



2018



# SharkBait Dive Club

## May Featured Speaker

Karim Hamza is our featured speaker in May. He will be talking about Technical Diving as taught by Global Underwater Explorers (GUE).

Co-owner of Hollywoodivers, Karim Hamza started diving in 1999 off Catalina island. Over the years Karim became a NAUI, PADI, SDI, TDI, NAUITEC, PADI TECREC, HSA, and GUE instructor. He is an avid technical diver and technical instructor trainer/examiner for Global Underwater Explorers.



Karim has been fortunate to travel the world and join several expeditions documenting ship wrecks and ghost net clean-ups. His love for the ocean is only surpassed by the love for his wife who is his primary team mate on conservation initiatives in our oceans.



Karim was also also an U/W coordinator, safety diver, scuba trainer for cast and crew of many Hollywood productions as well as Unit Production Manager for the Directors Guild of America and Production Manager for several movie companies from 1996 to 2001.

Karim is a regularly invited speaker, where he can share his passion regarding the ever growing problem of ghost fishing. His goal is to promote awareness for the issue, and to present solutions.

Karim is the founder of Los Angeles Underwater Explorers, the local GUE group. He promotes the GUE system of diving through presentation, discover GUE dives, as well



May 20 Beach Dive  
Fisherman's Cove, Laguna Beach

June 2 Newport Harbor Underwater  
Cleanup

June 8 World Oceans Day

June 17 Beach Dive  
Crescent Bay Laguna Beach

June 23-24 Scuba Show Long Beach

July 21 SharkBait Summer Luau  
Vlad's Polynesian Backyard

as workshops. Currently, Karim teaches exclusively for GUE locally and internationally.

## EDUCATION

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY —  
BA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION -  
BA FILM PRODUCTION  
MBA MARKETING



# SharkBait Summer Luau

**Saturday July 21, 2018**

At Vlad's Polynesian Backyard (his apologies to true Polynesians for the "best I could do" imitation)

Summer is coming and it's time for us to get together for some relaxation, food, music (electronic, we can't afford live), pool activities, getting to know each other better, meeting families, games if you like and just an all around good time with people we enjoy.

Bring the family, bring a friend(s), bring who makes you happy and have a good time.

Festivities will begin about 4:30 and will go til about 9:00.

The club will supply the food (Appropriate Polynesian stuff and maybe some sayusage, hamburgers and other vittles) and non-alcoholic drinks, but feel free to bring along some munchies to share and adult libations if you wish..

Vlad's address is:

1360 Silliker Ave.  
La Habra, Ca, 90631

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## Did You Know???

### Great white shark population grows off California

From VC Star a USA Today publication

Written by: Cheri Carlson

An increasing number of great white sharks swimming off the California coast means people have a lot of learning to do.

Chris Lowe, director of the Shark Lab at CSU Long Beach, said the shark population is recovering at a time when more and more people are swimming, surfing and paddle boarding along the coast.

But over the past 50 years, before protection efforts and cleaner water led to a rising shark population, people haven't had to share the ocean with predators. "We've become predator-stupid, and we've got to change that," Lowe said, speaking to a packed room at Channel Islands National Park's Ventura headquarters last week. "It's their environment, and we're going to have to adapt our behavior so we can use the ocean safely," he said.

That's where technology comes in.

From smart tags, which are kind of like Fitbits for sharks, to acoustic tracking devices and drones, researchers have learned more about the great whites over the past 10 years or so. Researchers now are working to develop underwater robots to track the sharks and ways to detect their DNA that sheds in the water.

"Our goal is future real-time sampling of white sharks along our beaches," Lowe said. "There are lots of opportunities to take this science and not only use it to make our beaches safer, but hopefully, get it to the point where we can share the ocean with the animals we've worked hard to bring back." That includes identifying hot spots along the Southern California coast where juvenile white sharks tend to hang out over the spring and summer.

Using historical fishing records and tracking data, researchers identified the white shark nurseries off Ventura, Santa Monica, Huntington Beach and Dana Point. "What we would see throughout the summer, sharks would move from one hot spot area to another hot

spot area," Lowe said. They would stay at any one area for 40 to 50 days before moving on. Typically, when water temperatures dipped below 60 degrees in October or November, sharks would migrate south.

But a few years ago, the water stayed warm — above 65 degrees — and the young sharks stayed. "They stayed all year round, and the next spring, a new batch of newborns show up, and my phone starts ringing," Lowe said. It looked like the white shark population had exploded. Instead, El Niño conditions had just changed the sharks' behavior.

Even without those more extreme changes, sharks tend to pick different beaches at different times, Lowe said last week. Sharks might hang out near a particular beach during a few summers. But then they'll move to a spot off a nearby beach the next summer.

"We know there are hot spot areas and within those areas, there are hot spot beaches," Lowe said. "But we don't know what would make a hot spot beach a hot spot beach any given summer."

