mini Q40 LED Plus Dive Light
Steve Gardner - Cetacea Spare "0" ring kit
Betty Parrish - Wicked Wenches Renaissance Faire T-Shirt

San Diego Council of Divers Update Barbie Lass

This month's Guest Speaker was Rod Watkins, owner of a local dive, snorkel & scuba tour business in La Jolla. Rod has waged a long battle against the city for Beach access for his kayak tours. He gave us an informative history lesson on Las Siete Partidas, a law code whose tenets can still be found in the state laws of California: "...title to lands under navigable waters up to the high water mark is held by the state in trust for the people. These lands are not alienable in that all of the public's interest in them cannot be extinguished". This code gives the public access to the water up the high tide mark by Federal Law. City and States don't own beaches; they can only police the access. Rod encourages the general public to be aware of their rights.

Check out this website for more information:
http://www.slc.ca.gov/policy_statements/public_trust/public_trust_doctrine.pdf

The San Diego City Council held a hearing on the Children's Pool, Monday, May 17.

The options under consideration were:

1. Close the beach during pupping season, 12/15 to 5/15.
2. Keep the rope barrier up year round.
3. Prohibit dogs on the beach at all times.
4. Seek private funding to implement a City Park Ranger and volunteer docent program to patrol the Children's Pool.

Check out the new 2010 3R's schedule at the Council of Divers website: www.sddivers.com.

Next COD meeting will be Jun 8th, 7pm at the La Jolla Brew House. The guest speaker has yet to be announced, but if you have suggestions for one, please email the council at: <mailto:info@sddivers.com>.

Two Harbors, Catalina Island, Oct 29 – Nov 1, 2010

The camping cabins at Two Harbors have once again been reserved for Halloween weekend. This is a great weekend to get away and enjoy the local horrors at Two Harbors. The haunted house at the old skinning shed, the ghosts of Banning House, spirits of ship rock, and the horrors of watching a screaming Lobster being dropped into boiling water and then drowned in butter. The plan is to head over on Friday morning, and come back Monday afternoon (that is a 4 day weekend). Exact boat times and locations are yet to be determined.

The cost of the trip is \$170* and includes round trip transportation between the LA area and Two Harbors via one of the local charter services, 3 nights accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings, and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Boat diving has been arranged for both Saturday and Sunday and costs \$82 for each 2 tank dive, the purchase of a boat dive will also get you free tank and weight rentals for the weekend for shore diving. Remember this is Lobster season and if you plan on “bugging”, licenses and report cards are required. We have also negotiated some significant discounts on equipment rentals from Two Harbors Dive & Recreation Center. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. This trip always fills up so don't wait too long. *cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

NOTE:

1. Any changes or cancellations within 60 days of departure are subject to a 50% change/cancellation fee.
2. Any changes or cancellations within 30 days of departure are subject to a 100% change/cancellation fee.

You must be a current club member to sign up. Not sure if your membership is current? To check go to: http://www.dive-club.org/admin/membership_status.asp



Are you a **SCUBA diver** and **love the ocean**? Then, dive with purpose!

Volunteer as a Diver with Reef Check California!

Reef Check California Volunteers are trained to carry out surveys of nearshore reefs providing data on the status of key indicator species. Being a Reef Check California certified diver is a fun adventure and helps fulfill our desire to give back to the oceans we enjoy and use so much.



Training includes:

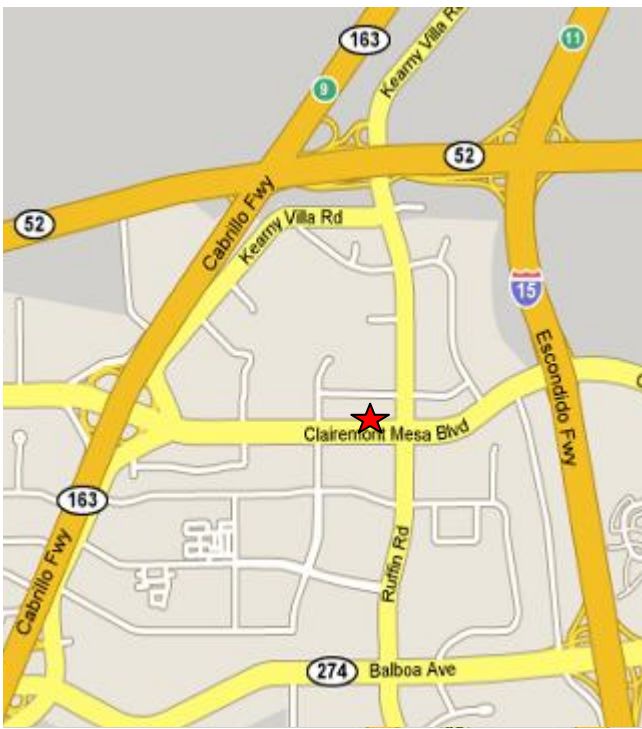
- 6 boat dives over 2 days for field training
- Classroom & pool survey training
- Reef Check EcoDiver Certification Card
- Survey equipment, Fish & Invertebrate ID cards, & more!

2010 Southern CA Training Dates:

- Los Angeles: April 10/11 & April 17/18
- Santa Barbara: May 15/16 & May 22/23
- Orange County: June 5/6 & June 12/13
- San Diego: July 17/18 & July 24/25



Sign up for a volunteer training class today! www.reefcheck.org/rcca/training_schedule.php
Contact Laurel Fink at lfink@reefcheck.org for more information!



DIVE CLUB MEETING

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 ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!**

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