

# **SharkBait Dive Club**

# July Featured Speaker

Casey Connel

Exciting news for SharkBait and Seas The Day SCUBA. Seas The Day SCUBA Dive Club and SharkBait Dive Club are joining forces. We are combining the Seas The Day SCUBA Dive Club with SharkBait Dive Club into one organization. The Seas The Day SCUBA SharkBait Dive Club will continue to meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December). The meetings will continue at Graziano's for the near future while we finalize arrangements for a new meeting place.

Seas The Day SCUBA has relocated their shop from Anaheim Hills to Brea. They are located at 1039 E. Imperial Highway, Brea. That's in the shopping center at the Northwest corner of Imperial Hwy. and Randolph St. Across the street from BJ's and next to 2 Wheeler Dealer Bicycle shop. The grand opening was June 24th. Ity is a much larger facility with lots more merchandise and the same great service from Casey and Kelly.

Dive Club members will receive 10 free air fills, or 5 free nitrox fills, a 10% discount on all merchandise except cameras and camera equipment, weights and cylinders (very skimpy markup on these items), and discoounts on boat trips with the club.

Casey has an extensive SCUBA background spanning almost 40 years. After working in several Dive organizations, Casey decided to take the plunge (pun?), and open his own shop, which he did in May of 2014. Business has grown to the point where a larger facility was needed and in June of this year, Casey opened his larger shop in Brea. Come on over to our meeting and get acquainted with Casey and right hand WOman Kelly.







July 11 Club Meeting 6:30 PM Graziano's Italian Yorba Linda

July 16 Beach Dive Woods Cove 7:00 AM RSVP to Martin

August 19 NIGHT Beach Dive Shaws Cove, Laguna Beach 7:00 PM RSVP to Martin





#### Overview of Seas The Day SCUBA

Seas The Day Scuba carries the newest gear for your underwater adventures, backed with unbeatable support. We have trained service technicians to service all of your equipment and our sales staff can help you find exactly what you need.

Seas The Day was founded by Casey Connell, who discovered scuba diving over 30 years ago and wants to share the joy of the ocean with everyone. Whether you're an experienced diver looking to expand their certification or a newcomer that wants to take their first dive, Seas The Day's experienced trainers can help you. We offer an expansive line of PADI certification classes, including technical and professional dive courses. Hundreds have learned how to dive with the help of Seas The Day's teachers — join them today!

In addition to instruction, we offer an in-depth selection of diving equipment and the expertise to help you make the right choice from the very beginning. Professional scuba divers and hobbyists alike can rely on the staff at Seas The Day to give them straight answers to questions about diving gear. We also offer top-flight service on scuba equipment, including your regular equipment inspections and repairs. You can rely on the team at Seas The Day to help you get the most out of your diving investment.

#### **Dive Equipment Maintenance**

Every diver knows to take care of their gear, but it can be more difficult than you think to clean and maintain scuba equipment. Trust the staff at Seas The Day to perform regular scuba equipment maintenance that can help you stay safe under the surface. Annual maintenance on any of your equipment can ensure its longevity.

#### **Dive Equipment Repairs**

There are some things that even regular dive equipment maintenance can't prevent and that's why we offer full-service dive equipment repairs from our shop in Orange County. Our staff is certified by most equipment manufacturers and can help you save money on new gear with our repairs. Whether your regulator is breathing rough or your buoyancy compensators aren't keeping you afloat properly, we're happy to help.

# FUN Facts You May Not Know (or forgot)

While official statistics of scuba diving injuries would mention barotraumatic injuries as the number one injury related to scuba diving, in reality broken fingers or broken noses are the most common ones. So think twice next time you float to close the boat ladder while another diver is trying to climb up or when carrying tanks and weights.



# Seas The Day Cont'd

### **Scuba Tank Inspections**

At our inspection center, we'll make sure that everything is ship-shape before you hit the water. We perform the annual scuba tank inspection that ensures that your tank can be refilled. We also will remind you and help you when your tank needs to be hydrostatically tested (every 5 years). We're also happy to check the rest of your gear if you'd like, as a second pair of eyes can catch things you'd normally miss.

