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## San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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## *The President's Slate*

It has come now... it's the end of summer – but not the end of our diving. The fall tends to be some of the better dive conditions in Southern California. The visibility usually gets better and the water remains warmer. The beginning of October starts the years Bug Hunt Season. Night dives about while searching for these elusive creatures.

The kids are going back to school. This causes the beaches to begin to be getting a little more sparse (and Parking should be easier at our favorite beach sites!!)

With the smaller level of tourists its our time to plan to go to Catalina by boat (Horizon 3 Day Live aboard – September 18-20) and a Halloween Haunt of Two Harbors (October 30-November 1). Remember that the Avalon Jazz Festival occurs every weekend in October which can be a great draw for a dive and concert.

Many notes have been going over the web of late that the conditions have been great and to get out and dive. Have you taken this advice? Have you played hookie from work to get that early morning dive in? Wanna? Just drop a note on our Facebook Group. And find a buddy and enjoy the dive and day and scuba diving life!

Congratulations to all of you who dove and donated to the San Diego Oceans Foundation [www.sdoceans.org](http://www.sdoceans.org) as part of the Dive-A-Ton!

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\*\***

- Aug 29** Movie on the Beach/Carne Asada Dinner
- Sept 11-12** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Underwater Film Exhibition, [www.sdufex.com](http://www.sdufex.com)
- Sept. 12** SDDC Dive, Buccaneer Beach, Oceanside, 8 am, Dave McNair coordinating
- Sept 13** Concert in the Park, ROCKOLA Hoyt Park, Scripps Ranch, Mike King coordinating
- Sept 15** Oct. Newsletter info due (member ads, etc.)
- Sept 17-20** Horizon Live Aboard Channel Islands Trip-Scott Brown coordinating
- Sept. 19** Underwater cleanup in SD Bay with San Diego Oceans Foundation
- Oct. 10** SDDC Dive, Casino Point, Catalina, 9am Mike King coordinating
- Oct 30-Nov 2** Two Harbors, Catalina Island, Rich Burns coordinating
- Nov 14** SDDC Dive, Marine St. 8am
- Nov 21** Disneyland-Steve Anderson coordinating
- Dec 5** Underwater Santa-Point Loma Sport Chalet
- Dec 5-12** Turk and Caicos charter trip, Sport Chalet/PADI Travel
- Dec. 12** SDDC Dive, South Casa, 8am
- Dec 20** Parade of Lights-Star of India, Scott Brown coordinating
- Jan. 9** SDDC Dive, Underwater Confidence Course, Rich Burns coordinating

Movie on the Beach & Carne/Pollo Asada BBQ and Dessert Pot Luck  
 Saturday August 29  
 Kellogg Park, La Jolla Shores

We'll set up early for a day at the beach. Food will be served between 5:00 & 5:30, and the movie will begin around dusk on the sand.

**HORIZON LIVE-ABOARD  
 SOUTHERN CHANNEL ISLANDS  
 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RED DRESS DIVE  
 SEPT 17-20. 2009**

A few spaces are still available. For additional information please contact Scott Brown at 858/254-9484.

## September Meeting Guest Speaker – Kevin Lee

### Scuba Diving in the Antarctic

*Thursday, Sept. 3, 7pm at Giovanni's*

Journey with Kevin Lee to the tip of South America, across the world's most treacherous seas, and visit the most remote continent on Earth. See penguins, whales and leopard seals, and the amazing creatures that live in the frigid water.

Kevin Lee thrives on adventure, on land and sea. For three years he backpacked the world, visiting over 30 countries, including multiple treks to Everest Base Camp and the summit of Kilimanjaro, and meeting both Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama. Kevin began scuba diving a few years ago, and recently traveled to Antarctica, diving in 30 deg. F water. A director with the Orange County Underwater Photographic Society, his photos have been published in calendars, newspapers, magazines, dive literature and numerous dive related websites. Visit Kevin Lee's website ([www.diverkevin.com](http://www.diverkevin.com)) for views of incredible copyrighted photos. When not diving, Kevin is a business consultant.

