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President's Message

I take a moment to thank all of you for your warm wishes of recovery. I may be limited for a while but I will be working toward getting in the water as soon as permitted.

I hope each of you are enjoying the beginning of summer and this beautiful weather. Monitor your favorite media that the club is using to advertise upcoming events, it would be great to see you there!

The dives in Fallen Leaf Lake were quite a treat. We got to help setup a slalom ski course, while finding many treasures. Folsom has provided some great evening and night dives finishing just shy of 10:00PM and bringing new faces to the club!

This Month we have numerous local dives scheduled and the infamous Channel Islands trip. Join us at the annual Picnic in the Park BBQ for this months meeting and hear more about

upcoming events like what is being planned and coming together for Labor Day and the guest speakers we are bringing to upcoming meetings.

It's great to see everyone from time to time, and July 20th is a perfect day to show your support of the club. The board will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for all to enjoy. Bring your favorite side dish, stories, smiles and appetites - we look forward to seeing everyone! ~Chris

Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a Board Member's 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:

July 6 – Round Table Pizza

General Meetings General Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held the 3rd 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.

ATTENTION The July General Meeting will be at Fair Oaks Park. July 20th 6:00 PM .

DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB

Dawn Blanchfield	3rd	Brooke Hudson	10th
Michael McCrum	12th	Sharon Furtak	14th
Penny Johnson	23 rd	Brittania Junes	31st

Welcome new Members!!!

Samantha Lucky and Brandon Francheschi

Father's Day – Ocean Cove

A very small but very fun group gathered once again to celebrate Father's Day at Ocean Cove.

Jack and Debby Millard were the first ones to arrive on Thursday and our "usual" spots were already occupied so they decided to set up camp at one of the best camping sites at Ocean Cove – overlooking the bluff.



The view was absolutely beautiful (Holger almost tried to sabotage it!!☺). Steve & Marilyn Campbell got there late morning on Friday, and Holger and I closed off the group around 4:30 PM that Friday afternoon as well. While we finished setting up, Jack, Debby, Steve, and Marilyn decided to go out for dinner at the Ocean Lodge. Little did they know that they would get rained upon on their walk back from their dinner to our campsites. Yes, rain... and LOTS of it!! Everybody else retreated to their dry trailer/bus. Instead, Holger and I enjoyed listening to the rain while sitting underneath our awning and enjoying the warmth from Jack's propane heaters.



The next day, we woke up to flat seas and sunny skies. Jack, Steve, and Holger went ab diving while Debby, Marilyn, and I enjoyed walks along the beach, reading material, naps, prepping food for dinner, etc. We also received a surprise visit from Amy Rojas. While we were roughing it at Ocean Cove, other DDS members (including the entire Rojas clan) were enjoying the more luxurious accommodations of Sea Ranch. Our hunter gatherers came back with limits of abalone. Next on the menu was the appetizers potluck. This group certainly never went hungry!! We had to block some of our view because the winds started to pick up...



After the appetizers came the potluck dinner... sausages, cole slaw, ab chowder, salads, carnitas ~ once again, nobody went hungry and by the looks of it, Jack might have enjoyed a little bit too much of all the good eats...



Father's Day at The Sea Ranch

The official Father's Day event was held at Ocean Cove but a group of DDS members and friends headed up to The Sea Ranch for their own private event. While the Millard's, Fuerst's, and Campbell's were at Ocean Cove messing around with some little abs, a group of DDS'ers were having great fun diving out of Pt. Arena. Ken Takata, Fred Knoles, and myself launched out of Arena Cove and made our way up to one of Ken's secret spots. All 3 of us took abs that were larger than 9 inches. The biggest was almost 9.6 inches in length. Fred Knoles showed us all that he still has what it takes to corral up the big ones. His largest ab was almost 9.5 inches long and almost the same size in width. Ken Takata was right there in the thick of things with an ab that was almost the same size as Fred's. After the ab diving frenzy was over, we went out fishing then picked up Ken's crab pots. All went home with abs, crabs, and lingcod.

