

# Whalers Dive Club



## March 2017 Newsletter

Where: BJ's Restaurant & Brewery  
6424 Canoga Ave  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
(818) 340-1748

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

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

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

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

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

# March Entertainment

Robert Arak is the owner of Scubatude Dive Shop located in Valencia. Scubatude is our source for gear sales and service offering Whalers members a discount. The shop will also sponsor our club and provide a free air card.

## MARCHEVENTS

**General Meeting:** March 1, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

**Board Meeting:** March 16, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

**Dives:** March 4, 2017 to Anacapa ~ Peace (Book thru CIDA)

March 19, 2017 to the Oil Rigs ~ The Magician (Book thru CIDA)

March 25, 2017 Hike on Santa Cruz Island (Book with Dahlia)

# COMING EVENTS

## APRIL

**General Meeting:** April 5, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm  
Ken K from CIDA will be guest speaker

**Board Meeting:** April 20, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

**Dives:** April 2, 2017 – Peace to Anacapa (Dahlia's Navigation Class) **Book with Peace**

## MAY

**General Meeting:** May 3, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm  
Dahlia will be doing a RED SEA presentation

**Board Meeting:** May 18, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

**Dives:** TBA

**Trip:** May 19 thru 27, 2017 Cozumel, Mexico (**Book with Dahlia**) \*see details below

## JUNE

**General Meeting:** June 7, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

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

**Dives:** June 10, 2017 – Saturday Deer Creek Beach Clean-up

June 17, 2017 – Coronado's Islands- San Diego (**Book with Dahlia** \*\*A passport will be required, these islands are in Mexican Waters)

## JULY

**General Meeting:** July 5, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

**Board Meeting:** June 20, 2017 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00

**Dives:** July 8, 2017 Saturday Deer Creek Beach Clean-up

## AUGUST

**General Meeting:** August 5, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

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

**Dives:** TBA

## SEPTEMBER

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

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

**Dives:** September 17, 2017 Sunday Deer Creek Beach Clean-up

## OCTOBER

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

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

**Dives:** TBA

**Trip:** Oct 16 thru Nov 2, 2017 RED SEA (Book with Dahlia)

## NOVEMBER

**General Meeting:** November 1, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj'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

I am also planning on a **Coronado's Islands** dive trip from San Diego. Projected date is the 17th of June, arriving San Diego the night before. Boat ride to the islands is approx. 80 minutes. Whalers can reserve directly with the Humboldt dive boat at 159.00 per person (3 dives) or as a group we can get 10% discount bringing rate down to approx. 146.00 the boat has informed me passports are needed

Hi Whalers,

After much effort it turns out that the projected dive destinations of Cabo San Lucas, La Paz and Loreto aren't workable for numerous reasons and not the best choice.

At the meeting last night the Board unanimously decided that based on popular demand we will go to a tried and true dive destination, **Cozumel**.

The dates are 19th of May (night departure) and 27th of May return. The resort selected is the Sunscape resort, close to the most popular dives sites, all-inclusive meal plan including all drinks. 😊

The package includes:

Seven night's hotel accommodations

Round trip transfers

All food and drinks

Five days of diving, three dives per day.

Option to schedule night and additional dives

Wi-Fi is available at 39.00 for the week.

Checking on Nitrox.

The resort has its own dock and dive shop which are shared by the resort next door called Secrets.

Guests in each resort can use the other resort's facilities including restaurants.

Here is the best part, the **price after the customary 10% TA discount and before complimentary discount.**

We receive one comp per ten paid. The comp will be divided among all traveling Whalers and further reduce the rates below. Final discount will depend on number of travelers.

Diver rate based on double occupancy 1309.00

Non diver rate 659.00

Diver single supplement rate 1659.00

Non diver rate 1009.00

Nonrefundable deposit of 300.00 is required to hold a spot. We are holding a limited number of rooms.

All traveling Whalers will receive Whalers Cozumel T shirts before the trip.

Below is the link to the resort, you will agree it's absolutely gorgeous.

The airfare is currently very low, at 654.00 round trip based on availability. All travelers should secure their flights ASAP.

