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July 12th S3 Dive Report

Grace Chi



Dippers Dive! Andrew, Carl, Grace, Eva, Tom, and Howard

Dippers **Howard Timoney, Eva Alexander, Carl Tuttle, Tom Earl, Grace Chi,** and returning Dipper **Andrew Grice,** along with **Amelia,** met at the Breakwater for the Club's Second Saturday Scuba (S3) dive. The tide was very low and the water was very calm, exposing rocks we usually don't see. The first dive was out to the Metridium Fields. Visibility was in the single digits when we found the pipe so we hoped it would clear up when we got deeper. Unfortunately it did not. Thankfully everyone had lights to help track each other. There were large particulates in the water as well as the usual murkiness. The metridiums were out in full force but were not working fast enough to help the visibility. The dive was over 50 minutes at the usual 52 degree water.

Despite the poor visibility, Tom, Andrew, and Grace went for a second dive along the wall. Visibility was the same in most areas, with a few breaking into the double digits. Invertebrates were plentiful. Nudi-branches, starfishes, and anemones littered the dive. High-lights include a rainbow nudibranch and cormorant. It was a nice dive that was over 60 minutes long in 52 degree water.

While the three were diving the Breakwater, Howard and Carl enjoyed the sunshine and warm temperature and



Amelia Grice relaxes while waiting for Andrew.

Christmas Trees in July?

Flipper Dippers got in the Christmas spirit on Sunday, July 20 for a Annual BBQ and Big Raffle. There were 3 envelopes containing \$50, \$30, and \$20 in cash hanging on the Christmas tree. A BIG THANK YOU! to **Abby Golden Wilson** for putting together another successful and fun event. See photos from the event on page 4 and 5. ★



Above, **Howard Timoney,** left, and **Abby Golden Wilson** try not to hyperventilate and pass out while double teaming blowing up the inflatable Christmas tree. Drinks and water were kept cold in the bottom ice-filled base.

Eva went over to Monterey Bay Scuba and bought a rental drysuit. It didn't have many dives (rentals) and was in great condition. It also fit her very well. Included in the purchase price was a class on diving in a drysuit and a dive at the Breakwater. Such a Deal!

Afterward everyone changed cloths, added time to their parking meters, then walked over for a great lunch at Picollo, an Italian fast casual place that replaced Pig Wizard. ★

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Divers!



Let's start out with a big THANK YOU to **Abby Golden Wilson** for organizing the amazing Christmas in July picnic on July 20th! Great food, great friends, great time and a fun raffle. It was a tremendously fun event and everyone who attended reported having a terrific time! Can't wait to do it again next year.

There were a lot of Dippers in the water in July! Visibility wasn't great, but the water was flat. In addition to our usual S3 dive (Second Saturday SCUBA) on July 12th, Dippers also went diving on July 6th, 8th, 13th, and 16th. We are a diving club and we love to go diving! Come along with us next time.

We have a lot of great events this month, including the S3 dive on August 9th, a Elkhorn Slough Kayak Adventure starting on the 16th and the beginning of our Labor Day weekend Campout on August 25th. We've reserved several campsites for this getaway and have plenty of room to share! Check out the Dive and Activity Calendar and other articles in this newsletter for more information.

Stay safe everyone and let's go diving!

– **Barbara**

Flipper Dippers' Elkhorn Slough Kayak Adventure - August 16

Elkhorn Slough is a magical place to visit. Otters and seals play in the estuary. Native plants and wildflowers pepper the valleys and hills overlooking the water. Hundreds of bird species pass through each year as they migrate up and down the Pacific Flyway. Kayaking there is otterly fantastic.

We will take the rare opportunity of an all-day incoming tide. In the morning we will park cars at Moss Landing and shuttle some cars to Kirby Park. Kirby Park is about 5 mile up the sough from Moss Landing. We will put in at Moss landing and paddle with the incoming tide to the Kirby Park Landing.

