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Oceanic founder and scuba pioneer Bob Hollis dies, age 85

The diving industry is mourning the loss of Bob Hollis, who passed away on 4 January 2023 in Salt Lake City, Utah, with his family by his side.

Born on April 25, 1937, in Orland, California, Hollis was a pioneering US diver, photographer and equipment manufacturer who led a life of adventure. He will be remembered by many as a groundbreaking influence in both the sport of scuba diving and underwater photography.

Hollis' love of the ocean began in 1955 after reading an article about underwater exploration in Popular Mechanics. Following his first scuba experience, he became obsessed with the water, becoming one of the earliest underwater photographers on the West Coast and establishing the Underwater Photographic Society of Northern California in 1966. Additionally, Hollis was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Underwater Parks and Reserves (California State Parks Department), where he assisted in exploring the coastline and identifying future areas for preservation, including Point Lobos, La Jolla and the Salt Point State Park.

A true entrepreneur, when Hollis realized that the scuba diving and photography equipment available at that time did not meet his needs, he set about developing his own. All of this was done while he continued to attend school for business and engineering and worked at Standard Oil to support his young family.

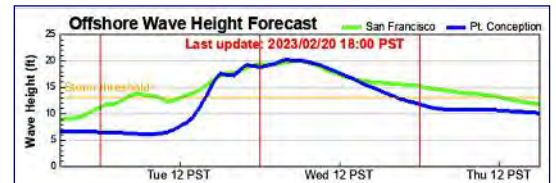
In 1966, Hollis opened the Anchor Shack dive shop in Hayward, California, and began developing underwater camera housing, strobes and hand lights, which served as the jumping-off point for his company Oceanic. By 1976, the Oceanic product line had completely developed, ultimately turning Hollis and the Oceanic brand into leaders in the scuba diving community.

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February 8th S3 Dive; On February 18th Grace Chi

Poor conditions kept the Dippers out of the water for more than a month, including the scheduled February 8 S3 Dive, so Dippers **Barbara Davis**, **Grace Chi**, and potential Dipper **Sim Upadhyayula** were looking forward to getting wet again. We met at Breakwater to "self recertify" again. After all, it has been a really long time! The parking lot had its usual empty spaces, surprisingly, at 8 am and the King High Tide was also around that time (coincidence?).

We didn't have to walk far to get in and the water was moving but manageable. The first dive was supposed to be Metridium Fields but the stirred up low milky visibility (<5ft) ended up being great practice for lost buddy scenarios. Thank goodness we agreed before getting in the water to search for about a minute before surfacing. We did manage to find the pipe a few times and go along it for a bit. A cormorant joined us briefly in the same direction but thought we were going too slow. We swam along for a while before someone disappeared. After regrouping on the surface, we headed back to shore where we again practiced lost buddy procedures.



Despite the first dive, we were hoping the viz would be better along the wall for the second dive and hey, maybe the sea lions would join us. We dropped at the #9 marker on the breakwater and saw that the viz was about the same. We did manage to spot 2 sea lions, one of which would swim by really closely, and we were left wondering how many were really out there and could've been seen if only the viz was better. Lots of nudibranchs, fat large sea cucumbers, starfishes, tube anemones, and the usual suspects. Waves were stronger on the way back in and the surface was choppy. Some folks got knocked over coming back in but recovered smoothly. The water temperature was 50 degrees on both dives but it felt all right – maybe because it had been so long since our last dives!

After putting everything away, Sim had to leave so Barbara and Grace dropped tanks off at Aquarius then grabbed Mexican seafood lunch at Barba Azul nearby. ★

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, it's still Winter, and we've still got storms, so recent dive conditions have not been great. Even so, some Dippers have been able to get in the water. But Spring is coming, so let's keep our fingers crossed for better conditions coming soon!

