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President's Message

Hello DDS members:

Just got back from the Easter Egg Dive that Jack Millard has been leading every year since dinosaurs became extinct. Once again, the weather gods smiled on us and a great time was had by all. Good food and even better company turns this event into a super duper weekend. If you missed it this time, remember it for next year. You will not be disappointed. Jack, thank you for all your hard work. While the rest of us are acting like kids and hunting eggs, you get to take a well-deserved rest as you sit on the side of your boat....a big smile on your face as you watch our bubbles come to the surface. Yes, another successful trip done. Thanks again Jack. The April general meeting will be on the 18th at the usual spot and the usual time.....Round Table at 7:30 pm. Free

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~Meetings~

General meetings start at 7:30 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, and be sure to ask for the Dolphin Dive Club discount.

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

April 4: Bill Holman

(916) 825-5699

May 2nd: Jack Millard

(916) 987-1303

Dolphin Birthday Club

1-Apr	Joe	Herrlie
2-Apr	Chris	Blanchfield
2-Apr	Karin	Mays
7-Apr	Brad	Freelove
8-Apr	Dennis	Garrison
17-Apr	James	Young
17-Apr	Fred	Knoles
19-Apr	Gail	Liu
23-Apr	Debby	Millard
29-Apr	Kelly	Day

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pizza and soft drinks for those members that show. It is voting time. You get to vote for your favorite member and make their political dreams come true. For those members that cannot make it to the meeting, absentee voting will be available. No pizza for you! The next "Presidents Message" will be written by your new president. I do not know who that will be but they will take very good care of you. I first started serving on the board when Corinne Fuerst was president. While each president had a different style and got different results, all of your presidents wanted the same thing. What is best for this club. So, for that next lucky person that is your new president, I say "thanks" for all the hard work that you will put in. A special thank you goes out to Mike Johnson and the staff of the Dolphin Scuba Center & Swim School. For almost 30 years, Dolphin Scuba has helped support our club. I cannot imagine what Dolphin Divers would be without Dolphin Scuba. So, Mike, Michelle, Tim, Rick, Jason, Jan, Steve, and all the rest.....THANKS!

Brad

Sunshine Committee

If you know of a club member in need of some sunshine, please contact our sunshine committee chair, Maridee Green at (916) 722-7665 or lmgreen@comcast.net

Past Events

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 24



The weather forecast for Monterey was calling for rain, but we lucked out. It was cloudy when everyone entered the water, but the rain held off until almost everyone was out of the water. There were some low swells washing toward the beach, but not enough to give anyone a problem entering the water or swimming to the event area where Ray and I were waiting to blow a whistle starting the event. There were a few comments about the cold (49 degree) water and the vis was only about 10 feet, but almost everyone found eggs!



On Friday, the day before the event, Brad Freelove, Ken Takata, Ray Brown and I met at noon to set out the underwater course. The sun was shining on Friday and we could



see the bottom twenty feet below. Early Saturday morning Ray and I hid the eggs while Joe and Carol Herrlie were signing everyone in for the dive. With the eggs hidden I swam to shore to give an orientation at 9:30 to the 20 divers who were gathered on the beach, then I swam back out to my anchored boat to wait for everyone to swim out to meet over the hunt area. For the first time, ever, it looked like all of our



divers got an early start and were waiting patiently on the surface for me to blow my whistle so they could descend and start hunting. With all of the divers blowing bubbles around the boat

it looked from above like we were in a giant hot tub. The eggs were hiding throughout an area 150 feet square with some hidden very well, and others left in the open easy to spot. We must have done a pretty good job of hiding them because 2 of the 72 eggs that were hidden are still out there. While the divers were searching the bottom Carol Herrlie was watching the young children on the beach and kept them active with games so their parents could dive.



A little after 11:00 it looked like all of our divers had found their eggs and swam back to the beach so, with Al Couch's help, Ray and I pulled up the course and headed for shore to get ready for the awards ceremony.

Everyone met at Crazy Horse Restaurant that evening for dinner and to collect their hard (??) earned prizes. We feasted on a GREAT buffet dinner of salads, tri-tip and halibut finished with a chocolate mousse desert. We really lucked out when we discovered Crazy Horse Restaurant as a venue for this event!

Right after dinner we started handing out the prizes. As I read off the egg numbers Holly Little was busy giving the prizes to the children who delivered them to

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the lucky diver holding up the winning egg. Behind me Ray Brown was helping the children sort the eggs brought back from the divers.