The kelp looks like it is trying to grow. No kelp paddies were found but kelp was growing from the shore at Arena Cove. The water temp. was down to 52 degrees. It still needs to get cooler but this is a promising start.

Not sure what the Ocean Cove group had for dinner but Lisa Knoles made us a KILLER prime rib dinner. Lisa has retired from teaching but could make it as a head chef at any restaurant. Hope she will do the same again sometime. *~Brad FreeLove*

SAFETY

Tom Oja, DDS Safety Officer

I am sitting in the Houston Airport waiting for a flight. I had an article planned out and even partially written for this month, but recent underwater events have skewed plans for this article. We as divers tend to play well with each other. We are generally very kind and helpful to each other. However, we are not always that way to the oceans and, in this case, its inhabitants.

Before I get into the details of what happened, just a reminder that we have two local dives coming up in July that you are welcome to join us on. For those of you who are members of Dolphin Divers, watch your email blast or the Meetup group for last minute details and potential changes. If you are not a member

At least Saturday evening we could all sit around a nice warm fire and enjoy the dry evening. Of course, Sunday was the most beautiful day yet... more flat seas and more sunshine... some of us were actually wearing shorts Sunday AM that is how warm it was. But like all good things, this trip had to come to an end as well – at least for some of us. Jack & Debbie were able to stay until Monday AM while the rest of us packed up and headed back home.

Thanks for the memories and until we do it again next year!

Photos courtesy of Marilyn Campbell & Corinne Fuerst

Below are some pictures of the week-end...



of the club and are interesting in what we have planned, feel free to email me so I can keep you updated.

Saturday July 9th we will meet at Meeks Bay on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe, off Hw 89, at 8am or before to ensure we get a good parking spot. There are two campgrounds in Meeks Bay. We meet at the southern end of Meeks bay. If you see lots of tents and almost no large RV's down a straight narrow road, you are entering the correct campground. Day use admission was \$8 per vehicle last year, so feel free to carpool. Drive time up Highway 80 from the Roseville area is about 2 hours. Park as close to the lake as you can and look for my white dodge truck. We will prep gear and wait for 2 hours or 10am (whichever gives you 2 hours to acclimate to lake altitude) before getting in the water. Maximum depth we plan on going is about 40 - 60 feet or to the comfort level of all divers involved. This will not be a deep dive. We will start out shallow, 5 - 10 feet, and give everyone plenty of time to check equipment, weights, and get comfortable. If you would like to practice any skills, this is a great place to do just that. Feel free to remove your mask... It is not salt water... Visibility is normally 30-50 feet or more. Tahoe is not as cold as you think, but you will still want a 7mil wet suite to be comfortable.

Tuesday July 12th we will do an evening and night dive at Folsom Point. Entrance to the state park is off East Natoma Street at the south end of Folsom Lake. I believe admission is \$12 for this park. There are two loops that form on the point that protrudes into the lake. We will probably meet at the Eastern loop. Again look for my truck. Plan on arriving about 5:30pm so we can get in the water shortly after 6pm for our first dive. Second dive will be about 8pm with a 1 hour surface interval in between dives. Bring dinner or a snack for yourself to enjoy during the surface interval. Park closes at 10pm so we will be out of the water and cleaning up by 9pm to make sure we get out in time. Bring all your own or rental gear, including under water dive lights and an above water flashlight so you can see to put gear away. If you have skills you would like to practice before we start the dive, feel free to let me know. Depth here will probably be between 10 - 30 feet, if we are lucky. Water here is warmer, but still bring a a full wetsuit.

