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Official Newsletter of the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

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Let's Stay Connected!

Attend a General Meeting:
Held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison Avenue. Call 916-989-1133 to order in advance, and be sure to ask for the Dolphin Divers Discount! Each meeting starts at 7:00pm

Or...

follow us on **Facebook** and subscribe to our **Yahoo Group** to get information club announcements and events.

Your Board Members

President	Ilkan Cokgor
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Dave Whiteside, Marianne Larsen,
Bob Taylor, Barry Huff, Andy Dinn,
Ken Takata

A Message From the President...

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, over 80 percent of the ocean is unmapped, unobserved, and unexplored. Given that the ocean covers over 70 percent of the earth's surface, affects the Earth's weather and temperature, is a vital source of food, and has uses ranging from commerce to inspiration, it is startling that we know so little about it. Granted, it is very difficult and expensive to explore the ocean. But so is space exploration. However, we have mapped large parts of both Mars and the moon, and we have higher resolution mapping of Venus than our own ocean floor.

Just in the last thirty days there has been news of astounding discoveries made underwater

One of them is about a shipwreck, completely intact and dating back to 400BC, found in the depths of the Black Sea

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/oldest-intact-shipwreck-discovered-black-sea-180970622/>

The other is about a "headless chicken sea monster" spotted in the southern oceans

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/rare-sighting-headless-chicken-monster-180970615/>

I bet some of our members would love to see this creature in person and may even start counting to estimate just how many there are. Dear members, these are two major news releases about the underwater world just between our October 6 Lake Natoma Treasure Dive and October 27 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest!

There are 6 million active scuba divers worldwide.

The Sports and Fitness Industry Association estimates that there are 6 million active scuba divers worldwide. I will put this number into context: we get to see things that only 0.08% of the world population will ever see. I am very thankful that I get to see something that is so unique and so rare in my lifetime. I am even more thankful that I get to do this along with my fellow club members, the finest and the most interesting people that I have ever met.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

-Ilkan Cokgor, President





Month in Review:

October

American River Treasure Hunt Dive

October 6th found eight divers heading upstream from the Negro Bar launch ramp looking for treasure in the waters below the Folsom State Prison. Ken Takata captained his boat upstream until we hit the prison boundary. We set the anchor in 21 ft. of water and divers jumped in. With visibility of 6 ft. and a temp of 63 degrees, this was not a Caribbean drift dive.

45 minutes later, we were pulling divers out of the water. Sun glasses, fishing equipment, beach towels, and other assorted "treasures" were brought to the surface. No cameras or watches were found but everyone had a smile on their face. By noon we were back at the dock and heading home.

A special thanks to Ken Takata for the use of his boat and his exceptional seamanship skills. This dive would not have taken place without his support. Next year another dive is planned for the same area, just a little sooner in the year.



Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: the results

DDS members and guests met at Folsom Lake for the club underwater pumpkin carving contest. 10 divers walked into the murky waters of Folsom Lake with the intention of carving up a Halloween masterpiece.

And the contest began! Carvers were allowed to open up their pumpkins on the surface and scoop out the guts. After that, all carving and cutting and cussing was done underwater. After 45 minutes of creative cutting, divers and pumpkins came back to the shore. It was obvious that some divers had real skill. Others not so much. With limited visibility and gobs of mud on the bottom, our contestants did their best to cut up the gourds and not themselves.

NO DIVERS WERE HURT! NO PUMPKIN SURVIVED!

At the end of the contest, judges Renee, Ken, and Joe awarded all divers a prize.

First place awards went to Gary and the team of Kenny and Melissa. Second place prizes were received by Jose and Liz. And close on their heels were Dave, Pete, and Cameron.

A **special thanks to Steve, Tanith, Tom, Renee, and Roxie** for being safety and surface support divers. Ilkan took care of snacks and drinks for our hungry and thirsty group. Joe Lawson provided donuts for all that needed more sugar. Connie Cooper and her fun loving pup Cooper took care of shore security. And a final thanks to Ken Takata and Lucy Oja for assisting as needed.

If all goes well, we hope to hold this event again next year. See you then!





