

NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

JULY  
2025

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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## Anyone up for a S3 Dive?

Flipper Dippers got in the water at Monastery Beach for the June 14th Second Saturday Scuba (S3) dive. The group included coordinator *Sim Upadhyayula*, *Eva Alexander*, *Barbara Davis*, *Grace Chi*, *Tom Earl*, *Carl Tuttle*, *Cedric 'You're Not On The List' Wright*, and prospective member *Sepehr Rassian*.

The divers met at North Monastery Beach and after observing the wave activity decided to move to South Monastery. *Jeremiah Horn* texted Sim earlier that he didn't like the conditions at Monastery and departed before any of the others arrived.

It was a sunny, mild day as the group made their way into the water and out to the kelp bed. It was decided to drop down, swim under the kelp canopy, come up on the other side and re-group. Seven of the eight popped up at the surface and started counting heads. Where is Sim? "There he is, at the surface in the middle of the kelp bed!" Yep, he was caught up in the thick kelp. Carl worked his way over to offer some assistance. Carl asked, "Why did you come up here?" Sim replied, "I looked up, saw some sunlight and came up!" Even though Sim had a little experience dealing with kelp, this was a much thicker patch to deal with. He now has a better understanding of how to do the "Kelp Crawl."

The group descended and headed out where the visibility opened up to about 25-30 feet. Not too bad, although the water temperature was on the chilly side. After turning around they headed back trying to avoid many of the rocky reef structure as this was at low tide and there was a bit of surge to deal with.

The group shared some snacks and stories; "Carl, you missed that seal swimming right over your head!" After some time warming up everyone decided they'd pass on the second dive and headed to the Crossroads Center for lunch at the R.G. Burgers restaurant. There Cedric shared some of his GoPro video and others shared dive stories from the Club's trip to Bonaire in May.

See photos from the dive on page 3. 🌟



## It's a Christmas in July Picnic Party!

Don't miss the San Jose Flipper Dippers' infamous Holiday General Meeting . . . on **JULY 20!** Grab your Festivus poles and your jingle bells. We'll be catching up on our annual big Christmas General Meeting and celebrate our Annual Club Holiday party with a BBQ, potluck, and raffle! The Club will provide BBQ salmon and chicken, plates and utensils. You can also bring your own items to cook. Please bring a potluck item to share along with your own beverages. **We'll also be having our 3rd Sunday Cycle (TSC) before the picnic so join in on twice the fun!**

### BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

You may also go home with extra cash from our "Money Tree" raffle – envelopes containing \$20, \$30 and \$50 will be hanging on the tree!

We ask that everyone bring a donation for this special raffle – you know, all those dive-related items you've been holding on to. (*No Ab Irons or gauges!*) The more prizes in the raffle, the more chances you have to win.

We'll gather on **Sunday, JULY 20** from **12pm-4pm** at:

Hellyer County Park, in the Sylvandale Picnic Area, 985 Hellyer Ave, San Jose, CA 95111.

BBQs, shaded outdoor picnic tables are available.

See more information and a map on **Page 7**.

Be sure to sign up at the July General Meeting or with **Abby Golden Wilson**, [abbygolden15@gmail.com](mailto:abbygolden15@gmail.com), so we know how many will be there.

**This is going to be BIG FUN!**  
**See you there!**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Greetings Divers!



There were a lot of Dippers in the water in June! Conditions were great, with calm water and decent to good visibility. In addition to our usual S3 dive (Second Saturday SCUBA) on June 14th, LORDS (Loyal Order of Retired Dippers) **Barbara Davis** and **Howard Timoney** got in a couple of weekday dives, and **Jeff Rowland** went diving on the Escapade.

Coming up in July we have our usual S3 dive on Saturday, July 12th, and I'm really looking forward to our Christmas in July event on Sunday, July 20th! There will be a big BBQ and our giant Christmas raffle, including the money envelopes on the Christmas tree! Plus, a number of Dippers have promised to make their special holiday goodies! It should be a great event. We also have our four-day weekend (July 30 – August 3) at the Après Ski Lodge in Kings Beach on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. Activities include biking, hiking, swimming, and FREE Friday night music (see page 6).

