

Laguna Sea Dwellers

The Orange County Dive Club

July 2008

July Photo Winner



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Ernie Arellano

Scuba Travel Ventures

July 16, 2008

President's Message

Dear Members,

Looks like June gloom just won't go away and conditions have been fluctuating. The Southern swells have been coming in, making surf larger than usual.

Our Special Projects Committee met this month and proposed the start of a new beach dive program. Members with Instructor and Dive Master status volunteered to show up twice a month and offer their assistance for those interested in doing some beach diving, but, who have been a little intimidated by the surf.

Bill Manrow is going to offer surf entry lessons, for free, to those new to diving and enlist some of the other Club Members to who have surf experience to help out. The idea is to have a DM lead the groups into the water with a remaining DM following behind. Those members who are strong beach divers can just continue with their dive. We will have a DM on the beach taking names and make sure all are accounted for.

We will start meeting twice a month at the Vons Pavilions in Boat Canyon, one block down from the shop, and decide what beach the group will dive that weekend. The group will check out several beaches to determine which looks the best and then head

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Upcoming Events

July 4th

BBQ and Fireworks @ Ed Mickus' house in Laguna. 6:00pm.

June 12th

Beach Dive. Meet at Vons Pavilions in Laguna. 9:00am.

July 16th

Club Meeting. Newport Beach Tennis Club. 7:00pm.

July 19th

Club Dive and BBQ. Laguna Sea Sports. 9:00am.

July 24th

Night dive. Meet at shop. 5:30pm.

July 26th

Oil Rigs and Catalina on the Bottom Scratcher. 7:00am..

August 1st

Club Mixer at Opah's in Irvine Marketplace. 5:30pm.

See calendar on page 4 for more events!

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July 2008 Photo Contest—Wrecks aka Heavy Metal

And the winner is ... **Julianne Steers**

Twelve pictures were submitted for July's contest. Twelve of fifteen eligible board members cast votes by assigning a numerical score of 3 to their first choice, a 2 to their second choice and an 1 to their third choice.

Julianne's photo garnered three first place votes, three second place votes and one third place vote for a total of 16 points. Tim's second place entry garnered 13 points and Eric's third place entry garnered 11 points. Julianne is now the recipient of \$25 and a chance at winning a special grand prize at year-end. Congratulations!

Now is the time to submit entries for August. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!

About the Photo

What: Carthaginian
Where: Maui, HI
When: May 2008
Who: Julianne Steers
Depth: 100'
Camera: Canon PowerShot Pro1

2nd Place— Tim Williams



3rd Place— Eric Eckes



Looking Forward to August...

It is simple. If your photo subject underwater has a stripe or a few bars, you may submit to next month's contest! Now, while it may be tempting to walk to your favorite watering hole and go paparazzi on it, this does not apply.

Fish exhibit a wide variety of coloration patterns, often as bars or stripes. These bars/stripes may conceal the eye of the fish, thus, confusing predators of potential prey. As masters of our planet, we humans have it easy. None of us dash out of our homes to the office while fearing a sudden deadly attack from any direction. When we hit the grocery store on the way home, aisle upon aisle of food is sitting there just waiting to be picked up. But for fish, life is pretty different. It's a daily fin-and-fang struggle for survival. Every fish faces the challenge of not becoming a meal, while at the same time finding meals of its own. Contrary to what a teenager will tell you, color and appearance are much more important to fish than to people. For many of the world's fishes, the primary color pattern involves camouflage of some kind.

One form of camouflage is *disruptive coloration*. A mixing of contrasting markings breaks up the outline of the fish so that its overall shape as a whole animal is more difficult to detect. Against a varied underwater background, the fish can blend into its surroundings. Bars and stripes help break up the outline.

Fish with bars and stripes. See if you can outsmart the fish and take it's photo.



