



2026

SharkBait Monthly Meeting

We meet at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, except December, at Denny's Diner in Yorba Linda 17568 Yorba Linda Blvd. That is the corner of Richfield and YL Blvd. Enter off Richfield. We are also on ZOOM for those of you off our beaten track to join in.



See you there, in person or on the screen

August Featured Speaker...

Member Movies and Photo Presentations

We have several talented underwater videographers and photographers in the club. At this meeting, we will be able to enjoy the wonderful work they have done on various dives and travels. Everything from Catalina Island to the far-off reaches of the Pacific and Caribbean will be on display at this meeting.

Questions, tips on techniques and equipment will let you all in on how to do it.

I am sure we will all enjoy some of the best from the best. See you there.



August 11 Club Meeting
Denny's Diner Yorba Linda 6:30

August 15 Beach Night Dive
Shaws Cove Laguna Beach 7:00 PM

August 22 Club Summer Picnic Get Together
More Information on the following pages

September 8 Club Meeting
Denny's Diner Yorba Linda 6:30

September 13 Beach Dive
Moss Street Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

October 25 Beach Pumpkin Carving Dive
Fisherman's Cove Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

Sharkbait Summer gathering Aug 22 (Saturday) 12:00 - 3:00

OK, date set, location set. Your turn: get set and go.

The Sharkbait Summer gathering this year will be hosted at a Community Clubhouse of one of our club members, Charles Jordan. This is for Club Members, Significant Others (SO), and their families. RSVP is required for members and guests. Italian main dish with meat and vegetarian options. The location boasts an indoor clubhouse, as well as a swimming pool and outdoor seating.

Some gathering rules:

Bring towels, sunblock, and note there is no dedicated lifeguard, so if you bring littles (or better known as future SCUBA divers!), please ensure you are monitoring the pool

No glass is allowed in the pool area

Water will be provided

Bringing other beverage types is okay if the "no glass poolside" rules are followed

RSVP to sharkbaitdive@gmail.com is required to coordinate food and parking (it is a gated community)

Most importantly, this is a great opportunity to meet other club members and their families, relax, and have a great time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

LET'S GO SUMMER!

Sharkbait Dive Club Summer Gathering

Saturday, August 22, 2026

At Charles' Community Clubhouse

2638 N. Harbor, Fullerton

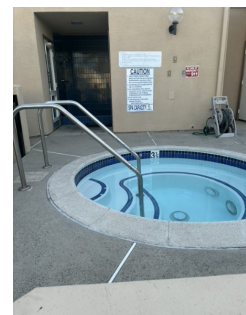
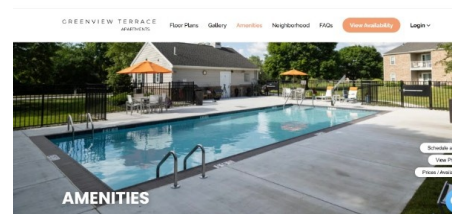
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More information

Main Dish (meat and vegetarian), Sides, Water Provided

For Club Members, SO, and their Families

12 pm – 3 pm



Beach Dive August 15 Night Dive at Shaws Cove Laguna Beach 7:00 PM

A night SCUBA dive is a unique and exhilarating experience that offers a different perspective on the underwater world. Unlike a daytime dive, where the colors and shapes of the marine life are clearly visible, a night dive reveals a hidden realm of shadows, sounds and sensations. The diver needs to rely on a flashlight and a buddy system to navigate the dark waters and explore the nocturnal creatures that emerge from their hiding places. A night dive can be both thrilling and relaxing, as the diver feels a sense of wonder and curiosity about the mysterious environment. A night dive is an adventure that every scuba enthusiast should try at least once in their lifetime. 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 at 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.

Beach Dive September 13 Moss Street Laguna Beach 7:00 AM

Moss Street Beach is at the end of Moss Street in Laguna Beach. Take Coast Highway 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 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, lobsters, as well as the usual suspects: Sheephead, Garibaldi, Kelp Bass and so on.

Boat Dives

As you have no doubt noticed, the seas have been a bit touchy lately, resulting in many Dive Boat cancellations. We will get an update from Christine and Chuck at the meeting



Groaners Are Back, And They Are Really M/Bad



To the guy who invented ZERO, Thanks for nothing

I should have been sad when my flashlight batteries died, but I was delighted.

For a fungi top grow, you must give it as mushroom as possible

I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.

What do you call a sleeping bull? A Bulldozer

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

What do you get when you mix alcohol and literature? Tequila Mockingbird.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you,,,,,but don't start anything.

What do you call a camel with no humps?? Humphrey

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? Maybe

I tried to lose weight, but it keeps finding me

Common sense is like a deodorant.....The ones that need it most never use it

How do you make an octopus laugh? With Ten-tickles

I'm at the age where Happy Hour is a nap without interruptions

How do you throw a party in outer space? You planet

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.

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.

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Dues Increase

We covered this at the last meeting and I thought it best to leave the article in for this month also, just in case someone missed it.

A Milestone & A Look Ahead: Membership Dues Update

Did you know that our club’s membership dues haven’t changed since 1992? For over three decades, we’ve worked hard to keep our community accessible to everyone. To ensure we can continue providing high-quality speakers, hybrid meeting access via ZOOM, and great local dive opportunities, the Board is announcing the first dues adjustment in 34 years, effective January 2027. We invite you to read the full update below for a transparent breakdown of where your dues go, how we are managing inflation, and how our 100% volunteer board is working to keep our club thriving for the next 30 years and beyond.

A Message Regarding Our Membership Dues

Since 1992, our club has operated with the same membership rates. For 34 years, we have successfully navigated inflation and the changing times without asking for more, ensuring that the price of membership was never a barrier to finding good dives and good buddies. To maintain the quality of our programming and ensure the club remains financially healthy for the future, the Board has made the decision to implement membership dues increase effective January 2027.

Full Transparency: Where Your Dues Go

We want you to know exactly how your contributions support the club. It is important to note that every Board Member is a 100% unpaid volunteer. Every dollar of your dues is reinvested directly into the club’s operations, including:

- The Hybrid Experience: Funding our ZOOM subscription to maintain hybrid meetings, allowing us to bring in world-class guest speakers from around the globe.
- Digital Presence: Professional website management and newsletter software to keep us connected.

- Member Outreach: Covering postage for shipping club merchandise and mailing raffle prizes to our virtual meeting winners.
- Community Events: Organizing local dives, family-friendly land activities, and facilitating coordination of warm-water resort trips.
- Note on Board Service:** To recognize the significant "sweat equity" and time our volunteers contribute, board members receive a 50% discount on their annual dues. We are always looking for fresh perspectives; if you are interested in joining the leadership team, please reach out!

New Dues Structure (Effective Jan 1, 2027)

Membership Type		Current Rate	New Rate
			(+\$15)
New Single	\$40		\$55
New Family	\$50		\$65
Renewal Single	\$30		\$45
Renewal Family	\$40		\$55

Moving Forward Together

We have postponed this adjustment for several years by absorbing deficits, but to keep the club thriving, this change is necessary. We value every member of this community and sincerely hope this increase does not present a hardship. Our goal is to keep our fins in the water and our community together. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further, please reach out to any Board member at an upcoming meeting.

Thank you for being part of our story since 1992.

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 Board Members



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

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