This event took a lot of work and I couldn't have done it without a lot of help. I want to thank Brad Freelove, Ken Takata, and Ray Brown for helping me put out the course on Friday (Great compass practice) and Ray for helping hide the eggs on Saturday Thank you Joe and Carol for signing everyone in and out on the beach BIG THANKS to Carol Herrlie for watching the children for us! At the restaurant thanks to my wife, Debby and her Mom, Connie Damgaard for signing everyone. Thanks Brooke Hudson and Mark Elliot for selling raffle tickets and to all of the children who so energetically delivered the prizes to everyone.
Jack (Rabbit) Millard

Upcoming Events

Abalone Opener

April 6 – 8

This year our Abalone Opener Campout and Dive will be held at Ocean Cove Campground. I will get there on Thursday, April 5, and try to get enough space for everyone who tells me that they are joining us. I realize this is Easter weekend but the 1st is on a Sunday so this is the first full weekend of the abalone season.

Ocean Cove does not take reservations so please let me know as soon as you decide to come so that I can try to hold enough space for everyone. The campground is a basic, no hook-up, campground but there are water spigots in the camp areas and portable toilets. There is also a coin operated hot water shower building near the boat ramp and fish cleaning stations.

Call me or send me an e-mail to sign up or for more information:

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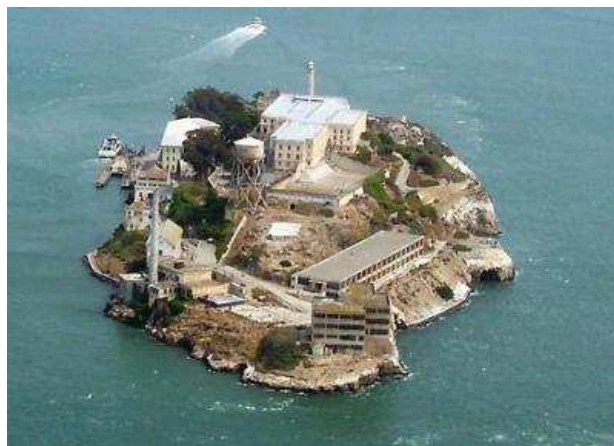
San Francisco – Alcatraz Island

April 21

Debby and I are leading a trip to tour Alcatraz on Saturday, April 21. We will be meeting for breakfast at

7:30 at the Denny's Restaurant at [4025 Lake RD, W](#) Sacramento, CA 95691. After breakfast we will carpool to San Francisco for an 11:00 AM tour of Alcatraz Island. The tour takes about 3 hours so we will eat a late lunch/early dinner at a pier side restaurant before returning to Sacramento. If you want to join us, please book your ticket from Alcatraz Tours either online at www.alcatrazcruises.com by phone at 415-438-8361, then let me know that you have a ticket. Tickets are fully refundable for cancellations up to 72 hours before the trip.

Jack Millard jbmillard@aol.com, 987-1303



Memorial Day Weekend Event

May 26, 27, and 28

Memorial Day Weekend Event May 26, 27, and 28 will be the days for the DDS Memorial Day Weekend. Albion Campground will be the location. Charlie Rojas will be the event leader. Charlie has reserved 16 sites at the campground and 3 docking areas for boats. Please contact Charlie for any questions that you might have. You can reach Charlie at 707 642-6498 or <22rojasc@sbcglobal.net>.

Big Ab Big Ling Dive Event

June 1, 2 and 3

This is a real fun event on Saturday June 1st at the Manchester KOA. Sign up on line if you want to be part of the Contest. Otherwise this is truly a great event to attend and we will be camping and diving hopefully the entire weekend. Also make your reservations directly with Manchester KOA and let me know if you are attending or have questions.

More information to follow,

Event Leader:

richardsears@yahoo.com

916.212.7690

Channel Islands Update



CHANNEL ISLANDS 4 DAY DIVE TRIP Sunday, July 22 – Wednesday, July 25

We only have a few openings on our annual dive boat charter the end of July so, if you aren't already on the trip, now is the time to sign up. We'll all board the Truth Aquatics custom dive boat, the "Conception" on Saturday evening from Sea Landing in Santa Barbara, the boat will depart for Catalina Island while we are sleeping. If you are a new or inexperienced diver this is the best way I know to practice and hone your skills. You will be with many of your more experienced dive club friends and we'll be happy to dive with you. If you are an experienced diver there will also be plenty of opportunities for you to enjoy dives suited to your skills. We usually anchor in areas along the islands that are protected from the wind and waves and that offer a variety of diving from rocky walls and huge rocks to sand flats. You are assured of seeing a lot of sea life, both large and small. Water temperatures typically are in the mid to upper 60's and visibility varies from 10 or 15 feet to almost infinity. We will again spend the first 3 days diving Catalina with dive goals of seeing the Giant Black Seabass and of diving the underwater sea mount "Farnsworth Banks". Night dives will be held every night that conditions allow. I strongly encourage you to try one if you have never done it before. Tuesday night, after the night dive, we will weigh anchor and head north to the islands closer to Santa Barbara, If you are a hunter here is where you will have a better chance of finding scallops.

