

Welcome November

2019



November Speaker

Our speaker for November is Maria Korcsmaros of SoCal Shark Stewards. On May 29, 2016, a great white shark bit Maria while swimming at Big Corona beach in Corona del Mar, CA. Rather than be bitter from this experience, Maria has dedicated herself to learning as much as possible about sharks in the ocean with the help of the Shark Stewards team. As an athlete and athletic trainer and super mom- Maria is now inspiring others to save sharks and the oceans.



The oceans are at risk. Sharks are overfished and plastics pollute, killing marine life and destroying reefs. We must learn to co-exist with marine life. If we want to continue surfing, swimming, sailing and enjoying the bounty of the ocean we need to protect the ocean. Shark Stewards is an advocate for healthy oceans through education and policy. It is our responsibility to keep the ocean clean, healthy, and preserve it for generations to come.

Shark Stewards mission is to restore ocean health by saving sharks from overfishing and the shark fin trade, and protecting critical marine habitat through the establishment of marine protected areas and shark sanctuaries. We do this by introducing laws to reduce from overfishing and ban the shark fin trade, and through the establishment of marine protected areas.



November 12 Club Meeting
Grazianos Italian, Yorba Linda 6:30

November 17 Beach Dive
Moss Street 7:00 AM

December 10 **No Club Meeting in December** Holiday Party instead
December 14

December 14 Holiday Party
6:30 PM "Jolly" House of Vlad

January 4 Beach Dive
Balboa Pier 7:00 AM

January 12 Beach Dive
Shaws Cove 7:00 AM

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Our annual winter party will be December 14th starting at 6:30 PM. Mark the date. The party will be at the "Jolly" house of Vlad where Holiday spirits and the holiday spirit will be in full swing. The Club will supply the food and sodas for the annual winter holiday party. If you wish to bring your own adult beverage, feel free.

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).



Vlad's address is:

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Ramblings and Random Thoughts

I was just looking around at some of my equipment noting that most of it is over 10 years old. That isn't a bad thing since it is still in good shape and functions quite well. It also got me to thinking that although my equipment is "old", it is really not out of date. There haven't been many innovations in dive gear that would entice me to go out and get a new something. The exception is perhaps the dive computer and photographic equipment.

So,,,I went looking for some of the gear which might be available in the future and **might** entice me to go get it.

Heads-up Display Dive Mask. Not only could it display all the information you might look to your dive computer for, but could also include a map function so you know where in the dive site you are, and where the boat or shore is. How about fish ID software to give you the names of the creatures you see. A communications feature would be good also with standard phrases like "what do you want to do now?", "did you see that octopus?", "let's go find Carol and her buddy", "can you tighten my cylinder strap please?".

Propelled Fins. Fins with a propulsion device. It could be a jet spray, a propeller or something to take some or all of the workload.

Fog proof Dive Mask. Self explanatory

Decompression Pills. A pill (drug) that inhibits the absorption of Nitrogen in body tissues. Depth limits and time would no longer be limits if Nitrogen absorbency was eliminated.

These are just a few items that might entice me. Maybe I'll see them before I hang up my non-Propelled Fins, but will I reach into my wallet???

Random SCUBA Groaners

One time, I was out scuba diving when I suddenly heard beautiful voices singing in unison.

I was very surprised until I looked beneath me and realized it was coming from a choral reef.

I had a girlfriend that went scuba diving...

One day I lobster and never flounder again.
Dang, only works for feminine pronoun

Why are scuba enthusiasts so fond of chocolate?

Because they're Godivas

Scuba divings a good hobby

If you wanna hit rock bottom.

Which dog knows how to swim underwater?

Scuba-doo

Where do scuba divers go to relax after work?

Dive bars.

How to avoid shark attacks:

Never Leave Kansas

What is the difference between a piano and a fish?

You can tune a piano but you can't tuna fish.

How do divers clean themselves?

They wash up on shore!



2020 Warm Water Trip



A group of our members are planning a warm water trip for the fall of 2020 to Little Cayman Beach Resort (Cayman Islands) November 7-14, 2020.

Join us for 8 days and 7 nights of warm water, spectacular diving, good food, and good company. Divers and non-divers alike are welcome. Little Cayman is located only 80 miles north-east of Grand Cayman, yet it feels worlds away. You can leave your hurry behind, because you'll be on Little Cayman "Island time".

In addition to world-class diving, you can rent a kayak and visit nearby Owen's Island for some snorkelling; tour the Central Caribbean Marine Institute and learn how they're studying and saving reefs; grab a bike and go exploring; or just read a book in the shade of the palm trees that surround our pool and beach.

