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Official Newsletter of the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

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GOODBYE APRIL,
HELLO MAY.



*A Message From the Out-Going
Vice President*

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Hello Summer!

Break out those calendars to plan your warm weather months.

Hello Fellow Dolphins Divers,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your Vice President. This past year has been nothing short of exciting with meetings, events, coupled with life's challenges. Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

A special acknowledgment and appreciation goes out to Brad Freelove and Marlyn Sepulveda is supporting me when I was unable to attend a meetings.

I had the opportunity with Marlyn Sepulveda to lead the last Labor Day event and holiday Christmas Party, which was great experience.

Being on the board has been an exciting and rewarding for me. This is truly a great club that I am proud to be a part of group.

During the last year, the Board has worked at providing you with various dive outing, and annual events. The new Board will work just as hard, to insure great things to come this coming year.

~Marylin Campbell

don't forget

Time to renew your Dolphin Divers of Sacramento membership!

March 31st was the last day of the 2017*18 membership year. If you have not yet signed up for the new 2018-19 year, time to get it done. With your membership, you get:

- *A discount on items purchased at Dolphin Scuba*
- *10 free air fills at Dolphin Scuba*
- *Discounts on some club events.*
- *Monthly copy of the "Bubbles."*
- *Free food and drink at our annual free pizza night and at the Picnic in the Park*

You can mail in your application or bring it to any meeting. Applications available at Dolphindivers.org.



GOODBYE SPRING.
HELLO SUMMER.

MAY

Annual Memorial Day Camping Trip at Albion

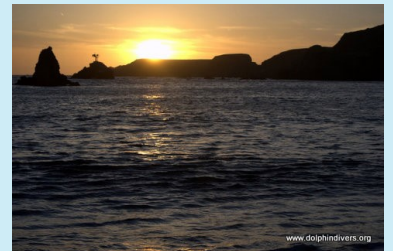


This annual dive trip begins Friday, May 25, 2018. However, some folks arrive earlier than that.

Albion Camp ground is near Fort Bragg, CA. though the drive may be long, the weekend makes up for it.

This weekend is quieter compared to the Labor Day Camping Event. There is no rigid itinerary, and DDS capitalize on this leisurely weekend.

Like most spring to summer events, the weather forecasting can be illusive, but it doesn't impact the tone of this trip. For new members, this is a great trip to start with.



At this time, Dolphin Divers do not have any more reserved campsites. If you wish to come to the event, please make your reservations with the campsite AND alert the event leaders that you will be attending.

Registrations may be made on-line at: www.albionrivercampground.com. After you submit the reservation, the campground will email you an invoice.

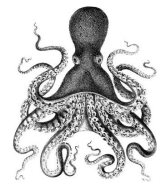
We plan to have a appetizer/cocktail hour on Saturday night and a pot luck dinner on Sunday. Join us for a fun holiday full of diving, eating, merriment, and socializing.

Brad Freelove and I are leading the event. You can reach us at:

Brad Freelove bradlinda@frontiernet.net Or Ken Takata kennethktakata@gmail.com



JUNE SCUBA CHALLENGE



SAVE
the
DATE

Register for this year's Dolphin Divers Scuba Challenge! This exciting event will take place on June 9, 2018 at Folsom Lake. The day will start with the Scuba Challenge followed by an awesome BBQ and prizes. All skill levels are encouraged to attend the event. There is a fee of \$15 per person, which will go towards the BBQ and prizes.

You can send a check to P.O. Box 112, Orangevale, California 95662 or come and see me at one of the events.

THIS IS HOW IT WILL GO DOWN

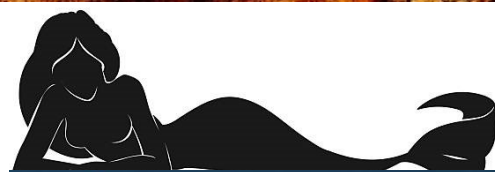
Teams of three divers minimum will be decided by draw. The tasks to perform underwater (all scuba skills that the divers are familiar with, with a few surprises) will be revealed shortly after. After strategizing on who will take the lead on which task, teams will be given the start. The first team to cross the finish line will be, well... first. All members are welcome to attend the BBQ, even if they do not participate in the event.

Please register soon, and let's have some FUN!

- Atakan Cokgor and Ilkan Cokgor



FOLSOM LAKE





SCUBA CHALLENGE 2018

DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

SCUBA CHALLENGE 2018

SIGN UP FORM

- A race to complete underwater challenges and win prizes
- BBQ will follow the dive event

(All members are invited to BBQ. There will be a donation bucket for members who do not participate in the challenge event)

When: Saturday, June 9, 2018

Where: Folsom Lake SRA

SIGN UP DEADLINE: May 31, 2018

SCUBA CHALLENGE PARTICIPANT:

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$15

Make Checks Payable to: DOLPHIN DIVE CLUB

Send checks to P.O. Box 112, Orangevale, California 95662 or bring to Ilkan Cokgor at one of the events.