#### Scuba Tank Refills

While the internet is full of videos of people performing do-it-yourself scuba tank refills, the minimal cost and safety of using Seas The Day's service means that you know the job will be done properly in a safe environment. In addition to the standard air mix, we offer custom scuba tank mixtures to help you stay underwater deeper and longer.

## Warm Water Trip

Sharkbait Dive Club invites one and all to the Island of Cozumel on the Yucatan Peninsula \*Revised 5/24/17

Join us for a week of warm water; spectacular diving, good food and good company. Divers and non-divers alike are welcome.

When: Saturday, November 4th to Saturday, November 11th.







Secrets Aura Cozumel is the perfect getaway for endless fun in a

beautiful destination. Located on the small island of Cozumel, just 12 miles off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, this is a recently renovated luxury resort with amenities such as

- (1) limitless access to gourmet à la carte dining options without reservations required
- (2) unlimited international and domestic top-shelf spirits
- (3) unlimited natural fruit juices and soft drinks
- (4) 24-hour room and concierge services
- (5) pool and beach wait service
- (6) daily maid service
- (7) free
- Wi-Fi and
- (8) all taxes and gratuities included. In addition to the above amenities, your experience at Secrets Aura Cozumel also includes: Complete access to the bars, restaurants and pools next door at Sunscape Sabor Cozumel.

Check out this site for dive spots: http://reefsofcozumel.com/pages/reefmap.html









## The Diving:

Dive House offers two tank boat dive trips twice daily with departures at 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Dive sites are decided upon by the divers on the boat and usually include one "wall" dive and one reef dive. Night dives are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Dive House is a PADI 5 Star Dive Resort.

They own and operate five boats all fully equipped with VHF radios, depth sounders, DAN oxygen units, first aid kits and life vests. The four larger boats, a 46' Sea Ray, a 42' Sea Ray, a 35' Bruno Stillman and

a 30' Island Hopper, are also equipped with camera racks, heads, freshwater showers and water level dive platforms with ladders. Boat capacities vary and can accommodate between 8-26 divers, ideal for individuals as well as groups. For individuals, the maximum number of divers per boat is limited to twelve.

They have developed an "Experienced Diver Program" where divers are grouped on boats according to their own experience level allowing them to enjoy their dives in the company of other divers of similar experience level. Gear storage lockers, fresh water showers and gearwashing facilities are available at all locations.

Scubapro rental equipment available.

These two southern sites, Punta Sur and Maracaibo, are available weather permitting for a bit more \$\$.

The Package:

Secrets Aura Cozumel

Double occupancy: \$1,275 per diver for 7 nights, all inclusive, Pool View Jr Suite.

\$ 840 per non-diver for 7 nights, all inclusive, Pool View Jr Suite.

Single occupancy: \$ 1,205 per diver for 7 nights, all inclusive, Pool View Jr Suite. Includes taxes and airport transfers. \*Applying for discounts and 10% commission.

Diving:

5 days of 2 tank morning dives are included. Weights, tanks, and a guide are included. 32 pesos per person per day for Marine Park fee. Night dives are additional at \$57 each.

\$100 Deposit due to reserve; Balance due by September 1, 2017

Cancellation allowed prior to September 1st with no penalty. Penalties increase after 60 days.

Air Fare: (not included)

Available on several airlines; currently airfare is about \$665 RT (United) to \$747 RT (American) for a decent one stop flight.

Other Info

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# 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 dive, E-mail Martin at n1diver@aol.com or call at 714-833-9167.



