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President's Message

Hello Fellow Dolphin Divers!

Thank you for joining us at the August general meeting. We had a guest speaker, Frank Hurd, from The Nature Conservancy. Frank discussed the work that is being done to ensure that there are abalone to fish in the future, while avoiding unnecessary restrictions now. If you are an abalone diver, you can help by logging your abalone on the **AbRuler** app which can be found at www.abruler.com/.

By providing information on your abalone catch, you are helping provide needed information about the abalone health. Make sure to take just a few minutes to provide this vital information so that you and others can continue to enjoy the sport of abalone diving for years to come. When completing the survey, put "DDS" where it asks for your name so they know you are part of Dolphin Divers of Sacramento.

Hopefully you were able to sign up for the biggest camping trip of the year at Ocean Cove. Thanks Marylin Campbell, and everyone that helped coordinate this event. I will provide a full report on how fun it is in next month's bubbles. With November "Photo Contest" and "Big Fish/Big Ab" contests, Labor Day weekend may be your last opportunity to get your winning entry ready for submission.

Make sure to join us at the September meeting.

Have fun and be safe!

~Marlyn Sepulveda~

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NEXT EVENT ON DECK:



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DOLPHIN DIVERS GIVE BACK

The Great American River Clean Up 2017 is Nearly Here!

Once again, members of Dolphin Divers of Sacramento, the Sacramento Seahorses, and other concerned citizens of Sacramento will float down the American River picking up trash and treasure left behind by others.

September 16th is the day! Sponsored by the American River Parks Foundation, we will start at the Sunrise Bridge about 9 am and float down picking up cans, bottles, plastic, and whatever else we can pull up from the bottom of the river. Quite often, cameras, watches, cell phones, and other treasures are found.



Previous Great American River Clean Up Picture



Previous Great American River Clean Up Picture

We will stop at the San Juan Rapids for a quick break, dump off what garbage we have found, then start again. About 5 hours after we start, we will end our journey at Riverbend Park.

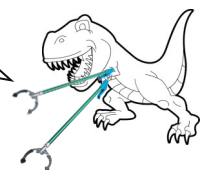
You can freedive or Scuba. *Up to you.* Rafts and rafting equipment are donated by a local company so all you need is your own diving equipment. We almost always need people to work the boats. Don't want to dive! No problem!! ***Just help the divers.***

As we get closer to the 16th, more information will be emailed out.

- Brad Freelove



I'M Headed to
CLEAN UP RIVERS!





Hawaii

2012



Perry vs The Sea Turtle



Labor Day

2012



Whitewater Rafting

2009

My Reasons for Diving

I recently read an article about the reasons why you need to go scuba diving and it got me thinking. Why do we love the sport of scuba diving so much? Here is what I came up with for me, in no particular order:

Discovery: I love exploring new things. There is so much life to discover and explore in the vast underwater world that there is always an opportunity to discover new things.

Mentally calming: When in the water the only sound you hear is the sound of your breathing and the bubbles that you see floating away with each breath you take. You float as if you have no weight and I feel as if I'm one with the ocean for just a few moments. Getting back from a dive I feel a rush of energy and excitement that feeds my soul. It is a feeling you don't get from any other experience. It is a mentally calming and emotionally fulfilling sport.

Pushes me physically: Scuba diving requires that you be healthy and be reasonably physically fit so that you can truly enjoy the experience. Since I started diving I have made a commitment to be safe not only for me, but for my dive buddy so I know that the more physically fit I am, the better diver and buddy I will be. Not to mention I might get a little longer bottom time!

Met new people: It is so fun how diving creates almost an instant bond with people from all walks of life and all over the world. Even people that don't dive, want to learn more about the diving experience.

It's really cool: Being a certified scuba diver is pretty cool! Not many people out there can call themselves a certified Scuba Diver, it's like we are members of an elite club! Wait, we are members of an elite club, which leads to my last reason.

Dolphin Divers: I have met so many interesting, fun, active people since becoming a diver and it is because of Dolphin Divers. I have made friends for life and that is something I would not have found without scuba diving.

What are your reasons for scuba diving?

~Marlyn Sepulveda~



Hawaii

2012

Say hello to my little friend...
September's Fish of the Month!

