

PARADISE Dive Club

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President's Log

by Ray Janik

I want to go diving. Funny thing for the president of the dive club to say, but it's been far too long since I have been out. Between bad weather, work, and a tweaked back, I've somehow managed to stay out of the water for more than three months. My diving jones was exacerbated by the recent showing of "California Sea Lions—An Unforgettable Encounter" at the Maritime Museum. Being reminded of the pure fun of spending time in the water with the local marine mammal population, and sharing in the obvious enthusiasm of Alan de Herrera, the filmmaker who was there to share his work, made me want to grab my gear and get in the water right then—in spite of the fact that I couldn't actually stand upright at the time.

A few days later, I was e-mailing with Barbara Neary at Truth Aquatics (one of our fine sponsors) about our annual camping trip to Santa Cruz Island. She asked a perfectly reasonable question. Why, she wondered, was a dive club booking a camping trip? "Good question," said I. Of course the Santa Cruz trip has been a club fixture since before my time, and it offers a chance to enjoy every near-, on-, and underwater activity the Channel Islands have to offer. And I'm looking forward to this year's.

But why not a diving trip, too? I had a good answer: When Stacey and I joined the club, it was pretty common practice for the PDC to buy a block of spots for single- or multi-day trips to the islands and fill them up regularly. We've gotten

out of the habit, I suspect due to the difficulty of getting enough club members' schedules to line up so that we can all go out on the same trip. Lately, we've been much more successful at putting together non-diving diversions. Those are great too, but I would really like to see the club doing at least one or two actual dive trips together each year.

So, let's go diving. We're starting off small—piggybacking on Ed Stetson's work by joining him on a trip to Catalina Island (see more details on page 3 of this newsletter). And hopefully we'll be putting together a trip of our own to someplace a little off the beaten path for local divers.

Of course there's nothing wrong with getting together topside, too. Dan Lindsay's scouted out a hike for us on Hot Springs Trail (see next page). It will be fun to get into the backcountry after the recent heavy rains.

Also upcoming is a tour of the new UCSB Marine Science Building—a showcase for marine science, education, and outreach.

Lastly, the club's on the move again. We've pretty much filled the meeting room at Rusty's on Cabrillo to capacity and beyond at recent meetings, so it's time to relocate to a new one. Beginning with this month's meeting, we'll gather at Rusty's on Storke Road (near Kmart). There's plenty of room, and we're glad we get to continue working with another sponsor that's been very supportive of the club.

I look forward to seeing everyone there, and to getting back into the water with you soon.

Join the club, enjoy the benefits

- ∂ Monthly meetings with entertainment
- ∂ 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...

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month

Rusty's Pizza

NEW LOCATION—Goleta Rusty's

in the K-mart Center, 270 Storke Road

6:30 pm - social hour

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

Bulletin Board

- SB Aquatics is putting together a Cozumel trip for June 18-25, 2005. Call Curt at Aquatics for details, 967-4456.
- If you've been thinking it's time to take your skills to the next level, Aquatics is offering Advanced and Rescue Diver courses in March. Again, call Curt for details, 967-4456.
- Don't forget, these rainy days are a good time to take in your gear for service, so you'll be ready to go when good conditions return. Please give your business to our sponsors, and don't forget to let them know you're from the Paradise Dive Club!
- Tim Hatler of Palapas Ventana, a dive resort in Baja, contacted the club re: a special dive package: 5 days, 4 nights in a beachside casita, \$600/person (dbl. occ.). Incl. 3 days of 2-tank diving, dive gear, some meals, and free use of sailboats and kayaks. Bonus: if our dive club signs up eight people, we get a free trip to raffle off, or we can divide up the savings. Visit www.palapasventana.com or e-mail tim@palapasventana.com for more info. If you decide to sign up, tell him you were referred by PDC, and let a board member know so we can see if there's enough interest to make it a group trip.
- Discovery Diving in North Carolina notified us of an archaeology class that will be diving on Blackbeard's ship, the *Queen Anne's Revenge*, October 18-20, 2005. Cost is \$500 for the course, incl. one day on the *Queen Anne* and another day of diving on a nearby wreck. For more info, visit www.discoverydiving.com or call 252-728-2265.
- UCSB researchers have discovered a new species of coral at the Channel Islands, and a new kind of worm living on it. See www.ia.ucsb.edu/pa/display.aspx?pkey=1242 for more info and http://santacruz.nmfs.noaa.gov/ecology_branch/habitat_ecology/black_coral for photos of this beautiful pink and white "Christmas Tree Coral."
- Speaking of cool discoveries in the ocean's depths, check out *Aliens of the Deep*, James Cameron's new 3D IMAX film about deep-sea hydrothermal vents. It's just opened in Sacramento and San Francisco, and will be coming soon to the IMAX theater at Universal Studios in L.A. (Movie tidbit: the featured marine biologist, shown in a submersible on the movie poster, is a UCSB grad student.) A trailer can be viewed at <http://disney.go.com/disneypictures/aliensofthedeep/>.