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# July 16 Woods Cove Laguna Beach 7:00 AM RSVP Martin

Woods Cove is a fairly large cove divided in two by a large rock structure at the surf line. On the Northwest side of the cove about 50 yards out are two rocks that break the surface. These are huge boulders that extend 20 feet down surrounded by smaller rocks with abundant marine life. Out from the southern most reef is a small underwater arch with Garibaldi and a great picture taking spot. The reefs straight out beyond there are spectacular. Huge boulders with ledges and caves harbor a variety of marine life. The reef extends quite a way offshore offering additional sites to explore

The access point to Woods Cove is almost directly off PCH. Turn toward the beach on Diamond Street and park on Diamond or Ocean Way. The beach access is at the end of Diamond Street





## August 19 Night Dive Shaws Cove Laguna Beach 7:00 PM RSVP Martin

Although you've been scuba diving many times before, at night you drop into a whole new world and watch it come to life under the glow of your dive light. The scene changes as day creatures retire and nocturnal organisms emerge. If you've wondered what happens underwater after the sun goes down, join us for a fun and interesting time on our night dive at Shaws Cove.

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.



#### More Warm Water Fun

WITH SHARKBAIT TEAMING UP WITH ALICIA'S DIVE/ADVENTURE TOURS FOR A SUMMER TRIP TO ISLA MUJERES.

# ISLA MUJERES

JULY 21-29, 2017

This summer we are going to Isla Mujeres, off the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. We will stay at the all-inclusive resort Catalonia Riviera Maya. The big draw is cenote diving and diving with whale sharks. There will be some other adventures scheduled for this trip and we'll let you know what they are as soon as we finalize them. The trip is planned for July 21-29. The cost for the land and diving package is \$1700. This price is the cash discounted price. Air fare is not included in the package. Right now the air fare is around \$400 from LAX. If we get enough people we might be able to swing a group rate for the air.

Here are the specifics of the land/diving package: Package Includes:

- 7 nights accommodations in the all inclusive Catalonia Riviera Maya
- Garden View Room
- All food and drinks
- 3 days of two tank reef diving
- 1 day of two tank cenote diving
- 1 day whale shark excursion
- Tanks and weights
- Airport transfers
- Taxes

Package does not include:

- Airfare
- Gear rental
- Trip Insurance
- Anything else not listed

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We are accepting a \$500 nonrefundable deposit for the land/diving package at this time. Final payment will be due April 30th. Deposits may be forwarded to Alicia. She may be contacted at trailgoddess@yahoo.com or 949-584-8408.

# **Diver Equipment & Travel Check List**

Are you getting ready for your upcoming Scuba or Snorkeling trip but think you might be forgetting something? Look over these check lists to be sure that you have everything you need for your excursion!

## **Equipment:**

Regulator/Octo

**BCD/Weight Pockets** 

Weight Belt

Computer/Gauges

Compass Cylinder

Wetsuit/Dry suit

Lycra Suit Booties Gloves

Hood/Beanie

Knife and Sheath

Mask/Defog

Snorkel and Keeper

Fins

Scuba Certification Card

Logbook Slate/Pencil

Surface Signaling Devices

Wreck Reel
Dive Watch
Equipment Bag
Camera Equipment
Dessicant Packs

Dive Lights - MainLight, Backup Light, TankLight

#### Travel and Personal Items:

Airline Tickets
Dive Insurance
Emergency
Phone#'s
Money
Passport

Photo ID

Vaccination Cert. Vouchers/Itinerary

Prescription
Medications
Decongestants
Motion Sickness

Med.

Doc's Pro Plugs Dry Ear Drops Swimmer's Ear Med.

#### Beach Items

**Beach Towel** 

Hat

Windbreaker Beachwalkers

Sandals Sunglasses Sunscreen Swimsuit Rash Guard Insect Spray

## Goodie Bag Accessories:

First Aid Kit

Save-A-Dive Kit

Dry Box

Fin Strap/Mask Strap

Mouthpiece/Zip Ties

Master Scuba Tool

O-rings

Gauge Retractor

Extra Batteries and Bulbs

Spare Mask

**Dive Destination Book** 

Marine Life ID Book Float with Flag

Microfiber Towel

# **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 irresistable taste for Italian food please remember our sponsors. They are great partners!!!!



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# **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: \$30 Renewal: \$20

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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