

The Pacific Explorer February 2008

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The next meeting is the second Wednesday of the month. Pre-meeting Social at 6:30 p.m. and our monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Denny's on Topanga just north of Roscoe in Canoga Park.



Speakers of the month...

Mark Navas will be speaking on his recent trip to Cozumel.

December 4th-12th Carla & I dove the 7 mile long Palancar reef system in Cozumel Mexico. Due to the swift ocean currents, typical 200 foot water visibility and 78F-83F ocean temperatures, Cozumel is our favorite dive destination. We've been going back since 1990 and find it always has the best marine life compared to any other spot we've dove from the Bahamas through the south

Caribbean Islands to Barbados. I'll be giving a photo presentation and details on Cozumel at the February 13th club meeting. You can get a preview of the photos at the link below.

These shots are from using my old Nikon V 35mm film camera using a 28mm lens (wide angle) and a 35mm lens with a 2:1 close-up tube (macro close-ups).

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BEACH DIVE: Saturday, February 9th, Corral Beach

The February club beach dive is Saturday the 9th at 9:00 AM. Surf permitting this is an easy dive with a short hike and short swim to the kelp bed. Directions are as follows; take Las Virgenes Road (Malibu Canyon) to PCH and turn right, take PCH to just before the 76 station make a U turn and park along the highway just past the access road to the beach....Mike Bushell

BOAT DIVE: Saturday, February 23rd, Catalina Express and the Avalon Clean-up



The Avalon Harbor Clean-up is a unique opportunity to dive the harbor at Avalon. You enter from one of several different locations and can dive under the green pier and under the boats in the harbor. There are fish and critters to see, including mantis shrimp (watch your fingers!), in addition to the junk that you bring out of the water. There are awards for unique items retrieved from the water. Also, there is a raffle.

You can dive Casino Point afterwards or hang out and enjoy the scenery. There is even an inexpensive shower facility midway between town and Casino Point so you don't have to stay salty all day. The registration packet for the clean-up includes a discount coupon for the Catalina Express. So register early and make your reservations!... Karen Noris



A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

2008 is getting off to a really good start with both of the club's January events turning out to be great days. The Escondido beach dive was very well attended with 11 divers showing up. While the visibility could have been better the weather was excellent and it was a really fun day. The Great Escape trip to Catalina was another beautiful day with pretty good vis. I found myself torn between wishing there were more club members on the boat and loving the fact that we had so much room to move around on the deck with only 14 divers on board.

UPCOMING

Both Karen Norris and Mike Bushell have been hard at work planning out dives for the upcoming months, so there should be no lack of opportunities for folks to get wet this year. Karen has some very interesting options coming up, and I know Liz and I are already excited about them, so don't hesitate to sign up for events thinking you might be "solo". Mike is doing a great job planning beach dives during the most difficult time of the year to be doing so with all the storms blowing through. In the coming months, there are a lot of diverse opportunities for all levels of divers on the schedule. The January trip to Catalina was a great example. The dives were interesting enough to keep the more seasoned folks happy, and not so advanced that less experienced divers wouldn't be able to do them. I have to admit I was a bit disappointed that more folks weren't with us on the Great Escape. I hope everyone takes a look at the schedule and makes plans to come join us for some fun days diving around SoCal.

As I write this, the Cozumel trip is very nearly full. We are really looking forward to this trip which promises to be a great experience for everyone. If you've been sitting on the fence, now's the time to act! For everyone coming on the trip, the deadline for getting your final payment to us will be MARCH 12...the March general club meeting. This will ensure that we get the final payments to the resort and airline in time.

SPECIAL TOPIC

One thing that I feel very strongly about, and that I hope to get our club involved in to a greater degree in 2008, is the California Ships to Reefs (CS2R) project. This is the effort that is being put together to take decommissioned Navy ships that are just resting in storage, clean them up so that they are safe for the ocean environment, make them safe for potential diver penetration, and sink them as artificial reefs along the California coast. This project has the potential to create some absolutely incredible new dive sites in California waters, help properly dispose of these ships which may otherwise end up being dismantled overseas with MUCH less consideration for release of hazardous materials into the ocean, and provide excellent new habitats for marine animals. The project has a long way to go, and there is a lot of work which needs to be done.

