



2025



SharkBait Monthly Meeting

Our club meetings are held at Denny's Diner in Yorba Linda, located on Richfield Rd at the intersection with Yorba Linda Blvd (behind the Mobil station)



We are also on ZOOM, check our meeting notice for ZOOM access info.

We look forward to seeing you.



March Speaker

Macey Hartmann

"Macey Hartmann is a third-year Environmental Studies undergraduate student at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She has been an intern at the Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory's Spotting Giant Sea Bass project for two years seeking to answer important questions regarding the population, spatial patterns, and ecology of the giant sea bass. Outside of her work with the giant sea bass, she is an intern at NASA and runs Sprout Up, UCSB's elementary environmental education program. In her free time, she loves to read, run, backpack, and scuba dive!"

"Encountering a giant sea bass is an exhilarating experience when diving in California and Mexico. However, little is known about their current population size, their spatial patterns, and ecology. Marine scientists at the Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory at UC Santa Barbara are hoping to answer critically important research questions about these charismatic fish through the Spotting Giant Sea Bass Project – a community science effort that uses divers' photographs to identify and track individual giant sea bass. Join us to hear about our updates and how you can contribute to important research on a critically endangered species!"

March 11 Club Meeting
6:30 PM Denny's Yorba Linda

March 16 Beach Dive
Moss St. Beach, Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

March 29 Boat Dive
Catalina on Sundiver Express 7:00 AM

April 5-12 Warm Water Trip
Dominica

April 8 Club Meeting
6:30 PM Denny's Yorba Linda

April 13 Beach Dive
Crescent Bay, Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

May 7 Chamber Day and Eve

May 31 - June 1 SCUBA Show
Long Beach Convention Center

Boat Dive March 29 Catalina on Sundiver Xpress

We have several members booked on the Sundiver Express and we would love to see more of you join us. You will have to book directly with Sundiver on their website <https://sundiver.checkfront.com/reserve/>. The cost is \$200.

Sundiver Express 3 tank trip to front side Catalina. Includes LP Steel 85s or AL 80s (some smaller steels too) and/or Express' compressor fills to 3000psi for personal tanks, a light breakfast, snacks, beverages, lunch and dessert. Some weights available for client use as well. The day is approximately 7am-4pm dock to dock and normal boarding is 7am (please don't arrive much earlier). The mapable address is 182 North Marina Drive in Long Beach and the best place to park is on the stretch between the two big lots near Captain's Locker.



Things To Think About

"I had loads to do today. Ah well, so now I have loads to do tomorrow."

"Chocolate doesn't ask any questions. Chocolate simply understands."

"I stopped understanding math when the alphabet got involved."

"Don't worry if plan A fails, there are 25 more letters in the alphabet."

"The snorers are always the ones to fall asleep first."

"The true nature of a human being clearly shows when the supermarket opens a second checkout lane."

"They say money doesn't bring you happiness. Still, it is better to verify things for yourself."

"Hard work pays off in the future. Lounging on the couch pays off right now."

"The leading source of computer problems is computer solutions."

"I don't care what people think of me. Mosquitos find me attractive!"

"Finally, spring is here! I'm so thrilled I wet my plants."

March 16 Beach Dive Moss Street. Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

Moss Street Beach is at the end of Moss Street in Laguna Beach. 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 -

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.



