



SharkBait Dive Club

February Speaker

Project Baseline Nadia Lee

Project Baseline is a grassroots conservation initiative that aims to raise public awareness about the present and future state of aquatic environments through the power of photographs. Project Baseline works by organizing and mobilizing a global network of divers and water lovers alike to create a lasting visual legacy of underwater environmental conditions one photo and one video at a time.

Project Baseline is the conservation initiative of Global Underwater Explorers (GUE). GUE is a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to scuba diver education, underwater exploration and conservation.

Nadia Lee, Project Manager for Project Baseline: Laguna Beach, will be sharing her team's experiences with participating in this initiative. Her presentation will demonstrate just how easy it is for all divers to contribute photographs to Project Baseline's online database.



- Feb 12 Beach Dive
7:00 AM Crescent Bay Laguna Beach
- Feb 14 Club Meeting
6:30 PM Graziano's Italian Yorba Linda
- Feb 25, 2017
Catalina Underwater Cleanup
- March 19 Beach Dive
7:00 AM Shaw's Cove Laguna Beach
- May 5,6,7 SCUBA Show
Long Beach Convention Center

Don't Forget
WIES–CCD 36th Annual Avalon Harbor
Underwater Cleanup
Saturday, February 25th, 2017

USC's Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber and Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies–Catalina Conservation Divers are proud to host Catalina Island's 36th Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup, one of the largest annual dive events in Southern California. The event began in the 1970s in an effort to cleanup Avalon Harbor, and this event is the only time diving is permitted in the Harbor.

Southern California divers have made the Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup one of their premier social events of the year. Divers retrieve trash and lost items from Avalon Harbor, and revel in the warm friendly atmosphere of Catalina Island. Last year, approximately 343 participants recovered 4,980 pounds of trash. Proceeds from the event will benefit USC's Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber and Wrigley Institute Scientific Diving Program.

Registration

Register online at www.usc.edu/esvp, code: 36thCleanup

Divers:

\$45 Early registration through January 3rd

\$55 January 4th – February 16th

\$65 Day-of Registration at Wrigley Stage

Each diver must bring the following completed forms to check-in.

Safe Diving Practices Form (PDF)

Informed Consent and Waiver of Release Form (PDF)

Non-Divers: \$30

2017 Dive Locations

Casino Landing

Step Beach

Green Pier

Lover's Cove

Schedule of Events

7:00-9:00 AM Check-in for Pre-registered Divers (Dive Locations)

7:00-9:00 AM Day-of Registration (Wrigley Stage)

9:00 AM	Dive Master/Diver Orientations (Dive Locations)
9:30-11:00 AM	Divers in Water (Dive Locations)
11:00 AM	All Divers Out of Water (MANDATORY)
1:00 PM	Door Prize Drawing (Wrigley Stage)
1:00-3:00 PM	Award Ceremony (Wrigley Stage)

T-Shirt Design Contest

(c) Emily Phelan, 2016

35th Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup design, 2016 winner Emily Phelan

Send in your entry for the 2017 t-shirt design contest!

The contest is open to all and the rules are simple. The design must include no more than two colors. The winner will be acknowledged in the marketing of the event as well the event itself. Deadline for entries is January 1st, 2017. Submit your artwork and any questions to: Jill A. Boivin, Event Chairperson: jillboivin@gmail.com.

Note: If computer generated, please use Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, or Corel Draw. When using color it's helpful to have a black and white version.

For more information, email cleanupsponsor@gmail.com.

2017 Volunteers

Sign up to volunteer for the 36th Annual Avalon Underwater Cleanup. Various roles from calling sponsors to event day help are sought! For more information, email wies-ccd@usc.edu.

Questions?

Email wies-ccd@usc.edu or contact the USC Hyperbaric Chamber at (310) 510-4020.



Beach Dives

Change in Beach Procedure

Participation in our beach dives has been pretty spotty of late and to save Martin the hassle of getting to the dive site and having to abort because no one is there we have initiated a RSVP protocol. If you are participating in our beach divem, E-mail Martin at n1diver@aol.com or call at 714-833-9167.



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February 12 Crescent Bay Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

On the north end of Laguna Beach, where the Pacific Coast Highway meets Cliff Drive, lies ¼-mile of coastline known as Crescent Bay. Its beautiful scenery and easy beach access make Crescent a popular location for divers and beachgoers alike. This location, unlike many others in the area, offers restrooms and outdoor showers.