In the coming months I'm going to be bugging you all to help support the CS2R project in a number of ways. Whether it is donating much needed funds, volunteering your time to advance the project, or to just be ambassadors for the concept by speaking positively about it to your families, friends, and coworkers, there are LOTS of opportunities to help make this dream a reality. Liz and I along with Dave and Kathy are starting off this coming weekend (last weekend in January) by attending a workshop being presented by the Sunken Treasures Society of Los Angeles, the LA county based chapter of CS2R, to find out exactly how our the club might help further this worthy effort. We will hopefully get lots of ideas how to get folks involved in this wonderful endeavor. Stay tuned!!!!

DIVE ON...

*Your President,
Kevin Sullivan*

Redondo Beach Beach Dive, Finally!!!!

The mid afternoon sun reflects off the water as Dave Carlson and I look out over the ocean. It doesn't get any better than this I think to myself. The sky is clear and the surf seems willing to cooperate. The three o'clock meet time rolls past and we decide to go diving.

A car stops as I begin the wet suit dance. The driver stares at us for a few seconds before we recognize Phillip Frady. Dave greets him and we begin the pre dive hubbub, glorifying our will to swim deep into Redondo Canyon in the middle of winter. That is, until we learn that Dave is diving dry. No glory for Dave.

We wade through the surf and water begins to leak through the seams of my wetsuit. I momentarily reconsider the attitude that leads me to dive in this shred of neoprene held together by three tubes of aqua seal. After a month out of the water I'm not heading back.

Once underwater Dave takes the lead. Phillip follows and they begin to chase the scent of squid egg. I lag behind discovering a group of pipe fish pretending to be sea grass. Nearby a yellow crab has buried himself in the sand. I stop to unearth him and when I look up the others are gone. I head in the direction that I last saw them but no luck. On the way back up the slope I find several small patches of squid eggs.

The sun is on the horizon as I surface. I rush towards the parking lot hoping to take photos of the orange sky with maroon clouds hanging over the sea. Back at the parking lot Phillip is preparing to search out a hot shower and Dave Bentley has just arrived. He dons his wetsuit as I try to shiver some warmth back into my bones.

Dave Carlson and I decide to buddy up for the second dive. Night has begun and there are strange critters about. He points out a large white shrimp and I can't help but think that it would look good on a plate covered in golden fried bread crumbs. Deeper into the canyon we spot several pair of mating squid and a hand full of baby octopi. Late into the dive I discover a halibut the length of my arm.

The full moon hangs over the city when we surface. Kathy meets us in the parking lot fifteen minutes later. I am once again glad that I won the beer bong shower in the club raffle as two gallons of hot water pour down my wetsuit. Russell and Carol meet us on the way El Torito for dinner. I am glad to have spent the day with friends...*Craig Hoover*



Escondido Beach Dive in January, part 1

The Club Beach Dive for January 2008 was on the 12th at Escondido Beach in Malibu. I was driving along PCH in Santa Monica when I noticed that the surf is a bit nasty at about 4-5 ft. I'm conditioning myself to dive the face-slapper waves since I took a glance at it around Pacific Palisades. The surf stayed about the same even along Corral Beach. It was a bright sunny morning when I arrived 8am at the dive sight. I was surprised to see the conditions at this beach. The surf that morning was coming in nonstop but only about 1-2 ft. at Escondido

Beach. I walked along the shoreline watching some fishermen on kayaks try their luck that morning. I don't know if Mike Bushell is a psychic or he has a magic 8-ball for choosing this site. One by one the divers arrive with grin on their faces, maybe they noticed the beach condition here or they are just happy divers from California. At around 9am everybody started suiting up, there were 11 divers for this day, Liz & Kevin Sullivan, Kathy & Dave, Mike Bushell, Dave Bently, Alex Gorokhov, David Pearce, Paul Janke, Craig Hoover and myself.

