

NEWSLETTER



San Jose Flipper Dippers

JUNE
2017

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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CANCELED

Dippers' 28th Annual Seafood Dinner & Dance

As discussed at the May General Meeting, due to the disappearance of kelp along the North Coast, the die-off of starfish, the explosion of the purple sea urchin and the significant reduction of the abalone population, we will not be offering the Club's Annual Seafood Dinner & Dance this year. Additional increases in the overhead costs of operating this event have also made the return on investment undesirable. We'll be watching to see if the conditions change for a possible resumption of this event in the future.

For the past 27 years this event was enjoyed by many family members, friends, and co-workers. The Club greatly appreciates the support many of you have given in donating seafood, selling tickets, preparations, cooking, and serving meals – which was always enjoyed by a large number of folks in the community. There are some people who have been attending this event for almost as long as it has been in existence.

The Club is looking for suggestions for other types of fundraising activities. So if you have some ideas, please contact an officer of the Club with your thoughts. And you can always bring up your ideas at a Business Meeting or any of our General Meetings. ★

Yakety Yak: You too can learn to Yak

Looking out from Monastery Beach at the dive boats just off shore got me thinking about kayak diving. Wouldn't it be simpler to paddle the short distance from the beach rather than taking an hour and a half long boat trip from the harbor and pay \$90? That got me into kayak diving. If you've ever thought about diving off a kayak, here's a great opportunity to learn what it takes to use a kayak for freediving and scuba diving. The San Jose Flipper Dippers will be holding a kayak training seminar on Thursday, June 8th, at 6:30 pm, pool side, at 17040 Oak Leaf Drive in Morgan Hill. We will practice loading the kayak, entering and exiting the kayak from the water, and share the do's and don'ts that many of us have learned the hard way. Kayaks will be provided. All you need is to bring your dive gear and be ready to get in the pool. We will follow up these lessons with a kayak beach dive on Saturday, June 10th. If you want to attend or help out, contact Jim Rezowalli, jimandthebeach@gmail.com or 408-202-3132. ★



Refreshments Are Being Served



The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next General Meeting: **Bill Shipman, John Snyder, Howard FE&DLAL Timoney, Carl Tuttle and Lance Williams.** Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ★

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Social Hour & Great Raffle!

At the June General Meeting we will be having a "Social Hour" to

give everyone the opportunity to share their stories of past dives and activities as well as discuss the many upcoming dives during the coming months.

You will also have time to purchase tickets to our monthly raffle for a chance to win some very interesting prizes! Hope to see YOU there! ★

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



May was a busy month for the Dippers! Six Dippers attended the Long Beach SCUBA Show and enjoyed some educational seminars and picked up a lot of dive travel information!

We had a great turnout for the S3 Point Lobos State Park dive. While the conditions were not the best, we still had 2 great dives and everyone enjoyed the potluck picnic after the dives. The BIG Spring Raffle at the general meeting was a lot of fun, we ended the month on a high

note with our Memorial Day weekend ab dive and campout!

Coming up in June we have an introduction to kayak diving with **Jim Rezowalli** and we'll have a Food Drive at the June 21st General meeting. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays always bring in a ton of donations, but it's during the rest of the year the food banks still need donations. That's why we have our Food Drives during these off-times of the year. Let's all pitch in to help out our less fortunate neighbors.

Sometimes we see announcements or requests for assistance with marine surveys and the like. As divers, these are ways we can all contribute to protecting and conserving our oceans. One I read recently involved research into sea star wasting disease, and they are specifically asking for diver reports. Check out this link for more information: <http://seastarwasting.org/>. Let's all do our part!

We're hoping for another month of great weather and dive conditions in June so let's go diving! – **Barbara**



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Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This Month's Question is TWO questions again and Each is worth a chance at FIVE raffle tickets – so you have 2x the opportunity:

Question #1) Wetsuits work best when they allow a thin layer of water between them and the skin surface..

- A) True
- B) False

Question #2) Harry is a butcher. He started his career at age 19. He worked for nine years in Boise, Idaho, and then moved to Duluth, Minnesota, where he's been in the same line of work for 14 years. What does Harry weigh?

Send your answer by e-mail to **Larry Ankuda** at 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!



RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

The May raffle was a great deal of fun for all who participated in our Annual "Spring Fling" Raffle. **Barbara Davis** won the camp chair and put it to use right away! I don't have all the contributors and winners documented, but let's just say there were a lot!



