

March 2011

## President's Log

It is great living in an area like ours, with so many resources available to us divers. It is true that some of us may feel that the water is a little too cool at times to fully enjoy these resources, but we do endeavor to persevere.

We, in the club, are also lucky to have a large group of friends, with varied experience and interests, whom we can also use as resources in our diving. We have the California Diving News available to us every month to provide us a state wide perspective. Lastly, but not least, we have great resources in our sponsors.

As we discussed at length during our February meeting, we have lost one of our major resources with the closing of Anacapa Dive Center. Anacapa was a full service shop that filled most of a diver's needs, from tank fills and training classes, to repairs and sales, to local and warm water trip planning. Almost every member of our club has done business with Anacapa over the years.

Let us not despair, for in our time of loss, we can find others to fill our voids (and empty tanks). Let us not forget the rest of our sponsoring family. With Truth Aquatics, Santa Barbara Aquatics, Blue Water Hunter, and now Channel Islands Dive Adventures, we should still have all of our bases covered as far as our diving needs go.

We are lucky to still have a dedicated group of professionals available for us. We all know the economy is being hard on all, but let us all hope that the remainder of our sponsors can weather these tough times, and we can continue to support each other.

Don't forget, if you need information for making your dive plans, visit our sponsors' websites and our PDC site ([paradisediveclub.org](http://paradisediveclub.org)) to see all they have to offer.

Brad

## Erwan's What's it?



**Answer to January Erwan's What's it: Bonellia Viridis or Ver de Bonelli in the local tongue. The photo was of the "nose" of the worm that lives under rocks, exposing only its nose. The exposed portion is often up to 1 meter (yard) long. Photo taken in the Reserve of Banyuls, French Mediterranean.**

*Valérie Lent*

# APPS: TAG READERS and PADI

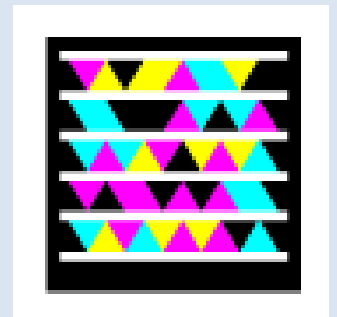
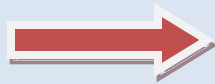
Scuba enthusiasts can go green and get more and more information on their digital devices, thanks to the growing number of apps. I found two very useful ones, which you can download for free on your Smart phone, I Pod or I Pad. The first one is the PADI app, which helps you find dive operators, locate them on a map, provide their contact info, using a choice of options, including using your current location.

Another excellent app is the free Tag Reader application. If, like me, you are an avid reader of Dive Training Magazine, you will have noticed their numerous tags. Just point your device's camera

to the tag, and in milliseconds it will automatically open a webpage related to the article you were reading, providing more detail than could fit in the magazine's article.

Once you have scanned a tag, it saves automatically, and you can access the site by hitting the history button. It is a very practical tool for trips to dive destinations. And you will of course use your tag reader to access any tagged information around you. No more typing long web addresses on your mobile browser!

Submitted by Valérie Lent

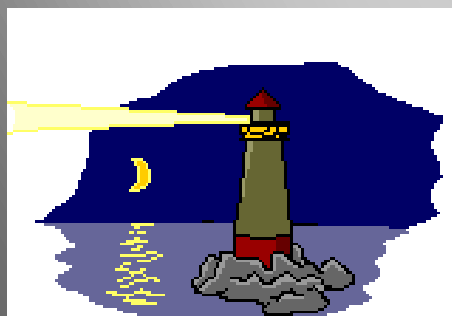


## PDC THURSDAY NIGHT DIVES!

TO FIND OUT WHERE THE GROUP WILL BE DIVING, OR TO BE ADDED TO THE NIGHT DIVE E-MAIL LIST, SIGN UP AT

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[PDC midweek dive-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:pdc_midweek_dive_subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



# Photos by Erwan Lent



## Deco Stop

**The Friday the week after  
the monthly club  
meeting at 5:30 PM  
Endless Summer Bar  
and Grill on the  
Waterfront**



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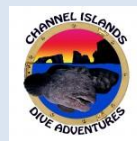
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