### Two Harbors, Catalina Island Oct 30 – Nov 2, 2009

We have reserved the camping cabins at Two Harbors for Halloween weekend in 2009. Enjoy a great get away and the horrors of Two Harbors, including the haunted house at the "skinning shed", the ghosts of Banning house, spirits of ship rock, and lobsters dropped into boiling water and then drowned in butter. We will be heading over on Friday morning and coming back Monday afternoon. Exact boat times and locations are tbd, and the cost of the trip is estimated at \$160, per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins, and includes round trip transportation between the LA area and Two Harbors via local charter service, 3 nights accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast Sat., Sun. and Mon. mornings, and dinner Fri., Sat. and Sun. nights. Choice of cabins will be on a first pay, first choose basis, and you must be a current club member to sign up. Boat diving has been arranged for both Saturday and Sunday and costs \$82 for each 2-tank dive; purchase of boat dive includes free tank and weight rentals for the weekend for shore diving. This is lobster season and "bugging" requires licenses and report cards. Significant discounts on equipment rentals from Two Harbors Dive & Recreation Center are available. Contact Rich Burns at [sddiver@cox.net](mailto:sddiver@cox.net) or 619-697-6589.

# 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 submerged 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.

## July Photo- Suzanne McNair- Flamingo Tongue on Coral in Cozumel

### San Diego Council of Divers

The Council is a forum for the exchange of information between dive clubs, divers and local, state, and federal agencies. The local clubs work together to improve diving. The council sponsors programs of interest to a broad range of divers. SDDC is represented at the Council meetings by several of our members, including Community Representatives, Kevin & Barbie Lass. The next general meeting will be Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, at the La Jolla Brew House, 7536 Fay Ave, speaker to be announced. Join us for an evening of fine food, designer beers and meeting folks from other clubs. To find out what the Council means to all of us visit [SDdivers.com](http://SDdivers.com).

The July 14 meeting was a mid-year update/ discussion of current projects. The 6 draft proposals of the MLPA for the south coast study region may be further revised via the regional planning process. [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa). SB425 -passed the Assembly on July 9th, to amend the Children's Pool trust, passing to the City of San Diego the discretion to decide the allowable use of the Children's Pool. Lively discussions considered the ramifications of passage of this bill, including denial of access to swimmers/divers, removal of seals/beach cleaning, future effects on other trusts or beaches. The Council submitted a proposal to the City requesting a corridor on the right side of Children's Beach for public access.

The August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting topic was Humboldt squid in the La Jolla Canyon, with speakers Dr. Kent Trego of SIO and Dana Staff, of Stanford University, and included information on both the Humboldt (5-13ft) and the Clubhook (21ft+). Overly aggressive behavior is not observed during field research, as the waters are not chummed. Possible reasons for increased local observations include, climate change; depletion of predators and deep water oxygen, and the expanding oxygen minimum zone.

### San Diego Dive Club – August Meeting

#### Steve Douglas – Diver and Filmographer

Steve described the wonders of diving the Cocos Island, a world heritage site. We viewed several of his films including "Sea Below, What's Beyond" featuring Cocos Islands and large pelagic marine life, and "In the Blink of an Eye" about seeing or not seeing the inhabitants of Indonesia.

#### Raffle Prize Winners

Scott Brown- Knife	Gloves, Gear hanger
Barbara Lloyd	Dive Bag, Dive Mat,
Suzanne McNair	Hood
Steve Gardner	Tank light
Shelley Burns	Gift card
Merianne Dean	BC hanger
Cody Gilstrap	Yukon Slate
Terry Johnson	Yukon Slate
Matt Gieselman	Dry Box

### 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 and publish them, as space allows. Please note, the October 2009 edition of the *Primary Regulator* will be a special edition to include small ads/business card info. to tell us about your business. Submit electronically to, [liburtonus@yahoo.com](mailto:liburtonus@yahoo.com), by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Submissions are subject to editing.



## 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!!!***



**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.**



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