



Whalers Dive Club

Jan 2019 Newsletter

Where: Los Toros Restaurant

NEW LOCATION



21743 Devonshire St
Chatsworth, CA
Phone: 818-882-3080

*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 Jan 2, 2019

*General Meeting: Jan 2, 2019
At Los Toros*

Special Door Prize \$50.00 Amazon Gift Card

Board Meeting: Jan 3, 2019 @ Marie Calendar's

Dahlia's Safety Tip Corner

Always check that your BCD is holding air by inflating it before the dive.
A faulty inflate/deflate valve can ruin your entire day.

Diving News



Whaler's 2019 Schedule

Hi Whalers

This is your last opportunity to sign up for the Bonaire trip. Only one spot left, first come first serve basis.
I am already working on an October/November 2019 warm water trip.

Local diving: I currently have two trips, both are with CIDA. Call or e mail directly to book. Whalers get 5% discount on all CIDA trips. Cost of each trip is 145.00, 3 dives, air and meals included. 805-469-7288.

Sat.-Jan. 5, 2019	<u>Truth</u>	<u>Gull Island, Santa Cruz</u>	Sea Landing, Santa Barbara	Between 8-midnight Fri.	3:00 am-6:00 pm
Sat.-Feb. 2, 2019	<u>Peace</u>	<u>Santa Cruz</u>	Ventura Harbor	6:00 am Sat. or after 8:00 pm Fri.	7:00 am-6:00 pm

I will be starting a DM class right after the 1st of the year along with an open water class. I will need Whalers assistance as always in the pool and the ocean. I will advise when the DM class needs volunteers, remember that someone volunteered for you.

Looking forward to training and diving in 2019.

In the meantime, I like to wish Whalers a wonderful Holiday Season.

Dahlia

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2019 Trip

Hi Whalers,

The Yap/Truk trip has been cancelled. We have a new trip with different dates, 20th to the 27th of July 2019. We will dive the island of Bonaire and stay at the Divi Flamingo resort. The package is all inclusive and all dives are boat dives. We have an option for 2 or 3 dives per day. First day is a check out dive after that we have 5 days of diving. The Island is great for non-divers as well. The resort has a casino and there are many activities to do in town. Rates include:

7 nights' accommodations in a deluxe room, taxes included

Airport/hotel transfers

3 meals per day

Internet access

Unlimited shore diving

Checkout dive on first day and 5 days of 2 am boat dives. For 70.00 for the week total, additional pm dive can be added each day.

That's 14.00 per dive!! This has to be reserved in advance, no option to buy on location. Nitrox is included for all dives.

Double occupancy diver 1662.00 per diver - Double occupancy non diver 1255.00 per person

Single diver 2150.00 - Single non diver 1795.00

We need 10 people to qualify for the rate. Depending on diver/non diver ratio we may get discounts.

I am holding 5 double rooms and 3 single rooms. First come first serve basis. **Deposit has to be paid to the resort by the 31st of December. I will need your nonrefundable deposit of 300.00 per person sent to me as soon as you confirm.** Please let me know if you have any questions. In the meantime happy Turkey day to all Whalers.

Paying from web site: (any Whaler event)

*A PayPal account is not required to use the pay on-line payments capability from our website. After selecting pay online, simply use the "PayPal Guest Checkout" feature, using any credit card. Logging into PayPal is **not** required.*



Dear Norman,

Situated on a beautiful mountain top with stunning views of the wildlands and the Pacific Ocean is Catalina Island's only airport which provides access by air to the Island for delivery of essential goods and deliverables, first responders and recreational pilots. Since its inception in 1972, the Conservancy has owned

and operated the Airport In the Sky along with the responsibility of maintaining the associated infrastructure of a public-use airport.

A critical aspect of that operation has been the ongoing challenge of maintaining and repairing the 3,000 foot long runway. After more than 2 years of planning, we are very proud to announce an innovative partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps that will soon bring troops to Catalina to perform a major runway repair that we expect will last for more than 75 years, while allowing for strategic training of Marines.

The Conservancy has entered into this public/private partnership with I Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Pendleton, California (I MEF) as part of the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT), which pairs community needs with military training opportunities.

"The Conservancy Team and our great military partners have been working really hard behind the scenes to make this project a reality," said Conservancy Board Chair Kellie Johnson. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we are really excited to better serve the communities of Catalina and to attract aviation enthusiasts from around the country."

Although the main runway will be closed during this project, the Airport in the Sky will remain open for commercial deliveries (US Mail, UPS, Fed Ex) and non commercial landings with Prior Permission Required (PPR), as well as for visitation by Conservancy members, friends and the public.

We hope you will share our excitement about this project which is mutually beneficial to Catalina Island and to the US Marines. Providing an opportunity to train a new generation of enlisted troops in a variety of mission essential skills while leaving behind a sturdy runway for Catalina Island's future is certainly a win-win. Stay tuned for more details as the project unfolds!

[READ THE FULL PRESS RELEASE HERE](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Budrovich".

Tony Budrovich – President & CEO

Catalina Island

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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



* receive 5% off scheduled local boat charters

* if active or retired military, make that 10%



HOLLYWOOD DIVERS

* 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

Special Notes: *If anyone has something to put into the newsletter, please send to the Newsletter at whalersdiveclub.com or you can email them to purplecoral200@gmail.com*

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

LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

2019 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Contact the website info@whalersdiveclub.com

President Dave A

See next months for more updates