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Presidents Message

Hello Dolphin Divers,

Another month has gone by, and as usual, there were many great events held by the club! All of our many event leaders throughout the year deserve a big round of applause for all they do. Without event leaders, we couldn't have events!

Sometimes when we haven't been diving for a while, we start to think about the exotic locations we should be going... Take a look at the club's events from the last month. There are plenty of dives for everyone closer to home. These trips take less time and money, so they are usually things we can do more often. The Channel Island's trip is always a great time- what better way to get back in the water

than on a boat full of willing dive buddies and virtually unlimited diving! Most of us can be in Monterey in 3 hours, or Fort Bragg in 4... Do you want to be able to skip washing your gear after a dive? How about Tahoe? For those who like to stay even closer to home, Lake Natoma was a great dive at the inland lobster feed in July. If you missed any of these events, but have been itching to get wet, pick a day, and invite your dive buddies in the club. Some people can only dive on weekends, others only during the week, but most are always willing to go when the opportunity is there!

As a reminder, for those of you who purchased equipment at a previous "June Madness" it may be time to take it in for an annual service.

Dive safe,

Holly

~ Meetings ~

Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a Board Members home. All members are welcome to attend all meetings; however we ask that you call the host to RSVP. Board meetings start at 7:00pm Upcoming Board Meetings:

August 7 : David Whiteside 916-923-3763

General Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison). Call 916-989-1133 to order in advance, be sure to ask for the Dolphin Dive Club Discount

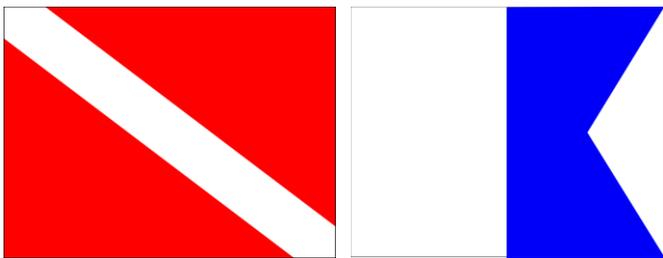
~DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB ~

Renee' Viehmann 1 Aug
Linda Freelove 4 Aug
Chris Anthon 9 Aug
Adnan Dinn 12 Aug
Laynia Little 12 Aug
Cayle Little 15 Aug
Matt Stemple 15 Aug

New Members

Brian Lavender

SAFETY OFFICERS MESSAGE Chris Anthon



While assisting in my most recent Rescue Diver Class, I was asked the importance of a Dive Flag. I gave the standard information "it is to identify there are divers below and that it is to inform boaters to proceed with caution." After being asked, there was much discussion about when and where and the legalities of it. I decided to research the information and provide a little clarity for SCUBA Flags in California's waters because I wasn't really sure myself.

Funny thing is, there is not a clear answer on the subject.

According to Wikipedia - "A diver down flag, or scuba flag, is a [flag](#) used on the water to indicate that there is a diver below. In North America it is conventionally red with a white stripe from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Internationally, the code flag alfa/alpha, which is white and blue, is used to signal that the vessel has a diver down and other vessels should keep well clear at slow speed.

Purpose

The purpose of the flags is to notify to any other boats to steer clear for the safety of the diver and to avert the possibility of a collision with the dive boat which may be unable to maneuver out of the way.

The use of the red and white flag, which was designed and introduced in 1956 by Navy veteran Denzel James Dockery, is required by law or regulation in many US states and Canada, as well as in several other countries in the world (e.g. Italy). Usually the regulations require divers to display the flag and to stay within a specified distance of it when they are near the surface. As well there is often a larger zone around the flag where no boats are allowed to pass. Some states also prohibit the display of this flag when there is no diver in water. It can be placed on a boat or on a surface marker buoy."

According to California Code

(ref: <http://weblinks.westlaw.com/>)

14 CCR § 7008 Cal. Admin. Code tit. 14, § 7008, Barclays Official California Code of Regulations, Title 14. Natural Resources Division 4. Department of Boating and Waterways, Chapter 1. Department of Boating and Waterways [Article 6](#). Waterway Marking System § 7008. The Divers Flag.

(a) A red flag with a white diagonal running from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner (from masthead to lower outside corner) and known as the "Divers Flag" shall when displayed on the water, indicate the presence of a person engaged in diving in the water in the immediate area.

(b) Recognition of this flag by regulation will not be construed as conferring any rights or privileges on its users, and its presence in a water area will not be

construed in itself as restricting the use of the water area so marked.

(c) Operators of vessels will, however, exercise precaution commensurate with conditions indicated.

