



Whalers Dive Club

May 2018 Newsletter

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

Website: www.whalersdiveclub.com

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

Member Benefits

After the camaraderie, guaranteed dive buddy, mentoring, training, education, local and foreign dive trips, informative guest speakers and valuable opportunity drawings and prizes at the general meeting, and just some good old fashion fun, what else do you receive as an active *Whaler?

*Check out Other Members of the Dive community below

General Meeting May 2, 2018

May

General Meeting: May 2, 2018 @ Denny's @ 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: May 17, 2018 @ Marie Calendar's @ 6:00pm

Dive of the month: May 5 2018, Peace, Santa Barbara Island, 160.00, book with CIDA

CHAMBER DAY: May 2, 2018 see article in other events

Deer Creek Clean-up May 12, 2018..all day

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 dates for 2018; May 2, July 21, and Sept 22. 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 (HWY 1). 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). **All are welcome**



Calendar:

June

General Meeting: June 2, 2018 @ Denny's

Board Meeting: June 17, 2018 @ Marie Calendar's

Dive of the month: 9 - Jun, Peace, West Santa Cruz, 160.00 Book with CIDA

July

General Meeting: July 4, 2018 @ Denny's

Board Meeting: July 19, 2018 @ Marie Calendar's

Dive of the month: Deer Creek Clean-up July 21, 2018

Other Events:

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 2 and Chamber Day & Eve 2018. Hope to see you there!!!

Ken Kurtis (Chairman, Chamber Day/Eve 2018) Karl Huggins (Director, USC Catalina Hyperbaric 30th ANNUAL CHAMBER DAY 20th ANNUAL CHAMBER EVE Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018

[CHAMBER EVENING RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE](#)

[GREAT WHITE SHARK TRIP TO GUADALUPE ISLAND WITH THE NAUTILUS EXPLORER](#)

Diving is an amazingly safe sport . . . until it isn't. But we're all human and things happen. In fact, a study has shown that 69% of diving accidents are caused by diver error. So the last thing you'd want to hear is, "Sorry, there's no chamber in the area so there's nothing we can do for you." Fortunately, that's NOT the case in SoCal. Since 1974, divers have relied on the USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber to bail us out when things go wrong. And once again, our Chamber is counting on you.

2018 marks our Chamber's 44th year of unbending service to the Southern California diving community. While our Chamber still gets about half of its funding from L.A. 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 need you to participate in Chamber Day & Eve 2018 on Wednesday, May 2. And we're trying some new things this year that we hope you'll find inviting.

This is our 30th annual Chamber Day event. The first one in 1989 attracted about 200 divers and netted about \$15,000 for our Chamber. Over the years the event has grown to over 1,000 participants by adding Chamber Eve, the *Flying Dutchman*, and the Chamber Challenge. Last year we raised just under \$106,000 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 participating 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 (we still have to pay for the food), hundreds of volunteers donate their time, and you (hopefully) donate your money.

Here's how you get involved:

- [Chamber Day](#) - Two dives at Catalina and a walking tour of the Chamber facilities including meeting rescue personnel from various first-responder agencies.
- [The Flying Dutchman](#) - For those who can't do the daytime dive (IMPORTANT NOTE - IT'S A FAKE BOAT AND YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING ANYWHERE.).
- [The Chamber Challenge](#) - Direct donations which can also be in someone's memory.

- [Daytime Raffle](#) - Lots of prizes and you don't have to be present to win.
- [Chamber Evening](#) - Sit-down dinner at the Aquarium of the Pacific.
- [V.G.D. \(Very Generous Diver\) Package](#) - Limited (150 people) add-on to a Chamber Evening ticket that gets you early access, free close-in preferred ground-level parking, and other goodies.

For more information and the specifics about each of these, click the link. And remember that you can sign up using our [secure server](#), or you can call Chamber Day HQ at 310-652-4990.

Chamber)

Deer Creek Clean-up September 22, 2018

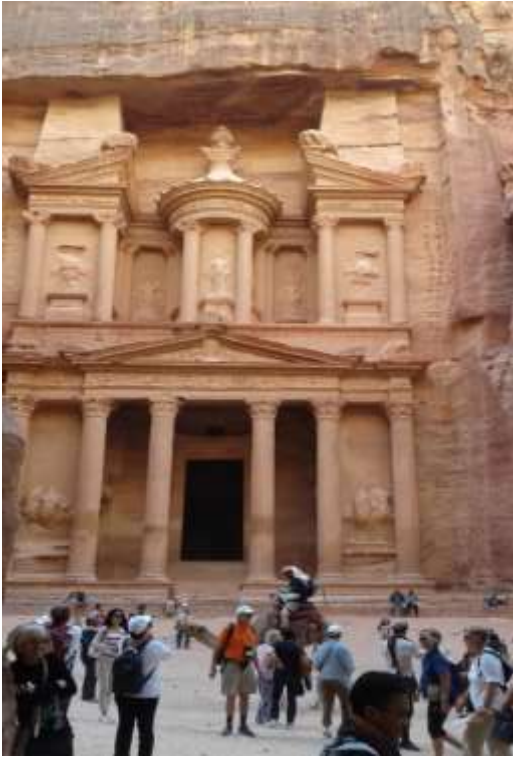
2018 Trips:

Ok, first call for Whalers travel in 2018.

This trip is now full

October: Fiji...More info coming

Red Sea Trip 2017



The Treasury at Petra and the Port of Jaffa at sunset

The whole gang at the Western Wall and diving in Taba



Photo by Ed Malek..Red Sea

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 (Glynn now has a new address—31316 Via Colinas, Westlake Village)



Peace Dive Boat



Divers Alert Network



Disabled Veterans Scuba Project



Foreign Dive Trips

- you'll always save money when travelling with us
- and, you'll always be among friends and dive buddies

Dive Training

- Our resident instructor Dahlia offers advanced scuba training.
- Since 2011, we have issued over 100 advanced certification cards to members, from AOW to Divemaster. [Click here](#) to see the details.
- EXTREMELY discounted prices

- For details, contact Dahlia by email

Photo Gallery

Photos by David Guth

Two spot octopus



Garibaldi



Adolescent Garibaldi



Horned Shark



Garibaldi



Navanax



Fire Coral





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





Photos by David Guth



LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

2016 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Contact the website info@whalersdiveclub.com

President	Greg A
Secretary	Dave A
Treasurer	Anna A
Dive Coordinator/training	Dahlia L
Webmaster	Rick D
Newsletter Editor	Betty P
Raffle Prizes	Dave & Dahlia
Environment	Norm D
Members @ Large	Steve D
	Cat & Mike P
	John P