



# CURRENT BUBBLES

NEWSLETTER OF DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

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## Presidents Message

Hello Dolphin Divers,  
Welcome to the month of June. This great month celebrates the start of the summer for many of us.

Those of you with kids should be looking forward to (or dreading, take your pick) having them out of school and wanting to play all day. There are times I wish I could go back to that age. Just think about it a little, would you like to go back to having all summer off? I sure would! Playing all day, swimming in the river, eating whatever you wanted, and sleeping in every day. Life was good at back then.

Life is also good now. We get to dive regularly, spend time with good friends, and play with better toys. Just think of how lucky we as a club are. We all get together with great friends and go on interesting trips. Some trips are local and some are far away exotic

places. We also get to work, not eat as much of the good stuff, work, mow lawns, work, pay outrageous electric bills, oh and did I mention work?

Looking back there are things about both ages that I wish I had, but when you add it all up the saying "Life is good" really takes on a truth of its own. Just remember to have a little fun each day, wear sunscreen, and take life as it comes. These are the days that make life worth living.

Attack summer and take it for all its worth!

Your fearless leader

Cayle Little

## ~ Meetings ~

**Board meetings** are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

June 4 Brad Freelove  
916-879-3853

July 2 Chris Anthon  
916-799-9468

**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.

## ~DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB~

Marilyn Campbell 6/9	Michael Cooling 6/14
Chelsae Little 6/14	Jamie Sepulveda 6/14
Mike Melvin 6/19	Kim Taylor 6/22
Tom Oja 6/23,	Margie Tomenko 6/27
Amy Rojas 6/28	

## *~Welcome New Members~*

Michael McCrum

### **My Momma Said, "Many Hands Make for Light Work"**

We all participate in DDS events to have FUN. However, along with the "having fun" part comes a responsibility to pitch in and help event leaders. All too often, it is the same old cadre of people who provide the labor to gather supplies, transport supplies, set up facilities, run event activities, cook, and clean up. They are laboring away while you're enjoying the festivities. This is NOT FUN and gets old pretty quickly!

In order to keep the club active, vibrant, and FUN it is important that everyone is willing to help with events. If all participants pitch in, no single individual will have to spend hours and hours laboring at the event. All you need to do is to contact the Event Leader, or a Board Member and express your willingness to help. This is best done prior to the event so the leader can organize labor and delegate tasks.

I don't mean to sound like your Mother, but don't you feel a twinge of guilt? If so, "Step up to the plate" and offer your help. Like Momma said, "many hands make for light work".

Ken Takata – Activities Chair

### **Safety Message – Chris Anthon**

A good many of us have seen difficult saves. We've fought the adrenaline screaming in our heads while working to act quickly. How many of us remember our easy saves?

Easy saves are the last-minute words, a double check of equipment or an OK sign from your buddy. As we log our dives, we look out for each other. As we build our diving friendships, we build our safety nets, and little by little our words and our hand signals make the difference between great days of diving and tragedies.

Easy saves often go unnoticed, so I would like to share one here. It was just a few spoken words, but those words were enough to make a difference, and they may well have allowed someone to live to dive another day.

Santa Rosa, N.M., in late July is insufferably hot. Getting there is five hours of driving through flat, endless desert from my Colorado home. Why go? Because if you plan your dive well, you can be one of the first to pierce the early morning surface there. Before the silt has been kicked up, and with no current to break the stillness, huge shafts of sunlight penetrate

into 80 feet of liquid crystal cavern. Blue Hole Cenote is, in a word, magical.

One particular July day, our group was packing up after some dives. Twenty divers scurried around a parking lot shaking out wetsuits, stuffing masks and fins into bags and throwing weights into the backs of cars.

"Burgers and beer at Joseph's in about an hour," I heard. I was hungry, I was wet, and I was happy. Over the sounds of slapping high-fives and tank valves being released, an interested voice in the parking lot said, "Hey, that guy over there has a rebreather."

I had read about rebreathers, but I had never actually seen one. Curiosity made me drop my gear to go check it out. Sitting on the tailgate of a white pickup truck in the sweltering heat was a fully suited-up young man with a boxy-looking contraption strapped to his back.

"Cool!" I blurted out. "Is it tough to learn? Does it change your buoyancy? What's the longest you have ever stayed down?" I felt like a kid standing in front of the Batmobile.

The diver admitted that he had not actually used his rebreather in five years. Today he was refamiliarizing himself with his gear. Beads of sweat popped off his brows and dripped into his eyes. I could see he was getting overheated, but I rambled on.

"So, no bubbles, huh? I hear you can take great pictures with those things. What's inside that upside-down white bottle?"