Annual Channel Islands Scuba Trip

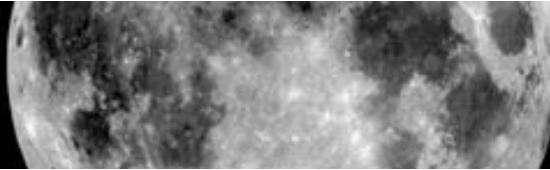
Diving in the Kelp Forests of the Channel Islands

Diving in the kelp forests around the Channel Islands is a unique experience for divers more accustomed to tropical waters. Similar to tropical waters, the waters are clear with lavish flora and fauna representing every hue imaginable, but unlike tropical diving giant kelp offers another dimension to your dive. Diving in kelp is similar to a walk in a lush forest of trees with these plants growing to heights of more than 120 feet. Giant kelp helps support an aquatic ecosystem that provides domicile for over more than 800 species of marine life.



A Channel Islands trip offers you the opportunity to discover a variety of underwater landscapes. Water visibility in these waters can range from 40 to 100 feet and on rare occasions sometimes even up to 150 feet. There are untold opportunities for viewing and photographing a panorama of underwater vistas. Unlike the coral reefs of tropical waters, the reefs in the Channel Islands are comprised of varied types of rock structures. Like coral reefs, the crack and crevices provide ideal living quarters for many species. The rocks are overlaid with brightly colored bouquets of anemones, starfish, and garlands of hydrocoral, sponges, and sea fans. Moray eels, octopus, abalone, rock scallops, California spiny lobsters, and a host of others inhabit rock fissures and crevices. Divers may chance upon giant black sea bass weighing in at 500 pounds, or a halibut, lingcod, vermilion rockfish, calico bass and more. Migrating gray whales, blue whales, hump back whales, schools of dolphins, seals and sea lions are familiar sightings in the Channel Islands during crossings. ©Annie Crawley

NIGHT DIVE



Nothing is more frightening to a new diver or more exciting to an experienced one than the thought of jumping into the ocean when it's dark outside. The boat has bright lights shining into the water, illuminating the water around the boat all the way to the bottom and attracting flying fish and lots of other critters to the surface. Standing at the gate you look around at the other faces, eyes wide, with expressions of terror or joy. It's our turn, check your night light one more time, make sure your mask is tight and your fins are on -- *SPLASH* -- we're in the water floating on the inky surface. Check your buddy, exchange the OK signal, let's go. As you sink to the bottom some of the fear starts to be replaced by wonder. You can actually see pretty good and your buddies light glows bright in the water making him/her easier to find than during the day. Some how you actually see more at night than you do during the day. The light you carry focuses your attention on whatever it is shining on. What's that bright red thing in the kelp? A bright, candy apple red, crab attracts your attention. Look at all of the small things which venture out into the protection of darkness. Small octopus scurry along the bottom in search of food, lobster walk around in the open and stare at you with eyes on short stalks. Swimming behind your buddy you turn off your light and are immediately swallowed by the darkness. Your buddy's fins leave sparkling swirls behind them with each kick from the luminescent organisms in the water. The time passes in a flash and it's time to come up. This time the deck is quiet except for the sound of the TV in the galley, everyone is thinking of the wonders they just saw.

Off with your gear. Stow your wet suits in the special drying room so they'll be dry and toasty for tomorrow's first dive. Take a hot, fresh water shower and wander into the galley to join your fellow divers. On the counter in the galley there are pies and ice cream set out for you to help yourself. After watching a movie selected from the small shipboard library or brought by one of your buddies and making sure your log-book is up to date with all of the dives you made today you wander down to your bunk and collapse, exhausted, into the covers. The last thought in your mind before you drift off into a deep sleep aided by the gentle rocking of the boat is "I'm not in Kansas anymore".



