

NEWSLETTER



San Jose Flipper Dippers

JULY 2016

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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27TH ANNUAL Seafood Dinner & Dance Saturday, Sept. 10th

The Flipper Dippers' Seafood Dinner & Dance fundraiser is on Saturday, September 10th, at the Santa Clara County Horseman's Association, 20350 McKean Road, San Jose. Dinner will be served from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Dancing is from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This year we really need to promote ticket sales. Remember, money raised goes towards a number of Club expenses, including the rental of the hall for our General Meetings, the January Awards Banquet, trophies and charitable donations. This year we will be limiting tickets to only 200 people.

We need all Dippers to participate by selling tickets, **providing seafood(!)** for the dinner and/or helping out at the dinner. So we are asking **all members** to contribute – one way or another. We're counting on Club members to sell tickets to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Remember, this is not an event just for divers. Everyone who enjoys good seafood, fun, music and dancing is welcome. There will be a **\$43.00 door charge** per person. **Carl Tuttle** (286-7956, e-mail: tutcomms@sbcglobal.net) is coordinating ticket sales.

The Club needs many helpers in all phases of this fund-raising activity on the day of the event. We need a Dipper to head up each of the following "groups" that have been established. The action begins at 8 AM Saturday morning.

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Students capture rare video of Bryde's whales lunge feeding in a 'world first'

Expecting to document the behavior of humpback whales and dolphins near Great Barrier Island, post-graduate students from New Zealand instead captured rare footage of endangered Bryde's whales lunge feeding. The aerial footage taken from a custom-built drone in the Hauraki Gulf is being touted by Auckland's University of Technology as the first time this feeding behavior of a Bryde's whale has been recorded by an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.



The video from 133 feet above the ocean shows a mother and her calf lunge feeding on plankton floating just under the surface of the water, according to Fairfax Media. "I was in awe of these creatures," Dr. Barbara Bollard-Breen told The Telegraph. "Never before have I seen anything like this. There is no way we would see so much detail from a boat-based survey. "Bryde's whales are critically threatened in New Zealand, so it's thrilling to see them in the wild and to be able to record them feeding from above is very special."

It is believed that fewer than 200 Bryde's whales remain in New Zealand waters. The students were originally focused on a pod of dolphins when the whales were spotted. Quickly, their attention shifted. The incident was "completely unexpected," Bollard-Breen said. "It was pure excitement when I was filming, and it's simply a joy to see every time I watch it."

Watch the impressive video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeFzozm_H5M#t=20 ☆



Story Time!

Here's your chance to tell some tall tales... er, tales. Come to the General Meeting and enjoy your fellow lier's... er, diver's stories. Sign up for upcoming activities and enjoy the great raffle and refreshments. You need not be a member to attend. ☆

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

Refreshments Are Being Served

The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next General Meeting: **Barbara Davis, Anton Dold, Kelly Drake, Tom Gardner, and Teresa Hanson.** Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ☆



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We were all saddened to hear of the unexpected passing of charter member **Bill Zschaler** in February. After consulting with Bill's family, we are planning to hold a Remembrance Event for Bill in Monterey on Saturday, July 16th. Please see the article on page 6 for more information and join us in sharing memories of Bill.

In June we had eight Dippers on the *BeachHopperII* for our Second Saturday Scuba (S3). Surface conditions were not ideal, but the viz turned out to be pretty good. We also had a good turnout for the June beach cleanup.

July means summer is here and we have a lot of activities scheduled so be sure to join in the fun!

Coming up on July 9th and 10th we have an S3 beach dive and then a Panther Beach cleanup. This is the weekend after July 4th, so we expect the beach will need some extra attention. Come on out and lend a hand and then enjoy a nice lunch after the cleanup.

Abalone season is closed in July, but that gives us more time to hunt for halibut! Sign up for the club halibut dive on July 23rd, and then share in the bounty at the potluck Family Picnic on July 24th. These events are always enjoyed by all.