Now we all have our reasons for love of this sport. One of my dive buddies, John, is a gearhead. If it's the latest or the coolest, John has already preordered it. It was John who extended the life of my regulator hoses by putting rubber protector sleeves over the joints. Others scuba dive because they rise to the thrill of pushing limits. My buddy Terry is a firefighter. Hands down, Terry embodies the most outstanding combination of underwater adventure and situational awareness of any dive buddy ever. Diving with Terry is a joy. Then there is Jerry, my buddy the engineer. Fascinating physics is what draws Jerry to the sport. I cannot get Jerry to assume the added risk and enjoy a night dive, yet he designed and built his own hyperbaric chamber.

At that moment, standing for the first time in front of a rebreather, I was invested in scuba diving for one simple reason: I wanted to be a mermaid.

Kicking up gravel, I tried not to look too eager. "Looks fun. Who is your dive buddy?" I asked, secretly wishing it were me.

The young man told me he was waiting for our group

to clear out because he was going to dive alone.

Huh? My throat clenched.

"Alone?"

"Yeah."

"Um ... dude. You are wearing unfamiliar equipment. You're kind of overheated. You are about to jump into 62-degree water. It's murky from divers kicking up silt all day. It's 80 feet deep, the sun is going down, and you are going to dive it ... alone?"

"Sure," he said. "I'll be fine."

As with so many moments in my life that I later regret, my mouth started speaking before my brain could catch up.

"Fine? Do you want to be another statistic in a DAN report? Dude, you do that, and we will be reading about you in an Alert Diver article called 'Ten Steps to How I Died Diving.'"

The young man was justifiably cold. He turned away, and I walked back to my car. "I am an idiot!" I thought to myself. "No, I'm not. That guy is an idiot!" I wrestled with it. "He probably would be fine. Maybe I shouldn't have said anything." After 39 years of scuba diving, gut instincts to protect my fellow diver firmly overrode any need to be pretty or polite.

One week later, I received this email from a dive buddy who turned out to be a mutual friend:

Hi,

*I just wanted to tell you thanks very much for encouraging my friend to scrub the dive at Blue Hole. He fixed three minor problems with his rebreather last week, and today we tested it in a pool. While setting up and doing the pre-dive prebreathe (which conditions the scrubber medium) he experienced a serious computer glitch, and it took a while to figure it out. Not a big deal in the pool, but it would have been very serious at Blue Hole in combination with any one of the minor problems. He says to tell you that you are very wise and your advice prevented a serious problem, since he had more or less decided to dive before you talked to him and discouraged him. So you did a good deed.*

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## **2014 Memorial Day Weekend at Albion River Campgrounds**

What started out as a windy and cold Friday evolved into a great weekend full of fun and good times for all. While Saturday was windy and cool, tank divers did hit the water.

Jeff Pluth and Chris Anthon made a tank dive and reported ok conditions. No ab divers hit the waters as the conditions were more suited to being lazy and staying on the beach. By cocktail time Saturday evening, the wind was gone and the appetizers were out. From chips and dip to lumpia and sausage, you waddled away with a smile. That night, the campfire was full of stories and fun and promises from all that "what happens at Albion stays at Albion." Way too much fun. Sunday morning the rain came and stayed for a couple of hours. Our heroic group of ab divers decided to stay on shore as the day looked like it might be a dismal one. By 10 am the sun was out and the rain a distant memory. Conditions were great but only a few members hit the water up at Ft. Bragg. Maridee and Lorne Green along with the Cameron's made good use of the calm water and took some nice abs. Maridee came away with a 9.xxx inch ab while her proud poppa Mr. Joe Lawson hook up 25 inch ling cod.

Sunday night was potluck time.....again! Caesar salad, bbq tri tip, spaghetti, sausage, potato salad and a handful of fine dining treats were created and served up at 6 pm. As way too much fun was had Saturday evening, 10 pm was bedtime for most of our group. At 4 am Monday morning, the rain came again and stayed until almost 10 am. By noon most of our group was heading back to Sacramento or where ever home may be.

If you missed out on this trip, there will be another the first weekend of August. Once again, Albion River Campground will be our meeting place.

Charlie Rojas

## **Father's Day – Ocean Cove**

Corinne will be leading the event the weekend of 6/14 - 6/15 at Ocean Cove. If interested please email her

at [corinne\\_fuerst@yahoo.com](mailto:corinne_fuerst@yahoo.com)

## **July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend**

Steve and I are organizing a trip to Ocean Cove for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, please let us know if you are interested. If we have enough interest, I'll contact The General Store to reserve group site #2 or #3. (requirements ~ a minimum of 10 vehicles) Please let us know by June 15<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in joining us.