One thing for sure is that the environment is always changing! We've had some king tides recently, and the low tides have given us a chance to see a lot more of the beaches than we usually do. One dive report mentioned

people checking out the "new" tidepools on the Breakwater beach during a recent low tide. And officials have reported hundreds more sea otters off the Monterey coast near Cannery Row. Here's an article from the Monterey Herald with more information:

www.montereyherald.com/2023/02/22/an-otter-invasion-in-monterey/

The Monterey Bay Sea Otters dive club hosted **Carol Rose** at their February monthly meeting, and I was able to attend their virtual meeting. Carol has been a pillar of the local diving community for many decades and she is a founding member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame (WDHOF). Carol has also been a pivotal member of CenCal, CMAS, USOA, and Underwater Hockey. She's been a great friend and supporter of the Flipper Dippers. Many years ago the Flipper Dippers helped out at an international underwater hockey championship meet held in San Jose and had a great time!

The mission of the WDHOF is to recognize women divers who have made outstanding contributions to the exploration, understanding, safety and enjoyment of our underwater world and support the underwater world and its associated careers by promoting opportunities in diving through grants, scholarships, internships, and mentoring as well as a worldwide network of industry contacts. You can read more on their website: wdhof.org.

There are a couple of important events scheduled in Monterey this month. The Monterey Marine Protected Area Day is March 15th, followed by the Marine Resources Committee Meeting on March 16th. This event will include discussion of the Decadel Management Review. These events only happen every 10 years, and we are fortunate to have them right here in Monterey. I am looking forward to hearing about the results of these discussions.

Everyone keep safe and let's go diving!

– **Barbara**



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Get your easter egg hunting skills ready

The Flipper Dippers will be holding our 14th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, at Del Monte Beach, on April 22. Do you think you can beat last year's winners? Look for more information in next month's newsletter. ★



RAFFLE NEWS

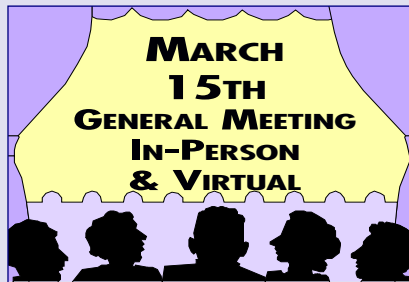
Our in-person general meetings are still lightly attended so we're holding off on our monthly raffles. There's talk of another Christmas in July party so stay tuned. ★

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). We'd love for you to join us!

Happy Birthday! These Dippers are completing their annual trip around the Sun this month: **Carrie Edgar**, **Don Mercado** and **Chris** and **Jennifer Morris** are winners. ★



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. ★

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Over the course of his lifetime, Hollis founded many companies including American Underwater Products, Pelagic Pressure Systems, ROMI Enterprises and the renowned scuba diving brands, Oceanic, Hollis, and Aeris. Hollis said he wanted everyone to experience scuba diving and gave thousands around the world the opportunity to do so.

Using his experience, Hollis helped create an underwater saturation system in 1978 for the Andrea Doria shipwreck. The system was attached to the wreck at a depth of 240 feet for up to seven days, allowing divers to explore the wreck for several days without having to swim to the surface. Hollis logged more dives than anyone on the wreck and in 1981 served as the underwater photographer for the nationally aired film called, Andrea Doria: The Final Chapter, detailing the team's goal of recovering the bank safe from the famed sunken Italian ocean liner.

In addition to developing photography and scuba diving equipment, Hollis was also responsible for leading some of the first dive trips to Cozumel, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Belize, Yucatan Peninsula and the Galapagos. He also led tours to the remote destination of Papua New Guinea, where he later built a family home and destination dive resort for other underwater enthusiasts.

Over his storied career, Hollis received many awards and achievements including the Nogi Award, the Dema Reaching Out Award, and was an inductee of the Scuba Diving Hall of Fame. ★



Vacationing family finds massive blue lobster 'walking around on the beach' in Cape Cod

While visiting Cape Cod National Seashore recently, 10-year-old Elena Butterbaugh and her 8-year-old sister, Alice, stumbled upon an out-sized crustacean that could have washed ashore straight out of a Dr. Seuss storybook. Trailing the girls on a Thanksgiving walk along the Pamet Area Trails and onto the shore just north of Ballston Beach, Eric and Jessica Butterbaugh thought they heard their daughters yell out "a monster! a monster!"