Our 27th Annual Seafood Dinner & Dance will soon be upon us and we need all Dippers to pitch in, especially during the evening hours. See the article on the front page of this newsletter for all the info.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

– **Barbara**



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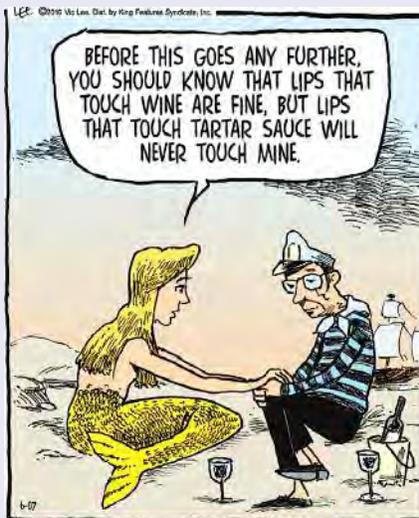
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Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This Month's Question: A scuba dive team is caught in a rip current taking them in a direction they do not want to go should:

1. Descend immediately.
2. Swim at a right angle to the current.
3. Swim against the current.
4. Swim with the current.

Send your answer by e-mail to **Larry Ankuda** at lankuda@comcast.net. All attendees at the next general meeting with the correct answers will be included in a drawing for 10 free raffle tickets. Good Luck!



How about some tasty halibut?

Local reports indicate that Lhalibut are being caught by line fishers and divers. If you're interested in hunting for a big flattie, be sure to sign up for the July 23 halibut dive. See the Activity Calendar on page 7. ★



RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

The June Dipper Raffle started and ended with fun. **Barbara Davis** pulled the first ticket and, as luck would have it, she chose her own "RED" ticket! Her prize was the first half of the "Mystery Gift" provided by the Club; she won \$30.00 cash. The second half of the "Mystery Gift" was taken by one of our new members **Manuel Mangrobang**. Donations provided by Barbara included six (6) can cozies won by L.O.R.D. **Larry Ankuda**, our guest speaker **Jim Patton** and **Brian Zaugg**. L.O.R.D. Ankuda donated a 10th Anniversary Randy Frye Memorial T-shirt was taken by Manuel. Two sets of dive scissors were placed on the table by Manuel and one set was taken by our guest speaker Jim Patton with the second going to **Carl Tuttle**. **John "Fish Hunter" Snyder** laid an XL T-shirt on the table which was scored by Carl. **Patrick Murphy** provided a Fin Fish cookbook-won by L.O.R.D. Ankuda. **Hunter Reid** dropped off a Martini Glass taken by none other than Manuel – This guy scored big time! Yours truly donated a cool Anchor bottle opener and a wine bottle opener scored by L.O.R.D. Ankuda, and a Buck Knife taken by **Tom Gardner**. The club provided a pair of Classic (old) dive gloves won by **Mark Pryor**.

THE DOOR PRIZE The door prize was not claimed by **John Jones**, who wasn't at the June general meeting, so it will increase by \$10.00 for our July meeting. Are you a winner? You must be in attendance to win.

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE: Each month we pick names from the Club's Roster for members to bring a dive-related donation for the Raffle Table. So this month the following are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Dennis Nasont, Jess Pimentel, Bob Prinz II, Mark Pryor, Hunter Reid, Jim Rezowalli** and **Jerry richards**. If you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact, **Lance Williams** (+1- 650-321-5255, Willo 1044@yahoo.com) to send in a check. He will pick up a raffle donation in your name. The raffle has always been an important and FUN part of our General Meetings. Please do **your** part as a Club member and provide a raffle donation when your name comes up. Thank you! ★

MEMBERSHIP

Teresa Hanson

There are prospective members looking to dive and we look forward to diving with you! Prospectives must have a Club jacket either in possession or on order to be voted into the Club. Contact **Teresa** for specifics.



