

NEWSLETTER



San Jose Flipper Dippers

NOVEMBER 2017

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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USS Kittiwake Smashed by Tropical Storm

Grand Cayman's massive underwater attraction, the Ex USS Kittiwake, took major damage from tropical storm Nate. The tropical storm kicked up 10-foot seas from the south, much like Hurricane Rina back in October 2011. Rina moved the massive 251-foot long shipwreck 60 feet closer to Sand Chute, the wall site located just south of her port side. Nate basically took the same path as Rina, and while it wasn't a hurricane, it was powerful enough to do major damage to the wreck site.

The swell created by the passing storm pushed and pulled against the beam of the Kittiwake, snapping her anchor chains and pulling her toward the reef. As you can see from the images, her port side rail is all the way in the sand. The area above the wheel house is nearly touching the reef and likely did during the storm. Conditions inside the shipwreck will need to be assessed prior to entry.

USS Kittiwake (ASR-13) was a United States Navy Chanticleer-class submarine rescue vessel in commis-

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BeachHopper II S3 Dive – You OK?

On Saturday, October 14, Dippers **Howard Timoney, Barbara Davis, Manual Mangrobang, Grace Chi** and **Mike Chalup** joined up on the BeachHopper for the Second Saturday Scuba (S3) dive. Conditions weren't the greatest although they did see lots of sea lions and a ginormous bait ball of anchovies. The bait ball darkened the underwater visibility as divers swam through the parting mass of fish. We're not sure if Howard's position in the photo, above, was a result of watching the bait ball from below or he's just "hung over." ☆

Refreshments Are Being Served



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

Meeting: **Dennis Nasont, Jess Pimentel, Robert Prinz II, Mark Pryor, Hunter Reid** and **Jim Rezowalli**. Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ☆

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Good Times!

At the November General Meeting we have nominations for

2018 Club officers in addition to lots of stories on diving by members, a great raffle, many tasty refreshments and plenty of laughs. There are a number of activities to be discussed for this month and the upcoming months – including our BIG Christmas Holiday raffle in December. Hope to see YOU there! ☆

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Once again, the end of the year seems to be approaching with amazing speed! Where has this year gone? Soon we'll be dealing with all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season but let's keep diving too!

For our October S3 dive, 5 Dippers made a trip on the BeachHopperII. Viz was not great, but we were kept amused by many frolicking sea lions and a huge bait ball of anchovies that swarmed about. And a big **Thank You!** to **Tom** and **Jackie Gardner** for sharing their pictures from

Cayman Brac at the October General meeting.

Earlier this year our club decided to make a donation to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation (www.elkhornslough.org) which supports responsible land management and does land restoration in the slough next to where we go halibut fishing. On November 4th, we've set up a docent-guided kayaking trip into the Elkhorn Slough. Come join us and experience this ecological treasure at the heart of Monterey Bay which provides much needed habitat for hundreds of species of plants, animals and birds. This is a trip I'm really looking forward to!

At the November General Meeting we will be accepting **Nominations for our 2018 Officers** so start thinking about who you'd like to nominate. And if YOU get nominated, please run. The Club can always use new officers with new thoughts and ideas on making our Club run better. See page 7 for a description of the duties associated with each position.

If you haven't paid your Club dues yet, you have until November 30th to pay without a late fee. And remember to complete and sign the annual Assumption of Risk Agreement form. There's one on the Club's Website: www.SJFlipperDippers.com (Membership Requirements).

Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held at Viva, in Los Gatos, on January 20, 2018. The cost will be about the same as last year. This event is always a lot of fun. See page 4 for more information.

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

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 ciguatoxins, 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. All attendees at the next general meeting with the correct answers will be included in a drawing for 10 free raffle tickets. Good Luck!



