

Paradise Dive Club



PRESIDENT'S LOG

by Steven Trainoff



I want to inaugurate my first president's log with some thoughts about the dive club. Let me describe what I think we are and what we are not. First and foremost, we are a social dive club, with the emphasis on **social**. We have a great bunch of people, with a wide variety of backgrounds. We truly live in Paradise, and we have some of the world's most beautiful dive sites in our backyard. When you meet a diver, from any part of the world, you immediately have a connection formed by the bonds of a common interest. Some dive only occasionally, some avidly, some only in the tropics, others only in our local waters. Whenever and wherever we dive, we share a love for the ocean and a deep felt desire

to see it preserved. The dive club is a great way to find dive buddies. If you feel an urge to do a shore dive, call someone up or post to one of our newsgroups. I know that trips on the dive boats are much more fun when I go with friends.

Let me also stress, that the dive club is only as strong as its membership. We on the board donate our time and efforts to see the club succeed. I help plan events so that I can attend them and have a good time. We also need your help. If you can't make the Thursday night dives and want to do a Wednesday night dive instead go ahead and organize one. With our newsgroups it is as simple as sending an email. The club events only succeed if you attend. We can only charter low cost trips if you sign up. The newsletter is only interesting if you write articles and share your experiences.

Let me now describe what we are not. We are not a business. We are not professionals. We don't get paid. So if an event has a hitch, we misspell your name, or if there is a glitch in getting you your newsletter, keep a sense of perspective and cut us some slack.

We are not a certification agency. We don't teach skills. That is what our sponsors are for. We are not instructors or dive masters. We have some in the group, but they are "off the clock." We are happy to pair up people with dive buddies, but we are not dive guides. That being said, we do look out for each other. I will often buddy up with a new diver to help them gain experience or help them over the anxiety of diving a new site. I also like to help people spot interesting sea life underwater. After all, that is how I learned in the first place.

Lastly remember, we are a **dive** club. Patronize our sponsors, take a trip out to the islands, sign up for some continuing education, but most of all go out and do some **diving** and talk about it with your friends!

Important News!

-  The October meeting date has been changed to **Tuesday, October 24** so that we can greet the trick or treaters on Tuesday, October 31. Petrini's (14 W. Calle Laureles), 6:30pm swapping of tall tales, 7pm meeting, feeding frenzy, raffle, entertainment
-  Paradise Dive Club has a new web address! www.paradisediveclub.org

Vandenberg Camp-out by Barbara Brown

The Vandenberg Aqualiers dive club extended an invitation to the PDC to rendezvous at the boathouse on the base for the Labor Day weekend. My boyfriend and I caravanned to the base with Laurel and Mike.

We arrived at the boathouse at 10:00 am on Sat after an hour and half drive up the coast.

The drive to the boathouse led us past farmland, older style NASA buildings, the South Gate entrance, missile launch pads and finally the railroad tracks.

The entrance onto the base was the easiest I have experienced. Thanks to all who made sure that our names and car information were posted at the security gate. I guess some people who arrived later weren't so lucky- a change of the guard at the gate and the list went missing.

Our final approach to the boathouse was along a small one lane road that was mainly inhabited by our bovine friends and their newborns. The day was sunny but a brisk wind at 10:00 was the indication for not good diving conditions.

A couple of us wandered along the beach to scout out the fishing boat, The St. Andrews, that had washed ashore a couple of years ago. The last time I was at Vandenberg, we were able to board the fishing vessel at low tide. But now, due to heavy storms the last year or two, the boat has moved further offshore and cannot be easily reached.

After our 2 hour walk, we met up with the other PDC members and suited up for a dive inside of the lagoon area. There wasn't a zodiac available, so the entry into the lagoon was a large step off of the pier. This is approximately a 15 ft. jump- not something that I was committed to doing. I chickened out right before the big plunge, and my dive buddy went on with Laurel and Craig.

As it turned out, the visibility was about 6 inches and the water was very choppy, and the swim out and back to the pier didn't look like too much fun. I wasn't disappointed in my decision to stay on the pier and help out with the food.

There were about 8 people who dove that day. Mike ended up with a couple of fish after his second dive.

The best part of the day was the wonderful feast that was prepared for us by the Aqualiers. Thanks to Katie Arntz and Major Marcia for helping to organize this event. We topped off the evening with a genuine washing machine tub bonfire and some good diving stories.

I would suggest to all members of the PDC that you make the trek to the boathouse even if you aren't diving. The rugged beauty of this special place and the hospitality offered by the Aqualiers is worth the drive.

Join the coolest club in town!

1. Monthly meetings with entertainment.
2. raffle prizes (we all need new dive stuff)
3. Great dive buddy pool
4. Beach and boat dives, AND weekly night dives
5. Club BBQs, and other activities
6. Free air-fills and gear discounts at local dive shops
7. Right to proudly wear the official PDC T-Shirt (nobody has a logo as cool as ours).



You will only be able to find out if Will Chen will ever be able to take photographs again **IF you come to the meeting on October 24!!!!!!**

Contributions Pay Off!

This month's newsletter contributor, Barbara Brown, will be entered into the PDC Newsletter Article Drawing! Submit at article, get the chance to win an awesome prize at the holiday party!

Upcoming Events

UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST!

October 28th

Goleta Beach (by the Beachside Cafe)

10am dive and carving, 12 noon picnic

These Be The Rules!


Provide your own pumpkin.

Only dive knives may be used for carving


(Hollowing out beforehand okay)


No marking, maiming, stenciling, or poking of defenseless pumpkins is allowed before the event!



 Be the one to uphold our honor against the UCSB Dive Club in this time honored display of creativity!



 Win fun and unique prizes!

 All judging is by unbiased judges who can't be bribed!
(poor people who just happen to walk by)

COMING SOON!.....

Golf-ball Invitational, **November 18**

PDC Holiday Party, **December 10**



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Autumn Dive Calendar

10/29, Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917 6am departure on the Truth to Anacapa and Santa Cruz, \$110. Prices include food + fills.

11/5, 11/19, Aquatics, 967-4456 7am departure on the Spectre to Anacapa and Santa Cruz. Price \$85 without food or air/fill, 4 dives per day. Weekdays is 3 dives but includes food and fills.

11/12, Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917 6am departure on Truth to Anacapa and Santa Cruz, \$110. Prices include food + fills.

PDC Thursday night dives!

To find out where the group will be diving, or to be added to the night dive e-mail list, sign up at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PDC_midweek_dive, or send e-mail to PDC_midweek_dive_subscribe@yahoo.com.

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