



THE AQUA TOOTER

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Since 1958... a publication from the Aqua Tutus Diving Club, a non-profit organization established to promote Water Safety and to further the sport of SCUBA Diving.

JULY MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

At the next **July 2** general meeting, Mike Boom will present another **high-def video presentation**, this time of **California diving**. We'll visit Catalina Island with a group of divers staying a week at Emerald Bay Boy Scout camp, visiting some of the best dive sites Catalina has to offer: Ship Rock, Bird Rock, Indian Rock, and more. We'll also view a video short of a large animal encounter just off the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and finish with another palate cleanser video that's a complete change of pace.



Mike is a local underwater videographer and writer who has been shooting in the Monterey Bay area, California more generally, the Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Belize, Hawaii, and Alaska among other locations. He's won numerous video competitions and been featured in underwater film exhibitions in various venues around the world. He's written about underwater video for Scuba Diving magazine and helped design underwater control systems for Undersea Video Housings. He recently worked for four months as the underwater video pro for the live-aboard dive ship Nai'a in Fiji.

Mike operates his own business: GeekSpeak, a tech writing company in Oakland. Besides contracting for well-known Silicon-Valley companies, he has written for underwater housing manufacturers Gates and Sea & Sea. So he understands how to convey technical information well. Check out some of Mike's video shorts online at his website: <http://www.laughingeel.com/>

**Aqua Tutus Diving Club's
next regular meeting:**

Thursday, JULY 2nd, 7:30 p.m.

**Location: Round Table Pizza
20920 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley
510-733-9500**

Upcoming Club Dive Activity (local)

July 19 Silver Prince boat dive
July 25 Breakwater, contact Alan T
Aug 16 Silver Prince boat dive
August 21,22, 23 Salt Point, contact Connie K
check the club calendar
http://www.my.calendars.net/atdc_events

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE

No BOD meeting in July
http://www.my.calendars.net/atdc_events
For the most current information

**Silver Prince Boat Dives for Club members
planned for the summer.
See page 8 for dates and signup information**

**Aqua Tutus Holiday Party
Is coming again this year
Saturday December 12th
Mark your calendar NOW**

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monthly raffles.**

Aqua Tutus Entertainment Report, June, 2009

At the June 4 General Meeting, we were treated to a great program by club members. We have a lot of excellent photographers and videographers in the club, and part of the fun of photography/videography is to share the product with friends. I'll give a bit of an overview here, but leave room for readers to enjoy some of the images that they showed.

Oliver Edwards started the program with a very nice short program on the trip the Oliver and his family made to **Cozumel** with other club members over the holidays last December. He spent some time describing photographic aspect of the images and answered questions from members - a very useful exercise that the audience appreciated. Oliver shoots with a point & shoot (P&S) camera (Canon) and his images illustrated the quality that you can get with these smaller systems. He showed some very nice wide-



angle images of the wonderful walls in the deeper southern dive-sites there that are covered by spectacular sponges and sea fans. Oliver also had some very nice portraits of the fish that inhabit the shall-

lower reefs of Cozumel.



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Jim Driggers then followed with a shot photographic story of a recent club dive at **Coral Street** in Pacific Grove. The Coral Street divesite - at the intersection of Coral Street and Ocean Drive - is somewhat protected than the more-westward divesites of the Peninsula, and offers some very nice diving topography and marine life. It's a great snorkeling site and one must swim out a ways to get to water of any depth. But out beyond the



shallower regions in the cove, some very nice small walls, canyons, and patch-reef formations with a nice kelp forest exists. Jim's program captured a typical dive there, showing kelp forest, the rock formations, and some nice images of the macro and portrait marine life opportunities that you can find there. In particular, they encountered a red octopus that stayed out in the open for some time and posed for some nice shots.



Alan Throop then showed a short program of stills on a "Dive Day at Monterey". He showed some photos of the recent large and unusual gathering of young sea lions at the

Breakwater. Some of them were even making their way into the restrooms! This time of the year, even the mature sea lion adults are forced from breakwater rocks by the



Entertainment report —continued

much-smaller Brandt's cormorants that nest there. San Carlos has a nice variety of dive-sites with different marinelife and photographic opportunities, and Alan showed a few images from a dive there, including the shrimp pictured below. Alan finished the program with some images of the new seahorse exhibit at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. It's a



great place to see and photograph seahorses, pipefish, and related species ... always a great day in Monterey!

