

NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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## Kayak use by divers in Pt. Lobos clarified

There was a bit of confusion and bewilderment, on July 25, at the entrance kiosk in Pt. Lobos on the use of kayaks by scuba divers. The staff insisted that there are only four kayaks allowed to be launched each day and two online reservations had been made. This was questioned as in the past there were never any of these restrictions. In this case Dippers **Barbara Davis** and **Howard Timoney** were allowed to use their kayaks after paying the standard \$10 launch fee. Dippers **Carl Tuttle**, **John Snyder** and **Jim Rezowalli** were not allowed to use their kayaks to dive off of. There is an option to sign-up and pay a launch fee online, but in the past divers who brought a kayak typically paid the fee upon entering the park, without restriction. When asked who to contact regarding these “rules” the answer was, “Sacramento.”

On that Saturday evening Jim sent an email to info@parks.com. His email message is as follows:

Dear Parks,

*On a recent dive at Point Lobos I learned that only four boats are allowed to use Whaler's Cove per day. I am a member of a San Jose dive club and we have dove Point Lobos using kayaks many times over many years but this is the first time we were told about the four boat limit. Typically we have about six divers who use kayaks to get out. On the recent dive only two of our divers were allowed to launch and four of us had to leave our kayaks on the cars because there was already a reservation for two kayaks. What was particularly annoying was that the other two kayaks allowed that day were a couple with a two-person kayak that were not diving and paddled around the cove for about twenty minutes and then left. The two-person kayak was counted as two boats.*

*The Point Lobos web site makes it seem that kayaks are allowed and only in the very bottom does it say that only four boats per day will be permitted. Most of the park is off limits to divers, of the area where diving is allowed, about three quarters of it can only be reached using a kayak, and the boats are only on the water for about an hour and spend most of the time anchored and not moving. The diving is already limited to only eight divers and if nondivers are allowed to launch that also severally limits the use of the area.*

*What is the logic behind only allowing 4 boats per day in the dive area? If there is a logical reason I would like to pass it on to the other dive club members.*

Best regards  
Jim Rezowalli

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Does your dog bite? Jim Rezowalli, left, and John Snyder conform to mask requirements at Pt. Lobos on July 25.

## Flipper Dippers Dipping Flippers

Here are the reports to prove it!

### Fourth Saturday Scuba (FS2): June 27, So. Monastery Beach

After diving June 13th and 20th, conditions continued to look good, and again, we were SO happy to be able to get back in the water, that Dippers **Grace Chi**, **Barbara Davis**, and **Howard Timoney** decided to head for South Monastery yet again on Saturday, June 27th. We were also joined by prospective member **Ken Agur**, who got his third signature and has now been voted into the club! Welcome Ken, and Congratulations!

Visibility had diminished since the previous weekend, and we had to time our entries and exits because the swell was definitely up, but we still had 2 great dives!

We saw a big lingcod on the first dive, and quite a few different kinds of starfish, including bat stars, leather stars, and giant spined stars. We've noticed a lot of orange sea cucumbers on the last few dives here, and the occasional white sea cucumber., plus the usual feather duster worms, orange puff-ball sponges, orange cup corals

and strawberry anemones. Dive times ranged from 45 – 55 minutes with max depths of 45 – 50 feet.

### Second Saturday Scuba (S3): July 11, Carmel River St. Beach

We decided to try a different spot this time, so we met up at Carmel River State Beach on Saturday, July 11th. Beach divers included **Tom** and **Jackie Gardner** and **Manuel Mangrobang**, while **Barbara Davis**, **Howard Timoney** and his CHP motorcycle buddy, and **Carl Tuttle** brought their kayaks.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Unfortunately, we are still in the middle of the Covid restrictions that has put a damper on our Club activities. However, even though we can't physically get together for club meetings we can still attend thru WebEx. Remember everyone is welcome and you don't even need to leave home. You don't even need to wear pants, just don't standup!

We had a lot of dives during July and still have dive activities scheduled for August and September, although they are subject to change. So stay tuned!

For the month of August there is the monthly Second Saturday Scuba (S3) on August 8th and there is a Elkhorn Slough Cleanup set for August 15th. See the article on page 6 for details. This is a replacement activity for our Panther Beach cleanups but one that is worthy of our effort – so please join in!

Just remember to bring a facemask to any activities to lower your chances of spreading infection. We want everyone to remain healthy while they enjoy the outdoors, even if it's to pickup trash.

Everyone stay healthy and keep safe!

