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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another One Bites the Dust

By the school calendar, summer is winding down. Our club still has two last hurrahs of summer. The first is our annual southern channel islands 3-day trip on board the Horizon August 24-26. There are still a few spaces available so grab yourself a red dress along with your mouse ears and join us. The second is our end of summer carne and pollo asada BBQ and movie on the beach at La Jolla shores September 9th. If you have movie requests, bombard Steve Anderson with them. Summer weather will, I expect, be with us for some time yet. Plenty of time to enjoy diving in what we call warmer water here in southern California. My last dive on the Yukon a couple of weeks ago was not what I would call warmer water however since the temp

was a chilly 55 degrees. I had not been diving on the Yukon for probably two years. It was fitting to dive there shortly after last meeting's presentation by Milt Beard. The ship is rapidly becoming a photographers paradise with the explosion of billions of small strawberry and club tipped anemones. A couple of those will be my POM entry in September. Another aspect of the Yukon was recently discussed in our local paper, first as an article and then in letters to the editor. The article told, of course, of Steve Donathon's death while diving the Yukon. Subsequent letters to the editor expressed disappointment with the article's portrayal of Mr. Donathon. Having never been diving with him and not knowing him personally, I'll keep my very strong opinions on this matter to

myself. The article was however amazingly factual. Someone at the paper actually did some research! Unfortunately, the article stigmatized the Yukon as dangerous and future closure to diving is possible if more deaths occur. The Yukon is no more dangerous than any other dive site. It is one of, if not the, most safe penetrable wreck existing. I'm of the opinion that divers make themselves safe or dangerous, not the dive site. We have control of our gear, skills, health, breathing gas, where, when, how, and if we dive. Brain cells are wonderful things. Use them and enjoy life!

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., September 7, 2006 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for September is:
Rachel Woodfield : Caulerpa taxifolia

Rachel Woodfield, marine biologist and diver with Merkes & Associates, manager of the Caulerpa taxifolia eradication program will be speaking to us on the non-native seaweed Caulerpa taxifolia. How it threatens our coastal waters, where we might see it, what it looks like and what to do if we find it.

— Cody Gilstrap, Entertainment Coordinator

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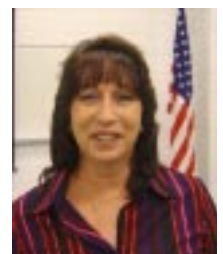
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Membership

Enjoy the many benefits of being a member of the club. Joining is simple. Fill out an application at a club meeting. First years dues are \$30.00. Renewing membership is \$20.00. Renewals are not accepted at the store or through the mail. If you have a question regarding membership, lost cards, or you're not receiving your newsletters, contact the Vice president.

Membership Benefits

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear
- 10% discount on dive gear rentals
- 10% on continuing education classes
- 10 Free air fills, 10% disc after that
- Quarterly buddy lists
- Comprehensive and informative monthly newsletter
- Entertaining and informative monthly meetings
- Monthly scheduled club dives
- Meet new friends & dive buddies
- Group travel to exotic diving locations
- Ocean, lake and beach cleanup events
- Special members only events
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffles

Monthly Raffles

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that nights raffle prizes.

Sport Chalet Stores

- Pt. Loma
(619)224-6777
- La Jolla
(858) 453-5656
- Mission Valley
(619)718-7070

Sport Tours

(800) 660-2754
FAX (818) 249-8877

Club Website

www.sandiegodiveclub.com

Quarterly Raffles

Save your losing tickets for the quarterly meeting when we draw a grand prize from the losing tickets of that night and the two previous meetings. Quarterly raffle months are:

January, April, July, October

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with other members of the club (cartoons, articles, dive log, etc.), submissions for the newsletter may be made in the following manner:

USMail:

San Diego Dive Club
P.O. Box 81678
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

Phone: (619)225-9051

E-mail: pbrooks2@cox.net

Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
September 2006					1	2
Events Calendar						
3	4	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00	8	9 B-B-Q & Movie on the Beach pg 5
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Dive Buccaneer Beach
17	18	19	20 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

San Diego Dive Club's September Dive at Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside!

My favorite local shore dive this year!

Date: Saturday September 16th, 2006 **Time:** 10:00am

Location: **Buccaneer Beach (AKA – Mother's Beach)** 1506 S Pacific St, Oceanside, CA

Divemasters: Dave McNair Netdave@cox.net hm# 760-722-1845 Cell 760-822-1845
 Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435 Cell 619-204-3415

Parking: There is a small parking lot located at Buccaneer Beach with showers and restrooms.
 Parking is free. This is where we'll meet. Don't forget to bring your diving certification cards!

Entry: We'll cross the street to the beach, and enter the water just in front of the lifeguard tower.

Features: It's a shallow dive (20ft) so you get a lot of bottom time, with a sandy bottom reminiscent of the Shores. But this will lead to a great secret spot.

Marine Life: Here is just a sample of what I've seen at this site: Spiny lobster, garibaldi, surf perch, stingrays, seabass, crabs, octopi, nudibranchs, sea stars, gorgonians

Buccaneer Beach: <http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/datarelation.aspx?Content=199>

San Diego Dive Club: <http://www.dive-club.org/>

Directions: If you are traveling north on Interstate 5, take the Vista Way exit. From the exit, you will proceed west until you reach Coast Highway, turn right; continue to Cassidy Street (7-11 on corner) and turn left. Cassidy Street will take you to Pacific Street; turn right on Pacific Street and travel half a mile to Buccaneer Beach.

If you are traveling south on Interstate 5, take the Cassidy Street exit west until you reach Pacific Street. Turn right on Pacific Street and travel half a mile to Buccaneer Beach.



