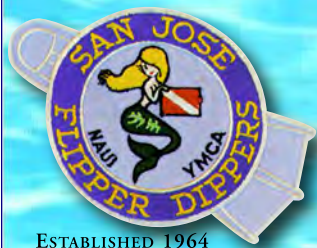


NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

JANUARY  
2016

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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## Show Me the Money!

Congratulations go to **Patrick Murphy**, right, whose name was drawn for the \$70 Door Prize at the December General Meeting. As Patrick can attest, it pays to be at the Club's General Meetings. Rumor has it that Patrick had a side bet that if his name was drawn, he'd give the money to **Dale Darnell**. Well, it just so happens that Dale is now \$70 richer! We wonder how well Patrick does in Las Vegas?



Don't think your name is in the Door Prize can? Just ask these lucky(?) people:

- |                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Carl Tuttle</b>    | Won \$20 in July 2014           |
| <b>Mark Pryor</b>     | Could have won \$10 in Aug 2014 |
| <b>John Snyder</b>    | Could have won \$20 in Sep 2014 |
| <b>Jan Robinson</b>   | Could have won \$30 in Oct 2014 |
| <b>Ken Seaton</b>     | Could have won \$40 in Nov 2014 |
| <b>Jerry Richards</b> | Could have won \$50 in Dec 2014 |
| <b>Mitch Kirk</b>     | Could have won \$60 in Jan 2015 |
| <b>Dennis Nasont</b>  | Could have won \$70 in Feb 2015 |
| <b>Tony Alarcon</b>   | Could have won \$70 in Mar 2015 |
| <b>Debby Alarcon</b>  | Could have won \$70 in Apr 2015 |
| <b>Anton Dold</b>     | Could have won \$70 in May 2015 |
| <b>Anton Dold</b>     | Could have won \$70 in Jun 2015 |
| <b>Jerry Richards</b> | Could have won \$70 in Jul 2015 |
| <b>Tedd Adshade</b>   | Could have won \$70 in Aug 2015 |
| <b>Tedd Adshade</b>   | Could have won \$70 in Sep 2015 |
| <b>Bill Winter</b>    | Could have won \$70 in Oct 2015 |
| <b>Dale Darnell</b>   | Could have won \$70 in Nov 2015 |
| <b>Patrick Murphy</b> | Won \$70 in Dec 2015            |

So now the Door Prize starts over at \$10 and \$10 is added each month someone doesn't win, to a maximum of \$70. So you have to ask your self: "Do I feel lucky?" ☆

## Annual Awards Banquet

Mark the evening of **SATURDAY, January 9th** on your 2016 calendar for our Annual Flipper Dippers Awards Banquet. This year the Flipper Dippers Annual Awards Banquet is again going to be held at **Michaels At Shoreline**, 2960 Shoreline Blvd., in Mountain View. Michaels is the Clubhouse for Shoreline Golf Links. You won't want to miss this one!

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## New Club Officers ready to take charge

Congratulations to our new 2016 Board! From left: **Barbara Davis** (Pres.), **Mike Chalup** (Sec.), **Jim Rezowalli** (Treas.), **John Schwartz** (Sgt.-at-Arms), and **Brian Zaugg** (Vice Pres.) [insert]. We're sure this group will be running a very active year of Club diving activities. ☆



### Is this YOUR LAST Newsletter?

Did YOU forget to pay your 2016 Club Dues? See the December Newsletter or contact the Club's Treasurer for details.

## Refreshments Are Being Served

The following Dippers are asked to bring a goodie to the next General Meeting: **Tom & Jackie Gardner**, **Bob Gault**, **Teresa Hanson**, **John Jones** and **Mitch Kirk**. Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ☆



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It's January. The newspapers, radio and internet keeps reminding us it's time for our New Year's resolutions. I'm not big on resolutions. I do take the time at the first of the year to get my gear checked up and make sure I'm ready for diving in the New Year. Is there anything you've been putting off? Changing the seals on your dry suit, getting that slight leak in an air hose looked at, regulator not quite breathing right, batteries in your dive computer. Diving is a great sport but it can turn ugly in a hurry. Take the time to make sure your gear is in top condition for the next year. Diving is also physically demanding. How are you doing? Maybe getting a bit more winded on the swim back to the beach? Do your tanks seem heavier? Maybe another trip to the gym each week and a bit more cardio is in order. Our Club has a great safety record. We look after ourselves and our buddies and we take the time to mentor our new and prospective members. Let's continue this into 2016.