I'm happy to be able to share with you that, due to the tireless efforts of the Giant Giant Kelp Restoration Project (G2KR), certified Kelp Restoration Divers will once again be able to help restore and protect our kelp by collecting sea urchins. See the article on page 5 for more info!

Let's go diving! – Barbara

### ☛ DON'T FORGET!

## Labor Day Weekend Camping, Diving & More

Aug 25 – Sept 1

A number of Dippers have campsite reservations for the Labor Day Weekend at Van Damme State Park in Mendocino.

Space is available to share in their sites so contact those folks for information. Sites are limited to 3 vehicles and 8 people. Those Dippers with reservations include (arrival/departure dates):

- **Howard Chien**: #6 (8/24–8/30)
- **Tom and Jackie Gardner**: #10 (8/25–9/1)
- **Barbara Davis**: #7 (8/25–9/1)
- **Carl Tuttle**: #13 (8/27–8/30)

We plan on bringing tanks, kayaks, mountain bikes to do some bike riding, and maybe some hiking.

There is a great bike path along the coast in Ft. Bragg. We'll also kayak up Big River, south of Mendocino. There is a kayak rental place near by.

Saturday, August 30th is a "No License" fishing day. We might look into urchin culling and some spear fishing.

We'll have a big potluck on Saturday night too. 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 us for the holiday weekend be sure to contact **Carl Tuttle**, Phone: 408-829-3660, email: tutcomms@sbcglobal.net. He'll let you know who has space available. ★



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## RAFFLE NEWS

Get your donations together for the upcoming Christmas in July BBQ and picnic with another great Raffle! See pages 1 and 5 for details 🌟

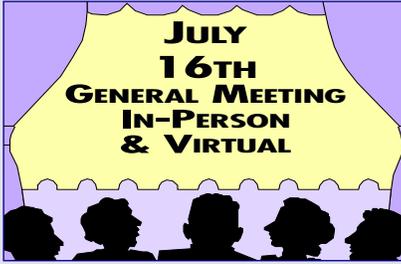


## MEMBERSHIP

*Ken Agur*

We're a dive club and we're diving! If you're looking for a dive buddy look no further. See the Club's website for more information on becoming a member. (Membership Requirements).

**Happy Birthday!** These Dippers are completing their annual 365-day trip around the Sun this month: **Barbara Davis** and **Carl Tuttle**. 🌟



We'll be having our in-person General Meeting this month. If you come please bring a refreshment to share! We'll have a live MS Teams connection for those who still prefer to meet virtually. Watch for an email update. 🌟

## June S3 Dive at South Monastery Beach



Grace and Barbara get their drysuits on for the dive.



Cedric and Tom are almost ready to go.



Eva and Sim are all set.  
Wait! Is that a new hair style Eva is sporting??



Sepehr 'The New Guy' is asleep!

## It's Time for the Annual 4th of July Flipper Dippers' BBQ & Fireworks Open House!

Come celebrate Independence Day with great food, cool pool vibes, and an evening of fireworks. We'll kick things off with a potluck BBQ by the pool, so bring your swimsuit and arrive early if the weather's nice – we'll be swimming, grilling, and chilling all afternoon.

After dinner, we'll head to the nearby Morgan Hill soccer fields to watch the fireworks together. (Bring a camp chair if you wish.)

### The Details

- **Location:** 17040 Oak Leaf Drive, Morgan Hill
- **When:** Friday, July 4
- **Time:** Arrive anytime after 3 PM – and stay after the fireworks

### What to Bring?

- A dish to share (but please – only one Costco Mediterranean salad. We had four at the last campout!)
- Your enthusiasm and festive spirit
- BBQ chicken will be provided

Please Let me know if you're coming so I can plan accordingly.

*Looking forward to a fun-filled day with good friends, food, and fireworks!*

**Jim Rezowalli**

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## Dipper LORDS Double Up and Take a Double Dip!

LORDS (Loyal Order of Retired Dippers) **Barbara Davis** and **Howard Timoney** got in a couple of weekday dives in June. We headed for Point Lobos on Monday, June 16th, and were surprised to find that we had snagged the last reservation for that day.

