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Presidents Message

Hello all;

I would like to start this article off by just saying thank you for all that voted for me to be your president again. It is an honor that all of you trust me to guide your club for the next year. On the same note I would like to also thank all the other incoming board members for their service.

In some cases these volunteers are new to the board, in other cases they are just moving to a different position. No matter if they are new or just moving seats, my thanks goes out to all willing to share the burden of running the club.

This will be my second term as President, given this, I am hoping for a smooth running, uneventful, drama free board.

We mention this regularly, but all members are always welcome to board meetings. If you have a concern or just a topic you would like to share please come to a board meeting. The first board meeting will be held at my house in Walnut Grove. My contact information is available in this newsletter, please call and let me know you are coming as a light dinner is provided.

One of the largest challenges of being president of the club is to arrange quality speakers for the general meetings. This is *our*

club, if you have an interest in a topic or an idea for a speaker, please let me know. Additionally if you have been on an interesting trip or adventure, feel free to share. Many of the best presentations have been by our own members. If you know someone who works in a field related to our hobby, talk to them about possibly presenting. It is difficult for one person to field all the speakers. We all have experiences and contacts that may be interesting to others. Let's share a little.

Play hard

Cayle Little

~ Meetings ~

Board meetings are held on the 1st 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:

May 7 Cayle & Holly Little 530-219-5415
June 4 To be announced

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.

~DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB~

Corinne Fuerst 5/5 Jeff Pluth 5/16
Kyle Green 5/27 Marlyn Sepulveda 5/27



~Welcome New Members~

Mitch Evens

Attached is a great article written by Ned and Anna DeLoach. You never know when you will encounter the many benefits of the underworld. You definitely need to know your species of shrimp before opening your mouth underwater.

Safe Diving!



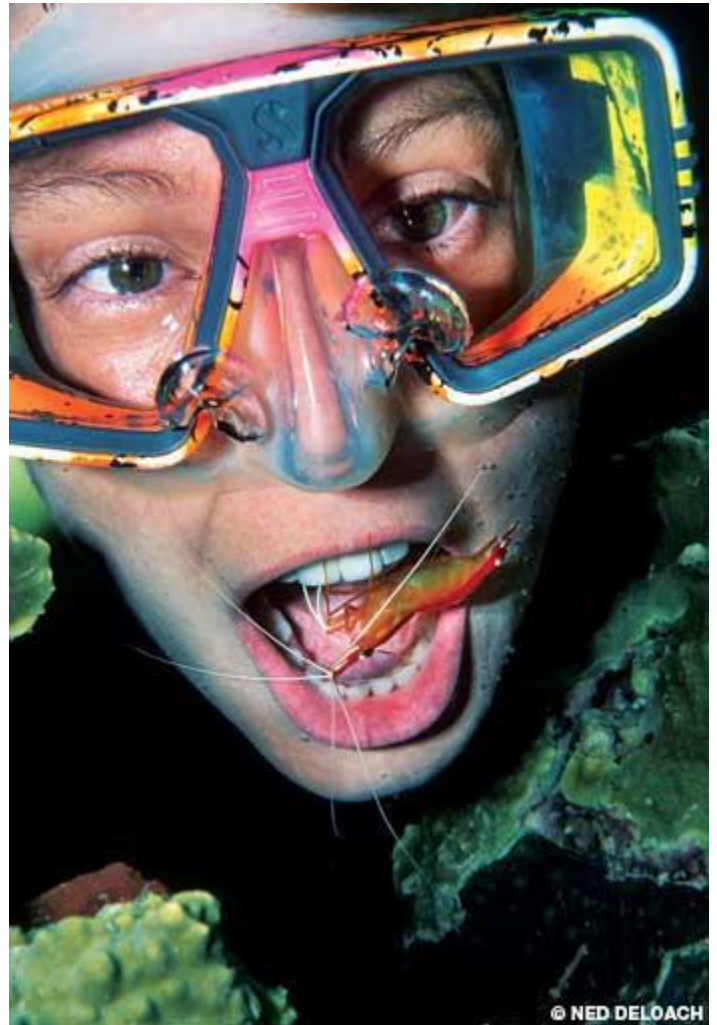
It was almost lunchtime when the phone rang. The familiar voice of a friend living in California echoed enthusiastically from across the continent. "Hey, Ned, I just got home from Fiji and wanted to let you know I was thinking about you."

"How so?" I asked.

"We were on a dive trip on the liveaboard *Nai'a*, and I saw your photograph of Cat Holloway with the shrimp in her mouth hanging in the passageway — you know, the one you took some 15 years ago, if recollections serve me. It's still one of my favorites."

The thoughtful call brought a rush of dusty memories. "Has it really been 15 years?" I wondered as I hung up the receiver and leaned back in my chair with the photograph dancing in my mind. But my thoughts quickly drifted from the image and settled on the unforgettable string of events that followed.

