



San Jose Flipper Dippers

OCTOBER
2022

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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Saturday, September 24th, Two Dives at South Monastery Beach

Barbara Davis

Flipper **Barbara Davis**'s trip to the Cayman Islands got postponed due to Hurricane Ian and the local wave models were blue, blue, blue, so she figured it would be a good day to dive Monterey instead! Despite the short notice, Dippers **Howard Timoney**, **Grace Chi** and **Tom Gardner** were also up for a dive. Dipper **Jackie Gardner** came along to enjoy the beautiful sunny weather and lend a hand removing fins after the first dive. We decided to head for South Monastery Beach. Upon arrival, we observed the surf pattern and were very happy to see it was quite diveable!

After consulting a new book about local diving that includes underwater maps of local dive sites, we decided to head due north from the sound end of the beach to see if we could find deeper water for a change. (See opendivesites.org for more info on the book by Andrew Middleton and on local dive sites.)

After about an 8-minute swim, we noticed that the water was getting colder and we found ourselves on a slope that descended to 100 feet and beyond! The slope was covered with lots of low-growing red algae and seaweeds; a number of crabs were spotted as well.

We spent a few minutes around 100 feet and then started to swim back up the steep slope, taking a pause at a big sand flat at 50 feet to enjoy the 40-foot viz. At that point we took a heading of 210 degrees to head back over to the usual kelp patch. Once there, an air check showed we had dive time left, so we headed out along the usual kelp/sand boundary until it was time to turn the dive.

During our return swim, we encountered the longest salp chain any of us had ever seen! We also spotted a few egg yolk jellies and admired the sunlight streaming down through the kelp canopy. We swam back to beach for what felt like an easier-than-usual crawl out. Jackie was there to help us take off our fins. It was a beautiful 48-minute dive!

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Those purple urchins never saw them coming!

The Flipper Dippers participated in a purple urchin culling dive at Casper Cove, in Mendocino, during the Labor Day Weekend. Above, **Tom Gardner**, **Barbara Davis**, **Andrew Grice** and **Carl Tuttle** after the dive, which was a No license Fishing Day. **Jackie Gardner** took the photo and **Howard Chien** and **Frances Lee** assisted the divers by carrying some gear off the beach. The group did a bang-up job! ☀

Want to visit the RMS Titanic?

Ocean Gate Expeditions runs submersible craft expeditions to the 110-year-old wreck with crews of Titanic historians and research scientists. It will only set you back \$250K for the privilege. If you're on a budget, you can watch the company's high-clarity 8k footage on YouTube, including moving images of the debris field. ☀



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Divers!

Once again, I'm happy to be able to start off with a big welcome to our latest new members, voted in at the September General meeting: **Andrew Grice** and **Ness Mi!** It's great to have new divers join us.

Everyone had a great time at the club campout over Labor Day weekend and we were also able to do an urchin culling dive at Caspar Cove. We had a great turnout for our S3 dive at McAbee Beach as well.

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

Looking ahead, Club Dues are due this month. Pay on time and avoid the \$5 late fee! See the article on page 3 for all of the info.

We've also got a number of club trips in the planning stages, both local and international. A couple of Dippers have signed up for the April 2023 Any Water Sports' Spring Adventure in Cozumel (See page 6). Stay tuned for more details!

Let's go diving!

— Barbara

Ed Note: Hurricane Ian delayed the Any Water Sports dive trip to the Cayman Islands by a week for Barbara and **Teresa Hanson**. They're now scheduled to go on October 1st. Travel safe! ⭐

Giant Giant Kelp Restoration Project

CSUMB professor Dr. Corey Garza and Pat Iampietro fly Drogon at 200-feet to take pictures in visible spectrum and near infrared in order to stitch together an orthomosaic image of the kelp canopy at Tanker's Reef. The drone flies a pattern like mowing a lawn and then when the batteries are low Pat returns it to base to change batteries and then return it to the route. Because the area is within the flight path of the Monterey airport, Pat had to get permission to unlock and allow the drone to fly. ⭐



\$35k worth of equipment flying the pattern over water will use five sets of batteries.