A FREE raffle ticket will be given to the following

Dippers who have a birthday this month: **Barbara Davis, John Jones, Steve Lodoen, Scott Schimberg, Michelle Schimberg**, and **Carl Tuttle**. Happy birthday to our fellow Flipper Dippers! ★

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• Lead Contact/Ticket Sales:

Carl Tuttle (408-286-7956)

• **Slicing / Pounding / Egging / Breeding:** This is where it all begins! We start bright and early. **Don't forget the FREE BBQ lunch for those who help!**

• **Set-Up of Tables /Chairs/ Decorations:** Put your talent to work and make the hall a vision of wonder and beauty!

• **Seafood Cooking:** Hot stuff in the sun and shade.

• **Supplies Acquisition:** Help out in obtaining the necessary food service items. We'll provide the list and a check. All you do is spend!

• **Clean-Up:** An important part of the evening for the fast and the furious! We've got this down to a science with a Sunday morning completion.

• **Food Preparation:** Carrots/rice pilaf. We've got the detailed instructions for advanced prep of rice.

• **Serving of Dinners:** Help serve the hungry customers!

Sign up sheets (and tickets) will be at the July General Meeting for the area in which you'd like to help out – sign-up with multiple groups. This is always a fun time for everyone, so join in! ★

2016 TROPHY STANDINGS

Each month the person whose name appears in the newsletter will receive **3 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS** at the General Meeting — if in attendance. If you hold a trophy several months in succession, you will receive **3 FREE** tickets each month until someone beats your catch.

Contact **John Snyder** at +1-408-202-5196, e-mail: john.fishhunter@gmail.com, **WITHIN 1 WEEK** and give him all the proper info (include the name of one Club-member witness). ★

SKIN DIVING

□ LINGCOD □

Bob Gault 15 lbs.
Black Gulch 05/29

□ ABALONE □

John Snyder 8.8 inches
Van Damme 05/28

□ CABEZON □

Open

□ SHEEPHEAD □

Open

□ LOBSTER □

Open

□ OTHER OPEN CATEGORIES □

*Halibut, White Sea Bass,
Striped Bass*

SCUBA

□ LINGCOD □

Open

□ CABEZON □

Open

□ SHEEPHEAD □

Open

□ LOBSTER □

Open

□ HALIBUT □

Open

The race is on! Good luck to all!



Beach Cleanup . . . and a strange encounter

Dippers joined together for the Panther Beach Cleanup in June. One of the Diving Gnomes also attended and “Dr. John” Snyder thought it needed an examination. We’re not sure of the results, but at least the beach got cleaned. Thanks to everyone who helped out including **Aaron** and **Janie Huggins** who found us via a Club newsletter picked up at Any Water Sports! Afterwards the group went to the Whale City Cafe and had a great breakfast! 🌟



Back row: Hunter Reid, Tom Gardner, Brian Zaugg, John Snyder, Aaron Huggins.
Front row: Carl Tuttle, Diving Gnome, Jackie Gardner and Janie Huggins.



“Dr. John” Snyder, left, thinks an examination of the Diving Gnome is required. Carl and Tom aren’t so sure.



John Snyder thinks this is a test to see if he can get a job with the TSA.

All hands on deck!

Dippers signed on for a boat dive on the BeachHopper II for the S3 (Second Saturday Scuba) in June. Reports indicated the surface was a little lumpy but once in the water conditions were good. Diving Dippers included, below from left, **John Snyder, Gregg Davis, Diving Gnome, Brian Zaugg, Mark Pryor, Barbara Davis, Howard Timoney, Grace Chi, and Mike Chalup** behind the camera. 🌟



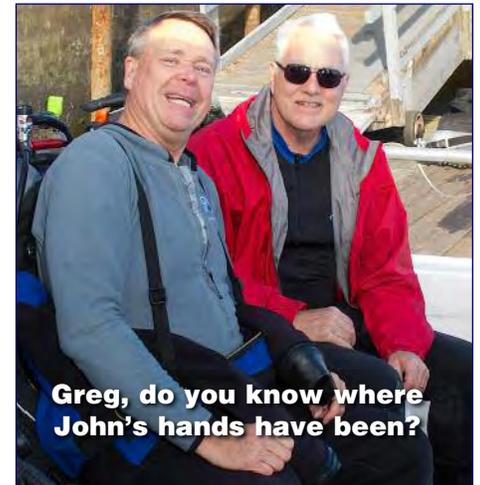
Brian must be looking for a fin on the surface behind the boat ...



