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Official Newsletter of the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

AUGUST 2017

President's Message

As some of you may have noticed, our president and long term member Craig Brookey has decided to step down as the club's president and newsletter editor. Craig has been a long-standing club member and served in every position through the years on the board of directors. On behalf of the DDS Board of Directors and as a member of DDS, I want to thank Craig for his years of dedication to the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento!

If you weren't able to make it to the Picnic in the Park, you missed a great meeting. The weather was perfect with a slight breeze blowing through, hamburgers were cooked to perfection and the food was plentiful.

We wrapped up the meeting with Britt Junes leading the Dive Destinations T-Shirt Contest. There was some steep competition but there could only be one winner... Jordan Oja walked away with a \$50 gift card to BJ's restaurant. You all were winners in my book!

Thank you to our Acting Newsletter Editor, Jamie Sepulveda for offering to take on the monthly Bubbles.

Have fun and dive safe!

~Marlyn Sepulveda~

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LABOR DAY 2017

September 1st — 4th

It's time to **LIGHT UP THE NIGHT** with this year's theme:

Hawaiian Tropics Gone Neon!

Bring your "luau-itude":

Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, flowers, and glowsticks!

Let's turn Ocean Cove Campground into a **NEON PARADISE**

Registration Flyer Attached!





Lake Natoma

July 2017

Lake Natoma Inland Lobster Feed

The annual dive and picnic at Lake Natoma was another fun event. Friday afternoon Brad helped me set out the traps that Holger loaned us. Saturday morning Brad, Ray, Tom, and Kathy showed up early to help me set up and hold our space and tables. Ken Takata was there with his boat to help me ferry divers above the Rainbow Bridge.

We were geared up at 9:00 to head up the lake to dive. Tom Moore operated my boat so that I could dive this year. WOW! We enjoyed the BEST visibility we have ever had, between 20 and 30 feet! But the water was a chilly 57 degrees.



Back at the Picnic Area Brad, Steve and Brook, had been busy grilling hamburgers and hot dogs while boiling a batch of sweet corn on the cob. The divers didn't get back until late so many of our members had already started to eat. I just had time to set up an area for the kids to race crawdads. They were ready with their crawdads when I said "GO!", nothing happened. All of the crawdads just sat there not moving a muscle. We gave them a dip in fresh water and tried again. The winner was Emily Oja. SHE HAS BEEN THE LUCKY WINNER THE LAST FIVE YEARS IN A ROW! (Maybe she has a future as a jockey).



Unfortunately there was no time for the Liars Contest, so we only held the kids crawdad race. As soon as we finished the contest we returned the Crawdad racers to the lake. Finally, we joined everyone else and pigged out on the potluck and hamburgers.

"Thank you EVERYONE who helped make this year another success!"

- Jack

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DOLPHIN DIVERS GIVE BACK

The Great American River Clean Up 2017 is Nearly Here!

On September 16th, come join members of Dolphin Divers of Sacramento, The Sacramento Seahorses, and other concerned citizens as we float and dive down the American River. Our goal is to remove as much trash and treasure as we can from the waters of our very own American River. During the past years, we have removed tons of cans, bottles, and other unwanted items from the shores and waters of the river. But, sometimes we get lucky and find a camera, cell phone, fishing equipment, or money! Some of us will free dive while others will scuba. Some will take care of the boats. All will have a great time.

As we get closer to the date, more information will be posted. So, put September 16th down on your calendar for some wet, dirty fun!



**AMERICAN RIVER
PARKWAY FOUNDATION**

Take pride in the parkway



Highlights From the Trip

This trip included many mating piles of different species of Sea Hares, different nudibranch, especially the Navanax. At Goat Harbor we had a stiff current but I still found 3 Black Seabass hanging out at about 60 feet.



At night there were hundreds of pelagic Crabs swimming around the boat. Octopus were spotted hunting around the rocky bottom and many of us saw several together on a few dives.



A couple of kayakers pulled up to our boat while we were eating lunch. One of them had a serious case of hypothermia so we skipped our last dive to take him to a beach where he could warm up and wait for his ride back to Ventura.



Channel Islands

July 2017

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. As usual most of us were repeat offenders with a few new members joining us.



After loading our gear, signing the boat waivers and visiting with friends we filtered down to our bunks for the night. It was a smooth ride all night to our first Catalina dive site. The visibility was between 20 and 40 feet on most dives, and the fish were abundant, so there was lots to see.

We spent three days diving around Catalina. I had three primary goals: Dive Farnsworth Banks and Ship Rock, and find the Giant Black Seabass. We accomplished all three.