The diving at Crescent Bay is on the east side or on the west side. In the center there's LOTS of sand! On the East side, Crescent Bay borders Shaw's Cove and if you follow the reef around you will find yourself at Shaws. On the West side of Crescent Bay there is a reef that runs north and south. The reef abruptly ends and if you head west you arrive at Seal rock which is visible from the shore.



Towering above the surface is the small island known as Seal Rock, which is home to many playful sea lions. Seal Rock offers divers the opportunity to interact with these beautiful and extremely curious animals. It's a bit of a long swim to get to the rock, but well worth the calories once you arrive. Stay mindful that these are wild animals and that you are a guest in their home — there is no need to approach them, they will come to you should the mood strike. Stay calm, keep your hands to yourself and enjoy the show.

In addition to the Sea Lions, you'll still find plenty to see down below. The beautiful garibaldi and sheepshead live in abundance in this area, and are not afraid to come close to give you a good once over. If you stay patient and look closely between the kelp and grass, you're likely to encounter leopard sharks as well.

Access is off Circle Way from Cliff Drive. From PCH turn onto Cliff Dr. and turn Right at Circle Way. Look for the sign, or look for Martin. Park where available.

March 19 Shaw's Cove Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

Shaw's Cove is one of the most popular dive sites in Orange County. It is well-protected from large swells, making it highly suitable for the beginning beach divers. For this reason, many scuba classes are held here every weekend.



The reef consists of a jumble of very large boulders, separated from each other by a maze of trenches. During low tide, you can wade out quite a bit due to the flat bottom. Most divers check out the western side as there is a crevice that leads to Crescent Bay. The crevice is in 15-20 ft of water depending on the tide. There can be a strong surge and there is an arch, creating an overhead environment. There are plenty of smaller channels into the reef as you go deeper.



Board of Directors, Officers and Responsibilities

The 2017 Board met on January 23rd to elect officers for the coming term and to assign responsibilities to Board members. The officers and board member responsibilities are as follows:

President	Vlad Ilinsky
Vice-President	Alf Johnson
Treasurer	Dave Stewart
Secretary	Martin Carreon
Board Member	Silvia Swigert
Board Member	Jeff Tunstall

Responsibilities

Vlad Ilinsky -	Speakers, Boat dives, Webmaster
Alf Johnson -	Membership, Newsletter
Dave Stewart -	Boat Dives
Silvia Swigert-	Meetup (Co-Social Media), Warm Water Trip, Facebook
Martin Carreon -	Beach Dive
Jeff Tunstall-	Co-Warm Water Trip

Annual Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership. As you recall, we changed the annual dues renewal from an anniversary system to a set date system.

Renewal dues schedule is: Single \$30
Family \$40

See Alf Johnson at the meeting to renew your membership.



Don't Forget Our Sponsors

We are fortunate to have a great group of sponsors who contribute to the success of SharkBait Dive Club. Without their help and support, we wouldn't be able to provide the benefits that membership in SharkBait gives our members.

We need to do our part also by supporting our sponsor/friends with our continuing business support. When considering a purchase of equipment, a class or a trip, or when you have that irresistible taste for Italian food please remember our sponsors. They are great partners !!!!

Hollywood Divers is located right near Universal City Walk. They are giving us raffle Gift Certificates from time to time. You will be able to redeem these on line through their web site, <http://www.hollywooddivers.com>. You will remember Heather Hamza and her husband Karim. They have both been speakers at our meetings.

Dive Seekers is located across the country in New Jersey. They will also be giving us Gift Certificates from time to time. The certificates can be redeemed through their web site at <http://www.diveseekers.com>.

Both of these sponsors carry a complete line of equipment and are reputable SCUBA shops. Give their sites a visit, we think you will be pleased with their GOODIES.



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HOLLYWOOD DIVERS

Club Information



Monthly club meetings
with speakers and raffle
prizes
Monthly Newsletter
Land-based Club activities
and events for the whole
family
Organized local dives
Resort warm-water trips
Good dives and good
buddies
Membership costs are as
follows . . .
New Membership:
Single \$40 pp
Family \$50 (couple/family)
Renewal:
Single \$30
Family \$40

membership renewals are
due in February for all
current members. New
members dues will be
prorated depending on the
month they join the club



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