MEETING DAY & LOCATION
COCO’S BAKERY RESTAURANT
22200 SHERMAN WAY
CANOGA PARK, CA 91303

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME

The Whalers Dive Club, Inc., a California non-profit
When: 1st Wednesday of the Month  6:00-7:00  Food & Fellowship
7:00-9:00  Meeting
Website:  www.whalersdiveclub.com
Address: P.O. Box: 4283, West Hills, CA 91308-4283

APRIL 2ND
GUEST SPEAKER – ASHLEY HAUCK

Exploration below 130’: Technical Wreck Diving in Southern California - An introduction to some SoCal shipwrecks that are rarely seen because they rest beneath the recreational dive limit of 130 feet.

From the magnetism of deep historical shipwrecks to the charm of strange sea creatures, the ocean continues to enchant Ashley ever deeper into its grasp. Her passion lies in producing underwater imagery of seldom-seen artifacts of our past, and she is currently engaged in deep water wreck diving expeditions off the coast of Southern California. Through her photography, Ashley aims to encourage education, conservation, and exploration of our underwater world. Ashley punctuates her diving habit with periodic stays in Killington, Vermont's Green Mountains—the only landlocked place she wants to be!
Welcome Whalers to the April 2014 newsletter. Chamber Day is May 7th this year which will celebrate its 40th year of service to SoCal Divers. In celebration of this event, the Whalers’ will contribute 100% of the proceeds from the opportunity drawing to the USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. This has been made possible by the fantastic work Whaler BJ has done in getting increased membership and attendance at the general meetings along with record support from the dive shops for our opportunity prizes.

Please remember that starting with last meeting our general meeting will start at 7 pm with social time starting at 6pm. This along with starting early and eliminating some of the reports at the meeting we will have more time for presentations and socializing.

What I have decided to add to our recycle table is any unused or like new dive related items that is not being used at home and could be better used by a Whaler. Last month we had a few new t-shirts and rash guards and you never know what will show up this month. Did you perhaps win a raffle prize and never used it? Now is the time to re-gift it and help a Whaler. Also please go through your finished reading pile and feel free to contribute to the table.

March has been a good month for diving, great visibility and weather. This month I have been either sick or traveling for work and most of my diving has been through the lens of other Whalers camera. I have enjoyed this so much that I want to suggest that the general meeting for November when we hold our elections is also a member presentation month. The idea is that we will give members a brief turn presenting their favorite photos or videos. This will work well with the elections as we can allot more time between club business and elections for the presentations. Start thinking about if you would like to present and let me know in the next few months so I can plan on how we will allot the time.
Coming up soon (April 19th) we have 10 spots on the Spectre Dive Boat for a Whaler Buddy Dive trip. The concept being is you call a newer member diver and ask them to be your buddy on this trip. These buddy dives will greet newer members to our club and give everyone a chance to meet Whalers whom you may not have otherwise gotten to know. If you would like to invite someone now is the time to do it while spots are still available. Please make your reservations through our Whaler Dive coordinator Ken. While this is not a CIDA trip, ken is still handling this as a Whaler function.

Our monthly board meeting was also moved to 6pm to allow for all the discussions that need to occur. To assist in keeping the general meeting moving the treasures report and secretary’s minutes will only be discussed at the board meeting. All members are invited to the board meeting and if you let me know in advance you are coming I will send you a copy of the agenda. Looking forward to seeing you at the General Membership meeting on April 2nd.

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CLUB EVENTS / COMMUNITY HAPPENING – 2014

APRIL CLUB DIVE

WHEN – APRIL 19TH
WHERE – ANACAPA / SANTA CRUZ
BOAT – SPECTRE DIVE BOAT
LOCATION – VENTURA HARBOUR

Come join Whaler Steve, BJ, Greg and Dahlia for this Whalers special club boat dive. We have reserved 10 spots on the Spectre for Saturday, April 19th for a special price of $110.00. The regular price is $130.00 and it includes 3 dives, food & air. You can board the night before if you wish and if you need any rental gear it is recommended to set it up through the Spectre. Full payment will be required to hold your spot and once you have paid you are responsible for that spot. Please make all checks payable to the Whalers and reserve your spot for the trip with Ken.

From Los Angeles

Take the 101 freeway north to Ventura. Exit Victoria Avenue. Go left on Victoria about 1 mile to Olivas Park Drive. Turn right on Olivas and follow about 4 miles to Ventura Harbor. Olivas becomes Spinnaker Drive at the harbor.

