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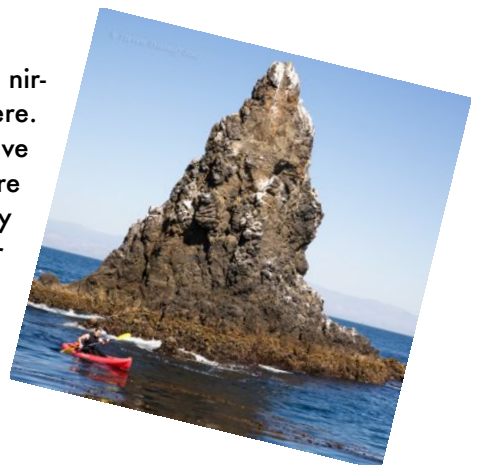
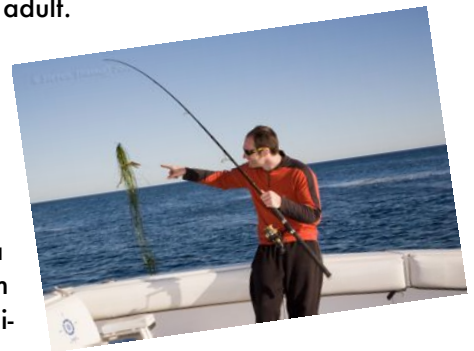
President's Log by Steven Trainoff

It is said that in Santa Barbara, the prediction that tomorrow's weather will be the same as today is accurate over 80 percent of the time. That may be, but it misses all of the important weather changes. A week ago, I experienced just how fickle the weather can be. Mark and Kay Silva hosted Mike Macko,

Noah Phillips, and me on their boat for an overnight trip to Anacapa. The plan was to focus on Bug hunting since our assault on Butterfly Beach on opening night was a bust, without a single bug being taken.

The trip started out well with a pleasant sunny channel crossing. From Channel Islands Harbor to Anacapa is 11 miles. The ocean was so calm that we chose our first dive site on the outside of Arch Rock, an exposed site, that is rarely diveable. This time it was like a Mill Pond. We figured that this was a good bug hunting spot because there were a large number of lobster pots in the water marking the edge of the preserve. Just after we anchored, a commercial lobster fisherman came up and solicited our help in retrieving a couple of traps that he had recently lost. Mike went over the side, found the lost traps, and was rewarded with 4 bugs for his efforts. Not a bad way to start the trip! Noah and I hit the water and were treated to 40-50 foot vis and little current. Despite the plethora of lobster pots, I only spotted one juvenile bug and one adult. The adult was so far back in a crack I wasn't able to dislodge him. It was also hard to keep focused on bug hunting as a number of playful sea lions were having a great time buzzing us. Of course, without my camera handy, they were more than willing to pose. Grrr. Mike found one good-sized bug, and he and Mark brought back some scallops that Kay used to make a fresh scallop ceviche for lunch. Yumm. We were lucky to spot a good-sized Mola Mola. He was about 4 feet across, and unlike my previous encounter with a Mola Mola, this fish was in good health and had all of his fins intact. It swam right up to us. Again I reached for my non-existent camera, to take an imaginary photo. Grrr. The afternoon passed quickly with some Kayaking and sunbathing before we moved the boat to Cat Rock for the evening.

After dinner, Noah and I again hit the water and were rewarded with bug nirvana. At night, with only two of us in the water, the bugs were everywhere. Noah caught 5 and I got 4. These weren't the coastal squeakers that you have to measure multiple times to make sure that they were legal. No, they were quality bugs that were well over the legal size. We ended the evening by watching a movie and listening to the weather report. The forecast was for 10-15kt winds with gusts up to 25kt. The prediction was that Sunday was going to be even better than Saturday. We tied the game bags over the port side and retired for the night. All in all, it was a great day that reminded me of exactly why I live in paradise.



(Top to bottom: Arch Rock, Steve catches some rays, Noah goes fishing for the first time and catches an elusive Kelp Fish, Noah goes kayaking in the pre-storm quiet)



In the middle of the night, the predicted winds began. Poseidon doesn't listen to the marine radio, because it quick progressed from a light wind to a stiff breeze, then from a stiff breeze to a strong wind. Soon, the strong wind developed into a gale. I didn't have an anemometer handy, but it was at least 25 kts sustained with gusts up to 40 or 50kts. What is worse, it kept changing direction. The first sign that there was a problem was a loud bang, when the anchor bridle broke and the chain started to rattle. Mark managed to re-secure the anchor, and with some frayed nerves we went back to bed.

From there things started to go seriously wrong. With the wind direction changing wildly, the boat began to drag anchor. Before long, we were drifting sideways into the rocks. Mark and Mike started up the engines, but found that with all of the spinning the boat had done from the crazy wind changes, the game bags had fouled the port prop. There wasn't time to go over the side and free it because we were getting perilously close to the rocks. Instead they used the starboard prop to ease us out of danger and away from the island. For the next couple of hours we limped around the island looking for safe harbor so that we could re-anchor and inspect the props. With only one prop, we were only making 2 knots and no harbors were looking good. The sea was filled with whitecaps that were breaking in the wind as far as the eye could see. We eventually made it to Frenchy's cove and dropped anchor.



