



**May 2014**

## Presidents Log

Congratulations are in order for our president, Kellen Tobin.

He

recently attained

Certification as a SSI

“Dive Control

Specialist” AKA

Assistant Instructor.

That’s right, he’s going

to be molding the minds of our future divers!

Well Done Kellen!!!

Weather or Not

Three AM. That is when the engine turned over and the Conception pulled out of the harbor. Within what seemed like moments, you could feel what you had already known if you looked at the weather report. This was going to be rough.

As some of you might have either experienced or heard, the San Miguel trip made it all the way out to Santa Cruz Island. It was a mostly beautiful day, sunny skies and a mild breeze ... at least until we headed home. Then it was, by far, the worst crossing I had ever experienced.

But, after filleting my fish, and washing my gear, I thought: let this not deter us. And as such, even though the weather might have gotten the best of us this time, it will not get the better of us all the time. And if the weather doesn't let us dive, there are other things that we can do. And so, as the club grows, thru our new Meetup site and webpage, as our raffle prizes get better and better, and as the club gets new sponsors, we will continue to put together trips and events that will be both exciting and memorable. Weather or not.

Kellen

# Recent dive club activities



Conception Trip to  
Outer Islands  
April 4th & 5th, 2014



50 degree water.  
Sunny skies  
Wind Wind Wind  
Big waves on the  
return trip but a  
fun time none-the-  
less. Thanks to all  
those who came.  
Let's do it again!



# 5 Things You Can Do To Help Save The Oceans <sup>3</sup>

## **1. Mind Your Carbon Footprint and Reduce Energy Consumption**

Reduce the effects of climate change on the ocean by leaving the car at home when you can and being conscious of your energy use at home and work. A few things you can do to get started today: Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs, take the stairs, and bundle up or use a fan to avoid oversetting your thermostat.

## **2. Make Safe, Sustainable Seafood Choices**

Global fish populations are rapidly being depleted due to demand, loss of habitat, and unsustainable fishing practices. When shopping or dining out, help reduce the demand for overexploited species by choosing seafood that is both healthful and sustainable.

## **3. Use Fewer Plastic Products**

Plastics that end up as ocean debris contribute to habitat destruction and entangle and kill tens of thousands of marine animals each year. To limit your impact, carry a reusable water bottle, store food in non-disposable containers, bring your own cloth tote or other reusable bag when shopping, and recycle whenever possible.

## **4. Help Take Care of the Beach**

Whether you enjoy diving, surfing, or relaxing on the beach, always clean up after yourself. Explore and appreciate the ocean without interfering with wildlife or removing rocks and coral. Go even further by encouraging others to respect the marine environment or by participating in local beach cleanups.

## **5. Don't Purchase Items That Exploit Marine Life**

Certain products contribute to the harming of fragile coral reefs and marine populations. Avoid purchasing items such as coral jewelry, tortoiseshell hair accessories (made from hawksbill turtles), and shark products.

## Are Sea Cucumbers Animals or Vegetables?



Found only in salt water, more than a thousand species of sea cucumbers exist around the world. These squishy invertebrates are echinoderms, making them distant relatives to starfish and urchins. Unlike starfish or sea urchins, the bodies of sea cucumbers are covered with soft, leathery skin instead of hard spines.

If you ever encounter a sea cuke and he feels threatened, you could be in for a surprise. Some sea cucumbers shoot sticky threads at their enemies, entangling and confusing predators. Others can violently contract their muscles and shoot some of their internal organs out of their rear ends. The missing body parts are quickly regenerated.

Most sea cucumbers are scavengers, moving along the seafloor and feeding on tiny particles of algae or microscopic marine animals collected with tube feet that surround their mouths. The particles they grind down to smaller pieces are further broken down by bacteria and become part of the ocean's nutrient cycle. This is a similar role to that which earthworms perform on land.

Sea cucumbers are enjoyed as meals for other critters such as fish and crabs. In some places, especially Asia, sea cucumbers are considered a delicacy and are enjoyed by humans.

Sea cukes are certainly a little odd, and definitely not something you'd ever find in your garden.



**Future dive club activities**  
**Stay Tuned for more info..**

Leo Carrillo Camping/Diving Trip

July 11—14th, 2014

Instead of going to Monterrey this year,  
we'll be heading South. (hopefully it'll  
be warmer!)

Golf Ball Challenge

May 17th. Goleta Beach



9:30am



Pumpkin Carving Contest

Near the end of October

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

# In the news and various info



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



**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  
[FACEBOOK.COM/PARADISEDIVECLUB](https://www.facebook.com/paradisediveclub) OR SEND E-MAIL TO  
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**Deco Stop**  
**May 9th**  
**Hollister Brewing Company**

**5:30 pm**





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Home to the dive boats *Truth, Conception, & Vision*

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**Santa Barbara Aquatics**

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Indoor heated pool ;SSI, NAUI, PADI instruction; kayaking; sales; rentals; free air fills (for club members).

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**Blue Water Hunter/DeepThought Diving Products**

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