Grace is getting used to her new drysuit.



Can you see a resemblance to Howard?



Greg, do you know where John's hands have been?

Roman-Era Shipwreck Yields Moon Goddess Statue, Coin Stashes

One civilization's trash is another civilization's treasure. A ship in Israel's Caesarea Harbor was filled with bronze statues headed for recycling when it sank about 1,600 years ago. Now, thanks to a chance discovery by a pair of divers, archaeologists have salvaged a haul of statuary fragments, figurines and coins from the seafloor. The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) announced (May 16) the discovery of the Late Roman-era artifacts, which include a figurine of a moon goddess and a lamp carrying the likeness of a sun god. Archaeologists also found two stashes of coins, still clumped in the shape of the vessel that once carried them.

"A marine assemblage such as this has not been found in Israel in the past 30 years," Jacob Sharvit, director of the

marine archaeology unit of the IAA and Dror Planer, deputy director of the unit, said in a statement. "Metal statues are rare archaeological finds because they were always melted down and recycled in antiquity. When we find bronze artifacts it usually occurs at sea. Because these statues were wrecked together with the ship, they sank in the water and were thus 'saved' from the recycling process." The coins found in the wreckage date to the mid-300s A.D. Some show Constantine, who ruled the Western Roman Empire from A.D. 312-324, and who unified the Eastern and Western Roman Empire in A.D. 324; he ruled both until his death in A.D. 337. Other coins show one of Constantine's primary rivals, the Eastern Roman Emperor Licinius, who was defeated by Constantine in A.D. 324.

Two divers from the city of Ra'anana, Ran Feinstein and Ofer Ra'anana, discovered the wreck on the harbor floor and reported the find to the IAA, which organized an archaeological



investigation. IAA divers found fragments of life-size bronze statues and a bronze lamp bearing the likeness of Sol, the sun god. They found a figurine of Luna, the moon goddess, and a bronze statue of a whale. There was a bronze faucet shaped like a boar with a swan on its head, and a lamp shaped like the head of a slave from Africa. "The sand continued on page 7

Bill Zschaler

Remembrance Gathering July 16

A remembrance gathering for San Jose Flipper Dippers' Charter Member **Bill Zschaler** will be held on Saturday, July 16, in Monterey. Members of the Flipper Dippers and the South Bay Ski Club and others are invited to participate. The activity will include a short boat ride on the waters of Monterey Bay and a BBQ/picnic at Monterey Bay Park group picnic area. San Jose Flipper Dippers and South Bay Ski Club members will be offered rides on the boats on a "space available" basis. Priority to riders will be given to Bill's two sons and their mother, and a few close friends.

For many years, accompanied by **Helen Conway**, Bill coordinated the clean-ups of Panther Beach and ski trips to the South Bay Ski Club's lodge near Sugar Bowl. He and Helen attended nearly every North Coast abalone dive and campouts at Albion, Van Damme and Russian Gulch State Parks. Although he was slowing down these past few years, and had "hung up" his skis, he was always eager to don his wetsuit and gear to go abalone diving. Bill was admired by many Club members for his "vast wisdom, intelligence, artistic talent and great stories."

