



## May Guest Speaker

This will be a ZOOM meeting. Instructions below

Our speaker/presenter for May is one of our own members Denis Chen.

Denis recently retired from a career as an educator in the fields of English language instruction and teacher training, computer information systems, instructional design and technologies and testing materials development. He split his time fairly equally between working locally at California community colleges in both northern and southern California and overseas at language institutes, teacher training programs and universities in various countries located in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.



Such a career of constant travel to the far-flung corners of the earth was both the result, and reason for the continuing growth, of Denis' love of adventure and exploration. Ever since his days as a Boy Scout, Denis has been a great enthusiast of outdoor activities such as hiking, camping and backpacking. So, it was only natural that he would get into scuba diving when he got a job in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, located on the coast of one of the prime scuba diving destinations of the world, the Red Sea. The diving there proved to be so extraordinary that Denis spent almost every minute of his free time beneath the water and eventually attained PADI certification as a Master and Rescue Diver.

More recently, Denis lived and worked for seven years in Abu Dhabi, sister city of Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates located on the coast of the Persian/Arabian Gulf. There, he spent his recreational time camping in the deserts and mountains of the Arabian Peninsula and scuba diving in the waters of the Gulf and the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of Oman.

This evening, Denis will share with us highlights of that experience and, so, present a preview of what diving in that part of the world is like.



May 12 Club Meeting  
On-Line Meeting via Zoom

May 17 Beach Dive (Tentatively  
depending on beach closure)  
Little Corona, Newport Beach 7:00 AM

May 30 - 31 SCUBA Show **CANCELLED**  
Long Beach Convention Center

June 9 Club Meeting  
As of now, on-line via ZOOM 6:30 PM



## ZOOM Meeting Instructions

Please log on 10 minutes ahead of the start of the meeting in case there are issues that we can handle before the meeting begins. If you are on Meetup (<https://www.meetup.com/Shark-Bait-Dive-Club-Meetup>), you can message us there or use [sharkbaitdive@gmail.com](mailto:sharkbaitdive@gmail.com) to get assistance or ask questions before the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to use the Chat box to ask questions regarding club business or our guest speaker. The presiding officer will monitor the Chat to reply as best as possible. Everyone is encouraged to view their video setting to be sure it is clear of anything that might be privacy-challenged.

Just Google Zoom and click on Join a Meeting

Meeting ID: 867 703 2330

Password: Not required

## Ken Kurtis, April 2020 Speaker Recap

Our speaker for the April club meeting was Ken Kurtis. Ken gave us a run-down on how the Chamber Day and Evening was going to be orchestrated given that COVID-19 has forced all in person activities to be foregone. The Chamber Fundraiser will go on in a virtual environment utilizing the Flying Dutchman boat in place of the actual dive boats for boat raffle prizes and a random pick raffle for the evening raffle prizes.

Ken then went on to cover the events of the Conception Dive Boat fire and sinking, key questions around the fire itself, some thoughts on possible causes and changes that might come about as a result of the investigation into the fire by the USCG and NTSB.

Ken's presentation was extremely interesting and worthwhile for all of us. I think it is worth the time for all divers and others who are on boats to listen to it. The link to his presentation (was made to the SOCDC Dive Club in Mission Viejo and is the same one he made for us) is as follows

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cb9yHD6ANPY>

I recommend you take some time to watch, I think it is well worth your time.

## Some Distractions to Take Our Attention Away from Isolating

### Some good, some others just awful

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

What do you call a snowman on a hot day? Puddle.

I just wrote a book on reverse psychology. Do not read it!

Dave drowned. So at the funeral we got him a wreath in the shape of a lifebelt. Well, it's what he would have wanted.

Why don't blind people skydive?  
Because it scares the s\*\*\* out of the dog.

A wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn.

What goes "ha ha ha ha, \*thump\*"?  
someone laughing their head off.



