
The Pacific Explorer

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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...

Mark Strickland

Topic: Amazing Marine Life Behavior

Geographic Areas: Thailand, Myanmar, Bahamas and the Solomon Islands

Mark's program features his award-winning photography, and highlights the fascinating behaviors and interrelationships between sea creatures and their habitat. Areas covered are Thailand, Myanmar, Solomon Islands and the Bahamas. The presentation will have special appeal to photographers, but should interest anyone who wants to learn about marine life large and small. Mark will be happy to answer any questions about marine life behavior, underwater photography or dive travel opportunities after the show as time permits.



Beach dive of the month...

The October beach dive is scheduled for Saturday the 20th at 9AM. This dive spot is commonly known as Malibu Road. The directions are as follows; take Las Vergenes to PCH then left to Webb Way, at bottom of the hill, make a right at Web Way and at end make another right. The dive will be at the second beach public access gate. Surf permitting this is an easy dive with a very short hike. See you there.



Boat dive of the month...

The club boat dive for October is on Saturday the 13th. We will be taking the Sea Bass on an Oil Rig dive. The cost is \$130 and includes air fills and food. The Sea Bass also offers nitrox. They have a continuous blending system (Nitrox Stick) so you won't have to have dedicated O2 clean tanks. This is a Hollywood Divers charter. You can reserve your spot at the dive shop or by calling 323-969-9875.

These spots fill quickly so sign up now. The boat boards at 6 am and departs at 7 am. They are expecting to return by 4 pm. They will be going to either the Eureka or the Ellen/Elly platforms depending on the rigs schedules and conditions. There is absolutely no hunting or taking anything off the rig.

The Oil Rigs are a treat to dive. Think of a wreck that dives like a wall and is teeming with marine life. Since the bottom is much deeper than recreational depths you should be comfortable with current, deep diving and have good buoyancy control and awareness. The Sea Bass is doubles friendly if you are technically inclined.



A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

RECENT EVENTS

There continues to be a lot happening with the club and prime diving season is in full swing. Our September club boat dive to some local wrecks on the Sundiver was a wonderful day to be sure. Liz has lots of the details in her article elsewhere in this newsletter, but I want to say that it was really great to see so many Explorers on the boat (we took up half the charter)! It was an excellent day of diving and camaraderie.

I've talked to a few folks about the Indonesia trip, and it sounds like this was the incredible trip everyone was hoping for and more. We'll be looking forward to hearing the stories and seeing the pictures in coming weeks, but suffice it to say it was a wonderful success. Many, many thanks to Dave Carlson for spearheading the trip coordination for everyone. Dave's trip planning has always been excellent to say the least, and speaking as someone who has benefited from his experience on past trips, I know he puts a ***LOT*** of hard work into making sure everyone has a great diving experience for a reasonable price. **THANK YOU DAVE!!!!**

There were about 10 or so Explorers at the "day late" opening night lobster dive at Leo and by all accounts everyone had a great time, though only three or so came out with dinner. That's OK though, the season is just getting started and I'm sure there are lots more critters out there just waiting for a dinner plate!

UPCOMING

OK folks, there is just absolutely no reason to not be out in the water right now. Conditions are prime, weather is great, and lobster season is open!! We were out in Oxnard taking care of some boat issues today and the ocean was absolutely FLAT in mid-afternoon, which is just as good as it gets for the Santa Barbara channel. Whether you take advantage of the great upcoming club dive opportunities, hit one of the local charters, or just head to the beach with a buddy or two, it just doesn't get any better in SoCal.

The October boat dive is one that we've definitely had great experiences doing in the past, and this is on the Sea Bass out to the Long Beach area oil rigs. If you have not done the rigs before this is definitely not to be missed! With life literally covering the rig structure and the opportunity for pelagics going by as well as sea lions, there is just so much going on at once it's sort of like diving overload! If you are advanced certified or above, you should be headed out on this trip. Mike has a relatively easy location picked out for the October beach dive at Malibu Road, and since it's in the Malibu area this should provide some good opportunities for bug hunters.

