

# The Pacific Explorer

## August 2007



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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 at the corner of Topanga Canyon and Roscoe in Canoga Park.



### *Speaker of the month...*

Is our own Jamie Nixon. She will be presenting Bonaire.

She had the opportunity to travel to Bonaire in May for a week of diving and underwater photography. I have always heard that Bonaire should be on everyone's list as a must-do trip for divers and I was not disappointed. The fact that Bonaire was the first totally protected island in the world has a lot to do with it. The waters around Bonaire are an official marine park. There is no anchoring, no spear fishing, no taking of anything, and divers are discouraged from touching coral or even using the disposable light sticks for night dives. These simple rules have really helped to preserve the health of the reef and it shows. Bonaire has one of the most diverse fish populations in the Caribbean.

As you probably know by now, Pacific Explorers will be planning its annual club dive trip there in 2008.



### *Beach dive of the month...*

The August club beach dive will also be our annual picnic Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> at Leo Carrillo north. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 AM. Take PCH west past Zuma to Leo Carrillo parking lot entrance on right. There is a \$10.00 fee for parking. Leo always makes for a good dive, conditions permitting, and there are BBQ's that will make for a good picnic. Kathy White will be filling us in on the details at the general meeting prior to the picnic.

### *Boat dive of the month...*



The club boat dive for August is on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. This month we will be diving at Wreck Alley in San Diego. We will be taking the Lois Ann out for two dives, one on the Yukon and the other on the Ruby E. The cost is \$75 and includes tanks, weights and food. This is a Sport Chalet charters so don't forget to get your 10 percent discount. Boarding is at 6 am and returning at noon. I have six spots reserved for the club until the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Please call Annette at 1-800-348-3794

The Lois Ann has a Nitrox Membrane system for 32 percent fills if you are certified for it. Their link is [www.loisann.com](http://www.loisann.com). If you choose to stay in San Diego and make a weekend of it the Dana at Mission Bay has a special rate for Lois Ann divers. Their link is [www.thedana.net](http://www.thedana.net). These wrecks have been prepared for divers and sunk as artificial reefs and diver recreational areas. Please do not attempt penetration dives without proper training, equipment and a buddy. The Yukon is a 366' Canadian destroyer sitting on its side in 100' of water. Here are links to some dive reviews.

<http://www.saintbrendan.com/cdnsept00/yukon9.html>

<http://www.saintbrendan.com/cdnjuly02/SCoast7.html>

The Ruby E is a 165' long Coast Guard cutter sitting in 80' of water. Here is a link.

<http://www.saintbrendan.com/cdnmay00/rubye5.html>

This makes a really great weekend trip. I hope you can join us.



## ***A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT***

### **RECENT EVENTS**

Our last two month's boat dive trips to San Clemente island (on the Magician in June and the Great Escape in July) had fairly small contingencies of Explorers among the divers. The visibility at the island was not what we had hoped for (around 30 ft. on both trips), but everyone seemed to have good days regardless of the conditions. Visibility at the Northern Channel islands (Anacapa/Santa Cruz) has been reported to be much better, in the 40 – 50 ft. range, so if you get the opportunity to get on one of the several boats that service this area, you should definitely consider going. We continue to have pretty good turnouts at our beach dive events and those participants are being rewarded with decent conditions. And you don't have to go out on boats to get awesome sightings. Liz and I were treated to our first angel shark sighting at the June club beach dive at El Pescador! We are entering the best time of year to dive in SoCal, so get on out there people!

We have a slight change in the club board to let you know about. Michael Griffith and his wife Kathleen have made the decision to move to Northern California, so Michael will not be able to finish out the year as our Membership Coordinator. We wish Michael and Kathleen the best of luck in their new adventure, and hope they don't make SoCal a stranger in their travels! To finish out the year, Kathy White has agreed to help us out and take on the Membership duties...THANK YOU KATHY!! Kathy has been involved in the club and the board for quite some time now, and we are really appreciative that she's agreed to help us keep things moving with this position.

### ***UPCOMING***

Speaking of board positions, it's not too early to start thinking about board members for 2008! Several of the current board members have been in their positions for two years now, and while we don't really have term limits per se, we do like to switch things around to keep everyone interested, and to get fresh ideas flowing with new board members. Pretty much every board position is open for those who wish to get involved. This doesn't mean we're all bailing out, but we will absolutely not turn ANYONE down who wants to get involved!! Board positions really don't take a lot of your spare time, and I think being on the board has really made me more appreciative of the sport in general. Nominations will be in October with elections in November, so please talk to the current board members and get more information...we'd love to have you on board! (OK...bad pun!!!)