## New Beach Dive Central Location –Our Meetup Discussion Page

Our Meetup <https://www.meetup.com/Shark-Bait-Dive-Club-Meetup> is the place for our members and friends to add their own beach dive plans, in addition to the official club beach dives that are pre-planned, usually once per month. Sometimes conditions don't cooperate or your equipment isn't ready and you might want to dive on a different day or place than the club Divemaster has selected. If you haven't signed up for Meetup yet, go to our page and simply join. Then go the More tab and select Discussions.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Meetup.com page for the "Shark Bait Beach Dive Discussion Group". The browser's address bar shows the URL: [meetup.com/Shark-Bait-Dive-Club-Meetup/messages/boards/thread/52620896/#132368285](https://www.meetup.com/Shark-Bait-Dive-Club-Meetup/messages/boards/thread/52620896/#132368285). The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various icons including the Windows logo, search bar, and several application icons like Edge, File Explorer, and Outlook.

The Meetup page has a red header with navigation tabs: "About", "Events", "Members", "Photos", "Discussions", and "More". The "More" tab is currently selected. Below the header, the page is divided into two main sections. On the left is a sidebar for the "Yorba Linda, CA" group, founded Feb 6, 2019. It includes an "About us..." button, statistics (103 Members, 6 Upcoming events, 20 Past events, and a calendar icon), and a list of organizers starting with "Silvia Swigert, Alf". Below this is a "We're about:" section listing various diving-related topics. The main content area on the right is titled "Shark Bait Beach Dive Discussion Group" and features a post by "Silvia Swigert" dated "1/4/20 11:10 AM". The post text reads: "Hello Meetup Members! The club will be using Meetup Discussions for updates on club planned beach dives (about once per month) as well as offering a place for you to set up your own beach dives or inquire about joining other beach dives any time of the month. I do recommend that a divemaster lead beach dives other our club dives, which are led by a divemaster, for safety sake. Let's see if this can work and keep on 'California diving'! Cheers, Silvia Swigert, Shark Bait Publicity Chair". The post has a "Post #: 3" and an "Add a reply" button. At the bottom right of the main content area, it says "Powered by mvnForum".

## Beach Dive TENTATIVE May 17, Little Corona Newport Beach 7:00 AM

This is tentative, based on beach closure regulations. Keep an eye on our Meetup site for current information. If in doubt contact Martin directly via e\_mail (e-mail address on the last page)

Little Corona has a good supply of sightseeing and photo subject matter. On the reefs, in water 20 feet and deeper, small gorgonian sea fans, starfish, feather worms and assorted invertebrates can be found.

Visibility is generally good. Water clarity on the outer reefs can reach 30 feet but is generally in the 15 to 20 feet range.

The reefs start shallow and slope gradually to 30 feet 150 yards out. The reefs lie on either side of a sandy cove with the more interesting reefs to the south side.

Little Corona is located in Corona Del Mar and is easily reached by turning toward the ocean from PCH onto Poppy Street. Poppy will end overlooking the ocean and turn into Ocean Blvd. the path to Little Corona is just left of this intersection. A paved path winds down to the beach. Restrooms and showers are located half way down the path.





## 2020 Warm Water Trip



### Little Cayman Beach Resort trip in November 2020

Dear fellow warm water dive trip participants,  
Greetings and hope this message finds everyone, family, and friends healthy, hopeful, and doing well.

First, I'd like to start by letting everyone know about some good alternatives regarding our scheduled trip to Little Cayman Beach Resort in November 2020. We cannot get a full refund of our initial deposit. Our original due date for trip balance payments was September, 2020. Current conditions limit our ability to book make flight arrangements and travel. I have been in touch with our travel agent and we agreed to the following:

1. I asked if it was possible to get a full refund for our deposits and was told at this time, it is not possible. I needed to ask to then negotiate some alternatives for us if the answer was no.
2. We will re-visit group travel plans in August 2020 and decide if we will continue with plans or possibly re-schedule our trip.
3. Our deposits would then carry over if we decide to re-schedule our trip. And this would even mean we could reschedule for up to a year!

I will continue to stay on top of changes for our trip. Stay healthy, hopeful, and know I am doing what I can to keep our trip as a positive future goal- be it this November or another agreed upon date!

I truly appreciate Sharkbait Dive Club and serving as your Warm Water Trip Coordinator. May the shared love for our oceans, passion for SCUBA diving, wonderful memories, friendships and future travel adventures ahead of us keep a happy thought in all our minds during this most difficult time. I look forward the hearing 'pool is open' and dive into more adventures with everyone.

Sincerely,

Your board member and 2020 warm water trip organizer, Monica Villegas

# 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

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Scubaboard.com