ELECTIONS!!

Speaking of upcoming events, this is a really important time of the year because we are beginning the process of choosing the club board of directors for 2008. We will be accepting nominations for board positions at the general meeting on October 10, with elections happening in November. As I've said in the past, this is a great opportunity to help keep the club going strong and to bring new ideas into the mix to keep things interesting for everyone! Please take a minute to talk with one of the current board members and consider helping out in the coming year!!

PHOTO CONTEST

I just wanted to remind you all that we are indeed having our photograph contest this year, so start rounding up those gems you've been hiding away. The three categories are once again:

- 1) Best marine life
- 2) Best macro
- 3) Best diver-in-photo

Submitted photographs must be your own work (obviously), must have been taken in 2007, and must be submitted in electronic, high-resolution format (JPEG compression preferred, 2400 x 1600 pixels or better recommended). You can either submit the photos to the board via e-mail at board@pacificexplorers.org, or you can give a CD to any board member. You could also send a CD to the club mailbox (check the newsletter for the address), we WILL NOT be responsible if it doesn't make it to us in the mail for any reason. It's best to just hand a CD to a living, breathing board member (OK, I know I barely pass this criteria...). Only **TWO PHOTO SUBMISSIONS PER CATEGORY** will be accepted per person.

DIVE ON... Your President, Kevin Sullivan

TIGHT ABS AND LOOSE KAYAKS by Steve Peterson

Rocky, my lifeguard dog, and I just returned from another fantastic abalone diving and kayaking trip to the Fort Bragg area. This year the weather was just about perfect. That ocean was flat calm with full sunshine and no wind for several days. It was like being in the Gulf of Calif only with pine trees, monster abalone, and colder water. We stayed at Van Damme State Park with Dave Carlson and Kathy White (from the Pacific Explorers club) and some of their good friends who I met on last year's trip. Coincidentally, Larry Marting (Bob Rydgig's long time dive buddy) and his group were also camping there, about 8 spaces away. Visiting that group were Bob Rydgig, Ann Hoagland, and Sandy Bickford who stayed in hotels, but came out to play, dive, and help eat all that abalone. I had dove with Bob and Larry's group a little last year, and am sworn to secrecy on their spots. It was hard to do, but I kept my mouth shut as we paddled past their fantastically secret cove with climbing-rope access only. It was interesting having two campsites to go visit, both cooking abalone. One night our camp had prize-winning abalone poppers, while one of Larry's sons made a huge tub of killer abalone ceviche. Talk about an overkill of good food! Our main problem was, we could each only have 3 abs in possession. This forced serious divers to cook and eat their catch each night so that they could go out and play again the next day. Non divers who like to help prepare, cook, or eat abs are really welcome around the camps up there.

As many of you know, abalone may only be taken free-diving (no tanks), for recreation only, and only north of the Golden Gate. However, as Dave said, "Abalone diving is not rocket science". If you can dive 20 feet, Ab grabbing is ridiculously easy on a calm day. Below 20 feet in most places, abalone are out in the open and really abundant. The deeper you dive, generally the more and bigger the abs. You can get your abs in the shallows, but I think it takes a lot more work there. Those areas are much more picked over, with any remaining abalone are generally smaller and hiding back in cracks. I do not claim to be much of a free-diver at all, but for me it is easier to dive just a little deeper than most other divers and have a bigger selection to choose from.

I had my best day of free-diving in 30 years on this trip. The conditions were unbelievable: bright sunshine, calm ocean, no wind, and about 25 ft visibility. I anchored my kayak outside the farthest offshore wash-rocks at Van Damme Beach. This was about my 6th day in a row free-diving, so I was getting used to that snorkel thing. I think I was working in about 30 to 35 feet of water. On the bottom, those abs were everywhere! Going down wasn't too bad. My surface dive would get me below 10 feet & then I could see the bottom. Once I could see all those those abs in the open, I was motivated. Actually, the hardest part was making my selection. I felt like a little kid in a candy store. I swear, on each dive I spotted about 20 legal abs within reach. But, I had just a few seconds to pick out the biggest, pop it loose, and get out of there. It really seemed like a long way back the surface too! Leaving the bottom, I was extra heavy because of the wet suite compression and ab I was bringing up. My Jet fins didn't seem to be pushing me very fast either.....those huge free-diving fins might be fun to try next time.

