

The Pacific Explorer September 2008

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WE MEET the second Wed of each month except Dec at a Denny's Restaurant on Topanga just north of Roscoe. Meeting starts at 7 PM. Show up early for socializing.

!!! Lucky Larry, our club lobster, went home with member Hillary Adler.



Speaker of the month...By Kevin Shapiro

Kristine Barsky will be speaking to us this month about a book she is a coauthor of, CALIFORNIA LOBSTER HUNTING. There are some recent changes in the regulations regarding lobster tags. Hopefully we will give us the latest and greatest about the rules and regs. Her book covers the Biology, Gear Selection, Regulations, Techniques for Hunting and Cooking, as well as where to find these dinner guest.



Beach Dive: Sunday September 7th at La Piedra ...By Mike Bushell

By popular demand and approval from the board of directors the club beach dives are being move to Sunday mornings instead of Saturday mornings as a trial balloon. The September club beach dive is scheduled for Sunday September 7th at 9AM. This is a spot I am sure most of you have never tried. La Piedra beach is just west of El Matador on PCH. Take

PCH west past Zuma, Broad Beach and El Matador, La Piedra is the next beach just after El Matadore and it is plainly marked. There is plenty of parking for a fee, \$4.00. Craig Hoover who scoped this spot out for me and considers this a better spot than El Matador. This is an advanced dive and is quite a hike down to the beach with a rocky entry and a bit of a swim to the reef but well worth it. If the conditions are good you will not be disappointed. Hope to see you there.

Boat Dive: Saturday September 13th, to Catalina on the Sun Diver ...by Karen Norris



This September the club boat dive is aboard the Sundiver out of Long Beach, heading to Santa Catalina Island. Catalina is a classic Southern California dive destination. She has it all: walls, pinnacles, rocky shallows, and sandy bottoms. It also has a wide variety of sealife. You might see the uncommon scythe butterflyfish or the giant black sea bass that is

becoming a frequently-seen fish. September has the warmest water of the year in the Southern California Bight, so don't miss this opportunity to dive! You may board after 8 pm Firday night or 6 am Saturday morning for the 7 am departure. Mention to the Dolphin Dive Center (626- 447-5536) that you are a Pacific Explorer to receive the club price.



A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

RECENT EVENTS

Well, all I can say is that our annual picnic at Leo Carillo was a great success! Despite admittedly crappy visibility for most everyone who dove the day turned out to be a wonderful get-together with more than 50 people attending!! I was even able to strip myself away from work to get there just as Liz was coming out of the surf. Thank you to everyone who spent the day with us, and who contributed food to the awesome smorgasbord. Also a big thanks is due to Kathy White who once again coordinated the event for us this year. Finally, thanks to folks who brought easy-ups, barbecues, and chairs to help everyone enjoy the day.

Liz and I spent the Memorial Day holiday out on the Sunfish for some wreck diving in the Santa Barbara channel. We dove the wreck of a kelp cutter which is near oil rig Gina, and had some excellent dives! It seemed that everything was just seriously oversized on this wreck including big fatty sculpin and scorpionfish, leg-sized ling cod, and seriously the biggest male sheephead I've ever seen. I am not kidding when I say he was at least 2 – 3 feet long!! He wasn't stupid either, as he left the area as soon as he saw me approach. This was a very lush wreck with lots of the "Rose parade" cover provided by corynactus and other anemones, gorgonians, and tons of life on every inch. We had a really great day aboard the Sunfish. There was plenty of food and the airfills were AWESOME! Imagine actually getting to dive with 3500 in your steel tank on the 2nd dive from a boat! Some folks from the Channel Islands Divers club are working on the Sunfish now (including our own Joe Razo as divemaster) and we had a really fun day with everyone. We'd definitely recommend folks give this boat a try!

UPCOMING

The time for board elections is fast approaching. We will have some vacancies this year so there are definitely some opportunities to get more involved with the club. Serving on the board really doesn't take a lot of time and effort, and having strong ideas from folks who really want to see the club flourish is very important. I'm on my 3rd year as your President, and I think this is the time to maybe pass the baton to someone with fresh ideas and direction. I'll definitely stay involved with the board, but perhaps in a different position. Please consider helping out, and keep the Pacific Explorers a strong and vibrant club. Nominations will take place next month (October) with elections following in November. The positions are:

PRESIDENT: Gives the club general direction and coordination. Leads meetings and coordinates discussions. Trust me – this is an easy one!

