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President's Message

Greetings Dolphin Divers
and Friends

It's late July and I find myself packing frantically and getting ready for our Channel Islands trip. As I do I am reminded of all the fun events that we have had this year and are planning for the near future. Group leader Marylin Campbell and her Band of Minions are currently working hard preparing for Labor Day at Ocean Cove and the list of activities promises to be exciting with something for everyone. You have probably heard the saying "It takes a Village..." and nothing could be truer in the case of a major event – the planning and execution takes many people helping out. Thankfully our club is filled with folks who believe this to be true and are willing to step right up and get their hands dirty and for that I am proud to be a member. I borrowed this

from the late President JFK but I don't think he would mind. "Ask not what your club can do for you but rather, ask what you can do for your club. Next time the opportunity arises, jump right in, you'll be glad you did and your help will be much appreciated. I'll be looking forward to seeing you all at our next excellent adventure.

Thank You.

Craig Brookey, DDS President

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:

August 5 - Tom Oja 916-797-0880

September 3 - Renee Viehmann 916-837-4973

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.

DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB

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| Renee Viehmann 8/1 | Steve Gibson 8/2 |
| Linda Freelove 8/4 | Chris Anthon 8/9 |
| Andy Din 8/12 | Lalaynia Little 8/15 |
| Cayle Little 8/15 | Bella Little 8/17 |

My Trip to Turkey,

By Atakan Cokgor -July 18, 2015



This July my father and I went diving at Akvaryum Cove in the Datca Peninsula of Turkey. This was our first time diving in the Mediterranean Sea as well as our first diving experience outside of the United States. This article was written in hopes of describing the logistics of our two dives, sharing what we saw, and explaining how diving was different in a country that straddles Europe and the Middle East.

I will begin by describing the dives themselves. We were taken to the secluded Akvaryum Cove by a small diving charter boat that was organized by a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer, who also acted as our dive guide. Diving with a guide who possessed intimate knowledge of the area and underwater terrain made it a much easier and relaxing dive in which we were able to focus more on the marine life and the scenery. Both dives took place along a wall that descends immediately from the shore. The wall had large steppes at different depths that divers with different skill levels could descend to.

We used no hoods, gloves, or booties as well as a wet suit that was only 5mm thick as opposed to the 7mm thick wet suit that we normally use for diving in California. Because of this we were surprised to find that our dive computers registered 69 degrees Fahrenheit at 60ft which was about the same temperature that you would find diving in California. The reason we did not need as much insulation as a dive in California can be attributed to a scorching surface temperature of 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Also, the temperature gradient between just 10ft and below 60ft was so large that coming up to the surface felt like going into a Turkish bath.

The marine life was naturally very different than what can be found in the Northern California coasts and so was the scenery. We observed many different kinds of fish such as ornate and rainbow wrasse, painted comber, red scorpionfish, trumpet fish and various kinds of seabream. Other common sights included sea urchins and many colorful starfish. A spotted octopus and a moray eel whose head emerged from a small cave were two of the most interesting sights. An interesting surprise was when our dive guide unearthed a broken piece of an old clay pot. Such containers were commonly used to store trade goods such as olive oil and wine in ancient Turkey.

As well as different sights to see while we dove we also observed several differences between our dive habits and the local dive habits. While divers who make frequent overseas dives are probably accustomed to these differences, however, to us they were all new experiences since this was our first dive in foreign waters. The biggest change that we had to get accustomed to was that all equipment was in the metric measurement system as opposed to the imperial system that we use while diving in America. These dives also marked the first time that we used a weight belt as weight integrated BCDs were not available on the boat that we were diving from.

Diving in a totally new environment was a very exciting experience and the crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea made for two memorable dives for the both of us. These dives took us well out of our comfort zones and taught us that a diver needs to be prepared, flexible, and adaptable to different situations.

AB Reopener

Join us July 31st – August 2nd at Ocean Cove Campground for the reopening of abalone season. On Sunday June 21st, I spoke to the owner at Ocean Cove, all the group sites are taken. But, if we pay in advance he will let me put up signs that indicate reserved paid site.

Join in on the fun:

- Abalone Diving Appetizers
- Potluck Evening Camp Fires

If you would like to join us for this event, please let me know. You may contact me if you have any questions about this event.

Marylin Campbell, Vice President

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.

2015 TROPHY CORNER

Come on guys/gals Lets Brag About it!!

BIG FISH:

BIG AB:

Small Ab:



Labor Day Event -

September 2015

You should be getting excited about the Labor Day event in September.

****Event Theme****

Light up the night, dress to glow in neon.

You're invited to: Neon Night

We are looking for volunteers to take on various activities, How about you?

Please let us know if you are interested.

- Salsa Contest
- Kids Event (pending)
- General Social Hour - Appetizers
- Women's Dessert Contest
- Spear Fishing Contest Briefing & Contest
- And, more to follow.
- Quote: {No One} can do Everything
{Everyone} can do Something.

The event will be hosted by Marilyn Campbell, Linda Freelove, and Penny Johnson.

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVE TRIP

July 26- 29

Our annual live aboard dive trip will be here soon and there have been a few last minute cancellations! If you were planning on joining us, but the boat was full, you should get your reservation in NOW while there is space still available. We have opened the trip to non-members so feel free to invite anyone who you think might be interested. We'll be carpooling from Sacramento on Saturday, July 25, at about 9:00 a.m., and then we'll regroup in Santa Barbara, before boarding. The boat leaves the dock at 11:00 Saturday night and we will (try to) sleep on the way to Catalina, our first dive location. 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 at the Days Inn or Motel 6.

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, Orangevale, CA 95662.

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



Inland Lobster Feed & Potluck Saturday, August 8

Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at Lake Natomas for our "Inland Lobster Feed" dive and potluck on Saturday August 8 at the Negro Bar picnic area. 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 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.

Watch the August

Bubbles for directions and more information.

Jack (916) 987-1303

Garage Sale

Watershot Pro waterproof housing for the iPhone 5/5S, used only once. I'm asking \$100 for it. They can contact me at 952-657-6700, or e-mail at noelani0112@yahoo.com.

High Pressure Steel 80 Din Valve Faber Tank
\$150 This tank -13.22 full and -7.22 empty
Contact Penny pennybug76@yahoo.com or call
916-205-5619

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Like new Size-Medium \$300 obo

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Brad Frelove bradlinda@frontiernet.net

916 879-3853

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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

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.dolphinscuba.com

* **Fish Eye Scuba** (916) 850-1145

www.fisheyescuba.com

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

www.scubaworld.com

