

NEWSLETTER



San Jose Flipper Dippers

SEPTEMBER 2025

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
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August S3 Dive - What did You miss?

Dippers **Howard Timoney, Eva Alexander, Barbara Davis, Carl Tuttle, Tom Earl, Grace Chi** and prospective Dipper **Gladys Clutario** met at MacAbee beach for the Club's Second Saturday Scuba (S3) dive on August 9.

The plan was to dive North Monastery beach but was moved due to poor conditions. **Sim Upadhyayula** was scheduled to lead the dive but had to back out due to his son breaking his leg riding a motorcycle. YIKES!

The divers buddied up and entered the water grouping up near the kelp bed. The plan was to find the pinnacle but the vis wasn't all that good; a hazy 6-10 ft. Carl and Gladys teamed up and worked their way out finding a small rock formation with lots of strawberry anemones and a lone metridium. Gladys had some issues with a leaking hose connection to her BCD and lost a lot of air. The return trip resulted in the duo reaching the surface on the outside of the kelp beds. Calm seas and sunshine helped in Gladys gaining vast experience doing the "Kelp Crawl" to get back to the beach. Others reported not finding the pinnacle but found some interesting rock formations.



Gladys and Tom suited up and ready for a great dive at MacAbee.

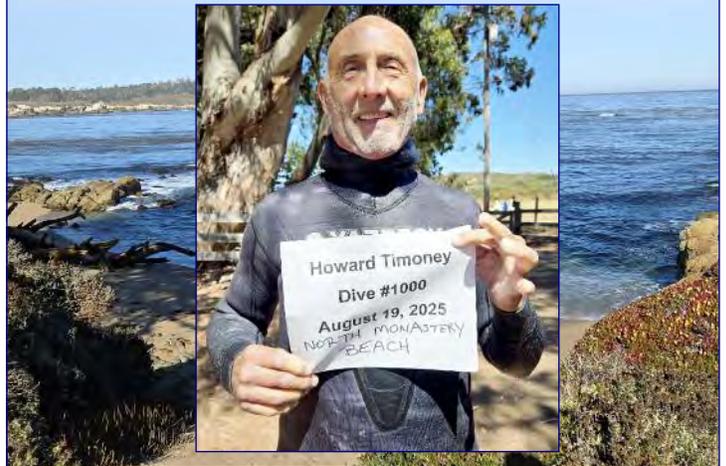
After having snacks and drinks the group teamed up for a second dive. Gladys decided she needed to get her equipment checked and sat this one out. This time Carl teamed up with Eva, Grace and Howard teamed up while Tom and Barbara made up the third team. Again the vis was a bit soupy. It wasn't long before Carl lost sight of Eva, with her pink fins, who had followed Tom and Barbara. (He mentioned at the General Meeting, "She ditched me for another man!") Carl continued on the prescribed headings and found Grace and Howard at the pinnacle. Viz improved a bit at depth however the others were unable to locate the pinnacle.

As Carl decided it was time to head back he lost sight of Howard and Grace. Everyone eventually made their way back to the beach arriving at about the same time.

As Howard would say, "Six divers went in. Six divers came out. All is good." Gladys had departed so the group dropped off tanks at Aquarius Dive Center and while tanks were being filled went for lunch at Taqueria Zarape. In spite

Ah-ooo-gah! Ah-ooo-gah! Dive! Dive! Dive!

Flipper Dippers' member **Howard Timoney** joined **Barbara Davis** on Tuesday August 19th for a mid-week dive at North Monastery, where Howard recorded his 1,000th dive! Barbara reported viz was 30+ ft, and they could see the surface from 60 ft below. She also said, "I didn't have the energy for a second dive at Monastery, so we relocated to the Breakwater, and did the pipe out to the metridiums. Well, there were a fair amount of particulates in the water, it was a metridium-palooza! As soon as we left the end of the pipe, we could see the first patch of metridiums, and from there, we could see another patch, and from there, we could see another one . . ." Howard added, "That's right. We saw patches." 🌟



of the conditions everyone had a good time. See what you missed?

