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The President's Slate



Scott Brown, President

San Diego Dive Club Officers' 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 Calender's, 6950 Alvarado Canyon Rd, San Diego (619)465-1910

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.

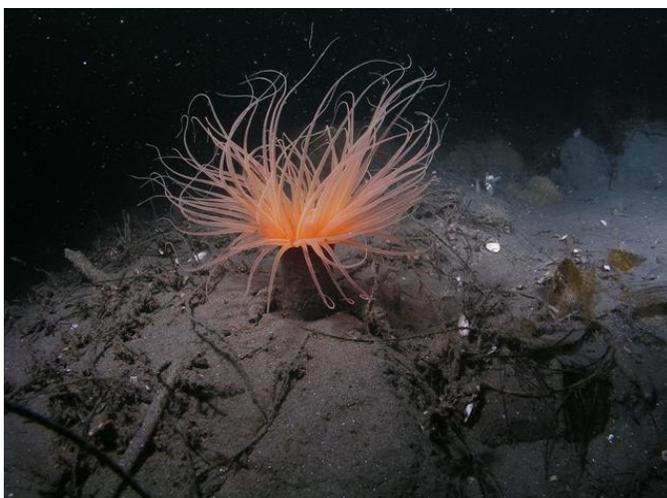


Long Range Calendar

- Dec. 1 Underwater Santa
- Mar 30 Underwater Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast
- Apr 19-22 Two Harbors, Catalina, Rich Burns Coor.



Sarcastic Fringehead La Jolla shores 60 Ft
Photo by Randy Thomas (September)



Anemone La Jolla Canyon
Photo taken by Steve Gardner (August)

Raffle Prizes –August Meeting

Kevin Lass	Trident Dive Gun Cover Deep Sea Safe Sole Booties Trident Signal Tube
Scott Brown	Lonely Planet So Cal Dive & Snorkel McNett Dive care Essentials
Steve Gardner	\$50 Sport Chalet Gift Certificate Trident ID Tube Agua Lung Cards
Scott Anderson	Ruby E. Dive Map U.S. Divers Blunt Tip Dive Knife
Steve Parsons	Mini Beam Dive Light

October Meeting QUARTERLY RAFFLE

Free Membership Renewals

Thursday, October 4 7pm at Giovanni's

**Mystery speaker, to be announced via email.
Watch for it!**

Quarterly grand raffle prize of four 1 day Disney “Park Hopper” tickets (provided by Steve Anderson), to be picked up at Guest Relations with photo ID by the raffle winner only. Contact Steve for all details at unclesteve@cox.net or (619) 459-0798, for full details.

Membership renewal will be free during the October club meeting but you must be present for the free renewal. We will NOT offer free membership renewal by mail or email. New memberships still cost \$30

SDDC September Meeting

At our Sept. meeting, after previews of the San Diego Undersea Film Exhibition Oct. 5 and 6, we watched 2 charming & educational Ted Ed animations, one about the life of Sea Turtles, and the second, “Stories from the Sea” on urchin development. An interesting fact-1000 turtle eggs may result in only one turtle reaching breeding age.

Photo of the Month Winner
Randy Thomas

SDDC August Meeting

At our Aug. meeting, Gayle Van Leer (about to complete her 1000th dive), shared her experiences and photos from visiting San Ignacio Lagoon, a Unesco World Heritage Site for preserving California Gray Whales. Gayle described this as “ecotourism that works”, and highly recommended Baja Expeditions, www.bajaex.com.