The sea was pitching wildly, but at least there was no current running. Mike and I went over the side to inspect the damage. After dropping down I started to laugh. Maybe it was to relieve nervous tension, but things were very different than we had imagined. It turned out that the port prop was completely clear, but the starboard prop, which we had been limping on for the past couple hours, was seriously entangled with the remains of our game bags. The steel handles and rings from the bags were twisted around the prop like a puzzle ring. Fortunately the prop appeared undamaged. The problem was how to free it without the wildly bouncing boat bashing in our heads. We twisted and cut and wrenched and pulled, and eventually managed to get everything off. We re-boarded the boat and headed back to the harbor. Normally the run back is easier than the trip out since the waves push you home. Not today. The wind was pushing a 6ft very short period chop straight into our face. We had a bouncy ride home, but arrived safe. Our only casualties were 14 bugs, three game bags, an anchor bridle, and a seriously splintered filing cabinet that disgorged its contents all over the cabin. Kay had the good humor to describe it as her little "snow globe". We got off light. Of course without the fast actions and clear thinking of Mike and Mark, we might have had to swim home. Not a pleasant thought.



Meeting Place

The October 30th 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 will be Carla Guenther from Cal-lobster.
She will speak about their research on the California Spiny Lobster



Paradise Dive Club Events



October







UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST!

October 27th

Goleta Beach (by the Beach Side Cafe), 10 am 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 is okay)
-  No marking, maiming, stenciling, or poking of defenseless pumpkins is allowed before the event!
-  Only natural materials found in the sea may be used for decorating your pumpkin

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

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

Win fun and unique prizes!



November

Dive at La Janelle in Ventura. November 3rd

Golf ball Invitational at Goleta Beach, TBD

December

PDC Holiday Party and White Whale Shark Gift Exchange

The Tentative date is Sunday, December 9
(May we use your home or Club House for the party?)



Local Dive Calendar 2007 November

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

1 day Santa Cruz Island, 6am dep., 11/1, 11/4, 11/8, 11/16, 11/18, 11/30

1 day Outer Island, 4am dep., 11/2, 11/9, 11/17, 11/25, 11/29

2 day dive, 4am dep., 11/2

2 day dive, 1/2 boat = Truth Aquatics, 4am dep. 11/17

3 day dive, limited load, 4am dep. 11/19

3 day dive, 1/2 boat = Truth Aquatics, 4am dep. 11/16

3 day dive, Holiday Island Exc, 4am dep. 11/22

For Sale!

2 aluminum tanks \$85 each or \$155 for both

1 weight belt \$25

1 BC \$35

1 regulator with gauges \$50

Call Mike Macko 452-6333

13ft Avon inflatable(aluminum floor and flat bottomed) with a 30hp Nissan outboard for sale.

I've been using the boat for 2 years and its been a real joy. I am a 3rd year student at UCSB now and need the money and the parking space its been taking up. Im asking \$2500.00 for the whole deal.it comes with a lot of extra's.

Adam Pasch, schish76@yahoo.com

Newsletter Contributions!



Don't forget that there is only one more PDC newsletter to be written for 2007. Contribute an article or picture now if you would like to have a chance at winning a prize at the year-end drawing -

Craig Catches a Wave - Laurel Mahler

Check This Out!

Thursday, November 1: 7-8 pm

SBMM Lecture Series

Ed Cassano, Integrated Marine Education
Research (InMER)

Global Warming: The True Story

\$: General Admission: \$8 / Members: \$6

Location: Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's Munger Theater

Polar bears extinct in our lifetime? Rising sea levels?

The Arctic ice cap melting? What is the truth?

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum invites you to join InMER's Edward Cassano for a presentation of their reconnaissance expedition to the Northwest Passage. Cassano will also discuss the latest research on the Arctic and the implications for the changing Arctic environment on the rest of the planet.

Tuesday, November 13: 7-8 pm

From Shore to Sea Lecture Series

Presented by SBMM, CINMS & NPS
Russell Galipeau, Channel Islands National Park
Chris Mobley, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
Changes on the Channel Islands

\$: FREE to the Public

Location: Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's Munger Theater

For tickets or more information, please call (805) 962-8404 ext. 105.

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



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 Noah Philips at (626)-221-2056

Newsletter

Send newsletter items to Gretchen Beckert gbgreymutt@cox.net

Website

www.paradisediveclub.org

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
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Welcome New Divers!

Chris Vestuto

**Willkommen!
Benvenuto!
Boa Vinda!**





**Daylight Savings time ends
Sunday, November 4! Don't
forget to turn back your clock on
Saturday night so that you get an
hour more time to dive for bugs!**



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