Some after dive messages:

From Gladys "Thanks Carl for all your help underwater. You're a rockstar! All that kelp crawling gave me a bit of a workout."

From Eva "Hey Carl, I have been reflecting on the last dive. Joking aside, I want to apologize for my lapse of judgement. I should have looked for you instead of following Tom and Barbara. It won't happen again if you would have me as your partner next time. I promise I will be a good buddy." 🌟

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



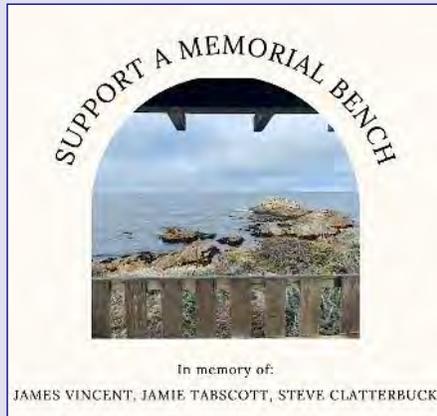
Greetings Divers!

Rather than the usual references to past and upcoming events, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the recent loss of three great members of our dive community.

I was on a dive trip to the Philippines (organized by Any Water Dive Center, and for which Jamie Tabscott had let me know about an opening) when we heard about the plane crash that took the lives of James Vincent, Jamie Tabscott, and Steve Clatterbuck on July 26th. Such a terrible loss to their families and friends, and to our larger dive community as well.

I first got to know Steve on a trip to the Red Sea several years ago, and have great memories of traveling with James, Jamie and Steve on other dive trips as well. And I always appreciated catching up with them all at Aquarius Dive Shop in Monterey and Any Water Dive Center in San Jose. They will be greatly missed.

I was very happy to hear that on August 20th the Pacific Grove City Council approved a memorial bench for James, Jamie and Steve overlooking the ocean near Asilomar State Beach where the plane crash occurred. During a presentation at the meeting, those close to the victims spoke about the memorial bench. A local realtor has stepped up to cover the cost. It's unclear when the bench will be installed. I am sure family, friends, dive buddies and many others will find solace in remembering them in a place that we all love.



Both dive shops are continuing operations to service the dive community offering scuba classes, dive trips, gear sales and repair, and filling tanks.

The Dippers are a close-knit group, and I know we will continue to enjoy our dives and other outings together, remembering times shared and lives well-lived.

Take care everyone.

– **Barbara**



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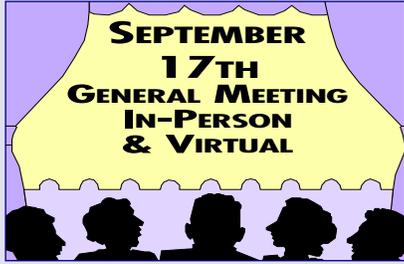
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MEMBERSHIP

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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! These Dippers are completing their annual 365-day trip around the Sun this month: **Tom Earl, Frances Lee, Jeff Rowland** and **Taylor Sullivan**. And we won't ask them how old they are . . . 🌟



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. 🌟



Celebrating 30 Years of Conservation!

California Marine Sanctuary Foundation celebrates a milestone: 30 years of ocean and coastal stewardship! What began as a local effort to support the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has grown into a statewide force for conservation, resilience, and

optimism—to meet the challenges facing our coast and ocean. Celebrate with us by supporting our critical conservation mission

Our Legacy of Impact: 30 Years in Milestones

1995 – Our Founding Originally the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation, CMSF was created to support research, education, and protection in the new Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Late 1990s – 2000s: Groundwork for Stewardship We led the expansion of community science programs

(including the California Marine Sanctuary Network), launched Team OCEAN, and expanded outreach across multiple sanctuaries and California's network of marine protected areas (MPAs).

2014 – Statewide Reach We rebranded as the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, reflecting our expanded mission across California's marine sanctuaries and MPA network.