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RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

The October Raffle went off without a HITCH. Only a few Dippers brought gifts for all others to take a chance on winning. **Tom** and **Jackie Gardner** almost filled the table on their own. A number of regulator parts, gauges, and even a metric computer were in the mix. Two ab irons brought in by Raffle-Man were chosen during the declining time of the raffle. **Teresa Hansen** donated a set of electrical light bulb style wine glasses won by the Raffle-Man. A couple of film-type underwater cameras were picked at the Raffle's end. Overall the raffle was a fun time for all that participated.

THE DOOR PRIZE: The door prize is now up to **\$30** as **Scott Schimberg** was a no-show when his name was drawn from the door prize can. Remember, YOU must be in attendance to be eligible to win.

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: **Bill Shipman, John FEMA Snyder, Howard Timoney, Carl Tuttle, Lance Williams** and **Brian Zaugg**.

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: **Dale Darnell, Tom Gardner, Teresa Hanson, Ken Seaton** and **John Snyder**. Happy birthday! ★

CLUB DUES DUE - Don't be late!

It's that time again. 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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sion from 1946 to 1994. In 1986, the Kittiwake recovered the black box from the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster.

Kittiwake was decommissioned on 30 September 1994 and struck from the Naval Vessel Register on the same day. Her title was transferred in November 2008 for an undisclosed amount to the government of the Cayman Islands for the purpose of using Kittiwake to form a new artificial reef. Originally intended to be sunk in June 2009, she was finally sunk off Seven Mile Beach, Grand Cayman, on 5 January 2011 in Marine Park in 60-feet of water.

A 2011 episode of the documentary television series *Monster Moves* covered moving and sink-

ing the ship. Divers are not allowed to touch or take anything from the dive site. At its most shallow, the wreck of Kittiwake was 15 feet (4.6 meters) below the surface of the water and at its deepest, 64 feet (19.5 meters) below the

surface. Now it's about another 20 feet deeper.

Fears that the old wreck has damaged the reef were expressed on Facebook and was shared and re-posted hundreds of times, stirring up major concerns with many commentators who pointed out that when the ship was sunk as an artificial dive attraction, officials had insisted that it would not move and so the nearby natural reef was not at risk. At this point it is not clear what damage the Kittiwake has caused the surrounding marine life as the dive site is closed. ☆



Left, the Kittiwake in its pre-storm, upright position. Right, the ship after the storm went through the Cayman Islands.

Elkhorn Slough Kayak Tour: November 4

Put November 4th on your 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 9:00 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 or **Monterey Bay Kayaks**, Phone: 831 373-5357, www.montereybaykayaks.com. Both shops open at 9AM. You should make advance reservations and arrive early 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. ☆

Annual Awards Banquet

Mark the evening of **Saturday, January 20th** on your 2018 calendar for our Annual Flipper Dippers Awards Banquet. This year it will be held at Viva, 15970 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos.

As in past years, the Club is subsidizing the cost of the Banquet. Tickets and menu choices are being finalized and should be in line with last year. We could have special menu selections to order from at the restaurant. Stay tuned!

We'll have a sign-up sheet at the November General Meeting and final menu items and prices will be in the December newsletter. Don't miss this fun-filled evening! ☆



Diving in Freezing Water? U.S. Navy Tests Flunk Some Regulators

Undercurrent

It's unlikely that many Undercurrent readers regularly dive in cold water unless they are visiting a freshwater lake or deep wreck diving, but someday you might take a trip to Iceland's Silfra or join one of Amos Nachoum's trips to the Antarctic or Norway.

That said, since the depressurization of gas in a regulator results in a simultaneous drop in temperature, any water 50°F (10°C) or less can cause a regulator to freeze and malfunction. The first-stage may jam, resulting in increased inter-stage pressure that the second-stage cannot control, causing a free-flow, or, in a worse case, even occluding air-flow because of an ice build-up in the second-stage.

Researchers from The U.S. Navy Experimental Diving Unit and the University of California, San Diego, tested the performance of regulators for under-ice diving operations, during which 17 science divers logged 305 dives in seawater close to freezing under 20-foot (6m) - thick ice in Antarctica. Seventeen different regulators from 12 manufacturers (69 in total) were randomly assigned to divers. There were 65 incidents of free-flows.