I paired up with Craig. Our dive plan is to head straight out past the kelp beds turn around at about 35ft and leisurely comb the bottom going back to shore. We descended just before the kelp beds with 3000 on our tanks and hit the bottom at 21ft. The water temperature was a warm 57 deg. and viz was about 3-5ft. We headed south for about 15 minutes then turn west for another 15. The viz did not improve and we got separated. I surfaced to meet up with Craig and we decided to go further out since we did not find much around this area. At 40ft the viz is about 10ft give or take an inch. At this point I signal Craig for a turn around for I only have 1200psi. For about 40 minutes in the water we saw only a few small fish, a few small lobsters, a small octopus and a bunch of debris in the water. We were swimming back to shore at 35ft when we stumbled upon a small reef that is very healthy. Under the rocks were at least 10 lobster although only one seems legal and doesn't want to come home with us since it backed-up into a deep crevice. This reef is covered with gorgonians and also surrounded with tons of larger than average fish including 4 male sheephead that were about 2.5-3ft. We circled this reef enjoying the view and also hoping for that lobster to join us. Again, we got separated and met at the surface. I told Craig to mark this spot and we called it 35ft directly in front of the hourglass shaped house. At this time we were still beyond the kelp beds and I'm down to 700psi and 1200psi for Craig. We decided to go down one more time and head straight to shore. When we got to our car, we saw a note from the other divers saying "We found the SPOT! Lots of fish, clams, shrimp also 100ft+ viz. . . . follow us to Malibu Seafood". So we did and we all enjoyed the catch of the day and each others company while watching pods of dolphins swimming back and forth along Corral Beach...*Eric Montoya*



ESCONDIDO BEACH, CLUB DIVE – JANUARY 12th part 2

The January club beach dive at Escondido beach came at a perfect time as it had been nearly 2 months since Liz and I had been in the water, and we were seriously in need of some H₂O immersion. There was just no better way to start off the new year than with a dive with fellow Explorers. We were very delighted when we arrived at the beach to find a very good group of people already congregated and evaluating the surf conditions...which looked GREAT! Ankle slappers are my idea of a promising day at the beach!



By the time everyone had arrived we ended up with 11 members at the beach including Liz and myself, Dave and Kathy, Mike Bushell, Dave Bentley, Craig Hoover, Eric Montoya, Paul Janke, David Pearce, and Alex Gorokhov. A hearty group indeed! Everyone geared up and started heading into the water in groups of 2 or 4. David Pearce ended up having to abort his dive before getting very far from the beach due to a faulty BC inflator...on a NEW BC! Ugh!! Sorry about that David....☹ !

Liz and I headed out to the inside edge of the VERY large kelp bed which was very close to shore. The kelp at Escondido is very prolific, and you could easily dive there all day and not cover the entire kelp forest. We started to descend and as we slipped beneath the surface we saw...not much at all because the vis was not good at 3 – 5 ft. It is still a weird feeling for me to be dropping down going “Where’s the bottom?.....uhhhh....No, really...where’s the bottom?...um....PLOP!!.....Oh, there it is.” We held hands as we swam underneath the kelp to the outer edge where visibility was only slightly better. The best we saw was MAYBE 10 ft., if you used your imagination. The water temp. was pretty cold too, with most everyone registering 55 deg. F on their computers.

We worked our way west weaving in and out of the outer edge of the kelp forest. There was the normal fish life hanging around (blacksmiths, opaleye, senioritas) and only a couple of nudibranchs here and there. On our way back Liz almost ran right over the top of a fairly large angel shark, which was a wonderful sighting for us shark geeks. I took some pretty up close shots of the shark which was surprisingly tolerant of the intrusion. Also unusual was the fact that he or she was kind of wedged between a couple of rock piles rather than spread out on the sand.