2010s – Innovation in Protection We piloted the Marine Monitor (M2) system, launched the eFINS enforcement app, and co-led the award-winning Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies shipping program.

2019–2021 – New Horizons CMSF initiated projects to reduce agricultural plastic pollution and tested and implemented best practices in farming practices to reduce pesticide and nutrient runoff.

2021–2025 – Scaling for Resilience With a team that's grown from 8 to 29 employees, CMSF now delivers over 45 active projects across 4 impact areas:

- Marine Conservation
- Water Quality
- Coastal Restoration
- Climate Resilience

Thank You to Our Community

We wouldn't be here without our dedicated staff, Board, partners, volunteers, donors, and agency collaborators. Whether you've been with us since 1995 or just discovered us this year—you are part of our impact! For more information visit: www.californiaamsf.org 🌟



Whale tail photo by Ralph Clevenger.

innovation. Our work now spans marine protected areas, climate resilience, whale conservation, water quality, and more, all grounded in science and partnerships.

As we reflect on our history, we're also looking ahead—with urgency and

like Bay Net, BeachCOMBERS, and First Flush, and co-founded the Agriculture Water Quality Alliance—earning California's highest environmental leadership award.

2003 – 2010: Strategic Alliances CMSF became fiscal sponsor for SIMoN (Sanctuary Integrated Monitor-

Dippers' Tahoe Weekend

Great time was had by everyone! **BIG THANK YOU!** goes out to **Jim Rezowalli** for hosting the weekend at the Apres Lodge. Great food, hikes, and live music on the beach at Kings Beach. Bike riding at South Shore Tahoe - although we did lose Jim, Oops! His phone died so Gabi couldn't track him. We later discovered he had an Apple AirTag on his key ring. OK, next time we'll know.

A few weeks later a bear found its way into the Richards Ice Cream Parlor that a few Dippers visited during the bike ride. *Hey! He took my seat!* 🌟



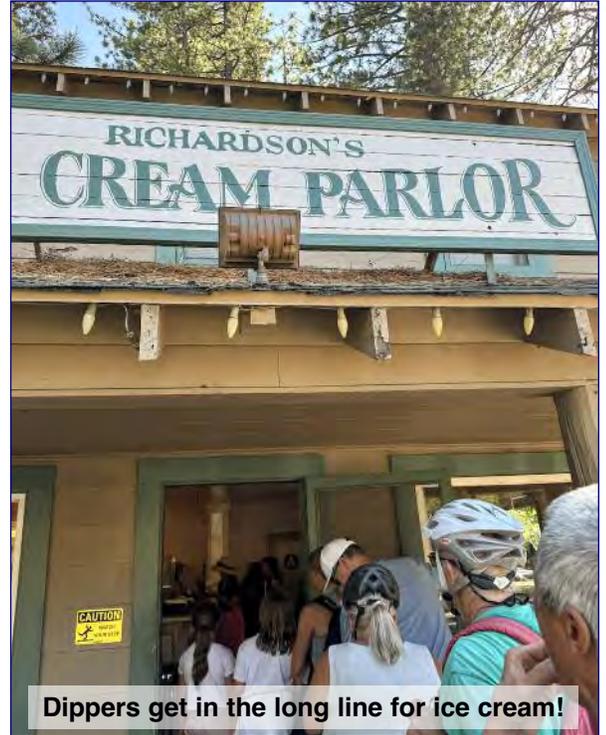
Zack, Taylor Sullivan, Mike Chalup, Gabi Estill and Mr. Abby



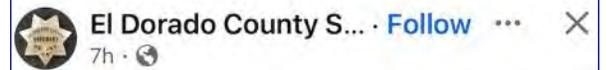
Howard Chien, Jim Rezowalli, Ben and Abby Wilson.