Harbor Directions (updated 05-26-12)

The Spectre is docked at the north end of Ventura Harbor Village. The Village is a complex of restaurants and shops located on Spinnaker Drive in Ventura Harbor. Turn into the parking lot just after the third "Ventura Harbor Village" parking lot entrance sign. The Spectre is located at dock D, slip 26. Go down the ramp near the Greek Restaurant.

Parking

Parking is free. For overnight parking be sure to pick-up a free overnight pass from the boat and hang it on your rear view mirror. Unload near the boats then park anywhere that is not marked "No dive boat parking."

If you can’t make the dive trip there is also a hike scheduled on the same day.
**APRIL CLUB HIKE:**

**When** - Saturday, April 19th  
**Topanga State Park**  
**Location** – Trippet Ranch in Topanga State Park  
**Time** – Meet at the trailhead at 10:00 a.m.

**Directions to trailhead:** We will start from Trippet Ranch in Topanga State Park. From the Ventura Freeway (101), exit at Topanga Canyon Boulevard, drive south over the crest of the mountains and proceed three miles to Entrada Road and turn left.

**The Hike:** Located in the cliffs and canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains, Topanga State Park features 36 miles of trails through open grassland, live oaks and spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. The park is located entirely within the Los Angeles city limits and is considered the world’s largest wildland within the boundaries of a major city. Numerous geologic formations can be found in the park, including earthquake faults, marine fossils, volcanic intrusions, and a wide variety of sedimentary formations.

There are many trails connecting together so we can do some sort of a loop trail and none of it looks too difficult or strenuous. I do plan to hike about 4.5-6 miles and figure at least 3 hours’ time will be needed so please come prepared with water/food and the time for the hike and be ready to have fun. Hats, sunscreen and good walking shoes/boots are always recommended.

*Come join the club on a fun hike and bring the family. Hikes are a great way to get to know other club members much better and maybe a chance to meet some new dive buddies.*

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**LEO CARRILLO BEACH BBQ AND BEACH DIVE:**

**Where** - North area of Leo Carrillo State Park  
**Date** - Saturday, May 3, 2014  
**Time** - Gates open at 7:00am  
**Misc.** - Day use parking is $12.00 but it is possible to park along PCH and walk down the stairs to where the BBQ will be. There are portable toilets and no dogs are allowed

**Directions** - From Los Angeles: Highway 1 (PCH) west 28 miles from Santa Monica.  
From Ventura: 101 Freeway to Highway 1 (Exit 62B for CA-1/Oxnard Blvd/Pacific Coast Highway), continue to follow CA-1 S/Pacific Coast Highway for 18.2 miles

**BBQ Plan** - We will be meeting at the main picnic (close to #2 on the map) area that is next to the lifeguard tower just as you get to the parking area on the north side. Some of us will get there early so we can grab some tables for the group. The club will not be supplying anything for the BBQ so please bring the meat you would like and something to share with the group. There are some BBQ grills and Ken will bring charcoal, paper plates and plastic ware and some cooking utensils. My guess is the BBQ’s will be going started around noon.

**Diving** - The diving at Leo Carrillo can be quite good when the surf isn’t up and I always like to go for plan B and go bogie boarding if the diving isn’t going to be good. For the diving here there are some really good small reefs with kelp a short distance out with depths getting to 25’-30’. The reefs for the most part run parallel to shore and are loaded with life. They are situated around sandy areas where you can hop from one to the other making the dive very enjoyable. Visibility here is usually only about 10’-15’ but on off days it can be more like 5’.
This is a great spot to have a BBQ and kick off the summer and if you wish you can add some diving to your day but even if you don’t wish to dive please come out and have fun with your fellow club members!

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DIVE LOG

March 9th  — Peace Dive Boat — Anacapa/Santa Cruz


The boat left the dock at 7:00 a.m. and we were making the first of four dives around 9:00 a.m. at Anacapa Island. Diving conditions were good with 30’ to 50’ visibility. The current and the wind limited our diving locations, but Caption Eric was able to find two good dives at Anacapa and two at Santa Cruz Island. Typical below the water and above the water life was seen. Thank you CIDA for another great day diving with Whaler Dive Club and friends aboard the Peace Dive Boat.

DEER CREEK BEACH CLEAN-UP

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: June 28, July 26 (and BBQ) & the official state Adopt-A-Beach Costal Clean-Up day is September 20. Come one & all; bring family, friends, and potential club members. Trash pick-up and dive start at 9:00AM.

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.