"They were actually saying 'a lobster, a lobster!'" said Eric Butterbaugh. They knew it was unusual enough to find a lobster just randomly hanging out on the strand, in that place between sea and land where the dispersing waves sizzle with foam and the sand is polished to a smooth, fleetingly glassy finish that can reflect the sky. What elevated it to the next level of oddity was its color. "It was blue," said Elena, joining her parents and sister on the phone Tuesday from their Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania home, sharing the details of their exciting beach encounter over their Cape Cod holiday vacation. The youngster clarified that "it wasn't just like a specific blue. There were a few different shades of blue."

Although they don't live near the ocean, the family makes frequent trips to Cape Cod and are familiar with the creatures of the sea and shore. "I knew right away that the girls had found a very rare lobster. We've been to the

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History a number of times and have seen their blue lobster, so we knew that blue lobsters are rare," said Eric Butterbaugh. "We also knew that the lobster we found was big. However, I didn't realize exactly how big it was until we went back to the museum a few days afterwards and saw their lobsters. The

Truro lobster was easily two or three times the size of the lobsters that are at the museum." He estimates the barnacle-encrusted lobster was about 10 pounds, and "easily around 2 feet long," with claws he described as "massive."

Blue lobsters are very rare, expert says
Tyan Bassett, the animal care coordinator at the Cape Cod



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Museum of Natural History in Brewster, said blue lobsters are exceedingly rare. Some scientists estimate there's a one in two million chance of finding a blue lobster, while others say the odds are far greater, depending on the degree to which the coloration is owing to diet or genetics.

"There's a couple of things that we've learned about blue lobsters here. One is it might be dietary blue, meaning it's lacking a certain food in its diet, so it turns blueish," Bassett said. "We've had one of those ourselves at the museum. When it molted, it was brown again."

And then there are the blue lobsters that are genetically blue. "They legitimately lack the pigment to make them be brown," Bassett said. It's rare to find a lobster just "walking around on the beach."

The size of the crustacean and the manner of its discovery – finding a lobster just "walking around on the beach" – were also exceptional, Bassett said. As for the 10-pound estimate on the weight of the lobster, she said, "that's huge!" "The biggest one we have at the museum is about four pounds," Bassett said.



Crazy colored crustaceans: Rare lobsters wash ashore at Cape Cod markets

When they discovered the lobster on the beach, the family called the museum to report their find and spoke with Bassett. After briefly discussing trying to bring the lobster to the museum, Eric Butterbaugh said, "I wasn't sure that we could keep the lobster cold enough to safely transport it" and they didn't want to harm it. Plus, he noted, they were at least a mile from the car.

"I soon realized that I didn't want to be the one to put such an incredible creature in a cage, especially since it's probably older than I am," he said. "Tyan gave me some tips to get the lobster back into the water." The family spent about 20 minutes in all observing the lobster and attempting to get it back into the ocean.

"It was incredible. A lobster on the beach in and of itself is rare," Eric Butterbaugh said. "But for it to be blue and for it to be as big as it was, Tyan said it was just a wonderful omen. Before I tossed it back in, I made a little wish." ☆

San Jose Flipper Dippers'

DIVE COORDINATOR GUIDELINES

How About You?



To be a Club dive coordinator you need only be a certified diver with some diving experience. It is important to remember that you are coordinating other certified divers who are diving within their training and experience limits. You should take care to not exceed that role.

You should not act as a divemaster or an instructor (even if you are so qualified).

Safety should be the concern of all divers. Information such as who has a cell phone and whether oxygen is available should be shared with all the participants.

In most locations the emergency number is 9-1-1 and is a free call.

It should be assumed that a certified diver is qualified to dive in a situation that is within the limits of his/her training with a diver of equal qualifications. If you suspect that a dive situation exceeds the qualifications of a diver, you should explain to them the potential difficulties they may encounter. However, remember that it is ultimately the diver him/herself who must make the decision as whether to dive, and he/she is ultimately responsible for this decision. Safe diving is a must!

Follow the Club constitution: "Encourage the conservation of all marine life by obeying all Federal and State game laws and urging others to do likewise."