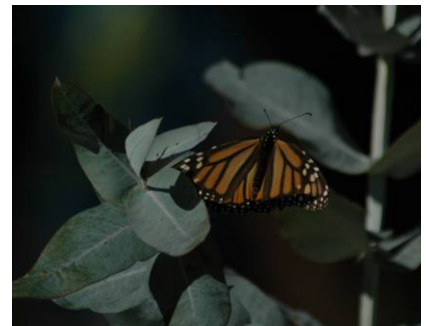


After everyone returned to the beach we all dried off and stowed our gear, and then headed to the Malibu Seafood market for some lunch. When we arrived at the restaurant, a small pod of dolphins were feeding on some bait fish VERY close to shore. It was almost enough to make us put our wetsuits on and head back into the water. But we figured they would either leave before we made it in, or bolt the second they saw us anyway, and so we opted for clam chowder and french fries instead.

The weather was absolutely beautiful, and we had a great time sharing our Saturday morning with everyone. It was a great way to start off the 2008 dive year!!! Thanks to everyone who made it a great morning!!!...*Kevin Sullivan*

California's Central Coast /Now for something on the dryer side.

We all know that living in the Los Angeles area is a rat race. However, one of the joys and advantages of living here is the ability to head out on any given weekend and experience amazing places and have close encounters with wildlife. In addition to the underwater world that we all love to visit, much can be seen topside as well. On a recent weekend I did just that and headed up to the central coast. In as little as an hour away one can feel the open road. Just past Santa Barbara the coastal area comes alive. I love the hills and views of the ocean. First stop Pismo Beach. Monarch butterflies winter here every year. Thousands can be seen fluttering about in the grove of trees next to the beach. We were lucky to have sunshine this first day because the butterflies are more active when the sun is out. On rainy days they stay clumped up high in the trees. A short drive from Pismo is San Luis Obispo. Here we had a late lunch and walked around the Mission San de Tolesa. Lots of history here in fishing and abalone hunting. The old library next to the mission had some great photos and relics from the days of plentiful fishing and the people behind it. Next it was on to Morro Bay where



we had a room for two nights. This time of year is the low season and lodging is inexpensive. Arriving just before sunset, the harbor offers great views of Morro Rock with the sun setting behind it. The following morning it was back on Hwy 1 north to Piedras Blancas. Piedras Blancas is a beach north of San Simeon where Elephant Seals have their babies every year. Hundreds can be seen just yards away from the viewing area basking in the sun. Ok, they just



kind of lie there, but occasionally a couple will get into a confrontation and liven things up a bit. There is also a lighthouse nearby, but it was closed for renovations. Plus, you never know who you are going to run into, maybe even another Pacific Explorer. Any good shots of the seals Mark? Another 7 miles north of Piedras Blancas is Ragged Point. It has a restaurant, hotel, gas station, and store. It is worth the stop for great views of the coast and has a trail leading down to a black sand beach. That day was a bit

cold and windy so we did not venture down the 300ft drop to the beach. On the way back to Morro Bay is the quaint town of Cambria. We did a stroll on famous Moonstone Beach, but by then a storm was blowing in so we didn't stay long. I still don't know what a moonstone looks like. Lunch of clam chowder in Cambria and a quick look through some of the shops, then back to Morro Bay in time for another great sunset at the pier. Apparently the fishing industry in this area is not doing well as the fishing boats were in poor repair and most didn't look like they were even sea-worthy. Another example of how over fishing and hunting can devastate not only the ocean environment but also the livelihood and economic life of an area. After another night in Morro Bay, it was time to head south. One more stop along the way in Solvang for a danish and a look at the mission in Solvang before heading home. I could have spent several more days exploring this area, but I'll save it for another trip, after all it is just a few hours away...*Jamie Nixon*

Pacific Explorers' January Great Escape to Catalina

A group of intrepid Pacific Explorers braved a potentially cold January Saturday to steal away on the Great Escape for a day of diving at Catalina. What might have been a chilly, overcast, crowded and miserable experience was instead a true pleasure. Sunny skies, a flat ocean, great food, and only 14 divers made for a super day of diving.