During our stay, we came across the nationals for competition spearfishing . This was "Super Bowl" for those real breath-holding hunters who can catch game in 80 to 100 ft of water! Many of these competitors had been in town over 2 weeks scouting out the area. This was a free-diving event with kayaks launched from Fort Bragg Harbor. I swear, it looked like a kayak convention around Fort Bragg. About half the cars in town had kayaks on top. I had a fun time socializing with the divers and checking out their equipment. The Ocean Kayak, Pro model seemed to be the kayak of choice, but people were using just about anything including 30yr old paddle boards.

Since we had 6 kayaks in our group, we tended to play a lot with them. I had two of my best-ever kayaking days on this trip! That area not only has sea caves, it has sea tunnels where you can come out the other end, 25 or 50 yards away. There were loads of wash-rocks and inlets to play in. Each point of land tends to fold back onto itself & making some great passageways around the headlands with a maze of interesting channels. We even found one cave, accessible only through a small twisting channel just slightly wider than the kayaks, with a waterfall cascading over the entrance. That was the first time I have kayaked under a waterfall.....it was kind of cold, but I just had to do it! I really enjoyed going out for a paddle, stopping to dive and grab my abs, and then play some more with the kayak shooting through the wash-rocks and tunnels.

Now, I should warn you kayakers. Many of the interesting spots we enjoyed, might not normally be safe to places to play . On our two most adventurous kayaking days, the ocean was dead calm. Even then, the ocean was sneaky and tossed me out of my kayak and broke my paddle. I was following **Steve Krupp** and his daughter **Susan**, (from Eureka) through a tunnel which divided. They took the larger and deeper right branch, I decided to try the more challenging left slot. It was kind of tight, and looked a couple inches wider than my kayak. Somehow things did not work out as planned & the current caught the kayak. I bailed out of my kayak with my paddle to try & keep the kayak upright (had my abs and weight belt well-secured in the tank well). The

next wave pushed me back into the passage way I had come through. Kind of like a hydraulic press with lots of water pushing through a small opening. My paddle got stuck sideways & broke when I slammed into it. About this time, I gave up on the small passage and decided the bigger deeper opening would be safer. I tell ya, it was a real thrill to swim in a cave with wet suite booties and farmer-John-bottoms while holding broken kayak paddle parts (I found that the dolphin kick worked the best). My friends were also starting to get worried because they had grabbed my kayak as it came drifting from the cave without me. We yelled back and forth a few times, and then Susan kindly brought my kayak over. That incident ended my exploration for the day and I paddled the two miles back "Davy Crockett" style using the largest paddle section like a canoe paddle. Nothing really got hurt except a little pride and a broken paddle. While swimming in that cave though, I was very thankful that it was an extremely calm day.

If you know Dave, you might want to ask him about his wash-rock ride in a kayak. I was right behind him and wish I had some photos. A wave caught him from behind, lifted his stern up, and smashed him hard, straight into the rocks. Dave somehow managed to stay aboard, but the force dented the nose of the kayak and broke off the tip of his spear gun. The tip was later found inside the kayak embedded in the drain-plug which had been speared and pushed inside through the drain hole. Those kayaks are tough! By the time I got home, the nose of that kayak had unfolded itself and was the proper shape again. Doing what we were doing, we should have had rope throw-bags, helmets, gloves, life jackets, fins on, and no pointy objects. Next time I will be better prepared. This trip is a definite do-it-again next-year adventure. Not only are the kayaking and diving great, but it is excellent for biking also. Hope to see you there next year.