Farnsworth Banks is one of the best dive sites in California, and we weren't disappointed. Captain Jerry motored us to Farnsworth while it was still dark. The water was flat as glass, even two miles out from shore. The vis at Farnsworth was about 40 feet with a water temperature of 61 degrees. As usual the rocks were covered with hydrocoral and fish were everywhere. Several Sea Lions swam by to check us out, and I spotted a Pacific Electric Ray cruising by to see what the funny looking frogs (us) were up to.

Several of our divers were hunting: Brad shot a nice halibut, then Holger surfaced with a BIG Halibut that must have weighed close to 50 pounds. GOOD JOB HOLGER! Finally Layni shot her first halibut and returned to the boat with a BIG smile on her face! At Hen Rock Holger and I spotted Sea Turtles!! Rare in the Channel Islands. We also saw a big Leopard Shark on the same dive.



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.

Our ride back to Santa Barbara from Santa Cruz Island was a little bumpy. A pod of Risso's Dolphins crossed behind us as we were leaving Santa Cruz Island.

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 2018 trip for Saturday, July 21– Wednesday the 25th.

Unless Truth Aquatics gives us a large price increase the cost to members will be \$625.00 pp. for the fifth 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

Two Tickets to Belize, Please...

In the early part of June, we went on our 25th wedding anniversary to San Pedro, Belize. We chose Ramon's Village Resort as they have on-site diving, dive shop and the hotel layout looked exotic and relaxing. The landscape around all the huts was so beautiful. It made us feel like we were in the jungle right on the beach. The food and service was amazing. We rented a golf cart and took trips to various bars and restaurants on the water. It's kind of crazy on the roads, with no speed limits.

We went snorkeling at the Barrier Reef, and it was amazing. We saw various types of fish, nurse sharks, stingrays, jack fish and moray eels. The second stop was a school of nurse sharks. It was amazing to be in the water with them. **UNBELIZABLE!**

We went on an outing aboard a 38-foot catamaran. We traveled from San Pedro to Caye Caulker. It was a long day, but so much fun with Caribbean music playing, cocktails & conch ceviche w/chips (amazing). We even stopped and did some snorkeling.

The diving was amazing. While traveling back to the resort we saw a school of stingrays, watching them glide through the water was the most beautiful thing we have ever seen.

Awesome seven day trip!! Highly recommend!

- Marilyn & Steve Campbell



Belize

June 2017

The Code of the Responsible Diver:

As a responsible diver....

I understand the risks I may encounter while diving.

I will seek experience and knowledge from those with more and will share mine with those who have less.

Superior divers....

Use their superior knowledge to stay out of situations that would require their superior skills.

Your equipment may be excellent....

But it's not responsible for you.

Your training can be excellent....

But it's not responsible for you.

Your buddy can be excellent....

But they're not responsible for you.

You are responsible for you....

Be excellent. Be smart. Be safe.

- Dana Carlson, Safety Officer

Word Search: Dolphin Hunt

ATLANTIC
AUSTRALIAN
BEAKED
BOTTLENOSE
CHILEAN
COMMERSON
DOLPHIN
DUSKY
HOURGLASS
IRRAWADDY
LONG
ORCA
PACIFIC
PILOT
RISSE
SPINNER
SPOTTED
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WHITE

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Monthly Updates and Need to Know Items

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

On behalf of our members, the Dolphin Divers Board would like to heartily welcome two new members:

Victor & Lani Martinez

STANDING CLUB MEETINGS:

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

The next meeting is at Chris Anthon's home on August 2nd. Keep an eye out for an email from Chris advising you how to RSVP.

