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Presidents Log

Plan Your Dive – Trip

I am sitting here trying to think of what interesting topic I can write about for the next President's Log for our newsletter. As usual, I am stumped. After all, do I really have anything to say that would interest all of you? No, but that never seems to stop me. Quel damage!

In about a month I am going with Anacapa Dive to Grand Turk for what promises to be a fantastic dive experience. I sit here thinking about that trip, and wanting to make sure that I remember to bring everything that I need while I am there. Suddenly, it hits me. My topic has presented itself to me like the first slap in the face of water after a giant stride off a dive boat. I want to write about planning a dive trip. The things that we all do, but might want to have as a written resource to refer to when actually doing the tasks that lead up to the trip.

I know you all have your own methods that you employ when getting ready. So this is not intended to tell you how to do it. But I will provide some additional resources that you might find helpful when planning your next aquatic adventure.

We all know how valuable the internet has become. Travel. Dining. Dive shops. It's all there for the clicking. There are so many websites that a compendium of them would take volumes, which I know the newsletter could not handle, and you do not want to read. So I want to point out a few sites that you might find useful.

Weather sites are great for advance planning. But did you know that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA) has a site that allows you to access all of their buoys around the world? It is called the National Data Buoy Center

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>. It provides data from any buoy in the system, including wave height, air temperature and - taa daa – water temperature. That is soo great. Now you can log on and see whether you will need your 7 mil, your 5 mil, your 3 mil, or just you. For those of us who are Celsius challenged, <http://www.onlineconversion.com> will do the math for you.

Another great site for dive trips is Undercurrent.org. <http://undercurrent.org>. That site provides useful information about dive locations, including contributions from divers who have been to various destinations, their feedback, both positive and negative, and other valuable resources. Much of the site is open to the public, but parts are member only. It is well worth the small fee to join, as they have very good stuff.

If you are traveling out of the US it might be nice to know what your dollar is worth where you are going. Yahoo has an easy to use currency converter at <http://finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter>.

Enough about that, what about that nasty part where you have to decide what to bring? If you are like my wife, you can simply put everything out onto the bed, try on your entire wardrobe, and then narrow it down to what will fit into that carry-on. But there must be a better way. Over the years I have created, modified, then modified again, a packing list for my scuba trips. It is truly helpful to have that printed out when packing things away the day or so before departure. Then, as each item is stored into my bags I actually check it off the list so I know I will have what I intended to bring. I also use it a week or two in advance to see what items I need to acquire in advance so that I am not in a mad panic the night before the trip. I am including the list here so that

you can save it, copy it, and print it out when you need it too.

There is so much more that I could add regarding planning your trip, but you are all experienced divers, and travelers, so I do not think I need to tell you more. Suffice it to say, that a little planning can make any dive experience so much more pleasant. And easier. And, let's face it. The planning is part of the fun!

New Club Meeting Location

**We are meeting at the
Sizzler**

**on Hollister Ave In Goleta.
5555 Hollister Ave (Hollister and 217)**

**You order your food as you come in and
then go to the back room.**

Santa Cruz Campout

We have reserved group campsite "C" at Scorpion Harbor Campground on Santa Cruz Island for Friday and Saturday evenings July 23 and 24. The club has paid for the campsites. You must arrange transportation to the Island.

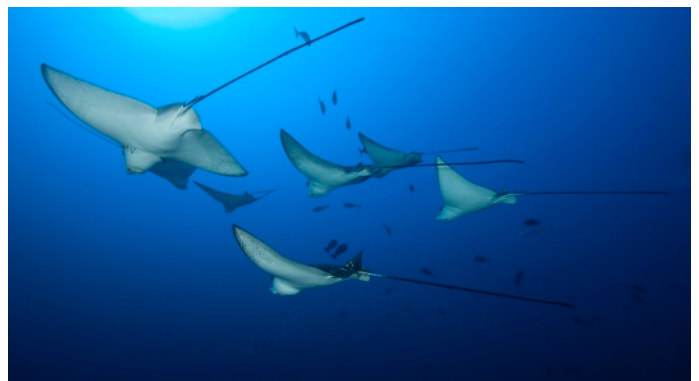
IslandpackersContact Rich
Cirincione@ngc.com for more info.

