

August 2011

President's Log

As my year as club president comes to a close, I would like to address a shortcoming I feel guilty about. We are a LOCAL club, yet most of my writing has been about far off dive destinations. So, for this last log, here you go:

I just had my first time experience diving off the Spectre, out of the Ventura Harbor, on a four tank day trip that I booked through our sponsor, Santa Barbara Aquatics. The question I ask myself, now that I dove the Spectre, "Why did you wait so long to do it?!" What a great, fun filled day! And the early departure was not a problem, as most of us took the opportunity of arriving the night before and sleeping soundly in the bunks.

We did four shallow dives (deepest I went was 44 feet) during the course of the day and did we ever check some boxes! The first dive put us on an amazing site where the water was filled with hundreds of salp chains, and even though several divers got their faces stung by them, everybody marveled at the sight.

The second dive provided us with interesting structure, to which the concise dive briefing directed us efficiently.

The third dive was the one that got our first "Waows!!!" as we, along with most of the divers, experienced Giant Black Sea Bass sightings during our exploration of the interesting Winfield Scott wreck.

Dive four was one that is for the memory banks. Forty plus minutes of interacting with sea lions! The crew put us on a perfect spot and noticed a hole in the kelp where the sea lions were active. We hopped in, kicked over to the hole, and enjoyed an amazing show in an underwater amphitheater. What a day of diving! As this was my first experience with the Spectre and crew, I didn't know what to expect. If I had had the highest expectations, they would have been met or surpassed. The crew is experienced and professional, and will answer all questions. The boat is comfortable and well laid out for diving. The tank refills were quick and complete. The dive briefings were complete with good directions given. As this was a weekend trip, breakfast, lunch, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages were included in the price.

Want a perfect way to spend a day? Go out to Anacapa on the Spectre.

Brad

PS: You can check out Erwan's videos of the sea lions on our Facebook page.

Erwan's What's it?



**Answer to July Erwan's What's it:
Glasseye Snapper
Key Largo, FL**

Valérie Lent



Belated photos of this winter's Land Shark day



Photos by Steven Trainoff

FUTURE EVENTS

- **August 20: Club members' Picnic/Dive/swap Meet at Arroyo Burro Beach. Meet at 10:00 AM. The club will provide meat, BBQ supplies, soft drinks and water.**

Please bring a dish to share.



- **September 17: Beach cleanup at Tijeguas**



- **October 29: Pumpkin Dive at Goleta Beach**

- **November 19: Golf Ball Challenge**



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- **December ?? : December Party with white whale gift**



exchange

GREAT EVENT THIS MONTH!

This is free, but you need to register to attend one of these REEF Fish and Invertebrate ID classes –

Details from Janna, Outreach coordinator from REEF:

Learn how to identify many of your local California fish, invertebrates and algae you see on your dives. Join us for two FREE classes that are bound to increase your enjoyment of diving!

Geared towards regular divers - this is not a marine biology course but rather a fun way for divers to learn what they're seeing underwater. We'll be using common names, not scientific names, and focus on how to ID each critter.

Want to put your newfound knowledge to good use? These classes also help

divers learn how to become citizen scientists for REEF and help monitor California marine life on their recreational dives. Data gathered goes into REEF's online database to help students, researchers, scientists, etc. (see www.reef.org)

Friday August 12th, 6pm - 9:30pm California Invertebrate ID

Saturday August 13th, 9:30am - 1pm California Fish ID

Location will be in Room 1302, Marine Science Auditorium at UCSB.

Parking after 5pm and on Saturday is \$3 in the UCSB parking lot.

*****Classes are free but you must register online here:*****

<http://www.pnWSCUBA.com/critterwatchers/classregistration.htm>

Taught by Janna Nichols, REEF's Outreach Coordinator - classes are guaranteed fun or your money back....(hmmm!)

Questions? Contact janna@reef.org

Spread the word! Everyone is welcome!

Submitted by Valérie

**PDC THURSDAY
NIGHT DIVES!**

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THE GROUP WILL BE
DIVING, OR TO BE
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**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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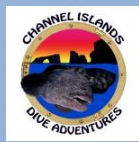
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