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Above and Beyond

Despite its addiction to all things below the surface (and despite newly imposed restrictions and fees), the Aqualliers continued its tradition of going above and beyond. Case in point: This President's Day campout. An expedition team scoured the coast for items others 'accidentally' dropped and hauled in over 30lbs of junk. Everything from shoes and hard hats to whiffle balls were recovered, proving those who talk trash can also clean it up. The journey provided a killer geology lesson, and there was a sighting of a real Captain Jack (though his craft needs a little work). If you've never hoofed to the St. Andrew and beyond, it's worth the trek. On the bug front, pickings were slim—you literally had to bend over backwards to bag a bug.

Trash Talkers and Picker-upers



A Real, Live Captain Jack. Crew TBD.



Rock Island

Periodically, the open water calls, and the diver must obey. Over President's Day weekend, a few Aqualliers made their way to Anacapa Island looking for deeper, less chocolaty waters. Anacapa delivered with vis up to 60 feet and wildlife galore. As seems to always be the case, Aqualliers divers are first in the water and last out, often with

half a tank to avoid scoldings from the boat crew.



Look Ma, One Hand!



Like O.J., these bugs swear they don't belong behind bars

Stop whining and get wet

And the Curtain Falls

It's been a long time coming, but the Aqualliers finally got the boot from good ole Bldg 6436. It wasn't much, but our fourth (or so) home since the 80's served us well for years. Now it'll soon be a pile of rubble for the landfill. (You gotta wonder where the rats went.) But fear not. We've found a new home! Bldg 886 on South Base (just inside the gate). Thanks to everyone who helped move us out, and for your patience while we relocate. An all-call will be coming soon asking for help to move our goods into our new crib. We'll be up and running in no time.



New Diggs

Keeping It Real, Keeping It Legal

Game wardens are always on the lookout for ways to make their Christmas just a little bit nicer, especially when sticking it to bug hunters. One hair from a gnat's butt too short? That'll be \$100, please. Let's make sure they get what they want from Santa the old fashioned way—credit card debt—by knowing the rules. Sure, old farts (seasoned professionals?) like Bob and Roy have this stuff down. But for the rest of us here's rules of the road, uh, water. Just go to the links.

Wing OI covering diving on base: <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/pubfiles/30sw/32/30swi32-701/30swi32-701.pdf>

2007 ocean fishing reg handbook: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/oceanfish2007.pdf>

Channel Island Marine Protected Areas: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/sportfish_regs/ci_mpa.pdf

Club Constitution: <http://www.az-prep.com/aqualliers/index/Constitution.pdf>

Common Cali shore fishes: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/sportfish_regs/nearshore_fishes.pdf

2007 In-Season Ocean Fishing Reg Changes: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/inseason2007.html>

Sport Fishing Reg Map: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/fishing_map.html

New protected area at Vandenberg AFB: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/sportfish_regs/ci_mpa.pdf

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April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
Wanna Add Something? Email the secretary						
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Club Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Memorial Day Campout	24 Memorial Day Campout
25 Memorial Day Campout	26 Memorial Day Campout	27	28	29	30	31

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Weather and Dive Conditions—Know Before You Go

Water Conditions

<http://buoyweather.com/> (Find Pt. Conception’s buoy & plug in for the ride)

<http://cdip.ucsd.edu/models/wave.model.shtml> (California Swell Models)

<http://facs.scripps.edu:80/surf/socal.html> (NOAA Buoy Data)

<http://www.nawcwpns.navy.mil/~weather/mugu/mesodata/analysis.html> (So Cal Wind Analysis)

www.tidesonline.com (Tide tables)

<http://www.tidelinesonline.com/> (Tide line charts)

Dive related links:

California Diving News: <http://www.saintbrendan.com>

PADI: <http://www.padi.com/>

Rodale’s Scuba Diving Magazine: <http://www.scubadiving.com/>

Divers Alert Network: <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

Current Dept. of Fish and Game Regs: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mapregs5.html#open>