(d) This flag may be displayed only when diving is in progress, and its display in a water area when no diving is in progress is that area will constitute a violation of the regulation and of section 659 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.

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According to Section 659, Harbors and Navigation Code

659. The department may make rules and regulations for the uniform navigational marking of the waters of this state. Such rules and regulations shall not be in conflict with markings prescribed by the United States Coast Guard. No city, county, or person shall mark the waters of this state in any manner in conflict with the markings prescribed by the department.

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There is such controversy about California's weak laws regarding the use of dive flags. However, this section of the California Boating Regulations would seem to cover divers:

According to CA Dept of Motor Vehicles - Operation of Vessel

655. (a) No person shall use any vessel or manipulate water skis, an aquaplane, or a similar

device in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person. The department shall adopt regulations for the use of vessels, water skis, aquaplanes, or similar devices in a manner that will minimize the danger to life, limb, or property consistent with reasonable use of the equipment for the purpose for which it was designed.

Every owner, operator, or person in command of any vessel propelled by machinery is guilty of a misdemeanor who uses it, or permits it to be used, at a speed in excess of five miles per hour in any portion of the following areas not otherwise regulated by local rules and regulations:

As far as I can tell, California law varies greatly for the other states in the nation and still is not specific about how far away boaters need to be from a dive flag. As stated above, Title 14, Section 7008, only states that operators of vessels will "exercise precaution." Which means "look they have a slalom course marked for us."

However, California Boating Regulations are very specific that you must remain under five miles per hour within 100 feet of "any person who is engaged in the act of bathing" and 200 feet from a "swimming float, diving platform, or lifeline." But really how many boaters even know there are Boating Regulations? I find it difficult when a child pulling a skier on his wave runner blows by my float in Folsom that they have a drivers license let alone know how to spell regulations. All you need is a trailer hitch and a pocket book to operate one, right?

When laws are as vague as this and much interpretation can be made, error on the side of caution. Use a Dive Flag on your Float or a marker buoy to identify yourself. The more on the water, the less likely you will be disturbed by a boater. If you dive with a marker, don't attach it to you, dive with your reel in hand and hold the reel in front of you. Remember to keep the line tight and prevent any slack to avoid any entanglement.

Safe Diving! - Chris

2nd Annual Family Fun Shoot

The 2nd Annual Family Fun Shoot is now officially over, and like last year's event, it was a real barn burner! Not only for the fun time that everyone had, but also because of the 100+ temperature for most of the day. There were almost 30 members and guests in attendance with most of them participating as shooters. The event took place on Sunday, June 30 at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center (SVSC) in Sloughouse, CA (just past Rancho Murieta) off the Jackson Highway. Once again, **Chris Anthon** was able to reserve an entire shooting range for just our Dolphin Diver event, which worked out great since we could shoot as much and as long as we wanted. Way to go **Chris**, and **THANK YOU** for all your efforts helping to organize this event!!!

After our Range Masters gave a safety briefing, we started shooting at the 10 yard line for a while. As usual, we had a wide range of shooter abilities, from people who have **NEVER** fired a gun before to those individuals who practically sleep with them... and sometimes do! Once everyone had a chance to send quite a few rounds down range, we did some competition shooting. The target was a picture of a very menacing man with a gun. Each shooter shot five rounds and then scores were tallied.

We then moved back to the 50 yard line for a little more challenging style of shooting. We used large targets with the image of playing cards on them (thanks to **Calye Little** for making these unique targets). The object was to shoot a rifle with open sights (no scopes aloud) off-hand (standing) and get the best poker hand possible. This type of shooting **REALLY** tests a shooter's ability since every little movement can cause the bullet to fly **WAY OFF TARGET!** While the shot groups were a little more spread out than they were on the 10 yard line, most people seemed to be able to put holes in their targets.

We finally moved back to the 200 yard line for some longer range shooting. By this time, the heat was really making a difference in the shooting comfort level. Also, since the temperature was approximately 106 degrees by the time we were

shooting at the 200 yard line, we ended up with just a handful of shooters.

While the hardcore shooters toughed out the heat, the BBQ's were fired up and the hot dogs and hamburgers were expertly cooked by **Layni Little** who did a great job in preparing the day's main courses. Thanks, **Layni!!!** Along with all the other dishes brought by everyone, our potluck turned out **really well**.

