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President's Log

by Steven Trainoff



"Be careful what you wish for, you might just get it," the old saying goes. In my case, it was wishing that more of the "outer islands" trips actually made it to the outer islands. The PDC trip on the Truth on May 19th started out well. We sold 14 spots out of the total boat's manifest of 31. The day started smoothly enough. We boarded the boat on Friday night and went to sleep in our bunks. When the boat left the harbor at 4am I got up and took some anti-nausea medicine and settled back into my bunk. The inner channel was calm and rocked me to sleep. When I woke up at 6am things had changed; the boat was pitching pretty well. That is when it hit, the telltale sign that the inner ear is out of balance with the rest of the world. For some reason the anti-nausea medicine didn't work. Perhaps I waited too long to take it. Fortunately I made it to the side of the

boat in time to feed the fish instead of the bunk room carpet.

When we pulled into the backside of San Miguel, the morning was nice. There was a light fog, but the sun promised to poke through. In the lea of the island, the swell was only a few feet. All in all, it was good diving conditions. I, on the other hand, was in no condition to dive. I felt miserable, thinking that after organizing this trip, I was the only one who wasn't going to be able to dive. That is hardly leading by example. Then, through the haze of nausea, I realized that I actually was leading by example. You have to know your limits, and I had hit mine. The worse thing would have been to "tough it out" and jump in the water. I skipped the first two dives and sat on deck sipping water to prevent dehydration. After a couple of hours I was feeling better. By the time the third dive rolled around I felt well enough to suit up and hit the water.

There was a lot of kelp, but once we dropped below it conditions were quite nice. The water was cold (52F) and clear (40ft vis). The site was beautiful with lots of overhangs. The best part was that everything looked healthy. There were fat copper rockfish hiding in the reef and a couple of fast moving sea lions checking us out. The most interesting photo subject was a type of aggregating jellyfish that I had never seen before. In fact it was hard to see at all since it was almost perfectly translucent with pale green nodules. I waved to show to my dive buddy, who proceeded to pass his glove completely through it, shredding it to bits. Evidently he thought I was pointing at something else and hadn't seen the jellyfish at all!

When we surfaced, conditions had changed dramatically. The swell had picked up and the wind started to blow with gale force. Fortunately we had navigated well and surfaced upwind of the boat. The ride home was exciting. 10ft seas and gale force winds tend to add to the adrenaline level. Galley items flew around and the refrigerator began to dance across the floor. Fortunately I hadn't removed my drysuit, because I still had a few more dates with the side rail where, in addition to the indignity, I was blasted by sheets of green sea water. Maybe drysuit brochures should list as one of the benefits that they "protect you from rogue waves while heaving your guts over the side."

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Important News!



Membership Renewal Time!

Don't forget to send in those membership renewal forms and your membership fee. Our dues will be \$25 for individuals, and \$40 for families with multiple divers. We've been able to keep our dues at the same low price for the past twelve years. To make it easy for you to renew your membership you can bring your check and form (get it from our nifty website, paradisediveclub.org) to any of our Club events or give it to a board member. If renewing by mail please send your check and form to PDC care of Roy Phillips, 8 San Rossano Dr. Goleta, CA 93117.

Many thanks to those of you who have already renewed your memberships!

Meeting Place

The May 29 meeting will take place at Petrini's Restaurant in Santa Barbara.

14 West Calle Laureles.

Feeding frenzy at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm

Our guest speaker this month will be Jessie Alstatt from Santa Barbara Channelkeeper,
<http://www.sbck.org/>

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Photo of a Copper rockfish at San Miguel by Steven Trainoff

When we passed Santa Cruz into the inner channel, conditions changed dramatically. The wind and waves vanished, and the sun came out. By the time we got to the harbor it was flat calm. So if our "outer island" trip had ended up at Santa Cruz, as they tend to do, it probably would have been a pleasant day filled with diving, instead of our little adventure.

Paradise Dive Club Events

CHANGE OF PLAN!

Saturday, June 23

Beach dive and BBQ at GOLETA Beach. Dive at 10am and BBQ at noon.