– Your president **Tom**

## Diver' I.Q. Review Corner

☆☆ Just For Fun ☆☆

Let's test your knowledge on these situations you might find yourself in. Sorry, no raffle tickets will be awarded but see if your answers are in line with the "experts." For the "correct answers" see page 4.

**Question A: If you find yourself being pulled out to sea in a rip current, you should**

- 1 Swim as hard as you can to try to get back to shore.
- 2 Flip on your back and float until the current lessens.
- 3 Swim parallel to the shore until the current peters out.
- 4 Answers 2 and 3

**Question B: The first thing you should do to tame a jellyfish sting is**

- 1 Swear like hell while flushing it with vinegar.
- 2 Swear like hell, then pee on it.
- 3 Rub sand, baking soda, or meat tenderizer on the site.
- 4 Douse it with cold water.

**Question C: SHAAAARK! You're approached or bumped in the water by a shark. Which of these things should you NOT do?**

- 1 Yell loudly.
- 2 Punch it in the nose, claw its gills, and gouge its eyes.
- 3 Churn wildly to scare it away.
- 4 Swim away.



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Join us online at our virtual August General Meeting for a great time to share your latest dive stories or discuss how you're keeping busy. ★

### RAFFLE NEWS

*Leigh Hartley Tuttle*

Well, that's a deep subject. And here we are waiting to get back together. Hang in there Dippers! ★

### MEMBERSHIP

*Teresa Hanson*

Welcome new member **Ken Agur** who was 'virtually' voted into the Club during the July WebEx Virtual General Meeting.

We're always looking for new members that are looking for someone to dive with. So be sure to pass on this newsletter to anyone you know. See the Club's Website for more information. Contact **Teresa** for additional information on any and all Membership Requirements.



**Happy birthday!** If we had a regular General Meeting, a FREE raffle ticket would be given to the following Dipper who has gone another 584 million miles in 365.256 days to travel around the Sun! – **Steve Richards.** ★

### 2020 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

❑ OPEN CATEGORIES ❑  
*Cabazon, Lingcod, Halibut, Sheephead, Lobster*



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After schlepping the gear-laden kayaks to the water's edge with the help of Howard's great set of wheels, the kayakers headed for the middle of the big kelp field just beyond the point. Carl chatted with the assortment of fisherman on kayaks as we paddled past. We anchored in the middle of the kelp field and descended into the clear, cold water. We could see the surface from 70 feet and Barbara's computer registered 46 degrees! Horizontal vis was at least 40 feet. It



Social Butterflies **Tom** and **Jackie** at Carmel River State Beach on July 11th.

We've also been seeing a lot of California hydrocoral in various shades of pink and purple. Barbara reported seeing several large rock scallops in the cracks in the rocks along with a variety of rockfish.

The beach divers swam out to the edge of the kelp field and enjoyed a great dive where they saw many fish and a wide variety of nudibranchs. We all enjoyed our 50+ minute dives!

It's been a while since we dove from our kayaks, and we were reminded of the importance of reviewing pre-dive procedures. Just as she slid into the water, Barbara heard Howard (already in the water) say that he had left his flashlight in his kayak. Barbara realized that not only had she forgotten her flashlight, she had forgotten to put her



**Barbara** and **Howard** use Howard's DIY kayak cart at Carmel River State Beach on July 11th.

gloves on! So back up onto the kayak to finish gearing up. (Barbara's flashlight used to be hooked to her BC, but the new one has a hand mount.)

Tom and Manuel did a second dive through the kelp field but reported a lot of surge that left them feeling a bit nauseous. Manuel has a new heated vest he tried out for the first time. He reported that it wasn't quite as warm as expected, but it definitely took the chill off.

The sun was out for most of the  
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**Barbara, Grace, Howard** and **Ken** on June 27th at South Monastery Beach.

was great to dive in such a big kelp forest! It was a bit dark under the thick kelp canopy but our flashlights illuminated many crabs, nudibranchs, anemones, feather duster worms, and fish. Many of the rocks were carpeted with strawberry anemones in many shades of pink.

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On Thursday morning, July 30, Jim received the following email:

Hello Mr. Rezowalli,

I appreciate your interest and feedback with one of our local park units. Point Lobos State Nature Reserve is one of the crown jewels of State Park System. I have reviewed our current procedure for boat usage at Point Lobos SNR and have come to the conclusion that there has been some confusion by staff in how our boating rules are being applied.