This article is dedicated to the late Bob Rydgig, who I last saw as he was being escorted away from our campfire by his traveling companions, Ann and Sandy. This was at the end of a hearty day of cliff/rope climbing, abalone diving, and feasting,about 4 days before his unfortunate accident at Anacapa Island. Yes it is true, Bob had a bottle his secret abalone sauce with him which he brought over to our campsite to share. As he was leaving, my friends who Bob had been talking to said, "Boy, that guy has been around! He sure knows a lot of stuff." I didn't think much about it at the time, but they were right!.....Bob knew a lot of stuff!

Refugio (Eastern kelp bed) August 25, 2007 By Wally Burke

Nancy & I were camping at Refugio, so we decided to do a shore dive on Saturday. We geared up at the edge of the road by the playground equipment and then walked down the beach about 100 yards to where there was a good sized kelp patch just off shore.

We did an easy entry and then headed south until we hit the last rock ledge. The vis started at about 5 foot as we started but improved greatly as we got into the middle of the kelp bed.

Once we hit the ledge we turned east along the inside of the rock ledge. We saw a fair amount of life as we swam alongside the edge of the ledge but it got a lot better as we neared the end of the ledge. We saw a lot of Cabazon, including some over 21/2 feet long. We saw several scorpion fish hiding in the grooves of the ledge, and one halibut over 2-1/2 feet long - the largest we had seen underwater.

We encountered one huge ball of sea hares with well over a dozen of them all bundled together. Next to them was a large spool of what looked like orange spaghetti noodles, so I believe they must have been laying eggs. We later encountered many more sea hares and many more piles of the orange "noodles". We saw a lot of small kelpfish, and a lot of perch and other fish which I don't really know their names. We saw a lot of different size and color nudibrachs also, but strangely only one of each type, except for one that looked like an orange and white caterpillar, including the bristles sticking up out of it. We saw over a dozen of them.

We saw a number of different types of snails there also, as well as a large sheep head crab sleeping on the bottom. We saw several other carcasses of crabs lying on the bottom as well.

After we reached the eastern end of the rock ledge we followed it around to the outside edge and then continued to follow it back towards the west. This side was not as good, as the vis was a little worse and there wasn't nearly as much life to be seen. When we reached the western end of the ledge the vis was down to less than 5 feet, so we turned and followed the inner edge of the ledge back towards the east again until our air started getting low. At that point we just leisurely turned north and began heading back to the beach and slowly getting into more shallow water, this way we did a very long safety stop while still enjoying looking at things on the bottom.

As we exited the water we noticed that while we were under the winds had kicked up and it had really caused a lot of surface chop. All in all though it was a very enjoyable dive.

Minutes from the Pacific Explorer's Dive Club Board of Directors Meeting September 5, 2007

Board Members attending the meeting: Kevin Sullivan, David Bentley, Tanda Lockett, Russell Burt, Jeffrey Adler, Kathy White, David Carlson and Mike Bushell.

Kevin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at La Frite restaurant in Woodland Hills.

Kevin Sullivan- President: Kevin said that the dive club's informational table at the West Hills Sports Chalet annual Tent Sale was a great success.

Kevin also mentioned that he and Liz had gone on the club's boat dive out to the local wrecks. They dove at the Ace 1, the Olympic2 and the Rock Pile. He gave the diving experience 2 thumbs up! Kevin added that the club's annual picnic was lots of fun. There was plenty of great food, good company, and he was especially pleased that so many people went diving. He also stated that the club dive trip for next year is still up for discussion. Kevin filled in for Liz, our treasurer, and stated that all is well with the treasury. He mentioned that the IRS has our tax forms.

David Bentley-Boat Dive Coordinator: David said that the club's boat dive out to the local wrecks on the Sundiver was a great trip. He really enjoyed the Sundiver's crew, and his day of diving. He also stated that the next boat dive will be held on the Magician on Sept. 29th. They will head out in search of lobster.

Russell Burt-Webmaster: Russell said that he had moved some of the old photos off of the website. He also stated that member's could link their photos to our website using Ficker; instead of having all of the member's photos stored our website.

