



Laguna Sea Dwellers

The Orange County Dive Club

August 2008

August Photo Winner



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Jeff Bozanic

August 20, 2008

Upcoming Events

August 1st

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

August 2nd

Beach Dive. Meet at Vons Pavilions in Laguna. 7:30am.

August 9th

Anacapa Island on the Spectre out of Ventura. 7:00am.

August 16th

Beach Dive. Meet at Vons Pavilions in Laguna. 7:30am.

August 20th

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

August 28th

Club Night Dive. Meet at Laguna Sea Sports. 5:30pm.

August 30th

Beach Dive. Meet at Vons Pavilions in Laguna. 7:30am.

See calendar on page 4 for more events!

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Well the summer is in full swing and we are having typical summer conditions, making diving really fun! We have had some good weekends and it looks like the Saturday morning dives are working out very well. Our first Club Saturday dive was a great success and we ended up with 15 divers in the water. We are going to continue having the bi-monthly group dives so that they are consistent every other weekend. We will continue to meet at the Von's Pavilion parking lot at 7:45am. We will pick a cove that looks good and offer surf training, thanks to Bill Manrow, and have Dive Masters in the water.

Bill is offering his services free of charge and any one who has had problems with surf entries can get help from Bill. He spends 20 to 30 minutes training and then goes for a dive. If you are interested in Bill's help, give him a call. He is also interested in offering any kind of continued education in diving.

We still have some tickets left for the Angel Baseball game, August 27th, so contact Terese and get your tickets. We are joining forces with the South Orange County Dive Club and should have 20 to 30 people going to the game. Don't forget to bring your peanuts!

Our Membership drive is in full swing so don't forget to ask your

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August 2008 Photo Contest—Stripes and Bars

And the winner is ... *Tim Williams*

Twenty one pictures were submitted for August's contest. Thirteen 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.

Tim's photo garnered two first place votes, three second place votes and two third place votes for a total of 14 points. We had an unprecedented three way tie for second place with photos taken by Annette (2), and Eric each earning nine points. Tim 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 September.

Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!

About the Photo

What: Lion Fish
Where: Beqa Lagoon, Fiji
When: July 2005
Who: Tim Williams
Depth: 65'
Camera: Canon PowerShot 50

3 Way Tie for Second Place!

Annette Lohman



Eric Eckes



Annette Lohman



Looking Forward to September...

Fish with animal names is the category. Time to seek out those fish with a bit of an identity crisis.

The origin of the names of many fishes is derived from their behavior or appearance that is similar to a familiar terrestrial animal. **Frogfishes** get their name from their grotesque, almost frog-like appearance. **Scorpionfishes** are characterized by their bizarre appearance and the numerous spines that cover their bodies. The family of **Butterflyfish** gets their name from their behavior of fluttering around the reef. **Hawkfish** get their name from their hunting techniques, which are similar to a hawk. **Leopard Sharks** get their name from their mottled, spotted markings similar to that of a leopard.

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

buddies who may not be in the Club, to come to one of our meetings or events and get them to join the Club. You will earn raffle tickets and cash, up to \$50 for bringing new divers to the Club and having them sign up. If you are members of other Clubs; ski, singles, bike..., ask those members to look at joining our Club. Many of them may be divers or may be interested in getting into diving.

This month's club meeting will have Jeff Bozanic as our guest speaker, and as you all know, he always has something interesting to talk about! Make sure you are at that meeting and bring a friend. The weather has been great at the Tennis Club, so come early.

I want to thank all the Board, Members at Large and Club Members who have stepped up to help the Club and me during these past 7 months. There are a lot of members in the background who have offered their service to help keep our events happening. If you are interested in helping, please contact a Board Member and give a hand. August looks to be a great month and we have lots going on! See you at the next Club meeting or Club event. But, remember, be safe out there.

2008 Photo Contest

There are only four months left for you to submit your pics to win \$25 monthly plus a chance at becoming the 2008 grand prize winner!

September 2008 [Fish with Animal Names] Send us pics with animal names: examples include Frog fish, Seahorses, Butterfly fish, Tiger Shark, Sea Hares. Sorry the word fish alone does not qualify.

October 2008 [The Color Orange] Halloween brings thoughts of trick or treaters and pumpkins. In celebration of the jack o' lantern, we focus on the color orange.

November 2008 [Nudibranchs] The sea slug was a popular topic in 2007's contest and is brought back by popular demand. Send us pics of sea hares,

December 2008 [Marine Environment—Diving Lifestyle (Above/Below)] Here is the second opportunity for you topside photographers. Send us pics depicting dive boats, island shots, sunrises, sunsets, reef structure, tidepools.