VICE PRESIDENT: Generally responsible for seeking out and coordinating entertainment for the monthly meetings. However, this has always been a "group" supported position in that everyone provides suggestions regularly. Also conducts meetings in the absence of the President.

TREASURER: Responsible for maintaining the club's books and bank account. We have everything on computer in Quicken, so if you're familiar with that program this position will be a breeze! And if you're not, there is plenty of help available from this year's board to keep you going.

SECRETARY: Takes notes at the board and general meeting each month, and types them up for publishing in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: Responsible for maintaining the club roster (in Excel), collecting membership forms and liability releases, and issuing cards to new & renewing members. Also sends out monthly notices to members who are due.

BEACH DIVE COORDINATOR: The title says it all. Responsible for picking the monthly dive location and collecting liability forms at the event.

BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR: Again, pretty self explanatory. Doesn't necessarily have to show up at each boat as we don't have forms for boat events. Responsible for selecting the monthly boat event and coordinating with charters/boat captains to get the club discounts.

NEWSLETTER: Responsible for publishing the monthly newsletter. This can be a really fun position if you are creative with Word. The hardest part is getting folks to submit articles & photos!

WEBMASTER: Responsible for maintaining the club's website and newsgroup mailing list. This is a really important task to make sure everyone gets club communications and newsletters. Russell has this wired really well, so if you're a basic web-dabbler you should be able to handle it just fine!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING COORDINATOR: Responsible for purchasing the items for the monthly opportunity drawings, and selling tickets at the monthly meetings.

Please consider taking a more active role in the club next year. I promise we'll all make it really easy for you, and it is a LOT of fun to help see the club flourish and grow!

*DIVE ON...
Your President,
Kevin Sullivan*

Pacific Explorers Annual Dive and BBQ Picnic

By Kathy White, Photos by Kathy White and Paul Janke

WOW! What a great day at the beach! Our annual club dive and BBQ, at Leo Carrillo Beach was a big success again this year, thanks to our club members, and all of our hard work. Dave and I arrived at the beach to set up, it was cool and a little overcast, but we could see the sun beginning to shine through. Ron and Cody arrived shortly after and began helping us out, and before we knew it, the club members began to arrive.

We had 16 divers that did the dive; some divers had better conditions than others. Dave, Paul Janke, and I went out from the point; we got out to 41 feet, and viz opened up. We had a pretty good dive, 65 min., and did see allot of crabs, many varieties of fish, some pretty big Calico's, that loved to follow us around.

After the diving we all sat around and enjoyed lots of good food and BBQ, dive stories, and the wonderful company of fellow divers, friends and families.

A heartfelt thanks to all that participated, we look forward to it again next year!



2008 Explorers Dive Schedule Come On Out and Get Wet

Month	Date	Location	Boat	Contact	Cost	Notes
Sep	7	La Piedra	NA		Parking	A
Sep	13	Catalina	Sundiver	2	\$130	2
Oct	25	Santa Cruz/Anacapa	Spectre	3	\$103.50	

Contact and Note Info		
1	Reef Seekers	310-652-4990
2	Dolphin Dive Center	626-447-5536
3	Sport Chalet	800-348-3794
A	Club Beach dive	

	Location	Phone	URL
Bottom Scratcher	Long Beach	714-963-4378	http://bottomscratcher.com
Cee Ray	Long Beach	562-867-9738	http://www.caywind.com/ceeray_home.htm
Explorer	Ventura	805-646-0836	http://www.explorerdiveboat.com
Great Escape	Long Beach	866-348-3262	http://diveboat.com
Horizon	San Diego	858-277-7823	http://horizoncharters.com
Lois Ann	San Diego	800-201-4381	http://www.loisann.com
Magician	San Pedro	818-499-7101	http://magicianscuba.com
Mr. C	San Pedro	310-521-9737	
Peace	Ventura	866-984-2025	http://peaceboat.com
Raptor	Ventura	805-650-7700	http://www.raptordive.com
Sea Bass	San Pedro	818-652.5859	http://www.diveseabass.com
Spectre	Ventura	805-483-6612	http://calboatdiving.com
Sundiver	Long Beach	800-555-9446	http://sundiver.net
Sunfish	Oxnard	805-644-1499	http://www.socaldive.com
Truth	Santa Barbara	805-962-1127	http://truthaquatics.com