Matt Warren showed a segment of his video from a recent dive at **Pt. Lobos** with V.P. Chris Stensager. Pt. Lobos not only has some great topside and UW topography, as well as beautiful kelp forests, but - being a reserve - has more and larger fish and invertebrates to observe than most areas in Monterey. Matt had

some nice segments of the large rockfish of the area and an interesting segment showing the rapid motion of a large Sunflower Star on one of the nice canyon walls.

Many thanks to the presenters for a great program! We'll have another member's night this fall, so get those images and video!

Summer Boat Dives aboard the Monterey Silver Prince

Photos and report by Alan Throop



We had our first inter-club summer boat dive on June 7 aboard the Silver Prince. We dove the Outer Carmel Pinnacles and Pt. Joe. Given the exceptionally flat (credit: www.mbdscuba.com) seas, we were able to get into Pt.

Joe and enjoyed the wonderful topography and the variety and number of rockfish in this seldom-dived area.

Divers were: Alan Throop, Gian Garriga, Marie Murray, Holden Herbert, Jeff Rude, James, Oliver Edwards, and Ralph Mileham. Despite the very-calm seas, the Outer Pinnacles had a little surge and vis was maybe 25'. The sand bottom is at ~100' with the tops of the pinna-



cles at ~30'. The steep sides have a number of canyons and not an inch is left uncovered with marine life. The pink and blue hydrocoral is spectacular, and invertebrates and particularly nudibranchs are prolific.

Pt Joe is just south of Asilomar Beach and is usually far to rough to dive. This was a spectacular dive, with many canyons, large rock formations, sand patches, and light streaming through the kelp. There was a larger variety and quantity of good-sized rockfish than I have seen in recent years - perhaps due to the lack of access for fishing ... like the "good-ol' days" in Monterey.

These dives have been setup to allow divers from different clubs to meet each other and enjoy other divesites in Monterey than just

Silver Prince dive boat trip June 7th continued

shore-diving allows. The trips are two-tank dives, departing at 10AM on Sundays (a nice schedule) and arranged through the Monterey Bay Dive Company, which provides Al80 tanks, warm drinks and soup, snacks, etc. The cost is \$75 per person.

The next dives are scheduled for July 19, August 16, September 27, & October 18. We need at least 6 divers to go and will max out at 10, so please sign up early so that the trip doesn't get canceled. So far, we do not yet have enough for the dives to go.

Call or send a check for \$75 each, payable to "Monterey Bay Dive Company", to Alan Throop who will coordinate the dives. Note the date or dates that you want to attend. Please include your e-mail and phone number. You can sign up for any or all of the dates. I will hold the checks until the date of the dive, and will return or void the checks if the dive is cancelled for some reason.

Call or send checks to: Alan Throop, 2393 Sheffield Drive, Livermore, CA 94550; althroop@comcast.net; 925-455-8895



Recent "Bone" Award Winners



April's winner, Jim for descending with his snorkel instead of his regulator, and for forgetting to turn his air back on when doing a regulator shut down practice. Talk about swimming with the FISHES!.

June's winner, Guy for walking along the freeway from south to north monastery with his dry suit on and zipped. Was that HOT!!.



General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 5, 2009

Reported by Connie Klein

Meeting called to order by President Jim Driggers at Round Table Pizza in Castro Valley, CA at 7:38 pm.

Entertainment Director

Thanks to our members for the evening's entertainment: Oliver-Cozumel, Jim Driggers-Coral Street, Matt Video Pt. Lobos, Alan "A Day in Monterey".

Treasurer's Report (Greg)

Total Funds \$8,459.30

Membership (Debbie Driggers)

The club currently has 56 total members.

Training (Dennis Hocker)

If you're interested in one or more classes, contact Dennis. Doug and Jim were finally able to complete their Advanced Nitrox. Planning an Altitude dive Certification for the September Tahoe trip.

For more information on training contact Neil Benjamin (510) 673-0073 neil.benjamin@lamrc.com or Dennis Hocker (510) 792-5606 dennis@rxscuba.com

CenCal Report

Steve has retired from this duty, so no report.

Newsletter (Don Kelsey)

Usually needs information around the 20th.

Web Goddess (Patti Shannon)

The club's web site is up and updated. Won't be able to add information the month; Patti is gone to Chuuk so please send any updates as quickly as possible.

