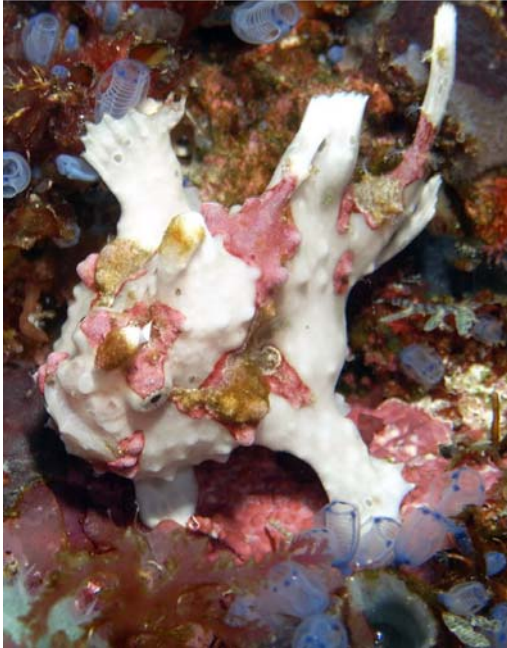


Laguna Sea Dwellers

The Orange County Dive Club

September 2008

September Photo Winner



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Calla Allison

Marine Protection Officer

September 17, 2008



Labor Day at Bird Rock was extra special for one of our club members. Find out why on pg 3.

Upcoming Events

September 5th

Club Mixer at Kimera in Irvine on Jamboree. 5:30pm.

September 13th

Beach Dive. Location TBA. 7:45am.

September 17th

Club Meeting at Newport Beach Tennis Club. 7:00pm.

September 20th

Farnsworth Bank on the Bottom Scratcher. 5:00am.

September 27th

Club Beach Dive and Picnic. Heisler Park. 7:45am.

October 3rd

Club Mixer. Purple Feet in Dana Point. 5:30pm.

October 15th

Club Meeting at Newport Beach Tennis Club. 7:00pm.

See calendar on page 4 for more events!

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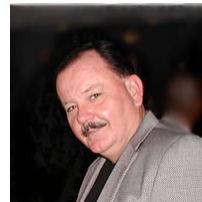
President's Message

Dear Members,

We are getting close to the end of the summer and have a busy last quarter! We have elections coming up, Lobster Season starts the last weekend in September, Catalina Trip the last weekend of October, the Holiday Party on December 6th and we are trying to start up a bi-monthly dive program that will promote divers to dive.

Lets start with the last subject: Bi-monthly dives. The idea is to help divers find a consistent group to dive with at the same time and several times during the month. Also, it is to get new divers into the water. Some of the fears that some of our regular divers have is that everyone will be going into the water at one time - NO! I will be there to stage divers going into the water. What we need are those experienced divers showing up and helping out.

If we can get the experienced divers to give up 2 dives per month and help other members, new divers, go for a great beach dive, that would be fantastic! We meet at a central location, determine a cove and then head to that cove and go for a dive. Once the



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September 2008 Photo Contest—Fish with Animal Names

And the winner is ... **Tom Gorman**

Sixteen pictures were submitted for September's contest. Eleven of fifteen eligible board members cast votes by assigning a numerical score of 3 to their first choice, a 2 to their second choice and an 1 to their third choice.

Tom's photo garnered four first place votes, two second place votes and two third place votes for a total of 18 points. Tom again took second place with 16 points and Julianne finished third with 6 points. Tom is now the recipient of \$25 and a chance at winning a special grand prize at year-end. Congratulations!

Now is the time to submit entries for October.

About the Photo

What:	Clown Frogfish
Where:	Philippines
When:	June 2007
Who:	Tom Gorman
Depth:	60ft
Camera:	Sea & Sea G8000 w/ YS90

Tom Gorman



Julianne Steers



Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!

Looking Forward to October...

Orange is where it's at. Of all the colors, orange is the most maligned. Maybe because it's a cross between lurid red and zippy yellow, fiery orange exhibits a kind of hyper hybrid vigor—it's more than the sum of its parts, way more. Perhaps because it is aggressively in your face (just like the defensive friendly Garibaldi that amass on our coast), orange is a color that almost forces people to take sides. No one is indifferent to orange. You either love it or hate it, though it will surround you on many a dive.