Now back to this month's article. While vacationing in Cozumel in June, several of us came across a potentially dangerous scenario. At some point, I may post video of this but there seemed to be a very bad situation developing 50ft below the surface. During a dive, we came upon a collection of divers from another boat that seemed to be watching something happening as we drifted up to them. As we got closer, the situation seemed to involve an eel, a GoPro on a stick, and a diver's use of that GoPro. From what we could tell, the diver was tormenting the eel with the GoPro. We would later be told that that was not the case, and that the eel seemed to want to chase after and bite the GoPro repeatedly.

What we saw was a diver who seemed to be pushing his GoPro against the side of the eel. The eel was moving around in a way that seemed to be somewhat defensive, and even approaching offensive, towards the camera and probably soon the diver. Several times the eel tried to bite either the camera or pole it was mounted on. Additionally, just past the eel was a nurse shark that had been resting under the same large overhang. Several of us from our boat slowed down a bit to get pictures and video of the eel and shark. As things escalated the shark moved away and started circling and going between us and the eel. Almost immediately, another one or two sharks arrived. Not sure if eels speak the same language as sharks, but it was almost as if the eel had called in for reinforcements. Next thing you know, one of the sharks was also biting not only the camera, but the selfie stick too. I don't know about you, but when both an eel and a shark are in a biting mood, I get rather concerned. I stopped kicking against the current to stay where I was and let the current pull me slowly away from the scene.

The story I heard a couple days later from another diver in the group that started it all was that the eel seemed to want to rub up against the camera. Now, I don't have that much experience with eels, but what I have seen is they generally stay in their holes and will back up if possible, or maybe open their mouths in a defensive way if you get to close. This eel was completely in open water and acting very aggressively towards the camera. My theory is that someone poked at it and the eel had no choice but to come out into open water. I did not hear of any injuries after we left, but you can see that this situation could have turned bad rather quickly. So please, make sure you keep your distance and do not poke at the other non-two legged divers around you.

So I am adding another entry to my check list... Simply stated. Don't forget your common sense. Have a fun and safe dive and see you in the water soon. ~Tom Oja

Future Events

Pool Practice Time

Pre Channel Islands Equipment and Skills Review

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento has scheduled 90 minutes of pool time July 8, 2016 7:30 – 9 at the old Hudson Family Dive Center for anyone wanting to review their skills and make sure that their equipment works. For those of you attending the DDS Channel

Islands dive, this might be your last chance to check out your equipment before you head south for 4 days of diving fun. Bring your tank, regulators, and such and hop into the heated indoor pool. No need for wetsuits. Any leaks or bubbles? Remember how to hook up your tank to your BC? Find out before you get on the boat.....not after!

There is a cost of \$15 per person. If there is enough interest, we can head out for dinner after the dive. We have 5 members signed up so far. Hope to have more. Let me know if you are interested.

~Brad Freelove bradlinda@frontiernet.net

JULY MEETING

IN THE PARK July 20, 2016

FYI – The July General Meeting will be held at Fair Oaks Park – (Just South of Madison on Fair Oaks) Your Board of Directors will be serving up some tasty Burgers and Hot Dogs with all the fixins along with Sodas and Waters to wash em down with. All you have to do is show up and kindly bring a side dish of Salad or Dessert. Bring a friend and/or family members, two legged or four. Just another one of the many benefits of Dolphin Divers of Sacramento Membership. The meeting starts at 6 pm ~CB

~ CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVE TRIP July 24- 27

Our annual live aboard dive trip will be here soon and there is still space available. If you have been thinking about signing up here is your opportunity. We have opened the trip to non-members so feel free to invite anyone who you think might be interested. We'll probably go north to San



Miguel Island, and the other northern islands, but we might go back to Catalina. It all depends on the conditions. We'll be carpooling from Sacramento on Saturday, July 23, at about 9:00 a.m., and then we'll regroup in Santa

Barbara, before boarding. The boat leaves the dock Saturday night while we are sleeping. 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. 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, Orangethorpe, CA 95662.

