

PARADISE Dive Club

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President's Log

by Patty Bryant

April has always been one of my favorite months. It is the first full month of spring, daylight savings time begins, and it happens to be the month I was born. Although the change of the season is not as evident here in Santa Barbara as it is in other parts of the country, I still get excited when April arrives because I know that summer is just around the corner. I know that for some of you, April signifies the end of your favorite season—i.e., lobster season—but I'm hoping that the events we have planned for the upcoming months will help to curb your cravings for catching those sumptuous crustaceans.

The big event for April is the Earth Day underwater cleanup and fish count at Refugio State Beach. Sponsored by our California State Parks, this event is a great chance to socialize with the members of our other local dive clubs while doing a good thing for Mother Earth. I hope you can join us for this special event. Details are posted inside this newsletter and if you haven't signed up yet, please call Mark Silva at 969-2014 to be added to the sign-up list. We need to get a head count for the BBQ.

Just two weeks after the Earth Day weekend, we have our annual pilgrimage to Santa Cruz Island for 4 days of fabulous fun in the sun (or rain). This trip is always a favorite of mine. I'm already dreaming about the sunny days, clear blue water, and star-studded nights that await us. If you haven't been on this trip with us

before, now is your chance. It is a truly inspiring experience. Oh, and did I mention that you should definitely bring rain gear? See the article on another page of this newsletter for more details. We do need to get a head count fairly soon, so we are asking for payment by April 1st for this trip.

I know that September is a long way off, but we have another special event that you should mark on your calendars. We were very lucky to be able to reserve the group campsite at Refugio for September 17th & 18th. So jot those dates down and we'll have a nice late summer weekend of camping, diving, and kayaking before the time changes again and another lobster season is upon us.



wreck of St. Andrew, at Vandenberg - photo by Dan Lindsay

Join the club, enjoy the benefits

- ∅ Monthly meetings with entertainment — they're fun! they're educational!!
- ∅ Raffle prizes (who doesn't like prizes?)
- ∅ Great dive buddy pool
- ∅ Beach & boat dives, including weekly night dives
- ∅ Club BBQs & other activities
- ∅ Free airfills & gear discounts at local dive shops
- ∅ Free use of club's underwater camera
- ∅ Right to proudly wear the official PDC t-shirt (because

Mark your calendars...

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month

March Meeting at Rusty's Pizza
10 East Cabrillo (in the lighthouse)
and

April Meeting at Victoria's Café
2220 Bath Street (next to Encina Lodge)

6:30 pm - social hour

7-8:30 pm - feeding frenzy, meeting,
raffle prizes, entertainment

Membership Renewal Time

Dear Members,

The time to renew your membership is just around the corner! Each year, membership runs from May 1st to April 30th of the following year. I hope that you have found that being a member of the Paradise Dive Club has been enjoyable and beneficial. I am asking that you please consider renewing your membership. These are just some of the benefits that members receive:

- Our monthly newsletter
- Opportunities to meet local divers and others interested in exploring the underwater world
- Free airfills (6/month) & gear discounts at participating dive shops, plus free use of the club's U/W camera
- Member rates for many great club events, like the Santa Cruz Island campout (May 6-9, 2004)

To renew your membership, or to join, all you have to do is:

1. Complete a membership application form (available at the next meeting, or go to <http://kelp.chem.ucsb.edu/membership/membership.htm>)
2. Pay the membership dues of just \$25 per year
3. Send both to the address below, or bring both to one of our club meetings (always the last Tuesday of the month)

Send membership applications and payment (checks payable to Paradise Dive Club) to Paradise Dive Club, c/o Bruce King, P.O. Box 21311, Santa Barbara, CA 93121. If you have any questions about membership, feel free to contact me by mail (address above), email (kingbh@cox.net), or by phone (805-895-9292). Thank you for supporting Paradise Dive Club, the club with the coolest logo!

Happy diving,
Bruce King
PDC Membership Coordinator

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Visit our Web site at
<http://kelp.chem.ucsb.edu>

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Membership: \$25/year (May-April), includes monthly newsletter. A complimentary subscription will be provided to dive clubs that reciprocate with a subscription to their newsletter; contact the membership coordinator at kingbh@cox.net for details.