THE DOOR PRIZE: So the door prize is now at \$20 as **Jess Pimentel** missed the General Meeting. We're sure he could have used that money to donate to the firewood fund at Albion, during the Memorial Day Weekend campout, right Jessie? Remember, YOU must be in attendance to be eligible to win. Don't be like a number of folks who left early and had their name drawn. Or, go ahead and leave early. That way \$10 is added to the pot and someone will be a bit richer winner! Just ask **Carl Tuttle**, who won \$50 in March!

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE: We're back to our monthly raffle donation program. 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 folks are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Mike Chalup, Grace Chi, Dale Darnell, Barbara Davis, Greg Davis** and **David Dickson**.

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, 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

I'd really like to encourage the new and prospective members to join in on the monthly Club dives and events, especially our General Meetings, where you'll find lots of entertaining dive stories and, in some cases, informative presentations. Coming to these events allows you to share in your experience and be part of the Club's conversation. If you've picked up a copy of this



Long Beach SCUBA Show

Dippers, from left, **Mike Chalup, Barbara Davis** and **Greg Davis** attended the annual Scuba Show at the Long Beach Convention Center in



May. Lots of presentations and exhibits provided everyone with plenty to do. Also at the show were **Scott** and **Michelle Schimberg** who also said it was a fantastic opportunity to learn the latest in diving and find some great deals on equipment. ★

DON'T EVER STOP DIVING

No matter how old you are! Time magazine reports that when people at an Alzheimer's disease facility dined in front of an aquarium filled with tropical fish, they ate more, were more attentive and less lethargic. Subscriber Richard Jacoby tells us, "Maybe so, but crawling back into a whaler becomes more of a pain as years pass. As a diver who's well passed his mid-80s, I know. But once under, all is as it should be – wondrous!" ★

newsletter at a dive shop or off our Club's Website, everyone is welcome to come to our general meetings and join us on our great FUN dives! The best part of joining us is diving with people who love to dive!

If you have any questions about a dive or event, please do not hesitate to speak up at the General Meeting or contact the dive coordinator listed in the calendar, either by e-mail or phone. Our Club Officers and Committee leader's phone numbers are listed on page 2 of this Newsletter. Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions – or suggestions. After all, this is why we have such a great Club!

A FREE Raffle Ticket will be given to the following Dippers who have a birthday this month: **Jackie Gardner, Jess Pimentel, Hunter Reid** and **Bill Shipman**. Happy birthday to our fellow Flipper Dippers ★

2017 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, **WITHIN 1 WEEK** and give him all the proper info (include the name of one Club-member witness). ★

SKIN DIVING

ABALONE

Adam Nasont 9.3 inches
Albion 05/28

OPEN CATEGORIES

Lingcod, Cabezon, Sheephead, Lobster, Halibut, White Sea Bass, Striped Bass

SCUBA

OPEN CATEGORIES

Lingcod, Cabezon, Sheephead, Lobster, Halibut

The race is on! Good luck to all!



Memorial Day Weekend - Good Times!

Dippers and friends enjoyed a great weekend of diving, eating, and sitting around campfires telling lots of stories. Thanks to **Bill Shipman** – and the many members of his family – for organizing a wonderful abalone and potluck dinner Saturday evening at Albion. Although it was

overcast with fog, the temperature was mild and the ocean produced good visibility for those hunting fish and abalone. The downside to the weekend was the absence of kelp, the massive abundance of purple sea urchins and the sad shape of the abalone population. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the kelp returns soon and the abs have a better source for food. 🌟



BITE ME!

Santa Monica's Pacific Park Debuts 'Shark Frenzy' Ride

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier officially launched the world's first shark-themed Tilt-a-Whirl ride, the amusement park's officials announced. The ride at the two-acre amusement park on the Pier promises to "take a bite" out of the classic amusement ride by adding a new "Shark Frenzy" design that lets riders sit in the jaws of the sharks.

The colorful cars – which spin while whirling in sudden, unpredictable movements – feature seven iconic species of sharks, the Blue, Bull, Great White, Lemon, Mako, Sand Tiger and Tiger, park officials said.