It all began sometime prior to my 1998 voyage aboard the *Nai'a* when Cat, who was the liveaboard's cruise director at the time, learned to entice cleaning shrimp into her mouth. The two-inch crustaceans (in this case white-stripe cleaning shrimp) traditionally make their living feeding on the parasites that besiege reef fishes. To ease their infestations, "client" fish visit cleaning stations at intervals throughout the day. The stations are manned by certain species of shrimp and small fishes that are referred to collectively as cleaners. The cleaners, which tend to be immune to predation because of their invaluable services, regularly venture inside opened mouths where microscopic parasites, primarily larval isopods, congregate. In Cat's case a predive meal of Vegemite and toast was employed to sweeten the deal.



Cat Holloway and friend

For years Anna and I had enjoyed getting "manicures" from cleaner shrimp in the Caribbean, but we had never contemplated anything like Cat's inspiring shrimp-in-the-mouth exploit. I just had to get a photograph. When the *Nai'a* moored near the home of her trained shrimp, Cat graciously agreed to model for a portrait with her hungry little friends.

Cat settled onto her knees in the sand next to a coral outcropping, removed her second stage and leaned forward with her lips drawn back and teeth bared. As her face neared the reef, a shrimp hopped aboard her approaching grin. After momentarily busying itself picking here and there it vanished inside Cat's mouth. When the shrimp reappeared, a gentle puff sent it sailing back toward its roost. Cat looked up and, with a twinkle in her eyes, smiled and gave a sweet little shiver of delight.



A Caribbean scarlet-striped cleaning shrimp searches for parasites inside the mouth of a graysby.

When I saw Cat again the following year, the first words out of her mouth were about the shrimp. "You won't believe it!" she trumpeted in her charming Australian accent. "I have the most extraordinary story about the shrimp. A guest named Ayesha — who is our dogs' veterinarian in Fiji — was keen on getting her teeth cleaned. Everything was going perfectly; she settled her face in at the shrimp cave, and the regular pair of shrimp immediately began gum-dredging with their usual verve when out of the corner of my eye I caught a glimpse of a coral trout making straight for us. Before we knew it the trout latched onto Ayesha's lower lip and gave it a shake like a puppy tugging a rug. I helped Ayesha put her regulator back in her mouth, and we immediately headed up to the skiff. Isn't that something? What in the world do you think got into that rascally trout?"

Still harboring an image of a lady with a fish hanging from her lip, I fumbled for an answer. "It wouldn't have been after the cleaner ... wow, I have no idea," I admitted. "How's the lady?"

"Oh, other than having a black, blue and swollen lip for a few days, the injury healed remarkably well," Cat replied.

"Fortunately, being a vet, she was accustomed to being bitten by animals."



A Caribbean scarlet-striped cleaning shrimp picks beneath the gill cover of a bigtooth cardinalfish.

Several months passed before a cleaning encounter in Bonaire finally cast some light on the puzzling trout attack. I had just spent two dives unsuccessfully attempting to photograph a shrimp cleaning inside the gill opening of a cardinalfish, one of several dozen of the small, nocturnal fish taking refuge inside a coral head. My problem was too many fish. No sooner did I get a clear view than one of the skittish multitude blocked the scene.

Returning the following morning I found the cardinalfish clustered toward the back of the recess away from the cleaners, so I settled in for a wait. Having nothing better to do, I casually slipped my hand toward the shrimp — a mistake. A small grouper, known as a graysby, bolted for my outstretched fingers. I yanked my hand back just in the nick of time and hugged it tightly to my chest. The grouper turned, glared and then swam away, sending up a puff of sand in its wake before slipping inside the recess through a side passage, resting its head on an incline and opening its mouth wide. A nearby shrimp literally galloped across the sand and onto the waiting jaws. No sooner was the shrimp settled than the grouper sent it flying with a shake and swam away.

The message was loud and clear: This bad boy was, in no uncertain terms, asserting a proprietary claim to the cleaning station. A light bulb went on — graysby, coral trout, territory, bruised lip. I believe the run-in might have some bearing on the curious behavior of Cat's "rascally" trout half a world away.

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Chris

Albion River Camping

May 23, 24, and 25 will find Dolphin Diver's at the Albion River Campground. Once again, Charlie and Amy Rojas are the event leaders. There will be a ton of great diving and eating. One night will include a potluck. The DDS reserved camping sites have water and power. The cost is \$35 per night. There are only 3 weeks left to make your reservations at Albion. After that, Charlie will return all unused sites back to the campground.

Please contact Charlie at c22rojas@yahoo.com or 707.486.9816 to get on the list.