Directions: Deer Creek Beach is approximately 2 miles north of the LA/Ventura County line on Pacific Coast Highway (HWY1). 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).
Membership continues to grow and we are currently at 98 members. As I last month, I am excited to inform you that the club has two new sponsors, Sport Chalet and PCH Scuba. With these two new sponsors come significant additional benefits to our club members. Below is a list of discounts and/or benefits that you will receive at the vendor’s listed below by showing your current Whaler’s Dive Club Membership Card. These benefits more than offset the Club’s yearly membership dues.

**SPORT CHALET**
- receive a card for 10 air fills (a $45 value alone)
- receive 10% off Sport Chalet chartered boats and classes
- receive 10% off scuba equipment
  - non-sale merchandise only
  - excludes merchandise ending in $.96 and $.97

**HOLLYWOOD DIVERS**
- receive 10% off scuba equipment

**PCH Scuba**
- receive 10% off scuba equipment

**CHANNEL ISLAND DIVE ADVENTURES**
- receive 5% off scheduled local boat charters
  - if active or retired military, make that 10%

Please welcome the following new members to the club: Vivien Chang, Skip Tucker, Richard Hofmann and Emily Hofmann and a thank you to the following members for their renewal and continued support: Ken Kollwitz, Cynthia Dugger, Simon Shapiro, and the Harley’s.

**Whaler Memberships** that are expired or coming due: David Katz, Michael Hererra, Barry Shockley, Betty Pringle, Tina Malcolm, The Bern’s, Leon Cowan, Kris Davis, Kulwant Dosahnj, the Gasser’s, and the Whitney’s. There are three ways to renew your membership: on line at [www.whalersdiveclub.com](http://www.whalersdiveclub.com), at the monthly general membership meeting, or mail to the Whaler’s Dive Club, P.O. Box 4283, West Hills, CA 91308.

**April Whaler’s Birthdays** – Stan Levey, Paul Gunderson, Michael Gunderson, Rick Dalven, and Michael Hartley.

**Congratulations to last month’s Opportunity Drawing Winners:**
- Truth Dive Boat – Day Trip Open Boat: Laurel Bartels
- Truth Dive Boat – Day Trip Open Boat: Laura Scott
- $50 PCH Scuba Gift Card and Tool Box: Michael Gunderson
- Kermit Lynch Wine (Red and White): Laurel Bartels
- PCH Scuba $50 Gift Certificate: Richard Bowman

Thank you to the following organizations and people for donations for our March opportunity drawing: PCH Scuba, Truth Aquatic and Mike Hartley.

Make sure you tell your fellow divers about the Dive Club. Bring a **CERTIFIED DIVER** (one that has not been to the club before) to the monthly meeting and for this you and your guest will each receive a free opportunity drawing ticket. The Club is a great place to meet other divers, participate in annual group international travel, stay updated on current events and regulations impacting the diving community, and to participate and socialize in dive and non-diving activities. All skill levels are welcome.
DIVE TIP OF THE MONTH – BY DAHLIA LURIA

Always make sure to know your dive buddy's gear configuration in general, alternate air source and weight quick release in particular. Safety check before each dive isn't just words, its necessity for a safe dive.

Begin With Friend And Review (BWFAR)

1. Buoyancy Compensator
2. Weights
3. Releases
4. Air
5. Final Okay

THE USC CATALINA HYPERBARIC CHAMBER

Chamber Day / Evening 2014

Wednesday - May 7th
Mark Your Calendars!

In the early 1970s, there was no such thing as the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. But divers were having accidents and the need for a Chamber was very real. In 1974, Lockheed donated a chamber they had to USC, an arrangement was set up between USC and L.A. County to help fund it, and the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber was born, opening for business on October 5, 1974.

A scant 15 years later, in 1989, our Chamber faced the very real prospect of losing the vital L.A. County funding. Roger Hess, then owner of Charisma Charters, came up with the idea that all the dive boats should come together for a day of diving with all the proceeds being donated to our Chamber. And thus, Chamber Day was born.

Now in 2014, we are celebrating our Chamber’s 40th year of unbending service to the Southern California diving community. While our Chamber still gets about 50% of its funding from the County, Chamber Day & Eve have become the major source of funds to keep our Chamber available to us 24/7/365. And that’s why we hope you'll participate in Chamber Day & Eve 2014 on Wednesday, May 7.

The first Chamber Day attracted about 200 divers and netted around $15,000 for our Chamber. Over the years the event has grown to over 1,000 participants: added Chamber Eve, the Flying Dutchman, and the
Chamber Challenge; and last year raised just over $125,000 for our Chamber. We are justifiably considered the largest single-day scuba charity event in the United States and perhaps even the world.