The 2008 photo contest offers entries for photographers above and below the water. **Basic Rules:**

1. You must have taken the photo.
2. No time limit on photos taken.
3. Photos must be submitted by the 20th of each month for the next month's contest.
4. Email photos to lsd-news@cox.net. Include name of subject, camera used, date taken (MM/YY), approx depth, and dive location.

Looking Forward to September...

There are plenty of options out there, the fun of this theme will be in identifying and realizing how many fish names are inspired by a land or air based animal counterpart.

Julianne Steers



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

Big "A" Night Light
Tickets \$17
(\$28 value)



Contact Terese Caraccio at
tc.underthesea@hotmail.com
or get them at the next club meeting.

Laguna Sea Dwellers
Welcomes our newest member...



Ronald Phillips

Calendar of Events

August Birthdays

Michel Loignon	2
Kari Dobson	4
John Mitchell	4
Candice Betty	5
John Stenger	7
Ron Burkard	9
Jerry Carr	10
Katherine Hewko	10
Sharon DePriester	12
Eileen Weierbach	12
Mike DeWalsche	14
Richard Morrissey	16
Jeff Metz	19
Chris Granados	20
Payden Evans	22
Jerry Mestas	24
Gary Sanders	27




August 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 Club Mixer Opahs	2 Beach Dive Meet at Vons
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 Beach Dive Meet at Vons
17	18	19			22	23 Club Dive & BBQ
24	25	26	27	28 Night Dive	29	30 Beach Dive Meet at Vons
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28	29	30				

R.E.G. DIVERS

Instruction

Refreshers

Local Tours



R.E.G. Divers Offers Quality and Affordable Scuba Training from Open Water through Dive Master. Certifications are available through PADI⁽¹⁾, NAUI and SDI. Watch for exciting specials available to club members in future newsletters.

R.E.G. Divers are Laguna Sea Dwellers Members:

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G.rady Scallon	(949) 584-4267

(1) R.E.G. Divers offers PADI certifications by partnering with Beach Cities Scuba/Laguna Sea Sports.



LSD Goes to the Oil Rigs and Catalina Island

It was pretty early when I made my way to the Bottom Scratcher for a cruise to see the oil rigs and Catalina this past Saturday. The great thing at that time of the morning is that there is no traffic. However, my senses are not all there yet. As the boat was filling up with passengers, I noticed that quite a few of them were dub members. In fact, 16 of the 27 divers were from the dub.

The morning fog lifted as we passed the joined rigs, Ellen and Ellie, and we headed for the Eureka platform, our first dive site of the day. The platform stands over 720 feet depth, and there is no opportunity for the boat to anchor there. Hence, divers are usually "dropped" as the dive boat passes by in small groups. I left the boat on the "second" group and had to swim a bit to get close to the rig - under the amused gaze of the local colony of sea lions. A bit of current, but the water was not really cold (68F at the surface). After checking that everything was ok, I dropped down with my dive buddies.

The contrast from derwater section is stunning - covered with life - from Sheepheads, male, fe-abounded. I did not see I did get a nice show from was more about the tons than curiosity for those ers.

As we were making incident was taking place. the dive complaining of on oxygen by the boat Baywatch. We had a and a coast guard heli-diver was taken by Bay-hospital by boat (the heli-patched to St. Nicholas gency). Our friend had a hyperbaric chamber (for of DCS or embolism.

as they could find no apparent reason for his distress at this time. He was released from the hospital on Monday at 2pm! A potentially very serious dive emergency medical problem thankfully averted!



File Photo of Eureka taken by Eric Eckes

the surface platform to the unning - all the truss structure is strawberry anemone to abalone. male and "in-between", any large pelagic fish, however. the sea lions though, but I think it of sardines and harengs around weird looking underwater explor-

ing it back to the boat a little inci- One of the divers came up from difficulty breathing and was put crew while they were contacting chance to see three patrol boats copter converging on us. The watch to Long Beach Memorial copter was subsequently dis- Island for another dive emer- number of tests and a ride in the safety). There was no evidence Everything turned out to be fine,



Photo taken by Margi Friedman

Meanwhile, our dive trip continued, and we continued to Catalina. We first stopped at the Italian Garden to play in the kelp. The usual forest denizens were there as well as a bunch of moray eels and lobsters and tons of Catalina Gobis on every rock. I had a chance to see a Navarax nudebranch. There were quite a few bass around but none of the elusive giant black seabass. Finally, we headed for the Red Rock dive site for another kelp forest and the wreck of a small plane. The wreck is about 120' deep and barely recognizable, being covered with all kinds of invertebrates. You can still go in the cabin if you would like your photo taken while you peek through the now gone windshield.



