

NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

OCTOBER  
2017

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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## Channel Islands Dive Trip Report

Barbara Davis

A couple of years ago, a group of Dippers joined the Vaqueros Del Mar ("Cowboys of the Sea") dive club from Livermore on their annual 3-day trip aboard the Vision for some fun diving in the northern Channel Islands. This year, a few of us were able to make the trip again.

On Saturday, September 9th, Dippers **Barbara** and **Greg Davis** and **Grace Chi** (photo below, left to right) made the trek down to Sea Landing in Santa Barbara, and after an interesting dinner (yes, the restaurant was playing some "oldies"... and that was a song by the *Partridge Family* we just heard), we boarded the boat, stowed our gear and got our bunk assignments. We got re-acquainted with the VDM divers, including trip organizer Bill Delameter, and some members of the Aqua Tutus dive club from Castro Valley. This was Grace's first trip diving the

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**OCTOBER 18TH  
GENERAL  
MEETING  
ENTERTAINMENT**



### Diving Cayman Brac

At the October General Meeting we will be having a presentation by **Tom**

and **Jackie Gardner** on their dive trip to Cayman Brac. Crystal clear water, scuba diving, open beaches and tropical breezes.

Tom and Jackie will supply us with lots of UW photos and entertaining stories about their trip to this Caribbean island paradise. Hope to see YOU there! ☆

## Iron men clean up Panther Beach

On Sunday, September 10, the Club's scheduled cleanup of Panther Beach was interrupted by an Iron Man Competition Race in Santa Cruz. Part of the event was the 56-mile bicycle ride, which took competitors from the Santa Cruz Boardwalk up Highway 1 to the Pigeon Point Lighthouse and back.

Auto traffic was diverted off the highway up into the Santa Cruz coast mountains past UCSC and finally down Bonny Dune Road to the highway. There the police would allow cars to safely enter the highway.

**Hunter Reid** and **Carl Tuttle** were the only Flipper Dippers to make it to Panther Beach. Hunter started on the parking area while Carl went down to the beach. The beach had a surprisingly minimal amount of trash so Carl headed back up and worked the parking area with Hunter. A "camper" joined in to help pick up trash that Hunter had pulled out of the weeds and poison oak. By the time these two Iron Men finished the cleanup the bicycle riders were finishing up their rides and Highway 1 was open to traffic. Thanks Men! ☆



## Refreshments Are Being Served



The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next General

Meeting: **Teresa Hanson, Manuel Mangrobang, Ed McNeill, Don Mercado, Patrick Murphy** and **Adam Nasont**. Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ☆

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Fall is here and we often see the best local diving conditions at this time of year! But we can also get storms and rougher conditions. Always check the wave models and consider the skill level of all divers in your group when choosing your dive spots. We need to make sure everybody is diving in their comfort and skill level. There's always something else to do in Monterey if conditions are too rough for diving.

Entertainment at the October meeting will be **Tom and Jackie Gardner** sharing pictures from their trip to Cayman Brac. Where have YOU been diving? Consider sharing your pictures at an upcoming meeting!

Looking ahead, Club dues are due this month. Pay on time and avoid the \$5 late fee! This year we are adding In Case Of Emergency (ICOE) contact information for members. See the article on page 3 for all of the info.

Some time ago the Club decided to make a donation to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation ([www.elkhornslough.org](http://www.elkhornslough.org)) which supports responsible land management and does land restoration in the slough next to where we go halibut fishing. On November 4 we're hoping to combine that with a docent-led kayak tour of Elkhorn Slough. See the article on page 4 and stay tuned for more information!

And in November, we'll be looking to nominate some of our fellow Dippers for 2018 Club Officers. Maybe you have been thinking about getting more involved in club activities? Here's your chance!

As a final note, **congratulations** to Flipper Dippers **Ed McNeill** and **Grant Brownell** who recently became certified PADI Instructors. This is quite an accomplishment for both. Well done!

Everyone keep safe and keep diving! – **Barbara**



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## Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

Again, this Month we have two Questions and Each is Worth a chance at FIVE (5) raffle tickets!

### Question #1:

Ciguatera poisoning is possible after ingesting fish contaminated with ciguatera toxins, which are more concentrated in tropical reef fish such as barracudas, snappers, moray eels, parrotfish, groupers, triggerfish, and amberjacks. Ciguatera can be avoided by cooking these fish thoroughly.