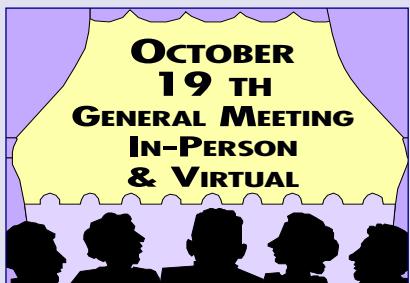


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We'll be having our in-person General Meeting this month. If you come please bring a refreshment to share – safely! We'll again have a live Skype connection to communicate with those who still prefer to meet virtually. ★

RAFFLE NEWS

Our in-person general meetings are still lightly attended so we're holding off on our monthly raffles. We're hoping we can all get together this December for our Annual Christmas Raffle, so stay tuned! ★

MEMBERSHIP

Ken Agur

Welcome to our newest members **Andrew Grice** (photo) and **Ness Mi** who were voted in at the September General Meeting!



Happy birthday! If we had a regular General Meeting, a FREE raffle ticket would be given to **Kelly Drake** and **Howard Timoney**! ★

CLUB DUES DUE THIS MONTH

It is October again and time to pay your **annual dues** at the General Meeting. Dues help cover a portion of the yearly room rental, website hosting, domain name registration, and newsletter printing and distribution. Each member will also be asked to sign an *"Assumption of Risk Agreement"* when dues are paid (the form is available on the Club's Website). If you can't make the in-person General Meeting please send a signed copy with your dues in the mail to: **Jackie Gardner**, 2986 Everdale Court, San Jose, CA 95148. Contact Jackie if you want to pay your dues in cash.

Club Dues this year are \$50.00 and \$10.00 per year to receive this Newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service. Or download it FREE each month from the Club's Website in full color. Charter and Lifetime Members will continue to receive the Newsletter by U.S. mail.

CenCal (Central California Council of Diving Clubs) dues are \$15.00 and USofA (Underwater Society of America) dues are \$20.00. (Pay online at: www.cencal.org). 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 DUES	\$ 50.00
Newsletter (U.S. Mail)	10.00
CEN CAL	15.00
USofA	20.00
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!** ★

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 CLUB OFFICERS

HOW ABOUT YOU?



At the November General Meeting we will be nominating Club members for the following offices: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer** and **Sergeant at Arms**. To be eligible to hold an office, one

must be a current member in good standing. Presidential nominees must have been a club member for at least two years. Holding an office is a rewarding experience as well as being of benefit to the club. This is your chance to *get involved* and voice your ideas as to the future of the San Jose Flipper Dippers. The Election of our officers will take place at the December General Meeting.

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. ★

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Tom and Jackie had other plans for the rest of the day, but Barbara, Howard and Grace did a second dive along the more usual route (along the kelp/sand boundary, following an approximate heading of 330 degrees).

Viz on the second dive was about 30 feet. We saw tons of fish fry, including some needle fish, lots of rockfishes, including one big vermillion, many, many, feather duster worms, multicolored anemones, including some different colors and color combinations than what we usually see, orange puffball sponges, sea cucumbers, and starfish. Another beautiful dive of 63 minutes with a maximum depth of 50 feet! There were urchin barrens in the shallows but not too many farther out.

And again, the exit was not too bad.

Scorecard

First Dive:

- 4 divers in
- 4 divers out
- 40-ft visibility
- 100-ft maximum depth
- 48 minutes bottom time
- Awesome navigation!



**Tom, Howard, Barbara and Grace
are ready for a great dive.**



Second Dive:

- 3 divers in
- 3 divers out
- 30-ft visibility
- 50-ft maximum depth
- 63 minutes bottom time
- Good kelp patch
- Many, many critters
- Delicious lunch
- A good time was had by all

And, again, the moral of the story: It was great, you should have gone diving! ⭐



Howard says, "Let's Go!"



