



Whalers Dive Club

June 2017 Newsletter

WHALER'S BOARD ANNOUNCES

NEW GENERAL MEETING PLACE



June 7, 2017

Where: Denny's Restaurant
8330 Topanga Blvd
Canoga Park, CA 91306

When: 1st Wednesday of the Month
6:00-7:00 Food & Fellowship
7:00-9:00 Meeting

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

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June Entertainment

Los Angeles County Dive Rescue

President's Message

Hello fellow divers,

I want to encourage you to join us for some of the upcoming activities. We have a beach dive and cleanup on Saturday, June 10. We have a two day dive trip to San Miquel Island on July 1 and 2 that should be a great two days of diving. Also, don't forget the club meeting on June 7 will be at our new location at Denny's.

I hope to see you on a boat and at a meeting soon,

Greg

JUNE EVENTS

General Meeting: June 7, 2017 Wednesday @ Denny's 6:00 pm
LA County Dive Rescue

Board Meeting: June 15, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

Dives: June 10, 2017 - Saturday Deer Creek Beach Clean-up - Mike/Ezri
will be leading a beach dive

June 18, 2017 - Magician to Catalina. \$135.00 all included. Contact
Eco Dive Center to book

COMING EVENTS

JULY

General Meeting: July 5, 2017 Wednesday @ Denny's 6:00 pm **MEETING CANCELLED**

Board Meeting: July 20, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

Dives: July 1-2 the Truth to Northern Channel Islands. Depart from Santa Barbara. Boarding on the 30th of June after 800 pm. Contact CIDA to book.

July 8, 2017 Saturday Deer Creek Beach Clean-up

AUGUST

General Meeting: August 5, 2017 Wednesday @ Denny's 6:00 pm **Trivia Nite**

Board Meeting: August 20, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

Dives: August 12, 2017 the Humboldt dive boat to the Coronado Islands. 159.00 3 dives and food included. Depart from San Diego. We arrive on the 11th and stay one night at a local hotel. Return is on Saturday after the dives. Hotel TBA. Book directly with Waterhorse Charters and mention Whalers Dive Club. **Passport is required**

SEPTEMBER

General Meeting: September 6, 2017 Wednesday @ Denny's 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: September 21, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

Dives: September 9, 2017 Saturday - Deer Creek Beach Clean-up (Date has been changed due to the 2 day Nautica Malibu Triathlon for the benefit of Children's Hosp.)

OCTOBER

General Meeting: October 4, 2017 Wednesday @ Denny's 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: October 19, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

Dives: Trip: Oct 16 thru Nov 2, 2017 **RED SEA (Book with Dahlia)** Ten Whalers have already confirmed and paid. Due to logistics the trip will be limited to certain number of people. Now is the best time to reserve, airfare is still low. We will have a trip presentation at the May 3rd general meeting including dive presentation and a detailed touring itinerary. We will also present a diving video of the Archaeological Underwater Museum in Caesarea (named after Julius Caesar) which we will dive on October the 29th.

NOVEMBER

General Meeting: November 1, 2017 Wednesday @ Denny's 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: November 16, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

Dives: TBA

DECEMBER

General Meeting: December 9, 2017 Holiday Party/General Meeting

Board Meeting: December 21, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

Dives: TBA

OTHER DIVING ADVENTURES

Red Sea Trip

I can't believe we finally have it. It took 8 months but it was totally worth it. I can't believe the final product either, the package including everything below is 3390.00. **The only thing not included is the airfare to Israel.** As we get closer I will get some pricing on trip T-shirts.

The package has two sections, "included" and "optional". Minimum is 15 passengers. Included:

Meet and greet upon arrival to Israel

Flight to Eilat on the Red Sea from Ben Gurion airport.

Eight nights at the Prima Music hotel, breakfast and dinner included based on double occupancy.

All hotel taxes and service charges.

Two days of boat diving in Eilat, 2 dives per day.

Three days of boat diving in Taba Egypt, 3 dives per day, transportation and lunch included.

Pick up from hotel at the start of land tour on the 25th of October.

Seven nights at selected hotels in Israel based on double occupancy.

*7 night accommodations (4 star hotel package) # of nights Superior first class Hotels

Dead Sea 1 Night Daniel dead sea October 25-26/2017

Jerusalem 3 Nights Prima Kings Jerusalem October 26-30/2017

Caesarea 1 Night Dan Caesarea October 29-30/2017 Sea of Galilee

2 Nights Kibbutz N of Genosar October 30 - November 1/2017

Eight days of touring with our own private deluxe coach including services of tour guide and driver.

Breakfast and dinner included.

Farewell dinner in a restaurant on the night of departure back home.

Transportation to Ben Gurion airport and assistance with baggage services.

Great memories of a trip of a lifetime are also included.

Optional:

In Eilat we can have optional afternoon/night boat dives at 45.00 per diver.

Or we can get our own beach dives (easy entry) for the price of a tank of air.

We can also get the services of a DM at 25.00 per diver.

Aqaba (Jordan) 3 boat dives is 175.00 per diver plus 125.00.00 boat border fees.

Based on specific considerations Petra (Jordan) is an optional add on. The price for the day excursion is 215.00 including transportation and lunch. There are border and visa fees, 125.00 per person which have to be paid, some in advance and some in cash at the crossing to Jordan. Now you know why the Jordan excursions are optional.

