

NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

NOVEMBER  
2018

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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## Diver finds Maine lobster off Southern California waters

L. Connelly  
Orange County Register



Well, that's an odd sight. That's what diver Jim McKeeman remembers thinking last Saturday when he came across a crustacean that was a long – very long – way from home.

McKeeman was diving with a few friends in the Santa Monica Bay, on Saturday, Oct. 20, doing a regular weekend outing in search of lobsters. While the California Spiny Lobster were plentiful, he couldn't believe it when he saw a Maine lobster crawling around underwater. "I saw this guy on my last dive, he was all by himself, next to a rock," McKeeman recalled. "As I got close to him, I thought, 'This is weird. What's he doing here?'"

The Maine lobster – known to be feistier than his California cousins – wasn't going to get plucked from the ocean without a fight. "He raised his claw and came at me," said McKeeman, of Tustin. "They are pretty aggressive." He thought about leaving the 4-pound lobster in the sea, but then said no one would believe him without documen-

tation. So he got his camera out and got a few photos with the crustacean.

McKeeman speculated that someone likely bought it from a restaurant and figured they could save it and let it go into the ocean. That could be the case, said Jeff Landesman, chief aquarist for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. "People get shipped lobsters from the East Coast, it could be a gift or they ordered it to cook, and they have second thoughts of throwing them in a pot and they don't know what to do with it," he said.

Landesman warns that this shouldn't be done. If lobsters not native to the area stay here and reproduce, they may decimate other shellfish that call Southern California home. There's not a big concern that east coast lobsters are invading local waters, since they don't reproduce well here, either because there's not many of them or they have trouble surviving in the water temperatures off Southern California.

When asked which ones taste better, Landesman said it's up to an individual's preference. "It depends on who you talk to," he said. "People like the Maine lobsters because of all the meat in the claws, but others say the tail of the California lobsters have more meat."

McKeeman hopes to find the answer to that question. "We're going to do a taste-test comparison when we get together to have a lobster dinner," he said, noting he will probably steam the lobster and then finish it on the grill, served with plenty of butter, of course.

McKeeman figured he was doing his part to rid Southern California of an invasive species. "He really didn't belong here anyway," he said. "If they were to take hold here and breed, that could be a problem." 🌟

### Refreshments Are Being Served



The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next General Meeting: **Donnavon Hill, John Jones, Manuel Mangrobang, Don Mercado and Patrick Murphy.** Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! 🌟

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### NOVEMBER 14TH GENERAL MEETING ENTERTAINMENT



### NOTE DATE CHANGE!

The November General Meeting was moved up one week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. So make a note. We'll be hav-

ing nominations for 2019 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



It's already closing in on November. Time to take down the Halloween decorations and replace them with the Thanksgiving paraphernalia.

Even though the Holidays are close there are still things to do with the Flipper Dippers' dive club. There is the Second Saturday dive on November 10th which is a week away. At the **General Meeting, which has been moved to the 14th**, we will be having the Nominations for 2019 Officers.

If you want to participate because you have new ideas or thoughts on what to do, then please run. The present Club officers are more than willing to give you a chance to lead. See position descriptions on page 6.

As a reminder, if you haven't yet paid your annual dues please remember to do so at the November meeting.

But wait, there's more! If you are interested in the Flipper Dippers' 2018 photography contest, the rules are on page 7. This is always a fun activity to participate in . . . sometimes the beginners take better photos than the seasoned photographers. So give it your best shot!

Our Sergeant at Arms, and Raffle Chair, **Lance Williams**, has moved to Oregon so we're looking for someone to take over the Raffle duties. This is one of the highlights of the general meetings. **Larry Ankuda** has stepped in for the months of October and November, but we need a Dipper to step up and take the brass ring! How about you? Let me know and we'll give you all the details.

We're also looking for some members to lead some dives. Fall is approaching and some of the best diving conditions are yet to come. If you have a favorite spot - or a secret spot - contact our vice president, **Manuel Mangrobang**, to get your dive on the calendar. See page 5 for the Coordinator Guidelines.

One more note, don't forget that the time to make camping reservations for the Memorial Day weekend at Van Damme is November 23th. Even though there won't be any abalone diving there is still freediving, scuba diving and a host of other fun things to do.

Have fun diving. – **Tom**

## Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This month we have **One (1) Question** and it's worth a chance to win **TEN (10) raffle tickets** for your correct answer!

