



October 2012

Lobster Opener

President's Log

Several club members recently spent the weekend hiking and diving on Santa Cruz Island. It was an interesting experience to head out to the Channel Islands on a boat other than a charter dive boat! With this trip I had an exciting revelation. There are many fun and interesting things to do above and below the water. Hiking, diving, kayaking, beachcombing and hanging out!

Because this was so much fun, similar to the Monterey Bay trip, we will plan on having more of these styles of trips in the future. These little excursions, while short, provide the club and its members with opportunities that I feel that we should be exploring. After all, when was the last time you camped on an island?

I am looking forward to organizing more of these styles of trips in the future.

Any suggestions from club members would be welcomed.

Kellen Tobin

The Paradise Dive Club had an outstanding showing last night at Butterfly Beach for the lobster season opener consisting of one club member: S. Trainoff. Perhaps the recent sighting of a Great White Shark at Stern's Wharf had something to do with the lack of enthusiasm. Either that or it was the 12:01 am call. In any case the lobsters are safe for another day since I only saw three shorts. Although I did see a big shark. When I dropped down I almost landed on a 6ft Angel shark.

Thanks for the report Steve!

5 Easy Navigation Tips

As reported in SCUBA Diving Magazine

Ever had a tough time finding your way back to the boat or to your shore entry point? It happens to all of us, but if you want to make sure getting back to the boat or beach is as easy as getting in, we've got some great underwater navigation tips.

5 Tips for Easy Underwater Navigation

- 1. Get Briefed.** Good underwater navigation starts before you even get in the water. If you and your buddy are diving independently, get a thorough site description--and a map, if possible--from a local dive shop or other divers at the site. If you're on a chartered dive boat, pay close attention to the divemaster's briefing. He or she can impart valuable information about the site's features, depth range and currents so you and your buddy can create a dive plan. Discuss your profile and the time or air pressure at which you'll turn around, and decide on a basic route.
- 2. Follow the Leader.** One diver should take the lead before you even get in the water. It isn't practical for both divers in a buddy pair to attempt to navigate on a dive. If you're leading, concentrate on the planned path. Your buddy should monitor time, depth and distance.
- 3. Start at the Beginning.** If diving from a boat, enter the water and either surface swim to the mooring or anchor line and descend there, or drop down behind the boat and swim underwater to the mooring or anchor. Always start your dive at the point where the boat connects to the bottom. When diving from the beach, surface swim past the waves to where you plan to make your descent.
- 4. Make a Note.** Whether diving from the beach or the boat, natural navigation starts as soon as your head goes under the water. Note natural references like sand patches, rock formations, pillar corals or brain corals or whatever," advises Andy Phillips, training director for the Utila Dive Centre in Honduras. If you make mental notes of features you can remember, you can use those physical markers to find your way back.
- 5. Time the Dive.** Swim away from your starting point for a predetermined length of time, and then turn around and swim roughly the same length of time back the opposite direction. If there's current, head into it on the way out--in this case, the return trip won't take quite as long. Watch your air consumption as well. It's a good idea to follow the rule of thirds: Use one-third of your air on the way out, one-third on the way back and leave one-third for exploring near the boat and making a safety stop.



October 27th Pumpkin Carving Contest.
Goleta Beach 9am
BBQ to follow

17 November: Golf Ball Challenge at Goleta Beach
9am meet time
BBQ to follow.



HO HO HO Holiday Party

December 16th.

Gift exchange –White Elephant

Door prizes

Awesome raffle—so bring a few \$\$\$.

Don't miss Kellen dancing—

More details to follow



NEXT CLUB MEETING.....Steak...Seafood....Sizzler

30 October. 6:30 pm food 7:00 meeting begins

Spread the word! Everyone is welcome!

In the news and various info

Here's the link to our club's Facebook page.

If you haven't become a friend or "liked" the page, now is the time to do so.

Check back frequently for updated info, find a dive buddy, who's diving where, any thoughts or comments of the day, updated calendar etc. etc.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paradise-Dive-Club/317660280013>

Go now. Don't delay. The internet is waiting....



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](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PDC_midweek_dive), OR SEND E-MAIL TO PDC_midweek_dive_subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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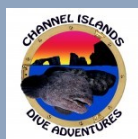
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