



# Whalers News

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- DIVE SCHEDULE
- DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER
- MEMBERSHIP
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## Meeting Day & Location

### Coco's Bakery Restaurant

22200 Sherman Way

Canoga Park, CA 91303

818-710-8081

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

When: **1st Wednesday** of the Month

6:30-7:30 Food & Friendship

7:30—9:00 General Meeting

Website: [www.whalersdiveclub.com](http://www.whalersdiveclub.com)

Address: P.O. Box 4283, West Hills, CA 91308-4283

Dec 7 Guest Speaker...Craig Gelpi

**The Whalers Dive Club is going to Mexico**

**June 23rd - 30th 2012!**

**See details on pg 7**

**December 7 VOTE for The President**



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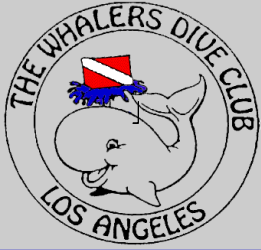
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**Elect the President on  
December 7th**

**All you have to do is be a  
member in good standing and  
BE THERE AT COCO'S  
TO CHOOSE YOUR PRESIDENT!!**

**Chris Hartswick  
or  
Bruce Amberger**

**See candidate statements on the following pages**



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Chris Hartswick

As President I have managed to keep peace and order on the Board for the past 2 years and plan to do the same, but we can only achieve this by first reelecting me as President, so I can continue to delegate and mediate, not dictate to the Board and membership, which has happened in the distant past. The Board is supposed to lead the club and take care of details, including legal issues.

I would like to see the membership express ideas and concerns to the Board such as for dives, travel, and outings so more members can join in. I would like to see the membership become more involved in the club by giving their ideas and time to the Board so we can guide the Club.

We are financially healthy now, and we want to keep it that way, but our resources are limited. We cannot go back "to the way it was" in many respects due to the fact we are now a California non-profit corporation with different rules and regulations.

I started diving in 1974 and was certified as a Master Instructor in 1994 having over 10,000 logged dives. I plan on coming out of retirement to benefit the club with my 35 years as a PADI Master Instructor; to help the membership hone their diving skills, feel comfortable in the water, and introduce family members who do not dive a taste of the thrill in my pool at no cost.



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### A Message From Prospective President **Bruce Amberger**

As most of you are aware, at the last Board meeting, the Board reached an impasse electing the President. As a result, at the next General Meeting on Dec. 7, all of you will have the opportunity to make your voices heard. The selection of President will be put before the general membership in a run-off election.

More important than whom you cast your vote for is that you come to the meeting and cast your vote for the Whalers future. Secondly, of course I hope you cast your vote for me. I have been diving locally and aboard for 37 years. I have Commercial Dive training as well. I have been a member of the Whalers Dive Club for about 12 years. Some of you will remember that in past years, I have served effectively on the Whalers Board as both Secretary and Dive Coordinator.

I have many ideas as to the future of our Club; some new ideas, as well as some previously successful Club endeavors. All activities being geared to more membership participation, and developing an increase in membership over-all. The idea being that the more people we have participating, the more fun we are all going to have. With your support and help, the Whalers Dive Club, getting ready to go into its 50<sup>th</sup> year, can be the best it's ever been. See you at our next General Meeting on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

*"Bringing the Club back to the members, and the members back to the Club"*



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## Congratulations to the new 2012 Board of Directors

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Bruce Amberger

Chris Hartswick

Dahlia Luria

Eva-Maria Barthel

Greg Arsenault—Treasurer

Marilyn Deatherage—Secretary

Norm Deatherage

Patty Chan

Rick Dalven

# Dive Schedule 2011



Dec 3~4

Dive The Peace with the Sea Divers  
\$310



Dec 17

Dive the Pacific Star to the Los Angeles  
Oil Rigs with Ken at the CIDA



Details on [www.whalersdiveclub.com](http://www.whalersdiveclub.com)



## Wanted! Whaler Newsletter Editor

Due to work obligations, I will no longer be able to continue as Newsletter Editor. If anyone out there can take over, here are the details:

- ◆ Microsoft Publisher 2007
- ◆ I will give you the format so all you have to do is cut & paste
- ◆ 3-4 hours per/month
- ◆ Decent Salary (not really, but it sounds good)

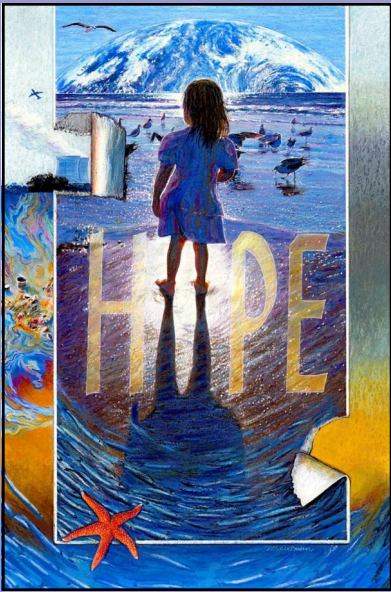
Please send your resume to [newsletter@whalersdiveclub.com](mailto:newsletter@whalersdiveclub.com)

Chris



**Dahlia's Safety Tip of the Month**

“Before the first dive of the day, always make sure your BCD is holding air. It beats finding out it doesn't on the way down.”