I want to let everyone know that we are changing the venue for our dive on Saturday Jun 23, from Hendry's to Goleta Beach. We are also going to make it an underwater cleanup dive. As you know, the pipeline at Goleta Beach is a popular dive location, but given its proximity to the Goleta Pier it gets a lot of debris (in addition to golf balls). There is trash and fishing paraphernalia that accumulates on the pipeline and interferes with the habitat. Paul Weakliem and Carl Gwinn were recently approached by Boyd Grant who is the vice-president of the United Pier & Shore Anglers of California about having PDC help clean up the pipeline. The plan is to clean up the pipeline region only and stay away from the pier itself, but just in case, we plan to close sections of the pier to fishing while we are in the water to minimize any potential hazard. - Steve

Sunday, July 29

Fish Count with REEF

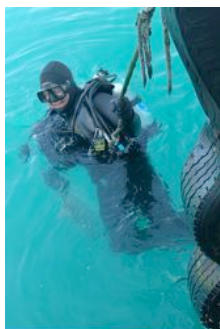
July is Great American Fish Count month, your chance to go diving for a good cause. The fish count originated in the Channel Islands back in the mid-90's, and has since gone world-wide! While Florida may have more surveys done, we've been doing it longer! The REEF method is easy, and you'd be surprised about how many fish you already know. Carl Gwinn and I will be on a couple of trips in July, so come on along with us and do some counting! While the schedule for Truth Aquatics hasn't been finalized, it looks like we'll do an outer islands trip on Sunday July 29'th for the club. There may be an additional trip on Saturday the 14'th for people who can't make the other trip - but look for next month's newsletter for confirmation! - Paul Weakliem



Clean Up at Goleta Pier

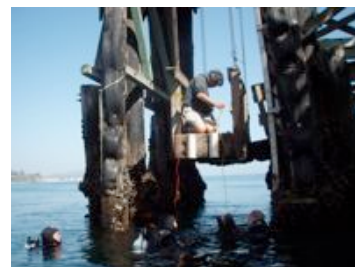
by Paul Weakliem

In April Carl and I participated in a monofilament cleanup project at Goleta Pier. It is being run out of UC Davis (for more info see <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/whc/mehp/derelictgear.html>) and Jennifer Renzullo was the leader for the cleanup of the southern California piers. The project involved removing monofilament that can entangle wildlife (there was a bird tangled in some line under the pier) and old fishing gear. SB ChannelKeeper also installed bins on the pier for disposal of fishing line - take a look for them next time you're out on the pier!



Carl and I were doing surface support, and while there we met Boyd Grant from the United Pier and Shore Anglers of California (<http://www.upsac.org>). He was very supportive of the program (and I learned a lot of interesting facts and history of Goleta Pier!) and he asked if PDC would be interested in doing a cleanup of the fishing line and gear off of the pipeline (since it wasn't part of the project that day). Before I could say that we love to dive the pipeline any time, he

even offered to host a BBQ! He did ask that if anybody in the club could shoot pictures or video, the people fishing on the pier would be interested in seeing what it looks like down there - so here's your chance, come on out and do a dive, and you can either clean up or do some photo or video and become famous for your work! At least among the people fishing! (continued on page 4)



The date is June 23'rd. If you want to dive, meet around 9:45 - we hope to be suiting up at 10 and get in at the same time. Boyd will try to keep the people fishing away from where we're diving, so we want to make it so we're not having him clear the entire pier for the whole day - we're going to be a precision team! Well, as precision as PDC can be! Bring something to share at the BBQ and your preferred drinks as well as a dive knife or two (or those EMT shears!). Contact Paul or Carl if you have questions, this will be a fun time for all!

Ed Stetson's 27th Annual Trip to Catalina

by Noah Philips

This year's trip to the underwater park at Casino Point, Avalon, CA was a success. With a record number of attendees (in excess of 60 I believe) the trip went smoothly with plenty of people to haul gear. Ed Stetson ran an excellent trip and, in addition to running an advanced certification class, demonstrated that all you need for a weekend of diving can fit in a single gear bag plus tiny daypack. There was a double handful of PDC divers and family and a dozen DiveUCSB kids to represent the Santa Barbara clubs.

The trip consisted of afternoon and night dives on Friday upon arrival at Catalina. Saturday was diving all day with the occasional break to watch students learn to navigate with a compass, making their way across the parking lot with a bag on their head, always enjoyable. The Saturday night barbeque precluded any night diving in favor of good company and the classic "Dive Knife Salad". An ambitious diver could get in another 2 or 3 dives Sunday morning before departure.

If you've never been, the dive park is a great dive site for a multiple dives. It features the easiest (according to Scuba Diving) shore entry in Southern California: a stairway with railing right into the water and an abundance of wildlife due to its protected status. Right off the stairs there is an extensive "reef" along the rocky shore that extends from the shore down to 45' in places. A kelp forest surrounds and penetrates the rocky shallows along the north-west end. Sunbeams penetrate the kelp forest in the afternoon, creating a forest and meadow effect that is breathtaking. The park slopes gently down to 80+ feet near some edges of the park where there are a number of small wrecks.

