

# PARADISE Dive Club

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## President's Log

by Patty Bryant

We had a great turnout for the Earth Day cleanup at Refugio. Once again, the participants had the very special treat of camping in the group campsite on both Friday and Saturday nights. I arrived Friday afternoon and made the rounds visiting with members of the Aqualliers as well as the Santa Maria contingent. That evening, after we were treated to the sight of whales cruising by right outside the kelp beds, as several of us headed to the fish ID seminar presented by Eric Hessel of the UCSB research diving program.

Saturday morning we met at the west end of the park for sign-ups and briefings. Several groups were formed to get the cleanup job done. There was a group of divers to clean up underwater at the west end, a group for the east end, and several groups to scour the beaches and trails above water. Eric led a group of divers on a fish count dive, and I went to Tajiguas with Lori & Tony Crestfield to clean up the beach and trails there. Fortunately, there was not a lot of trash to be found at Refugio, although we did pick up a significant amount of trash at Tajiguas. Even though there was not a lot of trash to be found underwater, I heard that several divers were rewarded for their efforts by a close encounter with a whale or two.

After the clean-up duties were done, we all gathered for a BBQ that was sponsored by UCSB. The rest of the day, we were on our own to dive, kayak, explore the beach, or just lie around enjoying

the weather and the company. A bonfire Saturday night in the group site topped off the day and provided an opportunity for some camaraderie between old and new friends.

Sunday we awoke to some fog but it burned off and we had another great day. The whale sightings continued throughout the weekend. We got so used to seeing them that it almost seemed routine. Too soon, it was time to start packing up and saying good-bye to each other. A big thanks goes out to Danita and the organizing committee for putting on the event, and to UCSB and everyone else who pitched in for the BBQ. Another successful cleanup is behind us and I look forward to the next one in September.

We have lots of fun events planned for this summer, so check out the rest of the newsletter for details. If you signed up for the Memorial Day weekend campout with the Vandenberg Aqualliers and need directions, call Dan Lindsay at 964-5020 or email him at [edgy01@aol.com](mailto:edgy01@aol.com). And don't forget about our beach dive/BBQ/swap meet at Summerland Beach on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

And just in case you haven't heard, we have a new meeting place as of the next meeting, which is Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at Victoria's Café at 2220 Bath Street next to the Encina Lodge. They have a nice spacious room where we can hold our meetings free of charge, and they will allow us to order individually off of the menu and get individual checks. The variety of menu items should have something for everyone. Please remember that it is important to support our "sponsor" by buying your dinner and drinks there during our meeting. Hope to see you there.

### 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
- ∅ Right to proudly wear the official PDC t-shirt (because we DO have the coolest logo)

### Mark your calendars— and note our NEW LOCATION!!

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month

**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

## Great Annual Fish Count

*Discounted Boat Trips in July for Divers Conducting Fish Surveys*

In 1992, a small group of recreational divers and marine biologists conducted a standardized visual fish census off the shores of the Channel Islands, which quickly grew into the event called the Great Annual Fish Count. Since its inception, GAFC has grown to incorporate areas throughout the Caribbean, Gulf of California, and British Columbia. Help support this effort and get involved with the Great Annual Fish Count.

Truth Aquatics and Peace are offering GAFC discounts for the following midweek trips:

**Truth Aquatics** (Santa Barbara Harbor)

805-962-1127

30% off on July 5, 13, 14, 15, 19, and 26

**Peace** (Ventura Harbor)

866-984-2025

\$10 off on midweek boat trips in July

The Great Annual Fish Count Survey Kits are available for check-out at the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary office. For more information, please contact Julie Bursek at 805-382-6141 or at [Julie.Bursek@noaa.gov](mailto:Julie.Bursek@noaa.gov).



## June boat dives:

- Sunday, 6/6, on the *Truth*, 6am departure, \$90. Call Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917
- Thurs.-Fri., 6/17-18, a freediving trip to the outer islands on the *Peace*, 12am departure, \$250. Call Blue Water Hunter, 564-6677
- Sunday, 6/20, on the *Peace*, 7am departure, \$95. Call Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917
- Sunday, 6/27, on the *Peace*, 7am departure, \$95. Call Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917
- Sunday, 6/27, on the *Spectre*, 7am departure, \$75. Call Aquatics, 967-4456

## Paradise Dive Club Officers

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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](mailto:kingbh@cox.net) for details.