Need a kayak? Sit-on-top kayaks can be rented at Monterey Bay Kayaks at Moss Landing. Arrive early (8:30AM) to get your kayak and gear. They open at 9AM. www.montereybaykayaks.com

Bring windbreaker jacket, hats, gloves, sunglasses, sun screen, water and some snacks for the paddle. You might also consider a wetsuit bottom and booties.

Paddling with the incoming tide makes the trip very easy and it is an opportunity to see twice as much of the slough as normal. We will pull out at Kirby and the vehicles parked there will be used to retrieve the vehicles parked back at Moss Landing. We'll be able to use some of the vehicles to return the rental kayaks to Moss Landing.

I have had the good fortune to get the Elkhorn Slough's Grant Manager to join us. She will be happy to answer questions about the Slough, its history and the research performed there. ***Don't miss this rare opportunity!***

When: October: Saturday Aug 16

Where: Moss Landing

Time: 10:30AM (or earlier)

Cost: Nothing (unless you need to rent)

If you are interested in going be sure to sigh up: email **Jim Rezwalli**: jimandthebeach@gmail.com or text: 408-293-7390.

We need at least 6 dippers to sign up to make this happen! ☆



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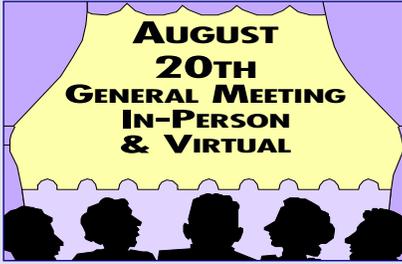
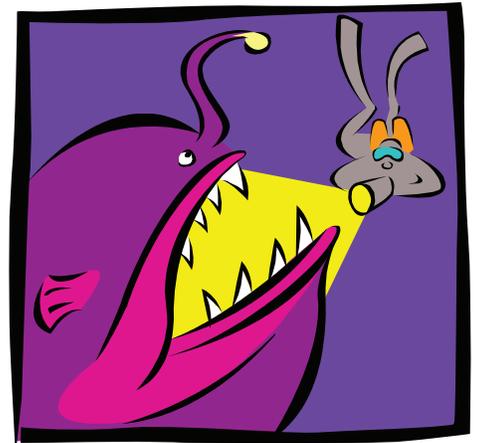
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MEMBERSHIP

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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! This Dipper is completing their annual 365-day trip around the Sun this month: *Eva Alexander*. 🌟



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. 🌟

Shark Lovers FaceBook Group – Does your shark bite?

John Parker

This is my Sharkshower. The original. I designed and built it quite a few years ago and still enjoying showers. It plays the "Jaw's" theme song while showering. Fun stuff! 🌟



Christmas in July BBQ

Photos: Jackie Gardner & Carl Tuttle

Great time was had by everyone! Including a 3rd Sunday Cycle, lots of great appetizers, BBQ salmon and chicken, variety of side dishes and a great raffle including the BIG Money Tree with envelopes containing \$50, \$30 and \$20 in cold, hard, cash! Thanks to **Jackie Gardner** for selling the raffle tickets!



Tomommi, Cedric, Kyle, Carl, Howard and Jim.



Ken won \$20 for dive gear



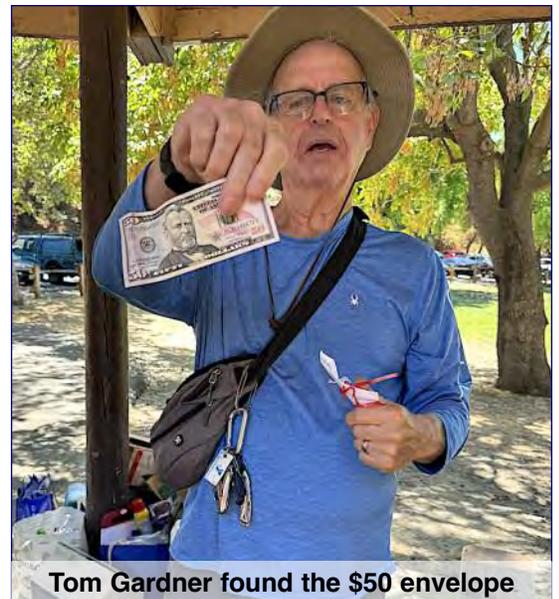
Tom Earl scored \$30



Big Thank-You to Mr. Abby (aka Ben Wilson) and Greggie Davis for cooking the salmon and chicken. Great job!