[  ] True or [  ] False

### Question #2:

What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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!



## RAFFLE NEWS

*Lance Williams*

In the books is our September Raffle with a variety of items submitted by our loyal members. Beginning with **Carl 'King Tut' Tuttle** placing a set of three "cow design" cups on the table won by LORD **Larry Ankuda**. Next item was a Walking Stick Casino aluminum-colored wallet chosen by King Tut. **Steve Ladoen** provided a classic bottle of Yellow Tail Merlot picked by **Bill 'Ship' Shipman**. Another bottle of fine libation was provided by **Steve Wall**, Mantellozzo Soft White, captured by **Tom** and **Jackie Gardner**. LORD Ankuda placed a local diver's produced 2014 vintage Chateau LeSueur Pinot Noir taken by LORD **Lance Williams**. **Jim Rezowalli** won the redwood 5-gal bucket spacer (for transporting abalone) provided by Tom and Jackie. Another fine bottle of Hess Select Chardonnay submitted by **Dennis 'D' Nasont** was quickly grabbed by **Mike Chalup**. A bottle of Bare Foot Sweet Red placed on the table by Dennis was scooped up by LORD Ankuda. **Adam Nasont** delivered a portable cooler won by Mike Chalup. The final item on the table was a first: a Five-Pack of Anchor Steam, Blonde-Orange-Blonde, when a six pack is too much and a four pack is not enough, submitted by **Grant Brownell** won by **Manuel Mangrobang**. Tom and Jackie donated three double-tank manifolds, a regulator first stage and a stainless-steel tank strap. **Kelly Drake** chose the first-stage regulator and Tom ended up with the tank strap and three manifolds! I can neither confirm nor deny the above submitted information.

**THE DOOR PRIZE:** The door prize is now up to **\$20** as **Ed McNeill** was not in attendance when his name was drawn from the can. Sorry, Ed. Remember, YOU must be in attendance to be eligible to win. Don't be like a number of folks who leave 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!

**THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE:** 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: **Jim Rezowalli, Jerry Richards, Steve Richards, Scott** and **Michelle Schimberg** and **John Schwartz**.

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*

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 Dippers who have a birthday this month: **Debby Alarcon, Kelly Drake, Bob Prinz II, Howard Timoney** and **Lance Williams**. Happy birthday! ★

## CLUB DUES DUE THIS MONTH

It is October again and time to pay your **annual dues** at the General Meeting. Dues help cover a portion of the yearly room rental. **New this year:** Each member will have the option of listing a ICOE (In Case of Emergency) phone number or email address to be included on the upcoming Club Roster (January 2018). So when paying your dues there will be a form you can fill out with the ICE information. Each member will also be asked to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement" when dues are paid. These forms will be available at the October General Meeting. Members are asked to complete a new form each year. Out-of-town members will be mailed a Risk Agreement form to be signed and returned (one copy only) with their dues. Please mail your dues and completed form to: **Jim Rezowalli**, 17040 Oak Leaf Drive, Morgan Hill, CA 95037.

**Club Dues \$50.00** per year and **\$10.00** per year to receive this Newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service. Or download it FREE each month off the Club's Website in full color. Charter and Lifetime Members will continue to receive the Newsletter by U.S. mail for FREE. CenCal (Central California Council of Diving Clubs) and USofA (Underwater Society of America) dues are **\$15.00 each**. These optional dues support the many

efforts of CenCal and USofA on behalf of all divers in the areas of beach access along with conservation, and state and national legislation. These two organizations form an effective method for presenting the divers' interests state-wide and nationally.

A summary of our annual dues is as follows:

CLUB	\$ 50.00
Newsletter (U.S. Mail)	10.00
CEN CAL	15.00
USA	15.00
Total	\$ 90.00

Remember, associate member (non-diving spouses of Dippers) dues are **\$5.00**. Associate members may attend Dipper functions at member prices, but have no voting privileges. Also, dues must be paid by November 30th or you will incur a **late fee of \$5.00. SO DON'T DELAY!** ★

## 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

### ▣ Lingcod ▣

**Carl Tuttle** 6 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/22

### ▣ Halibut ▣

**Steve Wall** 18 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/22

### ▣ OPEN CATEGORIES ▣

**Cabezon, Sheephead, Lobster**  
**The race is on! Good luck to all!**



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Channel Islands, and we were all looking forward to some great diving!