## Bonaire Trip—August 20-28 with Santa Barbara Aquatics

Curt at SB Aquatics has put together a trip to Lion's Dive Resort in Bonaire, August 20-28 (see [www.lionsdivebonaire.com](http://www.lionsdivebonaire.com)). Bonaire is famed for being one of the best shore diving locations in the world, and has been a protected marine park for a long, long time. Package prices begin at \$1550 and include airfare, 6 one-tank boat dives, and unlimited shore diving. Space is limited, so if you're interested, call Curt right away on his cell phone at 805-452-4718.

## Last Call to Renew Your PDC Membership!

One last reminder to not let your PDC membership expire. Dues are only \$25/year—a real bargain for all the fun activities we do every year. Plus it's a great way to meet dive buddies and learn about new dive sites.

Membership form are available at <http://kelp.chem.ucsb.edu/membership/membership.htm>, or from Bruce King at [kingbh@cox.net](mailto:kingbh@cox.net) or 895-9292. Please mail your membership form and check to Paradise Dive Club, c/o Bruce King, P.O. Box 21311, Santa Barbara, CA 93121.

## Welcome to our new members:

Kevin Bailey

Robin Whatley

Toni Rice

William Chen

And welcome back to Anna Bosin!

# PDC Santa Cruz Trip Log

My first encounter with killer whales—wow! Great view from the *Truth* of about eight orcas, including a couple juveniles. For me this made the trip before we even got to Santa Cruz. —Stacey

Friday morning we woke to sunshine! News had been calling for low clouds and fog for the whole trip. Great weekend for allergies for Denise and Veronica. —Denise



Potato Harbor—photo by Stacey Kimsey

On Friday we decided to follow the success of the kayakers, but to no avail—we never found them, but enjoyed exploring the beautiful coastline. Paul says the male rangers are looking really good, and why is Veronica searching for the boys lost at sea? —Veronica

Wow, today [Saturday] was fun, aside from the constant wind. Dan decided to flip over the Silvas' skiff—how he did that, I'm not sure, but it posed difficulties for shuttling people to shore by flooding the engine. I'm really bad at writing journals so, yeah, bye. —Josh



Patty & Paul on the trail to Smuggler's—photo by Stacey Kimsey

You only told me once to wear shoes. —Brennan (who wore sandals on his aborted hike to Smuggler's)

The Rescue: A lone gal approaches off the beach. "Help!" she cries. Paddling to the rescue of her new husband, I found his kayak, tied it off, and paddled to the NYC slicker. After a quick lesson in paddling *away* from the rocks, we arrived safely at Scorpion Harbor, his love happy and thankful. —James



Orcas—photo by Dave Burroughs

Today was great. I went on a boat/fish/diving ride and chilled with my homies (Mark, Dad, Sal, and Josh) eating hot dogs and fishing. —Jesse

Into the teeth of the wind and splashing on ahead, Paul, Kenny, and the old man of the sea, Doug, ventured all the way to Potato Harbor. Lunch on a lonely, rocky beach and then back to Scorpion through clear waters. Thanks for the inspiration, Doug. —Ken

Doug berated Kenny & Paul until we finally made it to Potato Harbor in gale force winds and seas. —Paul



James and Brennan—photo by Denise Foxwell

The wind is now a constant companion. Denise and I hike up to the cypress grove to have a leisurely lunch and take photographs. In the grove we are protected from the wind. Down below, the seafarers in our group wrestle with the waves and the wind throughout the day. We are all preparing for a real blow tonight. —Ken

Allergies, allergies, allergies. Haaaachoo! —Denise



Kayaks at Santa Cruz—photo by Denise Foxwell

## Santa Cruz Trip Log, cont.

*Mark 'n Sal 'n Dave 'n Dan's Excellent Adventure*

0800: Dave is at the beach, ready to make a kayak dive. Ranger Danny stops by to suggest he would be suicidal to try.

1000: Dan carts his scuba tanks down to the beach for the third time. He states, "Mark will be here any minute to pick me up."

1100: Conditions look better. Dave loads his kayak for diving. Then Jesse comes in and says Mark is on his way to pick us up. Dan asks, approximately 50 times, "Is Mark coming to pick us up?" Dave decides he would rather go on the kayak.



*Two Marks on the dink—photo by Denise Foxwell*

1145: Mark grabs a kayak and paddles out to rescue the dink and Dan.

1200: While dragging the dink onto the boat, one oar is lost. Dave puts on his gear and freedives to rescue it.

1230: We leave for diving. Wind and water are rough. We find the *Peace* hiding behind Scorpion Rock.

1300: Around the point of Santa Cruz Island, we anchor up. Dave goes in water. Boat drags anchor. Boat moves. Dave dives.

1400: Dave surfaces after long dive to find himself directly opposite boat. Sal helps Dave into boat. Charter fishing boat shows up. Sal realizes we don't have a dive flag up. Dave quickly puts his up. Fishing boat captain yells at us for several minutes. Mark and then Dan surface and get in boat. Dan's BC still weighs a ton.

