



Whalers Dive Club

March 2018 Newsletter

Effective 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

Website: www.whalersdiveclub.com

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

Member Benefits

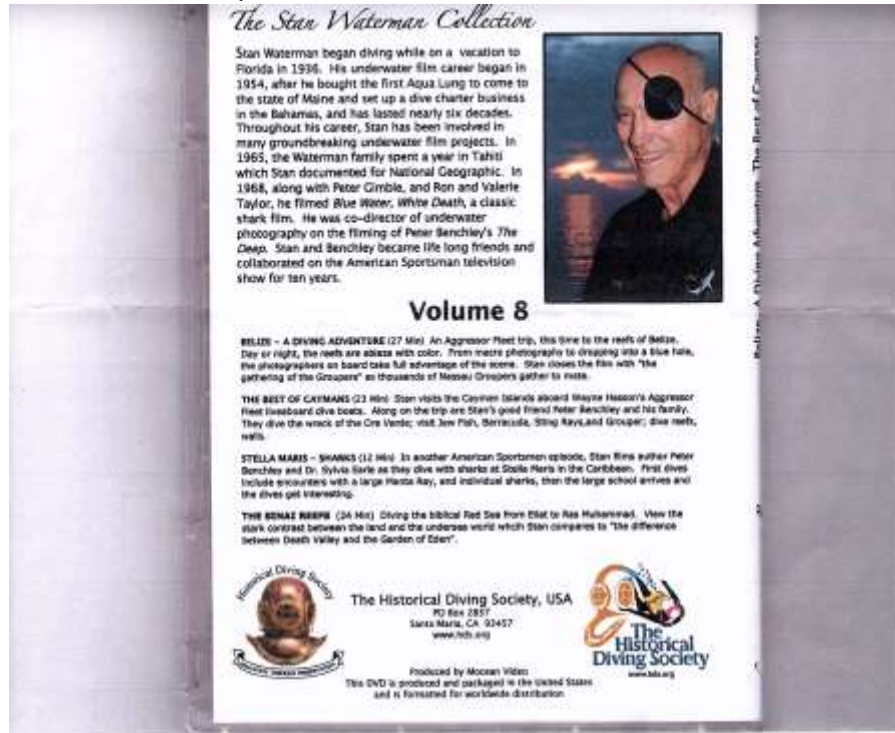
After the camaraderie, guaranteed dive buddy, mentoring, training, education, local and foreign dive trips, informative guest speakers and valuable opportunity drawings and prizes at the general meeting, and just some good old fashion fun, what else do you receive as an active *Whaler?

*Check out Other Members of the Dive community below

Condolences to the family of Michael Bjornback who passed away this past week. Michael was a former Whaler, underwater photographer and dentist.

General Meeting April 4, 2018

Norm will present a collection of Stan Waterman



Calendar:

April

General Meeting: April 4, 2018 @ Denny's

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

Dive of the month: 21 Apr, Peace, San Miguel Island. 180.00 Book with CIDA

May

General Meeting: May 2, 2018 @ Denny's

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

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

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

Class Schedule:

The current advanced class will be completed on the 24th of February on the Spectre dive boat. All Whalers are welcome. We have a EFR (emergency First Response) and O2 provider class scheduled for the **3rd of March**. Location to be advised. Price is 128.00 per person for both classes. Anyone interested in one of the two only rate is 64.00 per class. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested, I need to order material immediately since there is self-study involved for both classes.

Rescue class is scheduled to start on the **10th of March**. We have 2 full days of academic development, 10-11th of March, 2 full days of pool work 17-18th of March and one day open water on the 24th of March on the Spectre dive boat.

Rate for the Rescue class is 225.0 per person and includes all materials. Boat trip is in addition to that.

Anyone who hasn't taken this life saving class yet, this is your opportunity, don't miss it.

I also need volunteers as victims who absolutely refuse to be rescued for both pool and ocean sessions.

Remember that some Whalers have volunteered to be your victims in your class, this is the best time for your "payback".