The cars can seat as many as three adults or four children and are accentuated with "shark warning signs, shark-bitten surfboards, lifesaving buoys and beach warning flags," park officials said. "The opening of Shark Frenzy is part of our ongoing commitment to our guests and the community to consistently deliver an authentic California experience," said

Jeff Klocke, vice president and general manager at Pacific Park.

The park has introduced several firsts, including the world's first solar-powered Ferris wheel and wind-powered midway game. The original Tilt-A-Whirl ride, which was launched in 1927, features cherry red, half-globed whirling cars. The cars for "Shark Frenzy" – which was the brainchild of VENT, a Los Angeles-based strategy and branding shop – were designed by DJ Neff in Santa Monica and built by Larson Entertainment, Inc. in Plainview, Texas, officials said. Pacific Park, which marked its 20th anniversary last year, is LA's only admission free amusement park and offers 12 amusement rides, 14 midway games, an oceanfront food plaza and beachside retail shops. 🌊



“Wait. Is that a rock?”

At April's 8th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, from left, **Manuel Mangrobang**, **Barbara Davis**, **Grace Chi** and **Carl Tuttle** displayed their finds. Coordinator Jim Rezowalli distributed 48 of the camouflaged eggs into the water off Del Monte Beach. Out of the four divers, only Carl and Manuel found any eggs – finding three each. Grace and Barbara (below) did a second dive and Barbara found 10 more eggs. So there were 32 left uncollected. 🌊



Jack O'Neill - March 27, 1923 - June 2, 2017



SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Jun. 2, 2017 – Jack O'Neill, surfer, ocean lover, boating enthusiast, wetsuit pioneer, balloonist, and founder of the iconic worldwide surf company O'Neill, has passed away in Santa Cruz, California, of natural causes at the age of 94. Surrounded by family, Jack was as soulful and encouraging as always, reiterating his love for his family, appreciation for a life well lived, his hopes for his friends and the oceans he loved, all within the familiarity of his oceanfront home of over 50

years, with the famous waves of his beloved Pleasure Point beach lapping at his deck.

Jack was born in Denver, Colorado and moved with his family to Long Beach, California. He acquired a love for the beach early in his youth in Southern California. He attended the University of Portland in Oregon, where he received a degree in business. Following service in the US Navy during World War II, Jack married Marjorie Bennett and they moved in the early 1950s to Ocean Beach in San Francisco, California. Jack immediately began experimenting on his kitchen table with various materials designed to protect against the frigid ocean water in Northern California. He said, "I just wanted to surf longer."



By the 50s Jack had both invented the first surfing and bodysurfing wetsuits and opened his first surf shop near Ocean Beach. He also coined "Surf Shop," a term for which he later

received a Registered US Trademark. At that time Jack famously remarked,

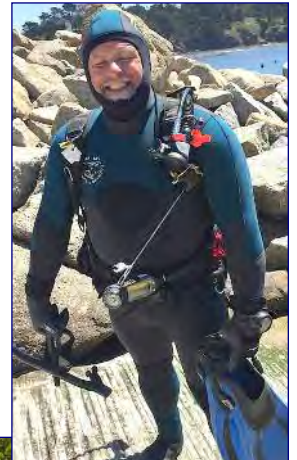
"All my friends said, 'O'Neill: you will sell to five friends on the beach and then you will be out of business'". Inspired by the growing surf scene, Jack moved with his growing family 75 miles south to Santa Cruz, and opened his next surf shop there, where the Dream Inn stands today. Shortly thereafter he began making surfboards, promoting the first surf movies from Bruce Brown and producing wetsuits for the expanding population of surfers in Santa Cruz and throughout California.

The surfing craze soon expanded way beyond California, and Jack rode that wave better and longer than almost anyone in the surf industry. Jack viewed what he did as a passion, and was more surprised than anyone that the business grew to the point that it did. Jack was most recognizable for his eye patch and his beard, often seen driving around Santa Cruz in his convertible Jaguar. The eye patch resulted from his surfboard hitting his left eye while riding a wave. By 1980 O'Neill had become a thriving international business and the world's largest ocean recreation wetsuit designer and manufacturer. As worldwide interest in surfing exploded, so did the O'Neill surf brand in Australia, Europe, Japan, and beyond.