Entertainment Report (Alan Throop)

Nothing definitely planned for next year.

Special Committee

Holiday party is on December 12th at La Cabana in Newark. Social period begins at 7:30 and dinner begins at 8:00. The club will have sole use of the restaurant from 8:00 to midnight. Ticket price of \$5 gets you unlimited soft drinks and the Mexican buffet. Buffet will include cheese and chicken enchilada, chili rellenos, carnitas, guacamole, tortillas, rice, beans, etc. Alcohol is available at the cash bar.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Member-at-Large requires attendance at board meetings, Fritz, Steve and Matt volunteered. Voting was as follows: Larry 17, Fritz 20, Steve 12, Matt 13. Larry, Fritz and Matt were voted in.
- Debbie moved to elect Steve Campi (our retired CenCal representative and a long-time member of Aqua Tutus since 1988) to be a life member. We currently have 8 live members. Matt Seconded. The motion passed.

June General meeting minutes continued

Past Dives

- Matt: Nudibranks, Lyons Main, heads look like the bell of a jelly fish. Short lived, feed with the giant, belled head. Doing a Reefcheck dive at breakwater. Two kelp stands covered with these...congregating, mating, laying eggs. These were translucent white about 8 inches long each. Showed to MBDG and is on regular rotation on their screen.
- Oliver Memorial Day, Butterfly House, good vis 49-50 degrees, 50' viz..tremendous amounts of kelp.
- 4 weeks earlier, conditions on South Monastery...Oliver swam to Monterey Canyon...viz in the canyon was spectacular. It was dim, his eyes dark adapted and could see the canyon wall a long ways into the distance. One had metridium a long ways out. Decided they were way too deep. Rock fish were sizing him up to see if he was edible. Fabulous visibility. The best he had ever seen. Very cold 48 degrees. Tremendous surge, depth alarm kept going off.
- Fritz and Kevin Gardner, video camera, water was 47-48 degrees at Macabee, didn't go below 50 feet. Couldn't undo the buckle in his wet suit. Only hands got cold. Amazing video..put the video on uTube. Dove in San Diego 58 degrees, viz 25', under every ledge 2 to 3 lobsters, even saw a live abalone, kind of dark about 6 inches. Tried to find Giant Bass...viz dropped to 6 feet. Monday after at Laguna Beach. If you ever read a write up about this, don't believe it, 6 lbs of sand in gear, 6 ft viz, 62 degrees...about 25-26" halibut. At the Hesta Park facility...won't do it again
- Doug, Dennis and Jim Memorial day, Monastery. 6th try. Dive went well. Down to 142'. Guessing it was 45-46 degrees. Both had difficulty doing the exercises. 30 -40 foot viz not much surge. Surface swim was about 35 mins... quite a slog. There were metridium at 140 feet. Tough going thru the swell.
- Barbara and Neil Memorial Day Florida.. NSS Cave Dive Workshop in Tallahassee....but all caves were flooded., couldn't even drive into the parking lot. If you're not careful the car would have started the dive. Rained 20" while they were there. Went up to Mariana, did some cave diving. Rented a boat, twin caves and hole-in-the-wall cave. Went up to Jackson Blue, the Main cave...flooding a lot. People with scooters with full power were having trouble getting into the cave. Even digging into the sand. Was kind of fun. Enjoying exploring 500-600 feet back in. Laying a line in the lip area reeling out your line about to tie off reel put tension on it to wrap and suddenly goes slack. Fortunately knew how to get back, found the other end of the line...Line had been heat welded, so always re-check the splices.
- Doug Wilson went to St Johns for a week. Daughter got certified. Now have two sons and two daughter-in-laws certified. Saw a large shark and sting rays on her certification dive. Dove the Rhone wreck which was fun. Always worried about the kids running out of air.
- Guy: Monastery Chris, Matt and Guy. Reporting 2' swells, south wind. Calm. ankle biters were the breakers. Long

swim. Dropped down, bottomed at 70'. Reef runs parallel to the beach, got to the ridge, steep slope, to about 170 feet. At 138 stopped. Came around the top. Overcast, quite dim 30-40' viz. looks like almost a sand cliff. Got up to the top. Dead dolphin laying on the bottom...all the flesh was missing from the snout. Good shape otherwise. Average depth 50 feet. North Monastery next dive. Don't try to make a walk from south to north on the road with your wet suit on in the heat. Saw a rosey rock fish...orange with 3 yellow spots. Saw a class total dust cloud behind them. Saw some blacksmith, tubenouts. Couple of nice days. Fins off walked off. Class all came out like pros.

