



2023



SharkBait Monthly Meeting

BIG NEWS, we are moving!!!! Our new meeting place is Denny's on Richfield just south of Yorba Linda Blvd (just south of the Mobil station on the corner). SOOOOOO, our next meeting, and meetings after that of course will be in our new digs. We are excited about the move and can't wait to see you there. BTW, the food is good and the people are great.



November Speaker

What is a kelp forest without its sea stars? With Ashley Kidd

Ashley started diving the coral reefs of the Red Sea at the age of twelve, and became a kelp convert the minute she discovered Southern California diving in 2013. She worked for 12 years as a public aquarium professional, overseeing culture systems for sustainable exhibits, and has been an active participant in the White Abalone Recovery Project in California. Since 2021, Ashley is a founding member of the Sunflower Star Laboratory: a community grown nonprofit, where she supports the growth of sunflower star culture among partners within the Pycnopodia Recovery Working Group. She holds a BS in Zoology from the University of Toronto and an MS in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences from the University of Florida, where she investigated conservation and research of the sunflower sea star through public aquarium engagement.



November 14 Club Meeting

6:30 Denny's Diner Yorba Linda (on Richfield at Yorba Linda Blvd.) **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**

November 19 Beach Dive

Crescent Bay Laguna 7:00 AM

December 12 Club Meeting and Holiday Get Together

6:30 Denny's Diner Yorba Linda

December 16 Newport Beach Holiday Boat Parade

See write up in the Newsletter

January 9 Club Meeting

6:30 Denny's Diner Yorba Linda

Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade December 16th 5:30 PM

The Christmas Boat Parade, which has been hailed as "one of the top ten holiday happenings in the nation" by the New York Times, is a magical holiday tradition for all ages. The parade continues to be a premier event during the holiday season in Southern California that brings joy and happiness to all that view it.

The Sharkbait Dive Club has chartered a Sailboat for a private viewing of the boat parade by our members and family in a comfortable surrounding with friends.

There is only space for 18 people on the boat, so it will be on a first to respond basis that we allot space. E-mail Alf at alfjohnson1@gmail.com to get your name and number of people on the list.

The boat is located at the Windward Sailing Club at the base of the Lido Island Bridge in Newport Beach. Parking is at a premium and traffic can be an issue, so plan for delays and a search for parking. (sometimes street parking can be found on Lido Island. It is a short walk back across the bridge to Windward Sailing Club.

Directions to Windward Sailing Club can be found on their website <http://www.windwardsailingclub.com> (Basically it's south on the 55, transitioning into Newport Blvd, continue south past Hoag Hospital, over the bridge and left at the Via Lido light.) Plan on being on the boat in Newport Harbor no later than 5:30 pm on Saturday evening, December 17. Bring some food and drink to share with the group. Plan for chilly weather on the water and maybe a cushion to sit on. There is plenty of room below and there is a head (toilet).

Again RSVP to Alf at alfjohnson1@gmail.com so we can anticipate the size of the group.



Pun of the day is very important. As seven days without a pun makes one weak.

Did you hear about the hungry clock? It went back four seconds.

I've decided to sell my hoover... it was just collecting dust.

It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

He didn't tell his mother that he ate some glue. His lips were sealed.

A Bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired

I put up a high-voltage electric fence around my property over the weekend, my neighbour is dead against it...

I'm thinking about starting a herb garden, but I'm not sure if I have the thyme.

He drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how the Mercedes bends.

If a judge loves the sound of his own voice, expect a long sentence.

I wrote a song for a tortilla. Well, its more of a wrap.

November 19 Beach Dive Crescent Bay Laguna 7:00 AM

The options at Crescent Bay are numerous. To the South are reefs with large crevices, one of which leads over to neighboring Shaw's Cove. There are times when the surge in this passage is very strong so enter with care. On the North side is another reef which is a fun place to traverse. Beyond the reefs here lie Seal Rocks, a pair of rocky spires on which Sea Lions "haul out" to rest and sun themselves. Here you may have the opportunity to cavort with these playful and graceful mammals. They love to dive, zoom right at your face and pull up just at the last second, mouth open, blowing bubbles.

The fish life at Crescent includes Opaleye, Garibaldi (of course), Surfperch, and other usual suspects. Depths here range from 10 to 25 feet with vis in the 15 to 20 foot range.