Our August beach dive is the annual club picnic which will be held at Leo Carillo beach on Saturday, August 25. This is always an excellent outing, and we hope this year will be no exception. We already have around 20 people or so signed up, so there will be lots of fins stirring up the water! Kathy White has the sign-up sheet and everyone is being asked to bring whatever dish you would like as your own main course, and then a side dish to share with the group. We will be firing up the barbecues, so if you want to grill your main dish don't be shy. Kathy is keeping track of the side dish items on her sign-up sheet. If you would like to come to the picnic, please let her know by either e-mailing her at [membership@pacificexplorers.org](mailto:membership@pacificexplorers.org), e-mailing the board at [board@pacificexplorers.org](mailto:board@pacificexplorers.org), or come to the regular club meeting on Wednesday, August 8.

The next two club boat dives promise to be very good, and if you like wrecks, not to be missed. The August trip to San Diego's wrecks (the Yukon and the Ruby E) is always a crowd pleaser. Most people usually make this a weekend event, and the Dana hotel across from the marina where the Lois Ann is berthed offers discount deals to divers going out on that boat. Why not take the family for a well deserved excursion to South-SoCal?!? The September boat dive promises to be a really interesting new adventure. We'll be taking the Sundiver to local wrecks in the LA area, which is a trip the club hasn't (in my memory) done before. I know Liz and I are looking forward to this trip, because our last dives on local wrecks were amazing!

There's lots of opportunities to get in the water coming up...we hope to see you all out there!

*DIVE ON...*

*Your President,  
Kevin Sullivan*

## Great Escape to San Clemente By Jamie Nixon

On Friday night July 20th I boarded the Great Escape along with 4 other Pacific Explorers for a 1 am departure for San Clemente Island. The waters started off rather calm but the swell picked up about halfway to the island and we had a pretty rough ride. We were making our first dive around 7:30 am. I have always heard how great the visibility is at San Clemente but was very disappointed when we made our entry at the first site. I wasn't too concerned at first, as I thought the sun would come out and things would improve by the second or third dive. This was not the case however. The sun never broke through and the vis did not improve past 10-20 ft. Sometimes less. The rough seas had gotten a couple of our members off to a bad start and missed dives because of it. I did see some cool creatures that made the trip worthwhile. Mike Bushell and I came across a swimming Spanish Shawl. That's right it was swimming. Someone on the boat informed us that is why it is named Spanish Shawl. Imagine it almost doubled over and flapping along through the water. Yes, I think appropriately named. Liz Sullivan spotted some military ordinance at the last dive site, Booster Rocket Reef. I was very lucky to spot a very large lingcod at this site as well. When we surfaced at the last site it was good to see how healthy the kelp was, but the fact that it was between us and the boat was not so much fun. We chose to swim under it, others chose to do the kelp crawl.

The Great Escape runs a good dive boat. The food was good, the bunks comfortable, and the crew helpful. It was a Reefseekers charter and they run a good trip as well. Although the conditions were less than ideal, I enjoyed spending time with Kevin and Liz Sullivan and Mike and Lynn Bushell. As they say, there is always another day to dive.



Photos by  
Jamie Nixon from  
San Clemente



Photos by  
Jamie Nixon from  
Bonaire



## **Minutes from the Pacific Explorer's Dive Club Board of Directors Meeting July 10, 2007**

Board members attending: Kevin Sullivan, Liz Sullivan, David Carlson, Kathy White, Michael Griffith, Craig Hoover, Mike Bushell, David Bentley, Jeffrey Adler and Tanda Lockett. Members missing: Russell Burt.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm at Mavericks in Simi Valley.

President-Kevin Sullivan: Kevin stated that Sports Chalet has canceled charters on the Great Escape and the Bottom Scratcher. Kevin complimented David Bentley for getting our dive club to use various boats, and he said that none of our scheduled boat dives will be affected by Sports Chalet's cancellations. Kevin mentioned that Bill Avery is starting up a dive club in Thousand Oaks.

Vice President-David Carlson: David said that Reef Check will be coming to speak to our members at the July club meeting. David also stated that Jaime Nixon will speak to our club at the August meeting.

Opportunity Awards Coordinator-Craig Hoover: Craig has purchased all of the awards for this month's club meeting.

Membership-Michael Griffith and Kathy White: Kathy White will be taking over the responsibilities for Michael Griffith when he relocates to Northern CA.

Newsletter-Jeffrey Adler: Jeffrey said the July newsletter is 6 pages long.