At the December general meeting we had our elections and we have a new set of Club officers. One of the reasons for the Clubs success is the dedication and hard work of the officers. Thanks to **Barbara Davis**, **Mike Chalup**, **Jim Rezowalli** and **John Schwartz** for all their help in running the Club in 2015. Congratulations to your new Club officers: Barbara, **Brian Zaugg**, Mike, Jim, and John. They agreed to step up to be your new Club officers for 2016 and I know you will support them in the New Year.

I'd also like to thank the entire Club for the opportunity to act as your president for the past 2 years. They have gone by quickly. I had a lot of fun. Thanks for al your support and help.

– Howard

## Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

**Last Month's Answer:** Inhalation will cause you to **rise**, and Exhalation will cause you to **sink**. The 10 raffle tickets went to **Howard Timoney** whose name was drawn from a group of 10 who had submitted the correct answers (although one Dipper insisted the answer was: Implode, Explode).

**This Month's Question:** Use the following words/phrases to fill in the blanks on the statement below so that it is true:

1.) **perennial** 2.) **nereocystis** 3.) **macrocystis** 4) **bull kelp** 5.) **annual**

Along our coast \_\_\_\_\_, commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_, is a/an \_\_\_\_\_, whereas \_\_\_\_\_ is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

Send your answer by e-mail to **Larry Ankuda** at [lankuda@comcast.net](mailto:lankuda@comcast.net). All attendees at the next general meeting with the correct answers will be included in a drawing for 10 free raffle tickets. Good Luck!



## Annual Planning Meeting

Our annual Club Planning Meeting for 2016 has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 27** at 6:30 PM at the home of **Steve Lodoen**, 6027 Sylvaner Way, San Jose. This is where the decisions are made on dates for major club events and activities, and the master calendar for the year is set. **All 2016 Club officers and committee heads should plan to attend.** Other members interested in being involved in planning Club dives and activities are encouraged to join us. Everyone please bring an appetizer-type dish and drink to share. ☆



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## RAFFLE NEWS

*Lance Williams*

The December Christmas raffle had dozens of gifts to win. There was lots of excitement during the raffle as a couple of Dippers scored many of the terrific gifts! The table was jam-packed with some great gifts and I want to thank everyone who donated. And, congratulations to all you winners - especially those who scored the \$50 (**Steven Wall**), \$30 (**Hunter Reid**) and \$20 (**Kathy Williams**) envelopes off the Christmas tree. In the past, the tree was also taken by a lucky winner. But this year it was changed and the (life-like) tree will be stored and brought back for next December's big Christmas raffle.

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS GONE! Seriously? Are you kidding me?** You read that right, the door prize of \$70 was won by **Patrick Murphy!** So now we start back at \$10 and add another \$10 each month someone doesn't win. It's simple: YOU must be present to win!

**THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE:** For this month we're back on our rotation for donations. Each month we pick names from the Club's Roster for members to bring a donation for the Raffle Table. So this month the following are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Gerry Richards, Steve Richards, Scott & Michelle Schimberg, John Schwartz and John Snyder.** If you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact, **Lance Williams** (+1-650-321-5255, [Willo1044@yahoo.com](mailto:Willo1044@yahoo.com)) to send in a check. He will pick up a raffle donation in your name. The raffle has always been an important part of our General Meetings. Please do **your** part as a Club member and provide a raffle donation when your name comes up. Thank you! ★

## MEMBERSHIP

*Teresa Hanson*

There are prospective members looking to dive and we look forward to diving with you! Prospectives must have a Club jacket either in possession or on order to be voted into the Club. Contact **Teresa** for specifics.