There was quite a low tide, and lots of kelp in the cove, so the entry was a bit challenging. Viz inside Whaler's Cove was quite murky but improved farther out. We saw lots of tiny fish fry, a nice-sized lingcod and a sheepshead, along with lots of anemones and nudibranchs. A slight navigation area resulted in us surfacing in Coal Chute Cover (um, where's the parking lot??) but we were able to reorient ourselves and swim back to the boat ramp underwater. After the dive we headed to Crossroads BBQ for a yummy lunch.



On Tuesday, June 24th, Barbara was looking for an easy entrance/exit location to try out some new gear, so we dove at Hidden Beach, which is just down the street from the Breakwater. We only got to 33 feet during our hour-long dive, and under the thick kelp canopy it was like a night dive. Still great to be in the water!

Hidden Beach is where one of the kayak companies launches their kayaks, and we surfaced at the end of the dive next to a flotilla of kayaks, where we were queried about how many sharks we saw! (Unfortunately, none.) Post-dive, we enjoyed another yummy lunch at Taqueria Zarape in Seaside.



Barbara's new set-up



## Christmas in July Family Picnic and 3rd Sunday Cycle

Ho-Ho-Ho and Merry Heatwave! Please join the San Jose Flipper Dippers again this year to celebrate Christmas in July's! Dust off your jingle bells, fetch your Festivus pole from the attic, and run to the storage unit to grab whatever makes your holidays jolly and bright to celebrate.

This year's summer holiday potluck will be on **Sunday, July 20** from 12pm-4pm at: **Hellyer County Park** (\$6 entrance fee) at the **Sylvandale Picnic Area**, 985 Hellyer Ave, San Jose, CA 95111.

Some Dippers and friends will arrive early and be riding in a Third Sunday Cycle (TSC) and meet everyone directly after.

BBQs, shaded outdoor picnic tables, and much much more will be available so make sure to sign up during our July General Meeting or by emailing Abby Golden Wilson at [abbygolden15@gmail.com](mailto:abbygolden15@gmail.com) to receive updates and additional information!

**And don't forget your raffle donation for our Big Raffle!**

We look forward to seeing you there, and peace, love, and laughter to all! 🌟



Mr. Abby (Ben) and Abby will be in the Christmas spirit!



## G2KR Update – Tanker's Reef 2.0

Due to the tireless efforts of **Keith Rootsart** and the Giant Kelp Restoration Project (G2KR), certified Kelp Restoration Divers will once again be able to help restore and protect our kelp by collecting sea urchins at Tanker's Reef.

Divers will be able to collect up to 35 red and 35 purple urchins per day. The urchins must be removed from the ocean. A California Sport Fishing license is required. Starting on Wednesday, July 2nd, at 9:00 am, the BeachhopperII will once again be offering discounted charters for 2 dives to collect urchins at Tanker's Reef.

If you are interested in becoming a certified Kelp Restoration Diver and joining this effort, a list of local instructors can be found here: <https://g2kr.com/instructors>.

More information on this initiative and the numerous other efforts under way to protect our kelp is available on the G2KR Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/UrchinsKelpOtters>

And the website: [g2kr.com](https://g2kr.com) 🌟



## Tahoe Summer Weekend with the Flipper Dippers

**H**i Dippers and Friends! It's time for our 3rd Annual Tahoe Weekend Getaway at beautiful Lake Tahoe!

As always, we'll be staying at the Après Ski Lodge, a spacious house offering a shared living room, fully-equipped kitchen, BBQ, hot tub, and multiple cozy bedrooms.

Accommodations are hostel-style with two or three bunk beds per room, so don't forget to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and, of course, your enthusiasm!

There is a large living room and kitchen area (including 2 stoves/ovens and a dishwasher), a hot tub and Wi-Fi access.

The lodge can hold as many as 30+ people but it is mostly used by skiers in the winter and is usually empty in the summertime.

### Details:

- **When:** July 30th – August 3rd, Thursday to Sunday
- **Where:** Après Ski Lodge, Kings Beach
- **Cost:** \$45 per person/per night (paid a week before the event)

☛ **This is nonrefundable!**

- Bring your own food and we can do potluck dinners
- Bring sleeping bags or bedding for a single bunk

### Activities to Look Forward To:

- Biking – Trails around the lake
- Kayaking on Lake Tahoe
- For the adventurous, dive sites for high-altitude, chilly lake diving.
- Swimming in the lake
- Friday night FREE music at Kings Beach – walking distance

Maybe we'll do another group float down the Truckee River, a very easy, wet, ride.