**Moving forward our boat procedure will require a kayak launch fee which is \$10 and the diver's kayaks will not be counted toward the number of boats for the day.**

Also with the current concerns with Covid 19, we have reduced the number of divers to two teams of 8 which equates to 16 divers.

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to us and I apologize for any inconveniences it has caused. If you have any future issues feel free to reach out me.

Sincerely

James Nothhelfer  
California State Parks  
Supervising State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard)  
Monterey District/Monterey Sector



So, it looks like the big mystery has been solved! Those of you who want to dive at Pt. Lobos with your kayak, you might consider taking a copy of this newsletter with you, just in case there is any questions at the entrance kiosk regarding the number of kayaks allowed per day.

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Jim Rezowalli!** ★

## Diver' I.Q. Review Corner Answers

**Question A: If you find yourself being pulled out to sea in a rip current, you should**

**Answer: 4** Your instinct may be to sprint for shore. But swimming against the current will only exhaust you. Instead, try to swim parallel to shore, and be aware that the current might carry you out a bit. If you get tired, you can back-float to save energy. Eventually you'll reach calmer water further out and be able to look back at where the waves are breaking—that's where you want to go. Chart your path of least resistance to shore (which might be a diagonal, not a straight line).

**Question B: The first thing you should do to tame a jellyfish sting is**

**Answer: 1** (Swearing Optional) A Jellyfish sting doesn't just hurt; it keeps radiating. If you get stung in the water this summer, rinsing the area with the first available liquid will likely make things worse: Water discharges unreleased microscopic stinging capsules (there are plenty), and urine isn't acidic enough to deactivate them. Other folk remedies are bunk, with the exception of one: Research has found that vinegar can deactivate the stinging cells (nematocysts) of nearly every kind of jellyfish. Then immerse the wound in hot water (110° to 115°F, a little hotter than a shower) for 45 min.

**Question C: SHAAAARK! You're approached or bumped in the water by a shark. Which of these things should you NOT do?**

**Answer: 3** MAKING A scene might give some land-based predators pause, but in the water it's sign language for "wounded animal," which means easy prey, also known as "lunch." If you spot a shark nearby, first try to swim smoothly and steadily away. If it engages, it may be time to try targeting all the sensitive areas (B). Yelling isn't a proven way to scare sharks, but when a great white reportedly latched onto New Zealand surfer Nick Minogue's surfboard and arm earlier this year, he punched the animal in the eye and yelled, "F \_ \_ k Off!" And. It. Did.



## A Plastic Pandemic

A glut of discarded single-use masks and gloves is washing up on shorelines and littering the seabed. Conservationists have warned that the coronavirus pandemic could spark a surge in ocean pollution — adding to a glut of plastic waste that already threatens marine life — after finding disposable masks floating like jellyfish and waterlogged latex gloves scattered across sea beds.

Divers have found "Covid waste" — dozens of gloves, masks, and bottles of hand sanitizer — beneath the waves of the Mediterranean, mixed with the usual litter of disposable cups and aluminum cans. Wear a mask, but be careful with its disposal. 129 billion facemasks are disposed of every month. (The Guardian/BBC) ★



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day and the group enjoyed some socially distant socializing and lunch before heading home. Another great day of diving in Monterey! Come and join us next time!

### Third Saturday Scuba (TS2): July 18, Copper Roof House

The wave models continued to look good, so **Barbara Davis** and **Tom** and **Jackie Gardner** decided to go diving again on Saturday, July 18th. We met at 8:00 am where Scenic Road intersects with Martin Way in Carmel-by-the-Sea, right at the top of the stairs down to the beach next to the iconic Clinton Walker House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.



**Barbara, Tom and Jackie** in compliance at Copper Roof House on July 18th.

The ocean was indeed calm and we were able to walk in and out for both dives. There was a giant field of kelp in the bay, so for the first dive, we skirted the kelp to the left, and descended into about 12 feet of water. Our max depth was only 38 feet. We'd read that you can get to 50 feet at this dive site, but we're not sure where. We chatted with some other local divers between dives, and they recommended a heading of 300 degrees to get to deeper water. Unfortunately, that heading goes straight thru the kelp. So for the second dive, we descended at the edge of the kelp field, and headed out at 300 degrees. We might have found deeper water, but it was only 6 feet deep at the edge of the kelp field, and after swimming out for over 20 minutes, we still only got to about 35 feet.

Viz was not great; maybe 10 – 15 feet with a lot of particulates in the water. However, ever one to find a silver lining, Barbara was able to

play with the settings on her new flashlight, since the beam was easily identifiable in the particulate-laden water! And it was toasty! Barbara's computer read 54 degrees; quite a change over the 46 degrees we saw the previous weekend at Carmel River State Beach.