A FREE raffle ticket will be given to the following Dipper who has a birthday this month: **Dennis Nasont.** Happy birthday to the first Dipper of the new year! ★

## Have we got all your correct information?



Included with the February issue of this newsletter will be the new year's roster for all "members-in-good-standing." If you have an address, phone number or e-mail change, make sure to contact **Carl Tuttle** (408-286-7956, e-mail: [tutcomms@sbc-global.net](mailto:tutcomms@sbc-global.net)) with your update ASAP! Don't let this new roster be printed with erroneous information! Remember, our roster is for the private non-commercial use of Flipper Dipper members only. ★

### Cozumel Dive Vacation *Lance Williams*

We are all set for another dive vacation at Park Royal Cozumel, Feb. 3-17. This dive vacation is for FREE rooms! We are also returning in June for two weeks, though no firm dates are set. If you have interest in any of these dates, contact me ASAP for details. Ph: 650-321-5255, e-mail: [willo1044@yahoo.com](mailto:willo1044@yahoo.com) ★

## 2015 TROPHY STANDINGS

Each month the person whose name appears in the newsletter will receive **3 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS** at the General Meeting — if in attendance. If you hold a trophy several months in succession, you will receive **3 FREE** tickets each month until someone beats your catch.

Contact **John Snyder** at +1-408-202-5196, e-mail: [john.fishhunter@gmail.com](mailto:john.fishhunter@gmail.com), **WITHIN 1 WEEK** and give him all the proper info (include the name of one Club-member witness). ★

## SKIN DIVING

### □ LINGCOD □

**Larry Ankuda** 6.25 lbs  
Mendocino Headlands 06/29

### □ ABALONE □

**Tony Alarcon** 9-5/8 in.  
Albion 05/24

### □ CABEZON □

**Patrick Murphy** 8 lbs.  
Big Sur 03/04

### □ SHEEPHEAD □

**Open**

### □ LOBSTER □

**Lance Williams** 2.5 lbs.  
Santa Cruz Island 10/17

### □ OTHER OPEN CATEGORIES □

*Halibut, White Sea Bass,  
Striped Bass*

## SCUBA

### □ LINGCOD □

**Larry Ankuda** 4.0 lbs  
Asilomar Beach 03/10

### □ CABEZON □

**John Snyder** 3.5 lbs  
Moss Landing 07/09

### □ SHEEPHEAD □

**Larry Ankuda** 8.7 lbs.  
Asilomar Beach 03/10

### □ LOBSTER □

**Lance Williams** 3 lbs.  
Anacapa Island 10/17

### □ HALIBUT □

**Open**

Halibut were MIA this year.



## WuMo – by Wulff & Morgenthaler



**December Holiday General Meeting** Photos: Mike Chalup



**Steven Wall is \$50 Happy!**



**Hunter Reid isn't sure how he'll spent the \$30.**



**Kathy Williams needs to keep her \$20 away from Lance!**



**Manual Mangrobang is gonna cook!**



**Greg Davis was a big winner.**

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This event is sure to be another fun-filled evening! We will have our usual (or unusual) guest M.C. Who will it be? The emphasis of the Awards Banquet is recognizing the outstanding efforts of Club members during the past year. Trophy winners will be presented with special awards, as will Club Officers, Committee Heads, and others who put forth much effort to make Club dives and events a success during 2015. We may even present some long-time members with their 10 or 20 year membership pins. The out-going Board will be thanked for their efforts, and the incoming officers will be welcomed.

As in past years, the Club is subsidizing the cost of the Banquet. **Tickets this year are prix fixe on meal selection at \$45.00.** Each entrée is served with seasonal greens, fresh vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls, and coffee. Entrée choices include:

- Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au jus
- Baked Sea Bass, Mediterranean
- Breast of Chicken Florentine
- Vegetarian: Mushroom Crepes

All dinners include appetizers and dessert. No-host bar starts at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Hard and soft drinks are available at the clubhouse bar, which is across the entry aisle from the banquet room. There is a corkage charge of \$8/bottle (\$11 for you magnum drinkers), payable directly to the server when opened.