Dive Boat Coordinator-David Bentley: David has booked all of the boat dives through the end of the year. For boat trip details, check the newsletter for dates, times and prices.

Beach Dive Coordinator-Mike Bushell: Mike stated that July's beach dive will be held at Staircase/County line on Saturday July 14. Mike also mentioned that the club's annual picnic and dive will be held at Leo Carrillo on August 25.

Treasurer-Liz Sullivan: Liz said that the club's incorporation forms had been filed. So we are good to go for 2 more years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

## **Minutes from the Pacific Explorer's Dive Club General Meeting July 11, 2007**

President Kevin Sullivan called the meeting to order at app. 7:15 p.m. He discussed the good attendance by members at the last few months beach dives and also commented on the good conditions at area beaches recently. He noted that he and Liz saw their first angel shark at the club dive at El Pescador beach. Kevin also pointed out that elections for 2008 board members will be coming up in the fall, and asked the general membership to become involved in the board.

Beach Dive Coordinator Mike Bushell covered the next 2 months of beach dives. The August dive is also the annual club picnic, which will be held at Leo Carrillo beach on 8/25 starting at 9:00 a.m. Kathy White is handling a sign-up sheet for folks to bring a side dish to share with the group.

Boat Dive Coordinator David Bentley discussed the upcoming boat dive schedule. July is with the Reefseekers on the Great Escape to San Clemente, but Dave noted that this boat is full. 6 Explorers are signed up for the trip. The August trip is on 8/18, and is to the San Diego wrecks of the Yukon and Ruby E on the Lois Ann. Dave noted that everyone is invited to make this a weekend outing and that the Dana hotel across the street from the Lois Ann berth offers discounts to divers booked on that boat. The September boat dive is to local wrecks on the Sundiver.

Treasurer Liz Sullivan noted that everyone signed up for the Indonesia trip is paid up, and the final check has been sent to the travel agent. The club treasury is in good shape.

Kathy White was introduced as the new Membership Coordinator. She introduced guests for the evening and noted that membership renewal notices would be sent out soon.

Newsletter Editor Jeff Adler noted that the newsletter needed more input from the membership in general, a comment echoed by Kevin.

Vice President David Carlson introduced the evening's speaker, Mary Luna from the Reefcheck organization. Mary talked about the goals of Reefcheck, their contributions to ecosystem monitoring worldwide, and the general health of the ecosystems they have been tracking. Mary asked for club members to sign an e-mail sheet if they were interested in more information, or in volunteering. Several members did sign the sheet.

Guests in attendance were Ken Schmidt and David Hamilton.

Raffle Coordinator Craig Hoover conducted the opportunity prize drawing with the following winners:

James McDaniel – Hollywood Divers bag  
Kathy White – Sunblock/sunburn kit  
Dave Carlson – Reel/spool  
Dave Leffert – Sticker/mask strap/pin  
Ronald Michalski – Larry the Lobster

Michael Griffith – Dive skin  
Kathleen Griffith – Mask  
Phillip Frady – Gloves  
Jeff Adler - Scott Cassell squid DVD

## A Weekend Dive by Craig Hoover

Gray light creeps through my window. I sit on the carpet with a steaming bowl of oatmeal and think about hustling it back out through the window shades. If only it had chosen a brighter mantle. Leaning back against the bed I stretch out in front of the portable heater.

"Wish I knew who's meeting me this morning," I tell Cleo the family pug. She looks with adoration at the bowl of oatmeal. "I would know too, if only my cell phone hadn't become interested in diving.....and tried it out.....in the washing machine." Cleo's eyes meet mine and I hand her the remains of my breakfast. "Eric and John should be there."

Cleo finishes cleaning the breakfast dishes as I begin the drive through the morning fog. Malibu Canyon unwinds beneath my tires. No longer sleepy, I anticipate the first glimpse of the ocean. "Surf report said two foot waves with swell from two to four," I tell Scott the radio announcer. Scott ignores me and continues a discussion about the need for environmentally friendly ways of transporting groceries from the store to home. In Australia customers bring their own bags..... I mute Scott as the Pacific swings into view.

There she is, the color of steel. Foaming at the mouth too I note from a half mile away. Her composure doesn't improve further up the coast. I park at Deer Creek. Kayakers line the shore building nerve for a toss. I smile as one goes near vertical clearing a three footer. Eric and Mel arrive in time to watch another kayaker swallowed by the foam. John and Patrick arrive soon after and we decide to head back to Pescador where things appeared calmer.

Half an hour later I watch Mel swallowed in the same foam that claimed the kayaker. Eric is out beyond the surf and John stands by my side.