It’s important to know that all monies raised go to the Chamber. No administrative fees are deducted from the proceeds, the local SoCal boats donate their time and services, the manufacturers donate gear for raffle prizes, the Aquarium of the Pacific donates their facility for Chamber Eve, hundreds of volunteers donate their time, and you (hopefully) donate your money.

Here’s what’s happening:

- The main event is Chamber Day, which includes a full day of diving (two dives) at Catalina, plus a walking tour of the Chamber at the Isthmus. Cost is $95 (plus $30 for food and airfills, which goes to the boat). This gets you the diving, the tour, a T-shirt, and 5 daytime raffle tickets.
- For those who have done the island tour before and would rather get in a third dive, this year (for the first time) we have one boat (Magician) which will forgo the island tour for a third dive.
- If you can’t take the day off but would still like to participate, we have the Flying Dutchman—a mythical boat, yes, but a big part of Chamber Day and the perfect option for those who can’t attend in person. “Diving” the Dutchman gets you 5 daytime raffle tickets and a special limited-edition T-shirt available only to folks who sign up for the Dutchman.
- There’s also the Chamber Challenge, which “challenges” our community to raise extra funds for our Chamber through direct donations (mostly $100 pledges, but also $500 and $1,000, and even $5,000 and $10,000). You donate, and then—we hope—you challenge your friends to match your generosity.
- Raffle tickets, anyone? Daytime raffle tickets are the way to go—because you don’t need to be present to win. Tickets are $1 each, with discounts when you buy more.
- Chamber Evening, co-sponsored by the Aquarium of the Pacific, wraps things up. You’ll have full access to the Aquarium, a sit-down dinner in the Great Hall (under the life-sized model of a blue whale), hear a few speeches—we try to keep them short—maybe win a raffle prize, and finally, cheer during the presentation of the Chamber Day check to Karl Huggins, Director of the Chamber.

You will be able to sign up using their secure server, or you can contact Chamber Day HQ at 310-652-4990.
SCUBA CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across
1.igger placement of this will enhance a diver’s
2. A small ocean fish found in shallow waters
3. A shape often used to secure a tank on a dive
4. A type of scuba gear
5. A buoy used to signal a dive
6. A type of dive
7. A device to do this upon ascent can be
8. A property of some organisms seen on a night
9. An important functional part of a weight belt
10. An airboat water entry technique used for small
11. To enhance cylinder safety, this disc is added to a cylinder valve.

Down
1. A term used to describe a rapid proliferation of
2. A term used to describe an effect occurring in some corals as water
3. Gravitational force
4. A term for a dive to be made
5. A term for the process of adjusting to a new environment
6. A term used when entering a dive
7. A term used when exiting a dive
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PICTURES

See attached pictures from the Whaler’s monthly activities on the Peace Dive Boat, Spectre Dive Boat and Levey’s Pool (Open Water Class).

LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

2014 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Steve Roquemore…………….President
Greg Arsenault…………….Treasurer
Trish Kolbeck…………….Secretary and
Chairperson ….. Annual Banquet
Steve Roquemore/Betty Pringle…………….Programs
Ken Kollwitz…………….Dive Coordinator
BJ Rogers…………….Membership
Rick Dalven…………….Website
Mike Hartley…………….Newsletter
Norm Deatherage…………….Environment
Dahlia Luria…………….Education
Bruce Amberger…………….Member at Large

Contact the board: info@whalersdiveclub.com
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/about) 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
Across
2. Proper placement of this will enhance a diver's trim [BALLAST]
4. A small ocean fish found in shallow reefs [LODG]
5. A device often used to secure a tank on a dive boat [BUCKET]
6. Ceiling to do this upon ascent can be disastrous [BREATHE]
10. A property of some organisms seen on a night dive [BIOLOGICALLY]
13. An important functional part of a weight belt [BUCKET]
14. A common water entry technique used by small kids [BACKROLL]
15. To enhance cylinder safety, this disc is added to a cylinder valve [BEAD]

Down
1. A term used to describe a rapid proliferation of algae [BLUES]
2. An effect occurring in some corals at water temperature above 30°C [BLEACH]
3. One's risk of Decompression Illness is lessened if one is at the bottom or a diving (BENEATH)
4. A term for slow heart rate [BRADYCARDIA]
5. A type of doing with frequent descents and ascents [BOUND]
6. An important presentation given before a dive [BRIEFING]
7. Depth and time are divided into these to make dive tables manageable [BRACKETS]
8. A type of regulator with minimal change in backflow at falling cylinder pressures [BALANCES]
9. A device used to support a boat's compass [BENCHMARK]
10. An exhalent lack [BICYCLE]
11. A direction of travel [BENDING]