Fall Motorcycle Ride

November

What a beautiful day for a ride. Five of us met up Saturday morning for a ride up to Hope Valley to "hope"fully see some fall colors since it's a little late in the season. We started off our adventure in El Dorado Hills up Salmon Falls Road which is an "in town" favorite amongst motorcyclists. Salmon Falls Rd ends at Highway 49 which we took to Placerville where we passed through Coloma and saw a few fall colors.

In Placerville, we picked up one more rider. From there, we headed east to Pollock Pines to Sly Park Road. Then around Jenkinson Lake to Morman Emigrant Trail towards Highway 89. We stopped at the old Iron Mountain Sno-Park to look at the beautiful view of the Sierras.

The weather at that elevation was a bit chilly in the 50's, but not so cold that anyone was numb. We continued on past Kirkwood into Hope Valley where all of the fall colors has GONE. Nope, not one orange, yellow or red leaf. Darn. Maybe next year. We stopped to eat at Sorensen's resort in their tiny cafe were the boys all had a harty beef stew. It was getting late so we decided to head into South Lake Tahoe for fuel and then head home via Highway 50. Once on 50 THEN we saw some beautiful fall colors.

Unfortunately by then, my helmet camera battery had died so I didn't get any photos :(In all, it was a great day. 6 hours, 210 total miles. To see the photos visit our website [Photo Gallery](#). Look for a Spring Ride in April/May.

- Renee V.



The Annual Photo Contest is almost here!!

The General Meeting on Wednesday November 21st — have your favorite photos ready to share!

Photo Contest Submission: If you have a great photo that you have taken in the last year please consider entering it in the Annual Photo Contest!! Categories this year include **Under Water** at a club event in the last 12 months, **Above Water** at a club event in the last 12 months, **Open** (Anything, Anywhere in the last 12 months) and Cell Phone Camera (your favorite picture off your cell phone).

The Rules:

- Please have your pictures at the meeting early but no later than 7 PM because folks are excited to get started with the voting and want an opportunity to view photos before the voting starts.
- Photos can be 10x8 or similar size.
- Please no Frames, but backing board is encouraged.
- Write your name and the category on the back of all pictures you submit.
- All photos must have been taken within the preceding 12 months with the exception of the Cell Phone category.
- You must be a paid member and have personally taken the photo.
- Each member is limited to two entries.



Have you seen someone go above and beyond this year to help fellow dive members?

Then be prepared to submit your vote for **Member of the Year** at the November General Meeting.

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

*Location: Dante Club of Sacramento
2330 Fair Oaks Blvd,
Sacramento, CA 95825*

6:00 – No Host Social Hour
7:00 – Buffet Dinner
8:00 – Awards and Raffle
9:00 to 11:00 – Music and Dancing