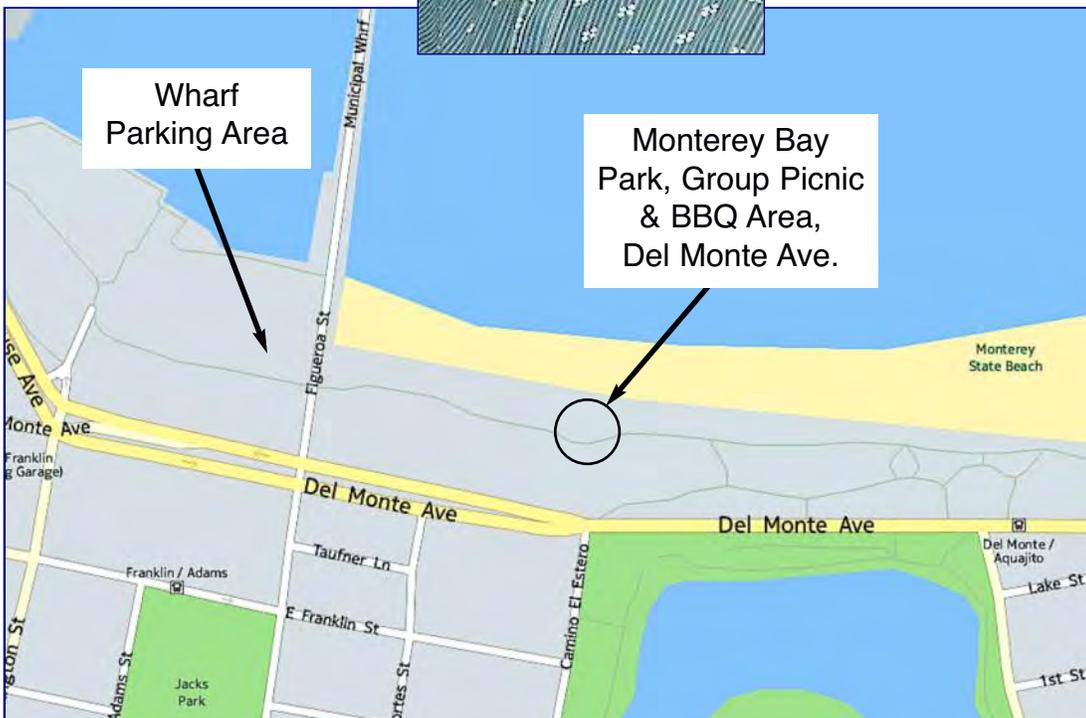
After the boat outing a family picnic will be held at Monterey Bay Park group picnic and BBQ

area off Del Monte Avenue, near Monterey Bay Kayaks and the municipal wharf. The Flipper Dippers will provide BBQ chicken, chicken sausages and rolls, plates, napkins, and utensils for the picnic. All others are asked to bring a pot-luck dish to share and their own drinks.

The schedule consists of meeting at 8:00 AM for launching boats at the Monterey Harbor and 10:00 AM for gathering at the picnic area for those arriving later (the group site is reserved from 7:30AM - 2:00PM). A minimal amount of metered parking spaces are available near the group site. Much more metered parking is at the municipal wharf, a short walking distance to the group picnic area.

We could use some volunteers to help set up the picnic area. This includes covering the 4 picnic tables with paper, and getting the BBQ and pot-luck items organized. We will also have the Dippers' club banner so those arriving will be able to find the site.

Please join these two great clubs for the sharing of photos and stories of Bill. With the large number of people he came into contact with, we're sure there will be many. RSVP to **Carl Tuttle**, 408-286-7956. tutcomms@sbcglobal.net, so we can get a count of participants.



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BRIAN ZAUGG

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 ABALONE SEASON CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at **Teresa Hanson's** home (408-966-6433, teresa_hanson@comcast.net). All members are invited to attend. This is a good time to share your new ideas for dives and entertainment. Refreshments to share are welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 9 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)

Coordinator: **Brian Zaugg**, (408) 218-9712, brian.zaugg@gmail.com. Meet in the Breakwater parking lot at 8:00 am and we'll decide where to dive based on conditions and sign-ups. Plan on making 2 dives. Please RSVP in case the dive gets cancelled or moved due to weather or surf conditions.

SUNDAY, JULY 10 PANTHER BEACH CLEAN UP

Coordinator: **Hunter Reid**, (408) 871-8836 Meet at 9:00 A.M. Parking on the left just past mile marker 26.4 on Hwy 1 north of Santa Cruz, just before the town of Davenport. The Club will buy lunch at the Whale City Bakery Bar & Grill in Davenport, for all who attend. For those new members, we have "Adopted" this beach (Panther Beach) and the Flipper Dippers have been cleaning up for several years.