Photo taken by Margi Friedman

Dive Travel w/ Gorman Dive Adventures

Raja Ampat, Indonesia

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

Only 4 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!



Oil Rigs and Catalina (Cont'd from pg. 5)

We made pretty good time on the way back, some of us basking in the sun until we reached the port only about a half hour late.

Notes for boat tips: Remember your save-a-dive kit – among other things you want to have handy, snorkel keepers (for when they break) and extra masks (for when someone knocks your mask off the boat railing into 100' of water as they pass with their tank on their back). Also, please use a soft gear bag when the boat is filled to capacity. There isn't typically a lot of room on the deck, so working with your gear in a compact manner is very appreciated by all the other divers! Also, make sure your DAN insurance is up-to-date! Three boats, a helicopter, a 2-day+ hospital stay and numerous tests can get pretty pricey! You do not want to deal with those kind of bills on your own!



Michel Laignon

Next report from Anacapa and Santa Cruz in a couple of weeks!



Cathy Solomon

2008 Boat Dives

Aug 9th– Santa Cruz & Anacapa Islands. \$115

Sep 20th - Farnsworth. \$125.

Oct 25th - San Clemente Island. \$120

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





In case you missed it...

Highlights from the July 2008 Meeting

The meeting started on time and with a great showing of Members. We must have had at least 70 members make it to the meeting. Tom reminded every one that the Club had a boat dive coming up going to the Oil Rigs and then on to Catalina. Also, August we will be having the "Big Raffle", so don't miss that meeting.

Also the Holiday Party was discussed and December 6th, Saturday is the day planned for the event. More info will be following.

It was also mentioned that the Club was going to join SOCDC and have a picnic/BBQ at Heisler Park. The date had not been announced. We will be sending out an email. On August 27th we are going to another Angel game so don't forget to contact Terese to buy your tickets.

We are now having regular Saturday Beach Dives bi-monthly. The next dive is on August 9th. We meet at the Von's Pavilions down from the shop at 7:45am and then go to a local dive site. If you have not dived from the beach in a while, Bill Manrow is offering his services doing a little surf training. Stop by on Saturday and go for a beach dive.

Up coming Club Mixers are at Opah's in Irvine off Jamboree. Septembers will be announced and in October we are having a wine tasting at Purple Feet. Check the Club calendar on the website.

We were without a speaker till Tom was contacted by Mike Luzansky from H2O Photo Pros out of Newport Beach. Mike brought a collection of some of the cameras that they offer for sell and their housings. Also, they offer photo training on all their equipment. Located in Newport Beach off CPH near the docks. Their address is: 2429 W. Coast Highway, #101, Newport Beach, CA 92663. Mike says that once a month they have a BBQ in their parking lot and all are welcome. They provide the hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks. He is very interested in club members stopping by his new shop. We will be getting more information.

This months speaker will be Jeff Bozanic and as always he gives a great presentation, don't miss it! The next meeting is on August 20th, so hope to see you there. Don't forget about the "Big Raffle" we should have something really nice!

Tom Gorman

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.

July Raffle Winners

Our apologies to those who won in July's raffle as no one provided the editor with your lucky names. We'll publish them in the September newsletter if we can track down the list.

Super Raffle

As for August's meeting, it's time for the super raffle. Sorry, but you have to attend the meeting to find out what great prize your Board has selected. It's sure to be popular!

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.**

Last Month!

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Check out upcoming events

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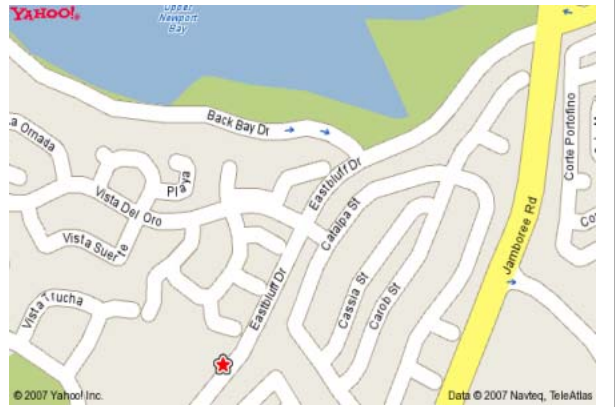
**Newport Beach
Tennis Club**

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Newport Beach, CA
92660
(949) 644-0050

(Location - Off 73 and
Jamboree)

www.nbtenniscub.com

Meeting starts at 6:30pm



Laguna Sea Dwellers

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Next Club Meeting: August 20, 2008