Suggested schedule:

19 MAY 17 - FRIDAY

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:2259 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE  
LV LOS ANGELES 1130P EQP: 32B  
05HR 00MIN

20 MAY 17 - SATURDAY

AR MIAMI INTERNTNL 730A NON-STOP  
REF: NTZTWZ

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:4507 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE  
OPERATED BY REPUBLIC AIRLINES AS AMERICAN EAGLE  
LV MIAMI INTERNTNL 1040A EQP: E75  
01HR 57MIN

AR COZUMEL 1137A NON-STOP  
REF: NTZTWZ

27 MAY 17 - SATURDAY

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1256 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE  
LV COZUMEL 352P EQP: BOEING 737-800  
02HR 58MIN

AR DALLAS FT WORTH 650P NON-STOP  
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AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:2495 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE  
LV DALLAS FT WORTH 817P EQP: 32B  
03HR 30MIN

AR LOS ANGELES 947P NON-STOP  
REF: NTZTWZ

Whalers, book now, let's do it.

**Sunscape Cozumel Resort - Cozumel -  
Sunscape Sabor Cozumel**

Sunscape Cozumel Resort - Call Toll Free: 1-  
888-774-0040 or Dahlia Los Angeles

Centre 818-224-7249 Book Online

## Red Sea Trip

Hi Whalers,

After a long delay and even a longer search we are finally able to present a great and almost all inclusive package. The only missing part is the dive operation itself which is in its final preparation stages and will be very reasonable.

Departure and return dates are the 16th of October Monday and return departure is on the 1st/2nd November (overnight). **Airfare is not included.**

### What is included?

1. Meet and greet upon arrival in Israel. Transfers to the local flight. No visa required for US passports.
2. 17th October flight from Tel Aviv to Eilat (time to be determined.)
3. Eight nights in the Prima Music hotel located right near the Aqua Sport dive shop, including breakfast and dinner daily.
4. Six days of diving with 3 dives per day, unlimited option for beach diving. (Not yet included in the price below)
5. Petra day trip on the 24th and return to Eilat.
6. Pick up by our own deluxe bus, guide and driver from hotel in Eilat on the 25th of October.
7. Seven nights and 8 days of Israel touring, including all hotels, breakfast and dinner, Underwater Museum dive in Caesarea.
8. Farewell dinner in the old city of Jaffa restaurant on the Mediterranean Sea before transfer to the airport.
8. All taxes and entrance fees to various sites are included.

**The rate of all of the above is 2895.00. All hotels are 4 star. The total length of this trip is 16 days.**

### Hotels:

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

Tour Guide || Top Professional: Our tour guides are all government licensed || Experienced: With years of experience our tour guides will be exclusively assigned to your group || Experts: Our tour guides are chosen for their immense knowledge of biblical & historical sites. || Languages Spoken: English

## Meals Included

Breakfast: Daily full buffet breakfast served at the hotel

Dinner: Daily full buffet dinner served at the hotel Farwell dinner: in a restaurant before departure

## Included Services in Your Private Tour

7 nights' accommodation in the hotels listed above

All escorted sightseeing by your tour guide

Group departure transfer escorted by your tour guide All entrance fees as per your requests 7 Full days of Private touring with your assigned tour guide + arrival day tour to Jaffa 7 Full days of Private transportation in modern deluxe A/C coach and top professional driver + arrival day

Porter fees at airports and hotels Sea of Galilee boat ride, Cable car transportation from/to Masada and much more Mobile phone will be provided to the tour leader all land and service taxes are included

Please e mail or call with any questions.

This is the time to book your reservation. Deposits will be required as soon as the dive part is finalized.

Let's go Whalers, this is the trip of a life time.



Petra



Jordan



Red Sea Underwater Park



## WEBSITE UPDATE

Please update your membership info on the web site.

We've been receiving a number of rejected e-mails and returned mailings. Please take a minute to update your mailing address, e-mail address and phone numbers on the website. Changing your profile is easy; just logon to [www.whalersdiveclub.com](http://www.whalersdiveclub.com), select membership from the menu, then click on "Edit your member profile", in the gold box. Questions or problems, just send an e-mail to [membership@whalersdiveclub.com](mailto:membership@whalersdiveclub.com).



# 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

# Photo Gallery

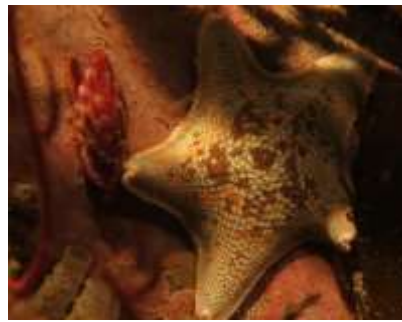
Happy Birthday Norm



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!

Contact the board: [info@whalersdiveclub.com](mailto:info@whalersdiveclub.com)

Greg Arsenault	President
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Betty Pringle	Newsletter
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Dahlia Luria	Training
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