By Pam Wade

Reef Scorpionfish

Scorpionfish include many of the world's most venomous species of marine fish. As the name suggests, scorpionfish have a type of "sting" in the form of sharp spines coated with venomous mucus. The family is a large one, with hundreds of members. In July around Catalina Island we saw lots of California Scorpionfish as well as the not so common Rainbow Scorpionfish. Our friends in Komodo will most likely find the Leaf Scorpionfish, Ambon Scorpionfish, Lacy Scorpionfish (Rhinopias) and 7 or more varieties of Lionfish which are also in the Scorpionfish family. The Stone Scorpionfish is most common in the Gulf of California and the oceanic islands like Galapagos, Cocoas, and Socorro Islands. The Spotted Scorpionfish is the most common Caribbean Scorpionfish.



When I spotted the Reef Scorpionfish on a night dive at the site called River Taw around St. Kitts I wasn't quite sure what kind of fish it was. It was upside down at the bottom of a pile of concrete slabs. The Reef Scorpionfish ranges from Florida, Caribbean, Bahamas, Gulf of Mexico, Bermuda and south to Brazil. It measures 2-4 inches, maximum 5 inches. They are nocturnal; hide on ceilings of shallow caves and under ledge overhangs and other protected spots during the day. They are also known to drift just above the bottom on reefs and areas of rocky rubble mixed with sand.

Most species of scorpionfish are bottom-dwellers that feed on crustaceans and smaller fish. Many inhabit shallow waters, but a few live as deep as 7,200 ft. Most scorpionfish, such as the stonefish, wait in disguise for prey to pass them by before swallowing, while lionfish often ambush their prey. When not ambushing, lionfish may herd the fish, shrimp, or crab into a corner before swallowing. Like many perciform fishes, scorpionfish are suction feeders that capture prey by rapidly projecting a suction field generated by expansion of the fish's buccal cavity.

**The Code of the
Responsible Diver:**

In keeping along with the

"Code of the Responsible Diver"

theme from last month, please remember the following diving Mantra:

***ANY DIVER CAN CALL THE DIVE
AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON***

NO QUESTIONS ASKED.
(Doesn't mean you're not going to get harassed)

- Dana Carlson, Safety Officer

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 David Whiteside's home.
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.

SOMETHING EXTRA

Crossword: Scuba Diving Basics Solutions August 2017

1. Computer, 2. Logbook, 3. Ocean, 4. Octopus, 5. Buoyancy, 6. Fins, 7. Wetsuit, 8. Safety, 9. Diver, 10. Scuba, 11. Visibility

Word Find: Dolphin Hunt Solutions August 2017

ATLANTIC
AUSTRALIAN
BEAKED
BOTTLENOSE
CHILEAN
COMMERSON
DOLPHIN
DUSKY
HOURLASS
IRRAWADDY

LONG
ORCA
PACIFIC
PILOT
RISSE
SPINNER
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WHALE
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joe Lawson—7th

Ilkan Cokgor—8th

Ken Takata—9th

Holly Little—11th

Dianna Noyes—11th

Jose Guerrero—24th

Larry Permann—28th

Word Scramble: Fish Hunt!!!

HIABUTL
SICKORFH
LODGINC
HEHESPEDA
CAEBOZN
MONVILREI
ATNU
SMLANO

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.



"Thesaurus-Rex"

SPEAKING OF FISH HUNT...



Meet Holger.

On the annual Channel Islands Trip 2017, Holger caught this 52.5 inch, 60lb halibut on the first dive of the last day.



Now meet Capt. Jerry.

He says this is the largest fish caught on his boat!

2017 Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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SEPTEMBER

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

6 Board Meeting

16 Great American River Cleanup
(Event Leaders Brad & Jack)

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

NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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OCTOBER

4 Board Meeting

18 General Meeting at Roundtable Pizza

TBA Swap Meet

TBA Abalone Cookoff

NOVEMBER

1 Board Meeting

15 General Meeting at Round Table Pizza

TBA Thanksgiving Weekend Camping Trip

DECEMBER

6 Board Meeting

9 CHRISTMAS PARTY @ DANTE CLUB!

Don't Forget!

November is the upcoming photo contest. It's not too late to start snapping photos at upcoming events!

Rock your inner photog, and bust your cameras out to capture memories, *and* you may win a prize if you submit to the contest.



A Final Note From the Editor:

Okay folks, it's official! I am the newly-elected Dolphin Divers of Sacramento Newsletter Editor!! (Insert evil laughter here). As a fledgling editor amongst a group of educated, collegial friends, I do have those 3am night terror moments where I think of all the things I forgot in the issue. Here's how you can help: Each month I will send out a call for articles or information for the Bubbles. Please keep your articles, photos and celebrations coming my way; as I am happy to share the content in this newsletter. Email me at cricket.chirp@gmail.com

- Jamie