Currently, we have 5 Dippers signed up, and significant others are more than welcome. If you'd like to join us, please contact Jim by July 18th to reserve your spot — space is limited!

### Contact:

**Jim Rezowalli**

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## Spear a Protected Goliath Grouper and Get Arrested

*Undercurrent*

**A**fter nailing a thousand-pound Goliath Grouper, 44-year-old musician Juan Nealon of Pompano Beach tried to surreptitiously discard it after Florida Wildlife Conservation officers signaled for him to come to shore. They had spotted Nealon in a canoe close to the beach, but he paddled farther out and tipped his canoe to scuttle the fish and his speargun. FWC officers soon found the grouper with the spear lodged in it. They arrested Nealon for seven misdemeanors, including spearfishing within 100 yards of the beach, spearing a Goliath Grouper, and harvesting it without a permit. Goliath groupers are highly protected in Florida. They can typically grow to eight feet long and weigh up to 800 pounds, with a lifespan of 30 to 50 years. (Miami Herald) ★

## Six bends cases a month in Cozumel

*Undercurrent*

**B**etween November 2019 and November 2023, 289 divers were treated for DCS at the Costamede Cozumel Hospital. Montserrat May Araujo, MD, has reported that 211 required treatment in the hyperbaric chamber, while 78, who had modest symptoms, were ambulatory and treated with oxygen and intravenous hydration. Underwater Hyperbaric Medicine Society. ★

## Yes, those Lionfish can be deadly

*Undercurrent*

**A** 25-year-old experienced Brazilian diver died after being stung three times by a lionfish. Tiago Rodrigues da Silva had been diving from a fishing boat off the coast of Grossos, Brazil, on May 18. His father, who was on board, said his son exclaimed, "Dad, I've been stung by a lionfish," before he took off his wetsuit and lay down. Despite attempts to help him, Tiago died on the boat before it reached shore, where medics were waiting to treat him. ★

## Spare a Thought for Those Poor Shark Finners

*Undercurrent*

**S**harks are in trouble, and now their Indonesian nemeses, the fishermen who cut off their fins, are causing their own demise. To meet the Chinese demand for shark fins for their soup, the fishermen have nearly wiped out all the sharks. Soon, they will need to find a new trade. Guiding divers to where the sharks used to hang out? That's just like giving a job to a guy who robbed you blind. ★

## When Was Your Regulator Last Serviced?

*Undercurrent*

**I**t's not that complex mechanically, but it has a lot of rubber O-rings in its mechanism, and these can shrink or deteriorate over time. And, valve seats can wear out when left in contact with the valve poppet for extended periods. Don't put your regulator away between dive trips and expect it to perform flawlessly nine months later. Have it serviced and, if you can, test it before taking it on an expensive dive trip. Don't wait to find a problem on your checkout dive.. ★

# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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JULY 2025

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

**BUSINESS MEETING: 7:30pm**  
The meeting will be held **virtually via Microsoft Teams**. Watch for an email with details. Bring your own food, drinks, and internet connection and we'll discuss ideas for upcoming dives and events.

## FRIDAY, JULY 4 BBQ & FIREWORKS

Coordinator: **Jim Rezowalli**. Come celebrate Independence Day with great food, cool pool vibes, and an evening of fireworks! Please RSVP via email: jimandthebeach@gmail.com, phone: 408-293-7390. See article on Page 4

## SATURDAY, JULY 5 NO LICENSE FISHING DAY

## SATURDAY JULY 12 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3) BEACH DIVE: LOCATION TBD

Join the Flipper Dippers for this month's S3 dive coordinated by **Sim Upadhyayula**. Text: 669 286 9796 or email: toytacous@yahoo.com if interested and to be notified of developments.

## SATURDAY, JULY 19 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

## GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

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** via Microsoft Teams.  
Watch your email for info.