Ron Fairbanks’ Boat: <http://santabarbaraoceanchararters.com/>

Sundiver Ray Arntz’s Boat): <http://www.sundiver.net>

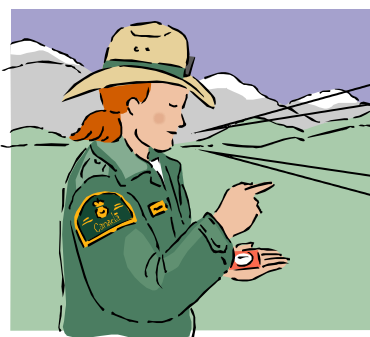
California Dive boats: <http://www.calboatdiving.com/>

Lights Out: Weekly night dives w/ the Paradise dive club: <http://kelp.chem.ucsb.edu/index.htm>

Easy Access, Mi Amigo, Easy Access

As a reminder, the boathouse is now under lock and key. As you might expect a key comes with a catch. Aha!! Dive club keys are for **diving**. Also, remember to have an active duty or retired military member diving with you, have a PADI card and your club card. Want to fish at the boathouse? Then sign out a MWR key for a buck. Any block-head caught fishing on a dive club key will be taken out back, and the club could lose its access to the

boathouse. And that won’t weigh nearly as heavily on your conscience as those concrete blocks tied to your ankles at deep reef.



Fishing eh? Let’s see that key.

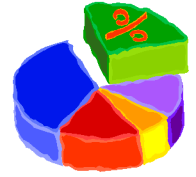
My Christmas just got nicer.



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Club Stats

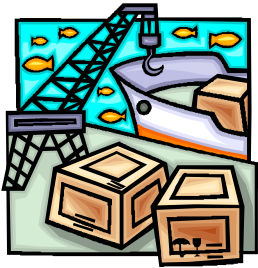


Here's some essential club cash-flow stats, just so you know where we stand:

Compressor acct: \$945.92 Trip acct: \$38.90 Checking acct: \$431.52

Missed the March Meeting and the Lobster Closer? Here's who you missed:

Jack Ward Roy Wurzbach Chris White Tim Butler Andy Wulfestieg Dick Bazzell
Curt Linse Katie Arntz Marcia Fortson Mike Martinez



Loading/Unloading Dock



Let's face it. We all have crap we want and crap we want to get rid of (so we can get more crap). That's the purpose of this section—to bring buyer and seller together to facilitate the mutually beneficial exchange of crap. Have something you want or want to get rid of? Email the club secretary at homiec.white@verizon.net

Wanted

1. Low pressure aluminum or steel 95 cu ft tank. Got one? Email Chris at homiec.white@verizon.net

Wanting to Sell

1. Sensus Pro data recorder. Essentially a black box for diving (records depth, temperature, etc). Bought in late 2004 (has a 10 yr battery). Has about 60 dives on it. \$60. Call Chris at 703-309-5330
2. A) Two plastic tank boots w/ straps that connect w/ the tank neck
B) Out of water pressure gauge
C) 5 lb lead weight
D) 2 measuring calipers
E) 6ft spear pole without tip

Interested in some or all? Call Jim at 448-2064

Want to offload some stuff? Email the secretary



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The Aqualliers is Vandenberg's Scuba Diving Club. The club has a large roster and a unique opportunity to dive in the pristine conditions of which most divers can only dream. Southern and Central California diving offers fantastic Kelp forests and an abundance of marine life. Specific dive interests within the Club vary tremendously and your interests can be shared once you begin to meet the different members. Special opportunities include the availability of numerous boats, local chartered and beach trips, weekend camp-outs, BBQ's and more. Come join the fun! (Please note: This is a private organization. It is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.)

Got Wet?

Diving Into the Past

You thought (and hoped) those pictures from yesteryear were lost with the secrets of Atlantis. Tube socks, mullets, big 'fros—we'd all like to forget. But not so fast. The 'Diving Into the Past' section reveals all. Here's this month's history lesson. Can you name these artifacts?

(Want to contribute a pic? See/email the club secretary. You'll get it back—honest!)



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