

November

2017



SharkBait Dive Club

November Presentation

Our members will be back from their trip to Cozumel and will recap in words, pictures and video some of the happenings, good and bad, we encountered there. Our last trip to Cozumel had great diving, good food, great company and loads of fun.

Join us for what should be an interesting and fun recap of diving in Cozumel



November 12 Beach Dive
Heisler Park 7:00 AM

November 14 Club Meeting
Graziano's Italian Yorba Linda

November 18 Boat Dive
Oil Rigs on the Asante

December 9 Boat Dive
Catalina on the Asante

December 9 Dive Club Winter Party

January 6 Beach Dive
Balboa Pier 7:00 AM

February 24 Catalina Harbor Underwater
Cleanup Avalon Ca.

Annual Winter Party December 9th



Our annual winter party will be December 9th. Mark the date. The Club will supply the food and sodas for the annual winter holiday party. Don't forget our "White Elephant" gift exchange. Bring a gift, around \$15 or so, and it will be raffled off. Once raffled off, the next "Picked" raffle number may "steal" a gift that has already been raffled or pick a gift from those remaining. A gift may be "stolen" only twice and then becomes off limits for "stealing".

RSVP to Vlad at vilinsky88@gmail.com no later than December 7th so we can get an accurate count (and order enough filling food for the event).

We will have finalized the location after this newsletter is published and we will send out a blast to let you know where this shindig will be.



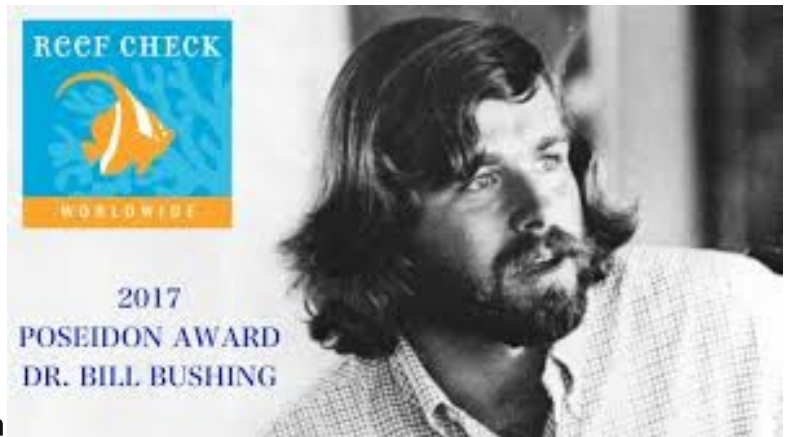
HONORING OUR 2017 HERO OF THE REEF

On September 28 Reef Check International honored special "Hero of the Reef" Dr. Bill Bushing with the Poseidon Award for his ongoing commitment to the health of our oceans. Dr. Bill is a good friend of SharkBait Dive Club, having visited and spoken to our club many times in the past.

Reef Check wrote of Dr. Bill as follows:

In appreciation of his ongoing commitment to the health of our oceans as a resident marine biologist on Santa Catalina Island for almost 50 years

Dr. Bill Bushing, or Dr. Bill as he is known in the SCUBA world, has been a resident marine biologist on Santa Catalina Island for almost 50 years. Upon graduation from Harvard College in 1969, he became head of the science and math departments at the Catalina Island School, teaching there until it closed in 1979.



He has logged thousands of dives mostly in southern California waters for research and educational purposes. He is a well-known presence both at Catalina's Casino Point Dive Park; and, formerly, on SCUBA Luv's King Neptune dive boat where he served as the marine life specialist for thousands of divers each year. Dr. Bill has worked, dived and filmed with the likes of Jean-Michel Cousteau, Dr. Richard C. Murphy, Dr. Sylvia Earle, Dr. Milton Love, Dr. Guy Harvey, marine artist Wyland and others.

Dr. Bill worked with Jean-Michel and his father, Jacques Yves Cousteau, as a consultant and facilitator during the filming of a two-hour Channel Islands episode in the "Cousteau's Rediscovery of the World" series for Turner Broadcasting, at which point he was introduced to the use of video to document natural history.

Later, Bill was instrumental in helping Jean-Michel to establish a Catalina location for Cousteau Family Camp and other educational programs. Over the decades Bill has worked on a number of educational projects for Jean-Michel's Ocean Futures organization, most recently on the filming of Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D.

Dr. Bill's Ph.D. research at the University of California Santa Barbara in the use of satellite remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS) to study giant kelp forests (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) around Santa Catalina Island led to a methodology for creating a network of marine reserves based on ecological factors including disturbance regimes.

In the 1990's Dr. Bushing instituted a number of important conservation programs for the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy and also worked on implementing California's Marine Life Protection Act to establish marine reserves in southern California.