April 13 Beach Dive Crescent Bay, Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

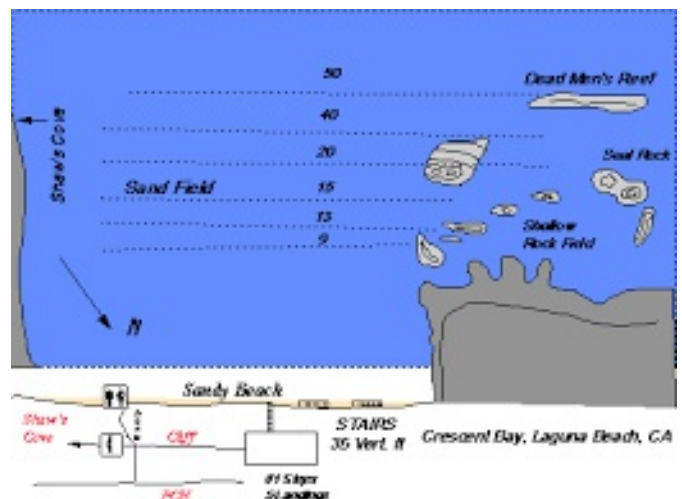
The options at Crescent Bay are numerous. To the South are reefs with large crevices, one of which leads over to neighboring Shaw's Cove. There are times when the surge in this passage is very strong so enter with care. On the North side is another reef which is a fun place to traverse. Beyond the reefs 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



Avalon Harbor Cleanup February 22 Recap From Rick

Three of our club members participated in the cleanup dive this year, Rick and Diana Lindwall and Martin Carreon. Rick and Martin dove while Diana helped the dry team hand out t-shirts. The Lindwalls made a weekend of it staying Friday through Sunday while Martin took the 6:00 a.m. ferry the morning of the event and returned “over town,” as they say on Catalina, on the 6:30 p.m. ferry. The purpose of the event is both to clean up some of the harbor and kick off the fund-raising season for the

USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber.

Hundreds of volunteers gather at 3 different locations where they enter the water at 9:30 and all divers must be out and accounted for by 11:00. The trash is weighed and sorted and there is a prize for the most interesting or unique piece of trash brought out of each of the three zones. In the past a loaded gun was found and last year a sewing machine. This year two of the three awards were for, shall we say, adult-oriented toys. Most of Rick and Martin’s trash were, well, trash, boring.

However, while Martin and Rick were swimming out along the pier, a couple on the pier were pointing to a piece of trash they could see well from above. Martin was the first to grab it, a bright white dinner plate with writing on it. It turns out it had been planted there by a Steve’s Steak House rewarding a steak dinner

for finding and returning the plate. This was just the first win of Martin’s lucky day.

At 1:00 they start a series of raffles.

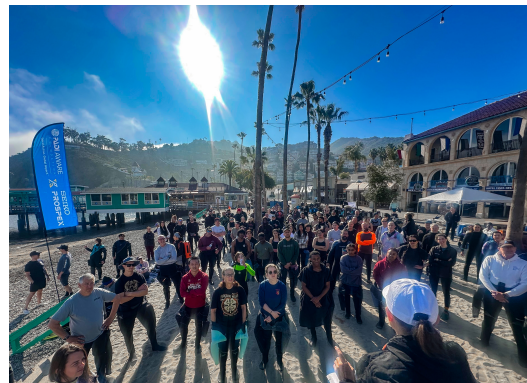
Thousands of dollars are spent by the volunteers (all going to the Chamber) to buy raffle tickets for this event. Rick and Diana did win a prize that included a sunset cruise for up to 6, but Martin won a brand new Go Pro 13! Now you might not know it from Martin’s demeanor in meetings and on zoom, but he is in his element in an event like this, the most enthusiastic and loudest cheerleader.

Congratulations to Martin! Well deserved.

That’s a brief summary of Avalon Harbor Cleanup, but there is one piece of trash yet to

tell

about. If you have been to Avalon you know well the green pier. For reasons unknown the trash divers must stay to the left of the pier, no swimming under it or to the right of it. Well, Steve’s Steak House wasn’t aware of this limitation and planted a second dinner plate with another free steak dinner on the right side of the pier. It’s still waiting there for you to dive down and grab it.



SCUBA Show 2025

It's back in Long Beach on May 31 and June 1. Save the dates for the equipment and travel event of the year. Many of us attend each year and always have a fun and interesting time. Maybe we can get a group together and carpool???