"I'm not going back in there," he says. Patrick follows Mel back onto the beach and I thank my stars that Eric has fish on the brain. I grab my pole spear, don my fins and begin to trudge backwards into the surf. "No problem," I think as waves slap playfully at my waist. I turn around and begin to swim. Forty yards from shore I relax just as the sets return. I have a moment to contemplate the vertical mass of white water before it hits. No mask, no regulator, no matter. I'd probably lose both by the time I return to the surface. I relax and bow my head.

The wave rolls me onto my side and I am swept towards shore. Vertigo takes over and I remember the elation I felt as a teenage bodysurfer. The ride lasts five seconds. Back at the surface I strain to clear the surf zone before I lose my breath. I manage to bob a smaller wave and Eric comes into view on the other side.

"It's just the two of us," I tell him. We descend and he takes the role of navigator as I watch for marine life. The visibility is two foot as we crash land on the sandy bottom. A large bat ray erupts from the gloom. We are looking for halibut and this seems a promising sign so we head out deeper. I spot a turbot and Eric pounces on it with both hands. He releases his captive a moment later. We spot the shell lined tunnel of a mantis shrimp around forty feet but despite tapping the sand around his den, he does not mistake us for lunch. Visibility improves to six feet and we spot a three foot angel shark.

Heading back to shore the visibility drops to blackout. We pass a reef rising ten feet and I swim above Eric as surge tries to jet both of us through a channel simultaneously. Off the bottom and in the lee of the rock the visibility improves to eight foot. I notice a few fish and decide to wait a minute. Small calico bass weave through the kelp fronds along with an opal eye and several black perch. Eric disappears and I turn to look for him. Awe overwhelms me as a silvery purple black sea bass hovers three feet in front of me. This guy weighs as much as I do and is at least my own age. I rise gently to the surface as he swims away.

Eric and I face the surf again on the way back to shore. A stray fishing line hooks Eric's wetsuit and anchors him to a rock as waves roll in. I am unable to remove my fins in a timely manner and am dragged over shallow rocks before I crawl onto shore. All problems dealt with we climb the stairs to the parking lot. John bemoans the conditions but I know he is happy to have spent the day with friends. He begins teasing me again for the things I put myself through to dive. Mel and Patrick seem happy and ready for lunch. I feel blessed that such a rough day could turn out so well. The sun begins to shine as I drive home.

## HOLY MACKERAL! – Anacapa Island on 7/14/2007 *by Liz and Kevin Sullivan*

It was the first time this year we had taken our boat, the Draco Oceanus, out to the islands...the first trip on her in eight months. Early this year we had to have some pretty major work done to the old girl, and also made the tough decision that it was time to put her on the market as well. But, we figure that while she's waiting for her new owner, why not enjoy?!?

We headed out to the islands with our friends and fellow Explorers Al Kholos and Marc Kolodziejczyk, headed originally for the wreck of the Peacock at Scorpion's Anchorage at Santa Cruz. However, rough seas made us divert to Anacapa and the site of the wreck of the Winfield Scott. The WS was a steam paddle-wheel ship that sank at Middle Anacapa on Dec. 1, 1853. From the National Park Service website:

"The Winfield Scott was owned by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Loaded with over 300 passengers and crew, bags of mail, and \$1 million in gold, the steamship departed San Francisco for Panama on December 1, 1853. The next evening Captain Simon F. Blunt chose to pass through the Santa Barbara Channel to save time. The fog was dense, but he knew his course. Believing he had passed the islands, Blunt turned southeast, an unfortunate and tragic miscalculation. At 11:00 pm, the Winfield Scott crashed into a large rock off Middle Anacapa at full speed, striking two holes in the bow."

All the passengers survived the incident, though they spent a week stranded on Anacapa until another ship saw the smoke from their campfires. A note to would-be treasure hunters with their eye on that \$1M number: Taking ANYTHING from wreck sites in the Channel Islands National Park is a federal offense! Not to worry though...there's not much left of the ship or its cargo anyway!

Despite the rough seas on the trip out, we anchored in relative calm near where we knew the WS rests. We were surprised to see very clear, swimming pool-like conditions...YEE HAA!!!! Mark was the first one off the boat and he spent some time snorkeling around as the rest of us got ready. He came back to the swim step after a few minutes excitedly talking about clear water, a big bat ray and a large school of fish. After Liz jumped in, she snorkeled out to where the reef met the sand and then came back just as excited.

