



Whalers News



FEBRUARY 2011

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Meeting Location

Sierra's Mexican Restaurant
6819 Canoga Avenue
Canoga Park, CA
91303



818-365-9196

(at the corner of Vanowen, Parking in front & rear)

The Whalers Dive Club, Inc., a California non-profit

When: 1st Tuesday of the Month

6:30-7:30 Food & Friendship

7:30—9:00 General Meeting

Website: www.whalersdiveclub.com

Special Announcements

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Hi Whalers,

It's time to send in your deposit to hold a spot on our upcoming trip to the **Cayman Islands**. We depart Friday evening July 22, and return Saturday, July 30.



This will be a great trip:

- 3 dives daily (2 on Friday the 29th for safety)
- All meals included
- Three drinks per/day to cut down on your bar tab
- Free Wi-Fi for those of us that just have to stay in touch with friends, family or work
- And of course, spending a great week of diving and camaraderie with fellow Whalers-priceless!
- \$1,735 double occupancy—airfare not included. Airfare as of today is around \$685 through Miami; changing constantly



Clear, warm water, great reef and wall diving; how can you go wrong?

More information can be found on our web site and the resort web site: <http://www.bracreef.com/index.html>

I've already sent in my deposit and booked my flight! Hope you will join me.

Contact me with any questions or special requests.

Rick Dalven

2011 Travel Coordinator

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Pictures courtesy of www.bracreef.com

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday, February 1

Whalers Meeting

Saturday, February 12

Boat Dive on the Vision

Saturday, February 26

Avalon Underwater Clean-Up (See page 9 for more information)

Tuesday, March 1

Whalers Meeting

VISION...

Pictures and Information source:
www.truthaquatics.com



February 12 VISION DIVE BOAT

out of Santa Barbara

To the **Outer Islands**



4:00AM

3-4 Dives, Air, Food

Call 805-962-1127...mention the
Whalers \$135.00

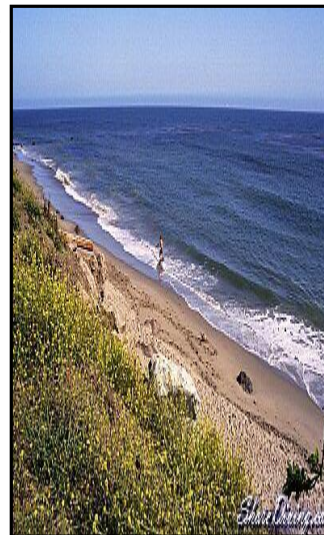
Deer Creek

The Club adopted this beach on September 23, 1989.

Our goal has been to clean-up the beach 3 times a year. The Board has selected: **May 28, July 16, & September 17**, the official state Adopt-A-Beach Coastal Clean-Up day. Come one & all; bring family, friends, and potential club members. **Trash pick-up and Dive start at 9AM.**

We have official Adoption Papers for this beach to
Preserve, Protect, & Enhance the coast.

There are no facilities, but bags and a Porta-Potty will be provided. Bring food, drink, gloves, sturdy shoes, and your **beach dive gear**. Any questions? Call Norm at 818-348-6444.



We had 72 participants in 2010. Visit the Website for pictures!

Chili Cook-Off in July 2011!

SIGN UP AT THE MEETINGS!

Directions: Deer Creek Beach is approximately 2 miles north of the L.A./Ventura Co. line on Pacific Coast Highway (HWY 1). From the Ventura Freeway north, take Kanan Road west (left) to PCH, turn right. Deer Creek is **signed** (where the highway is only two lanes).

Words From The President...

I thank you all for the cards and calls! I will be dammed if I am going to let my heart kill me after making it thru Viet Nam! It was a very mild attack! On 1/11/11 at around 5AM, I drove myself to the West Hills Hospital emergency room, BTW It is now like a five star resort, with in 2 min they had me in triage then in the cath lab; did an angioplasty and put in 2 stents. In ICU for one day, I drove home on Thursday late morning. I will be diving again soon!