Fish, nudibranchs, even Aquaman (in his trademark figure-hugging orange and green tights) display the color orange. Many marine organisms flaunt bright colors like orange to warn aggressors that they are dangerous or just appear to be. Other organisms are brightly colored to attract a mate or to perhaps some prey. So, in the watery world, orange is pretty hard to miss.

Whether you like the color or not...In celebration of orange, please send in your pictures of all aquatic things orange.

Julianne Steers



President's Message (Cont'd from pg. 1)

first dive is completed, divers can go for a second dive if they choose.

This month it has been decided that we will meet at Heisler Park, at the north end where the restrooms are located, and then head out for a dive. You need to get there by 7:45am and find a parking spot. Put in only one quarter as we may be leaving the area. Or you can carpool to another dive location. Bill Manrow, once his foot is healed (it was broken), will continue to teach surf entries and offer continuing education classes at that time at no charge. Over the next few weeks we will see how this works out. Please keep in mind that this is a work in progress.

Next month we will start our election process. Yes, competing with the Democrats and the Republicans! This is the time of year for you to select your next Board of Directors and Members at Large. Also, it gives you the opportunity to step forward and give of your own time and become an officer of your Club. We as officers try to keep the Club moving and moving forward! It is challenging and most of all it can be fun! Look around at your buddies and see whom you may want to lead you in 2009. We will be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. Also we will be needing 10 Members at large. I will be sending out a copy of our By-Laws which gives the responsibilities of those being elected, so that you can make a choice as to whom you'd like to see get elected. Think about it, it may be your opportunity to work for the Club and make it better!

Lobster Season starts the 27th of September at 12:01am. We plan to have a lobster breakfast that morning and a Club Dive and BBQ later in the day. Look for a flyer on the event coming out soon. The week-end of **October 31st to November 2nd**, we will be over in Catalina diving and having a great time - you don't want to miss this party! We have made this trip several time over the past and it has always been a winner! For **\$395** you get a 3 day weekend, 2 Night hotel stay at the Catalina Inn, 1 Day diving off the Scuba Cat and unlimited diving at Casino Point. You will get R/T transportation from either Newport Beach or Long Beach on the Catalina Express, shuttle service for your gear to the hotel and a dinner party on that Friday night, the 31st, **it could be scary!** We have limited space, so don't be left out and sign up for the trip and get your \$50 deposit in as soon as you can. I am even diving on this weekend!

Last but not least, our **Holiday Party** on December 6th at the Newport Beach Tennis Club. This is always a great party and we will have more surprises! There will be dinner, decorations, music, dancing, prizes, surprises - oh did I say surprises! The dinner should be great. The music will make you dance and you will want to bring a friend! We will be having the Holiday Party flyer out shortly so look for it in coming emails.

So, stick around it is only getting better and we have lots more diving to do! **And remember, dive safe out there...**

Tom Gorman

New Member Drive

Changes in training at the shop have reduced our available pool of new members from dive classes. We need our members' help in growing our membership. The following incentives are available to our membership:

When: June 1, 2008 thru August 31, 2008

Refer 1 new member: 5 free raffle tickets

Refer 2 new members: \$25 and 10 raffle tickets

Refer 3 new members: \$50 and 15 raffle tickets

Congratulations Angi & Ron!

Rumor has it that Ron Burkard took Angi Froelich on a very special dive at Bird Rock (Catalina Island) this past weekend. It was at approximately 84 feet that Angi found an abalone shell containing, you guessed it, an engagement ring! And, she said yes!

Congratulations Angi and Ron!



Website

www.lagunaseadwellers.com

Check out our upcoming events

Hosted: by ECS

September Birthdays

Julianne Steers	1
Sue Manrow	2
Jerome (JR) Rafoth	4
Bob Legate	6
Karen Hillyard	7
Sandra Spoden	8
Paul Nguyen	9
Howie Gordon	12
Tom Gorman	16
Brenda Gustin	19
John Squicciarini	19
Tim Hayden	20
Ronald Passmore	20
Angela Metz	23
Keith Saddler	23
Jessica Simpson	24
Jane Martorana	30
Elissa Mayo-Thompson	30



Calendar of Events

September 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Club Mixer Kimera	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Club Dive Location TBA
14	15	16	17 Dive Club Meeting NB Tennis Club 7:00pm Calla Allison Marine Protection Officer		19	20 Farnsworth Bottomscratcher
21	22	23			26	27 Club Dive & Picnic
28	29	30				
October 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Club Mixer Purple Feet	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Beach Dive Location TBA
12	13	14	15 Dive Club Meeting NB Tennis Club 7:00pm Andy Salmon Sharks		17	17 Night Dive Heisler Park
19	20	21			24	25 San Clemente Island/ Club Beach Dive
26	27	28	29	30	31 Catalina Weekend	

Diving Milestones

200

- Terese Caraccio
- Rescue Diver**
- Margi Friedman
- 1st Solo Dive**
- Cathy Solomon

Laguna Sea Dwellers was formed to promote the sport of diving in our community. Congratulations to those reaching these important milestones! Have you reached an important milestone? If so, let us know @ lsd-news@cox.net.