**Carl Tuttle** will have tickets on sale at the December General Meeting. Or you can contact Carl (408-286-7956; [tutcomms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tutcomms@sbcglobal.net)) to purchase your tickets. Due to the date change, the deadline for purchasing tickets is the Business Meeting on January 6th. Don't miss this fun-filled evening! 🌟



## Baby It's Cold Outside

December "S3" dive - rescheduled

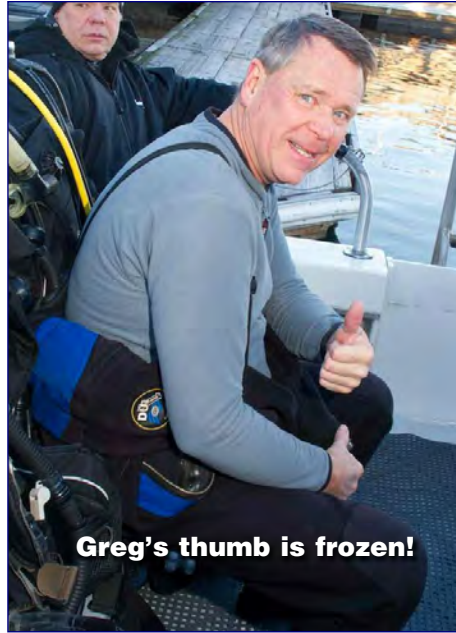
Barbara Davis (Photos: Mike Chalup)

Due to potentially hazardous conditions, our S3 dive on December 12th had to be cancelled. We had a series of storms in December, but there was a break between storms at the end of the month and we decided to give it a try. Dippers **Mike Chalup**, **Barbara** and **Greg Davis**, **Tom Gardner** and **John Jones** made reservations on the BeachHopperII and kept our fingers crossed that Sunday, December 27th would be a good day to dive. And it was pretty good.

While the wave models showed pretty flat seas, we figured the visibility wouldn't be great due to the recent storms. Viz ranged from 15 – 20 feet, but it was rather murky.

And it was COLD! Leaving Gilroy, Barbara and Greg reported temps in the high 20s. By the time they reached Monterey, temps had risen to the mid 30s. The wetsuit divers were going to have to strategize about how to stay warm!

As we carried our gear down to the dock, those who got there first reported that the dock was icy and we needed to be very careful. Barbara was fine going down the ramp, but slipped and fell with her first step onto the dock. Tom reported hearing the "BOOM!" up in the parking lot. (Barbara would like to point out that the "boom" was her tank hitting the dock, not herself...) When the BeachHopperII arrived, the swim step was also icy. Mike was maneuvering his cooler of camera gear aboard when



Greg's thumb is frozen!

he slipped on the swim step. The cooler opened but we managed to grab all of his gear before any of it went into the water.

We dove *Eric's Pinnacle* and *Aquarium Wall*. Max depths were 50 – 60 feet. Divers reported seeing a large sheephead, several big lings, and the usual assortment of anemones, crabs, shrimp, and barnacles. Barbara also saw a playful sea lion. And we enjoyed hanging with the schools of blues in the kelp during our safety stops.

Did I mention it was cold? When Barbara jumped in for the first dive, she reported a temperature of 43 degrees. That was the air temperature. The water was actually around 52 degrees, so not bad at all.

The wetsuit divers made good use of the hot shower, one of the nice features on the BeachHopperII. All divers took advantage of the hot water pots to mix up soups and hot drinks during the surface interval.

On the surface, we were visited by some dolphins and a couple of solitary pelicans. We also saw the new momma sea otter with her baby heading towards the tide pool at the Aquarium (see page 6). (Check out their website or Facebook page for videos.)

The post-dive lunch at the London Bridge pub did a good job of warming us all up. That was great until we got home and had to clean our gear with COLD water! (And the late afternoon temp in Gilroy was only 48!). 🌟



Barbara is all bundled up between dives.



Tom and John keep laughing while trying to stay warm!

## Bruce! We've been looking all over for you!

*Final curtain coming down on giant Hollywood junkyard*

John Rogers Associated Press

For 54 years, Aadlen Brothers Auto Wrecking, in a moonscaped, god-forsaken-looking section of the San Fernando Valley, has collected far more than thousands of burned-out, smashed-up, rusted automobiles on its sprawling dirt and asphalt lot.

It's also taken in just about every type of movie and TV prop imaginable while serving as the site of more than 200 Hollywood film shoots.

The last surviving "Bruce" the shark, made from the mold for the 1975 Steven Spielberg film "Jaws," resides there, swimming ominously near an entrance. With its huge mouth agape, it appears ready to devour anyone foolish enough to try to sneak off the lot with, say, a pilfered power train from a '32 Ford.

Now everything must go, says Nathan Adlen, owner of this hybrid junkyard-Hollywood backlot that's been in his family since 1961, when this part of the valley was mainly a warren of sand-and-gravel quarries and garbage dumps.