Bone Award

Guy wins the award for walking along the freeway from south to north monastery with his dry suit on and zipped. (*see the photo on page 4*)

Raffle

Winners were as follows:

- 1st break: Patti – Gauge Refractor; Harris - Beach Support Kit
- 2nd break: (sorry missed these)
- 3rd break: Oliver Save-a-dive kit, Jeff Tindall Map and Fish ID for Chuuk
- 4th break Patti UV Tech Protectant, Debbie BC Wash, Mike Aqua Seal.

Upcoming Activity and Dives

- June 14 Coral, Otter or Lovers (Jim is Point of Contact)
- Board meeting June 18 and Greg's
- July Club dive 25 San Carlos, Alan is POC

July 19	Boat dive, Silver Prince is up for Sale
Aug 16	Boat dive, Silver Prince
Sept 27	Boat dive, Silver Prince
Oct 18	Boat dive, Silver Prince

2009

July 5-9	Chuuk (Technical), 1 slot open , POC is Dennis
July 18-Aug 2	Chuuk (Orientation), 2 slots open , POC is Dennis
BOD August 20	
August 21,22,33	Salt Point
Sept 12-13	Tahoe

2010

2011	
Jul 4-11	Phillipines, POC is Dennis

Next BOD meeting: Thursday 06/18/09, Greg Gleeson's house (6:30 pm dinner/7:00 meeting)

Next Membership meeting: Thursday 7/2/09, 7:30 pm, Round Table, Castro Valley (7 pm social)

Meeting adjourned around 9:15 pm.

DIVE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Club members may advertise "dive equipment for sale" at no cost. Just send your requirements to the editor for listing d.kelsey@sbcglobal.net
Ads must be renewed (just email Don to advise) each month or will not appear the following month

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2009

Reported by Connie Klein

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Present were Alan Throop, Connie Klein, Patti Shannon, Debbie Driggers, Jim Driggers, Greg Gleeson, Dennis Hocker, Scott Harrison, Fritz Welss and Paul Steinberg

Entertainment (Alan Throop)

July – Mike Boom Catalina (interesting surprise at the end)
Aug – Trying to get Holly Fraz (Did VDM program on Caribbean invertibrates)
Sep – Bruce Watkins
Oct – Members (Officer nominations)
Nov – (Officer Elections) Marc Shargel (underwater photographer – just published a Coffee-table book)

Chuck Tribolet (NCUPS) is planning to put the photos submitted (45 still, 5 video) in the Beach Dive on a DVD. May use this if Holly cannot make it.

Future possibilities: James Moskito has joined shark diving (Global Adventures) may do a program for us.
Amos Nachoum (Scuba Diving Magazine).
Kyoko Takayama was just at the Philippines and has a nice video and is a possibility.
Matt's video.
Larry suggested 2 to 3 minute video shoots is the best timing for videos.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Gleeson)

General account \$2879.71
Class account \$6252.97
CenCal \$ 585.00
Petty Cash -
Total Funds \$8459.30

Have an unpaid CenCal check. Greg to call Helga Malman 510 635-2943, cell 510 915-1613.

Membership (Debbie Driggers)

Total Membership: 56 Regular: 39 Associate: 8
Lifetime: 9 Student: 0

Director of Training (Dennis Hocker)

Inquiries about DAN O2 provider and some interest in an Advance and Altitude specialties. We'll start this at Tahoe. Bruce and Ben and Mike Whitehurst have an interest in Advanced Nitrox.

Newsletter (Don Kelsey)

Not present. Need entries probably by 6/20, publishing on the 27th.

Webgoddess (Patti Shannon)

No updates. Needs enough of the meeting information so that she won't be missed for the month she is in Chuuk.

Special Committee: Holiday Party

Saturday night, December 12 at La Cabana, 7:00 pm.

Old Business

Discussed lifetime membership award to Steve Campi.

Elaine sent Alan a check for the July boat trip. A few have mentioned interest. If we don't have 6, he'll give the money back. It has been mentioned at the last NCUPS. We are not chartering the boats, but we can go out with 6 or more. We've scheduled one per month through October. \$75 ea. The dates are held for us, but if another group comes in and wants to charter the whole boat, we'll have first right of refusal. We don't know how many people but the boat will accommodate as many as 14 divers.