Aquatic Image Makers Special Invite

SacAIM is a local dive club for underwater photographers & videographers and they are extending an invitation for our club members and friends to attend their meeting on May 28th for a special presentation on diving with Beluga Whales in Churchill Canada. The meeting will be held at Round Table Pizza on Greenback & Madison. 6:30 social hour and meeting begins at 7PM. Visit www.sacaim.org for more information.

Carol & Joe Herrlie

A “whale of a tale” about a whale's tail:

February, the week after the Point Lobos club trip, Dana Carlson, Tom Moore, Dennis Wade and I made a midweek trip to Monterey to dive. The weather and swell models looked good. We had enjoyed such great conditions during the Point Lobos dive that Keith led that we all wanted a repeat. Well, the conditions were not as good so we settled on only 40 feet of visibility instead of 80 feet. Our dives in Monterey were OK, but nothing to brag about, so we decided to dive Point Lobos the next day and try to find the Giant Pacific Octopus that other divers had seen earlier. I knew the exact location where they had been spotted so we dropped anchor and headed down. Dennis and I were the first in the water so we headed back along the reef searching the crevices and holes. I looked up to see Dennis above me with his hands held wide apart. My first thought was that he had seen a big sea lion. But no-o-o – it was even bigger **MUCH**

BIGGER! I turned just in time to see a Gray Whale cruising around the corner and headed straight at me. All I

could do was duck to keep from getting run over. I spun around to watch it head back out into the bay. When I returned to the boat Dana, Tom and Dennis were already there with HUGE grins on their faces. It turned out that the whale had come in to check us out. First it swam directly under my boat toward Tom and Dana. Tom was so close that the whale tapped his chest with its tail as it drifted past him. Dennis was able to get close enough to reach out and touch it. According to Dennis it swam around us several times before dive bombing me and swimming away. WOW! Like most divers I have spent all of my dive life dreaming of just this encounter. I was not able to get any photos of the whale but Dana and Dennis took some video of it and Tom was able to get a couple of quick photos.

A still taken from Dana's video:
and a photo from Tom's camera:



The best shots are from Dennis – but he hasn't shared them with me yet. C'mon Dennis, share!! (-:

Oh, and we did not see the octopus, but other divers near us did. Oh well, I'll take a whale encounter over an octopus any time ...

Jack



Channel Islands Update

Our annual club charter for July 20 – 23 is full. . If you want to be added to the stand-by list in case there are cancelations please call me at 916-987-1303 or e-mail me at jbmillard@aol.com.

For more information please read one of my earlier articles. Jack Millard

GARAGE SALE

For sale men's one-piece Oceanic 7mm Ultra wetsuit, in excellent condition. Less than 1 year old. \$75 or OBO. Contact Brad Freelove at brad.freelove@yahoo.com or 916 879-3853.

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1 pair Ladies gloves - Small
1 Snorkel
1 Weight belt with 3-6 lb coated weights
1 Weight belt - Soft - appx 20 lb

Craig at: CBrookey@sbcglobal.net

Sunto D9 watch/computer with transmitter, strap extension and download cable. (2009)
Asking \$625

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Asking \$130

SeaQuest Diva LX woman's BCD (size medium) with Airsource regulator/inflator. Integrated weight pockets.
Asking \$150

Pictures are available on request.

Contact info:

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804-313-5369
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Davis, CA

WANTED – Steel 80CF, 5-7MM hood size large, basic model dive computer – contact Steve Gibson at 408-206-6917

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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

2014 TROPHY CORNER

BIG FISH: Holger Fuerst

BIG AB: No Entries so far

Small Ab: No Entries so far

\$ Split the Pot \$

Lalaynia Little won the pot and split with the Monterey Chamber \$48 to each.

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

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

www.scubaworldsacto.com

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May 2014

- **Board Meeting 5/7/ 2014** beginning at 7:00PM hosted by Cayle and Holly Little. To RSVP contact them at: (530)219-5415 or (530) 518-0902
- **General Meeting 5/21/2014** at 7:00PM.) Meeting location is Roundtable Pizza in Folsom: 9500 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA. Open to the public, please come and meet your fellow divers. Open to the public, please come and meet your fellow divers.
- **Memorial Day Holiday 5/23/14—5/26/14** at Albion. To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Brad Freelove at (916) 879-3853

June 2014

- **Board Meeting 6/4/ 2014** beginning at 7:00PM host to be determined.
- **Father's Day Camping Weekend 6/13/14—6/14/14.** For more information please contact Holger or Corinne Fuerst at: h fuerst@msce.com
- **General Meeting 6/18/2014** at 7:00PM. Meeting location is Roundtable Pizza in Folsom: 9500 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA. Open to the public, please come and meet your fellow divers. Open to the public, please come and meet your fellow divers.



We are still looking for event volunteers for Labor Day weekend on August 30th– September 1st! Please contact to a Board Member if you are interested in volunteering for this fantastic event. We will need assistance with cooking, kids activities, event coordination, etc.
Thank you!