CHAMBER DAY 2025 – IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL OPTIONS

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Chamber Day 2025 is fast approaching!

Can we break last year's fundraising record?

In 2024, we came incredibly close to surpassing \$200,000 for the first time. This year, with your help, we can make it happen!

Once again, we're back to a full-scale Chamber Day. Expect:

- Live boat dives & Chamber tours at Catalina
- The Flying Dutchman for those who can't dive
- The Chamber Challenge for direct donations
- Chamber Evening at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach

Our Chamber remained fully operational even through the pandemic, when many organizations had to cut expenses. But, like any business, our operating costs continue to rise.

For example, we now need solar-powered battery backup units for the volunteer quarters and main Chamber hangar, an unexpected \$10,000-\$15,000 expense.

This is why every dollar raised during this event is critical.

Los Angeles County provides about 40% of our funding, but the rest must be raised by us—the diving community. Chamber Day remains the largest single-day scuba charity event in the U.S., and with your support, 2025 will be another record-breaking year!

THE HISTORY OF CHAMBER DAY

The Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber opened on October 5, 1974, thanks to a Los Angeles County grant. Its first treatment took place a week later.

By the mid-1980s, however, the County's continued funding was in serious jeopardy. In 1988, when funding cuts seemed inevitable, Roger Hess, owner of Charisma Charters, proposed an idea:

What if all local dive boats came together for a single day to raise funds?

Thus, Chamber Day was born in June 1988, raising \$15,000 in its first year.

Since then, Chamber Day has grown tremendously:

- 1991 – Raffle added
- 1998 – Chamber Eve, the Flying Dutchman, and the Chamber Challenge introduced
- 2020 – First all-virtual Chamber Day (due to the pandemic)
- 2022 – Full in-person return (but Virtual Chamber Eve remains)

Financially, the event has also flourished:

- 1990s – Surpassed \$50,000
- 2006 – Broke \$100,000
- 2021 – Surpassed \$150,000
- 2024 – Nearly reached \$200,000

With your support, 2025 will be our biggest year yet!

EVENTS FOR 2025

CHAMBER DAY – BOAT DIVES & TOURS

We've got seven boats ready to take divers on an unforgettable experience:

- Cee Ray | Giant Stride | Pacific Moon | Pacific Star
- SoCal Diver | Sundiver | Sundiver Express

- Two dives near Catalina's Isthmus
- A guided tour of the Chamber facilities
- Meet first responders & rescue teams

Receive a Chamber Day 2025 t-shirt

Enjoy a meal & an air fill onboard

10 daytime raffle tickets included

Cost: \$175 per diver

- \$125 supports the Chamber
- \$50 covers boat operating expenses

Boats depart at 7 AM and return by 5:30 PM

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN – FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T DIVE

Price: \$95

Not everyone can take a Wednesday off to go diving, and some prefer to stay dry. That's why we have The Flying Dutchman, a virtual dive experience that still lets you support the cause.

Exclusive Flying Dutchman t-shirt

10 daytime raffle tickets

A ticket for the "onboard" boat raffle

Claim your pirate name when signing up and choose a dive shop or club affiliation (or go unaffiliated)!

CHAMBER CHALLENGE – DIRECT DONATIONS

The Chamber Challenge is one of the biggest drivers of our fundraising success. Every donation—big or small—makes a difference.

Donation Tiers:

Bronze – \$100

Silver – \$500

Gold – \$1,000

Platinum – \$5,000

Diamond – \$10,000

Chamborium – \$15,000+

Employer matching grants can double your donation!

CHAMBER EVENING – AT THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Price: \$175 per person

Aquarium access (7-8 PM)

Catered dinner (starting at 8 PM)

Five raffle tickets included

Opportunity to buy more tickets

Grand prize drawing for a 9-day Indonesia dive trip

Only in-person and Virtual Chamber Eve attendees are eligible for the grand prize.