Jeffrey Adler-Newsletter: Jeffrey said that he has been very pleased with using Office Max in Granada Hills to print the newsletter.

Kathy White-Membership: Kathy said that 4 people had joined the club. She also stated that she will look into prices for dive club tee shirts and sweat shirts.

David Carlson- Vice President: David said that everything was set for the Indonesia trip. He also mentioned that he and Kathy will be sharing their photos of abalone diving in Northern CA. at the Sept. club meeting.

Craig Hoover-Opportunity Awards Coordinator: Craig asked his fellow board members if they wanted him to purchase any particular items for the September club meeting. Various board members had a few requests.

Mike Bushell-Beach Dive Coordinator: Mike stated that on September 29th, there will be a night beach dive at Leo Carrillo. Divers are welcome to join in the hunt for lobsters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Minutes from the Pacific Explorer's Dive Club General Meeting September 12, 2007

Kevin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at Denny's Restaurant in Canoga Park.

President -Kevin Sullivan: Kevin announced that the dive club's participation in the West Hills' Sports Chalet annual tent sale was a very successful event. The dive club's table was set up at the entrance to Sports Chalet. It attracted curious shoppers, as well as the attention of the CEO of Sports Chalet. Kevin also mentioned with pride that the annual dive club picnic was the best club picnic ever held. He said that around 50 people attended the picnic, and that around 20 people did one or more dives. He thanked Kathy White for coordinating the event. Kevin also mentioned that he and Liz, along with some other advanced divers in the club, had gone out to dive a couple of local wrecks on the Sundiver. They really enjoyed the great staff on the Sundiver, and were impressed when Captain Ray put the anchor down within 10 feet of each wreck. Next year's big trip is still up in the air. There will be more discussion as to where and when the trip will be held. Finally, Kevin mentioned that in October we will be nominating people to fill board positions for next year.

Treasurer-Liz Sullivan: Liz said that the treasury is in good shape.

Membership-Kathy White: Kathy introduced 3 guests, David S., Christine and David H. She mentioned that she has been sending out emails to club members to remind them about renewing their memberships.

Webmaster-Russell Burt: Russell said that our website is running smoothly. He told members that they could link their photos via email to our website.

Boat Dive Coordinator-David Bentley: David said that members Wally and Nancy Burke went on the boat dive trip out to The Yukon. Unfortunately, the visibility wasn't very good at the wreck. David also mentioned that the club has 6 spots reserved on the Magician on September 29, lobster anyone???

On October 13 there will be a boat dive trip with Hollywood Divers out to the oil rigs. This trip is for advanced divers only. There are 12 spots reserved for club members on the boat.

Beach Dive Coordinator- Mike Bushell: Mike stated that on Saturday night September 29 there will be a beach dive for lobster at Leo Carrillo. Everyone is welcome to come and join in on the hunt. Meeting time will be 6:00PM. The October beach dive will be held at Malibu Road. It is a short walk and an easy swim out.

Vice President-David Carlson: David did a presentation on abalone diving in Mendocino, in Northern California. David and Kathy White had put together a photo show with pictures that they had taken during their 3 trips to Mendocino. We were able to see the gorgeous rocky coastline, the happy campers dining on feasts of abalone and local berry cobbler. They went free diving for the abalone, and kayaking among the rocky overhangs. Thank you to Dave and Kathy for sharing their trips with us.

Opportunity Awards Coordinator-Craig Hoover:

Craig purchased and presented the following items, won by the following people:

3 folding beach chairs-Nancy Burke

Larry the Lobster (trapped in a lobster sack)-Kevin Sullivan

Pirate shirt and cap-Tony Montelongo

Turtle mask strap wrapper-Kathy White

SL4 Dive light-Wally Burke

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A 48 inch beach ball-Phillip Frady

Glove and bootie hangar-Cody Brunski

2 disk set-Discover CA. Diving-Craig Hoover

CA. Lobster Diving book and lobster gauge-Ron Brunski

Refugio (kelp bed directly in front of campground) Date: August 26, 2007 By Wally Burke

Nancy & I decided to do a kayak dive along with Mark & Pattis Thompson. We all geared up in front of the campground and launched the kayaks without problems.