Santa Barbara Aquatics Trip to Bamboo Reef, Fiji July 15-25, 2004 - by Curt Wiessner

I have scheduled a fantastic trip to Fiji this year. A friend of mine came to see me and after he told me of the great NEW dive sites he discovered that were untouched, I decided we had to check it out. If you have not dived Fiji before, you will be blown away with the soft corals, reefs and sea life.

We will depart on a Thursday evening and return the next Sunday afternoon. This gives us 7 full days to dive or explore, plus 2 more full days on arrival and departure days. I've been to Fiji and the diving, land, and people are simply fantastic. We will be staying and diving with Bamboo Beach Resort (www.bambooreefdivers.com).

The price is right also: \$2799 for this all-inclusive package (\$3050 for single occupancy); includes 8 nights, 10 days, 6 two-tank boat dives (2 of these days we will travel farther out to get the best-of-the-best), gourmet food, air conditioned bures, airfare from Santa Barbara, kayaking, tennis, pool, horseshoes, hiking, unlimited shore diving, etc.

To hold your space(s) I'd like \$500. Hope you can make it!

For more info or to reserve a spot, call Curt at 967-4456.

April boat dives:

- Friday, 4/23, a freediving trip on the *Peace*, 2am departure, \$85. Call Blue Water Hunter, 564-6677
- Saturday, 4/10, on the *Truth*, 6am departure, \$90. Call Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917
- Saturday, 4/24, on the *Peace*, 7am departure, \$95. Call Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917
- Sunday, 4/18, on the *Spectre*, 7am departure, \$75. Call Aquatics, 967-4456

*Welcome
to our new member*

John Brown

And best wishes to

Lori & Tony Crestfield,
expecting their first child!

Vandenberg Campout with the Aqualliers

by Cheryl Weakliem

The New Year greeted us with good news; our old friends from the Vandenberg Aqualliers Club invited our club to join them at the Boathouse over President's Day weekend. Dan scouted it out the week before, sent detailed directions, and made sure that the guest list with our names would be at the closer south gate. After being checked in at the gate, we followed some MPs who were heading out towards the coast. The drive is quite spectacular and goes along miles of undeveloped coastline which includes Honda Point, where seven destroyers went aground in 1923. In stark contrast, you pass several missile launch pads and the impressive Space Shuttle Launch facility on that same drive.



Vandenberg Beach - photo by Dave Burroughs



View of Boathouse from arch - photo by Mark Rogers

but once we got next to it, we could see the damage it had sustained. The wheelhouse and parts of the port side were crushed. There was debris on the beach, but most of the fishing gear was still on board. It was kind of eerie to see a pretty much intact boat just sitting there on the rocks. Bruce was the only one brave enough in our group to board the wreck. After a beautiful walk back along the green bluffs we caught up with the Rogers family and got ready for the big BBQ.

Now those that have been to an Aquallier outing know that they know how to BBQ! They had a big fire pit of coals and cooked up chicken and tri-tip while everyone broke out the side dishes. Nobody went hungry that night! It was great to catch up with old friends and new. After dinner and some rearranging of picnic tables, a big bonfire was built against the fire pit. It was the perfect way to end a beautiful day. By 10pm or so, everyone was off to their motorhome, truck, or tent dreaming of smaller surf in the morning.

Sunday morning the ocean had calmed down, and two of the Aqualliers became everybody's best friends when they showed up with a few dozen donuts! Ray decided that because the vis was poor in close, the group would dive a kelp bed in 50' of water. He ferried buddy teams out and back all morning/afternoon. Paul dove with Bob of the Aqualliers and claims that upon rounding the breakwater they went over a five-story wave, just barely making it up the face! Well, I didn't see it, so I'm not sure how much to believe. Apparently



Arch with Blake, Cody, Jesse, and Wally - photo by Mark Rogers

We arrived at the Boathouse dock at around noon on Saturday and caught up with the PDC'ers and Aqualliers already there. Carl and Dave were diving inside the breakwater because of the rather large surf outside, but the vis apparently wasn't so good. Carl did say, however, that it was the best visibility he had ever had at this site. With only one dive there, though, I'm not sure this was a useful statistic!

With that dive report, a group of us (Patty, Bruce, Paul and I – with baby in tow) decided to hike down to a squid trawler that had gone aground last fall. It was about a 30-minute walk along the beach and through a nice rock arch.