Access is off of Circle Way near Cliff Drive. You Have Two Options:

There is a stairway off Circle Way leading down to the Cove. Circle Way is a One Way Street - Access is about 2/3 the way around the Circle. There is also an access way at the intersection of Circle Way & Cliff Drive

Boat Dives

The departure of the Magician has disrupted not only our boat dive options, but the entire Los Angeles area diver community. We are striving to set up some semi-regular scheduled boat dives on the available boats remaining. We have a couple opportunities in the works. Chuck and Dave will be discussing these at the next meeting so be sure to attend to get the latest scoop and have your opinions heard.

When the Unexpected Happens

I forget which of the many dive classes I learned that when the stuff hits the fan while diving STOP, BREATHE, THINK, ACT. I recently ran across a variation of this while reading about an emergency situation aboard a sailboat, a thousand miles from the nearest port. The Skipper described their reactions and what they did to avoid a complete catastrophe using the OODA process. It fits neatly with the STOP, Breathe, Think, Act process and worth incorporating, not only to diving situations, but really any possible dangerous situation.

OODA

OODA a decision-making process created by military strategist and U.S. Air Force Col. John Boyd. It stands for Observe, Orient, Decide, Act. The beauty of this process is twofold: First, by forcing us through steps, it dissuades rushed decisions and slows our panic, guiding us towards what our "calm minds" might normally come up with. Second, in making us interrogate and make explicit what we implicitly think we know, it can help us realize the uncertainties we face and plan according to these unknowns.

Step 1: Observe

This is essentially information gathering, but differentiating between pertinent information and so-called noise requires a high degree of situational awareness.

Step 2: Orient

This step, possibly the most important, involves building a mental model that fits our circumstances and bringing in our greater environmental information, or lack thereof. It is particularly crucial when we repeat our loop and, in the face of uncertainty, reconfigure our model. Boyd refers to this as a process of

“destructive deduction” and “creative induction,” breaking down our existing models into their constituent parts and reassembling them to form something that better fits our situation. A pertinent point is that we must consider, objectively, ourselves. Knowing our history and character lets us place ourselves along a spectrum of different traits and prepare our plans accordingly.

Step 3: Decide

Fairly self-explanatory: Here we simply weigh up the perceived pros and cons of our plans and pick which best fits our mental model and situation.

Step 4: Act

Now, with a plan and model to guide us, we proceed with our chosen solution, all the while “looping” back and continuing to observe, reorient, and revisit our ideas as things unfold.

Traveling

As I was unpacking and putting stuff away after out Turneffe (Belize) trip, I opened my passport to see what the Belize stamp looked like. It's OK. But,,,I also looked at my first page and saw that my passport expires in September of 2024. Our Roatan trip is in April 2024. I only needed one hand to count the number of months between them. Airlines and the resort need us to use at least two hands to count the months remaining on our passports in order to travel internationally.

This is all to say, check your passport expiration date. Also, be sure to confirm the specific requirements for your destination(s). You can check here
<https://travel.state.gov/travel>

Warm Water Trips

Monica

April 20-27, 2024 Roatan, Honduras at Anthony's Key Resort:

There are only 5 Key Deluxe rooms left. A \$200 non-refundable deposit due now with balance payable February, 2024.

- Key Deluxe \$2,828 per person/ based on double occupancy for SCUBA diving package.
- Snorkel package is \$2727 Key Deluxe Room/ based on double occupancy
- Single supplement is \$238.00 – this is not a typo, it really is \$238.00!

September 16-28, 2024 to Singapore & NAD-Lembeh, North Sulawesi, Indonesia (Southeast Asia)

- Beachfront Room is \$1,600 per diver based on double occupancy
- Seaview Bungalow is \$1,990 per diver based on double occupancy
- Single supplement is \$525.00

A \$200 non-refundable deposit due now with balance payable July, 2024.

I listened to location desires for these trips, Chrisine's vacation presentation, and talk of the coral triangle, along with availability of the resort made these trips possible. The deposit dates are now, so please email if you are interested and I will send you the flyers with specifics.

Questions? Contact
SharkBaitDive@gmail.com

Fun travel regards,
Monica

Now available Club T-shirts & stickers!!

After what seems like forever, we finally have T-shirts with the Sharkbait logo front and back.

In addition, we have window stickers which you can adhere to the outside of windows, bumpers, doors or just about anything.

They are vinyl and the manufacturer says they should stand up to the sun for quite a while.

E-mail Alf Johnson to order
alfjohnson1@gmail.com

Sizes M,L,XL,XXL 95% Cotton
\$25 Shipped



Vinyl Sticker 4" X 4"
\$2 each or 3 for \$5



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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