Due to the risk of regulator failure, the divers were equipped with two independent regulators on a tank Y-valve

with drysuit direct-feeds supplied from the backup regulator. All the downstream regulators were equipped with an isolator valve inline on the intermediate pressure hose.

Recently, the U.S. Navy has recommended the Zeagle isolator valve for freezing water temperatures, in conjunction with a high-pressure relief valve.

Besides water temperature affecting whether a regulator freezes, airflow, moisture in exhaled breath, and whether or not it was breathed from in cold atmosphere before immersion, can also affect freezing.

"Contrary to expectations, the pooled incidences for the seven best performing regulators was significantly different from the 10 remaining regulators. Those regulators deemed acceptable -- their failure rate was less than 11 percent -- were the Dive-Rite Jetstream, Sherwood Maximus SRB3600 and SRB7600, Poseidon Jetstream, Cyklon and Xstream Deep, and Mares USN22 Abyss." The report did not list those that were unacceptable.

The report concludes that those diving under ice must constantly be on their guard. "Because of the pressures of the marketplace, scuba regulator models typically have a short half-life. However, designing a regulator tolerant to freeze-up is a black art for most manufacturers, and even 'minor' cosmetic changes can affect 'freeze-up' risk."

(Performance of life support breathing apparatus for under-ice diving operations. UHM 2017 Vol 44, No.4 Michael A Lang PhD, John R. Clarke PhD) ☆



BIZARRE RUBY SEADRAGON FILMED IN THE WILD FOR FIRST TIME

In the waters off southern and western Australia, there be dragons. For decades, scientists have known about two of them: the weedy and the leafy seadragon, fish covered in preposterous arrays of foliage-like appendages that allow them to blend into the kelp-covered seafloor.

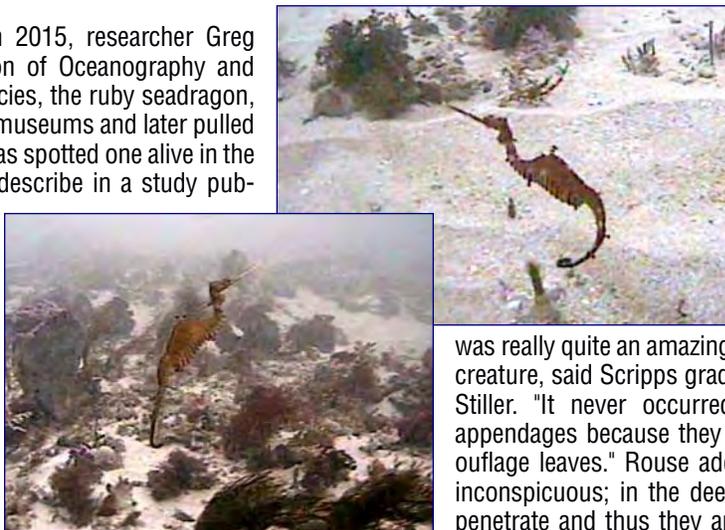
But they are not alone. In 2015, researcher Greg Rouse at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and colleagues described a new species, the ruby seadragon, using dead specimens found in museums and later pulled up from trawls. Now, the team has spotted one alive in the wild for the first time, as they describe in a study published in the journal *Marine Biodiversity Records*.

The ruby seadragon (*Phyllopteryx deweysea*), as its name suggests, is a red, foot-long beast that lives in deep waters off the Recherche Archipelago, a cluster of islands off Western Australia. The team filmed the animal by lowering a camera-mounted remote operated vehicle more than 160 feet to a seafloor dominated by deep-sea sponges. They observed two ruby seadragons for 30 minutes and watched as one snapped up and ate a little crustacean.

Among the most interesting features of the ruby seadragon is that it appears to have a prehensile tail. Its relatives, seahorses and pipefish, have such grasping tails, which allow the animals to hold onto vegetation in strong currents. But the other seadragons don't. Although the team didn't see the creature using its tail, they think it likely employs it for the same reason.