Lots of good food!



Tom Gardner found the \$50 envelope



“Take the Jam” so Howard did.



Barbara scored again . . .



Abby is a winner!



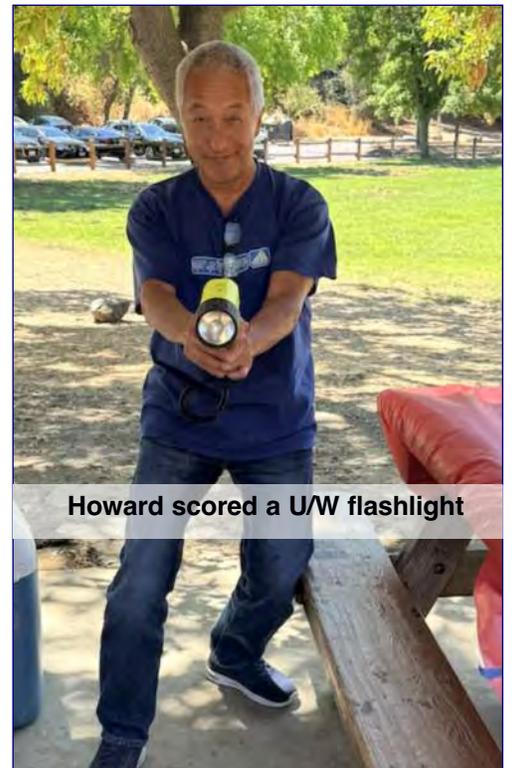
Who's ready for seconds?



Pick a ticket, Ken!



Grace needs darker sunglasses to read ticket numbers



Howard scored a U/W flashlight



Happy and fun-loving bunch of divers

Hi All Dippers and Friends . . .

“The Ocean is calling and reports of great conditions are coming in.”

On Thursday, July 24th, **Carl Tuttle** send out the email with this announcement that he was looking to dive North Monastery beach. Heeding the call were **Howard Timoney, John Snyder, Grace Chi** and **Eva Alexander** – with her new-to-her drysuit.



Howard was diving wet this time.

The group met at the school parking area and observed a low tide with a very flat ocean. The Windy App called for a 2-foot swell and was spot on. Eva was excited to do her second dive with her recently acquired dry suit. Both Howard and Grace were very helpful in providing tips and tricks as they both dive with drysuits.

Everyone geared up and made their way down to the water. John had a bit of issues with gearing up on the beach and Howard lent a hand. The five made their way out to the kelp beds and



Grace and Eva trading drysuit tips.

descended to a hazy 10-15 foot of visibility. The viz improved a bit as they got into deeper water - but not much. Not the best but the group was able to keep in touch with one another with their bright flashlights under the dark kelp canopy.

There was a report the day before that someone spearfishing saw a good size GWS (Great White Shark) just around the corner at Carmel River State Beach. Our hardy group figured the chances of an encounter were slim-to-none. Not a lot of critters were seen except for a small school of blue rock fish and a couple of kelp crabs.



Eva and Grace keeping dry.

The sun was shining brightly and after a surface break of hydration drinks and snacks the group went back in for a second dive. John decided to pass had headed to the dive shop to check on hydros for his tanks.

The tide had started coming in and the visibility didn't improve but the divers enjoyed their time underwater. Not much, if any, surge under water and the incoming tide wasn't an issue.