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters September 2006

Reservations can be made at any Sport
Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation
office at

800-348-3794.

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
02-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
02-Sep	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
03-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
03-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
09-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
10-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Sep	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Sep	Lois Ann	2 Wrecks, 1 Night	\$92	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	8:00 PM	N/A
16-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
16-Sep	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
16-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
17-Sep	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$147	9/16,10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
17-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
17-Sep	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
23-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
23-Sep	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
24-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Sep	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
24-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
24-Sep	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
29-Sep	Island Time	Lobster- Night	\$94	9:30 PM	10:00 PM	5:00 AM	N/A
29-Sep	Magician	Lobster- Night	\$117	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	7:00 AM	Nitrox Fills
30-Sep	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Sep	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Sep	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank Night	\$94	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:30 AM	N/A
30-Sep	Magician	Catalina-2 Day, 1 Night	\$117	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	10:30 PM	Nitrox Fills

Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.



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Ahoy Maties

Carne asada & Pollo asada B-B-Q & Movie on the Beach

Saturday Sept 9th
La Jolla Shores 5:00 - 10:00

Keep yer good eye peeled for the Club at the Park by the Main Lifeguard Tower
All Pirates welcome

Don yer best Pirate outfit (but make sure that yer outfit is suitable for the kiddies and wenches) and meet the crew at La Jolla Shores for a great feast of roast'd beef and chicken. Thar'll be plenty o' grub for all. Just bring yerself and yer mates to this gala event. We'll be a-boardin' about 2 bells (that's 5:00 fer ye land lubbers) and put on a great mess for the crew at the beach. We'll be a-grillin' fowl and beast, to be served with something you might wish to bring to divy up with the rest of the crew - shares for the mates and Captain too.

Afterward, 'bout 7 bells (7:30) we'll be a-watchin' Captain Jack Sparrow foilin' the British Navy and savin' the damsel. Or is it the damsel that saves Captain Sparrow? We shall soon find out, but ye won't be a-tellin' no one, because;

DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES

The entertainment that has been purloined for this regale is
Pirates of the Caribbean - Curse of the Black Pearl
Starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom & Keira Knightley

We'll be a-shovin' off before 4 bells (10:00) so's that no one gets no tickets
And if-in yer a sissified flatlander and ye got no Pirate outfit -- well, come
down anyway and we'll still feed ye. But be prepared -- ye might have to walk
the plank!

Yo Ho Yo Ho a pirate's life for me

At Our Last Meeting

Our own Milt Beard gave us his Yukon special. We were treated to all the inside scoops on the Yukon cleaning, prep, and sinking. Barbie and Kevin Lass highlighted the club's Corodado Islands trip and Kevin's 100th dive in the open carousel. Thanks to Milt and congratulations to Kevin.

Scott Brown

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

Renewals

There were no renewals or new
members in August

Raffle

Here are the winners from August's raffle

Bryce Newell	-	Battery operated Night Lite Stick
Bryce Newell	-	Octo Holder
Mike King	-	Dan First Aid Kit
Mike King	-	Micro-fiber towel
Randy Thomas	-	Gear retractor
Laura Coburn	-	Dive Repair Kit
Laura Brown	-	Mask Strap
Sandra Anderson	-	Fin Cell Phone holder
Barbara Lloyd	-	Fin Cell Phone holder
Barbara Lloyd	-	Yukon artifact on board
Cody Gilstrap	-	Mesh Dive bag
Matt Geiselman	-	Dive Knife
Denni Bianchi	-	Octo Holder & clip
Denni Bianchi	-	Sporasub Dive Bag

Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. 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, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Scott Brown

Barbie Lass

Picture of the month winner for August

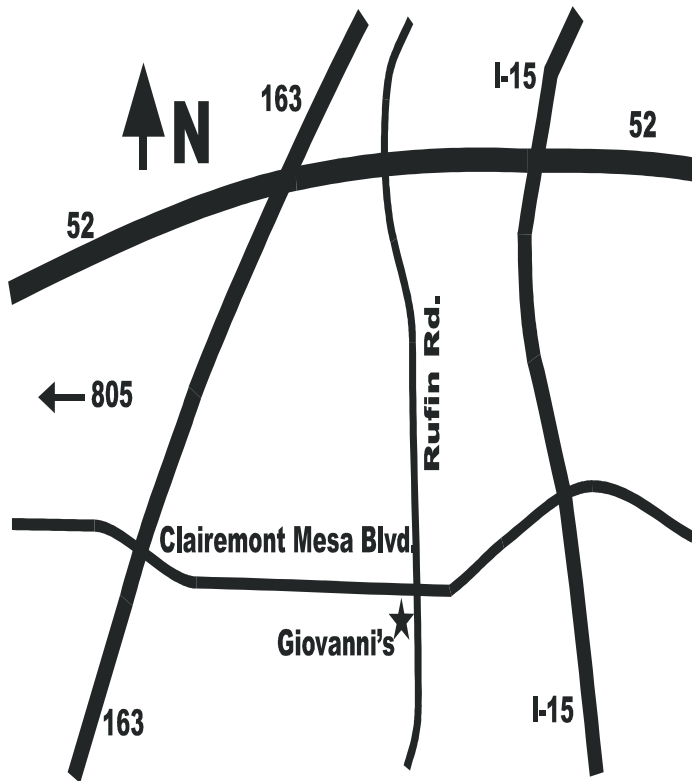
Star Fish at Coronados Islands dive trip

***San Diego Dive Club
Officers' Meeting
Wednesday Sept 20th***

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 usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at :

The September Officer's Meeting will be held at the Children's Pool (Casa Cove)

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.



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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

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

**The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from
the previous two months.**

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

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Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.