"You need to make money to survive, and it's gotten harder to make money in the junk business," the affable 60-year-old says as he walks past thousands of automobiles piled four and five high, each destined for the giant car-crushing machine that will noisily squash them into scrap metal.

More than 200 movies, TV shows, commercials, video games



and music videos have been filmed at Aadlen Brothers over the years.

But Adlen says that Hollywood cash isn't enough these days to subsidize a business that for decades was also the go-to place for seemingly every shade-tree mechanic in the San Fernando Valley looking to dress up his ride with a cheap turbocharger, a shiny grill or chrome wheels pulled off everything from wrecked Rolls-Royces to VW bugs.

After starting the business, Adlen's father and uncle added the extra 'A' to the name to get it listed first in the phone book. Adlen, who is selling most pieces and offering some to museums, isn't sure what he'll do with the shark, with its famous pedigree.

For years it was known in Hollywood that there were three sharks built for the film, all destroyed afterward. But there was a persistent rumor, apocryphal some thought, that a fourth one made from the same mold resided in a junkyard somewhere. It never appeared in the movie but had been the star of the Universal Studios theme park tour.

Five years ago, National Public Radio senior editor Cory Turner, a "Jaws" fan, dragged the shark's builder and designer out to Aadlen Brothers, where they confirmed that shark was the real deal.

Adlen still remembers the day it arrived. His late father was buying old cars from Universal Studios to strip for parts when he was asked: "By the way, you interested in this?"

## Wild sea otter gives birth at Monterey Bay aquarium

A wild sea otter gave birth in an open-access pool at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California to the delight of staff and guests. Aquarium staff and visitors are no strangers to wild otters taking refuge in the aquarium's Great Tidal Pool welcomed an unexpected guest.

"For the last several days, a wild female sea otter had been using the protected basin of our Great Tide Pool to rest from the winter storms," the aquarium wrote on Dec. 20. "It's rare for a healthy sea otter to visit the pool so frequently—we started to wonder if she was doing all right."

Around 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, staff noticed a newborn otter pup "resting" on the mother's belly. "We're talking umbilical-chord-still-attached . . . new-born otter pup," the aquar-

ium said in the post. The zoo used the live streaming app Periscope to share video of the mother grooming the baby shortly after its birth.



It's likely the mother swam into the tidal pool because it's a relatively protected area, aquarium trainer Dan Albro told KSBW-TV.

"It's nice and calm in our Great Tidal Pool, and for a sea otter it is awfully hard work in the waves and the wind," Albro said. While the aquarium has no plans to make the duo leave, Albro told KSBW that otters typically leave the tidal pool to

search for food a few days after arriving.

See the 1-hour Video with over 31.5K views: <https://katch.me/MontereyAq/v/b0958b4b-4c72-320b-87d2-4c9ee63fcc97>

# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BARBARA DAVIS

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JANUARY 2016

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**  
**BUSINESS MEETING. 7:30 PM**  
Meeting will be held at **Teresa Hanson's** home (408-966-6433, [teresa\\_hanson@comcast.net](mailto:teresa_hanson@comcast.net)). All members are invited to attend. This is a good time to share your new ideas for dives and entertainment. Refreshments to share are welcome.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**  
**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**  
Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, No Host Bar: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm. Contact **Carl Tuttle** for dinner tickets 408-286-7956, [tut-comms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tut-comms@sbcglobal.net)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**  
**SECOND (3RD) SATURDAY SCUBA (TS2) BEACH DIVE**  
Coordinator: **Barbara Davis**, 1-408-656-6390, [barbara.j.davis@ul.com](mailto:barbara.j.davis@ul.com) Meet in the

Breakwater parking lot at 8:00 am and we'll decide where to dive based on conditions and sign-ups. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making 2 dives. Please RSVP in case the dive gets cancelled or moved due to weather or surf conditions.

## **GENERAL MEETING** **WEDNESDAY,** **January 20th**

7:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Hall 2211 Shamrock Dr., Campbell.