A Simple Ten-Point Guideline

1. Choose a site/situation that you are familiar with and will be enjoyed by all divers.
2. Schedule your dive in time to be in the newsletter and announced at the Club meeting. Include the best method of contact so interested divers can contact you if they aren't at the meeting: Phone and/or email.
3. Collect the sign-up sheet after the Club meeting. If you can't attend, ask another member to get it for you.
4. If the dive will not occur as planned, make your best effort to contact all that expressed interest. Otherwise divers will assume the dive will occur as planned and show up at the site.
5. Make sure non-members are appropriately certified and have signed the Club's Assumption of Risk disclaimer (Available on the Club's Website).
6. Coordinate buddy teams to make sure that all divers who need a buddy, have one.
7. Tell all divers who are not familiar with the site/situation what they can expect entering/exiting the water and things to be on the lookout for.
8. Ask any divers who may want to leave early to let someone know so all divers can be accounted for after the dive.
9. Try to make the dive an enjoyable and safe experience for everyone, including yourself.
10. Plan to give a report on the dive at the next Club meeting. You can also submit a written report for the next Club newsletter so others can read about the dive. Take some photos of the divers too! ☆

When Alvin visited the wreck of the Titanic

The sheer size of the vessel and the shoes were what struck Robert Ballard when he descended to the wreckage of the RMS Titanic in 1986, the year after he and his crew from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution helped find the ocean liner that struck an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic in 1912.

“The first thing I saw coming out of the gloom at 30 feet was this wall, this giant wall of riveted steel that rose over 100 and some feet above us,” he said in an interview from Connecticut on Wednesday, the same day the WHOI released on 80 minutes of never before publicly seen underwater video of the expedition to the wreckage.

“I never looked down at the Titanic. I looked up at the Titanic. Nothing was small,” he said.

The crew of Alvin, the three-person submersible he was in, headed to the surface when it started taking water into its batteries, and as it rose Ballard saw the Titanic’s portholes. “It was like people looking back at us. It was pretty haunting actually,” he said.

There were no human flesh or bones left, but he saw shoes, including the footwear of what appeared to be a mother and a baby, that looked like tombstones marking the spot where some of the roughly 1,500 people who perished came to rest on the ocean floor. “After the Titanic sank, those that went into the water that didn’t have lifejackets died of hypothermia and their bodies came raining down,” he said.

The liner sank on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York City after hitting an iceberg in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912.

The WHOI team, in partnership with the French oceanographic exploration organization Institut français de recherche pour l’exploitation de la mer, discovered the final resting place of the ship in 12,400 feet (3,780 meters) of water on Sept. 1, 1985, using a towed underwater camera.

The newly released footage was from a return expedition the following year. There had been prior efforts to find the wreck. But the 1985 discovery and the 1986 trip were made possible by sophisticated underwater vehicles that could withstand the unforgiving conditions, said WHOI engineer Andy Bowen, who helped develop them. “The water is near freezing temperatures and probably the biggest

challenge is the remoteness of the location, and in particular the harsh environment with regard to the pressure our equipment is exposed to,” he said.

Ballard said he went through the gamut of emotions during the 1985 mission. He was concerned that the public would figure out that he was a Naval intelligence officer who was on a top secret Cold War mission funded by the Navy to study the wrecks of two nuclear submarines that had also gone down in the North Atlantic. The search for the Titanic was a bit of an afterthought.

“I wasn’t a Titanic groupie,” he said. “I was heavily involved in my military program. So I wasn’t expecting to be affected by the discovery.”

The ship sank at about 2:20 a.m. The 1985 discovery using the underwater camera occurred at about 2 a.m.

Ballard recalled one of the crew glancing at the clock and saying: “She sinks in 20 minutes.”

“We actually stopped the operation and raised the vehicle to gather my thoughts and I said, ‘I’m going to go outside and just get myself back together’ and everyone else followed,” he said. “We had a small memorial service for all those that had died. But we were there, we were at this spot.”