Overnight we motored out to the Northern Channel Islands. Sunday morning found us cruising along San Miguel Island where we hoped to do up to 5 dives. However, weather conditions were not the best, and we only managed 3 dives the first day. This trip was not without its challenges... The light in the changing room went out, and the Nitrox system decided to stop working as well. But most people had flashlights if needed for the changing room, and we could certainly continue to dive with air instead of Nitrox!

Dive sites on Sunday were Rainbarrel, Abalone Alley, and Ledges. The water was not as warm as expected; only in the 50s and the viz not as clear as we hoped either, but we still enjoyed the dives. One dive was delayed by a thunderstorm, and after the 3rd dive, the Captain announced that we were heading for calmer waters for the evening. Spectacular lightning and thunder continued through most of the night.

Weather and ocean conditions were much improved on Monday morning, and we looked forward to up to 4 dives plus a night dive at Santa Rosa Island. Water temps were up into the 60s and the viz had improved as well. Sunny conditions

made for more congenial surface intervals for the wetsuit divers too. We did 3 great dives at sites named Ten Fathoms, Robb's Knob, and Ian's Reef.

Unfortunately, after the 3rd dive the Captain announced that the transmission had gone out on one of the engines, and so we needed to return to port a day early. But this group was not the type to complain! Once we heard we were done diving for the day, out came the adult beverages, and people settled in to share dive stories and photos. Dinner was provided and we docked



**Barbara Davis, above, celebrates her 1,200 SCUBA dive while Grace Chi, right, displays the Club's logo/flag during the 3-day dive trip.**



at Sea Landing Monday evening. Most people elected to sleep on the boat Monday night, and after breakfast onboard on Tuesday morning, we headed home. Much to Greg's disappointment, the timing did not work out for our usual post-trip meal at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. Maybe next trip!

So, not the best trip we've ever had. But we got to do 6 nice dives, and had some time to relax with a congenial group of people. This is an annual trip for the Vaqueros Del Mar divers and we may join them again next year! P.S. Later, we found out that it took 5 days to repair the engine! 🌟

## Elkhorn Slough Kayak Tour: November 4

Put November 4th on you calendar! San Jose Flipper Dippers are planning a docent guided kayaking trip into the Elkhorn slough. Elkhorn Slough is an ecological treasure at the heart of Monterey Bay. It provides much-needed habitat for hundreds of species of plants, animals and birds. The Elkhorn Slough is a magical place full of wildlife and beauty. Meandering seven miles inland from the coast in the center of the picturesque



Monterey Bay, the Elkhorn Slough harbors the largest tract of tidal salt marsh in California outside of San Francisco Bay. This biologically rich estuary provides habitat for a diversity of resident and migratory birds, plants, marine mammals and fish, and has been identified as a Globally Important Bird Area by the American Birding Conservancy.

A high concentration of Southern sea otters – reaching more than 125 individuals – resides in the slough.

Hundreds of harbor seals loaf along the shore and large groups of California sea lions add a raucous chorus to the slough in the spring. As part of the Pacific flyway tens of thousands of birds migrate through every year. All told, over 340 species of birds have been identified in and around the slough. The Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation work with government, community agencies and other partners to protect this precious and scarce environment.

Plan to meet at Moss Landing harbor at 8:30 am on Saturday November 4th in the parking lot area near the Little Baja Pottery shop. And don't forget you'll need your wetsuits and PFDs for this kayak adventure.

If you don't have a kayak you can rent one from either of the two operators at Moss Landing: **Kayak Connection**, Phone: 831-724-5692, [www.kayakconnection.com](http://www.kayakconnection.com) or **Monterey Bay Kayaks**, Phone: 831 373-5357, [www.montereybaykayaks.com](http://www.montereybaykayaks.com). Both shops open at 9AM. You should make advance reservations and arrive earlier to have time to get the kayak, paddle and PFD.

Plan for about a three-to-four hour paddle in and out of the slough. I suggest doing lunch at Phil's fish market afterward. If I get an accurate head count I will make reservations. For more information contact **Jim Rezowalli** via email: [jimandthebeach@gmail.com](mailto:jimandthebeach@gmail.com). 🌟

## Divers looking at coral reefs after Irma didn't expect what they saw down below

Divers making survey inspections of Key Largo's coral reefs and shipwrecks soon after Hurricane Irma came back smiling. "The reefs look spectacular, compared to what we thought they would look like," said Billy Wise, general manager for Rainbow Reef Dive Center in Key Largo. "We're super optimistic about the reefs," Wise said. "We had seven boats out Saturday. Everybody I talked to at the dock was positive and said everything looks great."



