

Whalers News

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- UPCOMING EVENTS
- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
- BEACH CLEAN-UP NEWS
- WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT
- DIVE SCHEDULE
- DIVE BOAT OF THE MONTH
- JULY GUEST SPEAKER
- SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY
- SPECIAL INTEREST STORY
- MEMBERSHIP
- LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

Nov 2 Guest Speaker...Bert Blanchette..

Dec 7 Guest Speaker...Craig Gelpi

The Whalers Dive Club is going to Mexico

June 23rd - 30th 2012!

See details on pg 7

November 2 VOTE VOTE VOTE

Dive Schedule 2011



Nov 19

Dive The RAPTER

Ken Kollwitz and Channel Dive Adventures

Ventura Deep hole

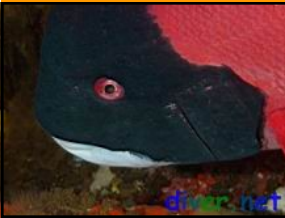
\$130



Nov 25

Dive the Peace to Anacapa

\$105



Dec 3-4

Dive The Peace with the Sea Divers

\$310



Details on www.whalersdiveclub.com

Wanted! Whaler Newsletter Editor

Due to work obligations, as of August 15th 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)

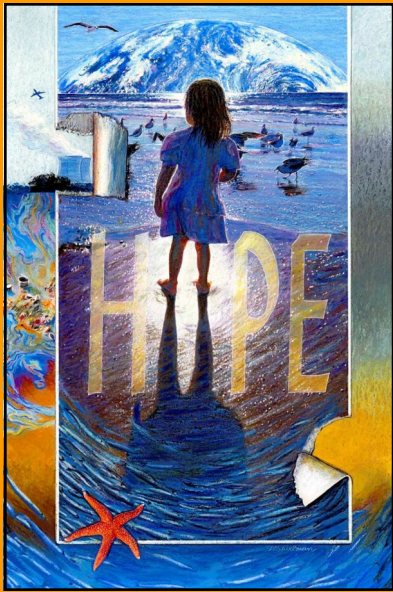
Please send your resume to newsletter@whalersdiveclub.com

Cheryl



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
www.fillmoregazette.com

Nov. Speaker Bert Blanchette

**What does the Coast Guard have to do with diving?
 What happens when there is a scuba accident?
 What causes most scuba accidents?**

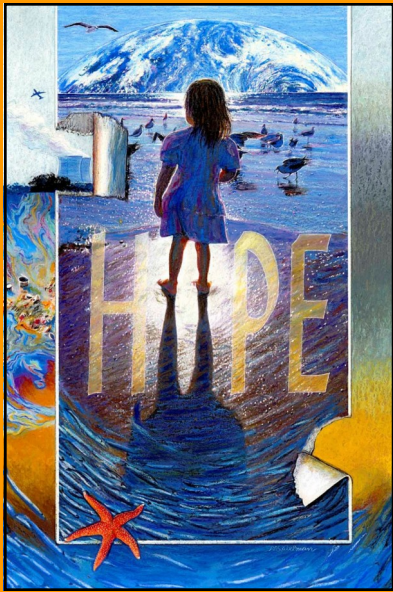
The Coast Guard has the responsibility for safety on the seas. That includes the task of investigating scuba fatalities aboard a commercial passenger vessel. For Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach and San Diego, the DCI (Dive Casualty Investigation Team) is assigned the job of gathering information from such incidents, evaluating it and submitting a sequential analysis to the Sector Investigations Bureau. The DCI Team also projects patterns of risk and, through its Outreach Program, informs the public with the mission of enhancing dive knowledge and safety.

On March 1, members of the Coast Guard DCI Team from Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach will discuss their team, their missions and case conclusions with the Whalers Dive Club.



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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:
Chris H, Charlie P, Bill D Rick D.

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



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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"> • All inclusive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lodging ○ Food and drinks ○ Local transportation from/to Cancun ○ Non-stop airfare, LAX-Cancun • Full facility resort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 restaurants – 5 pools ○ Spa & Gym ○ Daily Activities, Night Club, 9-hole Golf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diving provided by Dive Aventuras • 18 daytime dives included • Add-in options available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nitrox -- @ \$100 weekly rate ○ Cenote and night dives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can apply unused dive credits towards Cenote and night diving ○ Room upgrades, extra days |
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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 st Payment	Jan 20	\$500.	
2 nd Payment	Feb 17	\$500.	
3 rd 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

** 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: 1st checked bag free, 50 #'s; 2nd 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

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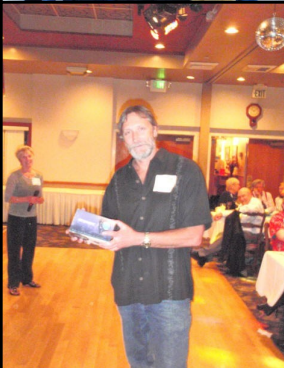
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Words From The President...

Apologies for the delay in getting the news letter out but the Flu knocked me out. The Banquet was a great success! Now the 2012 trip will be a great one as there will be a lot to do for both diver and non diver so get your reservations in! DON'T FORGET TO BE AT THE NOVEMBER 2 MEETING TO VOTE!!!!!!



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