\$40.00 Per Person

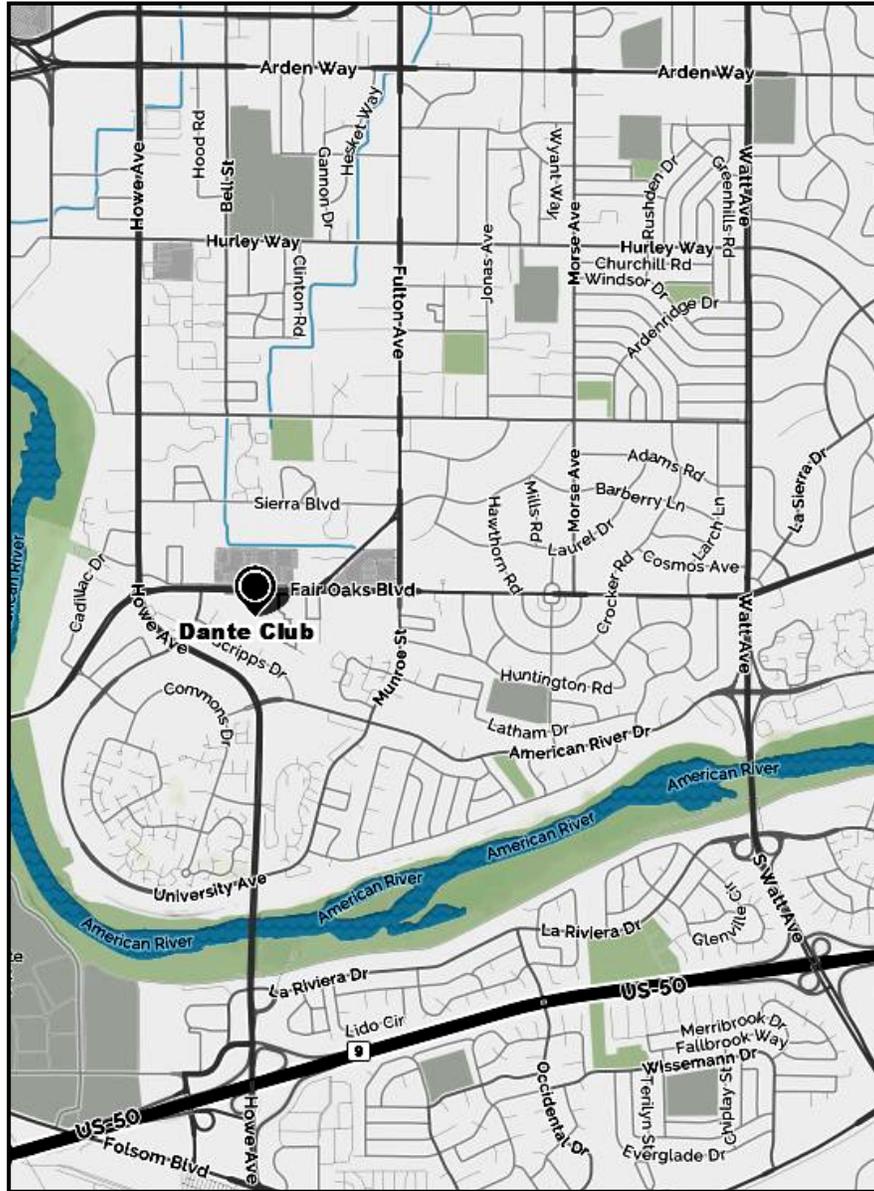
Send Payments to:
Payable to: Dolphin Divers of Sacramento
Attn: Marlyn Sepulveda
4416 Marble Way
Carmichael, CA 95608

Payment can be made by:

- *Check
- *Credit Card



Dante Club
 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd
 Sacramento, CA 95825



Please return this portion with your check:

* Payment must be received by December 5th. Tickets can not be sold at the door the evening of the event and there will be NO TICKET SALES after November 30th as we must give a final count.

Number of guest attending _____ x \$40.00 = _____

Names of Guests: _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

SAFETY MESSAGE

BY CRAIG BROOKEY, SAFETY OFFICER

EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS

Dear Members,

Do you know how to ditch your weights in an emergency? Hopefully you will never need this skill to save your life, but if you do, Dolphin Divers of Sacramento has a replacement program for any club member that must ditch their weights in an emergency situation.

DDS will give any member a FREE belt, buckle, and hard weights.....all used stuff, not new, to replace what was lost. If you do not use a weight belt type but rather an integrated weight system, we have hard weights to replace what is lost.....not the pouches, just the weights.

Just like all the other SCUBA skills, ditching weights is a skill that needs to be practiced every so often.

So, with all that said, never hesitate to drop those weights for fear of having to replace them. DDS has got your back.

Need a Bit of Sunshine

One of the happy accidents of being in such a tight-knit club is developing a support network of people who care. This is especially important when things in life get difficult. As a club, we are here to support each other during the peaks and valleys of living in this unpredictable world.

DDS has the Sunshine Committee for these times. Whether is it a celebration or reaching out to support a diver in need, please remember we are here.



Contact a board member for details.