Saturday, July 22 — Wednesday, July 25

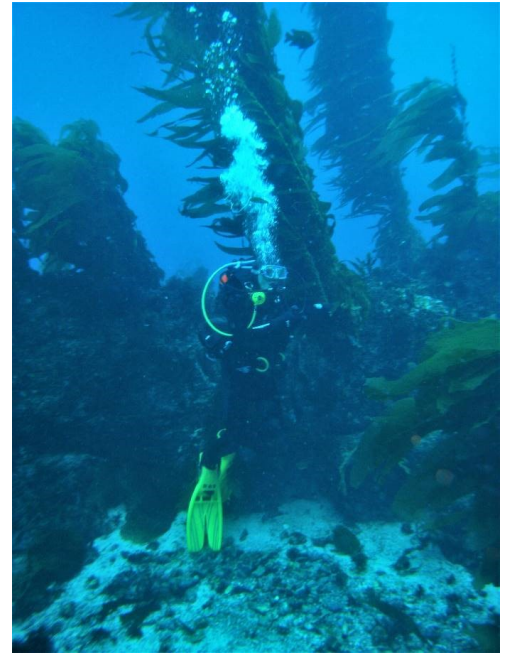
Have you been on the fence about joining your club buddies on the Channel Islands dive trip this year? It's not too late to sign up, but the trip is less than three months away! For a new diver, or club member, there is no better way to get your dive skills enhanced, and to get to know everyone better. There are always other divers also looking for a buddy so you do not need to worry about who you can dive with, and after four days together on the boat you will know everyone much better.

Our plan is to mirror what we have done for the last several years:

Saturday, after car-pooling to Santa Barbara, we will board after dinner in a nearby restaurant, then depart the dock before midnight.

Sleeping while the boat travels south to Catalina Island we will wake up to breakfast and a safety orientation. As soon as we arrive at our first dive site we will have another orientation about the dive site, then buddy up and jump in for our first dive. This will be an easy dive to give you a chance to re-familiarize with your gear and make sure you are weighted properly. Upon surfacing you will put your equipment back in a spot on the dive deck and get a surface interval while the crew fills your tank with air, or Nitrox.

Depending on the conditions we might move to a different dive site, or stay put to finish exploring the first one. This is our boat so I will solicit everyone's input before discussing our goals with the captain.



This is pretty much the plan for the entire trip. Eat, dive, snack, dive, eat, dive, snack, dive, eat, and night dive for anyone interested, then sleep – and repeat the next day. We will probably dive different sites around Catalina for the first three days, then travel north on Tuesday night to an island closer to Santa Barbara for our last dive day. The diving ends at about 2:00 Wednesday afternoon and we have a couple of hours to get our gear packed and ready to load into our cars waiting for us near the harbor.

We typically depart Santa Barbara at about 5:00 for the drive home. Many of us stop along the way for a night in a hotel to break up the long drive home, others forge ahead and drive straight home, typically arriving after midnight.

Some of us (me included) stop in Buellton for the night. It is only an hour from Santa Barbara so we can check into our rooms and meet for a nice dinner at a table that is not rocking in the waves. After a leisurely breakfast Thursday morning we arrive home about 1:00 in the afternoon. Plenty of time to clean our dive gear and relax before rejoining the "rat race" on Friday!

This is probably the cheapest way there is to dive on a cost per dive basis. Our cost is only \$650.00 pp for as many, or as few, dives as you want to do. The fee includes you berth, all your air fills, on-board meals, beverages and snacks – and best of all the companionship of all your dive friends! You will need to provide ALL of your own dive equipment, including one tank and your weights. If you don't want to bring your own all the equipment can be rented from the dive shop by the boat dock, but you will need to make your reservations with them before the trip begins.

To sign up either mail your check to:

Dolphin Dive Club
PO Box 112
Orangevale, CA 95662



Or give to me or Brad Freelove at a club meeting. Simple!

Now let's dive!

Jack Millard

A TYPICAL DAY ON THE CONCEPTION DIVING THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

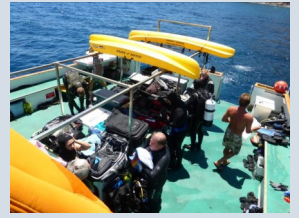
VAROOM-ROOM-ROOM !!!!

Huh? What time is it? Must be four already. The day begins.

I'm wakened by the sounds of the engines -rum-rum-rum--- they continue to purr. I try to go back to sleep. I hardly got any sleep last night thinking about the days to follow. We all boarded last night after a big meal and a couple of Margaritas and put our gear away. After I said good night to everyone still up and crawled into my bunk, all I could think about was - did I forget anything? Is my car locked? Is the diving going to be any good? *WILL I GET SEA SICK?* Am I ever going to fall asleep? zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz

Now the boat is moving. What time is it?? 4:00 a.m.!! Back to sleep. Every once in a while I am reawakened by the feeling of the boat rising and dropping over a swell. I'm getting up, if I can't sleep I might as well see what's going on. When I walk into the galley I'm greeted by my dive club buddies already up and the smell of perking coffee and toast. Looking out across the water I'm surprised to see the sun rising on one side and land on the other and the water is flaaaaaaat. After another half hour of traveling along the edge of the island, and greeting sleepyheads who lasted longer than I, the boat slips into a cove and the crew drops anchor. By this time the smell of frying eggs and sausage permeates the boat and the galley maids start calling out the names of everyone who ordered breakfast rather than just eat the toast and sugar goodies set out for us.