Photo of the Month Winner
Steve Gardner

Dog, Burgers and Super Heroes on the Beach, as reported by Steve Anderson

It was very comfortable blue sky day in San Diego this last August 4th when we held yet another Movie OnThe Beach. The Club supplied the hot dogs and burgers at 5 p.m. At 8:15 p.m. we watch "Thor" one of the Marvel Comics super heroes. Synopsis: The powerful but arrogant warrior Thor is cast out of the fantastic realm of Asgard and sent to live amongst humans on Earth, where he soon becomes one of their finest defenders. We had about 30 or more attendees plus a few beach stragglers. Unlike our attempt to watch "Lilo and Stich" a few weeks ago the Thor movie played flawlessly. Suddenly without warning, another super hero appeared and sat in the front center seat, Spiderman didn't say a word. I wonder what he thought about "Thor" In a contest between Thor and Spiderman, who do you think would win? I think we may have one more movie on the beach when we host our annual End of Summer barbeque

Captain America Saves the World! San Diego Dive Club feeds the Lifeguards! As reported by Steve Anderson

Just before our Pollo/Carne Asada dinner on Sat. Sept. 8th I counted only 4 people willing to stay and watch the Movie on the Beach "Captain America". Hardly worth my time and energy to set all the movie equipment up. But the smell of all that food worked its magic and we had more than 20 people show up suddenly for dinner. Actually I think it's likely due to the lack of parking at La Jolla Shores. People might have shown up at Noon but it took 5 hours to find a parking space and walk back from Chula Vista for dinner! Construction of the new Lifeguard tower is proceeding at a snail's pace with the parking lot fenced off to store construction equipment. And, don't even get me started about the new Lifeguard station itself! Who's bright idea was that design? But I digress. By 7:30 pm we had about 20 people planted in the sand waiting for the movie to start. I thought about inviting Spiderman to attend again but he told me he had loaned his spandex to Superman and it came back with bullet holes. Where does Spiderman get his outfit anyway, maybe here: <http://www.zentaisuits.org/8-spiderman-costume> I actually had some assistance in setting up the movie equipment, thank you nameless technical man! As always, I had lots of helpers take things apart and deliver things to my car after the movie, Thanks everyone! If you have ideas for future movies or ideas on how to make things better send them my way. And if you see Superman please ask him to wash the underwear before he returns it, the guy is clueless.

SDDC Dives for Aug. & Sept Aka Bubbles and Burgers

Reported by Kathy Bouic

Aug. 15 I arrived at 5:30pm to unload BBQ and food. The waves were small, 1-2 foot and the wind chop was dying down. The surface looked pretty nice. Reports of 20ft viz and warm surface temps (73F) enticed. Soon Randy and Terri joined me. Jackie and Randal shortly after that. Rich and Philip had done an early dive and joined in on the site and food prep. J+R headed for the water with the sun still dropping, while the rest of us had our burgers. R+T timed it just right and went in after a bite to the final glow of the setting sun. Visitors from Oregon, Jack and Josh, had contacted me earlier and joined us as the sun was setting. I gave them a quick brief and dive plan and they hurried to their cars to gear up and go. (So that's 8 divers total) Once all were in, Rich finished and headed home while Philip hung out with me for some chit chat. Knowing the divers and their typical air time, we timed our walk to the wall to watch their lights glow eerily in the shallows. Orders were taken for those still needing their burger and the grilling began as they de-gear'd. The divers joined us for their hot meal and talked of critters and fun. There were at least 2 thermoclines that made the dive at depth quite cold! J+R played with a raw egg for a little silliness at 60ft! Bat Rays were seen by some, halibuts, sarcastic fringeheads and our visitors J+J saw plenty of octos out and about. Quite a thrill for them. Lots of lizard fish and baitfish about as well as salps and jellies.

All the usual critters! For Jackie's video of egg silliness, <https://vimeo.com/47643531>

Sept. 12, LJ Shores: Vallecitos Point Dive and BBQ

Viz: 20ft in canyon Max Depth: 67ft Dive Time: 1hr17minutes (on my 72 cuft tank!) Surface: Choppy, but only 2ft. # Divers: 5