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

### Celebrate 61 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers!

- Entertainment:
- Social Hour
  - Sign Up for Dives
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## SUNDAY JULY 20 CHRISTMAS IN JULY PICNIC & SUNDAY CYCLE

Join us for our Christmas in July picnic, coordinated by **Abby Wilson**, and a Sunday Cycle. Bike riders will meet up at the

Sylvandale Group Picnic Area and ride along the Coyote Creek Trail. Articles on front page and page 5

## SATURDAY, JULY 26 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

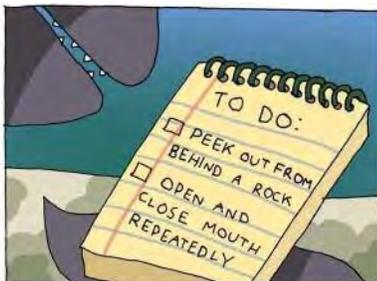
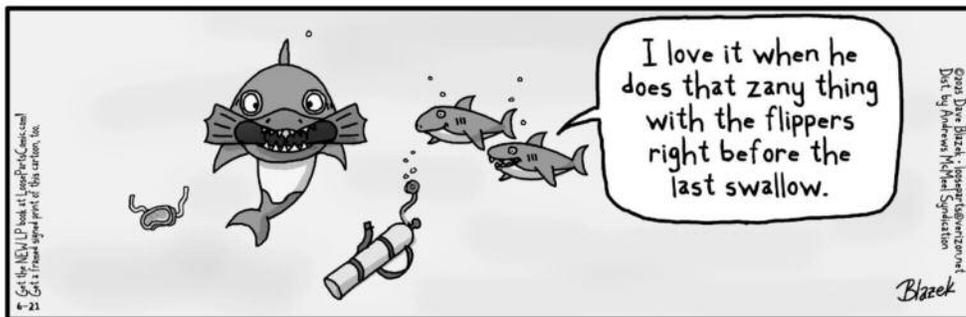
## WED JULY 30 - SUN, AUG 3 WEEKEND AT LAKE TAHOE

Coordinator: **Jim Rezowalli**. Come join us for a three-day weekend at the Apres Lodge in Kings Beach on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. Cost: \$45/night per person paid a week before the event (Non-refundable). Please RSVP via email: jimandthebeach@gmail.com, phone: 408-293-7390 to receive final details and any last minute updates. See article on Page 6

## UPCOMING IN AUGUST

- 6 Business Meeting
  - 9 Second Saturday SCUBA
  - 16 Elkhorn Slough Kayak (TBD)
  - 20 General Meeting
  - 25-Sept 1 Labor Day at Van Damme
  - 30 No License Fishing Day
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LOOSE PARTS: By Dave Blazek



**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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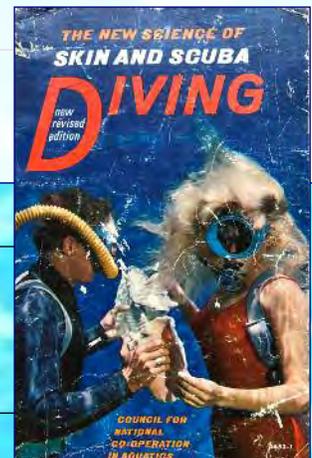
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## 2025 COMING EVENTS

July 2	Business Meeting
July 5	No License Fishing Day
July 12	Second Saturday SCUBA
July 16	📍 General Meeting
July 30-Aug 3	Lake Tahoe Weekend
Aug 6	Business Meeting
Aug 9	Second Saturday SCUBA
Aug 16	Elkhorn Slough Kayak
Aug 20	📍 General Meeting
Aug 25-Sept 01	Labor Day Weekend - Van Damme
Aug 30	No License Fishing Day
Aug 25-01	Labor Day Weekend Van Damme
Sept 3	Business Meeting
Sept 13	Second Saturday SCUBA
Sept 17	📍 General Meeting
Sept 20	Calif & Intl Coastal Cleanup Day

### Are you looking for someone to dive with?

The San Jose Flipper Dippers Dive Club is a great way to meet divers who are always having fun times. **Come join us!**



Watch This Space - Much More To Come!

See the Club's Website for the full Calendar



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