After a briefing from the Captain and crew about boat etiquette, a reminder to fill out the forms with our "C" card number and an orientation to the dive spot we're in (The bow anchor is in 90' of water and the stern is in 40') we all scramble into our wetsuits and gear and get ready to jump into the water.



Look at that kelp! You can see forever!! LET ME IN!!! Quick! Who else is ready? Want to dive with me? Let's go! SPLASH!!!

As soon as we hit the water we're greeted by another pleasant surprise- it's warm (compared to Monterey), my thermometer shows 65 degrees and I can see the bottom about 60 feet down. As we descend we drift through schools of fish: Senoritas, Blues, Silversmiths, and other fish I don't take time to identify. On the bottom we're greeted by a feisty, bright orange Garibaldi who thinks we're invading his territory. At first glance the bottom looks pretty much like the North Coast but as we start to swim around we see Turban snails and Chestnut Cowries and all kinds of new creatures. Look! a shark! Hiding in the rocks is a small (14 inch) Horn Shark. By the end of our dive we've seen lots of new creatures and reluctantly head back to the surface.

Waiting for us on the boarding ramp are a couple of strong arms to help us out of our fins and up to the deck. As we pass the rail we grab a red tag for our tanks so the crew will fill them fast. On each side of the center of the gear area there is a row of tank racks where we drop our tanks, BC's still attached, and a crew member immediately starts to refill them. In the Galley other excited divers are munching candy and cookies which are always available and drinking soda's from the tap, cooled with ice from the ice machine, while babbling as fast as they can about the last dive. "Did you see that big Ray?" "Did you see the Octopus?" "No" we tell them" but we did see a shark" (let them top that we think smugly). After debating among ourselves we ask the captain to move the boat to a new spot while we accumulate some surface interval before we all jump back in the water and repeat the actions over and over through the day. After gorging ourselves on a gourmet lunch, goodies after every dive, and then a dinner of barbecued steak and chicken, cooked on the on-board barbecue (Diet? What diet?), we tape a light to our snorkels and get ready for the most exciting dive of the day.

SAY HELLO TO Summer

HELLO
AUGUST

Inland Lobster Feed On the American River— Au-



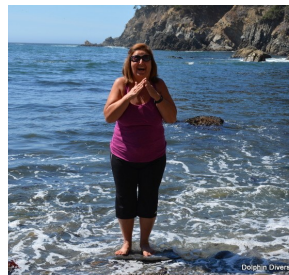
A local event held in Sacramento at Negro Bar River Access.
The day includes diving in the American River, barbeque and fun!



September

Arguably the most popular of the camping trips, the Labor Day Camping trip at Ocean Cove Campground is an annual event that always has surprises in store.

This camping trip has historically included a theme for campsite decoration, cooking and baking contests, raffles and the best part— ABALONE!



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.

POSITIVE VIBES
AND
Sunshine

DIVE FLAG AWARENESS

This summer, safely share the water with your fellow Boaters and SCUBA Divers.



BOATERS

100 feet* If you are in a **river, channel or inlet** and see a dive flag, keep your boat at least 100 feet from the dive flag.

300 feet* If you are in **open water** and see a dive flag, keep your boat at least 300 feet from the dive flag.

DIVERS

Flag Etiquette Remember to place your dive flag **before submerging** and be sure to **remove the flag when all divers exit.**

100 feet* Be sure to always **surface within 100 feet** of your dive flag.

**BE ALERT. BE SAFE.
AND HAVE FUN!**

*Please Note: State laws can vary.

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Happy Birthday May Babies



Rick Bollinger May 1

Corinne Fuerst May 5

Summer Carlson May 6

Kyle Green May 27

Marlyn Sepulveda May 27

Welcome New Member -Rick Bollinger!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- MAY**
- 2 Board Meeting—Chris Anthon's
 - 16 General Meeting- Round Table
Pizza
 - 26-28 Memorial Day Camping—Albion

- JUNE**
- 6 Board Meeting
 - 9 Scuba Challenge
 - 20 General Meeting

- JULY**
- 4 TBD—Board Meeting
 - 13 Skills Testing @ Swimstitute
 - 18 General Meeting @ Fair Oaks
 - 22-25 Channel Islands Dive Trip

2018

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Let's Stay Connected!

Follow us on Facebook and subscribe to our Yahoo Group to get information on upcoming events, club announcements and impromptu outings.



YAHOO!
Groups

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 the home of Chris Anthon. Please keep an eye out for communication about how to RSVP, if you wish to attend.

General Meetings: 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.