Again Thank You All

Your President,

Chris Hartswick



Dive Schedule 2011



Saturday, February 12

Vision Dive Boat out of Santa Barbara to Outer Islands, 4:00AM departure; 3-4 dives, air, food. Please call 805-962-1127, mention Whalers \$135.00

Sunday, March 20

Peace, Ventura Harbor to Anacapa, 7:00AM departure; \$135.00. Reserve at www.peaceboat.com



Saturday, April 9

Peace: Outer Islands with Seadivers. Depart 12:00AM. Friday night. Reserve at 714-968-9814

Saturday, April 30

Peace with Channel Islands Dive Adventures to Begg Roce/St Nicolas Island; Departure 12:00AM Friday night. \$150.00 reserve at 805-469-7288 Ken

Saturday, May 21

Pacific Star from San Pedro to Catalina West End. 7:00AM, \$125.00 reserve with CIDA 805-459-7288 Ken.



Saturday, June 11

Pacific Star out of San Pedro to LA area wrecks. 6:00AM, \$125.00 reserve with CIDA 805-459-7288 Ken

Sunday, July 24

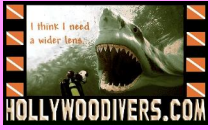
Raptor, Ventura Harbor to Deep Hole-Ventura County Line. 7:00AM. \$130.00 reserve with CIDA 805-459-7288 Ken



Friday and Saturday, August 26-27

Peace 2-Days. Ventura Harbor to San Miguel Pinnacles, departure 12:00AM Friday night. \$330.00 reserve with CIDA 805-459-7288 Ken

A Very Special Thanks to:



Hollywood Divers
3575 Cahuenga Blvd W
Los Angeles, 90068
www.hollywooddivers.com
877-657-2822



Ye Ol' Dive Shop
4352 Eileen Street
Simi Valley, 93063
www.yeolddiveshop.com
805-813-8165



The Peace
2419 Harbor Blvd #131
Ventura, 93001
www.peaceboat.com
805-650-DIVE



Channel Islands Dive Adventure
info@channelislandsdiveadventures.com
805-469-7288

The Whalers thank you for your generous support!

Dive Boat of the Month... The Raptor

After giving careful consideration to what might constitute the perfect dive boat for enjoying the Channel Islands, the Raptor came to fruition in July 2006. Built in Slidell LA by Newton Dive



Boats, the Raptor is an awesome dive boat. Measuring 46' in length and sporting a generous beam of 16', the Raptor features a roomy upper deck with seating, a fully heated main cabin for those chilly fall and winter days at Anacapa, and a satellite sound-system with 8 speakers.

With a cruising speed of just over 20 knots, the Raptor can have you in the water diving the beautiful Channel Islands in 40 minutes! There is a comfortable indoor cabin area, camera table, galley and a roomy marine head. From mid-ships aft, you'll find additional tank stations with ample storage for equipment. Large rails adorn the aft deck and swim step making donning fins a breeze and placing you one giant-stride away from incredible dive sites.

Equipped with an electronic diver-recall system as well as a DAN approved oxygen system, safety is one of the utmost importance aboard the Raptor. With a pre-departure briefing and role-call at the dock, as well after each dive, you know you are being well cared for and watched over.

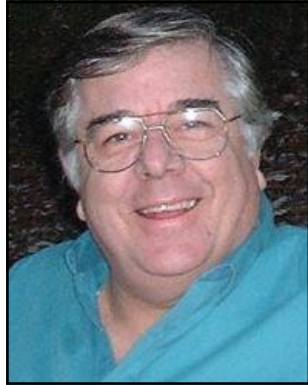


Most divers do not enjoy hauling SCUBA tanks from their cars to a dive boat and back again. Thankfully, when you choose to dive the Raptor, all the tanks are already on the boat prior to your arrival with a choice of steel 85s (15-Litre) or steel HP 72s (10-Litre) for the smaller divers. Any other rental equipment that may be needed is conveniently located steps away from the boat at Ventura Dive and Sport, located just at the top of the gangway which leads to the boat.

Phone: 1-805-650-6500

Pictures and article source: www.raptordive.com

In Memory of Kelly Ray Young, Jr...



Kelley Ray Young, Jr. passed away unexpectedly of a pulmonary embolism on Nov. 30. He was born in Woburn, MA on Oct. 10, 1950, to Kelley Young, Sr. and Lee Wetherbee Young, and moved to the Los Angeles area as a toddler. He graduated from Covina High School and attended Mt. San Antonio College. He worked in the family

He worked in the family custom packaging business for 20 years, and then branched out on his own.

