



# CURRENT BUBBLES

NEWSLETTER OF DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

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## President's Message

Hello Fellow Divers

Thank you to all who attended this past general meeting at our Annual Picnic in the Park. From what I counted, nearly 60 people came out for the incredible weather, good times and great eats! Many of you may not be aware that events like these are a group effort and without the efforts of persons like Jack Millard (for getting all the food, drink and provisions) Ilkan Cokgor (Mr BBQ extraordinaire) and Ms Brooke Hudson and Steve Gibson (the cleanup committee) it is because of members like these who really make our club a special place. A sincere and special Thank you, to each of them and everyone else who made this event happen.

As I write this letter to the membership, about 30 members are enjoying themselves off the coast of Southern California in the beautiful waters of the Channel Islands. Look forward

to a report of their trip during our August general meeting.

Fast approaching is Labor Day Weekend! Get your reservations in to reserve your spot as you won't want to miss this year! Our VP, and Event Coordinator - Mrs Marilyn Campbell, [mcampbel@surewest.net](mailto:mcampbel@surewest.net) is in the process of securing one of the biggest raffle items to date. Stay tuned for more information. The committee has numerous events planned throughout the weekend. If you have not had a chance to make it before, it is a great chance to meet the club, hang out with the many families, and enjoy a really good time.

Check the calendar within this publication (Bubbles), the website (<http://www.dolphindivers.org>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/dolphindiverssac>), or our Meetup Group (Dolphin Divers of Sacramento) for more details.

Safe Diving and enjoy the remainder of the summer!  
Chris - Dolphin Divers of Sacramento - President

## Meetings

**Board meetings** are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, at a Board Member's 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 3 – Whiteside Home

**General Meetings** General Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## -TROPHY CORNER-

**BIG FISH:** Must be taken at a club dive north of Yankee Point, Monterey County

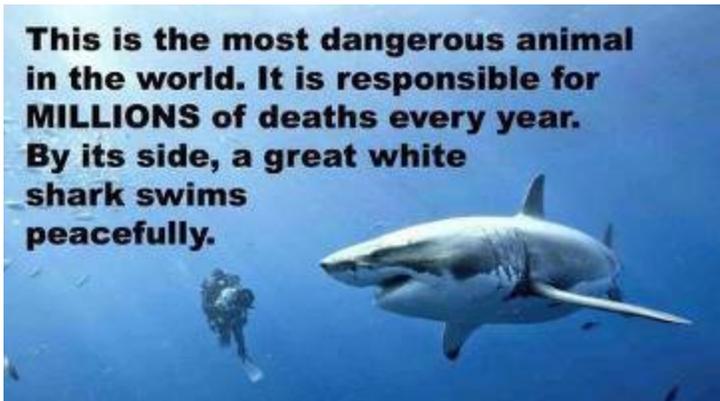
**BIG AB:** Holger Fuerst - 9.187  
Memorial Day Event

## **DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Renee Viehmann	1st
Steve Gibson	2nd
Henry Hernandez	7th
Chris Anthon	9th
Colt Little	11th
Andy Dinn	12th
Layni Little	12th
Bella Little	17th
Kelsey Hammett	26th

### **Welcome new Members!!!**

Matt Cottrell



## **SAFETY**

Tom Oja, DDS Safety Officer

Diving is fun. Especially when you make it back home that night. So what is your weakness, fear, or area you lose sleep about when it comes to diving. Rarely do divers verbalize their concerns and that can be a problem if your buddy doesn't know to watch for something. So this month think about the areas that you either need practice, need help with, don't understand, forgot, or just scare you. Before you jump to the next paragraph or article really STOP and think. What is your diving weakness and how do you deal with it. Remember from your training you can call a dive for ANY reason. It really is ANY reason. That can include forgetting a key piece of gear or just that little voice saying "don't get in the water today".

That said this last month one our our local dives was Meeks Bay in Lake Tahoe. Those of us who made the trip had two really good dives. There were some I heard from that were concerned about the winds and the waves forecast for Lake Tahoe. I have heard stories of people surfing on the lake with large waves and even experiences some of those waves. I have several times in the past called off boat dives in Tahoe because of wave forecasts or done only one dive instead of two because of changing conditions. Last month 2-4ft waves

were predicted and I thought about cancelling. However this was Meeks Bay. Somewhat protected and on the opposite side of the lake from where the waves were forecast. Guess what the weather was windy, but there were no waves and we had great dives. So be careful but also be aware of the area you are planning on diving. Sometimes it really is not as bad as you think.

