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Message from SDDC President

Kick Off

Since I started diving, it always seemed to me that the Kick Off for the summer season of diving in San Diego was the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg event is followed by the Catalina Island Chamber Day. Chamber Day is always scheduled for the first week of May, and this year the dive community raised \$96,051.17 to help fund USC Hyperbaric Chamber.



If you have never attended one of the events, please take a few minutes to research this year's event. You may possibly want to attend next year's event and it's for a great cause. When these two events happen it starts my mental diving checklist. Especially Chamber Day, which

reminds me to make sure that my Divers Alert Network Insurance (DAN) Card, is up to date.

Next is the gear; we should pull out the wet suits and try them on to ensure that improper storage over the winter hasn't shrunk them (seems to be a problem with me). Slip on our booties and look down to ensure we don't see our toes. Check mask and fin straps, blow some air into our BC's and verify both visual and hydro dates of our tanks.

Now that June is upon us, let's commit to make the time and throw ourselves into the ocean.

Scott Anderson - President

For more information regarding the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber, visit:
<http://dornsife.usc.edu/hyperbaric/>



Long Range Calendar

- June 5** Dive Club Meeting - Speaker TBD
- June 14** 3Rs kick off event - Boomer/La Jolla Cove
- July 19** Movie on the beach & potluck
- Oct** Two Harbors - Pending/TBD
- Dec 6** Underwater Santa

Stay tuned for upcoming dives/events!

May Raffle Prizes & Winners Congratulations!



Barbie Lass
 Steve Gardner
 Sandra Anderson
 Barbie Lass
 Mark Pidcoo
 Steve Gardner
 Sandra Anderson

Pelican float
 Safety sausage
 Collapsible snorkel
 Flip flops
 Bonine tablets
 Dive accessory
 Eardrops



Your Diving Library

One of my favorite books, and one which I feel boosted my SCUBA knowledge and safety is [Diver Down: Real World SCUBA Accidents and How to Avoid Them](#) by [Michael R. Ange](#). This is a book about SCUBA accidents and divers who often carried more than just an Open Water certification title doing all types of SCUBA and making poor decisions, sometimes resulting in death.

For what it's worth, Diver Down should be read by everyone at all different levels of SCUBA diving and, dare I say, should be a prerequisite for Open Water certification. I read this before I was certified and went into the world of diving knowing exactly what to expect from it. From that, I feel that I was at a different level of understanding in my Open Water certification class.

Ange begins the book with a basic introduction to SCUBA then continues with 20 different stories about what went wrong with each dive. Though often shocking, Ange aims to educate you. He ends each scenario with a synopsis of what went wrong and what you can do to survive in a similar situation. While reading Diver Down, I'd often stop and think, "That is no different than what I would have done!" but it was the wrong choice.

Ange's bottom line: Don't put all of your trust into a DM (or anyone!) to take care of you in the water. You need to take responsibility for yourself and be educated and dive safe. You need to ask the right questions when you travel and dive with a new buddy. You need to be able to assess your own abilities and acknowledge when you have a few shortcomings. This will keep you safe and may even some day save a life. Here's to safe and smart diving!

Submitted by Lora Williams

Do you have a dive related book that you'd like to share? Feel free to write a short review (maximum 300 words) and submit to:
editor@sandiegodiveclub.com

3R's Schedule

Boomer/La Jolla Cove

June 14

North Bird Rock

June 28

Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves)

July 12

Marine Street

July 26

Shell Beach

Aug 9

Hospital Point

Aug 23

Sunset Cliffs

Sept 6

Children's Pool & South Casa Beach

Sept 27

For detailed information, including exact meeting spots, please visit:

<http://www.sddivers.com/3rs.html>

Rocks, Rips and Reefs 2014

The best way to get to know our local waters!

What are the 3Rs?

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 dive sites with experienced instructors.

3Rs is a great way for newer divers to learn more about the ocean and for experienced divers to explore new dive sites. Below is an example of what you will learn. Each session lasts about 90 minutes.

Participants learn how to:

1. Identify underwater rocks and reefs by observing water movement and surf
2. Take advantage of the ocean's natural wave motion
3. Spot safe places to enter and exit
4. Avoid places hazardous to divers and snorkelers
5. Encounter rip and long shore currents
6. Use tides to plan dives

Who can attend?

The 3Rs is free and open to the public; donations are gladly accepted and are only used to keep this program operating. 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.

What to bring

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.

When are the 3Rs?

Visit <http://www.sddivers.com/3rs.html> to find the latest schedule of events, usually beginning in June.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting All Are Welcome!

Do you 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 miscellaneous locations. Please contact the SDDC President for monthly location.

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. We need your new thoughts and ideas to keep our club fun and exciting.