As far as wildlife, in addition to an unusual density of the typical stuff, there are often black sea bass in the park (though I've yet to see any) and a number of divers reported extended contact with a large specimen. Juvenile Garibaldi are abundant, displaying electric blue spots and stripes when illuminated, and the oddly similar Catalina goby: same orange and blue but an entirely different size, shape and pattern. Octopus, copious lobster, cleaner shrimp and large eels can be found during daytime if you know where to look. Plus a large variety of fish I'm unfamiliar with.

In all, a great trip with a very friendly group and very affordable.



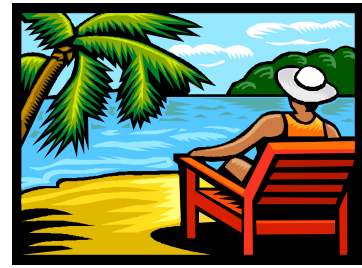
Summer Programs For Young Ocean Folk

(please e-mail me any information that you have on water other programs of interest to kids - GB)

<p style="text-align: center;">Santa Barbara</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maritime Museum</p> <p>Sailors & Swashbucklers! (6-10 years old)</p> <p>High Seas Adventure Camp (8-12 years old)</p> <p>Kids Night Out (6-12 years old)</p> <p>call 962-8404 for prices and information, www.sbmm.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ocean Adventures</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer Camp</p> <p>Surf and Kayak Beach Camp (6-14 years)</p> <p>Marine Biology Camp (9-15 years old)</p> <p>Ocean Sport and Safety Camp (9-14 years old)</p> <p>call 455-6495 for prices and information, www.summerbeachcamp.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Santa Barbara</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parks and Recreation</p> <p>Sports and Beach Camp (8-12 years old)</p> <p>Aqua Camp (6-10 years old)</p> <p>Kiteboarding (10-18 years old)</p> <p>Kayaking and Outrigger (8-16 years old)</p> <p>call 564-5618-for prices and information, www.sbparksandrecreation.com</p>
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Local Dive Calendar

June 2007



Just For Fun!

From Shore to Sea Lecture

Citizen Monitoring in the Channel Islands
Marine Reserve Network

Presented by: Christy Pattengill-Semmens, Ph.D.
Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) Director of Science

The "From Shore to Sea" lecture series is jointly sponsored by Channel Islands National Park, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and Santa Barbara Maritime Museum in an effort to further the understanding of research on the Channel Islands and surrounding waters.

The lectures will occur at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10th 2007, at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum at 113 Harbor Way in Santa Barbara Harbor and Wednesday, July 11th 2007, at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center located at 1901 Spinnaker Drive in the Ventura Harbor. The programs are free and open to the public.



Truth Aquatics 962-1127 call for prices, boats, and specific destinations, or go to their website; www.truthaquatics.com.

- 1 day dive, outer islands, 4am dep. 6/16, 6/23, 6/30
- 1 day dive, Santa Cruz, 6am departure 6/17, 6/24
- 2 day ISLAND HIKE, 4am departure, 6/2
- 1 day RIG DIVE, PLATFORM GRACE, 6am departure, 6/10
- 2 day dive, 4am dep., 6/9
- 2 day dive, 1/2 of the boat is Truth Aquatics, 4am dep., 6/16, 6/22
- 3 day dive, 1/2 of the boat is Truth Aquatics, 4am dep. 6/7
- 3 day dive, limited load 4am dep., 6/21
- 3 day dive, 4am dep., 6/29

Anacapa Dive 963-8917

- 1 day dive, Santa Cruz, 6am dep., 6/3

Pura Vida Divers (562) 927-4007

- 2 day dive, 1/2 of the boat, 4am dep., 6/22

Aqua Adventures (818) 848-2163

- 2 day dive, 4am dep., 6/8

Pacific Scuba 984-2566

- 2 day dive, 4am dep., 6/16

SLO Ocean Currents 544-7227

- 2 day HALIBUT DIVE, 4am dep., 6/29

SSS Charters (480) 354-3344

- 3 day dive, 1/2 of the boat, 4am dep. 6/7

Adventure Sport (831) 458-3648

Welcome New Divers!

Paula Phillips
Richard Troup

Blake Schaff
Harold Schaff

Willkommen!
Benvenuto!
Boa Vinda!
Recepción!

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@yahoogroups.com.

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).



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Membership

\$25/year for individuals, \$40 for families. Membership runs May-April and includes a monthly newsletter, free air-fills, and other benefits. For details or to join, contact Roy Phillips - 968-8452

Newsletter

Send newsletter items to Gretchen Beckert
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