The ship looked fairly intact as we approached,



waiting for coffee - photo by Dave Burroughs

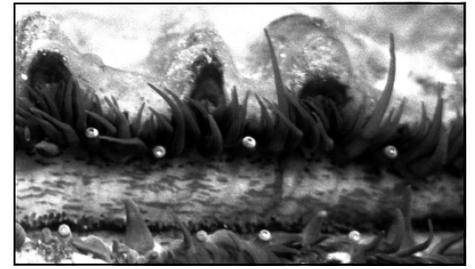
the dive was still pretty surgy in 50', but there was an abundance of big fish, including many lingcod. Alas, no bugs returned with the divers, but Bob did get some nice scallops. Ray gets the award for best host for shuttling the divers out and back all day – he didn't even get to dive OR get a donut!

The afternoon was spent telling diver stories ("The Wave" had reached ten stories by the end of the day) and lounging around. Jonathan was in heaven as he enjoyed his favorite activities: following the dogs and older kids around, digging in the sand, and playing in the water. No wetsuit for him! Although we planned on leaving that day (i.e., did not bring food for that night), we were enjoying ourselves so much we didn't want to leave just yet. Everyone had extra food to share, so we stayed to enjoy another meal and the great camaraderie. We were sad that the weekend was winding down, but we packed up Jonathan and all our gear and headed on our way looking forward to the next time! A big thanks goes to the Aquallier Dive Club for their hospitality.

Dispatches from a Wednesday Night Dive

On March 11, Carl Gwinn wrote, "The conditions were mighty good at Tajiguas last night! The vis was in excess of 20 feet. The water seemed particularly warm (I didn't have my thermometer). Seven people showed up, all PDCers—Dan Lindsay, Mark Silva, Bruce King, Paul Weakliem, Dorothy Wakamatsu, Carl Gwinn, and Jerry Nishimura (a new club member). The surge was significant even at 20-foot depth. The bioluminescence was pretty strong. The entry was a little tricky. The storms have washed out a lot of the sand near the beach, leaving cobbles and larger boulders. The surf was only a foot or two, but the footing made it tricky to get out. Even underwater, down to about 20 feet, a lot of structure had been revealed by the retreating sand. It was populated with lots and lots of rockfish, of many kinds, but little kelp or invertebrates. I did lose one of my fins just before heading back. It's hard to swim with one fin!"

Dan Lindsay reported temps of 62 degrees on this dive. He also got to do a little surfing with a leopard shark! Dan wrote, "He was in the surf zone with me and getting tossed about like I was. It was interesting to see that they get tossed around equally with us in that turbulent region. Most of the bugs were in that area, too!"



*Top: detail of scallop.
Bottom: Hilton's aeolid.
Photos by Carl Gwinn,
taken at Underwater
Arch, Anacapa Island.*

5th Annual Santa Cruz Island Camping Trip May 6th ~ 9th - by Patty Bryant

Our 5th annual Santa Cruz Island camping trip is fast approaching, and the odds are with us for having great weather this year. Truth Aquatics will be taking us over to the island on Thursday, May 6th, and they will pick us up and take us back to Santa Barbara Harbor on Sunday, May 9th. The round-trip cost is \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members.

The club has reserved five campsites, each of which can accommodate two tents and six people. As usual, the club will be picking up the cost of the campsites. The camping is primitive; pit toilets are located in the campground and close to the beach. There are water faucets in the campground for washing dishes, etc., but you are encouraged to bring your own drinking water. Most years we have been allowed to have fires at the beach, but fires are not permitted in the campground. We'll find out the current fire regulations closer to our departure date. We are not allowed to bring wood onto the island. If fires are allowed, they must be charcoal or pressed logs.

All camping gear, food, water, etc. must be packed in (and out). There are no stores on the island and there is no trash service. All the camping gear must be carried or carted about ½ mile from the beach back to the campground. This is where wheelbarrows and wagons come in very handy.

Bring your water toys and hiking boots. There are lots of places to explore both in and on the water and on land. Scorpion Harbor and the surrounding area present wonderful opportunities for diving, snorkeling, kayaking, whale watching, hiking, or just hanging out.

We have reserved 20 spots on the boat. At this time it looks like we can add on campsites and spots on the boat if we have more than 20 people interested, but we need to know as soon as possible. As always, money talks. The first 20 people to cough up the cash are the people who get to go. After we fill those spots, it will all depend on the availability with Truth Aquatics. If you make different arrangements to get to the island but want to camp with us for a night or two, please let us know so that we can reserve more campsites.