Spend the Weekend Diving Catalina Island—\$395

October 31st—November 2, 2008

- Round trip transportation via Newport or Long Beach.
- 2 nights hotel stay at the Catalina Island Inn.
- Saturday boat diving onboard the Scuba Cat.
- Unlimited tanks and weights at Casino Point on Sunday.
- Dinner party Saturday night (alcohol extra)
- Gear transfer to/from hotel.

\$50 Deposit due now
Balance due by 09/15/08



Contact Bruce McKeon @ bhmckeon@cox.net
Or Tom Gorman @ (714) 319-7577



LSD Dives Anacapa Island

Our day at Anacapa was pristine! Blue sky, pleasant air temp, calm sea, visibility at about 40-50 feet, water temp at 66. For most of us, it was our first time on the Spectre – a decent boat with a full load of 40 divers. Each diver had plenty of space to gear up, and there were 4 places to exit the boat (6-foot giant stride drop off both sides, or a short climb down the ladder to the swim step and slide in off the back).

We did 4 dives at 4 different sites (although, all the sites were within about 200 yards of one another – so next time, we will ask for more variety). The area was teeming with giant black sea bass (maybe not exactly teeming, but they were supposedly there at every site). Some of us got really good looks...others (like yours truly) only got fleeting glimpses (so, my quest is still on!). We'll plan another trip out of Ventura Harbor or Santa Barbara soon and recommend the train up and back!

Just for fun, see if you can match up the names with the “embarrassing or notable moments” from the trip. (answers below):

1. Locked herself in the head	a. Dan Spear
2. Pee'd in his wetsuit for the first time – it's about time! (sure)	b. Richard Morrissey
3. Learned it helps to turn on the strobe.	c. Brian Hale
4. Very experienced diver couldn't control his buoyancy on 3 rd dive.	d. Cathy Solomon
5. Her 1 st solo dive!	e. Craig Staller
6. New diver showed awesome buoyancy skills!	f. Sherri Cubillos
7. Forgot his BCD!	g. John Staats
8. Did her 200 th dive!	h. Gary Sanders
9. Underweighted on 4 th dive and wound up feet up (those drysuit divers...).	i. Margi Friedman
10. Slept through his 2 nd dive (in his bunk).	j. Jean-Yves Couleaud
11. Newest LSD member!	k. Terese Caraccio
12. Did NOT lose his gear out of the back of the pickup truck this time.	l. Eric Eckes
13. Learned air-integrated dive watches are tricky and can cost a dive!	m. Fletcher McNair
14. 1 st one to see a giant black sea bass (supposedly)	n. Ron Passmore



Diving wasn't the only “hot” activity on the Spectre. Club members Cathy Solomon and Fletcher McNair.

Next report of “embarrassing or notable moments” will be from Farnsworth Bank on September 20th. There may still be spots available. There are still plenty of spots available for our San Clemente trip on October 25th. Contact me if you are interested.



Cathy Solomon

Anacapa Quiz Answers

1f, 2j, 3i, 4l, 5d, 6m, 7e, 8k, 9h, 10a, 11n, 12c, 13g, 14b

Dive Travel w/ Gorman Dive Adventures

Raja Ampat, Indonesia

- **January 2nd—17th, 2009.**
- 7 nights aboard the Adventure II Live Aboard
- 5 nights at the Kasawari Lembeh Resort
- \$5,424pp dbl occupancy.

Only 4 spots available!

Dominica

- **June 18th—27, 2009.**
- 8 days / 7 nights hotel w/breakfast.
- 5 days/2 tank boat dives.
- 1 night stay in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- \$2,399pp dbl occupancy.



Only 5 spots available!

Dive with sperm whales!

2008 Boat Dives

Sep 20th - Farnsworth. \$125.