**Come celebrate 51 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at our General Meeting.**

**Entertainment: Social Hour**

- ★ Share Your Dive Stories
- ★ Great Raffle Prizes

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$10!**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23**  
**NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING**  
Annual meeting to plan the Club's calendar for the coming year is being hosted by Steve Lodoen, phone: 408-903-3519, 6027 Sylvaner Way, San Jose at 6:30 PM. Come share your ideas for dives and other Club events. All new and continuing officers and committee heads should plan to attend. Other members interested in being involved in planning Club dives and activities are encouraged to join us. See article on page 2 for more details.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**  
**NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

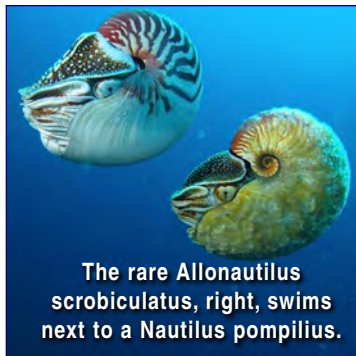
**UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY**  
03 Business meeting  
13 Second Saturday SCUBA  
17 General meeting

## *Rare nautilus seen for first time in 30 years*

**David Strey, GrindTV**

A rare species of nautilus, often called a living fossil because of its distinctive shell that has appeared in fossil records for more than 500 million years, was seen for the first time in 30 years, allaying fears it might have gone extinct. On an expedition off Papua New Guinea, Peter Ward, a biologist at the University of Washington, rediscovered the *Allonautilus scrobiculatus*, a species of nautilus he considers to be one of the world's rarest animals. "My prior field work in the Philippines, from 2011 to early 2014, has already shown that local populations of Nautilus have been fished to extinction, and the fear was that perhaps the same happened to *Allonautilus* in Papua New Guinea in the thirty years since it was last seen alive," Ward wrote for National Geographic.

National Geographic and the U.S. National Science Foundation sponsored the expedition back to Ndrova Island where *Allonautilus* was last seen to survey nautilus populations. "Before this, two humans had seen *Allonautilus scrobiculatus*," Ward told UW Today. "My colleague Bruce Saunders from Bryn Mawr College found *Allonautilus* first [in 1984], and I saw them a few weeks later." On the expedition, Ward and his colleagues used a bait-on-a-stick system to lure in nautilus, which are scavengers. Fish and chicken meat were suspended on a pole at depths of 500 to 1,300 feet and the activity was filmed for 12 hours. They found the *Allonautilus scrobiculatus*, which generally



The rare *Allonautilus scrobiculatus*, right, swims next to a *Nautilus pompilius*.

measures seven inches in diameter, at 600 feet. Researchers used baited traps and brought samples to the surface in chilled water to collect small tissue, shell and mucous samples, and measure each animal before returning them to the depths.

Ward and his colleagues used this information to determine the age and sex of each animal, as well as the diversity of each nautilus population in the South Pacific. Through these studies, they have learned that most nautilus populations are isolated from one another because they can only inhabit a narrow range of ocean depth. "They swim just above the bottom of wherever they are," said Ward. "Just like submarines, they have 'fail depths' where they'll die if they go too deep, and surface waters are so warm that they usually can't go up there. Water about 2,600 feet deep is going to isolate them." These restrictions on where nautilus can go mean that populations near one island or coral reef can differ genetically or ecologically from those at another. Illegal fishing and mining operations for nautilus shells have decimated nautilus populations, leaving a tenuous future for the species. "Once they're gone from an area, they're gone for good," said Ward. "This could be the rarest animal in the world. We need to know if *Allonautilus* is anywhere else, and we won't know until we go out there and look." ★

**NOTE:** All certified divers are encouraged to attend San Jose Flipper Dippers' dives.

Non-Club members will be required to show proof of certification to the dive coordinator prior to entering the water with our group. Please sign up for dives at the General Meeting or call the coordinator. This is needed in case of cancellation or changes.



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## 2016 COMING EVENTS

<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>Annual Awards Banquet</b>
<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Second (3rd) Saturday SCUBA</b>
<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>☛ General Meeting</b>
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Annual Planning Meeting</b>
<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Second Saturday SCUBA</b>
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>☛ General Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Second Saturday SCUBA</b>
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>☛ General Meeting</b>
<b>Apr 2</b>	<b>1-Day Ab Grab</b>
<b>Apr 6</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
<b>Apr 9</b>	<b>Second Saturday SCUBA</b>
<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>☛ General Meeting</b>



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**See the Club's Website for the full Calendar**



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