New Members

0 everyone must be diving

Renewed Members

David Bentley, Ana Schulte, Elizabeth Milewski, Bill Pringle, Betty Pringle
Eric Montoya, Vernon Brown

Guest at the last meeting

Erik Jensen Brad Kingsbury

Minutes - Pacific Explorer's Dive Club Board of Directors Meeting

August 16th, 2008

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

Kevin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at Mavericks in Simi Valley.

President – Kevin Sullivan: Final plans for the club picnic were discussed, along with possible tentative plans for the Holiday Party. Kathy White will make tentative reservations at BJs in Woodland Hills for the first Sunday in December. Next years big trip was briefly discussed.

Vice President – Kevin Shapiro: Kevin announced the August through November entertainment for the general meetings, and said that Franko of Franko's Maps may be available sometime next year.

Membership – Kathy White: Kathy reported that membership was OK and we are getting new members all the time. She also discussed the sweat shirt orders.

Boat Dive Coordinator – Karen Norris: Karen reported on the boat dives for the next few months.

Beach Dive Coordinator – Mike Bushell: Mike reported on the beach dives for the next couple of months with a possible bonus dive in September on the 27th for Lobster.

Newsletter – Dave Carlson: Dave reported the newsletter was in progress.

Opportunity Awards – Craig Hoover: Craig discussed the next quarterly drawing and the prizes for the holiday party. The possibility for a boat dive prize was tabled for next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes from the Pacific Explorer's Dive Club General Meeting

August 13th, 2008

President – Kevin Sullivan: Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at Denny's in Canoga Park. Kevin reported on a very successful Tent Sale at Sports Chalet in Thousand Oaks. In addition he touched on the San Clemente boat dive and the beach dive for July.

Treasurer – Liz Sullivan: Liz report doing good, getting gifts for the holiday party.

Membership – Kathy White: Kathy introduced two guests, Eric Jensen and Brad Kingsbury. She also reported on the sweat shirts and was taking money and orders that night.

Boat Dive Coordinator – Karen Norris: In the absence of Karen, Kevin reported on the future boat dives.

Beach Dive Coordinator – Mike Bushell: Mike reported on the beach dives for September and October, and reminded everyone of the beach dive/club picnic coming up on Saturday the 16th.

Newsletter – Dave Carlson: Dave report newsletter doing OK. He further discussed donations for the Handicapped Scuba Association for disabled veterans from Iraq.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Sullivan introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Ricardo Corrales, who gave an entertaining presentation on his dive trip to Bali/Indonesia.

Opportunity Awards – Craig Hoover: Craig presented the following prizes:

- Hooded Vest – Ron Brunski
- Shark Book – Cody Brunski
- Beach Dive Book – Paul Kayne
- Beach Towel – Dirk Drossel
- Fin Straps – Hillary Adler
- Gear Clip/Adapter – Eric Montoya
- Extreme Scuba T Shirt – Mike Bushell
- Larry the Lobster – Hillary Adler

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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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.

Bottom Scratcher (714) 963-4378	http://www.bottomscratcher.com/	Berth 55 555 Pico Ave Long Beach
CeeRay (562) 867-9738		Berth 55 555 Pico Ave Long Beach
Great Escape (866)348-3262	http://www.diveboat.com/	Berth 55, Pier C, Long Beach
Island Time (866) 488-3483	http://www.expressdivers.com/	182 Marina Drive, Long Beach
Magician (310) 548-6129	http://www.magicianscuba.com/	22nd Street Landing, San Pedro
Lois Ann (800) 201-4381		http://www.loisann.com/
Pacific Star 626-716-1796	http://www.pacificstardiving.com	181 N. Harbor Dr., Redondo Beach
Peace (866) 984-2025	http://www.peaceboat.com	1559 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura
Spectre (805) 483-6612	http://calboatdiving.com/	1575 Spinnaker Dr.,105B-59
Sunfish	http://www.socaldive.com	3600 S. Harbor Blvd. # 219, Oxnard
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Newsletter/Web Contributions

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.

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