And Now it's Time for The Good News

By Ilkan Cokgor

During one of your regular days, stop and take a few seconds to observe yourself. Notice if you find yourself with teeth clenched, shoulder muscles tight, mouth dry, or breathing shallow. Take notice how many times during the day you check your smartphone to be told the terrible news following the horrible news which came after the bad news. Well, I just wanted to remind myself that the evil is best fought by the good; and wanted to share some recent good news that we tend to miss during a regular day. Say, like a sort of DNN (i.e. Diver News Network):

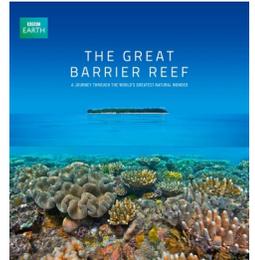
We owe them a lot. I am honored to be sharing this treasure with them. Your own fellow members participated in such an event a couple of years back:

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/veterans-empowered-with-new-skills-during-scuba-diving-certification-class-300703963.html>



There is still hope for me. May be 100th at 100:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-england-merseyside-45389660/veteran-95-breaks-own-scuba-diving-world-record>



You see, miracles do happen:

<https://www.deeperblue.com/great-barrier-reef-recovering-better-than-anticipated/>



A new hope:

<https://dtmag.com/new-hope-for-endangered-mantas/>



Need I say More?

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-10-19/sue-austin-wheelchair-diving-artist-transforms-preconceptions/10390350>

UPCOMING
EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER

- 3** Fall Motorcycle Ride to the Sierras—Event Leader: Renee Viehmann
- 7** Board Meeting Hosted by Marlyn & Jamie Sepulveda
- 21** General Meeting at Roundtable Pizza—Photo Contest & Member of the Year Voting
- TBD** Parking Lot Sale at Dolphin Scuba

DECEMBER

- 5** Board Meeting Hosted by TBD
- 8** Annual Christmas Party at Dante Club— Event Leader: Barry Hurff
- N/A** No General Meeting This Month

LET'S CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday November Babies!

Mark Naber	Nov. 1st
Gabe Rojas	Nov. 1st
Pam Carlson	Nov. 11th
Craig Brookey	Nov. 17th
Bruce Robbins	Nov. 18th
Charlie Rojas	Nov. 21st
Megan Taylor	Nov. 22nd
Dennis Little	Nov. 23rd

November 21st General Meeting

Bring your photos, your kudos and your bragging rights! This meeting kicks off the holiday season where the focus will be to submit your photos for the photo contest (see ad on page 3). This meeting also provides members the opportunity to vote for member of the year—the winner to be announced at the Christmas Party.

**TRUST ME, I'M A
PHOTOGRAPHER**



Board Meetings: *Held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at a Board Member's home. Each month the location rotates to a different Board Member. All members are welcome to attend these meetings; however, we ask that you contact the host to RSVP. Each meeting starts at 7:00pm. Please keep an eye out for communication about how to RSVP, if you wish to attend.*

SSI Boat Diving Specialty

Many of the world's best dive sites can only be reached with a boat - either a small personal vessel, a charter boat or on a liveboard. This program covers the knowledge, skills and equipment necessary for the Boat Diving Specialty.

Diving from a boat presents unique challenges for divers. To dive safely and comfortably from boats, you must be familiar with the common procedures for boat diving including equipment setup, dive planning, general boat safety, and entries and exits.