About two dozen divers from Rainbow Reef checked corals at Molasses Reef, Grecian Rocks, the Christ of the Abyss statue and French Reef. "Some of the reefs have gotten deeper because sand moved," Wise said. "It's a little like diving a new site." "I was expecting to see more dead sea fans, but it seems like most of them came through OK."

Near the World War II wreck of the freighter Benwood, the storm uncovered an anchor that had been buried in sand for decades. "That was an incredible find," Wise said. "It's as cool looking as anything." On the shipwreck reef Duane, a retired U.S. Coast Guard cutter, a top section of a smokestack was removed by the hurricane. "It kind of make it more interesting," Wise said. Other shipwrecks, including the big Spiegel Grove

wreck that was rolled upright by a weaker storm, appear to be in tact. "All in all, we're ready and happy to be letting visitors come back in," Wise said. "We want to let people know that not everything is negative."

"We have a great staff of 70 and we want to keep them here and working," he said. "People are going to be curious about what's happening on the reef, and that will help rebuild the Keys economy."

Rainbow Reef and other Upper Keys shops helped remove some debris from canals and the ocean bottom. "We found a refrigerator floating by about a mile offshore," Wise said. Reports from dive shops in the Middle and Lower Keys, more hard-hit by Irma, were pending.

Cece Roycraft of Dive Key West said many dive operators have been focused on repairs before focusing on booking trips. "It will be a week or so before we take customers out," Roycraft said. "Our boat is fine, but the store had some damage. Hurricane Wilma was far worse for us, though."

Staff with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is "assessing the impact of Hurricane Irma to our underwater environment," Superintendent Sarah Fangman said in a statement. "The Category 4 storm caused serious damage on land and, undoubtedly, created changes in the waters surrounding the Florida Keys. ... We urge caution for those going on and in the water. Many waterways are littered with sunken boats and other debris." 🌊

## Possible Human Remains Recovered from Sunken WWII Bomber

On Dec. 17, 1944, an American bomber nicknamed the Tulsamerican crashed into the Adriatic Sea with 10 crewmembers on board. Seven of those airmen were plucked out of the waves by local fishermen and rescuers. Three were lost.

In an effort to bring home the remains of those missing airmen more than 70 years later, underwater archaeologists have just completed a recovery mission to the sunken World War II aircraft. They collected possible human remains as well as military equipment and other items such as a life vest and flight boot. "It was incredibly emotional for all of us," underwater archaeologist Brendan Foley told Live Science when he got back to the Croatian mainland after the month-long project.

The Tulsamerican was the last B-24 bomber of its kind built in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1944. (More than 18,000 B-24s were produced during the war.) The Douglas Aircraft Co. employees who built the plane bought war bonds to help pay for its construction and signed their names on the exterior. In its final flight at the end of World War II, the Tulsamerican survived a fight with the German air force but was badly damaged. The aircraft circled an emergency landing strip on an island but lost power and ultimately crashed off the coast of what is today Croatia.

Divers first located the wreck near the small Croatian island of Vis in 2010. Underwater archaeologists then surveyed the area where the Tulsamerican was resting in two big pieces about 135 feet (41 meters) below the surface. "When the aircraft crashed, it was a violent impact," Foley said. The nose section is badly damaged, "almost peeled open like a banana," he added, though divers could still recognize many features like the seats where the pilot would have sat. The team collected



any material that looked like bone. The researchers hope that DNA analyses will be able to link any remains to the airmen who were lost (Lt. Eugene Ford, Sgt. Charles Priest and 1st Lt. Russell Landry) so that they can receive proper burials. The divers also brought to the surface equipment and clothing that could be related to the servicemen and several tons of soil that might contain smaller artifacts.

The effort was coordinated by the U.S. military's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, which is tasked with bringing home remains of lost service personnel. About 73,000 Americans who served in World War II remain unaccounted for, and about 26,000 of those are assessed as "possibly recoverable." The wreck of the Tulsamerican is just at the edge of depths sport divers can reach, Foley said. As looting is always a concern, the recovery project was initiated soon after the discovery of the possible war grave.