We will have a sign up sheet at the next general meeting, and we would encourage all interested parties to pay for their spots at this time. If you want to go on the trip and can't make it to the meeting, please call Mark Silva at 969-2014 to make arrangements for payment.

Divers Day 2004

Sunday, April 4, 9am-6pm
Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach, CA

All certified divers will receive free admission to the Aquarium on April 4; just present your cert. card and a picture ID. Day includes special demos, exhibits, and speakers.

For more info, call (562) 437-FISH, or visit
http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/NEWS_EVENTS/04_04/diversday.htm.

Scuba Show 2004

May 22-23, 2004
Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA

Enjoy previews of new diving gear, equipment demos, dive travel exhibits and specials, free intro scuba courses, underwater film festival, and seminars by top diving experts. Admission is \$9 (seminars extra); get a \$1-off coupon at www.saintbrendan.com/discount.html.

For more info, call (310) 792-2333 or visit
www.saintbrendan.com.



It's time for another
PDC Decompression Stop
(a.k.a. Happy Hour)
Friday, April 16 at the Fish House
101 East Cabrillo Boulevard

Join us for our annual

UNDERWATER CLEAN-UP AND FISH COUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2004
9:00 A.M. – 1 P.M.

REFUGIO STATE BEACH

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Paradise Dive Club will be camping out at Refugio April 23-24; see article below for details

For more information, call 968-7192
(or sign up with Mark Silva at 969-2014)

Bring all necessary dive gear, including a goodie bag and potluck food item to share for lunch

Carpooling appreciated
Check-in at west end 8-8:30 a.m.

Earth Day Campout & Underwater Clean-Up – April 23-24

by Ray Janik

April 24 marks the annual Earth Day Clean-up & Fish Count at Refugio State Beach. It's a great opportunity to get together with club members and other divers, get wet (Refugio dives have been great this year), and score major karma points while sprucing up the diving/camping environment.

Club member (and park ranger) Danita Rodriguez has made the group campsite (situated on prime real estate at the campground's east end) available on Friday, April 23. Space is limited, so it's club members and immediate family only.

Saturday will feature a dive/underwater cleanup as well as onshore cleanup activities for non-divers. Then it's BBQ time. We will feast with the UCSB Dive Club (who're sponsoring this year's cleanup—and supplying the main course) and the Vandenberg Aqualliers.

Call Mark Silva at 969-2014 to RSVP for the BBQ, and plan on bringing bring a side dish to share with all.



News from Fish & Game

by Paul Weakliem

- ⇒ Minimum size limit for lingcod has been raised to 30"; limit is 1/day.
- ⇒ Abalone season opens April 1. Limit is 3/day, 24/year. For full regs, see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/newsletter/0204.html#abalone>

Some links of potential interest for divers:

- Recreational bottom-fishing regulations for 2004 at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/newsletter/0204.html#bfrags>
- 2004 ocean sport fishing regulation book available at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/newsletter/0204.html#online>
- Volunteers helping DFG with fish counting efforts - see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/newsletter/0204.html#volunteers>
- MLPA process on hold - update at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/newsletter/0204.html#mlpa>
- Channel Islands MPA monitoring plan update at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/newsletter/0204.html#channelislands>
- To sign up for Marine Mgmt News by e-mail, go to http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/index_newsletter.html

April 2004

Don't Forget...
MONTHLY MEETING
 March 30 at Rusty's Pizza
 and **NEW LOCATION** in April
 April 27 at Victoria's Café

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Deco stop at Fish House	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Earth Day campout at Refugio	24 Underwater cleanup at Refugio
25	26		28	29	30	

Night Dives

March meeting entertainment::
Jerry Sorich
 will talk about his diving adventures

Upcoming Events

- Deco stop (happy hour) at the Fish House - April 16
- Earth Day campout and underwater cleanup at Refugio - April 23-24
- Santa Cruz campout - May 6-9
- Group campout at Refugio - Sept. 17-18

Wednesday night dives

To find out where the group is diving or to be added to the night dive e-mail list, contact Dan Lindsay at edgy01@aol.com/964-5020, Carl Gwinn at carlgwinn@yahoo.com/968-5694, or Mark Silva at 969-2014.



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