**Question:** Predatory reef fish such as barracuda can be a source of ciguatera toxin, which can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, numbness, and tingling, including around the mouth and a strange constellation of mild neurological symptoms. What other species besides barracudas should be consumed with caution, and why?

- A Lobster
- B Swordfish
- C Large groupers
- D Tuna
- E All of the above

Send your answer by email to **Barbara Davis** at [bjdscuba123@gmail.com](mailto:bjdscuba123@gmail.com). All attendees at the next general meeting with the correct answer will be included in a drawing for 10 free raffle tickets. Good Luck!



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## RAFFLE NEWS

*Larry Ankuda*

Taking over from LORD **Lance Williams** was seamless, and we saved a raffle ticket because he wasn't here for his birth month! OCTOBER RESULTS: Lucky **Kelly Drake** was the first winner and he chose the Dragon Crest bottle of wine, which was donated by **Bill Shipman**. **Barbara Davis** was second AND third and she chose the Bogle, donated by **Scott Schimberg**, and the Coleman lantern, donated by **John Snyder**. LORD Snyder also donated two scuba tanks and these were won by **Manual Mangrobang** and Scott. Manual's turn was next and he took the two soft weight packs, which were donated by **Larry Ankuda**. The following prizes were all donated by John and won by: **Mike Chalup** – 4 recessed ceiling lamps in a Safeway basket and later an insulated window blanket; **Tom Gardner** – 5 Tiki torches; Bill – a goodie bag; Kelly – a pneumatic shortie spear-gun; Manual – a lamp. **Carl Tuttle** finally came through and chose the insulated market tote, donated by **Gerry Richards**. Then Kelly, Tom, Carl, and Barbara repeatedly won what was left, most of which was donated by John (who had been cleaning out his garage!).

**THE DOOR PRIZE:** Alas, **Adam Nasont** was not present to collect \$20, so we will up it another ten bucks for November. Be sure you're at the general meeting, you could go home \$30 richer!

**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: **Howard Timoney, Carl Tuttle, Steven Wall, Brian Zaugg** and **Barbara Zwieg**. Yes, liquid refreshment is dive related!

As Lance has moved out of the area, **Larry Ankuda** offered to run the November raffle, so if you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact Larry at, 1-408-378-4963, lankuda@comcast.net, 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, Donnavon Hill** and **John Snyder**. Happy Birthday! ☆

## CLUB DUES DUE THIS MONTH

It is November again and time to pay your **annual dues** at the General Meeting. Dues help cover a portion of the yearly room rental. Each member will also be asked to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement" when dues are paid. These forms will be available at the November 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: **Scott Schimberg**, 21 Haven Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

**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	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 95.00

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!** ☆

## 2018 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

❑ OPEN CATEGORIES ❑

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

## SCUBA

❑ Cabazon ❑

**Steven Wall** 4 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/13

❑ Lingcod ❑

**John Snyder** 10 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/31

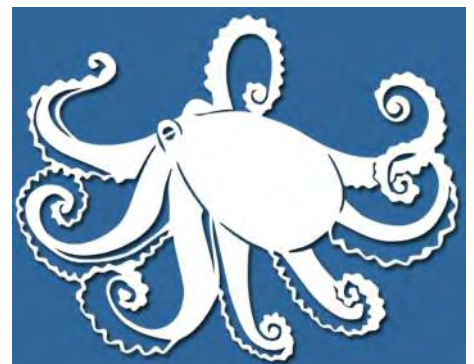
❑ Halibut ❑

**Tom Gardner** 32 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/13

❑ OPEN CATEGORIES ❑

**Sheephead, Lobster**

**Good luck to all!**



## Ocean Etiquette *National Marine Sanctuaries*

Knowing how to interact with ocean wildlife can help you make the right decisions when you encounter wildlife. Without paying attention to how you interact in the marine environment, you are running the chance of putting endangered species, federally protected species and thousands of other species' lives at risk.

Each time someone visits the marine environment, they have the wonderful opportunity to encounter wildlife. However, the unfortunate potential to harm our marine life and resources exists with every visit. Because we love our marine resources and want you to appreciate them, the National Marine Sanctuary System sees every visitor as a potential steward of our sanctuary resources. The Ocean Etiquette program calls on each of you to take on that responsibility. We have listed below a set of general marine wildlife viewing guidelines.

