

April 2016 Newsletter



Whalers Dive Club

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery

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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

East side of Canoga, just south of Victory You can only enter the parking lot from Canoga northbound. Both self-parking and valet available.

Private Room, Extensive Menu, and Full Bar

April Entertainment



Our general meeting on the 6th of April will be a departure from the traditional "Guest Speaker" and an entrance into a new and interactive way of conducting our Club meetings. We will hold a Dive Trivia night, hosted by Whaler and Board member Steven Devore. We will have a Power Point presentation of scuba diving questions and answers in a similar format as the Jeopardy show. This is your opportunity to test your knowledge and prove you are the diving pro most of us have been for many years. For the newer members and less experienced divers, there will be much to be learned. Competing teams will be awarded medals and prizes.

Don't miss this informative and interactive scuba knowledge gaining night. The Board looks forward to seeing all Whalers attend, interact, have fun and spend time together with good food and great company.

Presidents Message

Hey Whaler's, Welcome back to reality!

Come to the April 6th, 2016 General Meeting and test your knowledge of SCUBA, learn new, important facts and have a good time to boot! Lots of good stuff and maybe enough to help yourself or a Buddy in the future. Dahlia and Steve DeVore have been working hard to make this First of Hopefully many Trivia Contests a success! So come on out to BJ's on Canoga Av. at 6pm for social hour and test your skills! See ya Wednesday, Trish

UP-COMING EVENTS

APRIL

General Meeting: April 6, 2016 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

TRIVIA-NITE!!!!!!!

Board Meeting: April 21, 2016 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00 pm

Dive: April 9, 2016 Peace - Anacapa - \$145.00 ... Call CIDA to book.

Rescue Class April 30, 2016 pool session @ the Levey's

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Rescue Class May 1, 2016 pool session

General Meeting: May 4, 2016 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: May 19, 2016 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00 pm

Dive: May 7, 2016 Peace - Santa Barbara Island - \$170.00 Call CIDA to book.

Deer Creek Beach Clean-up: May 21, 2016 @ 9:00 am to whenever

JUNE

General Meeting: June 1, 2016 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

Scuba Show: June 4th & 5th at Long Beach

Board Meeting: June 16, 2016 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00 pm

Deer Creek Beach Clean-Up: June 19, 2016 @ 9:00am to whenever

Dive: Trip to Fiji June 25 thru July 2, 2016

More Upcoming dives:

Nov 5-12, 2016. Anthony's Key Resort, Roatan, Honduras - Please see Dahlia for more info

Oct 2017 - Red Sea and Israel tour



Petra, Jordan - Red Sea - Underwater Park

Whalers Dive Club is going to Fiji: Jun25 - July 2, 2016.

We are staying at the Wananavu Beach Resort, on the north side of the Main Island. It's a Four Star resort. The rate below is based on 7 nights' accommodations in an ocean view room, 6 days of 2 tank dives, true unlimited beach diving, all meals and round trip airport transfers. The rate is for double occupancy. Ocean front rooms and single occupancy are slightly higher. Non diver rates upon request. After applying discount for Agency commission and dividing 2 complimentary land packages for 10 paid, rate comes to approx. 1490.00 based on 16 divers. If we get 20 paid, will get additional 2 comps and dividing those among everyone, rate will go down further. Air fare is not included and is approx. 1000.00 - 1200.00 plus, taxes included. I encourage everyone to book flights early. Air Pacific has a daily nonstop to Nadi and return. Departure will be on the 24th at night from LAX.

You can check out resort here: <http://www.wananavu.com/> we already have a few rooms committed and I requested a few more today. Non-refundable deposit of 250.00 per person will guarantee your room.

Please call or e mail Greg or me with any questions and to reserve your space. Come on Whalers, let do it. 😊 Diving gets no better than this Dahlia Los Angeles Centre 818-224-7249

Hello Whalers,

We are starting a brand new year with more training.

1. Emergency First Response (EFR) class will include Secondary Care which is required for Rescue divers and above.
2. Advanced O2 Provider incorporating the MTV mask (manually triggered ventilator) which does the breathing part of the CPR for you.
3. Rescue Class.

The EFR and O2 classes will be conducted in one day, morning and afternoon sessions.

Rescue class involves 2 full days of knowledge development, 2 full days of pool work and one ocean day.

Rescue class is physically challenging, anyone interested in it should start some kind of work out routine in order to meet and comply with the performance requirements. *) happy

Dates are open, however all work will be done on weekends.

Please e mail me if interested, all classes require self-study and I need to order academic materials.

Cost:

EFR and O2 are 49.00 each. You can register for only one or both.