For his proudest achievement, in 1996 Jack established O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO), a marine and environmental education program using his personal Team O'Neill catamaran, taking over 30 children at a time into the newly designated Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, along with the dedication of a coast-side classroom and laboratory building in the Santa Cruz Harbor, which he built in 1965. Jack played an instrumental role in the development of the harbor. Now over 20 years old, the O'Neill Sea Odyssey program is one of the largest of its kind in the world, having hosted nearly 100,000 school-aged children. Remarking on OSO, Jack said, "The ocean is alive and we've got to take care of it. There's no doubt in my mind that the O'Neill Sea Odyssey is the best thing I've ever done."

Memorial contributions in support of Jack's love of the oceans may be sent to <http://oneillseaodyssey.org>. 🌊

Pt. Lobos S3 Dive Nice weather and ocean conditions, 2-tank dives, and a fun potluck picnic were enjoyed by 12 Flipper Dippers and friends during the May Second Saturday SCUBA Dive. 🌊



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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JUNE 2017

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
NO SCHEDULED DIVE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
BUSINESS MEETING. 7:30 PM
Meeting will be held at **Teresa Hanson's** home (408-966-6433, 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. Warm weather brings out the BBQ, too! So be here by 6:30 with your food if you wish to BBQ.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 8-9
TOMALES BAY CLAM DIG/DIVE
Coordinator: Larry Ankuda, (408) 378-4963, lankuda@comcast.net. Meet at Tomales Bay. Contact Larry for more information and to sign up.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
KAYAK TRAINING SESSION
Coordinator: Jim Rezowalli, 1-408-408-202- 3132. Jimandthebeach@gmail.com. Meet at 6:30 pm at Jim's house. Bring your regular equipment and be trained in the use of a kayak. See article on Page 1 of this Newsletter.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3): STILLWATER COVE
Coordinator: Jim Rezowalli, 1-408-408-202- 3132. Jimandthebeach@gmail.com. This is a kayak dive. Meet at 8:00 am. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making 2 dives. Reservations are full at this time but check with Jim to see if there are any last-minute openings.

GENERAL MEETING **WEDNESDAY,** **JUNE 21st**

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

Celebrate 53 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at our General Meeting.

Entertainment: Social Hour for diving and other stories

- ★ **Great Refreshments**
- ★ **Great Raffle Prizes**

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$20!
YOU must be present to win!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
NO SCHEDULED DIVE

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
NO SCHEDULED DIVE



SATURDAY, JULY 1
ABALONE SEASON CLOSED

UPCOMING IN JULY

- June 18-July 10 Cozumel Trip
- Contact Lance Williams
- 01 Abalone Season Closed
- 01 No License Fishing Day
- 05 Business Meeting
- 08 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3) Elkhorn Slough Foundation Docent Kayak Tour
- 09 Panther Beach Clean-Up
- 16-28 Warm Water Trip to Philippines
- 19 General Meeting**
- 22 Halibut dive



FOOD BANK DRIVE AT JUNE GENERAL MEETING!

There will be a **FOOD DRIVE** at the General Meeting for the **Second Harvest Food Bank**. The Club has done this in the past and members have responded well. Second Harvest feeds an average of 116,000 people per month, more than half of whom are children. Bring a donation to help feed those less fortunate.

All nonperishable and canned donations are appreciated (no glass please). Protein foods are especially needed, as they are always in short supply. Suggested foods include **rice, noodles and pasta, cereal, canned or dried beans, tuna, meat stews, peanut butter, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, juices, powdered milk and pudding**. Check your pantry shelves or make a trip to the grocery store, but bring a donation to the meeting. ★

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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2017 COMING EVENTS

June 7	Business Meeting
June 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
June 21	☛ General Meeting - Food Drive
July 1	Abalone Season Closed
July 1	No License Fishing Day
July 5	Business Meeting
July 8	Second Saturday SCUBA
July 9	Panther Beach Clean-Up
July 16 - 28	Philippines Dive Trip
July 19	☛ General Meeting
July 22	Halibut dive
Aug 1	Abalone Season Opens
Aug 2	Business Meeting
Aug 5	1-Day Ab grab
Aug 11-13	S3: Lake Tahoe Dive
Aug 16	☛ General Meeting
Aug 20	Panther Beach Clean-Up
Aug 25 - 27	Monterey Bay UW Shootout

Are the Halibut In?



Early reports are in that halibut are showing up. Keep your spears crossed that this year will be a good one. Join fellow Flipper Dippers on July 22 for the year's first halibut dive. ★

Watch This Space - Much More To Come!
See the Club's Website for the full Calendar



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