Julianne Steers

President's Message (Cont'd from pg. 1)

out to that destination. We are a **California Beach Diving Club**, so we want to expand on it! July 12th, Saturday, will be our first meeting at the Vons at 9:00AM. **Stop by and go for a dive!**

Those of you who went to the Scuba Show saw me at the show working for a travel wholesaler, Scuba Travel Ventures. Yes, I have left the shop after 24 years. I was offered a position with the company while on my trip to the Solomon Islands and took the job. I will be working out of my home and offering travel to individuals, families and groups (Dive Shops) from across the country. I will still offer travel from my company, Gorman Dive Adventures and Travel, but, now have the opportunity to deal directly with vendors from around the world. This means I will be able to offer more trips during the year. Also, I have weekends off for the first time in 15 years. So, when you see me at the shop, I will be enjoying the Club functions you all do while I was working before. I plan to be at more of the functions that the Club plans to be promoting. And yes, I will be at those beach dives.

Don't forget that we have a Membership drive going on and you can make money bringing in new members to the Club. Check out the Newsletter for information on how that works. On July 26th the Club has a boat trip out to the Oil Rigs and then are doing two dives over at Catalina Contact Cathy for more information.

July 4th many member are meeting at Ed Mickus' home for a BBQ and to watch the fireworks. Call Ed for directions, (949)494-8685. He is located in South Laguna Beach.

This month's Club Meeting will be Ernie Arellano from Scuba Travel Ventures talking about dive travel and how it is changing because of the airlines and fuel cost. You won't want to miss the meeting as Ernie will be donating a land-based Caribbean dive trip with a minimum value of \$400. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each for this trip!

Remember, Dive safe out there,

Tom Gorman

LSD Goes to Santa Barbara Island

Laguna Sea Dwellers had another great time on the Santa Barbara Island boat trip earlier in June! We boarded the boat the evening before, and several got there early enough to load their gear and head off to the Pike in Long Beach for dinner. However, JR Rafoth spotted Captain Greg's barbeque and immediately proclaimed that next time, we should bbq at the dock the night before and sample his gourmet talent (with Greg's permission, of course).

We all found our bunks at some point in the evening and snuggled in for a good night's sleep (ha ha) on the trip out to the island. The boat's engines fired up at 1 am and our journey began out of Long Beach harbor. Fortunately this year, the sea was almost as calm as the trip through the harbor. There wasn't a soul on deck praying to the seasick Gods on this trip, and no threats of medic'ing anyone out, thank goodness! Some got a bit of sleep, others tried. And then there were those who couldn't sleep at all because they were too excited!

When the boat anchored at 5:30am (we made amazing time despite a 5-mile detour due to an encounter with a covert flotilla of naval destroyers, subs, and aircraft carriers...actually, probably a bunch of cargo tankers), we hopped out of our bunks and found Brenda Gustin and JR (the one so excited he couldn't sleep) already suited up and waiting for the gates to open! Fletcher McNair was not far behind. I am not sure how it happened, but by 5:45, everyone was on deck getting geared up. Most of the divers were in the water at 6:00 to begin the first dive...before breakfast!

We had three amazing dives! We didn't have to look for sea lions or go to the rookery....there were hundreds just out there waiting to play with us! Just like puppies, they followed us, nipped at our fins, buzzed our faces, swam through our bubbles, almost tugged our snorkels and masks off our faces, played hide and seek and catch with the urchins, and just generally entertained the entire time! Divemaster and Instructor Russ did a great job ushering us in and out of the water. We limited the trip to 22 divers, and everyone was pretty efficient with their gear on, and off, the swim step. The visibility was easily 60 feet, water temp at the surface was 64 degrees, and dipped to 58 as some of us encountered a themadine at about




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Calendar of Events

July Birthdays

Dan Eisenbeisz	2
Gail Waters	6
Susan Fairbanks	7
Kerry Snyder	8
David Rockwell	9
David Cooley	10
John Zarvos	11
James Foster	15
Mary Fritz	15
James Dodge	18
Rick Jameson	22
Renee Pereira	24
Cindy Wager	24
Matthew Famolaro	25
Xandra Laskowski	25
Mike Teeter	27
Daniel Spear	29



July 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Celebrate @Ed Mickus	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Beach Dive Meet at Vons.
13	14	15	16 Dive Club Meeting NB Tennis Club 7:00pm Ernie Arellano Scuba Travel Ventures		18	19 Club Dive & BBQ
20	21	22		Night Dive	25	26 Oil Rigs/ Catalina
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 Club Mixer Opahs	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Santa Cruz/Anacapa
10	11	12	20 Dive Club Meeting NB Tennis Club 7:00pm Jeff Bozanic (you don't want to miss!)		15	16
17	18	19			22	23 Club Dive & BBQ
24	25	26	27	28 Night Dive	29	30

Diving Milestones

None reported. Get out there and dive!