In addition to the usual giant kelp and bull kelp, we also swam over patches of palm kelp in the white sand. The kelp was interspersed with rocks and boulders, on which we saw many different types of nudibranchs, feather duster worms, and crabs. While we did see some little purple sea urchins, there weren't that many of them, and there were no barren rocks.

As we were gearing up for the second dive, we heard an extremely loud hissing as Tom's first stage blew out. By the time he turned it off, his entire first stage was frosted over. Tom uses a DIN valve, and the o-ring where the regulator screws into the tank looked fine. We determined that the air was coming out the other end of the first stage. A couple of helpful divers came over with an impressive tool box and examined the first stage. The consensus was that something had blown out of the other end and it would need to go to a dive shop for repair. Jackie volunteered to sit out the second dive so Tom transferred his BC to Jackie's tank and set up her regulator. But as soon as he turned on the air, the tank o-ring blew. (Was someone trying to tell us something?) We replaced the o-ring and everything was fine, so Barbara and Tom enjoyed a second dive.

We noticed a sign near the top of the stairs saying that the beach was open for exercise only and no chairs, tables, tents or coolers were allowed. Masks were required and social distancing enforced. There weren't that many people on the beach, but the police did come through later in the day and make people take down their shade structures. (But they let them keep their coolers.) Even at 8 am, there were many people walking along the well-named Scenic Road. And many, many dogs of all shapes and sizes.

The sun came out late morning

and we were able to enjoy some socially distant socializing and lunch before heading home. Tom later reported that the repair fee for his regulator was about half what a new one would cost, so Tom's the proud owner of a new regulator!

### Forth Saturday Scuba (FS2): July 25, Pt. Lobos

Ten Dippers joined up at Pt. Lobos on July 25 for a great day of diving. On July 5th **Carl Tuttle** noticed that reservations were open for diving and sent out an email to



**Jim, John, Carl, Barbara, Howard and Abby** locate their 1st dive positions on the Pt. Lobos relief display on July 25th.

the Club membership and five were able to make reservations. During the current COVID issue the park limits diving to eight "teams." In addition to Carl those Dippers included **Jim Rezowalli**, **Barbara Davis**, **Abby Golden Wilson** and husband **Ben**, **Howard Timoney**, **Donovan Hill**, **Tom** and **Jackie Gardner**, **Mike Chalup**, and **John Snyder**.

Carl, Jim, John, Barbara and Howard brought their kayaks – only to run into some confusion with the park staff at the gate on the number of kayaks allowed. (See Page 1 for an update.) Only Barbara and Howard were able to use theirs!

The rest of the group buddied up to experience the Monterey 'Kelp Crawl' as there was a good amount of kelp growth in Whaler's Cove.

Carl, John and Jim joined up as a team and making their way over the kelp were able to find great +40-feet of viz, little surge, if any, and not too cold either. A number of good size red snappers and kelp bass were seen. The purple urchins were minimal in many areas but are making an impact on other areas of the cove. Jim had some free-flowing issue with his BCD but was able to control it by venting the air during

the dive.

Barbara and Howard reported even better viz as they were able to anchor their kayaks further out. They made a second dive and Barbara reported being able to see the surface from 100 foot depth.

The team of Abigail, Donovan, and Mike also did two dives. Mike reported the kelp was very heavy in the Cove, resulting in a long and strenuous 'Kelp Crawl' to get closer to their chosen descent point for the first dive (second dive we just went under on the inside edge of the kelp

patch). Visibility improved later in the day with the incoming tide to about 40 feet on the bottom.

Mike also noted that what was most startling was the transition between areas of urchin barrens and kelp forest. The former were areas that were almost completely devoid of anything except for bare rock and urchins; a couple of remaining small kelp fronds were each covered with dozens of small purple urchins. But just a few feet away was healthy and dense seaweeds, seemingly unaffected by the urchins. Not at all sure what caused such an abrupt change in the environment?

Tom and Jackie had teamed up for two dives and reported similar conditions as everyone else. Tom reported that his new regulator was amazing. He discovered his old regulator must have been worse than he thought as breathing off the new one was so easy!

There has been some great days of diving in June and July and everyone was happy to get into the water. Let's hope the conditions continue through the coming months! 🌊

## Elkhorn Slough Cleanup - Aug 15

The Elkhorn Slough Foundation has acquired some new property that needs some TLC to bring it back into its natural state. So we need about 10-12 Dippers and Friends to lend a hand.

