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## San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

November 2009

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## *The President's Slate*

Welcome to fall. It sure doesn't feel like fall... maybe by January or so? The water and air is still warm and inviting. 'Tis the season to give thanks and enjoy your time with friends and family. It's also time to give a little back. For the club that means the longstanding tradition of Scuba Santa for a toy drive for local charities. For those of you who have not participated in the past I invite you all to join us this year on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> for a fun day of watching everyone smile and lots of crazy underwater outfits. It is so much fun that I wish we could do something like this more often. It's nice to have these opportunities to give back and do a little community volunteerism, especially while the economy is lagging along.

And for those of you for whom finances have been a little tight and those upcoming trips for fun tropical destinations have not been forthcoming... remember that there is always fantastic diving near to San Diego with Orange County and Northern San Diego County just up the road. Go on a road trip and enjoy the "tropical" destination that we all call home! Also find Sharon and put in your Christmas wishlist for new and exciting dive destinations for her to plan as our new Dive Coordinator. I think she just might have a direct line to Santa and make some of these happen!!!

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\*\***

- Oct 30-Nov 2 Two Harbors, Catalina Island, Rich Burns coordinating**
- Nov 14 SDDC Dive, Marine St. 8am, Michael King coordinating**
- Nov 21 Disneyland-Steve Anderson coordinating**
- Dec 5 Underwater Santa-**
- Dec 5-12 Turk and Caicos charter trip, Sport Chalet/PADI Travel**
- Dec. 12 SDDC Dive, South Casa, 8am, David Pierce, Scott Anderson & Hunza Kota coordinating**
- Dec 20 Parade of Lights-Star of India, Scott Brown coordinating**
- Jan. 9 SDDC Dive, Underwater Confidence Course, Rich Burns coordinating**
- Feb. 13 SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd**
- Mar. 13 SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd**



Sat. Dec. 5, 2009

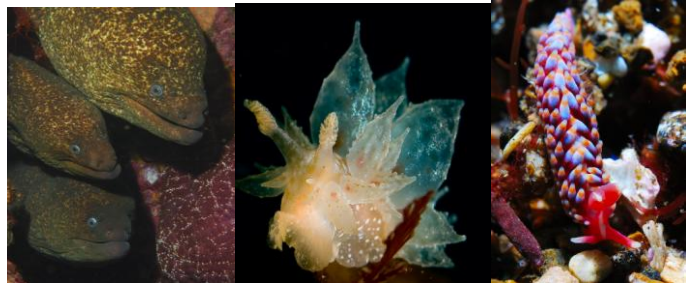
**SDDC ANNUAL UNDERWATER SANTA PHOTO SHOOT**

## November Meeting

### Guest Speaker Mike Bartick Philippines Opisthobranch Biodiversity Study May 2009

*Thursday, Nov. 5, 7pm at Giovanni's*

Mike Bartick is field editor for dive photo guide and owner operator of Saltwaterphoto.com., a private stock photography business. He provides still photography of marine wildlife and research, has shot photos for numerous entities. For additional details visit [www.saltwaterphoto.com](http://www.saltwaterphoto.com).



Sunday Dec 20, 2009

Parade of Lights on San Diego. Bay  
From the Star of India  
For details and tickets contact  
Scott Brown

## 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.

## October Photo- Willies Crab Picture

## PHOTO Tip – November 2009

### Do not Forget “Movie Mode”

Digital point and shoot cameras usually provide a movie mode. When shooting stills do not forget that the camera has this setting. Several subjects will do with a little motion and shooting a few small movies will provide some interesting footage that can be combined with the still images.

### PARTIAL DIVE REPORT FROM MIKE BEAR ON Underwater Clean-up Day

Date: 9/19/09 Time: 9 am-ish Location: San Diego Maritime Museum, Dock C, Embarcadero  
Dive Length: 40 mins Environment: San Diego Harbor, under various warships and submarines  
Max Depth: 30 ft Bottom Conditions: soft mud and silt 3 ft. thick Viz: 6-8 inches [sic]  
Dive Type: environmental/trash pickup in harbor  
Sponsoring Agency: San Diego Oceans Foundation  
Marine Life Seen: several small Round Rays and something big and dark that went by me....[shudder]....

#### Remarks:

There was a briefing and Liability Form Signing Ceremony held under the San Diego Oceans Foundation Tent, in which we were all exhorted to go out and pick up all the trash we could find at the bottom of San Diego Harbor, which turned out, in the zero viz, to be not much....oh, and there is no ‘bottom’ either.

I was assigned the areas under and around the HMS Surprise [used in the filming of the Russell Crowe movie: 'Master and Commander,' and an old Soviet Sub, while the other divers were assigned an area slightly North. So, I suited up and jumped in between the HMS Surprise and the Soviet sub and dropped to the bottom. The Plan ['In the Beginning, was the Plan...']....the Plan was to navigate around the HMS Surprise and head East towards the docks, Umm.....except there really was no bottom.....it was more like 3-4 ft of fine mud and silt, which of course, the minute you so much as flicked a fin, rose up like a mighty tornado of mud, immediately reducing the 6 inch viz to zero.....

Don't get me wrong: Cheryl Barnes and the San Diego Oceans Foundation did a superb job in organizing the whole event and kudos go out to them and all the surface support team who helped us all.

I'm just not sure I would recommend this type of job to anyone with less than 50 dives, in low viz. And, bring a compass!  
Dive safe, everyone.....

### San Diego Dive Club – Oct. Meeting Rod Roddenberry –Dive Team

“Rod” Roddenberry discussed his Dive Team combining the “Star Trek” philosophy and background to combine Scuba Diving and exploration. A new Roddenberry Dive Team and the San Diego Dive Club may have some combined upcoming adventures and explorations.

#### Raffle Prize Winners

Jessica	Trident
Scott Brown	Sport Chalet Gift Card
Sean	Flashlight
Barbie Lass	Clock Radio
Matt Gieselman	Mini Flasher
Jessica	Glow Stick
Bryce Newall	Glow Light
Laura Brown	Diver Key Lanyard
Cody Gilstrap	Lobster Guage
Dave Pierce	Yukon Dive Map
Willie	Lobster Gauge

#### Quarterly Prize

**Terry Thomas: Steel HP Scuba Tank**



**SDDC members get 10% off most charters & full price scuba gear and free airfills at Sport Chalet. Please see our website for full membership details, or contact a board member at our meetings.**

## 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 QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!***



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