Just like the previous year, shooters classified themselves into three categories: Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced. Prizes for each category included a \$15 gift card to Dolphin Scuba and some valuable prizes for 1st Place, and a \$5 gift card to Dolphin Scuba for all 2nd Places. Here are the results for the day:

Novice

1 st Place	Dave Ford
2 nd Place (Tie)	Holly Little
2 nd Place (Tie)	Connor Carlson
2 nd Place (Tie)	Layni Little

Intermediate

1 st Place (Tie)	Larry Walther
1 st Place (Tie)	Ken Dague
2 nd Place (Tie)	Calye Little
2 nd Place (Tie)	Pam Carlson
2 nd Place (Tie)	Lacy Scoggin

Advanced

1 st Place	Steve Volpicelli
2 nd Place (Tie)	David Andres
2 nd Place (Tie)	Jeff Pluth

Congratulations to all the winners and once again, **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the 2nd Annual Family Fun Shoot a huge success!!!

STEVE VOLPICELLI

4th of July Event

This event has come and gone by now, but, let me tell you about this outing.

Steve and I arrived on Wednesday July 3rd, the weather was beautiful. We walked to the point; the ocean was smooth and flat. While at point, we notice the restaurant that was closed for a long time, Ocean Cove Bar & Grill re-opened. We decided to have dinner there, the food was good, reasonable prices, and the view of the ocean was beautiful.

On Thursday, the 4th, Holger and Corrine joined us. The campground was booming! Later that day, after a little siesta, we enjoy some delicious appetizers. The evening consisted of a potluck; let me tell you we ate well. That evening we sat around the campfire, and enjoyed each other's company. The sky was so clear; it was mesmerizing looking up at the stars.

On Friday, we all (dog's included) took a trip to Guerneville; we talked around the town, and ended up at Flavors Unlimited for lunch on Main Street. If you ever travel through Guerneville, stop at Flavors Unlimited they have some tasty ice cream treats. Later in the day Holger & I did a photo shoot of the sun setting. The day ended with a blazing campfire & great friends.

On Saturday, Chris Anthon, and his friend Fred arrived, after chatting for a while, Chris, Steve and Fred decided to go for a tank dive. While the guys were out, Corrine and I decided to do yoga on the bluff, we had four young girls join us. Chris returned with two fish, nothing like fresh fish tacos, plus other scrumptious food for dinner. Except for the fog that rolled in, it was a good ending to a wonderful day.

On Sunday, we did what everyone would do on the day we headed out, pack up and head out.

Keep this fun trip in mind for next year.

Steve & Marylin



Picnic in the Park

As is the tradition, the July General Meeting was held at Fair Oaks Park. Burgers and Dogs were given a hot ride by the Board of Directors and Cold Beverages were available for all to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who brought a side dish to share. I always look forward to this meeting and especially all the Free Food and Good Company. This year we decided to have a contest to see who owned the most Wild and Tacky Aloha Shirt. The crowd unanimously and quite vocally chose Jeff Pluth's extremely loud and tacky garment. Jeff was awarded a \$10 Cold Stone Ice Cream certificate. Just like normal General Meetings, a split the pot raffle was held and ticket bunnies, Megan Taylor and Conner Carlson volunteered and squeezed \$73 out of the crowd. Jamie Sepulveda won half of the pot and the other half will be donated to the D.A.R.T team. This event reminded me what a bargain DDS Membership is. When you really think about it, DDS membership is actually FREE. Yes FREE if you count up the 12 FREE Air Fills – FREE Pizza for the entire family at the voting meeting and FREE Burgers, Dogs and Drinks at the Meeting in the Park. Yes, I think you will agree, DDS membership is quite a bargain. Thanks to all for joining Dolphin Divers of Sacramento.

~ Craig Brookey, V.P.

Inland Lobster Feed

WOW! What a beautiful fun day this turned out to be! Over 60 people showed up at Negro Bar Saturday, July 13, to enjoy the day. Friday evening Holger met me with four crawdad traps that we baited with Mackerel that I had bought from a bait shop before setting them out under the Rainbow Bridge. There were already crawdads heading for the traps as soon as we set them so we headed home secure in our belief that we would find plenty the next morning for our feast.



Saturday morning I woke early, Ray Brown met me at 5:30 then we headed for Lake Natoma to secure a spot for everyone. I pulled up to the gate at 6:00 to find a line of – no one. I pulled straight through to the parking area to find – no one. We hauled our ice chests and chairs down to the picnic area where we found – no one else. Tom and Kathy Moore showed up about 6:30 so did Mike Melvin. With everyone's help we set a long row of tables then waited for everyone else to arrive. Among the first were Ken Takata and Craig Broockey, with their boats.

I gave a short dive briefing right at 9:00. Then 12 divers spread out among mine, Ken's and Craig's boats. It worked perfect! And all of my tension fell off into the calm water. We motored up past Rainbow Bridge where the divers dropped in and dove along the bottom searching for treasure to use for our contest.