Picture source:  
[www.awarenessmagazine.com](http://www.awarenessmagazine.com)  
[www.fillmoregazette.com](http://www.fillmoregazette.com)

## Dec. Speaker Craig Gelpi

Craig Gelpi is the vice-president and chief scientist of the Catalina Marine Society. Craig was active in the administration of the internet dive club, the Sandeaters and was also an AAUS-certified diver at the Wrigley Institute of Environmental Studies (WIES) on Santa Catalina Island. His current ocean interest include understanding the currents, mixing and nutrient transport found in the Southern California Bight, and how the presence of islands, such as Catalina, affect marine life.

Craig will talk about the formation and activities of the Catalina Marine Society.

The CMS is dedicated to marine research of all types in our local ocean with the required resources being provided by our members and volunteers. Although newly formed, the CMS continues a tradition of ocean-lovers, especially divers, contributing to our understanding of this fantastic environment. Ongoing and proposed projects will be presented and their significance to local divers and Catalina Island will be highlighted.



# Membership



**Renewals: renewed:**

**Doug T, Don P, Gerhard G., Mike & Donna C.**

**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 :** Whalers Dive Club, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 4283  
 West Hills, CA 91308-4283

**Whalers -**

We all receive enough junk mail. As a non-profit organization, we adhere to certain privacy rules, including protecting the email addresses of our membership. The use of the Whaler's mailing list is to distribute club related information to the membership. If you would like to send a general announcement to the full membership, please send it to any of the board members (<http://www.whalersdiveclub.com/contact/contact.htm>) and we will be happy to redistribute it if it's appropriate to club business. We make every attempt to "hide" the email addresses of our membership when sending mass mailings. Also, please do not share email addresses from our published Buddy List with any non-member. Although your political, religious, and social viewpoints are important, and jokes and YouTube videos can be funny, these certainly do not fall into the category of club business.

Thank You,  
 Whaler's Board



Pictures courtesy of [www.whalersdiveclub.com](http://www.whalersdiveclub.com)





## Whalers Dive Trip – Summer 2012

**Where:** [Catalonia Riviera Maya](#) – south of Cancun  
**When:** June 23 – 30 (Saturday – Saturday)  
**What:** 8 days, 7 nights, of fun in the sun of diving, lounging around, playing tourist, eating and drinking.

### INCLUDES:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All inclusive             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lodging</li> <li>○ Food and drinks</li> <li>○ Local transportation from/to Cancun</li> <li>○ Non-stop airfare, LAX-Cancun</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Full facility resort             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5 restaurants – 5 pools</li> <li>○ Spa &amp; Gym</li> <li>○ Daily Activities, Night Club, 9-hole Golf</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diving provided by <a href="#">Dive Aventuras</a></li> <li>• 18 daytime dives included</li> <li>• Add-in options available             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nitrox -- @ \$100 weekly rate</li> <li>○ Cenote and night dives                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Can apply unused dive credits towards Cenote and night diving</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Room upgrades, extra days</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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### COSTS\*

Double Occupancy	\$2,065
Single Occupancy	\$2,415
Non-Diver Credit	\$699

\* Current Whalers membership required

\* We will assist in pairing up travelers for double occupancy; however it is the ultimate responsibility of the traveler to insure they have a roommate, in order to qualify for double occupancy rates.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE\*

Payment	When Due	Amount**	Comments
Deposit	Now	\$250.	Deposit locks in your spot. Non-refundable
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment	Jan 20	\$500.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	Feb 17	\$500.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	March 16	\$500.	Last day to sign up with guaranteed airfare rates
Final Payment	April 20	Balance	100% of payments are non-refundable after this date

\* Payments accepted at general meetings, PayPal or snail mail to our PO Box. See our website at [www.whalersdiveclub.com](http://www.whalersdiveclub.com)

\*\* Amounts shown based on double occupancy diver room rate.

### FLIGHT INFO\*

Depart LAX on Saturday, June 23, on Delta # 453 @ 11:00 AM. Arrive Cancun 5:37 PM

Depart CUN on Saturday, June 30, on Delta # 454 @ 6:27 PM. Arrive LAX 10:02 PM

\* **Baggage note:** for each flight: 1<sup>st</sup> checked bag free, 50 #'s; 2<sup>nd</sup> checked bag \$40, 50 #'s. The usual carry on restrictions.

\* **Passport note:** you must have a valid passport expiring no earlier than January, 2013.

### MORE INFO

Whaler Rick Dalven

[travel@whalersdiveclub.com](mailto:travel@whalersdiveclub.com)

1-818-521-7383

Catalonia Riviera Maya:

[www.cataloniarivieramayaresorts.com](http://www.cataloniarivieramayaresorts.com)

1-888-774-0040

Dive Aventuras:

[www.diveaventuras.com](http://www.diveaventuras.com)

011-52-984-873-5031

# Board of Directors and Committees

## 2011 Officers

### Officers

President	Chris Hartswick	pres@whalersdiveclub.com
Vice-President	Norm Deatherage	vicepres@whalersdiveclub.com
Secretary	Marilyn Deatherage	secretary@whalersdiveclub.com
Treasurer	Rick Dalven	treas@whalersdiveclub.com

### Board Members & Committee Chairs

Dive Coordinator	Dahlia Luria	divecoord@whalersdiveclub.com
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Programs	Eva Barthel	entertainment@whalersdiveclub.com
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Newsletter	Cheryl Amberger	newsletter@whalersdiveclub.com
Travel 2011	Rick Dalven	travel@whalersdiveclub.com
Deer Creek	Norm Deatherage	environment@whalersdiveclub.com

## Words From The President...

The big news is YOU the MEMBERSHIP will elect the 2012 President So everyone come to the December 7 meeting to VOTE !!!!



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