After we all got into the water, we submerged down the anchor line to about 20-25 feet of water. We were welcomed by an extremely large school of jack mackerel. The size of the school reminded us of our trip to La Paz and we had never seen a school of fish this size at Anacapa. We took quite a bit of time to hang out and watch the school move around and over us. When the school really started moving, we noticed that a harbor seal and a sea lion were chasing the fish around. We continued swimming towards the wreck and came upon another school of fish – or perhaps part of the same school. Either way, there were easily thousands of mackerel.

Once at the wreck, we wandered around looking at the remaining debris. We have noticed from our few trips to this wreck that there seems to always be a single Garibaldi that acts like a little watch dog at the remains of the paddle wheel axle. There were some great little kelp forests with rock reef surrounding the wreck. Swimming across the rocks toward the open ocean, we eventually came to a ledge at the end of the reef where we could spy on a passing bat ray who looked very relaxed as he glided by.

We headed back to the boat after realizing that we had been in the water for over an hour. On the way back, we would pass small piles of giant sea hares on the sandy bottom. Some of these guys were almost the size of our dogs! The water was so clear and the sun was out so we had beautiful light rays streaming through the kelp and reflecting across the sand. Because of the shallow depth at the site (36 ft. was our maximum), we ended up having a dive time of nearly 1 hour and 20 minutes!

Unfortunately, when we surfaced the conditions had worsened, and we found the Draco bouncing rather alarmingly in the wind generated waves. We all very carefully got back on board, and decided that it was just too rough to try and stay at the island for lunch. We stowed the gear as quickly as possible, hauled the anchor, and then hauled...well, we headed back to the harbor as quickly as conditions would allow. Once comfortably settled back in our slip, we all enjoyed a very nice lunch reflecting back on the great dive we had just shared. It was a great day with good friends and awesome conditions!!





# 2007 PACIFIC EXPLORERS DIVE SCHEDULE COME ON OUT & GET WET!!!



## Beach Dives

Date	Day	Beach	Time	
25 Aug	Sat	Leo Carrillo N	9 AM	Annual Dive Club Picnic

## INTERNATIONAL DIVING

13-26 Sept	Indonesia	2,600	Air, lodging 21 dives, most meals
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## Boat Dives

		Boat	Destination	Cost	Included	Boarding	Depart	Return
18 Aug	Sat	Lois Ann <sup>3</sup>	Yukon, Ruby E.	75.00	Food & Air	7:30 A	8 A	12 P
3 Sept	Mon	Sundiver	Local Wrecks	125.00	Food & Air	8 P 9/2	7 A	5 P
28 Sept	Fri	Magician <sup>3</sup>	Opening Night Lobster Dive	120.00		8 P	9 P	7 A
13 Oct	Sat	Sea Bass <sup>4A</sup>	Oil Rigs	130.00	Food & Air		10 A	10 P
24 Nov	Sat	Pacific Star	Catalina 10/10 Lobster		Food & Air		1 A	6 P
8 Dec	Sat	Peace <sup>5</sup>	Anacapa Island					

<sup>1</sup> Reserve your spot by e-mailing [divetrips@pacificexplorers.org](mailto:divetrips@pacificexplorers.org)

<sup>2</sup> Reserve you spot by calling Reef Seekers 310-652-4990

<sup>3</sup> Reserve you spot by calling Sport Chalet 800-348-3794

<sup>4</sup> Reserve you spot by calling Hollywood Divers 323-969-9875

<sup>5</sup> Reserve you spot by calling Aloha Dive 818-700-8134

<sup>6</sup> Reserve your spot by calling Sea Divers 714-377-8044.

<sup>A</sup> Advanced Divers Only

### “THE FINE PRINT”

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). For beach activities e-mail [dbbsmb@pacbell.net](mailto:dbbsmb@pacbell.net) or call Dave Bentley @ (818) 349-0699. 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	<a href="http://www.bottomscratcher.com/">http://www.bottomscratcher.com/</a>	Berth 55 555 Pico Ave Long Beach
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Sunfish	<a href="http://www.socaldive.com">http://www.socaldive.com</a>	3600 S. Harbor Blvd. # 219, Oxnard
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### **Membership Update**

**103 Members**

**New Members**

Ken Schmidt

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Anna Schulte

Mark Kolodziejczyk

Frank Miller

Matthew Kolodziejczyk

### **MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S BENEFITS**

10% discount on non-sale Sport Chalet dive gear, 10 free Sport Chalet air fills, monthly meetings & entertainment, monthly newsletter, 2 monthly scheduled dives, group travel to exotic diving locations, terrific monthly and quarterly opportunity tickets.

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

### **THE NEXT LEVEL**

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