I watched all the bubbles for about half an hour, then asked Craig to keep an eye on everyone while I made a quick dive to retrieve the traps. 1-2-3-4 ??? Where was trap #5? I spent almost 20



minutes searching for the last trap before giving up. We returned to the beach at about 11:00 to find it packed with club members and their families and friends. Holger was waiting for us on the beach. When I told him that I couldn't find his



fifth trap he started laughing. He said (between chuckles) "We only put out four traps." I guess it shows how observant I



was(n't) (-:

Brad, Corinne, Sandy and Ken got busy cooking the crawdads, hamburgers, hot dogs and corn while I gathered everyone together for crawdad races and a Scavenger Hunt/Liars Contest. After I drew 2 rings in the dirt we put all the crawdads in a bucket, then we had the children pick out their favorites and drop them in the inner circle – the race was on. All of the winners won Coldstone Creamery gift cards. Tom Oja's daughter, Emily won the children's race for the fastest crawdad. Next we let the adults do the same and the fastest crawdad prize went to Steve Volpicelli. Then came the liars contest. Dennis Wade started off with several stories about Lee Trevino losing a golf ball and a fishing pole that he stole from an underwater fisherman. He also had a license plate from a mafia car that had been abandoned on the bottom. Chris Anthon had a story about his find and Brooke told us about her beer can. But the prize went to Jerry King for his story about finding a

Upcoming Events!!

Labor Day

Labor Day 2013, Ocean Cove, Ca. August 30th through September 2nd

Cost is \$24 per night. If you would like to show up early that is fine and you can pay for that at Ocean Cove. The club portion is Fri. – Mon.

A sign up form will be uploaded to our website soon at www.dolphindivers.org so you can start signing up. The last day to sign up is the August general meeting.

This year's theme is Trailer Trash! So far the schedule of events will be:

Friday- Arrive at Ocean Cove and get settled in.

Saturday- 6pm Social hour. Share some snacks and drinks and visit with everyone. Then we will have the Women's Dessert Contest at 7pm.

Sunday- Spear Fishing Contest. Potluck, awards presentation, and raffle.

Monday- Pancake breakfast.

We will also be having a BBQ for kids and some kid activities.

We need volunteers to help with the spear fishing contest, checking divers out and in, and weighing all of the fish.

We need help with the kids BBQ and activities.

Last but not least we will need some cooks to help cook sausage links and pancakes on Monday morning.

We are also looking for donations for the raffle.

If you would like to help in any way please contact Bob & Kim Taylor

btaylor@tayloredbiomedical.com or 530-871-0492 home 916-752-6017 cell

The Labor Day event is one of the more popular events and you are sure to have a Great Time if you attend!!!

Split the Pot

Jamie Sepulveda was the lucky winner of \$36.50!

What color was that ticket Conner??? The other \$36.50 was donated to D.A.R.T!!

portal to Cuba where he went for a cigar (he had the wrapper for proof) and a woman that he met along the way. The food was ready as we finished the contests so it was time to pig out. We had more crawdads than we needed so many of them were released to grow bigger for next year. It was 3:00, after almost everyone had left, when we pulled out our boats and headed home, too. WHEW! I had a LOT of fun, and I think everyone else did too. I want to thank everyone who helped me with this event! Ray,



Mike, Tom and Kathy for coming early to help set up; Ken, and Craig for bringing their boats; and Brad, Corinne, Sandy and

Ken for being great chefs! Final thanks to Kathy and Sandy for some of the photos in this article.

Jack Millard



2013 TROPHY CORNER

Come on Divers – whats up with this???

BIG FISH: No Entry at this date.

BIG AB: No Entry at this date

Small Ab: No Entry at this date

~ GARAGE SALE ~

Have anything to SELL – TRADE – GIVE AWAY?

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Hydro Feb 2013. \$50

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OUT – AND – ABOUT

Don't forget when you are out-and-about, the following shops and businesses support Dolphin Divers of Sacramento. When you patronize, please tell them you are a club member and thank them for their support.

*Indicates shops that honor the free air fills on the back of Dolphin Divers membership cards.

* **Dolphin Scuba Center** (916) 929-8188

* **Fish Eye Scuba** (916) 850-1145

www.fisheyscuba.com

* **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294

www.scubaworldsacto.com

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone who is celebrating accomplishments, upcoming Weddings, Births, etc., or if you know of a club member who is in need of a little Sunshine please contact Maridee Green at 916-206-0863, or email her at maridee@homebuying101.com

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