Now if you do end up in a bad situation remember your DAN membership. You do have a DAN membership right? Some do and some don't but the DAN website has lots of helpful articles that really can give you better insight into things that could harm you and what to do to prevent that harm. On a recent out of country trip, the first in a long time for our entire family including the kids, I wanted to make sure that my son was properly covered. I have a specific plan on myself and had added my son as part of their family plan. What I discovered is that since I already had the family plan I was able to add the entire family and be covered if we needed to be evacuated out of the country. It didn't even have to be diving related. All I had to do was give DAN the names of each additional family member. The best part, no additional yearly cost to add 3 more people. If I recall the family plan was about \$55 a year and covered up to \$100,000 in evacuation charges. I don't recall details on what else it covered but for once I felt like I actually got something extra without having to put another dollar in. ~Tom Oja

### **Channel Islands Trip Observation**

*"Hola, Craig here. This is NOT intended to serve as a complete article about this year's Channel Islands trip but merely my personal observation. A full report will be forthcoming by our fearless leader. (Jack). I was one of the 30 divers aboard last week and I think I observed a lot of people having a great time. Divers are an eclectic group ranging from the very young (a child can be a certified PADI Junior Diver as young as 10 years old) and the other end of the spectrum, Lifelong divers in their 80s' and everyone in-between. Some are waiting at the gate for every available dive (Rambo Divers) and some who are perfectly content to relax and skip a dive once in a while (Sun Worshipers/Bunk Divers). It's not all about how many dives you can do, how many fish you can see, or shoot, it's about getting away from the work a day world and spending some quality time with good friends. (I also observed much laughter on this trip). Whichever kind of diver you are, the Annual Dolphin Divers/Truth Aquatics, live aboard trip aboard the Conception is perfect". ~CB*

## CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVE TRIP

Another successful Channel Islands dive trip. Thirty one divers boarded the Conception Saturday evening for the start of our 29th annual dive charter. A group of 3 divers from Oakland joined us this year so we enjoyed a nice mix of familiar and new buddies.



After loading our gear, signing the boat waivers and visiting with friends we filtered down to our bunks for the night. It was a very smooth ride all night to our first San Miguel Island dive site. The first thing I noticed when I jumped in was it was COLD! My gauge showed 57 degrees! The visibility was between 15 and 20 feet on most dives, and the fish were abundant, so there was still lots to see.



We only spent one day at San Miguel Island before heading south to Santa Cruz Island, and WARMER water. The rest of our dives were all in water between 67 degrees, near the surface, and 63 at depth. Toasty compared to



the chilly water at San Miguel. Night dives were made every night. On the one that I made on Monday we saw at least a dozen Angel Sharks hiding in the sand, several octopus, and the biggest Navanax nudibranchs I had ever seen. One was busy trying to swallow a whole Moon Snail that was bigger around than the Navanax.

Several of our divers were hunting and a fair number of big Kelp Bass were shot. Then Holger surfaced with a BIG Halibut that must have weighed close to 35 pounds. GOOD JOB HOLGER! On the same dive I found another nice anchor and chain wrapped around a huge rock. I spent at least 10 minutes unangling it and setting it where I could retrieve it later with the help of one of the crew and the inflatable chase boat.

Other highlights from this trip included many mating piles of different species of Sea Hares, lots of different nudibranch, especially the Navanax. One dive we had some stiff current but there were hundreds of pelagic Crabs swimming around the boat. I hung with them and watched while the fish attacked and tore them apart. Tiny crab legs and claws were raining down from the mayhem. We



saw schools of California Barracuda every day and more octopus were spotted hunting around the rocky bottom. The crew did a wonderful job of taking care of us the entire trip. They fed us gourmet



meals including a full turkey dinner. They also did an EXCELLENT job of keeping the candy bowl full of chocolates ☺ I gained several pounds from all of the good food and chocolate ☺

Our ride back to Santa Barbara from Santa Cruz Island was pretty flat and a pod of dolphins crossed behind us mid channel.

A few of us met in Buellton for the night and to share a last dinner before driving home Thursday.

We have already booked our 2017 trip for Saturday, July 22–Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Unless Truth Aquatics gives us a large price increase the cost to members will be \$625.00 pp. for the fourth year in a row. Many members have already paid deposits or full payments for next year!! I hope you can join us as we return to Catalina Island. Jack



picnic area early because we want to be in our boats and ready to dive by 9:00! There are a lot of big crayfish hiding under the rocks so bring a “Goody Bag” to grab the biggest and fastest ones you see. There are also a lot of lost “treasures” that fishermen and swimmers have dropped in the lake so we can also do a lake cleanup and scavenger hunt while we dive. I have found several working watches and a gold ring on previous dives so be sure to keep your eyes open. The deepest you can get is only about 40 feet, and there will be a current sweeping us along so you will have to hug the bottom to keep from drifting too fast. Visibility is typically about 6 to 10 feet and the water temperature has been in the low sixties on previous dives.



After we have made our dives we’ll gather in the picnic area for the rest of the fun. We will have prizes for a BIG crawdad contest and a crawdad race for the adults and the kids, so be sure to save your biggest and your fastest crawdad. We will also have a “Liars Contest” where we will spin yarns about the “treasures” that we find. After all the fun we will fire up the barbeque and cook up the crawdads, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob and all the delicious food that is contributed to the potluck. Please bring \$5.00 per adult to contribute toward the soft drinks, hamburgers and corn on the cob. Please also bring a potluck dish, and don’t forget your dive gear, hats, beach chairs and sunscreen.