There was a dive fin hanging on a post in the parking area that someone must have found - either on the beach or on the ground. Carl posted a photo on local



Suit up John!

FaceBook dive groups noting it had been there for a while as there were spider webs inside the foot pocket. Low and behold someone chimed in claiming it was theirs and hoping it would still be there the next week-end!

After everyone changes cloths they headed to the Crossroads BBQ for lunch, sharing stories and laughs. They all stopped by Aquarius Dive Center for tank fills and headed home. Ah, yes. Life is good when you get wet! 🌟



Is this Your Dive Fin?

DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
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.

**SATURDAY AUGUST 9
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)
BEACH DIVE: N. MONASTERY**
Join the Flipper Dippers for this month's S3 dive coordinated by **Sim Upadhyayula**. Text: 669 286 9796 or email: toytacous@yahoo.com. Bring 2 tanks and plan on going for lunch after the dive. Be sure to contact Sim if you want to join in.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
ELKHORN SLOUGH KAYAK**
Coordinator: **Jim Rezwalli**. Join the Flipper Dippers for a kayak trip around Elkhorn Slough. See otters and seals playing, native

plants and wildflowers, hundreds of bird species, Be sure to RSVP via email: jimandthebeach@gmail.com, phone: 408-293-7390 to

receive final details and any last minute updates. See article on Page 2.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

AUG 25 – SEPT 1 LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT VAN DAMME
Dippers have campsite reservations at Van Damme State Park from Monday, Aug 25, through Sunday, Sept 1. Space is available to share. Contact **Carl Tuttle** (tutcomms@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to join in. See July newsletter for info.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
NO LICENSE FISHING DAY**

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UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER
3 Business Meeting
13 Second Saturday SCUBA
17 General Meeting
20 Calif & Intl Coastal Cleanup Day



GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUG 20
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**



D/V Tenacious Dives SS Andrea Doria

The crew of D/V Tenacious recovered one of SS Andrea Doria's port bridge wing gyro compass repeaters. This device would have received and displayed true north heading from a master gyro compass. Joe Mazraani located the compass repeater on his first dive of the team's July 11-14, 2025, Andrea Doria expedition. He and diver Chris Ogden spent four successive dives over the course of three days excavating the artifact, which was inside a tight, enclosed space, surrounded by debris, and pinned by obstructions, fishing nets, pipes, and cables at a depth of 230 feet/70 m. Getting this artifact to the surface would have been impossible without the teamwork and tenacity of Maz and Chris.

The SS Andrea Doria was a luxury transatlantic ocean liner of the Italian Line, put into service in 1953. She is widely known from the extensive media coverage of her sinking in 1956, which included the remarkably successful rescue of 1,660 of her 1,706 pas-



sengers and crew. The passenger liner sank on July 25–26, 1956, after colliding with the Stockholm off the coast of Nantucket in the Atlantic Ocean. The maritime disaster resulted in the deaths of 51 people – 46 from the Andrea Doria and 5 from the Stockholm.

The historical photo, which was provided to us by Italian diver and Andrea Doria historian Andrea Murdock Alpini, shows the ship's Third Officer, Eugenio Giannini, with the starboard side gyro compass repeater on an earlier voyage to the US. Eugenio was on duty during the collision and saw MV Stockholm approaching before she collided with Andrea Doria. The second photo shows the compass repeater as it appeared when Maz found it. In the last photo, the team celebrates and breathes a sigh of relief after getting the artifact

safely on deck.

Members of D/V Tenacious' team included: Brandon Ashley, Bryan Cunningham, Mike Dudas, Joe Mazraani, Chris Ogden, Greg Rosengarten, and Jennifer Sellitti. More came up this trip. We will be posting more images from our visit to the Grande Dame of shipwrecks throughout the week, so stay tuned. ★





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2025 COMING EVENTS

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
Oct 1	Business Meeting
Oct 11	Second Saturday SCUBA
Oct 15	☛ General Meeting

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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