

Happy New Year



January 2017 Newsletter

Whalers Dive Club

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery

6424 Canoga Ave

Woodland Hills, CA 91367

(818) 340-1748

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

Entertainment

Come and help us ring in the New Year

President Message

Hi Whalers,

I have been elected as the new club President. I am excited about the opportunity to serve and give back to the club in a new capacity.

I was originally certified in 1972 and I dove locally for a number of years, but like many of you, life got in the way and I only dove occasionally on vacation. About five years ago I decided to really get back into diving so I looked around for a club. I found the Whalers Dive Club and I was attracted by the free training, the level of experience of the members and especially by how warm and inviting the members were. When I just started to get my fins wet again, several members helped me to get reacquainted with the local diving conditions, watched out for me and made me feel welcome. Since joining the club, I have made 300 dives, completed a number of specialty classes and became a certified Divemaster.

I look forward to diving with old and new friends in 2017 and working with all of you to continue the great traditions of the club.

Happy New Year,

Greg

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, 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.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

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

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

Dives: January 7th and 28th 2017 -- [See Dahlia's message below](#)

FEBRUARY

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

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

Dives: Feb 4, 2017 - [See Dahlia's message below](#)

MARCH

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

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

Dives: [See Dahlia's message below](#)

APRIL

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

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

Dives: TBA

MAY

General Meeting: May 3, 2017 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

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

Dives: TBA

JUNE

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

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

Dives: TBA

Hi Whalers,

Greg and I have been busy getting our dive schedule for the first part of 2017. We also have a new Six Pack boat on the horizon which is based in San Pedro, called the Giant Stride.

It's a large boat with full galley, some overnight sleeping accommodations, compressor and full meal service. The boat accommodates 8 divers max and will enable us to make more frequent trips to Catalina Island.

The price is very reasonable considering that a local trip on boats out of Ventura harbor is now right around 150.00. The price for the six pack will range between 140.00 to 165.00, based on number of divers and destination.

The dives below are now designated as Club dives. Please contact CIDA directly to book space at <http://channelislandsdiveadventures.com/> or call 805-469-7288 and ask for Whalers discount.

Our March 2017 dive will be on the Giant Stride to Catalina Island.

Stay tuned for date, price and destination.

Since space on the Giant Stride is very limited, it'll be first come first serve basis. Payment will be required upon reservation.

Sat.-Jan. 7, 2017	Truth	*Santa Rosa Island (MZ)	Sea Landing, Santa Barbara	between 8-12 pm Fri.	3:00 AM 6:00 PM 3:00 PM	3 dives, meals & air	\$150.00
Sat.-Feb. 4, 2017	Peace	Santa Cruz Island	Ventura Harbor	6:00 am Sat. or after 8:00 pm Fri.	7:00 AM 6:00 PM	4 dives, meals & air	\$150.00

Now some exciting news. Whaler Mike Hartley, a certified Padi DM has volunteered to be the Club Beach Dive Coordinator and arrange beach dives, based on popular request.

Our very next beach dive is scheduled for the 28th of January 2017 at Deer Creek beach, conditions permitting. In the event the location is not diveable, we will seek another or substitute the dive with a local hike. For the adventurous Whalers, we can do a morning dive followed by lunch and afternoon hike.

Happy Holiday Season to all Whalers and their families. Let's make 2017 a great dive year.

Dahlia
Los Angeles Centre
818-224-7249

OTHER DIVING ADVENTURES

As you know we already have a trip to the Red Sea scheduled for October 2017.

For Whalers who will not make this trip and for the Whalers who will, we have another short trip tentatively scheduled for 12-19 June 2017 to Loreto, Mexico.

There are two options available, 7 nights/8 days or 4 nights/5 days. Due to Alaska Airlines daily schedule the trip has to be Sunday to Sunday or Sunday to Thursday.

This is a nonstop flight and currently prices at approx. 400.00 round trip all taxes included. If you plan on this trip make your flight arrangements ASAP.

The hotel we selected is the Loreto Bay Resort, approx. 6 miles from town. The property is all inclusive, airport/hotel transportation, 2 dives per day for 5 days, all meals and accommodations are included.

Extra dives are available on request.

Depending on location of dive sites we will be picked up directly from the beach. To visit other sites we will be shuttled to town to board our dive boat.

Pricing:

For the 7 night package rate is 1389.00 per diver based on double occupancy.

For the 4 night package rate is 899.00 per diver based on double occupancy.

Single rate is available on request.

Currently checking on Nitrox.

In a true Whalers tradition this is another trip we can dive, socialize, have great fun and bring back unforgettable memories.

Oct 14-29th 2017 - Red Sea and Israel tour ~ more details coming



Petra



Jordan



Red Sea



Underwater Park

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

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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Photos by Rusty Geller



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LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

2016 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Contact the board: info@whalersdiveclub.com

Greg Arsenault	President
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Betty Pringle	Newsletter
Mike Hartley	Beach Dive
Dahlia Luria	Training
Cat & Mike Prentice	Members at Large