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Take a Hike! Hot Springs Trail, March 13

by Dan Lindsay

Come join the dive team in some mountain climbing. On Sunday, the 13th of March, we'll meet at 10 am at the trailhead. To get there, take the Olive Mill Road exit off the 101 in Montecito. Go towards the hills. Olive Mill Road will change to Hot Springs Road; keep following it to East Mountain Drive. Turn left to the west on East Mountain Drive and look for the trailhead parking area along the north side of East Mountain Drive. It will be just east of the small bridge that spans the creek.

Pack a small picnic lunch if you want, and drag out your binoculars for some scenic views of the coastline from the hills behind Montecito. We'll climb from approximately 350 feet to 1800 feet over a few miles. It's not too tough a climb, however. If we've had rain within two days, I suggest boots due to potentially muddy trail conditions.

Remember: New Location in February!

Our February 22 meeting will take place in our **new location** at the **Goleta Rusty's**, in the Kmart Center next to Bicycle Bob's. See you there.



Catalina Island Dive Trip—April 29-May 1

We're looking to get a group of PDC divers together to join Ed Stetson's famous Catalina dive trip, taking place Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1. Ed is a UCSB/NAUI scuba instructor who has been organizing this trip every year since 1980. Participants always report having a good time on Ed's trips, which have become almost a rite of passage for California divers.

This is a hotel-based trip; 30-60 divers are expected to attend. Divers will be able to make night, wreck, and deeper dives during three days of diving. There are always plenty of single divers if you need a partner. A NAUI Advanced Course will also be offered for those who are interested.

The \$195-\$215 fee includes round-trip boat transportation from Long Beach, 3 days/2 nights hotel, gear transportation on the island, and a BBQ at a private park on Saturday evening. Non-divers are welcome, too; contact Ed for the discounted rate.

A block of hotel rooms have been reserved for Paradise Dive Club members. For reservations, contact Patty Bryant at 684-6342 or Ed Stetson at 687-4771. Spaces are limited, so register early.



Sunlight through Catalina kelp forest. Photo by Stacey Janik.

February Meeting Entertainment

At our February 22 meeting (at our NEW location in Goleta), Dave Burroughs will present a slide show on his recent trip to the Sea of Cortez. In the meantime, enjoy these samples of Dave's photography—two creatures at play in their element!




EDITOR'S CORRECTION: In the January article by Carl Gwinn, an incorrect e-mail was given for Jessie Altstatt. If you are interested in volunteering for the eelgrass restoration project or learning more about Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper, please visit www.sbck.org or contact Jessie at jessie@sbck.org. Apologies to Jessie and Carl for the typo! —sj



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Don't forget...
MONTHLY MEETING
February 22 and March 29
 Rusty's Pizza

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Hot Springs hike, 10am	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28		30	31		

Upcoming Events

- Hot Springs hike, March 13, 10am
- Earth Day cleanup at Tajiguas, April 23
- Catalina trip, April 29-May 1

Get on Board!

- Saturday, March 26, on the *Truth*, 6 am departure, \$100. Call Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917.

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 or 964-5020.



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