Please let me know which dates you can volunteer, I need to count on you.

Sometime in May we will start preparations for an upcoming DM class. In order to participate you need a current Rescue certification and EFR along with O2. This is the first PADI pro level, it's a demanding but amazing class. The summer is on the horizon Whalers, let's do it. [Dahlia Los Angeles Centre 818-224-7249](tel:818-224-7249)

Catalina Clean-up

USC's Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber and Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies-Catalina Conservation Divers are proud to host Catalina Island's 37th Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup, one of the largest annual dive events in Southern California. The event began in the 1970s in an effort to cleanup Avalon Harbor, and this event is the only time diving is permitted in the Harbor.

Southern California divers have made the Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup one of their premier social events of the year. Divers retrieve trash and lost items from Avalon Harbor, and revel in the warm friendly atmosphere of

Catalina Island. Last year, approximately 494 participants recovered 5,200 pounds of trash. Proceeds from the event will benefit USC's Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber and Wrigley Institute Scientific Diving Program.

2018 Trips:

Ok, first call for Whalers travel in 2018.

This trip is now full

Dates are the same, 16-23 June 2018 at the Cobalt Coast Resort, Grand Cayman. The resort is owned and operated by the same people who do such a great job in Cayman Brac and offer same amenities.

The resort is located on the West side of the island and diving is at its best.

Included:

Seven nights/Eight days hotel accommodationsAll meals

Six days of 2 morning tanks plus five days of 1 afternoon tank (a bonus for a 7 night package or longer)

Unlimited beach diving.....Airport/hotel transfers

All taxes, fees and gratuities **except gratuities for the dive shop**

Entire resort free Wi-Fi

Welcome drink

Complimentary use of dive computers (the dive shop requires them)

Option to purchase 3 dinner drinks per day for approx. 203.00

The resort offers a 100.00 credit per adult diver to come off the prices below

All accommodations are a one bedroom suite, which is only 15.00 more than standard room for the week (a bargain)

Diver double occupancy tax included and **before 100.00 credit** 1496.00 per person

Diver single occupancy **same as above** 1666.00

Non diver double **no credit** 1246.00

Additional discounts may be available based on number of participants.

Whalers are welcome to secure their own airfare and I can help anyone who wants me to.

American, United and Delta all fly to Grand Cayman with one connection.

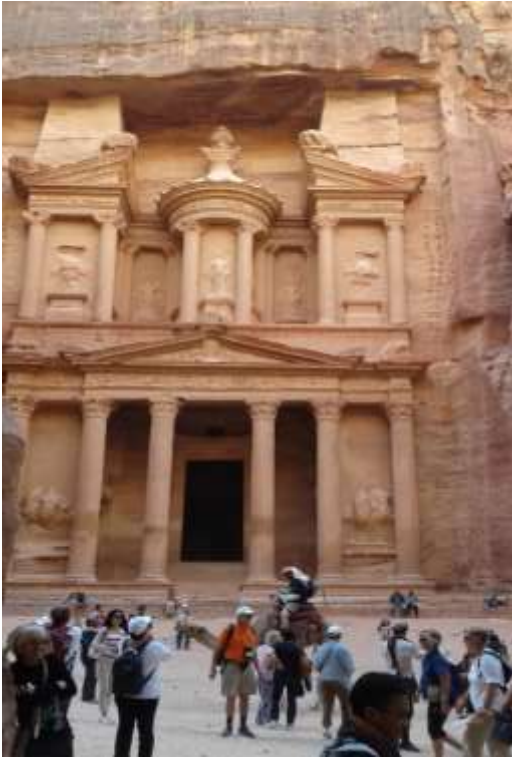
Deposit required is 300.00 per person, final not due until next year.

We are holding a limited number of rooms, reserve yours now.

I am attaching the Whalers waiver. The Board has stipulated that no deposit will be accepted and processed without accompanying waiver. **Dahlia - Los Angeles Centre - 818-224-7249**

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



HOLLYWOOD DIVERS

- 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





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2016 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

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