For directions and more information.

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## Future Events

### Inland Lobster Feed & Potluck Saturday, August 13



Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at Lake Natoma for our “Inland Lobster Feed” dive and potluck on **Saturday August 13** at the Negro Bar picnic area. A few of us will put out crawdad traps late Friday to recover for the event in the morning.

Saturday morning all of the divers will meet at the Negro Bar State Park by 9:00 to boat up past the Rainbow Bridge for a fun drift dive. *You should plan on arriving at the Negro Bar*



## Great American River Clean Up!

September 17<sup>th</sup>

It is almost time to get muddy and yucky and play with the crawdads. September 17th is the date of the annual Great American River Clean Up. Rafting down the river, we pick up as much trash as we can. Divers and boat handlers will gather up cans, bottles, and as much trash and treasure as they can find. Last year we had almost 50 divers and boat handlers for the event. Time to give back to the water that we all play in. Time to clean up what others leave behind. Remember, not all will be junk. Cameras, cell phones, fishing lures, cash, and for Fred and Craig, all the full beers that they can find.

In August I will send out more info and a sign up notice. We will join members of AIM and the Sea Horses as well as other divers interested in cleaning up the environment and having a ton of muddy fun. So, put down the 17th of September as a day of diving and rafting. ~Brad Freelove

## Garage Sale

**HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL HERE ?? DIVE GEAR, CAMPING EQUIPMENT, UNDERWATER PHOTO GEAR?? PLACE AN ADD HERE FREE BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR BEFORE THE DEADLINE (12 MIDNIGHT THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL MEETING). SEND TO:**

[CBrookey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CBrookey@sbcglobal.net)

## DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

**When you donate blood tell them that you are a member of Dolphin Dive Club and ask that your donation be credited to our account (#3412) and benefit other club members if they need a blood donation.**

## 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

[www.dolphinsscuba.com](http://www.dolphinsscuba.com)

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

[www.scubaworld.com](http://www.scubaworld.com)

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### JULY

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### JULY

- 6 Board Meeting- Round Table Pizza
- 8 Pool Dive Tune Up- Swimstitute Rancho Cordova; Brad Freelo
- 9 Safety Officer Dive/Meeks Bay- Tom Oja
- 12 Safety Officer Dive/Folsom Lake 5%- Tom Oja
- 20 General Meeting- Picnic in the Park/ Fair Oaks Park
- 24-27 Channel Islands Trip- Jack Millard

### AUGUST

- 3 Board Meeting- Dave Whiteside
- 13 Inland Lobster Feed- Negro Bar Jack Millard
- 17 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza Frank Hurd, The Nature

### SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 Labor Day- Ocean Cove Brad Freelo & Marilyn Campbell
- 7 Board Meeting- Renee Viehmann
- 17 Great American River Cleanup- Brad Freelo
- 21 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza

### OCTOBER

- 5 Board Meeting- Marilyn Campbell
- 8 World Abalone Cookoff- Fort Bragg
- 19 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting- Tom Oja
- 16 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza

### DECEMBER

- 7 Board Meeting- The Sepulveda's
- 10 Christmas Party (in lieu of general meeting)

Upcoming Event!

Fun for All!



Dolphin Divers

Tropical Paradise

Labor Day 2016

Date: September 3rd - 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday

Salsa Contest

Social Hour

Women's Dessert Contest

Movie Night

Sunday

Spear Fishing Contest

Potluck Dinner

Raffle

Monday

Continental Breakfast



**DOLPHIN DIVERS LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
REGISTRATION FORM  
September 2-5, 2016**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Camping Fees:** *Open to everyone \$24 per night per vehicle  
Only pay for Friday – Sunday nights. Any days before or after should be paid directly to  
the Ocean Cove Store*

# of people attending	_____		
Vehicle #1	_____	x\$24.00 per night =	_____ \$
Vehicle #2	_____	x \$24.00 per night =	_____ \$
# pets	_____	x \$2.00 per night =	_____ \$
# of boats	_____	Cost to be paid by DDS	_____ \$0.00

**Spearfishing Contest:** *Open to DDS members only (Sunday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>) - Two person teams*

Team Member #1	_____	x\$10.00	_____ \$
Team Member #2	_____	x\$10.00	_____ \$

**Big Fish Entry:** *Open to DDS members only (Sunday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>) - Two person teams*

# of entries	_____	x \$5.00 per person	_____ \$
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**Women’s Dessert Contest** *Open to everyone (Saturday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

# of entries	_____		_____ \$0.00
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**Total Camping and Contest Fees:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$

**Make checks payable to: Dolphin Divers of Sacramento.**  
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