Other related species, such as pipefish and seahorses, often possess prehensile tails, says David Booth, a marine ecologist at the University of Technology Sydney, who wasn't involved in the study. It appears that the ruby seadragon inherited this trait from its ancestors, whereas the weedy and leafy seadragon lost it, he adds.

The animal lacks the appendages of its fellow seadragons. Rouse thinks its smoother profile protects it from being buffeted by strong currents. "It was really quite an amazing moment" when the team first spotted the creature, said Scripps graduate student and study co-author Josefin Stiller. "It never occurred to me that a seadragon could lack appendages because they are characterized by their beautiful camouflage leaves." Rouse added that its red color allows it to appear inconspicuous; in the deep waters where it lives, red light cannot penetrate and thus they appear dark. Rouse says the study shows the importance of continued exploration of life in the ocean. If a distinctive-looking "fish like this that hadn't been found, there are probably a lot of things yet to be" discovered out there, he says. ☆



2018 Recreational Abalone Regulations: TBD

On October 11-12, 2017, in Atascadero, there was a meeting and discussions of proposed changes to recreational abalone regulations for 2018 by the Fish & Game Commission (FGC), the Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW), and interested public members. An Adoption Hearing on the proposed changes will be held December 6-7, 2017 in San Diego.



Background

On August 16, 2017, FGC readopted the emergency action reducing the annual recreational limit from 18 to 12 abalone (except for Sonoma County, for which the annual limit remains at 9 abalone) and reduced the recreational fishing season from 7 months to 5 by closing April and November, the first and last months of the regular season. The emergency regulations are set to expire on December 5, 2017. In addition, FGC authorized publishing a notice of its intent to amend regulations for the recreational abalone fishery with proposed management measures more restrictive than the 2017 emergency regulations, due to the lack of significant improvement to the environmental conditions and continued declines in abalone densities and abalone health observed by DFW in 2017. The authorization includes the regulatory option presented by DFW (Option 1) and additional options discussed and requested by FGC at the Aug meeting (Option 2), options that are more restrictive than the 2017 emergency regulations.

Proposed Changes

DFW submitted the ISOR with the two proposed regulatory options for the recreational red abalone fishery in 2018 as follows:

- **Option 1- Full Fishery Closure**, based on abalone densities below the density trigger for fishery closure specified in the Abalone Recovery and Management Plan (ARMP) (below 0.30 abalone per square meter).

- **Option 2 - Limited Fishery Option**, with four sub-options for limiting the fishery per the request of FGC. The four sub-options can be selected individually or in any combination. Two of the sub-options have ranges from which specific numbers must be selected at the adoption hearing.

- Sub-Option A: Re-open Fort Ross for Abalone Fishing
- Sub-Option B: Reduce Daily Bag/Possession and Annual Limits
- Sub-Option C: Increase Minimum Size Limit to 8 Inches
- Sub-Option D: Limit the Number of Report Cards to between 5,000 – 25,000

A draft notice of exemption (NOE) gives FGC notice of DFW's recommendation to rely on a California Environmental Quality Act categorical exemption for this regulation change.

Significant Public Comments

1. Statement from a fisherman's perspective that the emergency regulations adopted at the Aug 2017 meeting have had little impact on the quality of his take and recommends two suggestions for consideration: (1) increase the minimum size to eight inches since three abalone at seven inches can be taken with little effort and increasing the size will force other fishermen to be more selective; and (2) reduce the daily bag limit to two abalone per day.

2. Suggestion from a fisherman that FGC consider: (1) keeping the abalone fishery open, (2) allowing two abalone per day, (3) limiting to eight abalone per year, and (4) leaving the size at seven inches.

3. Recommendation from a fisherman for no changes to the regulations.

4. Recommendation from a group of scientists and two fishermen that FGC include a proposed harvest control rule in the new red abalone fishery management plan.