It was hallowed ground, like at the Gettysburg battlefield, he said. The video, much of it haunting and grainy interiors

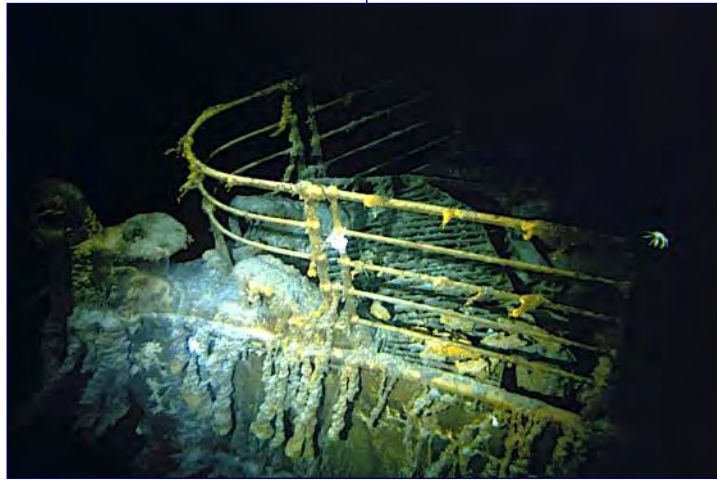
of the ship taken by the remotely-operated underwater exploration vehicle Jason Jr., is being released in conjunction with the 25th anniversary release on Feb. 10 of the remastered version of the Academy Award-winning movie, “Titanic.”

“More than a century after the loss of Titanic, the human stories embodied in the great ship continue to resonate,” James Cameron, the film’s director, said in a statement. “Like many, I was transfixed when Alvin and Jason Jr. ventured down to and inside the wreck. By releasing this footage, WHOI is helping tell

an important part of a story that spans generations and circles the globe.”

The story of the Titanic fascinates people to this day for many reasons, Ballard said. It was at the time the world’s largest ocean liner and was supposed to be virtually unsinkable. Its passengers included some of the world’s most wealthy and famous. And in the aftermath, the world heard remarkable stories of heroism and bravery by the crew and passengers.

He said: “I think everyone wonders in their own mind ‘If I were there, what would I have done?’ ” ★



This image provided by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution shows the bow of the Titanic 12,500 feet (3.8 kilometers) below the surface.



This image provided by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution shows the deck of the Titanic 12,500 feet (3.8 kilometers) below the surface.

Dippers planning return to Bonaire

Mike Chalup

The Club is planning a return trip to Buddy Dive Resort (<https://buddydive.com/>) on Bonaire during 2023. It was suggested that this year's trip be scheduled to coincide with the peak season for coral spawning, which is in September.

The Resort has many features that make diving both on site (Barrie Reef) and the multitude of shore sites on Bonaire as easy as possible for visitors. Buddy has both a full dive facility located on their dock and a unique drive-through dive center to minimize the amount of carrying and handling of your SCUBA equipment and tanks between dives offsite. Unlimited air or Nitrox fills (32%) and dive weight belts are included. We will also plan on going out again with *East Coast Divers* to experience the much less frequented reefs on the windward side of Bonaire via their unique custom dive boat.

Accommodations are multi-bedroom condominium-style apartments with full kitchens and balconies. Each apartment includes either one or two pickup truck or van rentals to provide transportation to dive sites on Bonaire, access to shopping and restaurants around Kralendijk (main city), and other attractions. Most Dippers chose to have breakfast and lunch in their apartment, but with frequent visits to restaurants either at Buddy or nearby for dinner.

An email was sent out to the membership and the majority of respondents expressed interest in an itinerary that would include 11 nights/10 days of diving at Buddy Resort. Shorter stays of 7 or 9 nights are also possible, but we should all plan to arrive on the same day to greatly simplify group logistics.

Exact per person trip cost will be dependent on the size of our group and the number of one, two, or three bedroom apartments; which hold 2, 4 or 6 people each.

Although Bonaire has direct flight service from the Continental US, no single airline has daily service. American Airlines has the greatest number of flights, but when departing the West Coast you need to overnight in Miami to make the necessary connection.

The current plan is to Depart San Francisco on Friday, September 15 (arrive Bonaire September 16), and Return from Bonaire on Wednesday, September 27.

Resort Cost = \$1,208 plus Airfare of \$751 = \$1,959 (current estimates).

This does not include 1 night accommodations in Miami, food, optional boats dives, or Marine Park Fee (\$40).



Dippers headed back to Bonaire This wet bunch of Dippers were in Bonaire in April of 2022. *Mike Chalup* organized everyone and took this great photo off Buddy Dive Resort.