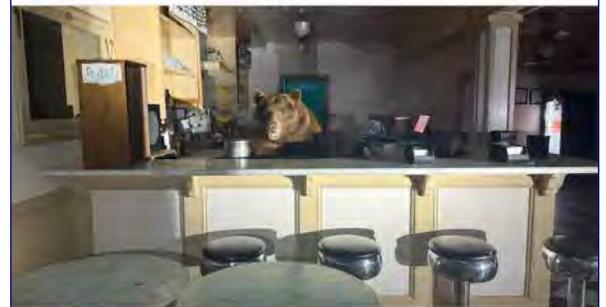
Carl Tuttle, Mike Chalup, Gabi Estill and Howard Chien.
Oops! We lost Jim! Where did he go?



Dippers get in the long line for ice cream!



In the early morning hours of last Sunday, August 17th, Deputies were dispatched to a call for service at the Ice Cream Shop at Camp Richardson in South Lake Tahoe. The deputies could barely believe their eyes as they saw a large bear behind the counter of the shop. With some encouragement, the bear ultimately left, but only after showing interest in the strawberry ice cream. Thankfully, Fuzzy the bear caused barely any property damage and there was barely any cleanup.



Elkhorn Slough Kayak Adventure

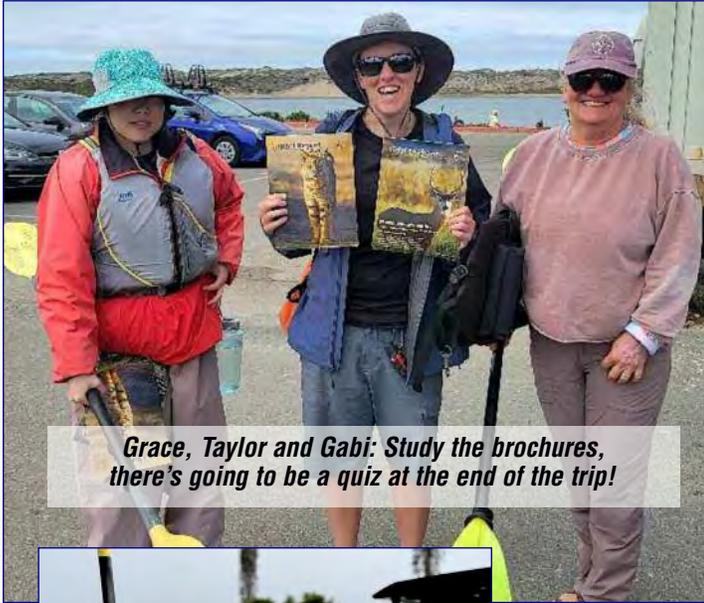
The traffic getting to Moss Landing was horrendous. Unbeknownst to everyone it was the last weekend of Monterey Car Week and the roads were jam-packed. It took a while but Dippers and friends finally made it to the meeting place.

The group included **Grace Chi, Mr. Grace** (Kyle Sanner), **John Snyder, Jim Rezowalli, Carl Tuttle, Barbara Davis, Tom** and **Jackie Gardner, Howard Timoney, Tom Earl** and **Jorge De Luna**, and **Taylor Sullivan**.

Lots of wildlife was seen and **Gabi Estill Rezowalli**, who also happens to be Elkhorn Slough Foundation's Grant Manager, offered lots of tidbits on the history and ongoing restoration activities protecting the slough.

The fog was in most of the day as the Dippers and friends kayaked five miles up Elkhorn Slough to Kirby Park. Some vehicles were moved there in advance so the kayakers were loaded up and taken back to Moss Landing. After everyone got things put away a number of them went over to the Sea Harvest restaurant for a late lunch. 📍

(Photos by Jackie Gardner)



Grace, Taylor and Gabi: Study the brochures, there's going to be a quiz at the end of the trip!



Jim Rezowalli coasting with the in-coming tide.



Grace Chi, a well-dressed kayaker.



Jorge and Tom paddle in their classic assemble-on-sight two-person kayak.



Barbara and Taylor watching sea otters in the slough.



Howard on the lookout for sharks!