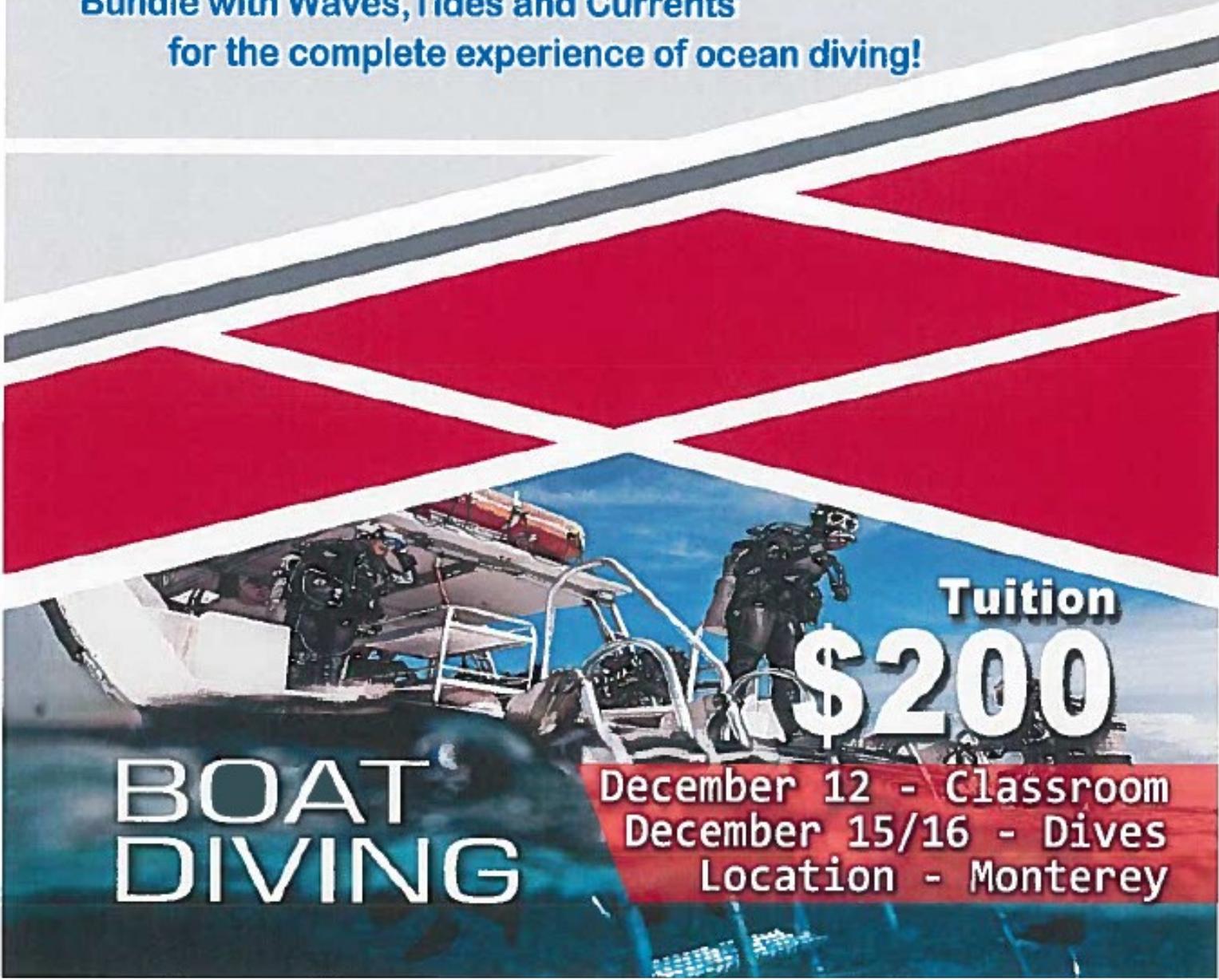
This program provides you with the information to make boat dives comfortably and confidently. Our goal is to prepare you for your boat diving adventure and make sure you have a good experience.

Academic Materials: **\$60**

Boat Charter required \$97/day

Bundle with Waves, Tides and Currents

for the complete experience of ocean diving!



**BOAT
DIVING**

Tuition

\$200

**December 12 - Classroom
December 15/16 - Dives
Location - Monterey**

SSI Deep Diving

Many of the more exciting, intriguing dive sites are found in deeper water.

Without proper training this kind of diving can put you at risk. To plan your dives properly you must first know how to prevent any of the potential risks involved in deep diving. This course will provide you with the information to make deep dives comfortably and confidently.

Our goal is to prepare you for your journey. Taking SSI's Deep Diving program provides in-depth information on the necessary equipment, skills, knowledge and experience required to safely conduct recreational deep dives.

Minimum of 3 open water dives required

Boat charter required \$97/day

Academic Materials: **\$60**

Bundle with Altitude if diving locally or Boat if ocean diving!

Equipment required: Surface Marker Buoy and spool or reel

Tuition

\$225

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