Laguna Sea Dwellers was formed to promote the sport of diving in our community. Congratulations to those reaching these important milestones! Have you reached an important milestone? If so, let us know @ lsd-news@cox.net.

4th of July BBQ and Fireworks at Ed Mickus' House in Laguna Beach



The festivities start at 6pm. The Club is providing hamburgers and hot dogs and Ed is providing soft drinks and water. Bring a side dish to share, BBQ meat if burgers and dogs aren't your thing, and the alcoholic beverage of your choice.

Rumor has it that JR will be tending to the barbeque!



Call Ed at (949) 338-3107 or refer to your Evite for directions.



LSD Goes to Santa Barbara Island (cont'd from pg. 3)

60 feet. The only thing missing was Captain Greg's bagpipes...which he forgot at home...a first! By the time we were finished with our last dive, the sun began to peek out of the clouds to shine on us on our way home.

We were on our way back at noon! Normally, Captain Greg and the crew are pulling up anchor at 12:30 or close to 1! Our earlier than normal start, combined with a falling sea (rather than pushing at the back of the boat, it was pushing at the side of the boat causing the captain to have to correct course every few minutes. It seemed like we were zigzagging through the sea) helped us make it back to the dock by 4:30pm! Everyone chalked the trip up to another great time, and a couple of people, for whom this was their first Bottom Scratcher trip, are eager for the next one (don't let on that our trips are not always this smooth....). Next boat trip report from an Oil Rig and Catalina on July 26th! If you haven't already signed up, spaces are going fast!

Cathy Solomon

LSD goes to the Angels Game...

Twenty five LSD members went to the Angels game on June 9th. Sadly, the Angels lost to the Tampa Bay Rays by a score of 13-4. The lowlight was seeing the Angels pitcher, Joe Saunders, give up back-to-back-to-back home runs in the second inning. Given the rout, we found more amusement with the peanuts and beer. Thanks to Julianne for recording this memorable evening!

Eric Eckes



Angels vs. Oakland A's
August 27th, 7:05pm



Big "A" Night Light

Save the Date!

We have tentatively planned our next Angels outing for August 27th. South Orange County Dive Club will join us. Look for further information in next month's newsletter.

**Laguna Sea Dwellers
Welcomes our newest members...**

Sherry King-Rockman
Gretchen Lindelof
Philip Moffett
Lukasz Slugocki



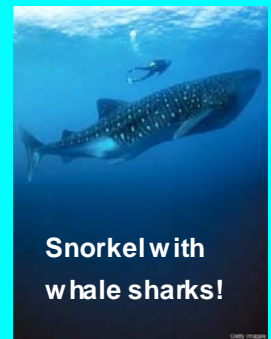
Jessica Simpson
Tyler Simpson
Vincent Skirius
Mike Teeter

Dive Travel w/ Gorman Dive Adventures

La Paz, Mexico

- **October 8th—13th, 2008.**
- 6 Day—5 night trip.
- 4 Days of 3 tank diving.
- Stay at Club Cantamar.
- \$1,246pp dbl occupancy.

Sold Out!



Raja Ampat, Indonesia

- **January 2nd—17th, 2009.**
- 7 nights aboard the Adventure II Live Aboard
- 5 nights at the Kasawari Lembeh Resort
- \$5,424pp dbl occupancy.

Only 3 spots available!

Dominica

- **June 18th—27, 2009.**
- 8 days / 7 nights hotel w/breakfast.
- 5 days/2 tank boat dives.
- 1 night stay in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- \$2,399pp dbl occupancy.

Only 5 spots available!



Dive with sperm whales!



2008 Boat Dives

- Jul 26th - Oil Rig/Catalina. \$115
- Aug 9th - Santa Cruz & Anacapa Islands. \$115
- Sep 20th - Farnsworth. \$125.
- Oct 25th - San Clemente Island. \$150

Questions? Contact Cathy Solomon at cathysolomon@sbcglobal.net or 714-612-5321.