For more information you can contact me at 916-987-1303 or jbmillard@aol.com

Inland Lobster Feed & Potluck Saturday, August 13



Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at Lake Natomas for our "Inland Lobster Feed" dive and potluck on Saturday August 13 at the Negro Bar picnic area. Last year the crawdads were everywhere and the fun plentiful. 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 \$5.00 per adult, Children under 16 are FREE, 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.

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

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Albion River Campground was the home port for last month's Memorial Day event. The weather was good to us. A little windy at times but clear and, at times, event warm. Waves were a little larger than wanted but that just made for some exciting boat rides. Anyone that wanted to give ab diving a try had a boat ready to take them out. Jack Millard and Ken Takata took out groups of divers on both Saturday and Sunday. Everyone got abs. Some of them were a little under nourished due to the lack of kelp available for food. A few abs were in good shape. Gil Manganaan found an ab that was 9.147 inches. A few hours later, Holger Fuerst pulled up an ab that went 9.187 inches. I believe that Holger now has the largest ab taken this year.

As always, the potluck was fantastic. Great food and even better company was on the menu. There was an impromptu burping contest and wet willy war. Winners can announce themselves if they want. Holger managed to use his trusty rod and reel and hook a nice lingcod. Holger donated his ab for the potluck but would not let anyone near his fish. Something about Corinne killing him if he did. Do not blame him for that. Ilkan and Atakan were the only DDS members to make a scuba dive. The visibility was good and they came back with fun stories to tell. They did make an ab dive and hooked up with their first abs ever! Nice job men!

The event ended with smiles on everyone's faces and the promise to return at next years event. While Albion is a little out of the way, the diving can be great and Ft. Bragg is just up the road. Next year should bring more of the same as this year.

~Charlie Rojas

-TROPHY CORNER-

BIG FISH: Nothing entered yet -

BIG AB: Holger Fuerst - 9.187"
Memorial Day Dive

Fish of the Month

By Pam Wade



CREVICE KELPFISH

With two months until the Channel Island Dive July 23-27 you may want to start boning up on some of the less well known species of fish. This Crevice Kelpfish, maximum 6 inches long is well hidden in rough rocky areas abundant in algae growth typically below 60 feet in Southern California. Although the coloring is uniform in color or striped or blotched and spotted it varies between shades of brown to reddish brown, gray or lavender; below 65 feet, usually shades of red, scarlet and pink. It rests of the bottom, blending with surroundings. It takes a watchful eye to spot this one and to get a photo.

Garage Sale

FOR SALE - SCUBA PRO Classic BCD XXL

less than 50 dives - Price New \$700.00 Will sell \$299.00

OBO Dave Whiteside (916) 730-8282

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

www.dolphinclub.com

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

www.scubaworld.com



**DOLPHIN DIVERS LABOR DAY WEEKEND
REGISTRATION FORM
September 2-5, 2016**



Name: _____

Camping Fees:

Open to everyone \$24 per night per vehicle

Only pay for Friday – Sunday nights. Any days before or after should be paid directly to the Ocean Cove Store

# of people attending	_____		
Vehicle #1	_____	x\$24.00 per night =	\$ _____
Vehicle #2	_____	x \$24.00 per night =	\$ _____
# pets	_____	x \$2.00 per night =	\$ _____
# of boats	_____	Cost to be paid by DDS	\$0.00 _____

Spearfishing Contest: *Open to DDS members only (Sunday, Sept 4th) - Two person teams*

Team Member #1	_____	x\$10.00	\$ _____
Team Member #2	_____	x\$10.00	\$ _____

Big Fish Entry: *Open to DDS members only (Sunday, Sept 4th) - Two person teams*

# of entries	_____	x \$5.00 per person	\$ _____
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Women's Dessert Contest *Open to everyone (Saturday, Sept 3rd)*

# of entries	_____		\$0.00 _____
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Total Camping and Contest Fees:		\$ _____
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Make checks payable to: Dolphin Divers of Sacramento.

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