Oct 25th - San Clemente Island. \$150

Questions? Contact Cathy Solomon
at cathysolomon@sbcglobal.net
or 714-612-5321.



August Raffle Winners

Bottomscratcher boat trip – Julianne Steers

Diver Tool – Jane Mortorana

Tank Carrier – Nancy Kluge

Mask – Dan Eisenbeisz

Diver's cleaning kit – Steve Craig

Wet suit hanger – Gretchen Lindelof

Snorkel - Rich

Blue Planet DVD – Henry

Laguna Sea Dwellers

Welcomes our newest members...

Jane Collier
Allie Farinacci
Doris Farinacci



Ron Passmore
John Staats

In case you missed it...

Highlights from the August 2008 Meeting

The meeting started a little late since our guest was having some problems with his presentation...meaning his computer! Jeff Bozanic our guest speaker had to be given a few moments to set up his presentation so we delayed the meeting for a short while. What that did was allow many of the Club Members to get their new Club ID.

Brent Fairbanks was there making ID's for every one! He had the whole set up, camera, ID machine and help to put them together. If you have not gotten your Club ID try to get one at the next meeting. The Club is picking up the tab for the first go around, and if you lose it, it will cost you \$5 to replace. The ID's are to be used to get your Club discounts at Laguna Sea Sports, SSA-OC Dive Shop, and Scuba World Dive shop located in the City of Orange.

Club Elections are coming up and members were asked to start thinking about who they would like to be running the Club for 2009. Nominations will be taken in the middle of September and elections will be held in October. If you are interested in running, please contact a Board Members.

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Continuing Education with R.E.G. DIVERS

Congratulations to Margi Friedman for successfully completing her Rescue Diver certification this past month. Margi's training was a team effort with R.E.G. Divers Instructor Eric Eckes providing the training and club members Russ Johnson, Cathy Solomon, Dan Spear and Tim Williams acting as Margi's victims. They made great rescue "dummies!" Margi's rescue course consisted of classroom work, ten rescue training exercises, and four open water rescue scenarios. Needless to say, Margi demonstrated exemplary skills as she didn't lose a victim!

Taking continuation education with R.E.G. Divers will not only improve your diving skills, it can be plain fun as often we include club members in the training process!



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- Feel better after multiple dives in one day.

Call R.E.G. DIVERS now to schedule your EAN training!

In case you missed it...

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The weekend trip to Catalina was brought up and many raised their hands saying that they wanted to go. Please, if you did raise your hand, contact Tom or Cathy and give your deposit. The dates are Oct. 31st to Nov. 2nd.

The next Club Mixer is at Kimera in Newport Beach on Friday the 5th. We will be going to Purple Feet in Dana Point for wine tasting on October 3rd.

Jeff finally got his program going and like Jeff always does, he entertained everyone! Part of his presentation was on his, and his son's, trip to South America and Antarctica. Then he showed us the value of using rebreathers in diving. He showed some fabulous picture of sealife he was able to get up close to, using his rebreather. As always members had question after question for him and it was one of our longer presentations. All asked if Jeff could make it back again next year. We will be working on that.

See you at the next meeting and don't forget to sign up for the Catalina Trip at the end of October.

Tom Gorman

Scuba Gear Special

Scuba Pro BC's W/ Air 2's or Regulators bought during September, divers will get a Uwatec Prime wrist computer free or a 2 Gauge Prime Computer for \$25 or a 3 gauge Prime Computer for just \$50. Also, Aqua Lung Aqua flex Wetsuits are on sale for \$249, normally \$400.

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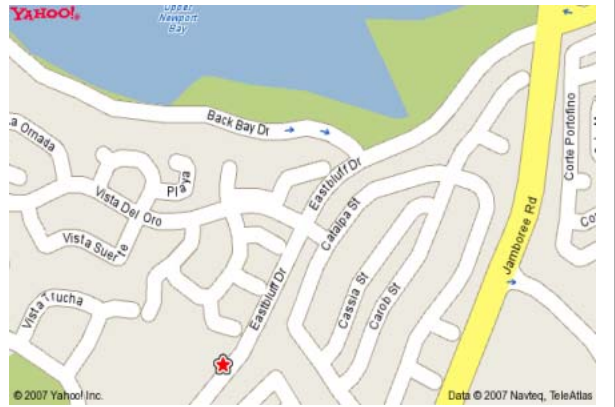
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(Location - Off 73 and
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Meeting starts at 6:30pm



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Next Club Meeting: September 17, 2008

