



**April 2014**

## President's Log

Look a newsletter!

Thank you all for your continued participation in our great dive club. I look forward to serving as Club President again and will continue to do so until there's a coup.

Please read Paul's article about Lobster season and remember, if we want a newsletter, we need you, the members, to write articles. Send 'em to [Paul@TheEagleInn.com](mailto:Paul@TheEagleInn.com)



## Ending Lobster Season

This year I decided to take a trip on The Vision out of Truth Aquatics as a good way to end lobster season. The destination was advertised as the outer islands. Sounds good I thought. Perhaps there'll be more lobster out there. Or at least there'll be some good dives. So I paid up and prepared myself for a couple of days onboard.

The days before the trip I noticed the wind had picked up. I checked the weather underground web site and the NOAA site and discovered that there was a gale warning, 35 knot winds and 11 – 15 foot waves. Hmm I thought. I wonder if the trip will go. I called Truth Aquatics on Monday morning and inquired. Yes, we're going they said. The boat is full and the captain intends on leaving. Better get some Bonine my wife said. Nah said I....

I hesitantly packed my gear and boarded the boat at 8pm on Monday night. The wind was howling. The boat was rocking (not like that) and indeed it was full. There was the usual scramble for bunks and the usual sorting out that gets done. I ended up with a single bunk close to the stern. Pretty good I thought. Less motion than the bow bunks would get.

I set up my gear on the starboard side rail close to the stern. Away from the gates and kind of by myself. Good spot I thought. Not too much traffic from the gate and there was a bench that I could sit on to don my gear. Perfect.

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There were a dozen or more divers who were associated with a dive shop in San Luis Obispo and another group who had come from a dive shop in Santa Cruz. A few were beginner divers having just recently earned their open water certificates. And the rest of the passengers were ones and twos. Some locals, others from as far as San Francisco.

I settled into my bunk in preparation for a rough and rocky ride. At 4am we left the dock. Yup lots of swell. But I was already asleep and the motion wasn't so bad. By about 7am we were approaching Santa Rosa and the ocean and wind was calm in the lee of the islands. Fantastic. And I didn't get sea sick!

We started diving on the back side of Santa Rosa and the dives came fast and furious. Six or seven plus a night dive the first day, and four dives the second day. I couldn't keep up. The water was about 50 degrees and I was getting colder and colder and colder. No dive five and six and no night dive for me.

By then I'd grabbed 5 bugs and was feeling quite satisfied. Many of the other divers were spearing fish left and right. At least ten ling cod, lots and lots of rock fish and a few big Sheepshead. I got a great view of all the fish being cleaned because my perfect gear spot that I'd laid out the previous night just happened to be the spot where they put the cleaning table. So in order to get my tank, I had to duck under the table. Anyway, I learned how to filet a fish!

Dinner was tri-tip and, as usual when you're diving, tasted great. I had a beer or two and then was introduced to pickle backs. This is a shot of whiskey followed by a shot of pickle juice. Sounds disgusting....but maybe it was the nitrogen load....I liked it!

Next morning, with a throbbing head, I woke up to find that we were at Talcott Shoals. The swell was big and rolling in, so we stayed about half a mile offshore. I usually see quite a few at Talcott, but not this time. After three dives I decided to call it quits. Took a hot shower, had lunch and settled in for a sunny return trip on the top deck.

I had a really good time on this trip. Two thumbs up!

Paul Bullock



## Monthly Club Meeting

Tuesday March 25th.

Cody's Restaurant

6:30pm (Bring raffle ticket money)

## Clam Dive

La Jenelle near Silver Strand Beach in Oxnard

Saturday 3/22/14 1pm

Bring your gear, license, digging implement and clam gauge

## The Conception

One day dive trip to the outer islands. (it's gonna be fun)

Board the boat April 4th after 8pm.

Contact Kellen to sign up if you'd like to go.

**Spread the word! Everyone is welcome!**

## In the news and various info



Lobster Season....Opens on  
September 27th, 2014.  
Will you be ready??



TO FIND OUT WHERE THE  
GROUP WILL BE DIVING,  
FIND THE LATEST CLUB  
NEWS OR TO BE ADDED TO  
THE E-MAIL LIST, JUST  
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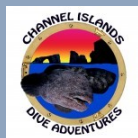
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