On the morning of January 19, Liz and Kevin Sullivan, David Pearce, and I found our selves on a surprisingly empty Great Escape. I particularly like this boat since it has an unusually large dive deck so that there is elbow room even with a full boat. After setting up our gear, we enjoyed made-to-order omelettes. Then we settled into the bunks below. I barely even noticed the transition from harbor to ocean. There was nary a swell! Sunny skies and a flat ocean greeted us as we arrived at Catalina.

Our first stop was Eagle Reef. We could see an extensive kelp bed. From the surface, it didn't look like there was much of a current. It also didn't look like the best visibility. Jumping in, I wasn't so concerned about whether I could see well or not – it was cold! The cold water stung my face! Ah, the joys of diving (not)! I soon forgot the cold as I concentrated on the dive. Eagle Reef is a lovely dive site. We dropped down into 60 feet of water and started our swim around the primary pinnacle of the reef that rises to within 15 feet of the surface. It is a pile of large boulders, so there is much to explore. All sorts of critters can be found in the myriad niches. Clouds of blacksmith and senioritas hovered above the reef and amongst the dense kelp.



Island kelpfish, black-eyed and blue-banded gobies were everywhere one looked. Here and there was an occasional lobster. Beautiful gorgonians had open polyps, waiting for something delicious to drift by. In the more shallow parts of the reef were lovely red algae, as dense as the shag rugs of the 70's. The viz opened up at times to more than 30 ft, exposing beautiful views of the reef and kelp forest.



We climbed back on the boat and were greeted with a delicious aroma. The Great Escape has a signature snack – fresh fruit and monkey bread. The monkey bread is a loaf of pull-apart dough glazed in a buttery cinnamon sauce. Divine! I filled up on the bread, fresh pineapple, cantaloupe, and cinnamon-dusted apples. I barely broke away from the food for the next dive – Bird Rock.

Thankfully we were upwind or perhaps there just wasn't the usual crowd of birds on the rock since we didn't smell the site. Once again we could see an extensive kelp bed surrounding the dive location. Bird Rock has a wonderful series of ledges surrounding the little island. Even though the kelp was dense, there weren't the numbers of fish that you would expect in a healthy grove. I suspect that the site is heavily fished, judging from the fishing weights I found. I saw numerous empty abalone shells and after scouring the bottom closely I did finally find one live abalone. He was only 3 to 4 inches across, but clearly alive as he ate the piece of kelp I offered him.

The last dive of the day followed a Mexican-style lunch and was at Isthmus Reef. This site, also densely covered in kelp, offers a variety of diving. Most of the reef is 30' or so deep. However at the far western and northern edge of the reef is a terrific wall. I love to swim to the edge of the wall and peer out, watching the schools of fish and sometimes jellyfish swim by. As with Eagle Reef, Isthmus Reef is a pile of huge boulders, providing hiding spaces for all sorts of critters. I enjoy searching for the shy zebra goby. I didn't see any this trip, but I did spot plenty of island kelpfish, giant kelpfish, and all sizes of blacksmith. I spotted a few good size kelp bass and sheephead and one juvenile sheephead. There was a well-disguised lavender-colored scorpionfish and in a sandy area a C-O sole. Isthmus Reef hasn't disappointed me yet!

From what I understood, Liz and Kevin haven't always enjoyed Isthmus Reef. They didn't purchase a fishing license before this dive trip. Naturally the lobster at Isthmus Reef reveled in their safety from the hunt. An entire brigade of bugs thumbed their proverbial noses at Liz and Kevin (see accompanying photo). I suspect this trip changed their opinion of the site. Next time they'll have current licenses!

The return to the mainland was just as smooth as the initial ride. We basked in the sunshine and enjoyed hot brownies and ice cream. What a terrific day – flat seas, lots of elbow room, great food, beautiful scenery, and superb company! It was a great way to start another year of diving...*Karen Noris*

Membership Update 103 Members

NEW MEMBERS

RENEWED MEMBERS

Jamie Nixon, Dave Leffert, Mike Herrera

THE NEXT LEVEL: Here is a list of Pacific Explorers that have made it to the next level in recreational or professional diving

Minutes of the Pacific Explorer's January Board and General Meetings *By Lynn Bushell*

Board members attending: Kevin Sullivan, Liz Sullivan, David Carlson, Russell Burt, Craig Hoover, Mike Bushell, Lynn Bushell, Kathy White and Karen Norris

Kevin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM at Mavericks in Simi Valley.