SATURDAY, JULY 16 REMEMBRANCE FOR BILL ZSCHALER

Coordinator: **Carl**

Tuttle, (408)286-7956, tutcomms@sbcglobal.net. Bill was a Charter Member of the San Jose Flipper Dippers and his family has requested the Club participate in a short boat ride on the waters of Monterey Bay, followed by a picnic and remembrance. Boats will launch from Monterey Harbor at 8:00 AM. A family picnic activity will follow at Monterey Bay Park (next to Monterey Bay Kayaks at Del Monte Beach) at 10:00 AM. The club will provide members with a remuneration for the costs associated with hauling and launching boats. See Page 6 for more information.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, July 20th

7:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Hall 2211 Shamrock Dr., Campbell.

Come celebrate 52 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at our General Meeting.

Entertainment: Social Hour:
Sign up for dives!

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$20!

SATURDAY, JULY 23 HALIBUT DIVE

Coordinator: **John Snyder**, (408)378-4963, john.fishhunter@gmail.com. The recommended launch location is Moss Landing, although boat owners have the option to choose a

different site/time. John will match captains with divers beforehand. Come to the July meeting for more details.

SUNDAY, JULY 24 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Coordinator: **John Snyder**, (408) 378-4963, john.fishhunter@gmail.com. Join your fellow Dippers from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. John has arranged for the Club to use the Jackson Oaks Home Owners Association facilities at 3490 Oak Hill Court, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. BBQs, a rec room, outdoor seating, a kitchen, and the swimming pool are available for the Club to use! This event is always lots of fun, so bring the family. Halibut to be supplied from the Club dive on Saturday (we hope). The club will supply soft drinks and water. Bring some appetizers, salads, or other food to share. NOTE: Space is limited this year so be sure to sign up! Dippers-in-good-standing and immediate family get first choice before inviting guests.

SATURDAY, JULY 30 NO (LOCAL) SCHEDULED DIVE

UPCOMING IN AUGUST

- 01 Abalone Season Opens
- 03 Business Meeting
- 06 1-Day Ab Grab
- 13 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 17 **General Meeting**
- 21 Panther Beach Clean Up
- 26-28 The Monterey Shootout

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protected the statues; consequently, they are in an amazing state of preservation — as though they were cast yesterday rather than 1,600 years ago," Sharvit and Planer said.

The ship appears to have hit stormy weather at the harbor entrance, drifting until it smashed against the seawall and sank. Archaeologists found the ship's iron anchors, which seem to have been hoisted into the sea in an attempt to stop the ship



from drifting. They were broken by the wind and waves. The ship wrecked during a key time in Roman history, Sharvit and Planer said. In A.D. 313, Constantine and Licinius issued the Edict of Milan, making Christianity legal to practice and returning confiscated property to Christians who had been persecuted. Constantine would later support the early Christian church financially and politically, and converted to Christianity himself. ☆

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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2016 COMING EVENTS

July 1	Abalone Season Closed
July 4	No License Fishing Day
July 6	Business Meeting
July 5	Panther Beach Clean-Up
July 9	Second Saturday SCUBA
July 20	☛ General Meeting
July 23	Halibut Dive
July 24	Family Picnic
August 1	Abalone Season Opens
August 3	Business Meeting
August 6	1-Day Ab Grab
August 13	Second Saturday SCUBA
August 17	☛ General Meeting
August 21	Panther Beach Clean-Up
Sept 1 - 5	Labor Day Albion Ab Weekend
Sept 3	No License Fishing Day
Sept 7	Business Meeting
Sept 10	Seafood Dinner Dance
Sept 17	Second (Third) Saturday SCUBA
Sept 17	California Coastal Clean-Up Day
Sept 21	☛ General Meeting



Albion Ab Dive & Campout

Our next big North Coast dive will be Labor Day weekend, Sept 1 – 5, at Albion Flat Campground. The Club has reserved a number of camping spaces for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The cost is \$35 tent, \$40 RV (includes electric and water) per night for one vehicle/two people. More details and information in the August Newsletter. ★

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



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