Foley, who is a researcher at Lund University in Sweden, normally works on much older sites. His team is also studying the 2,100-year-old Antikythera wreck off the coast of a Greek island that is famous for its cache of ancient statues and a bronze "computer" dubbed the Antikythera mechanism. When the divers found human bones at the Antikythera wreck last summer, "we were happy and elated for the possibilities for science," Foley said, but the team's mood while excavating the Tulsamerican was "completely different." He described the somber experience of exploring a site that's been formed in living memory and looking for graves of men whose pictures the researchers have seen. "We're all still trying to get our heads around what we just experienced," Foley said. "This is the most worthwhile thing we've ever done underwater." 🌊



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### NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 CLUB OFFICERS



At the **November General Meeting** we will be nominating Club members for the following offices: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer** and **Sergeant at Arms**. To be eligible to hold an office, one must be a current member in good standing. Presidential nominees must have been a club member for at least two years. Holding an office is a rewarding experience as well as being of benefit to the club. This is your chance to *get involved* and voice your ideas as to the future of the San Jose Flipper Dippers. The election of our officers will take place at the December General Meeting. 🌟

### What did you win at the raffle?

**Tom Gardner** brought a couple of “Dive-Related” gifts to add to the September general meeting raffle table. He claimed the items were “treasures” found in the trunk of a car being restored. As luck would have it, no one picked the three double-tank manifolds or the stainless-steel tank strap. And Tom held the last winning tickets drawn from the barrel! So Tom, how’s your luck going in the Power Ball lottery? 🌟



### Under The Deep Blue Sea

French winemakers hailed their experiment as a success after tasting the 120 reds, whites and rosés from Bandol, southeast France, that had been left 40m under the surface of the Mediterranean. After being compared with 120 wines that had been kept in a cellar for 12 months, most connoisseurs said that they preferred the underwater variety.

Divers scavenging in shipwrecks slumbering at the bottom of the North Sea since World War II were disappointed not to find dazzling troves of gold and jewels. As consolation, not only did they turn up decades-old wine, but the wine came with a bonus: it was better than equivalent vintages selling for top dollar in luxury caves. When you

think about it, the basic requirements for properly aging wine are: a cool, dark environment, airtight high-pressure storage containers, and as little agitation as possible. While the traditional wine cellar comes to mind, some enterprising vintners in France and Spain had an interesting thought: why not underwater?

In Bordeaux, the Château Larrivet Haut-Brion experimented with submerging specially-made oak barrels in Arcachon Bay in 2009. The barrels, encased in concrete cylinders to allow sea water to flow in and rotate the barrels, were stored for six months and also exposed to the air for about an hour a day during low tide. This resulted in a wine that was “more complex and intense, with softer tannins,” and it turned out that a bit of salt water actually improved the blend. Meanwhile, the Château du Coreau in Haux set up an underwater cellaring service, submerging the bottles in a steel box at 1,000 meters.

It seems that storing wine underwater enables winemakers to have a better control over wine oxidation, temperature control, and light exposure. Wines stored underwater come out with stronger flavors and fresher aromas than control samples in traditional wine cellars. The aging process certainly speeds up, as the owner of Château Champs des Soeurs found out—six months of storage turned out to be too long for whites, but was perfect for their reds. The jury’s still out on whether underwater cellaring would be a viable long-term alternative to traditional cellaring, but it’s only a matter of time. 🌟

# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

**VAN DAMME RESERVATIONS OPEN UP FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2018.** April is a good month for camping and diving. If you're interested, sign-up and lead a weekend dive! Reservations: [www.ReserveCalifornia.com](http://www.ReserveCalifornia.com), or by phone at 800-444-7275.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

### 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. Last BBQ of the season, so be here by 6:30 with your food.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

### NO SCHEDULED DIVE

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

**SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3) BOAT DIVE** Coordinator: **Manuel Mangrobang**, (408) 813-5139, [manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com](mailto:manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com). Join us for our S3 dive aboard the BeachHopper II. Go to

the BeachHopper's Website to sign up ([www.beachhopper2.com](http://www.beachhopper2.com)). Cost is \$80 for a 2-tank dive (if you bring your own 2 tanks). You can also request tanks as part of your registration (per tank charges are \$10 for air, \$15 for nitrox) and they will be on the boat. Boarding is 8:00 AM at K-Dock, departure is 8:30 AM. Contact Manuel for more info.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

### NO SCHEDULED DIVE

## GENERAL MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th

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:** Presentation on diving Cayman Brac.