In Ventura, surfers, boaters and others said they started seeing more and more white sharks off beaches. Most of the sharks were babies, from 5 to 6 feet long. At that age, the juvenile whites stick to safer, shallower water away from large predators feeding on stingrays and fish along the bottom of the ocean. Aggressive behavior is rare, experts say, but people should leave them alone.

Emily Meese, a graduate student at CSU Long Beach, has studied sharks for several years and helped Lowe and others track and tag the baby whites off Southern California. She said she hopes people see the increasing shark population as a good sign and learn more about the species.

"A lot of people get scared that there are more sharks in the water," she said. "But it is a good sign that things are doing better."





## **Volunteer Divers Needed**

Bill Maley is a club member and is looking for divers to assist him and his team providing rescue standby for boat and waterski races in the area. Give him a call or E-mail him if you are interested in participating.

### **Rescue Divers needed for standby at Water ski race May 5th and 6th.**

Divers who are advanced by certification or experience. \$50/day plus fuel reimbursement round trip plus free lodging. Free training offered including certification in DAN First Aid CPR and Oxygen administration. More events every month.

## **Divers and Medics Needed**

### **Rescue Standby for Boat & Waterski Racing.**



Schedule: Weekends most months. No minimum attendance.

Locations: Parker, Elsinore, Havasu, Mission Bay

Reimbursement: Lodging, Fuel, Food & Other (\$50+/day)

Training: In-water extrication and immobilization. First Aid & Oxygen certification.

Medics = EMT or higher. Comfortable in the water.

Divers = Advanced by certification or experience.

### **Contact**

Lead Medic: Bill Maley      [wotbill@cox.net](mailto:wotbill@cox.net)      (949) 933-6754

Lead Diver: Dan Eisenbeisz      [dan@isnbice.com](mailto:dan@isnbice.com)      (949) 510-3362

Website: <http://www.meetup.com/wmi-corp-water-rescue>

# 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](mailto:n1diver@aol.com) or call at 714-833-9167.



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## Beach Dive May 20 Fisherman's Cove, Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

Fisherman's Cove (AKA Boat Canyon) is a small cove with a tiny beach, well protected from the surf; the sand drops off quickly. Portions of the reef can be shallow, but are generally 15 to 20 on average. Around the base of the reef, in the sand the water depth is about 25 to 30 feet. Skirt along the edges and look for the many large cracks that leads into the reef.



Mermaids Grotto is a hole in the reef off Fisherman's Cove. The cracks leading to the grotto are only about 3 feet wide, or just wide enough for a diver to pass through. The top of the reef is at about 15 feet and the bottom of the cracks and holes are at about 25 feet. Not a huge vertical drop, but enough to make it fun.

The site is populated with the usual Laguna Beach residents, Garibaldi, Sand Bass, Opaleye, Zebra Perch, small gobies, rockfish, urchins, Octopus, rays and nudibranchs. A very enjoyable place to dive, especially at night.

To get to Fisherman's Cove in Laguna Beach turn south at the traffic light on Beverly street from PCH. The signal has a sign for Beverly street, but when you turn south you are going onto Cliff Drive. The road forks immediately on Cliff drive, stay to the left going onto Cliff Drive and go about 200



yards. The staircase to Fisherman's Cove is just before the last apartment building (looking south, towards the beach). The steps to the cove are just past (or before, depending on where you parked) the entrance to Divers cove right next to the apartment building.



## Boat Dive CeeRay to Catalina May 12th.

Details

3 dives

Bring your own tank and gear (air fills on boat)

Boarding - 6am

Cost - \$150, includes food and air fills.

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.

Seas The Day Scuba

1039 E. Imperial Hwy

Suite F1

Brea, CA 92821

(949) 220-0500





## **Hey Beach Divers Be careful Parking in Laguna Beach**

LAGUNA BEACH — Tickets for parking violations that impair public safety — at a red curb, next to a fire hydrant, too close to a fire station, and in certain other no-parking zones — will cost violators \$63 beginning May 10, a 46 percent increase over the current fine.

The City Council on Tuesday, April 10 voted 4-0, with Councilwoman Toni Iseman absent, to increase the penalty of the violations.

Other fines — including for parking at a yellow, white or green curb, over marked lines or in an intersection or driveway — will remain at \$43. Parking in a spot designated for disabled drivers without the proper permit will remain \$300, the city's stiffest parking fine.



### **Upcoming Classes**

Continuing education courses are designed to advance your diving skills and keep you doing what you love. You can start right after earning your Open Water Diver certification.

Taking another dive course will help you gain more confidence and enhance your scuba skills so you can find new ways to explore the underwater world.

### **May Classes**

Open Water: May May 19, 20, 26, 27

Advanced OW: May 19, 20

EFR: May 22 & 24

Rescue: May 26, 27

## 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.

## Club Board Members

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