New Business

Welcome Fritz, our new Board Member At Large.

Upcoming Events

2009

NO JULY BOARD MEETING

July 2 General Meeting
July 25 Breakwater (Alan is point of contact)
July 19 Boat Dive (Alan is point of contact)
July 5-19 Chuuk, 1 slot open
July 19-Aug 2 Chuuk, 2 slots open
August 16 Boat Dive (Alan is point of contact)
August 20 Board Meeting
August 21, 22 Salt Point (Connie is point of contact – Get Reservations in now)
August 28 La Cabana Dinner, 6:30-6:45 (Patti point of contact)
Sept 12-13 Tahoe Weekend (Altitude, Peak Performance Buoyancy, and Navigation Certifications available) Saturday Sand Harbor, Sunday DL Bliss
Sept 12-15 VDM Conception Boat Dive Catalina, Santa Barbara (3 good days of diving)
Sept 17 Board Meeting (Greg's) (Alan's birthday)
Sept 27 Boat Dive (Alan is point of contact)
Oct 15 Board Meeting (Greg's)
Oct 17 Snorkle Park at San Carlos, walk to McAbee and snorkel back (Possible camping at Jefferson Campground) (Jim is point of contact)
Oct 18 Boat Dive (Alan is point of contact)
Nov 7 Monsastery Entry/Exit Seminar (Dennis Point of Contact)
Nov 19 Board Meeting (Greg's)
NO DECEMBER GENERAL OR BOARD MEETING
Dec 12 Holiday Party (La Cabana, 7:00 pm)
Dec 19 – Jan 3 Cozumel (Patti is point of contact, 9 people mentioned again)

2010

2011

July 4 - 18 Philippines

Meetings

Next Membership meeting:

Thursday July 2, 7:30 pm, Round Table, Castro Valley (7 pm social)

Next BOD meeting:

NO JULY BOARD MEETING

Meeting adjourned 8:09 pm

Coral Street Dive June 14th

Report by Jim Driggers

Photos by Jim, Debbie and Linda

On Sunday, June 14 the following Tooters gathered at Coral Street in Pacific Grove for the June club dive: Jim and Debbie Driggers, Linda Muth, Dave Chervin, and new members (and divers) John deBoars, and Mitch Feinholz.

Other than being almost exactly at low tide, sea conditions were strangely perfect--no swells, no waves, and essentially no current. Having dove there several times in the last few weeks, Jim gave a brief dive briefing and the divers paired up. Jim



buddied up with Mitch, Dave with John, and Debbie with Linda. Jim and Dave led their buddies around on an underwater tour and pointed out interesting sea creatures amid the dense kelp forest. Visibility ranged from 10 to 40 feet or so and a warm 56 degrees.

Above water, the day started mostly over-cast, warm, and calm and progressed to clear skies and warmer temperatures. By the time everyone had trudged up the beach from



their second dive, sea conditions had worsened to toe-biters. Linda luckily declined the second dive and so was able to move the plastic storage bins left on the beach away from the rising tide. Jim declared he'd seen no bone-worthy actions during the dives to which Debbie replied the bone should go to the absent club members who'd missed out on one of the best shore diving days in Monterey in recent memory.

Jim shot the Kelp Forest.jpg, Debbie shot the Coral St Beach.jpg, and Linda Muth shot the Kelp Crab.jpg.



Debbie shot her photo as we were packing up and heading to lunch around 2:30. At that time, sea conditions remained unbelievably calm.

After the dive, Jim, Debbie, Linda, and Dave met at Gianni's for pizza and waited out the power outage which had knocked out power to street lights and businesses

along Lighthouse Ave.

Salt Point State Park Campout slated for Friday, Saturday, Sunday August 21,22,23

Connie Klein is Point of Contact: connieklein@astound.net, 925 689-4051

Please get your reservations in soon. This park is currently slated to close as of September 1 so expect it to be busy.

The reservation url is: [http://www.reserveamerica.com/campgroundDetails.do?](http://www.reserveamerica.com/campgroundDetails.do?subTabIndex=0&contractCode=ca&parkCode=salt)

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Please reserve for "Woodside Campground". Note that this is not a site-specific reservation--sites are first-come-first serve. If you like, you can forward your reservation number (along with which day/days) to Connie's email and she or a helper will attempt to reserve your slot on Friday or Saturday Morning in person. Aqua Tutus will post a note at the Woodside Campground entrance noting which sites are occupied by whom. For further information on Salt Point State Park, please go here: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=453

Of course, we're all hoping the abalone hunting is successful!!