September 10th, S3 Dive was a blast!

For the September Second Saturday Scuba (S3) dive, Dippers decided to dive at McAbee Beach as there was a Coast Guard rescue event going on at the Breakwater. Dippers **Barbara Davis, Grace Chi, Carl Tuttle, Cedric Wright, Andrew Grice** and **Michael Gladden** met up at 8 AM to check out conditions. The group decided to visit the public restroom a block

away before the dive. On the way back to the cars there was a loud KA-BOOM! As some were crossing Cannery Row a black crow had dislodged a wire on a utility pole. The line came down just missing Barbara and Cedric who were right below in a cross walk! The fire department arrived on scene placing yellow caution tape around the area – temporarily blocking the beach access. The divers located another beach access point and suited up. By the time everyone was

ready a utility company had removed the wire and the fire department removed the caution tape. For the dive, the vis wasn't that great but Barbara, Grace, Andrew and Cedric lasted over an hour underwater. Grace and Michael did a second dive with another long underwater interval. Andrew had to go to work after the first dive but the rest of the group went to American Burger restaurant for lunch. The question for the day was, "Who took the toasted crow?" *



Photos, clockwise from top left: Cedric, Barbara and Andrew walking away from danger. The crow (in background in the circles) didn't survive. Michael and Grace did a second dive. Cedric, Michael, Barbara and Andrew were happy the Monterey Fire Department showed up and didn't have to move to another dive location.

Sunday, September 18th, Dive at the Breakwater

Barbara Davis

A G2KR meetup dive was scheduled for Sunday, September 18th, but the meetup was canceled the day before due to potentially bad weather and ocean conditions. But you never know for sure unless you go and look, so Dippers **Barbara Davis** and **Howard Timoney** decided to go take a look. And boy were we happy we did! Yes, there were clouds, and we did get a little rain, but the ocean was pretty flat and the viz was quite good!

For our first dive, we swam out along the pipe to the metridiums. At the end of the pipe, we waved to the resident big lingcod inside and headed north to the metridiums. Viz ranged up to 30 feet, and we could easily spot multiple patches of metridiums. Barbara spotted the head of another huge lingcod tucked under some rocks and we also spotted quite a few large scallops. On the swim back, we saw lots of nudibranch eggs and even found a large rainbow nudibranch laying more



eggs. The water temp ranged from 52 – 54 degrees and our dive time was 48 minutes to a max depth of 53 feet.

We did get a bit chilled during the surface interval, but Howard's handy giant thermos of hot water helped a lot with that.

For our second dive we swam out along the Breakwater wall. We were amazed at the number of large clown nudibranchs cruising around, and also spotted quite a few sheep crabs. We got to enjoy the antics of quite a few playful sea lions out towards the end of the wall. At one point we counted at least 7 in view. Viz was around 20 feet and we dove for 50 minutes to a maximum depth of 42 feet. Many types of fish were spotted in the kelp during our swim back to the beach.

So remember, it's always worth checking out the actual conditions! We had 2 very nice dives; Howard got to try out his new wetsuit, which he was quite happy with; and we enjoyed a nice lunch at Pig Wizard after the dives. ★

Tour de Turtles

“**S**uper” the leatherback has had a SUPER impressive migration, all the way from her nesting beach in Panama up to the Gulf Coast of Florida! Since nesting on Soropta Beach, Panama in June, she has traveled more than 2,240 miles and is currently in 3rd place in the Tour de Turtles. Follow her here: <https://tourdeturtles.org/turtlemap/?id=313> ★



A Spring Adventure in Cozumel

April 8–15, 2023

7 nights & 5 days of boat diving

Dippers **John Snyder** and **Carl Tuttle** have signed up with Any Water Sports, in San Jose, for this diving adventure April 8–15, 2023. The dive trip includes 7 nights double occupancy accommodations at Scuba Club Cozumel, 2 meals daily (breakfast & lunch), 5 days of boat diving (2 dives/day), unlimited shore diving, and Mexican taxes (19%). Cozumel features exhilarating drift dives in crystal clear, warm water exploring world renowned sites like Palancar Reef and Santa Rosa Reef. The trip cost is \$1025.00.