Refugio Dive, Kayak, BBQ Aug 14th Saturday 9:30-?

Due to the enthusiastic response to last months kayak trip, we will be having a beach dive and kayak day at Refugio Beach .Saturday August 14th 9:30 AM We will meet at the usual spot on the west end of the Beach. We will get a BBQ going. Bring something to cook and share..Contact Jerry Sorich for more info

jasorich@cox.net

Photos from the Maldivive by Justin Lewis



PDC Kayak Trip

by Laurel Mehler

So... not everything goes as planned, even when planned. John Kushwara was SO very kind to loan two kayaks to Alex and myself. My memory, however, is not what it once was. We found John's place, but could not find paddles anywhere. We even invaded the beautiful backyard of his lovely new home searching for them. John was gone for the day, apparently not in immediate proximity to his cell phone, so I started calling other club members trying to find someone with paddles. No luck. Then: luck. I



happened to open the hatch of one of the kayaks and ... lo and behold: 2 paddles, leashes, etc. Locked and loaded onto Alex's monster vehicle, away we were.... to join the rest of the crew at Hendry's Beach. Not a huge group- more of an intimate gathering.

The good Axtells were just offshore, waiting to watch over our group. Slightly overcast morning.. probably just as well. Unfortunately, we found rather significant surf (for kayakers) at Hendry's and thought it better to head to the finish line to start. Catch: our guardian angels either couldn't see or didn't understand our wild gesticulations as we tried to communicate the change of plans. We figured to call them, but those amongst us had only their

landline phone number. Tried making a sign with my cell phone number so that they'd know to call us, but... they couldn't see it. Seemed like we were the crew on Gilligan's Island. I don't know who made contact with them, but after a while our troops convoyed back to Shoreline, where the surface was flat.... until I tried to get into the water and a 12' wave broke!

After that, absolutely perfect and wonderful day. Not too hot, with the cloud cover, smooth with just a bit of swell (maybe seemed like more to those with motion sickness). We headed northwest... no particular rush or destination; we were joined briefly by playful dolphins and a sea lion on our way out. We decided to turn around somewhere short of Hendry's. The return trip seemed to go a bit faster than the outbound. A few had already headed to shore by the time we got back to the entry area; with no sign of them, the Axtells graciously offered to prepare BBQ at Sea for us! So, we hung out, having grilled dogs and pretzels just offshore for a bit.

Alex and I learned something very powerful on this day. John K was absolutely right: separate kayaks can be much easier than a tandem!! (And I'm a lot less bossy when I'm flying solo!) Since our destination was actually at the harbor to return the kayaks, after the BBQ we headed around the breakwater. OMG!! What a workout! We finished exhausted, had a great time, and are looking forward to next time. Anyone wanting to unload unused kayaks????

Ahoy, mates!

Laurel

Deco Stop

Friday July 9th 5:30
Endless Summer Bar and Grill

Diving Packing List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traveler's checks & cash | <input type="checkbox"/> Log book (Carry-on) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Card(s) (Carry-on) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulator (Carry-on) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tickets and itinerary | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit and telephone cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Dive watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance card | <input type="checkbox"/> Dive Tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contact information | <input type="checkbox"/> BCD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle and safety sausage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandals | <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure suit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dive Knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket/Sweater | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Light (if night diving) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light-weight slacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Light (back-up or day use) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Marker light for night diving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Mesh gear bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate and pencil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare Parts & Dive Tool Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuits | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera & Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and container | <input type="checkbox"/> Lens / camera cleaning items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions, vitamins (Carry-on) | <input type="checkbox"/> Book or magazines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook and pen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb and brush | <input type="checkbox"/> iPod & Cables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun screen | <input type="checkbox"/> Small binoculars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mask | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit with safety pins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fins | <input type="checkbox"/> Padlock for dive lockers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snorkel | <input type="checkbox"/> Lip balm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mask Defog | <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nalgene | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonine |

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 Sharon Coffield at:

membership@paradisediveclub.org

Newsletter

Send newsletter items to Jerry Sorich at"

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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
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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Meeting Place

**The June 29nd meeting will take place at
The Sizzler at 5555 Hollister Ave, Goleta**