5. Recommendation from a fisherman that the 2018 abalone season remain open pending adoption of a new fishery management plan.

Recommendation

FGC Staff: Adopt DFW's recommendation to close the recreational abalone fishery, consistent with the ARMP and DFW's findings.

DFW Staff: DFW recommends Option 1, to close the recreational abalone fishery. This recommendation is consistent with the ARMP and reflects evidence that the fishery is unsustainable and in rapid decline.



Ed. Note: The Flipper Dippers have standing camping reservations at Albion for the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Some members also make camping reservations at Van Damme six months in advance of these holiday weekends. If the recreational abalone fishing is closed in 2018, then the Club will need to decide if we will continue to have weekend camping, freediving and scuba diving on the North Coast during those holidays. This is something which needs to be discussed during upcoming business and general meetings.

DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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NOVEMBER 2017

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
ABALONE SEASON CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
ELKHORN SLOUGH KAYAK TOUR Coordinator: **Jim Rezowalli**, (408) 202-3132, jimandthebeach@gmail.com Details: Jim is coordinating a kayak tour in Elkhorn Slough. Meet at Kayak Connections in Moss Landing at 9:00 AM. You can rent a kayak at Kayak Connections. See page 4 for details or contact Jim for more info.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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 ideas for dives and entertainment. Refreshments to share are welcome.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3): TBD Coordinator: **Manuel Mangrobang**, (408) 813-5139,

manuel.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com. Join us for a local fun scuba dive! Fall and winter months offer spectacular diving. Location will be determined based on ocean conditions and divers. Contact Manuel to get on the list so you can be informed of the details.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

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:

- ★ Nominations for Officers
- ★ Great Refreshments
- ★ Great Raffle Prizes

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$30!

YOU must be present to win!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
NO SCHEDULED DIVE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
VAN DAMME RESERVATIONS

Memorial Day Weekend 2018: If you want to start your camping on Thursday, May 24, you'll need to make your reservation online on November 24. Be sure to check the website a day or two before as some months have different reservation dates: www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
NO SCHEDULED DIVE

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER

- 6 Business Meeting
- 9 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 20 General Meeting
 - Elections 2018 Club Officers
 - Big Christmas Holiday Raffle



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. Responsibility of an officer includes attending both the

general and business meetings as well as carrying out the duties of the office (see below). 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.**

Duties of our Club Officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Has overall responsibility for the club's success. Presides at all general, business and special meetings and appoints standing committees for the year and special committees as seen fit. Also includes writing a monthly *President's Corner* for the newsletter.

VICE PRESIDENT: Responsible for scheduling of the dive calendar each month, arranging for dive coordinators, and writing the monthly calendar article for the newsletter. Includes presiding at all meetings in the absence of the President.

SECRETARY: Includes maintaining the minutes for all general and business meetings and handling club-related correspondence. Responsible for attending all meetings or making arrangements for someone to handle the duties in his/her absence.

TREASURER: Receives membership dues and handles all income and expenses, maintains financial records, and makes monthly reports to the club. Also makes deposits into the club's accounts and issues checks for authorized expenses. Maintains expense accounts as needed for events such as boat dives, banquets, etc.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Includes making arrangements for all meetings and setting up necessary meeting equipment. Maintains order at the meetings and collects fines levied upon members. ★

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

Nov 1	Abalone Season Closed
Nov 4	Elkhorn Slough Kayak Tour
Nov 8	Business Meeting
Nov 11	Second Saturday SCUBA
Nov 15	☛ General Meeting • Nominations for 2018 Club Officers
Dec 6	Business Meeting
Dec 9	Second Saturday SCUBA
Dec 20	☛ General Meeting • Elections for 2018 Club Officers • Big Christmas Holiday Raffle
Jan 3, 2018	Business Meeting
Jan 13	Second Saturday SCUBA
Jan 17	☛ General Meeting
Jan 20	Annual Awards Banquet
Jan 24	Annual Planning Meeting

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



Nudibranch photo by Greg Davis



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