Happy Diving! ~ Steve & Marilyn -  
[mcampbel@surewest.net](mailto:mcampbel@surewest.net)

## CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVE TRIP July 20- 23



Our annual live aboard dive trip will be here soon and there have been a few last minute cancellations! If you were planning on joining us, but the boat was full, you should get your reservation in NOW while there is space still available.



We have opened the trip to non-members so feel free to invite anyone who you think might be interested. We'll be carpooling from Sacramento on Saturday, July 19, at about 9:00 a.m., and then we'll regroup in Santa Barbara, before boarding. The boat leaves the dock at 11:00 Saturday night and we will (try to) sleep on the way to Catalina Island, our first dive location. We should make our first dive at about 9:00 Sunday morning. Four action packed days later we will return to Santa Barbara for the ride home. To avoid the killer drive home late that night, many of us will drive part way home and stay in Buellton at the Days Inn or Motel 6.

If you want to car pool and are looking for a ride, or a rider, I'll try to match you up.

The cost is \$625.00.

Make checks out to "Dolphin

Dive Club" and either give them to me at a meeting or mail them to me at: Jack Millard, 6920 Eastside Court, Orangevale, CA 95662.

**For more information you can contact me at  
916-987-1303 or [jbmillard@aol.com](mailto:jbmillard@aol.com)**



## Inland Lobster Feed & Potluck Saturday, July 12

Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at Lake Natomas for our "Inland Lobster Feed" dive and potluck on Saturday July 12 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 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 whatever other delectables that are contributed to the potluck. Please bring \$3.00 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.



Watch the July Bubbles for directions and more information.

Jack (916) 987-1303

## **GARAGE SALE**

Have anything to SELL – TRADE – GIVE AWAY?

You can advertise FREE in the Bubbles. Just e mail the editor [Pennybug76@yahoo.com](mailto:Pennybug76@yahoo.com) with your ad before the sending deadline - the Sunday following the General Meeting and your ad will appear in the very next issue. Please limit to “Diving Related” items like Dive Gear, Camera Equipment, Boats, Motors, Camping Gear, Cars, Etc.

## **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](mailto:maridee@homebuying101.com)

## **\*2014 TROPHY CORNER\***

**BIG FISH:** Holger Fuerst

**BIG AB:** Maridee Green 9.xxx

**Small Ab:** No Entries so far

## **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

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

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

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

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

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# DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

## June

- **Board Meeting 6/4/ 2014** beginning at 7:00PM. Host Brad Freelove, [bradlinda@frontiernet.net](mailto:bradlinda@frontiernet.net), (916) 879-3853.
- **Father's Day Camping Weekend 6/13/14—6/14/14.** For more information please contact Holger or Corinne Fuerst at: [hfuerst@msce.com](mailto:h Fuerst@msce.com)
- **General Meeting 6/18/2014** at 7:00PM. Meeting location is Roundtable Pizza in Folsom: 9500 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA. **Speaker**, Jennifer Ikemoto, DFW, New DFW regulations. Open to the public. Please meet your fellow divers.

## July

- **Board Meeting 7/2/14** beginning at 7:00PM. Host: Chris Anthon, [canthon@hotmail.com](mailto:canthon@hotmail.com) (916) 799-9468
- **General Meeting 7/16/14** at 7:00PM. **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE** Picnic In the Park, Fair Oaks Park, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. Please come and meet your fellow divers.
- **4<sup>TH</sup> Of July Weekend, 7/5/ 14—7/6/14 , Ocean Cove**, contact Steve and Marylin Campbell, [ironkane@gmail.com](mailto:ironkane@gmail.com) (916) 616-2377,
- **Inland Lobster Feed , 7/12/ 14**, Negro Bar, contact Jack Millard, [jbmillard@aol.com](mailto:jbmillard@aol.com) (916) 987-1303
- **Channel Is. 7/19/14 – 7/23/14**, Santa Barbara, Conception, Jack Millard, [jbmillard@aol.com](mailto:jbmillard@aol.com) (916) 987-1303

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**Volunteers needed at Inland Lobster Feed, Contact Jack Millard.**

**Volunteers needed at Picnic In The Park. Contact Cayle Little**



**Camp Campbell's**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Event**

**Join us for**

**Food, Fun, & S'Mores**

**As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the great outdoors....**

**Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Ocean Cove**



**RSVP to: [mcampbel@surewest.net](mailto:mcampbel@surewest.net) or**

**Send a text to: (916) 508-4538**