In case you missed it...

Highlights from the June 2008 Meeting

Well the warm nights are upon us, the evening was a perfect balmy 72 degrees. What a great turn out, more than 70 Members were at the meeting! No heaters were needed that night!!

With such a great crowd, it was hard for Tom to call the meeting to order, everyone was having fun talking to their dive buddies. But, call the meeting he did and he introduced those Officer and Member at Large present and later mid-meeting asked Nancy Kluge, Membership Chairperson, to introduce guest and new members. We had 7 new members join that night. Great job! As introduced earlier in the month, many members were scouting the dive coves for new divers and were able to find them. The three month long Membership Drive is working!

Tom reminded members that the Club's dues were now past due and ask those who had not paid their dues to see Margi, our Treasurer. The funds raised from dues helps the Club sponsor many events during the year.

New business included more baseball games to be promoted and having South Orange County Dive Club join us at the games. Julianne is working on a Tall Ship Cruise for the end of the year, should be a lot of fun! Brent was asked to explain more about the New Club I.D. Card to be issued. Members will have permanent I.D. Card so that they can show dive shops that they are members of the Club. These will be used for discounts at local dive shops.

Cathy announced more boat trips coming up and the upcoming mixers. July the Club is meeting at Ed Mickus's home to celebrate 4th of July, August 8th we are going to Opah's in Tustin and we are looking at going back to The Purple Feet for a little wine tasting in October.

Our guest speaker was Special Agent Scot Walker from the U.S. Coast Guard. He gave a fabulous presentation on how the Coast Guard is watching our borders and asked for the communities help. He had an interesting slide presentation, but his quick witted comments and responses to Member's questions made the whole presentation flow through the evening.

We ended the evening with our usual Club raffle and announced that August would be the month of the "Super Big Raffle"! If you missed the meeting, **don't** miss next months meeting, we will be having Ernie Arellano, from Scuba Travel Ventures speaking and he is very entertaining and may have some travel give a ways to hand out.

See you at the next Club meeting...

Tom Gorman

June Raffle Winners

Odor eater kit :	Glen Weierbach
Movie Tickets:	Rick Jameson
Microfiber Towel:	Philip - new member
Stylish Yellow Shorts:	Gary Sanders
Boogie Board:	Steve Craig
Smash Ball set:	Howie Gordon
Margarita Makins':	Ron Burkhard
Diving Toiletry Bag:	John Platt
Scuba Show Tickets:	Victor Reyes - new diver
Diving Slate:	Howie Gordon
Snorkel/Mask:	Rich Morrissey
Beach Mat:	Bill Manrow
Posters:	Gary Sanders Nancy Kluge

New Member Drive

Changes in training at the shop have reduced our available pool of new members from dive classes. We need our members' help in growing our membership. The following incentives are available to our membership:

When: June 1, 2008 thru August 31, 2008

Refer 1 new member: 5 free raffle tickets

Refer 2 new members: \$25 and 10 raffle tickets

Refer 3 new members: \$50 and 15 raffle tickets

*** Raffle tickets provided at a club meeting.**

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Club webpage: go to the diveshop's website, select the link to the club and check out upcoming events.

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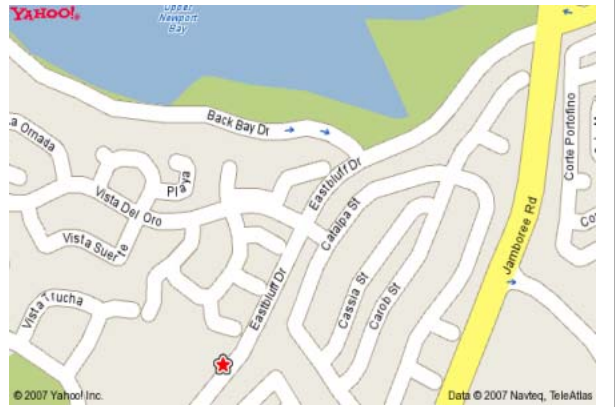
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(Location - Off 73 and
Jamboree)

www.nbtenniscub.com

Meeting starts at 6:30pm



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Next Club Meeting: July 16, 2008

