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Official Newsletter of the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

January 2019



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Get caught up on safety and past events



PLAN

Check out the events calendar to plan your events

URGENT!

**THE DATE OF
THE JANUARY
GENERAL
MEETING HAS
BEEN CHANGED!**

**The meeting
will be on
Wednesday,
January 23,
2019.**



SOCIAL MEDIA



MONTHLY MEETINGS



EVENTS



MEMBERSHIP

..... *So many ways to get connected!*

Happy New Year Everyone!

If one of your New Years resolutions is to dive more this year, this may be the one that you're most likely to keep. Right this second, you can find our annual calendar attached to this issue of the Bubbles and check out all of the diving activities that we have planned. If my counting is correct, we have sixteen dives, or events where diving takes place, scheduled for this year. Some of these are multiple day events where multiple dives are likely to take place. Most events already have set dates, and this calendar will be updated regularly as other event dates become available.

On another note, this February we will host our first Members Film Festival. The spirit of the Film Festival is to enjoy the work of our members from all skill levels. Even if you are new to underwater imaging, or you only use a GoPro for your own enjoyment, you are encouraged to participate. Many of us end up recording something interesting or funny that lasts only a few minutes. Share these moments with us at the February General Meeting and we will enjoy them together.

- Ilkan Cokgor, President

Come Play

GET INVOLVED

MEET:

Attend a General Members 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

Attend a Monthly Board Meeting: This club runs on enthusiasm, fun and shared love of diving. The board meetings are where the "magic" happens. Come to a monthly board meeting to find out. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month, with varying locations. Contact a board member for details.

THE NEXT EVENT ON DECK: PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento will be braving the elements for to enjoy the long weekend at Casini Ranch. Reservations are required for this trip, and our sources indicate that the sites are booked up for the weekend. Did you make your reservation? If so, we look forward to gathering around the campfires, and spending some time by the sea,

Keep this event on your radar for next year too!

If you have any questions, contact the event leader, Renee V.



Look, we found Waldo!



WHEN YOU HAVE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH COME FIND US.

MEET THE DOLPHIN DIVERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELPING THIS CLUB GET IT DONE



President	Ilkan Cokgor	Members At Large	
VP	Dana Carlson		Dave Whiteside
Secretary	Brad Freelove		Marianne Larsen
Treasurer	Marlyn Sepulveda		Bob Taylor
Activities Chair	Atakan/Connor		Barry Huff
Safety Officer	Craig Brookey		Andy Dinn
Past President	Marylin Campbell		Ken Takata
Newsletter	Jamie Sepulveda		
Webmaster	Renee Viehmann		
Promotions	Tracy Clarke		
Historian	Jack Millard		

All the Feels...

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.



Happy Birthday

Alan Couch	Jan. 01
Sophia Rojas	Jan. 05
Gil Manganaan	Jan. 09
Cameron Freelove	Jan. 10
Dave Whiteside	Jan. 12
Jack Millard	Jan. 15
Harrison Stemple	Jan. 16
Kathy Magnani	Jan. 18
Tom Hammett	Jan. 26

Welcome To The Club!

Barbara Deer

Carol Herrlie (welcome back)



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY MARCH 23

Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 23. As always we'll have lots of GREAT prizes, one for every egg and some for our raffle too! The hunt area will be at the west end of San Carlos Beach, opposite the breakwater and down the stairs from the restrooms. Everyone will need to be on the beach between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. to sign in and receive a dive orientation. The area of the hunt will be cordoned off underwater with yellow rope and there will be floats on the surface marking the area from above. Boats may be moored outside of the hunt area BUT *ALL contestants must remain ON THE SURFACE until the whistle is blown*. At 5:44 sharp we will blow a whistle to signal the start of the event, at which time you should descend. If you are floating over the hunt area and descend when you hear the whistle you are almost assured of finding an egg. If you have not yet reached the hunt area when the whistle is blown the easy ones will be already found and you will have to work much harder to find them. There are usually egg numbers that are not found so don't give up too early! There will be extra weights and a safety diver in a boat, anchored in the center of the area with a safety diver. We will have children's activities organized on the beach while parents are searching for their eggs underwater. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to help with the children's activities please let us know.

Prizes for the adults and children will be awarded at the evening buffet and awards ceremony at Crazy Horse Restaurant, located above the Bay Park Hotel, near Hwy 101 & Munras Avenue. The menu selections will be the same as last year with tri-tip, halibut, hot vegetables, soft drinks, the Crazy Horse signature salad bar, and even Chocolate mousse for desert. Social hour will start at 5:00 followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the prize presentations immediately after dinner. Be sure to bring money for some **GREAT** raffle prizes! I will post the sign-up form on our web site and send a map and directions in an e-mail to everyone who has signed up for this event. If you do not have access to the internet, or a printer, the forms will also be available at the January, February and March general meetings. Even though our cost has gone up for the meals the club is subsidizing the increase to keep your member cost the same.

There are many motels and campgrounds in the area. Here are a few contact numbers for some places to stay:

BAY PARK HOTEL 800-338-3564

We have a group rate of \$109.00/night at Bay Park Hotel, regularly \$144.00. **Ask for our club rate.**

LAGUNA SECA CAMPGROUND 831-758-3604

CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL & RV 831-372-7586

LONE OAK MOTEL 831-372-4924

MONTEREY TRAVELODGE 831-373-3381

For more info call the Easter Bunny:

Jack Millard at (916) 987-1303, jbmillard@aol.com



2019 CHANNEL ISLANDS

**Only 9
Spots
Left!**

There are nine spaces left on our 2019 Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception. This trip will again be for 4 days from Saturday, July 20 to Tuesday, July 23. This is our first trip including Saturday and Sunday, so we will see if this timing works better for us.