President-Kevin Sullivan: The 2008 Cozumel trip was discussed (20 people have signed up with a maximum of 26) regarding room assignments and travel plans. Final payment will be due at the March 2008 meeting. Kevin and Liz are looking into extra side trips. Further, Kevin discussed the clubs support of Ships to Reefs regarding the sinking of a wreck off of Los Angeles or Ventura Counties. Kevin will contact the Ventura Chapter of Ships to Reefs and Hollywood divers regarding same and report back.

Hosts for the Board of Directors meetings:

February – Russell Burt,	March – Dave Carlson & Kathy White,	April – Kevin Shapiro
May – Mike & Lynn Bushell,	June – Mike & Lynn Bushell,	July – Kevin & Liz Sullivan
August – Kevin Shapiro,	September – Dave Carlson & Kathy White	
October – Karen Norris	November – Craig Hoover	

Vice President-Kevin Shapiro: In the absence of Kevin, David Carlson reported that the January meeting will be a presentation on the clubs Indonesia trip by Russell Burt and Dave Carlson. February meeting will be presentation by Mark Navas on Cozumel.

Treasurer-Liz Sullivan: Reported on the beginning balance of our treasury.

Membership-Kathy White: Renewal notices are out and she is checking on T Shirts and Sweatshirts.

Webmaster-Russell Burt: Website is fine.

Beach Dive Coordinator-Mike Bushell: January beach dive will be at Escondido, weather permitting and February beach dive will be at Corral, pending tides.

Boat Dive Coordinator-Karen Norris: January boat dive will be 1/19 on the Great Escape to Catalina. February will be the annual Catalina clean up.

Opportunity Awards Coordinator-Craig Hoover: Craig looking into Uggs for the January drawing, and in addition reminded everyone that January is the quarterly drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes from the Pacific Explorer's Dive Club General Meeting January 9, 2008

President – Kevin Sullivan: Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at Denny's in Canoga Park. Kevin stated that the Cozumel trip is filling up quick and deadline for final payment is March general meeting. Further he discussed gill nets and the dangers faced by divers from them. If found they should be avoided if at all possible and reported to the authorities for removal. He welcomed back Bob Casselman, and passed around photos of the Oriskany, the ship that Bob served on as a pilot. Kevin also requested to the club support Ships to Reefs in all ways possible and would have additional information in coming months.

Treasurer – Liz Sullivan: Liz stated all was good with the treasury and getting things ready for the tax filing.

Membership – Kathy White: Renewals are coming in. There were no new members or guests.

Webmaster – Russell Burt: Webpage is working well and Russell thanked all those that had kept him informed of any changes in their email addresses.

Boat Dive Coordinator – Karen Norris: January boat dive is 1/19/08 on the Great Escape to Catalina. Karen stated that if at least 8 members signed up the price would be discounted 20%. February boat dive will be the annual Catalina cleanup.