Reef Divers is a PADI SCUBA diving operation: Personalized Valet Service Delivers the World-Class Experiences You Expect at a World's-Best Dive Destination

Costs: prices noted below are per person

Double Occupancy, Pool View = \$1,995/ non-diver = \$1,745

Single occupancy, Pool view = \$2,457/non-diver = \$2,207

Double Occupancy, Ocean front \$2,345/ non-diver = \$2,095

Single Occupancy, Ocean front = \$3,157/ non-diver = \$2,907

Nitrox for the week is \$120.00 (12 boat dives)



Book by: We still have a few spots open. Secure your spot for only \$125 Deposit due by November 27, 2019 and final payment September 1, 2020
How to pay: please pay by check, made payable to Sharkbait Dive Club
mail to: Monica Villegas 5930 Bixby Village Drive, #156, Long Beach, CA 90803



Details of what is included:

7 nights' accommodations Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily 6 X 2-tank AM (12 boat dives)

Complimentary use of dive computer (we require them)

Complimentary WiFi

Airport ground transfers

Resort fees, taxes, and gratuities except dive gratuities

Air Fare: (NOT included)

Other Info:

A valid passport is required; expiration must be greater than 6mos beyond date of travel.

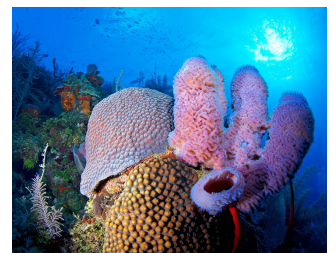
Contact: Email Monica at SharkBaitDive@mail.com

The resort: <https://www.littlecayman.com/dive-resort/>

Little Cayman Beach Resort is situated on a white, sandy beach in Blossom Village, the first area of the island resettled in 1833 after Spanish privateers ran off the turtle fishermen who'd settled there. The two-story resort has 40 air-conditioned guest rooms. And there is a spa! Nature Spa Puts More "Aah" Into Your Dive Vacation: Y

The Diving:

Cayman Islands diving is mostly current-free, which is optimal for new divers, divers who wants to move at their own pace, and underwater photographers who may want to spend their entire dive at one location, waiting for the perfect shot. With sheer underwater cliffs that plummet to unseen depths, generations of ocean divers have made Little Cayman Island Resort a leading Caribbean diving destination. From healthy reefs to the iconic Bloody Bay Wall, enjoy little to no current, unlimited visibility, jaw dropping swim throughs and plentiful marine life. Whether you go deep or stay shallow, diving Little Cayman Island is a bucket list experience!



Upcoming Dives

Beach Procedure

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.

November Beach Dive Moss Street November 17, 7:00 AM

Moss Street Beach is at the end of Moss Street. Take coast Hwy and turn on Moss Street (toward the ocean). Parking may be found along Moss Street and on Ocean Way.

Beach access is via a staircase which leads down to the rather intimate beach.

Moss Cove offers two distinctive dive spots

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South-East or to your left from the stairway

You'll find Scattered rocks and a series of Parallel reefs rising 20 feet from the sandy bottom. Several with a sharp drop-offs, all interesting to explore.

South or to your right from the stairway there are several "mini" reefs with lots of promise for exploration. This area is generally shallower.

The entry is fairly easy and straightforward. The bottom drops off rapidly five or six feet.

The site contains many small walls and ledges with some of the rocks towering some 18 feet off the bottom. There is a wide variety of marine life here. Gorgonians, Feather Worms, Anemones, lobster as well as the usual suspects Sheephead, Garibaldi, Kelp Bass and so on.



January Beach Dive Balboa Pier January 4 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



January Beach Dive Shaws Cove January 12 7:00 AM

Another January Beach Dive. 2 this month

OK, you are all familiar with this favorite spot for your first ocean dive. There's good reason for the popularity of Shaw's, conditions here for beach diving come as close to being ideal as any other place along Laguna Beach

The cove is well protected from waves and surf averages only one to two feet. Currents are weak to non-existent and visibility is rarely less than 15 feet and will range up to in excess of 30 feet.

On the western side of the cove, the rocks extending from the point drop rapidly to the sand in 20 to 35 feet of water. At the end of the point there is a channel about 15 feet wide that cuts deep into the reef. Further out along the reef the water deepens to about 30 feet with abundant sea life.

The eastern side of the cove is less spectacular, but far less crowded. A shallow reef covered with blade Kelp and Eelgrass extends from the point about 100 yards ending in sand about 25 feet depth. There are several places where the reef rises from the bottom about 8 feet. This is an excellent place to find Moray Eels.

Shaw's is located between Crescent and Fisherman's cove. The stairway to Shaw's is located at Cliff Drive and Fairview. From PCH turn toward the ocean on Fairview. Look for Martin



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.

Annual Board of Directors Election 2020

Nominees

Vlad Ilinsky

Silvia Swigert

Alf Johnson

Martin Carreon

Monica Villegas

Barry Bloch

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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

Club Board Members

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