I arrived at about 5:50, slightly behind schedule, but was able to secure a picnic table with the help of my buddy Randal. A brief look around and I spotted Terry and Randi suited up and heading toward the water. They gave a quick wave. Philip must have been in the water already. So it was just left to me and Randal to gear up and hit the chop. Surface conditions were not exactly inviting. Surf was only 2ft, but wind and what may have been 2 different swells coming in made for irregular swells with 2ft+ chop on the surface. All the way out to the drop zone we were bounced around and slapped in the face. We finally had enough and dropped. Viz below was not bad. About 10-15ft in the shallows. We immediately came upon a bat ray followed by a tiny juvenile sarcastic fringehead no longer than my pointer finger.... and I have small hands! Viz opened up in the canyon to about 20ft and as we dropped into the draw Bubba the big male sheephead came over as his bountiful harem swam into the ever larger cave at the base of the wall. next we found a ledge of lobsters who were making the viz cloudy. I think I counted a dozen or more in the one ledge/cubby hole. They must know lobster season is approaching and the early arrivers are staking claims. There were HUGE lobsters at the top of the canyon. The Bulls I guess. The octopuses were out in force! We also spotted the first Lion Nudibranchs of the season. Yeah!! Just beyond the point we spotted a pair of octos and I'm pretty sure the male was making a package delivery.:-) A large Harbor Seal checked us out coming eye to eye. Yippee! Finally, in the shallows we found pipefish, juvenile shovelnose guitarfish and thornback rays. Amazing dive. We returned to find Randi, Terry and Philip had started the BBQ and found all the food, plates and condiments. It was nice to get out and have a hot dog ready to eat! We stuffed ourselves, chatted and then finally broke down at about 9:30 pm.

Thanks all for a wonderful evening.

Kathy

Council of Divers Meeting, Aug. & Sept 2012

Reported by Barbie Lass, Community Rep
Aug Meeting

The August 11th 3R's at Shell Beach was a lot of fun. A new Snorkel/Swimmer meet up group joined in and we had about 65 people jump into the ocean on a beautiful sunny day. The next 3R's will be August 25th at Hospital Point. The next beach cleanup is scheduled for Aug. 18th for the South Casa, Wipeout, Shell Beach & Children's Pool beaches. Gloves & bags will be supplied. There is a Planning Commission Meeting on August 30th, to discuss the Children's Pool rope permit. The Planning Commission is under court order to review their previous decision from 2010. The Council of Divers, along with Friends of Children's Pool and the Freedivers plan to attend this meeting and speak on the benefits of shared use, the legal rights of humans to use this beach and the concern of larger prey species coming to feed on the growing population of harbor seals. Interested in what's going on in *your* diving community? Come to the next Council of Divers meeting, Sept. 10th, 6:30 pm at the La Jolla Brewhouse.

Sept. Meeting

This month's Council meeting was used to prepare for the rescheduled Planning Commission hearing on the rope barrier at Children's Pool on Sept. 27th. Come to the October Council to hear what's going on in your ocean.

Oct. 8th, 6:30 at the La Jolla Brew House.

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, and

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.

DIVE CLUB MEETING

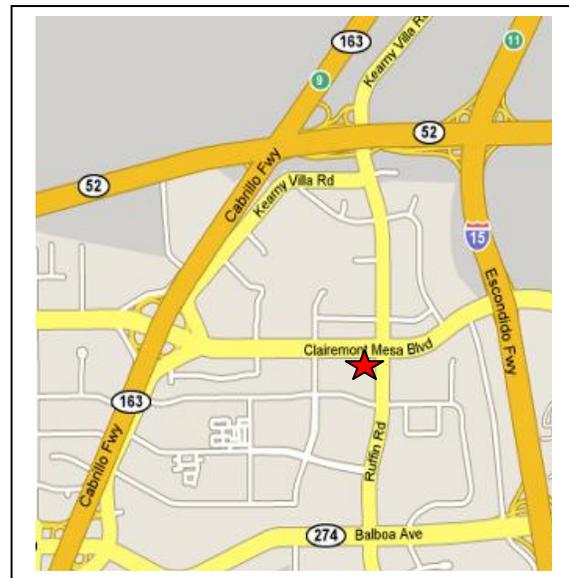
1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
at

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!!!**



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.

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

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