Well, Hi there. Are you a real scuba diver? So what's your sign? . . . Wanna be my dive buddy?

(National Geographic Sharkfest)

Aries
Bull Shark

Thrives in chaos (and rivers)

Risky texts

Easily bored

Sprints toward red flags

Says "I'm just honest" before causing trauma

Aquarius
Lemon Shark

Deflects with fun facts

Thinks feelings are a scam

Conspiracy enthusiast

Prefers shallow water and deep thoughts

Texts back in 3-5 business days

Cancer
Epaulette Shark

Walks away from drama (literally)

Will hold a grudge for generations

Mood swings like a wrecking ball

Needs constant reassurance

Protective mom friend vibes

Capricorn
Tiger Shark

Always working (even at night)

Slow burner

Has a 5-year plan

Full grown adult since age six

Thinks rest is weakness

Gemini
Caribbean Reef Shark

Talks (and swims) in circles

Says "I'm fine" too fast

Laughs in serious moments

Can't keep a secret (or a job)

Could talk to a brick wall

Leo
Great White Shark

Monologues in the mirror daily

Loud on purpose

Main character of the ocean

Probably humblebragging

Won't forgive you for forgetting their birthday

Libra
Pyjama Shark

Needs everyone to like them

Will make you a playlist

Soft-bodied, steel-nerved

Apologizes (while being correct)

Weights pros/cons for 8 years

Pisces
Wobbegong

Feels everything at once

Probably hiding under a rock (emotionally)

Mood: ambient melancholy

Believes in signs

Texts you sad poetry at 1am

Sagittarius
Ragged-Tooth Shark

Always spiraling

Can't sit still (won't try)

Thinks commitment is a trap

Sharp teeth, sharper opinions

Friendliest person at the party

Scorpio
Scalloped Hammerhead

Possibly clairvoyant

Always plotting

Will sense your energy from miles away

Treats vulnerability like a federal crime

Probably knows your passwords

Taurus
Nurse Shark

Gentle until provoked

Will take a nap mid-argument

Refuses to share snacks

Romanticizes being stubborn and wrong

Wears the same outfit everyday

Virgo
Whale Shark

Quietly runs the entire ecosystem

Stress cleans to avoid feelings

"I can fix them"

Sends calendar invites to arguments

Proofreads their own texts twice



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER 2025

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
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, SEPTEMBER 6
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13
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. Location TBD based on conditions. Be sure to contact Sim if you want to join in.

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17
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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**
How about YOU leading a dive? Contact **Sim Upadhyayula**. Text: 669 286 9796 or email: toytacous@yahoo.com so he can get the word out.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

- 1 Business Meeting
- 11 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 15 General Meeting



Always Learning... ><(((e>
Fish I Know



BLUE FISH



STRIPE FISH



REALLY STRIPY FISH



MR. BITEY



BIG EYE FISH



GREENFISH



SPOTTED FISH



LOOOOOONG FISH



NEMO!

Yep, They're Back!

The City of Monterey has closed access to the Breakwater as the SEAL teams have returned and taken over San Carlos Beach. Scuba classes have had to move to other areas. No telling how long these a fish-eating aquatic mammals will be here on vacation. So it's hurry up and wait! ★



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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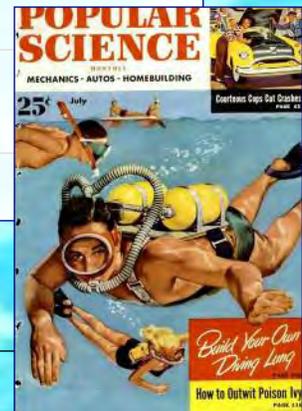
2025 COMING EVENTS

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
Nov 1	Pt. Lobos Reservations for Dec 29
Nov 5	Business Meeting
Nov 8	Second Saturday SCUBA
Nov 18	Memorial Day Weekend Reservations (May 18-25, 2026)
19	🐡 General Meeting - Nominations for Office
29	After Thanksgiving SCUBA

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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