### Marine wildlife viewing guidelines

#### Learn before you go



Read about the wildlife, viewing sites and local regulations to get the most from your wildlife viewing experience. Many species live only in specific habitats such as estuaries, coral reefs, sand dunes or the open ocean. Seasonal and daily cycles also influence when and where an animal may be located. Research on the internet, buy regional viewing guidebooks, talk with local residents and hire local guides to increase your chances of seeing marine wildlife.

#### Keep your distance



Use binoculars, spotting scopes and cameras with zoom lenses to get a closer look. Marine wildlife may be very sensitive to human disturbance, and if cornered, they can harm the viewer or leave the area. If wildlife approaches you, stay calm and slowly back away or place boat engines in neutral. When closer encounters occur, do not make sudden moves or obstruct the travel path of the animals – let them have the unhindered right of way.

#### Hands off



Never touch, handle or ride marine wildlife. Touching wildlife, or attempting to do so, can injure the animal, put you at risk and may also be illegal for certain species. The slimy coating on fish and many marine invertebrates protects the animal from infection and is easily rubbed off with a hand, glove or foot. Avoid using gloves when diving or snorkeling to minimize the temptation to touch. Remember, wild animals may bite, body slam or even pull you underwater if startled or threatened.

#### Do not feed or attract marine wildlife



Feeding or attempting to attract wildlife with food, decoys, sound or light disrupts normal feeding cycles, may cause sickness or death from unnatural or contaminated food items,

and habituates animals to people. Habituated animals are vulnerable to vessel strikes or vandalism, and can be dangerous to people.

#### Never chase or harass wildlife



Following a wild animal that is trying to escape is dangerous. Never completely surround the animal, trap an animal between a vessel and shore, block its escape route, or come between mother and young. When viewing from a boat, operate at slow speed, move parallel to the swimming animals, and avoid approaching head-on or from behind, and separating individuals from a group. If you are operating a non-motorized vessel, emit periodic noise to make wildlife aware of your presence and avoid surprise.

Stay away from wildlife that appears abandoned or sick do not approach sick animals icon

Some marine animals, such as seals, leave the water or are exposed at low tide as part of their natural life cycle — there may be nothing wrong with them. Young animals that appear to be orphaned may actually be under the watchful eye of a nearby parent. An animal that is sick or injured is already vulnerable and may be more likely to bite. If you think an animal is in trouble, contact the local authorities for advice.

#### Wildlife and pets don't mix



Wild animals can injure and spread diseases to pets, and in turn, pets can harm and disturb wildlife. For example, wild animals recognize dogs as predators and quickly flee when they see or smell dogs. If you are traveling with a pet, always keep them on a leash and away from areas frequented by marine wildlife.

#### Lend a hand with trash removal



Human garbage is one of the greatest threats to marine wildlife. Carry a trash bag with you and pick up litter found along the shore and in the water. Plastic bags, floating debris and monofilament line pose the greatest risk to wildlife. Remember, if you see litter it's because you didn't stop and pick it up!

#### Help others to become responsible wildlife watchers and tour operators



Speak up if you notice other viewers or tour operators behaving in a way that disturbs the wildlife or other viewers, or impacts sensitive habitats. Be friendly, respectful and discrete when approaching others. When operating a boat, lead by example and reduce your speed in areas frequented by marine wildlife, anchor properly and encourage others to do the same. Violations of the law should be reported to local authorities.

**It's up to you!**



## Finding Charlie

Diver Vince Tenchavez, 34, was infuriated when he discovered somebody had vandalized two live corals in the Bauan marine sanctuary in Batangas, Philippines. They had carefully engraved a name and date on them. At 130 feet deep, it could only have been done by a scuba diver. Around five feet across, the word “Charlie” had been carefully and freshly inscribed, but Tenchavez could find nobody with that name on the guest lists of the local dive centers. (Undercurrent) ★



## For a Few Dollars More

Outside of the American sphere of influence, DIN-fitting tanks are becoming the norm, which could be a problem for those of us with International A-clamp-fitting (yoke) regulators. Most foreign dive centers provide a screw-in insert that solves the problem but some can be in a rather battered state, so wise traveling divers take their own. For a few dollars this little item in your bag can save you a lot of grief. Consult your local dive store. (Undercurrent) ★



## Annual Awards Banquet

Mark the evening of **Saturday, January 19th** on your **2019** 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! ★

## San Jose Flipper Dippers' DIVE COORDINATOR GUIDELINES

To be a dive coordinator you need only be a certified diver with some experience. It is important to remember that you are coordinating other certified divers who are diving within their training and experience limits. You should take care to not exceed that role. You should not act as a divemaster or an instructor (even if you are so qualified).