★ **Great Refreshments**

★ **Great Raffle Prizes**

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$20!**

**YOU must be present to win!**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

### END OF SEASON 1-DAY AB GRAB

Coordinator: **Carl Tuttle**, 1-408-829-3660; Email: [tutcomms@sbc-global.net](mailto:tutcomms@sbc-global.net). **End of the season for abalone, so join in!** This will be a float dive at the "Secret Spot." (Mile marker SON 42.36) or Timber Cove (\$10 fee per person). Plan to meet at the Central YMCA parking lot at 6:30 AM to carpool. We will stop for breakfast at Henny Penny's Diner in Petaluma, so you could meet the group there. Don't forget your fishing license, ab card, zip ties, individual catch bag, and a pen that writes. Contact Carl to sign up.



## UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER

- 01 Abalone Season Closed
- 01 Van Damme Reservations for May 2018 (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 01 Business Meeting
- 04 Elkhorn Slough Kayak Tour
- 11 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 19 **General Meeting Nominations for Officers**



## Randy Fry Big X Memorial Dive Tournament

October 14th, 2017

Mike Grummell, Paul Brand



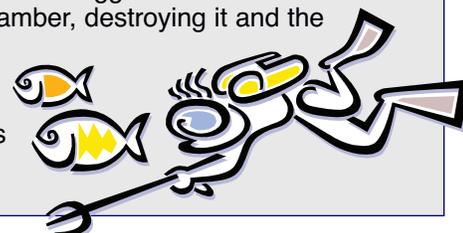
We would like to invite your club to join us for the 2017 Randy Fry Spearfishing and Big Abalone Comp and Fundraiser. This is a fun time and an awesome off the hook raffle and remember all the proceeds go to the watermens alliance sea urchin removal project to help with the recovery of the abalone fishery and kelp growth.

The Randy Fry Memorial Dive Tournament was organized in 2009 in memory of Randy Fry. Randy was a tireless advocate for fishing rights and coastal access. Sadly Randy's life was cut short following a shark attack in 2004. To promote his memory and to carry on his commitment to affectively preserve a health fishery by working with Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and local organizations and exploring best management techniques ensuring continued public access, The Randy Big X Memorial Dive Tournament was created.

All the proceeds are donated to the Watermen's Alliance to work fish and wildlife to maintain a healthy fishery and to continue Randy's efforts. The tournament will be held at the KOA campground in Manchester California. Participants must register at the KOA campgrounds after 6:30am and may dive anywhere permissible on the North Coast but must be back no later than 2:00pm to have their catch officially weighed in. To register: [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-big-x-randy-fry-memorial-freediving-tournament-2017-tickets-34675476283](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-big-x-randy-fry-memorial-freediving-tournament-2017-tickets-34675476283). ★

## Oxygen Can Kill!

Liu Hung was undergoing hyperbaric treatment in Nanxiong China People's Hospital for a head injury and lit a cigarette he had smuggled in with him. His lighter blew up the chamber, destroying it and the patient. His family is demanding to know why the hospital failed to take away his cigarette lighter! ★



☛ **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

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| Oct 1  | Van Damme Reservations for April 2018 (no abs)  |
| Oct 4  | Business Meeting  |
| Oct 14 | Second Saturday SCUBA   |
| Oct 18 | ☛ General Meeting   |
| Oct 28 | Last of the Season Ab Grab  |
| Nov 1  | Abalone Season Closed   |
| Nov 1  | Van Damme Reservations for May 2018<br>(Memorial Day Weekend)                             |
| Nov 1  | Business Meeting  |
| Nov 4  | Elkhorn Slough Kayak Tour   |
| Nov 11 | Second Saturday SCUBA   |
| Nov 19 | ☛ General Meeting<br>• Nominations for 2018 Club Officers                                 |
| Dec 6  | Business Meeting  |
| Dec 9  | Second Saturday SCUBA   |
| Dec 20 | ☛ General Meeting<br>• Elections for 2018 Club Officers<br>• Big Christmas Holiday Raffle |

### *New Regulations for Recreational Lobster Fishing*

As the popular recreational California Spiny Lobster fishing season opened, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) alerts all divers and hoop netters of new regulations that will be in effect for the 2017-2018 season. See: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Invertebrates/Lobster/Fishing-Regs](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Invertebrates/Lobster/Fishing-Regs) 📍



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



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