Limited to 350 guests (35 tables of 10)

Every table is sponsored by a local dive shop, club, or boat. Reserve early!

CHAMBER EVENING V.G.D. (VERY GENEROUS DIVER)

Add-on price: \$50

Early access (starting at 5 PM)

10 extra raffle tickets

2 extra Grand Prize entries

Private outdoor lounge & appetizers

Complimentary soft drinks & cash bar
Perfect for those who want an enhanced experience or are traveling from afar!

VIRTUAL CHAMBER EVENING – JOIN FROM HOME

Price: \$95

For those who can't attend in-person, Virtual Chamber Evening allows you to watch the event live and still participate!

10 raffle tickets included

Entered for the grand prize trip

Chamber Evening t-shirt mailed to you

Exclusive private livestream link

EVERY DOLLAR RAISED SUPPORTS THE CATALINA HYPERBARIC CHAMBER

Your support keeps our Chamber running 24/7/365—a vital safety net for divers.

Sign up today at www.chamberday.org or call (310) 652-4990.

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Ken Kurtis (Chairman, Chamber Day/Eve 2025)

Karl Huggins (Director, USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber)

Some Interesting Happenings in Our Area

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center Bugs, Bees and Butterflies Day

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10am-2pm

Join us for another year of Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies Day and learn about the benefits of bugs in the garden!

This free event will include arts and crafts activities for kids, Artist Marketplace with eco friendly home and garden vendors, a book fair and Environmentally focused artwork

LOCATION:

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center
1201 West Malvern Avenue
Fullerton, California 92833

Swallows Day Parade & Mercado - San Juan Capistrano

Saturday, March 22, 2025

The Parade takes place in down-town San Juan Capistrano. This is the nation's largest non-motorized parade. It is totally organized and presented by the San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association. Arrive early; most street closures are by 10.00 a.m. The parade begins promptly at 11 am.

Veggiepalooza Plant Sale - Fullerton

April 17-18, 2025

Over 200 varieties of heirloom tomatoes, sweet, mild & hot peppers, and varietal veggies. Check out over 200 varieties of ornamental plants including California natives grown here at the Arboretum.

LOCATION:

Fullerton Arboretum
1900 Associated Road
Fullerton

Fathom Fantasies Chuck Wade Underwater Photography

Our Sharkbait member and buddy, Chuck is restarting his underwater photography business. You may remember Chuck's awesome photographs when he shared some of his work with us last year. Before he put his underwater camera away a decade or more ago, Chuck was actively shooting underwater photos of our local critters and exhibited and sold his work at the Laguna Art Festival for several years.

Well now he has dusted off his skills, upgraded his equipment and is actively shooting again. Specifically, he is offering his photography skills in photographing you underwater.

Chuck is looking to commemorate in pictures new divers as they get certified during their first ocean dives. Additionally, recording experienced divers as they achieve advanced certifications from advanced all the way up to Instructor.

This is a great way to memorialize these events, and chronicle your diving progress and adventure.

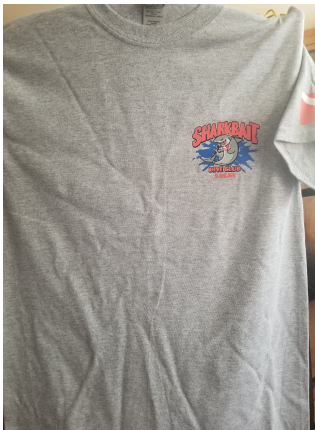
Still available Club T-shirts & stickers!!

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



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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

You will get a reminder when your renewals are due

Club Contact/Social Media Information

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Board Member Assignments

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Barry/Vlad	Special Events
Christine	Boat Dive Liasion
Dave	Warm Water Trips
Martin	Beach Dive
Rick	Speakers, ZOOM
Silvia	Public Relations,
Publicity, Social Media, Website	