Safety should be the concern of all divers. Information such as the location of the nearest phone and whether oxygen is available should be shared by the participants. In most locations, the emergency number is 911 and is a free call.

It should be assumed that a certified diver is qualified to dive in a situation that is within the limits of his/her training with a diver of equal qualifications. If you suspect that a dive situation exceeds the qualifications of a diver, you should explain to them the potential difficulties they may encounter. However, remember that it is ultimately the diver him/herself who must make the decision as whether to dive, and he/she is ultimately responsible for his/her decision.

Follow the Club constitution: “Encourage the conservation of all marine life by obeying all Federal and State game laws and urging others to do likewise.”

### A Simple Ten-Point Guideline:

1. Choose a site/situation that you are familiar with and will enjoy.
2. Schedule your dive in time to be in the newsletter and announced at the Club meeting. Include the best method of contact so interested divers can contact you if they aren't at the meeting.
3. Collect the sign-up sheet after the Club meeting. If you can't attend, ask another member to get it for you.
4. If the dive will not occur as planned, make your best effort to contact all that expressed interest. Otherwise divers will assume the dive will occur as planned.
5. Make sure non-members are appropriately certified and have signed the Club disclaimer.
6. Coordinate buddy teams to make sure that all divers who need a buddy, have one.
7. Tell all divers who are not familiar with the site/situation what they can expect.
8. Ask divers who may want to leave early to let someone know so all divers can be accounted for.
9. Try to make the dive an enjoyable and safe experience for everyone, including yourself.
10. Report on the dive at the next Club meeting. If you can't attend, try to find another participant who can report.

Contact the Vice President to coordinate a dive and you'll be on your way to your **2nd Star Award!** ★ ★

# Why Even Air-Breathing Divers Should Analyze Their Tanks

Undercurrent

Nitrox divers are taught to analyze the contents of their tanks before using them, but now air-breathing divers should be doing it, too. With nitrox fills the norm on dive boats, on tap there and in dive shops, a new hazard lurks – when tanks of air are filled alongside tanks of nitrox, and some divers may pick the incorrect one. Tanks are not always clearly or correctly labelled.

Air which is actually nitrox 21 (meaning it is composed of approximately 21 percent oxygen and 78 percent nitrogen), is recommended for a maximum safe depth of 185ft. Nitrox 32, one of the most common mixes for recreational diving, is limited to 111ft. It has higher partial-pressure amounts of oxygen, which can subject a diver to the risks of oxygen toxicity. If a diver mistakenly takes a tank of nitrox, thinking it is air, he may go too deep and suffers a life-threatening spasm (depending on an individual's susceptibility) with the likelihood of drowning. Which means we should all analyze the contents of every tank before we



go diving.

Any dive operation that provides nitrox should have a portable analyzer available. You can simply adjust it to 20.9 percent, then hold it over a tank's valve that you've opened sufficiently to supply a gentle flow of gas, and wait until the display stabilizes. If it's air in the tank, the display will still read 20.9 percent oxygen. ☆

## A Florida Dive Gone Wrong

Undercurrent

Two divers went missing, in August, during a dive on the underwater shipwreck RJ Thompson, near Tarpon Springs, FL. According to the captain of the dive boat the two men were last seen near the wreck but never resurfaced. Local law enforcement and the Coast Guard searched more than 1,700 nautical miles of the Gulf of Mexico before finding them. Michael Pavlich spent seven hours in the water, five miles southeast of the wreck. Terry Hayes was spotted nearly a day later, 12 miles farther away. Hayes kept his BC on and drank rainwater he collected with his mask. Rescuers spotted his surface marker buoy. ☆



## Unwanted Dive Gear?

Looking for a way to put your unwanted dive gear to work? Club member **Carl Tuttle** had a collection of used dive gear he had obtained from folks who were no longer diving including 5 tanks, well out of hydro, a regulator with UW pressure gauge and a couple of BCDs. So he came up with an idea: Post the gear for "FREE" on Craigslist. However there was a catch; the person taking the gear would need to provide some money to be donated to The Wounded Warrior Project. Sure enough, someone contacted Carl and offered \$125 for everything! So if you have some gear in good condition that you're not sure what to do with, offer to donate the money to this worthy cause in exchange for the dive gear. It's that simple! ☆



[www.woundedwarrioproject.org](http://www.woundedwarrioproject.org)

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 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. ☆

# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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NOVEMBER 2018

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
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, NOVEMBER 10  
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)  
SOUTH MONASTERY BEACH**  
Coordinator: Manuel Mangrobang, 408-813-5139. [manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com](mailto:manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com). Manuel is planning a dive. Meet at the MONASTERY BEACH at 8:00 am, and we'll decide where to dive based on conditions and sign-ups. Bring two tanks and plan on making two dives. Please RSVP in case the dive

gets canceled or moved due to weather or surf conditions.