We decided to anchor the kayaks on the far side of the kelp bed far enough from the kelp so as not to get the anchor lines tangled up in it. After anchoring we all hit the water and dropped to the bottom.

Mark & Pattis headed one way, and we went another. We followed the backside of the rock ledge west for a while, but we didn't see a lot of life, and the vis was degrading as we went. So, we decided to head north and cut across the top of the ledge until we found the front side of the ledge, and then we turned east. This time we saw a bit more life including a large sheep head crab lurching across the top of the rock. We followed it for a while watching it awkwardly moving across the rock. It was headed towards a mass of what I believe to be sea hare eggs, and we thought that was it's goal, but it just crawled over them and kept going. After a while we moved on looking for other life. We saw the usual critters, sea hares, snails, a few nudis, and at least a few of most of the normal fish, but we didn't see nearly as much life as we had on our dive yesterday further east of here.

Finally as our gas was getting low we turned and crossed back over the ledge to the backside and headed west again towards where the kayaks should be. Finally I determined we should be near the kayaks so we began ascending and did our safety stop. As we were hanging out doing that Nancy grabbed me and pointed off in the distance, and I could see the shape of a large bat ray swimming just at the edge of our visibility. We followed it for 10-15 seconds, but it stayed just out of good visual range, so we stopped and then continued to the surface. Our kayaks were about 25 feet away so I was pretty happy about my navigation. Mark and Pattis were already at their kayaks getting ready to re-enter them. Nancy & I re-entered our kayaks (not too gracefully, but it was only our second ever kayak dive), put everything away and headed back to the beach and the club BBQ & picnic. We managed to get to shore without incident so all in all it was a good day of kayaking and diving.

JOIN THE BOARD!!

Coming up soon, in the month of October, we will be having nominations for the 2008 Board of Directors for our club, with elections taking place during the general meeting in November. This is a great opportunity to get more involved with the club and help provide direction for our future activities. As we've mentioned before, the various positions don't really take a huge amount of extra time, and help our club to be stronger in the long run. You are welcome to join us in any of the positions, as pretty much everyone on the current board has been in their position for 2 years. We like to keep folks rotating around different positions to help keep ideas flowing, people interested, and new blood coming in to the board.

PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF YOUR SPARE TIME TO HELPING KEEP OUR CLUB FRESH AND STRONG!!

Here are some brief descriptions of the various positions:

PRESIDENT: The club President basically just acts as the ring master at the various meetings, keeping everyone on topic (not always an easy task!!) and helping coordinate tasks between the other board members. You provide a monthly "From the President" article to the newsletter editor, and help act as the main contact point with other dive organizations.

VICE PRESIDENT: The main task of the VP is to coordinate speakers for our monthly general meetings. This is actually a little easier than it might seem, because generally all the board members (and general membership too!) have ideas for topics they'd like to hear about, and it's just a matter of a few Google searches and phone calls to get someone on board. We have yet to encounter anyone who hasn't been very willing and happy to come talk about their diving and other ocean related passions to the club.

TREASURER: Maintains the club bank account the same way you would your own finances, just a matter of balancing the account once a month. The treasurer also deposits funds from membership renewals and trip deposits, and issues checks to travel agencies for our annual trips. Kathy and Dave got this on Quicken, which Liz has maintained, and it's quite easy to keep track of everything.

SECRETARY: Keeps notes at the board and general meetings, writes them up, and submits them to the newsletter editor each month. This is a great entry level position because it really just involves attending the meetings and paying attention!

MEMBERSHIP: Keeps the membership roster up to date and sends out monthly reminders to members who are coming due. Also sends out a monthly roster to the board as well as Sport Chalet so members continue to get their discounts. We have a standard electronic set of files setup for this which makes it pretty easy to keep track of everything. It helps if you are just a little bit familiar with Microsoft Excel, but if you aren't a whiz it's no big deal. The file is pretty straightforward, and Liz can talk you through it in 10 minutes or so.