While there will be opportunities for more dives than you will probably want to make there is plenty to do on the boat if you want to just hang out and watch the action. The Conception has a television with a VCR, but you will probably spend most of your top time watching the other divers and enjoying the beautiful scenery along the island's shorelines, or sunning on the top deck. We often have non-diving guests who come just to relax and enjoy the experience. It is amazing how good, and plentiful, the food is that is prepared by the crew in the tiny galley. Snacks and munchies are ALWAYS available to replenish your

energy. I have been asked to request a full turkey dinner for one night and I'm sure there will be prime rib barbequed on the grill located on the deck. Night time desserts include various pies, cakes and ice cream EVERY NIGHT! If you want to maintain your trim figure you will definitely have to exercise your will



power to avoid the temptations. If you are on a special diet you can be accommodated as long as I know what it is, in advance, so that I can notify the crew.

The cost of this trip for our members, and their guests, is only \$625.00. This includes all meals, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, almost unlimited air fills and (best of all) the company of your fellow Dolphin Dive Club members. You will need to bring all of your own dive gear with you, including one tank and your weights. If you prefer you can rent what you need from the Sea Landing office and they will put them on the boat for you.

For more information please check our website, come to club meetings, drop me an e-mail at jbmillard@aol.com, or call me at 916.987.1303. Jack Millard

AIM Film Festival

August 11, 2012

AIM : Aquatic Image Makers Invites all to their 10th Annual Film Festival...Saturday August 11, 2012 (Friday, too !)

This year will be our second year at Perry Creek Vineyard...a wonderful venue to enjoy the local image making talents of many of club members, dine on wonderful foods, sip on Perry Creek wines, and enjoy all this in a wonderful setting. RV options for over-nighting "at the vineyard" available (NEW). MARK YOUR CALENDARS.. Reservations will be taken soon.. call for a spot.. and you will be guaranteed 1 of 60 spots. Contact: CarolHerrlie@gmail.com for details and for making a reservation. Full details soon posted on AIM's website: www.sacaim.org

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. The following shops honor the free air fills on the back of your membership cards:

- **Dolphin Scuba Center:** (916) 929-8188
www.dolphinscuba.com
- **Fish Eye Scuba:** (916) 850-1145 www.fisheyescuba.com
- **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294 www.scubaworldsacto.com

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento is a non-profit organization not affiliated with any dive shops, but we do support dive shops listed.

2012 Trophy Corner

New year, new chance to win!!

Big AB:

Big Fish:

Garage Sale

Have anything to [sell, trade, give away](#)?

You can advertise for FREE in the bubbles.

Email: holjohnson@gmail.com or call: (530)219-5415

Renee Viehmann @ 837-4973 for the following: West Marine Portable Cabin Heater \$251 small boat anchor \$10

Chris Anthon @ 799-9468 for the following:

- Typhoon II Fins sz XL, used once \$40
- Mostly new (computer new, wrist band <10 dives) Retail \$1,749.95

Craig Brookey: TANK Aluminum 80 Dark Blue Fresh Hydro & Vis (November 2011) \$150 916-952-0322 or
CBrookey@sbcglobal.net

Holger Fuerst: Picasso Black Team freediving fins for sale! Size 47/48 (US 12-13), gently used, good condition, asking \$70 (retail \$160); (916) 803-7871



DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

2012

April

- 4th—8th: Abalone Re-opener, Ocean Cove—Jack Millard and Brad Freelove
- 4th: Board Meeting, location Bill Holman
- 18th: General Meeting, location Round Table Pizza

May

- 2nd: Board Meeting, TBA
- 16th: General Meeting, location Round Table Pizza
- 26th—28th: Memorial Day Weekend—Charlie Rojas and Brad Freelove

June

- 1st—3rd: Big Ab/Big Ling—Richard Sears
- 6th: Board Meeting, TBA
- 20th: General Meeting, location Round Table Pizza

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