His interest in entertainment led to a stint in radio school, then a script supervisor training program. He acted as script supervisor on almost 40 small films, and decided that the prop guys were having all the fun. He took his carpentry and fabrication experience to work at two different independent prop and special effects companies, making props and effects for a number of feature films, television shows, and commercials. There he learned metal fabrication, a skill he put to good use when he and his wife Kathy moved to Mariposa five years ago. He began creating computer-controlled plasma cut metal art. He leaves his mark on Mariposa and its surrounding areas with his metal art, which includes the letters for the new Grizzly Stadium sign, and the Cannonball stagecoach art raffled every year at the Pioneer Wagon Train, both donated items.

In his "spare time" throughout his life, he has had an avid interest in music, and vintage and unusual cars. He has played the drums since age 10, and played with such diverse groups as a small Italian band playing swing music, a Scottish pipe and drum band, and Inky's Basement Band of Mariposa. He has collected quite a variety of old and unusual cars, most of which are "project cars", and was active with the Oakhurst Mountain Road Rattlers car club.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Young of Mariposa; sister, Stacie Beliveau and her husband Don of Helendale; daughter, Courtney Young Allison and husband, Terry; and grandchildren, Chelsea, Cameron, Abbey, Jenna, and Lucas; daughter, Heather Young; daughter, Corinne Covalt and husband Dan, all of Smyrna, TN. He also leaves stepson, Dan Robinson and wife Amylynn, and grandchildren Samantha and Jacob of Simi Valley; and stepson, Phil Robinson of Northridge, as well as many family members in Kentucky

The memorial was Saturday, Jan. 22. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Mariposa Middle School Music Program, 5171 Silva Road, Mariposa, CA 95338 and/or Catnip Society, P.O. Box 5008-304, Mariposa, CA 95338.



Special Interest Story...



The Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup is an annual dive event held at Avalon Harbor on Catalina Island. The event was started in the 1970's by the local dive community in an effort to cleanup Avalon Harbor, and this event is the only time diving is permitted in the Harbor. Over the years, this event has grown to become one of the most popular dive events in Southern California.

The proceeds of the Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup benefit the Catalina Conservancy Divers Given Fund for Ocean Conservation established in the name of Dr. Robert Given and the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. Catalina Conservancy Divers is a support group of the Catalina Island Conservancy. The Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber is a life support recompressions chamber on Catalina that serves thousands of divers who frequent the Catalina waters.

Cost: \$35.00 Diver Early Registration (12/1/10-1/31/11) This includes diving privileges, one T-Shirt, one raffle ticket, certificates for special offers and discounts from Catalina merchants, and a coupon for discount travel to the event on Catalina Express. The online late registration from February 1-12 and on the day of the event is \$50.00 per diver.

Schedule of Events for Saturday, February 26, 2011

- 7:30–9:00 Check in at Dive Locations*
- 9:00 Mandatory Safety Briefing at Dive Locations*
- 9:30–11:00 Cleanup Dive*
- 1:00 Award Ceremony at Wrigley Stage*

Pictures and article source: www.catalinaconservancy.org

Membership

*January
Opportunity
Drawing
Winners*



Norm Deathridge
Y Ole Dive Store Hat

Charles Pincus
Dry Bag

Patty Chan
Tide Calendar

Shelly Bern
Hollywood Divers T-
shirt

Rick Dalven
Whaler Lunch Box

Renewals: Simon Shapiro

Expired or Coming Due: Eva-Maria Barthel, Anthony Roldan, Hans Dukatz, Mike Herrera, Arthur Hill, Trish Kolbeck, Sylvie Miller, Joe Phillips, Candy & Rusty Royden, Jan & Sandi Saltzman, Dawn Baca, Laurie Guglieimo, Brad Harley, and David Katz.

Membership rates: Initial—\$30; Renewal—\$25; Family (New) - Initial \$40; Renewal \$35. A Family Membership is for members living in the same household/address where a certified diver member lives. Be sure to join us for great programs, super diving, good food, and wonderful friends! We encourage you to attend the **General Meetings** and as many **Dives, Events, and Trips** as possible.

Please mail dues to : The Whalers

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THANK YOU...

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