Fishing boat captain yells at us for another ten minutes about the flag. But the dive was great—scallops! seals! big fish! While having beers, salami, and cheese, a massive gust of wind rocks the boat. We lose two socks and one seat cushion. The boat immediately smells better. We also lose cheese and salami slices. Anchor retrieved; we track down the seat cushion. No one wants to go after the socks.

1600: Ride back. Massive wind and waves hit boat head on. Waves above the boat. Waves blasting through the windshield. Discussions held about *The Perfect Storm* and the fate of the *S.S. Minnow*.

1640: Scorpion Anchorage. Gear in dink. Mark in dink. Dave and Dan each in kayak, attached to dink by ropes. Mark is head musher. We lose another oar. Dave and Mark head toward beach. Wind takes Dan in another direction. On the beach, Doug, Paul, and Mark Rogers photo-document the experience. Mark releases Dan; dink goes into rocks. Dave and Mark drag dink down to sand beach and save all gear. Dink holed. Mark R., Paul, and Doug provide valiant rescue service.

1700: All is well.

1730: Paul freedives and rescues lost oar.

1830: Paul still missing from camp. No search party is sent, unlike previous night. —Dave

It's a good day—I had scallops prepared four ways. —Mark S.

Catching lizards is easier than popping Jiffy Pop. —Blake

*Starfish with one of Blake's specimens*  
—photo by Denise Foxwell



*Mark S., Patty, Dave, Paul, Ken & Dan at the beach*  
—photo by Denise Foxwell

1120: Mark shows up with a functioning dink [dinghy], riding it in on top of a kayak, looking like an elephant seal making love.

1130: Dave and Dan load their gear and motor out to the yacht. Dave discovers Dan's BC weighs approximately one ton.

1140: Dan takes the dink back to shore to pick up Mark and his tank. On the way Dan picks up the wind and the dink does a perfect 360°, ending up upside down with the bottom of the dink and the prop sticking up and Dan below them. Dan does an amazing job of standing on one pontoon and righting the dink. The motor, however, is *b'ors de combat*.



*Josh, Blake & Jesse—photo by Denise Foxwell*



*Christine the birthday girl—photo by Denise Foxwell*



Announcing the  
**Paradise Dive Club Projector Fund**

OK, so those of you who have been members for awhile know that we rarely if ever hit our club members up for donations. But we are faced with an exceptional one-time need, and we are hoping you will be willing to help out so that we continue to have great entertainment at our dive club meetings.

The Paradise Dive Club needs an LCD projector for showing presentations and slide shows at our monthly meetings. The most basic models come in right under \$1,000. We will be passing the hat at our next few meetings and club activities; please consider contributing what you can to this fund. Any donation is appreciated!

We'd also like to enlist your help in scoping out good deals for us. Some of you work in companies that might be upgrading to new equipment and selling older models for bargain prices. Please talk to any board member if you have ideas on how we might obtain a new or gently used projector for a decent price.

Thanks for supporting your dive club!

## June 12 Dive, BBQ & Swap Meet

The club will meet at Summerland Beach at 10am on Saturday, June 12, for a beach dive, followed by a noon barbecue and scuba swap meet.

Please bring a side dish and your own beverages for the barbecue—PDC will provide the meat.

For the swap meet, please bring dive equipment only, to sell or trade with your fellow dive club members. And perhaps you might consider donating a portion of any proceeds to the club's projector fund?



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## Newsletter Contributors Contest

Don't forget, the 2004 newsletter contributors contest is underway. Club members who submit an article or photo for the newsletter will receive an entry in the 2004 raffle (one entry per article and/or photo, per newsletter).

Please send submissions to the newsletter editor at [sdkimsey@yahoo.com](mailto:sdkimsey@yahoo.com). Thanks, and good luck!

## Decompression Stop Friday, June 25



It's time for another Paradise Dive Club Decompression Stop (Happy Hour).

Join us after work on **Friday, June 25** at **Shoreline Beach Café**. It's a great way to wrap up the work week. See you there!


June 2004

Don't Forget...

MONTHLY MEETING

May 25 and June 29

at NEW LOCATION – Victoria's Café

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Summerland Dive/BBQ/Swap Meet
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hour at Shoreline Cafe	26
27	28		30			

Upcoming Events

- Memorial Day camp-out at Vandenberg - May 29-31
- Summerland Beach dive/BBQ/swap meet - June 12
- Deco stop (happy hour) at Shoreline Beach Café - June 25
- Kayak/dive day at Refugio - July 18
- 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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