If abalone diving is not your cup of tea, Gerstle Cove is a well-protected reserve for scuba or snorkling.

Please save Saturday nite at 5:30 pm til ? for our pot luck dinner. Once again Connie is planning a Blackberry Cobbler and homemade ice cream, two camp stoves for your cooking needs and paper plates, cups and plastic ware. She hopes to get site 31 for the Pot Luck...the usual...but as mentioned above, this is not a guarantee. Please bring your pot luck dish, chairs for each member in your party, and some wood for our group fire. Hope to see lots of

THANK YOU NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS
for making this month's **AQUATOOTER** possible: **Alan T, Jim D, Debbie D, Connie K, Linda M, Oliver E**

DIVE TRIP NOTICES

Dive Truk Lagoon (Chuuk) 2009

Here's your chance to dive the famous WWII Japanese wrecks of Truk Lagoon for up to 4 weeks in July aboard the Odyssey, rated by Rodale's as the best live-aboard in the world.

Deeper Wreck Diving July 5-19
Recreational Limit Diving July 19-Aug 2

Each 2 week segment is \$4800, or \$9000 for 4 weeks
(international air fare excluded)

Openings are still available.

Contact Dennis Hocker dennis@rxscuba.com

Dive Cozumel 2009

Dennis and Patti are planning their annual pilgrimage

Dec 19 thru Jan 4, 2010

Accommodations at the Hotel Barracuda about \$80/night

Diving with Dive Paradise

Contact Dennis Hocker dennis@rxscuba.com

Or Patti Shannon scubamom@rxscuba.com

Dive The Phillipines 2011

Jul 4-18, 2011

Contact Dennis Hocker dennis@rxscuba.com

Summer Boat Dives aboard the Monterey Silver Prince

Dives are on Sundays, and will be two-tank dives leaving at 10AM (no early-morning drives!) from K dock (near boat ramp near the Harbormaster's office).

MBDC provides A180 tanks, warm drinks and soup, snacks, etc. The cost is \$75 per person. We have had some wonderful dives off this boat the past two summers.

July 19:
August 16:
September 27
October 18:

Call or send checks to: Alan Throop, 2393 Sheffield Drive, Livermore, CA 94550; 925-455-8895

Photos at left
contributed by
Oliver Edwards.
From the June 7'th
Silver Prince boat
dive



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I use PhotoShop Elements (v 3.0) for file size reduction. With the image open select image/resize/image size and reduce the image size, and/or change the resolution, in the Image size dialogue box. Other photo management programs probably have similar tools.
- Provide separate JPEG images, even if your pictures are embedded in a WORD document. This makes it easier for me to layout the story for the Tooter. Sometimes the images inbedded in WORD do not copy reliably into the aquaTooter Publisher document.



Calendar of Events

Check <http://www.aquatutus.com/activities.htm> for the latest calendar

- 2009**
- NO JULY BOARD MEETING
- July 2 Membership Meeting, Roundtable Pizza, Castro Valley 7:30pm
- July 5-19 Chuuk on the Odyssey, deeper wreck diving, Contact: Dennis Hocker dennis@rxscuba.com
- July 19 Monterey, Silver Prince dive boat, contact Alan Throop althroop@comcast.net
- July 25 Breakwater Contact Alan T.
- July 19-Aug 2 Chuuk on the Odyssey, diving wrecks within recreational diving limits, Contact Dennis
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- 2010**
- 2011**
- Jul 4-18 Phillipines, Contact Dennis Hocker dennis@rxscuba.com

ATDC Dive Training

Check <http://www.aquatutus.com/activities.htm>

Dates are tentative and depend on participation.

- Classroom sessions held at 38962 Larkspur Street, Newark, CA
- For more information contact Neil Benjamin: (510) 673-0073 neil.benjamin@lamrc.com or Dennis Hocker: (510) 792-5606 dennis@rxscuba.com

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Internet Resources
for the Bay Area Diver
<http://www.garlic.com/~triblet/swell/>

News from the Monterey Bay
National Marine Sanctuary

Keep in touch by surfing over to:
<http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov>

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