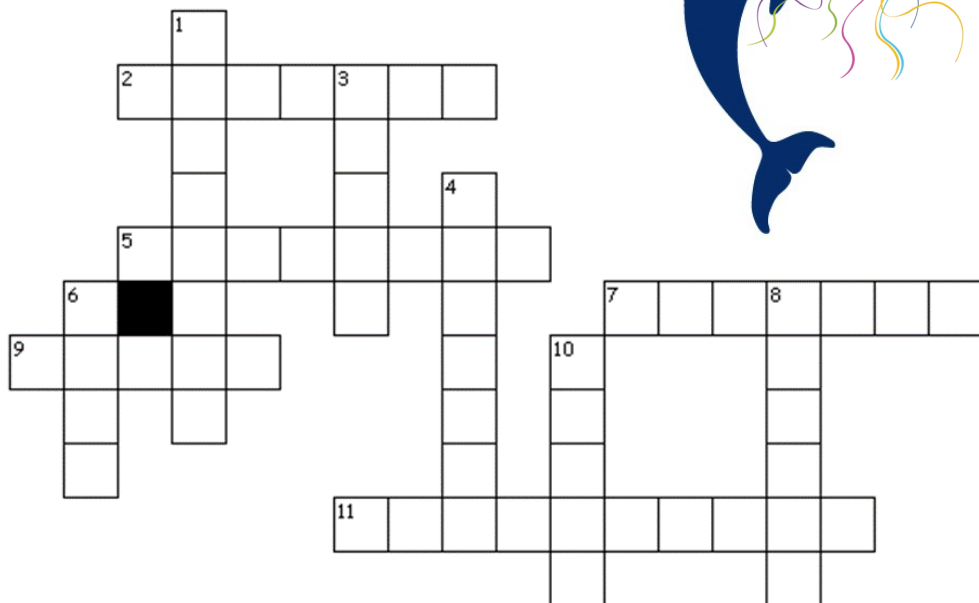
Crossword: Scuba Diving Basics

Across:

- 2. Record your dives in a _____
- 5. When you maintain _____, you stay at the same depth
- 7. Worn to keep divers warm
- 9. Scuba _____
- 11. The _____ in Ocean Cove is 10 feet

Down:

- 1. Equipment used to monitor depth and bottom time
- 3. Very large expanse of sea
- 4. Emergency regulator
- 6. Scuba foot wear
- 8. The most important while diving is _____
- 10. An aqualung, also known as _____



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Renee Viehmann - August 1

Steve Gibson - August 2

Colt Little - August 11

Andy Dinn - August 12

Lalaynia Little - August 12

Cayle Little - August 15

Matt Stemple - August 15

Kelsey Hammett - August 26

Matt Cottrell - August 27

GARAGE SALE

Marylin Campbell's father is selling his 5th wheel recreation vehicle. For more details, follow the link below:

<https://sacramento.craigslist.org/rvs/d/fifthwheel/6196614702.html>

2017 Events Calendar

JULY

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AUGUST

2 Board Meeting

16 General Meeting at Round Table Pizza

SEPTEMBER

2-4 Labor Day Weekend at Ocean Cove
(Event Leaders—The Marilyns)

6 Board Meeting

16 Great American River Cleanup
(Event Leaders Brad Freelove/ Jack Millard)

20 General Meeting at Round Table Pizza:
Special speaker, Cynthia Catton from the
Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

OCTOBER

4 Board Meeting

18 General Meeting at Roundtable Pizza

TBA Swap Meet

TBA Abalone Cookoff

NOVEMBER

1 Board Meeting

TBA Salmon Snorkel

15 General Meeting at Round Table Pizza

TBA Thanksgiving Weekend Camping Trip

A Final Note From the Editor:

I hope you enjoy this month's edition of "The Bubbles". Clearly there are some formatting and content changes that may feel strange, or hopefully they feel good. Your constructive criticism is always accepted and appreciated.

Thank you for your readership and your membership with this wonderful organization!

If you wish to submit material for the September edition; including Sunshine Committee items, or a letter to the editor, please send it to cricket.chirp@gmail.com

- Jamie



DOLPHIN DIVERS LABOR DAY WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Friday ~ September 1, 2017 – Monday ~ September 4, 2017

NAME: _____

Please read carefully. This will help us with an exact accounting of the number of people attending.

- **CAMPING FEES open to everyone** (\$27.00 PER NIGHT PER NIGHT PER VEHICLE)

OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____ PETS _____ X _____ \$2.00 PER NIGHT = \$ _____

TENT _____ TRAILER/RV _____ # Autos _____ X _____ Nights X \$27.00 = \$ _____

2nd Vehicle per night _____ \$27.00 X _____ Nights = \$ _____

Boat paid by DDS if used by DDS members _____ = \$0.00 _____

- **SPEARFISHING CONTEST open to DDS members only (Sunday, Sept.3rd) - Two person teams**

\$10 PER PERSON or \$20 PER TEAM

Name of: Teammate #1 _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Name of: Teammate #2 _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

- **BIG FISH ENTRY open to DDS members only (Sunday, Sept 3rd)**

****PER PERSON**** Entry(s) _____ X \$5 = \$ _____

- **WOMEN'S DESSERT CONTEST open to DDS members only (Saturday, Sept. 2nd)**

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ MAYBE

- **SALSA CONTEST open to DDS members only (Saturday, Sept. 2nd)**

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ MAYBE

- **JENGA GIANT BLOCK BUSTER CONTEST open to DDS members only (Saturday, Sept. 2nd)**

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ MAYBE

- **CONTINENTALBREAKFAST *FREE* (Monday Morning, Sept 4th)**

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