**When:** Saturday, Aug 15. Meet at 10AM.

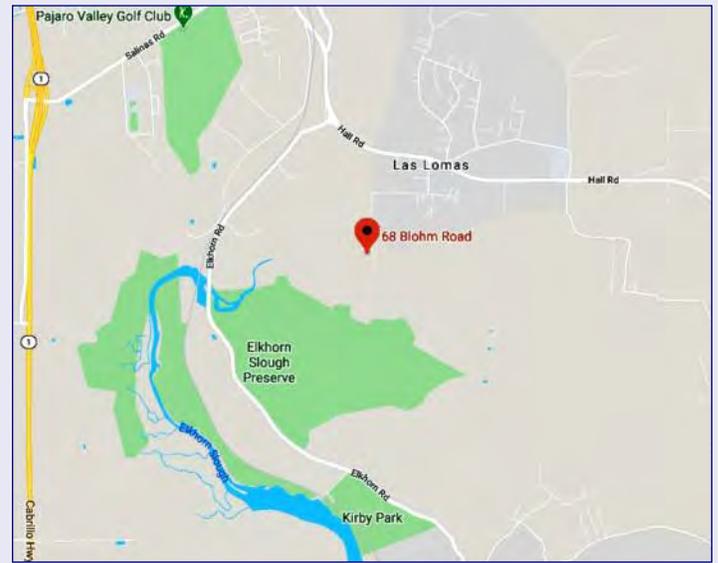
**What:** Cleanup and restoration work at the Elkhorn Slough Foundation's newest property acquisition.

**Where:** 68 Blohm Road, Royal Oaks, CA (via San Juan Rd. off Hwy 101 or via Salinas Rd. off Hwy 1.)

**What to Bring:** Please wear long pants, sun protection, and sturdy shoes. Bring water, face masks and gloves. All tools will be provided.

We're looking at about 3 hours of work. There won't be snacks (thank you Covid), so maybe bringing some granola bars and apples might be a good idea. Alternatively, there is a really good, very authentic, burrito place nearby or we could all go to lunch afterwards somewhere outside in Moss Landing (Phil's, The Haute Enchilada).

There are no restroom facilities so plan ahead. There are portable units at the Kelly Park kayak and boat launch, about 4 miles away on Elkhorn Road. 🌟



## The \$172,140 photo



Brisbane underwater photographer Jasmine Carey has won the grand prize of \$172,140 in the Hamdan International Photography award with her image of a humpback whale and its two-week old calf off the coast of Tonga. Little Zai (the baby calf) is no more than 2 weeks old. His folds still noticeable, his complexion still smooth and velvety. His dorsal, pectorals and fins not yet grown in and his belly the purest of white.

Zai's mother is stunning, the darkest of velvety grey tones with also a pure white underside. Angelically she rested. With open arms, she was perfectly vertical, her underside exposed. She looked so vulnerable, yet she was relaxed. So poised. So nourished, cushioned and strengthened by the water that embraced her and will forever embrace, support and enrich them. Careful not to waken his mother, Little Zai snuggled her— rubbing ever so gently

along her nose and belly, familiarizing himself with each of her dimples and each of her bumps. Every so often he would blow her a small delicate trickle of bubble kisses, and follow their sparkly trail up for a breath. Every so often he would look over to us curiously, but he knew, as we knew, it was “mother and me” time. 🌟

## Tempers Flare as Divers Gear-Up

Residents of Back Beach, Rockport, MA are so hacked off with divers clanging tanks together and getting changed into their wetsuits in the street, they've filed a suit in the U.S. District Court describing scuba diving as an ongoing nuisance affecting their quality of life. Never mind what surfers and kayakers get up to, Rockport has historically encouraged scuba diving and is pushing for more divers, not fewer. 🌟

## Ocean-Friendly but not for the U.S.

The British company Fourth Element, in co-operation with The Diver Medic, has introduced a disinfectant called GoodToDive that uses powerful oxidizing agents, but leaves a solution that can be safely discarded without damaging the aquatic environment. Effective in both fresh and seawater, it's available in powder form and can be used safely to disinfect masks, regulators, and B.C.s. However, the company has not been able to export it to the U.S. and is currently investigating ways to manufacture it here. 🌟

## Don't Share Your Air

The captain of the Catalina Express, which several times a day ferries as many as 450 visitors (including many divers) to and from Catalina Island in Southern California, brought his vessel to a halt because one of the passengers had removed his facemask and refused to replace it. This is the sort of egotism that will make Americans the pariahs of international travel. The vessel lay dead in the water until the passenger complied with the rules. We need this sort of enforcement. You may be free to do as you wish but people should not be allowed to hurt others. 🌟

# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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## ★ NOTICE ★

With the 10 person social gathering and 6-foot social distance order in place around the state, to deal with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, both the Business and General Meetings will be “virtual” meetings. All previously scheduled activities are to be determined (TBD).