General information:

I recommend to get your flight to Israel now. Divers need to arrive no later than 400 pm on the 17th of October to Ben Gurion airport in Israel. Departure from USA needs to be no later than the 16th of October.

Departure back home no earlier than the 1st of November 1100 pm and any time after that.

Incidentally EL AL Israel Airlines has their non-stop from LAX on the dates we need. Flight price is higher. The dives on the 18th are in the afternoon allowing for rest. All optional activities have to be decided on 6 weeks prior to departure.

Dive insurance such as DAN is mandatory in Israel.

Single supplement for hotels is available on request.

Nitrox is available at 10.00 per tank in Israel and Taba and 20.00 in Aqaba.

No visa required for US passports.

All passports need to be valid for minimum of 6 month after the date of departure.

There is an option to reserve either land or dive part only.

The link below has information about diving the underwater archaeological park in Caesarea. I do suggest the guided tour and the pricing is approx 40.00 including presentation, tanks and weights.

<http://www.caesarea-diving.com/En/page.asp?id=43&show=slides>

Deposit:

There is an 800.00 non-refundable deposit per person required at this time. Final payment for all services is due 2 month prior to departure. Flight and trip cancellation insurance with "for any reason" clause is highly recommended. DAN has some good policies available at a reasonable price.

We will have a trip presentation to the Whalers at the general meeting on the 3rd of May, don't miss it.

We will present a detailed dive and tour itinerary Please call or e mail me with any questions or concerns.

Dahlia Los Angeles Centre 818-224-7249



Petra



Jordan



Red Sea



Underwater Park



My Mermaid Daughter

The boat was bouncing, the wind howling and cold sideways rain was stinging our faces as we held on tight and waited for the go signal. The Fijian people are famous of their friendliness and hospitality. However, at this moment the boat crew was focused and all business as they quickly moved to secure the anchor, the passengers and anything else that wasn't bolted down.

Ezri looked at me having been in similar conditions but on larger boats with more stability and asked my thoughts about entering the water. The small aluminum boat was being lifted and dropped violently and frequently by a short period wind swell. People were getting sea sick and the sooner we could get in the water the better. I knew under these circumstances that modeling confidence and calm was key to instilling the same in others. As we double and triple checked each other's scuba gear I jovially replied that getting off the boat will be easy; all we have to do is fall. I neglected to mention the hard part would be getting back onboard.



Ezri jumped first and I followed right after. We started our descent and the world changed suddenly and dramatically. As we gradually dropped ten fathoms in crystal clear blue water we slowed our breathing and opened our eyes, hearts and minds to fully appreciate the beauty that revealed itself to us. Below the surface the waters were calm, warm and inviting.

The sensation of weightlessness and flying is hard to describe. Imagine being able to soar over the edge of the Grand Canyon like an eagle and see the natural world from that perspective. Our objective on this day was to experience, photograph and video up close and personal a 600 pound bull shark and if we were really lucky a 16 Ft. plus tiger shark.



Ezri started snorkeling at Refugio State Beach near Santa Barbara, CA and was a certified scuba diver by the age of 10 years old. She quickly completed certifications for Advance Open Water, Underwater Navigation, Enriched Air, Deep Diver, Night Diver, Wreck Diver and Rescue Diver. By her 16th birthday she had achieved the certification of PADI Master Scuba Diver.

Through her scuba training and experiences Ezri realized very early that scuba diving was not something reserved exclusively for Astronaut training or Navy SEALs. By the age of 12 she formulated her plans to establish a mentoring program for young teenage women. Her goals are to open their eyes to a world full of possibilities.

Ezri wants young women to know that there are no limitations to what they can dream and achieve. She wants them to learn through the process of becoming proficient and confident scuba divers that challenges and obstacles are things that can be overcome with determination, persistence, effort and optimism.



Mermaid Beach was founded in 2012 by Ezri and is currently in Beta/Incubator form. Ezri started by taking groups of Junior High class mates on Discover Scuba experiences and has since assisted in numerous certification training courses. She has recruited women instructors that serve as excellent role models for the young women she wants to inspire.

Ezri is now 16 and currently a junior attending Nordhoff High School in Ojai, CA. She likes puns, does math for fun, is curious about everything, loves creating art of all types, and she is an extremely pleasant person to be around. Ezri is like having ‘lightning in a bottle.’ She can seem quiet and shy most of the time. However, get her talking about Mermaid Beach, her yoga club, community hiking or any of her other passions and watch out.

Ezri is exploring educational and potential career paths that will allow her to fully optimize the reach and scope of Mermaid Beach’s mission. She is asking herself if she should train and work in the science or technology fields doing Mermaid Beach on the weekends and during the summers or if she should study Non-profit & Business Management to run and operate Mermaid Beach full-time.

Her mother and I cannot wait to see all the things that she will achieve and how those accomplishments will multiply exponentially out on to the greater global community.

Other Members of the Dive Community



- 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



Peace Dive Boat



Divers Alert Network



Disabled Veterans Scuba Project



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Photo Gallery

Happy Birthday Norm



Photos by David Guth



A Spanish Shawl nudibranch



A Gastropod known as a Simnia



Two Spot Octopus in his lair



A Monterey Dorid, a nudibranch

Photos by David Guth at Santa Barbara Island



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LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

2016 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

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