Ginny and **Frank Barry** are the group leaders. Divers make their own flight reservations. Space is still available so if you're interested in joining Carl and John on this great dive trip go online (www.anywater.com) and secure your spot with a \$500 deposit. ★



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

TOM GARDNER

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OCTOBER 2022

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
LOBSTER SEASON OPENS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
BUSINESS MEETING**

The meeting will be held **virtually via Skype**. All members are invited to attend. Please email **Carl Tuttle** if you need the link to join. Bring your own food, drinks, and internet connection and we'll discuss ideas for upcoming dives and events.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)
BEACH DIVE** **Carl Tuttle**, (408-829-3660, email: tutcomms@sbc-global.net) is coordinating a dive at **North Monastery** (at the school). Plan is to meet at 8 AM and make a 2-tank dive. Lunch at Crossroads. Be sure you get on the list in case plans change.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 15
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

The **in-person General Meeting** will be held at 7:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Hall 2211 Shamrock Dr., Campbell.

The **virtual meeting** will continue to be hosted via Skype.

Please contact **Carl Tuttle** for more details on the in-person meeting or a link to the virtual Skype meeting.

Celebrate 58 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers!

**Entertainment:
A Social Hour**



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23
FOURTH SUNDAY CYCLE**



Join us for our monthly Fourth Sunday Cycle led by **Jim Rezowalli**. Remember to bring your bike and helmet, some water, and a snack! Please RSVP at jimandthebeach@gmail.com, 408-293-7390 to receive final details and any last minute updates!

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 29
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER

Nov 01 Pt. Lobos Reservations for Dec 28
Nov 02 Business Meeting
Nov 12 Second Saturday SCUBA
Nov 16 General Meeting - Nominations for 2023 Office
Nov 19 Wine Tasting & Picnic
Nov 22 Memorial Day Weekend Reservations Big Sur (May 22-28, 2023) - TBD
Nov 27 Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)



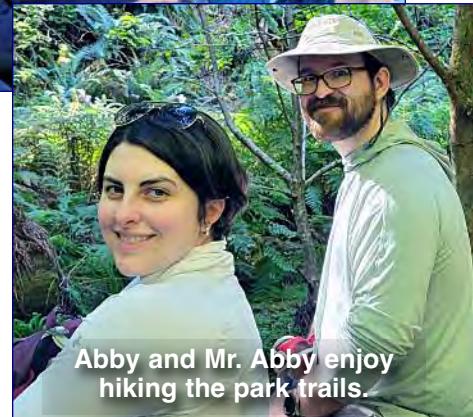
Carl Tuttle, Andrew and Amelia Grice enjoy the pre-potluck dinner fire.



Tom Gardner, left is not asleep, while Jackie Gardner, right, visits with her sister Ginny.



Carri Edgar, Abby and Ben Wilson having a grand time.



Abby and Mr. Abby enjoy hiking the park trails.

Labor Day Weekend at Van Damme

Dippers always have a great time camping and diving over long weekends! Biking, hiking, eating, drinking, laughing, sleeping and more! *



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 cancelation or changes.



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2022 COMING EVENTS

Oct 05	Lobster Season Opens
Oct 05	Business Meeting
Oct 08	Second Saturday SCUBA
Oct 19	👉 General Meeting
Oct 23	Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC) - TBD
Nov 01	Pt. Lobos Reservations for Dec 28
Nov 02	Business Meeting
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Nov 16	👉 General Meeting – Nominations for 2023 Officers
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Nov 27	Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)
Dec 07	Business Meeting
Dec 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
Dec 21	👉 General Meeting Election of Officers & Christmas Raffle
Dec 28	SCUBA Dive Pt. Lobos

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divers who are
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fun times.

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