## **GENERAL MEETING Date Change!**

**WEDNESDAY,  
November 14th**

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

**Celebrate 54 Years of the  
San Jose Flipper Dippers  
at our General Meeting.**

**Entertainment:**

- ★ Nominations for 2019 Officers
- ★ Social Hour - Bring your tails
- ★ Great Raffle Prizes

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$30!**

**YOU must be present to win!**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**



**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23  
RESERVATIONS FOR VAN  
DAMME STATE PARK, MEMO-  
RIAL DAY WEEKEND 2019**  
Make your camping reservations for Memorial Day Weekend 23-26 May 2019. [www.reservecalifornia.com](http://www.reservecalifornia.com)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**UPCOMING IN DECEMBER**

- 05 Business Meeting
- 08 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3)
- 19 General Meeting
  - o Officer Elections
  - o BIG Christmas Raffle



## **2018 Club Photo Competition!**

*Jackie Gardner*

Get your shutters snapping! Here are the objectives and rules for this year's Club Photo Competition:

1. To encourage members to have fun taking videos or photos from our club events and special trips, sharing their best photos and competing with our fellow members. Additionally encourage new members or old members to learn photography tips from experienced photographers.
2. Photos must be taken during 2018 at a Flipper Dippers' coordinated event. This is any event or dive that was published in the Newsletter or mentioned at a club meeting.
3. A entry fee of \$5.00 per category, due when you enter your photos.
4. Up to four photos can be entered into three categories (either novice or advanced): Gnome Photos, Underwater, Spirit of the

Club. If more than one photo is submitted the group of photos will be judged as a collection.

5. Snorkel Roaming Gnomes can be purchased for \$18.99 at: [www.roaminggnomestore.com/p-1294-snorkel-roaming-gnome.aspx](http://www.roaminggnomestore.com/p-1294-snorkel-roaming-gnome.aspx)

6. Photo prints can be no larger than 8-1/2 x 11 inches. All photos submitted for each category must be mounted on the same piece of mounting board. For instance if you submit three Gnome photos and four underwater photos, the Gnomes must all share one mounting board as a collection and the underwater photos must share another mounting board as a collection. Mounting boards should be large enough to hold all your Photos.

7. Winning photos will be featured on our home page and all photos will be judged by your peers attending our annual Flipper Dipper Awards Banquet in January 2019. The most votes for each category will be our winners. The winners will be announced at the February General meeting. There will be

a first place prize in each category.

8. There are six (6) winning categories (either novice or experienced).

A. Novice or Experienced underwater photos.

B. Novice or Experienced spirit of the club.

C. Novice or Experienced Gnome picture (underwater or spirit of the club).

**Novice:** meaning you have been taking underwater photos for less than 10 years.

**Advanced:** meaning Experienced photographer has an advanced camera and over 10 years experience.

Categories will include: Underwater, Spirit of the Club (above water), and Gnome either spirit or underwater. These photos can be edited if preferred.

9. Entries must be submitted by January 12, 2019, one week before the Annual Awards Banquet. Photos must have been taken in 2018 at a Flipper Dipper coordinated event. This is an event or dive that was published in the Newsletter or mentioned at a club 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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## 2018 & 2019 COMING EVENTS

Nov 7	Business Meeting
Nov 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
Nov 14	☛ General Meeting - Officer Nominations
Nov 23	Van Damme Reservations for May 2019
Dec 5	Business Meeting
Dec 8	Second Saturday SCUBA
Dec 19	☛ General Meeting - Officer Elections / BIG Christmas Raffle
Jan 2	Business Meeting
Jan 12	Second Saturday SCUBA
Jan 16	General Meeting
Jan 19	Annual Awards Banquet
Jan 23	Annual Planning Meeting

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

*ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET*  
*Mark Your Calendars:*  
*Saturday, January 19, 2019*

The Flipper Dippers' Annual Awards Banquet will be on January 19, 2019. The banquet is going to be held at **Viva**, 15970 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos where it was held this past January. Details to come. 🌟



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