Photo of the Month Contest Guidelines

The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system, include:

- ***The photographer and subject must be submersed in the same liquid at the same time the photo was taken***
- ***One picture per person per month***
- ***Display your picture as taken with your camera and lighting***
- ***Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting***
- ***Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in***
- ***No Software-based enhancement before printing***

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos displayed at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets plus the fame and appreciation of the SDDC. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the club meeting with the previous month's winner, and featured in the newsletter.

Competitors, consider placing your photos onto portable media to provide to the Newsletter Editor in the event you win so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send as attachment to editor@sandiegodiveclub.com.

Shore Diving Courtesy Reminders

Have you ever noticed how when a group of divers get together for a dive, it's almost like one big happy family reunion?

Even though you may have seen your diving cohorts just yesterday, we're always very enthusiastic to greet each other and eager to prep our gear for our underwater explorations. Sometimes in our enthusiasm we forget that we're in a residential neighborhood and that perhaps the residents aren't as enthusiastic about our early morning or late night dives as we are. Especially because diver etiquette is a sensitive topic around the Kellogg Park neighborhood, we should try our best to be courteous and to gently remind our fellow divers of the same. The list below, taken in part from the Council of Divers meeting in December 2012, can help assist with keeping good public relations and should be used *whenever* you are diving in someone else's neighborhood.

- Don't purge regulators.
- Use low tone of voice, especially during early and late hours.
- Try not to use plastic tarps and/or take up a larger area than needed.
- Do not block sidewalks with gear.
- Lay tanks horizontally on the ground.
- Do not store or leave unattended tanks on benches, tables and walls. Items/gear/tanks left on the wall beside the children's swing area are a hazard to children!
- Obey traffic laws, don't stop or block the streets.
- Respect private property.
- Keep radio volume to a low level.
- Pick up your trash, including small plastic items such as o-rings and zip-ties.
- Don't leave food out in the open for the seagulls. Properly store food in a bag or other closed container.
- Smile when you exit the water. Looking like the monster from the Black Lagoon doesn't win PR points.
- Kindly remind fellow divers and visitors to do their part in keeping the area quiet, safe and clean.

DIVE CLUB MEETINGS

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 Rd.

Monthly raffle drawings!

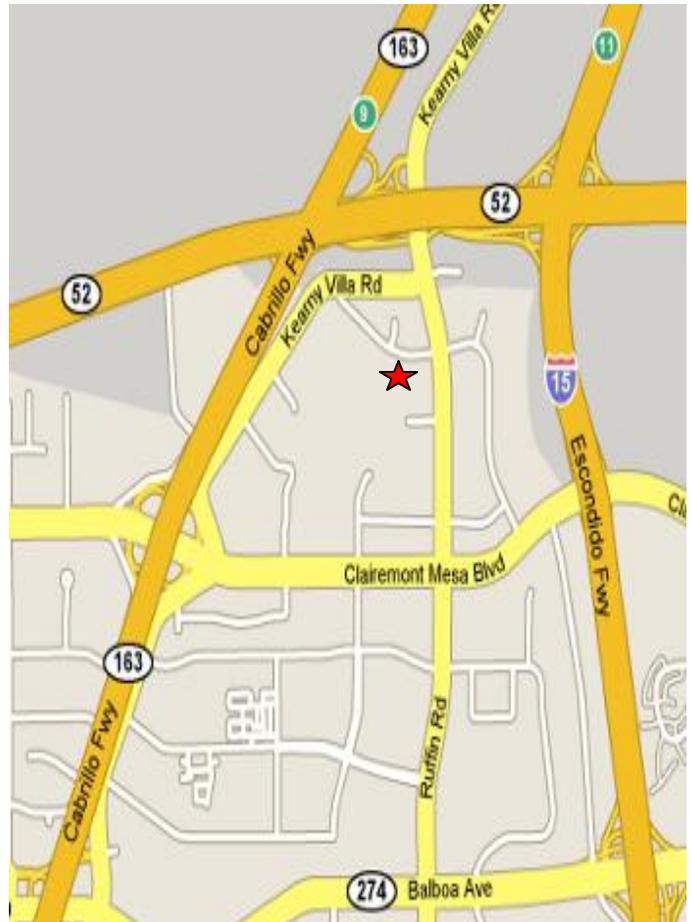
January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we will have a grand raffle prize. The winning ticket is drawn from that evening's batch and from the previous two months.

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



Dips, Tips and Trips

Please send descriptions of your favorite local dive spot, best dive tips or U/W photo tips, or brief reports or articles describing your last dive trip. Or? We'll select, edit, and publish them, as space allows. Please submit electronically by the 15th of the month prior to publication to:
editor@sandiegodiveclub.com.



San Diego Dive Club AWESOME BENEFITS!!!

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear and rentals, education classes, and boat charters at Sport Chalet.
- 10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air at Sport Chalet.
- Quarterly buddy lists & newsletter.
- Meet new friends and dive buddies at monthly meetings and dives.
- Group travel to exotic diving locations.
- Ocean, lake, and beach cleanup events.
- Special member only events.