



Whalers Dive Club

August 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 Aug 1, 2018

Thai Cave Rescue

Come out and see how divers from 10 countries came together to pull off this incredible rescue

Calendar:

August

General Meeting: August 1, 2018 @ Denny's

Board Meeting: August 16 @ Marie Calendar's

Dive: August 11, 2018 Spectre

Other Events:

September

General Meeting: September 5, 2018 at Denny's

Board Meeting: September 20, 2018 at Marie Calendar's

Other Activities:

September 22, 2018 Deer Creek Clean-up

September 22, 2018 Dive on the Peace

Classes:

August 18, 2018 Saturday O2

September 8, 2018 Rescue

2018 Trips: Fiji, 20-27 October 2018, Wananavu Beach resort.

Departure is on Thursday night, the 18th of October. Fiji Air has the only nonstop flight from LAX. Please make your own air reservations or I can punch it in for you if you like.

The Whalers have expressed much interest even though we were there 2 years ago. The resort was awesome with beautiful Fijian ambience, quick response to issues and fast Wi-Fi all over the resort.

Diving is just like you see in the magazines, hard and soft corals, rich sea life and clear warm water.

The pricing below includes 7 nights' accommodations, all meals (a combination of buffet and orders), and 5 days of 2 dives per day (we can get more on location), round trip transfers to and from AP and all the romance you can get. I am still waiting for single supplement and non-diver rates. The rates below are double occupancy in an ocean view category.

Rates:

We get 1 comp with 10 paid passengers. There is no doubt we will get them.

The basic rate before credit for comp is 1838.00 and after applying the comp I am looking at approx. 1655.00 per person, based on double occupancy. This may slightly change based on number of travelers. Currently I am holding enough rooms to accommodate all Whalers who expressed interest. A non-refundable deposit in the amount of 300.00 is due upon registration and needs to be sent to me ASAP along with the standard Whalers waiver. Please let me know ASAP if you are planning on it.

I am attaching the waiver for your convenience.

Deal set to allow access to beach

Antelope Valley Press, Thursday, May 24, 2018 **A3**

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — A battle over public use of a stretch of California coast has led to a tentative settlement that would allow only limited access.

The deal involving Hollister Ranch west of Santa Barbara received preliminary approval from a judge who expressed concern the public may not be aware of it and sought to give people an avenue to intervene, a Los Angeles newspaper reported Wednesday.

The settlement would limit access to those who could boat or paddle at least 2 miles to reach it, visitors with guides and wealthy landowners who have long fought to keep it off limits.

The settlement was signed by the California State Coastal Conservancy and the state Coastal Commission on one side and the Hollister Ranch Owners Association on the other side.

The unusual deal comes as private interests are challenging California's landmark Coastal Act, which enshrines public access to beaches.

Advocates for coastal access were troubled by the terms of the settlement and were taking a close look at it.

"We're about public access for all, not just for some. This is a lot to give up," said Susan Jordan, executive director of the California Coastal Protection Network.

Hollister Ranch has 8.5 miles of beaches, a 2.2-mile-long shoreline preserve and 136 privately owned parcels.

The settlement would grant the public less than a mile of beach, accessible only by ocean "via surfboard, paddleboard, kayak or soft-bottom boat." The beach is about 2 miles from Gaviota State Park beach. The owners association would also expand an after-school tide pool program and organize nonprofit group trips that would bring in about 400 people a year.

2018 Grand Cayman Trip



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



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

California Hydrocoral



Nudibranch -egg ribbon



Yellow Zoanthid



Fish eating *Urticina* w/ *Hermisenda* nudibranch in background



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

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2016 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

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