So far we have a number of people (7) who have expressed interest in the trip and we are now trying to finalize a participant list. We're currently offering the trip to Flipper Dipper members (and their spouse/partner) first and will open the trip to non-members (friends/family) after everyone that is interested in participating has signed up.

If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact me ASAP to make sure that we can insure accommodations with Buddy Dive Resort.

Mike Chalup
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Don't Lose \$95 in a Bonaire Tourist Tax Scam

When a diver checked in for his flight to Bonaire in January, the gate agent told him about a new tax on tourists and said he could pay the tax online to save time in Bonaire.

So, before boarding, he Googled "Bonaire tourist tax," and the first website that popped up indeed looked official and asked the questions expected from a government website. He filled out the form, paid the \$95 tax, and was notified he'd receive a QR code within the hour to show Bonaire immigration. Sadly it was not the official website and he was scammed out of \$95! Once the payment was made the site

identified itself as not being part of Bonaire government. Be advised and go to the correct site to pay your tax.

The Scam website address is: tourismtaxbonaire.us
• **Scam site** address ends in: (dot) **.us**

The Real website address is: tourismtax.bonairegov.com
• **Real site** address ends in: (dot) **.com**

Be very careful as the scam site is the first listing that comes up when you search on Google for the "Bonaire tourist tax." The Bonaire government is aware of this and is trying to get this fixed. ★

DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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MARCH 2023

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 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, MARCH 4 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

SATURDAY MARCH 11 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)

Come join your fellow Dippers as we dive McAbee beach! **Andrew Grice** is coordinating a 2-tank dive at this well-protected dive location in the heart of Monterey. The plan is to make a 2-tank dive and – if the group is up for it – attempt to locate MacAbee Pinnacle (also known as Sammet's Spire). We'll meet at 8:00AM along Cannery Row in Monterey. Please RSVP by sending an email to agrice07@gmail.com to receive further instructions as the date draws near.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

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:

- **Social Hour**
- **Dive Plans and More**



SATURDAY, MARCH 18 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

SUNDAY MARCH 26 FOURTH SUNDAY CYCLE

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



UPCOMING IN APRIL

- 01 Pt. Lobos Reservations for May 13
- 05 Business Meeting
- 08 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 08-15 Cozumel Dive Trip
- 19 **General Meeting - SJFD 59 Years Old**
- 22 U/W Easter Egg Hunt
- 23 Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)



Labor Day Weekend Aug 28 - Sept 4

Come join your fellow Flipper Dippers for a fun-filled weekend at Van Damme State Park. The opening for camping reservations in California State Parks

(www.reservecalifornia.com) for the month of August will open soon. Site reservations are available 6 months in advance for a specific start date. Labor Day is on Monday, September 4th.

Some Dippers will be online at 8AM sharp, on February 28th, to make site-specific reservations for nights starting Monday, August 28th through Saturday, September 3rd (Lower Loop sites #1 – #13).

Plan on bringing tanks, kayaks, mountain bikes to do some bike riding along the coast and park trails and maybe some hiking. The dive shop in Ft. Bragg closed a number of years ago 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 week(end), get online early as sites go fast. Contact **Carl Tuttle**: 408-829-3660, tutcomms@sbc-global.net for more information ★

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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2023 COMING EVENTS

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| Mar 01 | Business Meeting |
| Mar 11 | Second Saturday SCUBA |
| Mar 15 | 📍 General Meeting |
| Mar 26 | Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC) |
| Apr 01 | Pt. Lobos Reservations for May 13 |
| Apr 05 | Business Meeting |
| Apr 08 | Second Saturday SCUBA |
| Apr 08-15 | Cozumel Dive Trip |
| Apr 19 | 📍 General Meeting - SJFD 59 Years Old |
| Apr 22 | U/W Easter Egg Hunt |
| Apr 23 | Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC) |
| May 01 | Business Meeting |
| May 13 | Second Saturday SCUBA Pt. Lobos |
| May 17 | 📍 General Meeting - Spring Raffle |
| May 22-29 | Memorial Day Weekend - Cowell |

Watch This Space - Much More To Come!
See the Club's Website for the full Calendar

*Are you looking for
someone to dive with?*

The Flipper Dippers will be holding their 14th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, at Del Monte Beach, on April 22. Watch for more information next month! 🌟



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