In June of 2000 Dr. Bushing left the Conservancy to focus on the ecology of Catalina's kelp forests. He continues to conduct scientific research, and to create educational programs to better inform the general public about our underwater world and the need to preserve it for future generations. He has also dived on five continents and published more than 750 newspaper columns and peer-reviewed scientific papers including his weekly column "Dive Dry with Dr. Bill" about marine life, ecology and diving. He also produced two regional cable television programs, one with the same name and another, "Munching and Mating in the Macrocytis," about the ecology of kelp forests. Dr. Bill has also produced 30 educational videos about the marine life in southern California as well as dive travelogues to various destinations. He is the recipient of the 2011 California SCUBA Service Award and this year was designated as the second SCUBA Legend by SCUBABoard.com.

Bill views himself as a marine ecologist and educator first, and sees SCUBA diving as the most important tool for observing and interpreting marine life. He is actually shocked that people seem to consider him as a legend, hero or icon, when all he is doing is what he loves... being a dive bum and sharing his knowledge with others!

Further information about his activities can be found at the web site www.StarThrower.org.

Club Board Nominations

The activities, operation, control and overall governance of SharkBait Dive Club is controlled by the elected Board of Directors. Each November we nominate members to the board. The nomination forms will be available for all members to nominate individuals to be voted on at the January meeting.

Those members elected to the board at the January meeting will, at their meeting in January, vote to elect the officers of the club.

Board members meet monthly to discuss financial matters, activities planning, Dive trips, local dive outings, parties and celebrations, speaker schedules and various other matters which affect the club and it's membership.

The club is dependant upon active participation of it's members and especially those members elected to the Board to ensure that the club is responsive to the needs and wants of the membership.

The Board is in need of new members on

the Board. Through various issues including illness, work schedules and others, we have lost several members of the Board these past few years. Should you wish to participate on the Board, and be a part of guiding the club, please write yourself in as a write in candidate on the ballot or send an E-mail to Alf Johnson at alfjohnson1@gmail.com indicating your interest and your name will be included on the nominating ballot. We need your ideas, participation and enthusiasm.



Upcoming 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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November 12 Heisler Park Laguna Beach
7:00 AM

Having been a preserve for many years these waters teem with friendly fish and lobster. You will find barred sand bass, sheephead, calico bass, opaleye, schools of jack mackerel and more, including the ubiquitous bright orange garibaldi.

For the best diving, head out to the outer edges of the kelp (about 150-200 yards out) and circle around to the left. Water clarity varies but averages about 15 feet. The bottom is quite interesting with rocky ridges and small pinnacles reaching up to 25 feet down from a 35-40 foot bottom.

From the bluff it is easy to observe conditions and how the kelp forest pans out. There is shore access at other places in the park, but the easiest is at the northwest end directly out from the statue right off Cliff Drive. Here there is a ramp that leads down to a sandy beach with generally easy entry. If you want you can wheel your gear down to the sand and there you will find a freshwater shower. At the top of the bluff are restrooms, picnic tables and barbeques. Parking is metered at \$2 an hour with the new-fangled meters taking quarters and credit cards. Look for Martin.



November 18 Boat Dive: Oil Rigs (Eureka, Elly, Ellen) on the Asante

Join us for three dives on the Asante Dive Boat at the Oil Rigs. The Asante docks close to Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro. We board at 6:30am, and leave at 7am...

Please call or visit the Seas The Day Store in Brea as soon as possible to make your reservation. Spots for this trip normally fill quickly. Scuba gear also available for rent.



December 9 Boat Dive: Catalina Island on the Asante

Join us for three dives on the Asante Dive Boat Catalina Island. The Asante docks close to Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro. We board at 6:30am, and leave at 7am sharp.

Cost is \$150 (includes air fills and food).

Please call or visit the Seas The Day Store in Brea as soon as possible to make your reservation. Spots for this trip normally fill quickly. Scuba gear also available for rent.

January 6 Balboa Pier Newport Beach 7:00 AM

The Balboa Pier offers an interesting dive for the adventurer. You can dive to 100 feet or more if you want to go beyond the pier; you can traverse the bottom looking for the creatures-of-the-sand; or you can explore under the pier for piling creatures or artifacts from the fishermen above!

This is probably the easiest Southern California beach dive you can do. Just walk out on the beach, no stairs or ramps to negotiate. A quick shuffle through the surf and you then fin under the pier and make a surface swim to the beginning of the rectangular platform at the end. This is an arduous environment, subjected to high surf and the seasons, yet there was a proliferation of life under the pier. Here you will see Bryozoan carpets on the bottom making a nursery for juvenile fish, crabs and nudibranchs. Bundles of fishing line make a home for pipefish. Empty clamshells make a home for bay blennies. A discarded PVC pipe makes a home for sarcastic fringeheads. An empty shell makes a home for a small octopus. Crabs of many flavors enjoy the bounty of discarded fileted fish from the fisherman above.

The pier is located on the Balboa Peninsula. From the North, take 55 Fwy South to the end where it empties onto Newport Blvd. Continue south and Newport Blvd. transitions to Balboa Blvd. Follow the signs to the pier. There is plenty of parking, for a fee of course, it is Newport Beach after all. Look for Martin



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 !!!!



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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 .

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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

Dive Club members will receive from Seas the Day SCUBA

*10 free air fills, or 5 free nitrox fills

*10% discount on all merchandise except cameras and camera equipment, weights and cylinders (very skimpy markup on these items)

*discounts on boat trips with the club.

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