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM

The meeting will be held **virtually**. All members are invited to attend, please email **Carl Tuttle** or **Abby Golden Wilson** if you need the link to join. Bring your own food, drinks, and internet connection and let's discuss ideas for how we can stay connected while apart!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8  
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3):  
BARBARA'S SECRET SPOT**  
Coordinator: **Barbara Davis**, 408-656-6390, [bjdscuba123@gmail.com](mailto:bjdscuba123@gmail.com). Details: Barbara is coordinating this S3 dive at a 'Secret Spot.' Meet at 8:00 A.M. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making a 2nd dive under the water. As this dive is before the

General Meeting, you'll need to contact Barbara to get the location and directions. In addition, due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirement, a mask will be needed while suiting up.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15  
ELKHORN SLOUGH CLEANUP**  
Coordinator: **Carl Tuttle**, 408-829-3660, [tutcomms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tutcomms@sbcglobal.net)  
Details: Meet at 10AM, 68 Blohm Road, Royal Oaks, CA. Cleanup

## GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, AUG 19**

7:30 PM

### Celebrating 56 Years

Join us online for our Virtual General Meeting via WebEx. Virtual meeting invites will be sent to all members, but everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Please contact us on our website, or email the club VP, **Abby Golden Wilson** ([abbygolden15@gmail.com](mailto:abbygolden15@gmail.com)), if you would like to attend.



and restoration work at the Elkhorn Slough Foundation's newest property acquisition. Please wear long pants, sun protection, and sturdy shoes. Bring water, snacks, face masks and gloves. All tools will be provided. See separate article for more information.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31  
BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM**  
Sept 2 Meeting Moved Here



### UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER

- 2 Business Meeting - Note:**  
Moved to Aug 31st
- 3-6 Labor Day Weekend - Van Damme
- 5 No License Fishing Day
- 12 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 16 General Meeting**
- 19 International Coastal Cleanup Day



## Labor Day Weekend

Sept 3-6

Dippers **Carl Tuttle**, **Dennis Nasont** and **Tom Gardner** each have campsite reservations for the Labor Day Weekend at Van Damme State Park in Mendocino.

They all indicated that space is available to share in their sites. They each have site reservations for 4 nights starting Wednesday, Sept. 2nd through Saturday, Sept. 5th.

Abalone fishing is closed but, they plan on bringing their tanks, kayaks, mountain bikes to do some bike riding, and maybe some hiking.



The dive shop in Ft. Bragg has closed permanently so there's no place for air fills. It's always a fun time to sit around the camp fire in the evening, telling stories and sharing great food!

So if you're interested in joining in for the holiday weekend be sure to let them know. Contact Carl: 408-829-3660, [tutcomms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tutcomms@sbcglobal.net). ★

## Aquarium Sharks Get Lonely Too

Some fish at the Cairns Aquarium (Queensland) are missing human interaction and have stopped eating. So they've hired an extra diver to amuse creatures such as sharks, grouper, stingrays, and humphead Maori wrasse. Lonely fish are being cuddled to help them get through their coronavirus lockdown-induced gloom. (Australian Associated Press) ★



☛ **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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## 2020 COMING EVENTS

Aug 5	Business Meeting
Aug 8	Second Saturday SCUBA
Aug 15	Elkhorn Slough Cleanup
Aug 19	👉 General Meeting - Food Drive - TBD
Aug 31	👉 Sept Business Meeting
Sept 2	Business Meeting - Note: Moved to Aug 31
Sept 3-6	Labor Day Weekend - Van Damme
Sept 5	No License Fishing Day
Sept 12	Second Saturday SCUBA
Sept 16	👉 General Meeting
Sept 19	International Coastal Cleanup Day
Oct 3	Lobster Season Opens
Oct 7	Business Meeting
Oct 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
Oct 21	👉 General Meeting

### How About You?

Got a favorite dive site? We're looking for Club Members to step up and lead a dive. Contact VP **Abby Golden Wilson** to join 'the force.' 🌟



Watch This Space – Much More To Come!  
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