BEACH DIVE COORDINATOR: As the name implies, this person is responsible for selecting the sites for our monthly beach dives. Since your picking sites for the rest of the club to enjoy, it certainly helps if you are a beach diver yourself and can

attend them most of the time. The Beach Dive Coordinator is responsible for getting attendees to fill out the club liability release form at each event, or for getting another board member to do so if they cannot attend.

BOAT DIVE COORDINATOR: Again as the name implies, this person is responsible for selecting the boat trips which will be our monthly event. It is good if a set of spots can be set aside for the club ahead of time so that we can be sure we'll have some spots available during high seasons or especially popular destinations. This usually just involves a quick call to Annette at Sport Chalet or to the office of the boat for the trip. It isn't a requirement that the boat coordinator go on every trip, so don't worry that you might have to shell out a lot of money to attend every month's boat dive.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: This is a great position for someone with a creative flair! The format is pretty easy to work with in Microsoft Word, but you're certainly welcome to use any format you like to make it fresh and fun. Probably the most difficult part of this position is getting content from folks on a regular basis. The main point is that the editor is not required to write a whole newsletter if there are no articles, you just make use of what you have each month.

WEBMASTER: Obviously the most technically oriented position on the board. This person is responsible for maintaining the website, posting new pictures when available, and for maintaining the e-mail group account, adding new members as needed.



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



Beach Dives

Date	Day	Beach	Time	
20-Oct	Sat	Malibu Road	9 AM	
17-Nov	Sat	Malaga Cove	9 AM	
22-Dec	Sat	Redondo Beach	3 PM	Squid Dive
2-Dec	Sun	Annual Holiday Party		

International Diving

End of June		Bonaire		
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Boat Dives

		Boat	Destination	Cost	Included	Boarding	Depart	Return
13 Oct	Sat	Sea Bass ^{4A}	Oil Rigs	130.00	Food & Air	6 A	7 A	4 P
11 Nov	Sun	Magician ³	Santa Barbara	150.00	Food & Air	10 P 11/10	2 A	6 P
8 Dec	Sat	Peace ⁵	Anacapa Island	129.00		6 A	7 A	6 P

¹ Reserve your spot by e-mailing divetrips@pacificexplorers.org

² Reserve you spot by calling Reef Seekers 310-652-4990

³ Reserve you spot by calling Sport Chalet 800-348-3794

⁴ Reserve you spot by calling Hollywood Divers 323-969-9875

⁵ Reserve you spot by calling Aloha Dive 818-700-8134

⁶ Reserve your spot by calling Sea Divers 714-377-8044.

^A Advanced Divers Only

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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). For beach activities e-mail 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.

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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
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Spectre (805) 483-6612	http://calboatdiving.com/	1575 Spinnaker Dr.,105B-59
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If you have pictures you would like to see published in the newsletter, please send them to Jeff Adler 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.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING COORDINATOR: Buys the monthly/quarterly opportunity prizes and sells tickets at the general meetings.

Membership Update

96 Members

New Members

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

BJ Rogers
Brian Thompson
Paul Janke
Keith Biondi
Bill Bringle
Mike Carlson
Nancy Burke
Kathy White
Liz Sullivan

Steve Roquemore
Kevin Shapiro
Randall Schoonhoven
Betty Pringle
Tanda Lockett
Craig Hoover
Wally Burke
David Carlson
Kevin Sullivan

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:

Diane Stevenson- DAN Oxygen First Aid
Diane Stevenson- DAN Advanced Oxygen First Aid
Diane Stevenson- DAN AED
Wally Burke- DAN Oxygen First Aid
Wally Burke- DAN AED

Nancy Burke- DAN Oxygen First Aid
Nancy Burke- DAN Advanced Oxygen First Aid
Nancy Burke- DAN AED
Wally Burke- DAN Advanced Oxygen First Aid