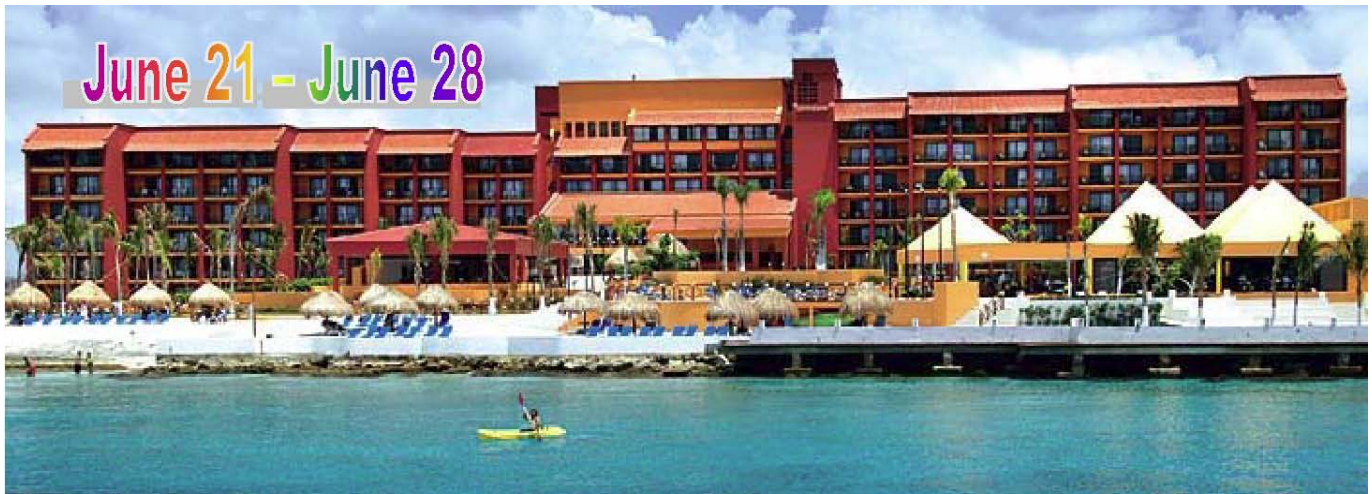
Beach Dive Coordinator – Mike Bushell: January beach dive is 1/12/08 at Escondido pending conditions. Mike will send out an email on the Friday before with conditions and instructions. February beach dive will be Corral, more to follow.

Newsletter – Dave Carlson: Dave asked that all articles for the newsletter be sent directly to him.

Opportunity Awards Coordinator – Craig Hoover: Craig was absent so Dave Carlson filled in for him, and presented the prizes to the following winners:

Uggs boots – Kevin Sullivan, Book on Cozumel – Mike Herrera, Sharkwater Book – Denise Noguera
Lobster Diving Book - Ana Schulte, Mask Strip – Wally Burke, Aquaseal – Jeff Adler, Tide Calendar – Nancy Burke, Air fill card – Tanda Lockett

Guest Speaker: Presentation for the evening was a video provided and narrated by Dave Carlson and Russell Burt on the club trip to Indonesia, along with a two day stay in Singapore.



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2008 Explorers Dive Schedule
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Month	Date	Location			
Feb	23	Avalon Harbor	Clean-up	Catalina Express	\$35 before 2-1
March	30	Santa Barbara	Truth	Local Wrecks	\$119
April	20	Catalina front side	Sundiver		\$149
June	21-28	Cozumel	Warm water and easy diving		\$1450

More coming

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 - ² Reserve you spot by calling Reef Seekers 310-652-4990
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Dates & locations are subject to change without written notice. All active members get a 10% discount on Sport Chalet organized boat dives and Sport Chalet dive gear. Boat dives are on a first come first serve basis. Your money will hold your spot on the boat. Air fills and food are generally not included in the dive boat pricing unless specified. For boat dive reservations call Annette Roche at Sport Chalet @ (800) 348-3794. (Note: Some activities may not be through Sport Chalet Charters). All participants in beach diving activities will be required to complete a club release of liability/assumption of risk form.

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If you have pictures you would like to see published in the newsletter, please send them to David Carlson at newsletter@pacificexplorers.org. We can also post them on the club web site, so if you would like to post them there, send them to Russell Burt at webmaster@pacificexplorers.org.

MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S BENEFITS

Monthly meetings with entertainment and opportunity drawings, scheduled beach and boat dives each month, group international travel, 10% discount on non-sale dive gear, con-ed classes, dive trips, rentals, and gear repairs at Sport Chalet, Aloha Dive, Hollywood Divers, and Reef Seekers, 10 free air fills at Sport Chalet.

Save your non-winning monthly opportunity tickets and exchange them for quarterly opportunity tickets. Quarterly drawings are January, April, July, and October.

Membership Fees: *New*-Single-\$25 Family-\$35 *Renewal* Single-\$20 Family-\$30