We will head back to Catalina for the warmer water and (hopefully) the Giant Black Seabass and dive sites at Ship Rock and Farnsworth Banks. There are always a few hunters and photographers / videographers on our trips, but this is a trip for everyone so we will go where the conditions are best for general diving.

Member cost is still only \$650.00. This annual trip is our biggest fun(d) raiser for the year and an excellent time for great diving and to get to know all your Dolphin buddies a little better. Bottom time is limited only by your nitrogen loading and how many times you want to dive. If you are a new diver this is probably the best way for you to hone your skills while diving with your more experienced club buddies. The scenery along the islands is so beautiful we are often joined by non-diving family members. The crew takes excellent care of us and it is unbelievable how good the food is coming from the tiny galley.

You can make deposits, payments or payoffs any time, but hurry because space is limited. I'll tell you more at the meetings and in the "Bubbles". When you sign up I'll also send you information about the specifics of the trip and what you can expect. You can check the club website for previous trip reports in our archived Bubbles.

Jack Millard jbmillard@aol.com, 916-955-8017



Hazardous Surf Conditions Are Right In Front of You

Surprisingly large “rogue” waves occur daily at any time of year. They can knock you down and sweep you off beaches and rocks into cold, deep water. These waves can be deadly for the unwary and account for many preventable drownings.

If You Do Get Swept In

Stay Calm. Call for help. Expect more large waves. Take a moment to get your bearings. Look for a place where the waves may be smaller, preferably a low, sandy area where you can exit without being battered against the rocks. If you see someone swept into the ocean, DO NOT go in yourself. Throw a floatable object if it is close by. **Go for help. Call 911.**

Rip Currents

Rip currents are strong, swift-moving channels of water moving from shore to sea. Don't swim against the current. Swim gradually out of the current by swimming across it.

Surf-related Accidents are Preventable

To save your life:

- Expect the next wave to be two or three times larger than the one before it. Keep dry land between you and wet sand or rocks. Avoid exposed rocks, jetties, and headlands during and after storms.
- If you are near the water, face the ocean at all times to reduce the chance that a large wave will surprise you.
- Keep children close to you and small children within easy grasp.

Non-swimmers should wear life jackets.

- Share these safety tips with children.
- Tide pools are in low-lying areas where waves can easily reach you. Rocks are slippery. Be especially cautious.

OTHER HAZARDS

Know the Tides

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. If you're not sure about the tide, avoid these rocks. Use a tide book. Stay off rocks and small enclosed beaches on an incoming tide.

Frigid Water

Average ocean temperature is 52 degrees F (11 degrees C). Any one in the ocean without a wetsuit will become hypo-thermic quickly.

Survival time may be as short as 15 minutes.

Beachcombing

Beware of crumbling bluffs overhead, the unexpected rogue wave, and surf-tossed logs.

Stay Safe on the Bluffs

All cliffs and bluffs are unstable and may crumble. Stay away from the edge.

Fishing

When fishing from rocks or shore take extreme care. Do not go into the surf to free a snagged line.

Diving, Kayaking, and Surfing

If the ocean looks rough, it is rough. Know your limits and wait for calmer seas.

SAFETY RULES

-Never turn your back on the ocean

-Learn to swim and float

- Keep children within easy grasp

- Know when tides change

- Expect rapidly changing conditions

- Stay back on cliffs and bluffs

- Avoid slippery rocks



JANUARY

23 NEW DATE!

GENERAL MEETING ROUND TABLE PIZZA

**GUEST SPEAKER IS KEN MARTZEN WITH
DAN DIVERS NETWORK**

FEBRUARY

1

SEA LIFE CAMERA CLASS
AT DOLPHIN SCUBA

EVENT LED BY KEN TAKATA

6

BOARD MEETING HOSTED BY KEN TAKATA

16 TO 18

PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND AT
CASINI RANCH CAMPGROUND

EVENT LED BY RENEE VIEHMANN

20

GENERAL MEETING AT ROUND
TABLE PIZZA

MEMBERS FILM FESTIVAL

MARCH

6

BOARD MEETING HOSTED BY
TRACY CLARKE

20

GENERAL MEETING AT
ROUND TABLE PIZZA

SHARK ECOLOGY DISCUSSION

23

EASTER EGG DIVE IN
MONTEREY

EVENT LEADER IS JACK MILARD

APRIL

3

BOARD MEETING AT SEPULVEDAS

TBD

OCEAN COVE DIVE

17

GENERAL MEETING WITH FREE PIZZA

VOTING FOR NEW BOARD

This is just a short list of events to come. As stated in the President's Letter, there are many more events scheduled. Visit www.dolphindivers.org for a full list of 2019 events. This list is ever-changing, so check the website or The Bubbles to be sure you are up to date on events.

Shop

Garage Sale Items

If you need to sell or want to buy - check out what is listed here



SCUBAPRO NIGHTHAWK BC
SIZE XL

EXCELLENT CONDITION

Asking Price: \$100.00

CONTACT KEN TAKATA
(OFFERS WELCOME)

Dolphin Diver Merchandise

We are currently working on developing this section

COMING

SOON!