Rescue is 199.00. This year I am getting materials at lower rate due to last year's increased activity.

Looking forward to another year of training and TWO warm water trips.

Our 3 DM candidates Steven Devore, Mike Hartley and Greg Arsenault are at the end of the DM Program. I will let the Whalers know when they complete it and we can throw a party for them.

Good job Guys, especially during our Open Water class, I couldn't have done it without you.

Come on Whalers, let's do it. Dahlia Los Angeles Centre 818-224-7249

PACIFIC EXPEDITION

Ocean garbage found to be big pieces of plastic

Researchers say waste needs to be cleaned up before it breaks down

By Olga R. Rodriguez
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO » Scientists and volunteers who have spent the past month gathering data on how much plastic garbage is floating in the Pacific Ocean returned to San Francisco on Sunday and said most of the trash they found is medium to large-sized pieces, as opposed to tiny ones.

Volunteer crews on 30 boats have been measuring the size and mapping the location of tons of plastic waste floating between the West Coast and Hawaii that according to some estimates covers an area twice the size of Texas.



Boyan Slat

"It was a good illustration of why it is such an urgent thing to clean up because if we don't clean it up soon then we'll give the big plastic time to break into smaller and smaller pieces," said Boyan Slat, who has developed a technology that he says can start removing the garbage by 2020.

A 171-foot mother ship carrying fishing nets,
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Garbage

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buckets, buoys and bottles, among other items, and two sailing boats with volunteers who helped collect the garbage samples arrived in San Francisco's Piers 30-32. The boats went on a 30-day voyage as part of the Mega Expedition, a major step in an effort to eventually clean up what's known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

The expedition was sponsored by The Ocean Cleanup, an organization founded by Slat, a 21-year-old innovator from the Netherlands.

Slat said the group will publish a report of its findings by mid-2016 and after that they hope to test out a 1-mile barrier to collect garbage near Japan. The ultimate goal is construction of



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS — THE OCEAN CLEANUP

Crew members inspect a 40-meter long proof-of-concept barrier in Pico Island, Azores, Portugal. Scientists and volunteers who have spent the last month gathering data on how much plastic garbage is floating in the Pacific Ocean say most of the trash is medium to large-sized pieces, as opposed to tiny ones.

a 60-mile barrier in the middle of the Pacific.

He first became passionate about cleaning the

oceans of plastic while diving in the Mediterranean Sea five years ago.

"I was diving in Greece

and realized that there were more plastic bags than fish, and I wondered why can't we clean this up," Slat said.

After dropping out of university after his first six months, Slat dedicated his life to developing the technology the group will start testing next year.

He has envisioned using long-distance floating barriers that will attach to the seabed and will target swirling ocean currents full of waste and skim garbage from the surface while aquatic life and the currents themselves pass underneath.

After a 2012 Ted Talk about his idea was viewed more than 2 million times, Slat decided to launch a Kickstarter campaign and raised about \$ 2.27 million that helped to start his organization. Soon, his innovative solution got the attention of major philanthro-

plists in Europe and Silicon Valley, including Salesforce.com CEO Marc Benioff, who are helping pay for the data-gathering efforts and the technology's development.

The Pacific expedition, which will end in mid-September, will gather data that will be more extensive than what has been collected in the past 40 years. It also will give a better estimate of how much plastic waste is in the Pacific Ocean, Slat said.

The boaters are using GPS and a smartphone app to search for and record the plastic. They take samples and ship them to the Netherlands, where the plastics are counted and recorded.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch was discovered by Charles J. Moore in 1997 as he returned home from the Transpacific Yacht Race, which starts in Los Angeles and ends in Honolulu.

Supporting Members of the Dive Community



- 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
 - o non-sale merchandise only
 - o excludes merchandise ending in \$.96 and \$.97 non-sale merchandise only



- o receive 5% off scheduled local boat charters
- o if active or retired military, make that 10%



- receive 10% off scuba equipment

GLYNN PALMER: Scuba Repair

For more information please contact Glynn @ 310-266-2955



Check with the Shop for:

Schedule of classes

Dive equipment

Dive trips

Repairs



Peace Dive Boat



Divers Alert Network



Disabled Veterans Scuba Project

Photo Gallery

Photos by David Guth



A Monkey Faced Prickle



Spanish Shawl Nudibranch



Hilton's Aeolid Nudibranch



Kelp fish in front of the anchor chain of the Gosford



Infant Sheep head



Photos by Dan Tobias TURKS & CAICOS VACATION



Photos by Dave Guth @ San Nicholas Island and Begg Rock





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