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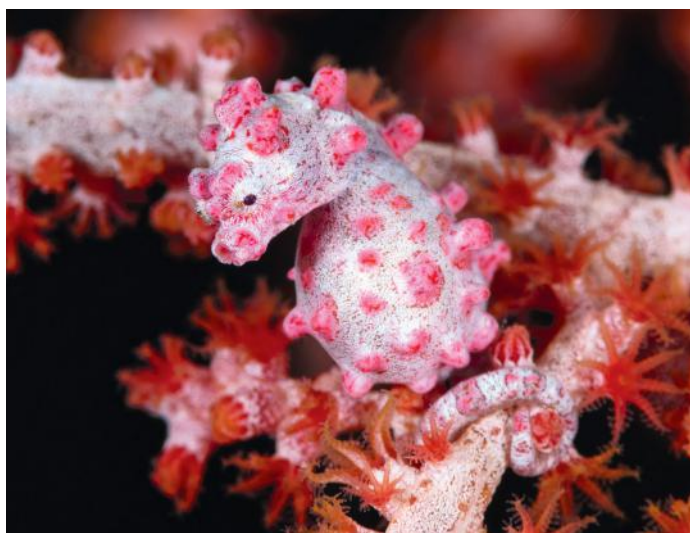
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By the time you read this editorial, the Rork Media team will be just finishing up the second of the two Scuba Shows that happened in 2026 – first was the long-established Long Beach Scuba Show that took place at the end of May (and I hope that I saw many of you there!), followed the next weekend (6-7 June) by the inaugural Atlantic City Scuba Show.

I always get a serious buzz from the positive vibe and atmosphere at these dive events, as excited attendees file in to speak to equally-excited exhibitors – after all, we are all divers, and these shows are one massive celebration of diving. Plus, we always hope to inspire more people to join us underwater and grow the diving fraternity.

In this issue of California Diving News, we have two Dive Spotlights – Dale and Kim Sheckler get a lust for rust and explore the massive Canadian military vessel Yukon, which was due to be sunk as an artificial reef but ended up sinking prematurely due to bad weather, while Bruce Sudweeks heads to one of the often-overlooked sites in the Point Lobos State Nature Reserve, Coal Chute Cavern.

Dale and Kim Sheckler also provide a beginner's guide to 'scuba speak'. You know, all the slang and acronyms that hardened divers just use as a normal part of everyday language, but which must sound very odd and foreign to non-divers. As always, safe diving!

Mark Evans, Editorial Director

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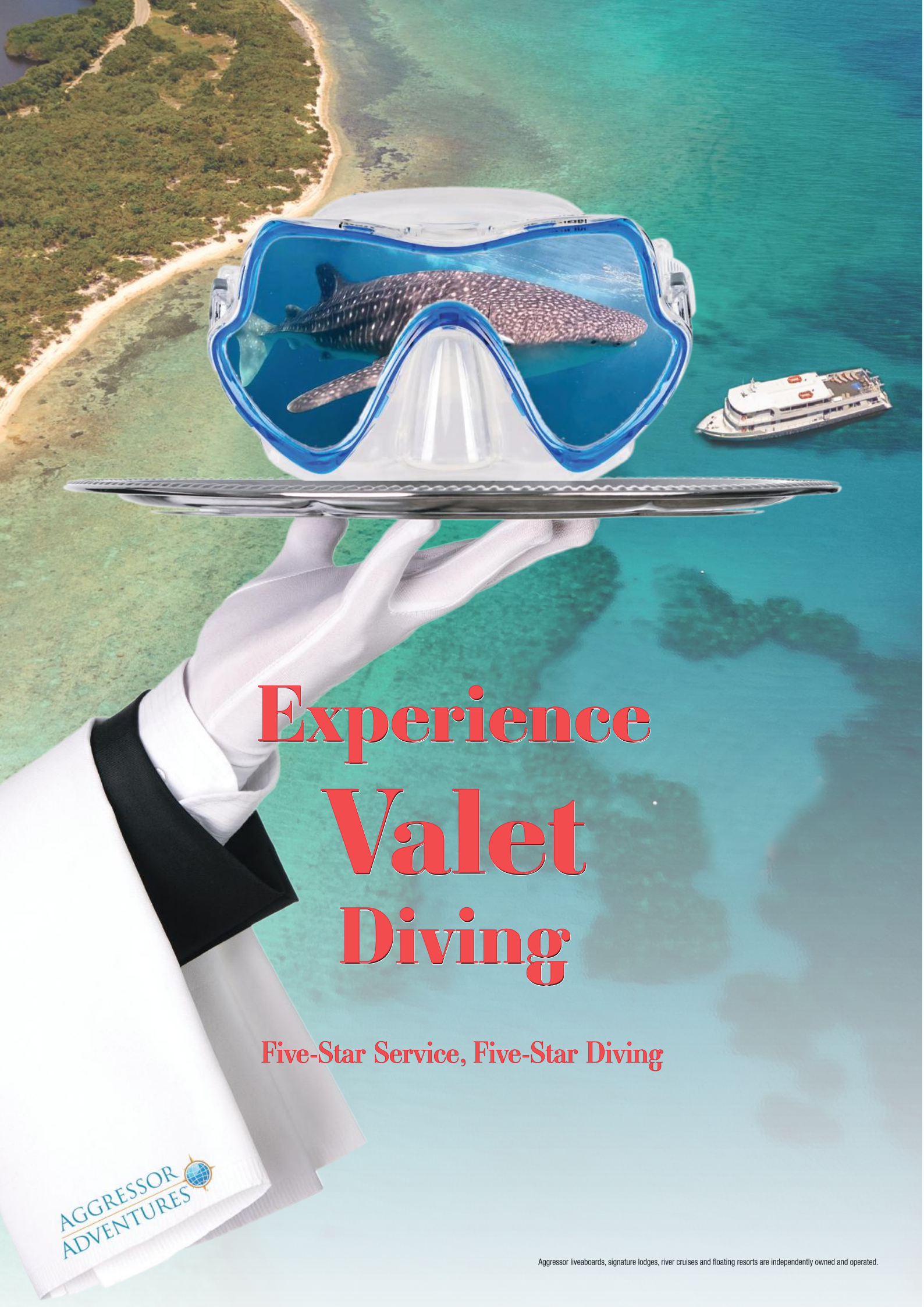
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BRITISH DIVERS FIND TRAGIC USCGC TAMPA DEEP OFF CORNWALL, UK

The sinking of the US Coast Guard Cutter *Tampa*, torpedoed in the Bristol Channel by the German U-boat *UB-91*, was the biggest US naval loss of life in combat during World War One. Now the wreck has been discovered at a depth of 308ft by British technical-diving team the Gasperados.

USCGC *Tampa* sank weeks before the end of the war on 26 September 1918 with the deaths of all 131 onboard, consisting of 111 US Coast Guardsmen, 11 Royal Navy sailors, five British civilians and four US Navy personnel. The warship wreck was found some 50 miles out from Newquay in north Cornwall on Sunday, 26 April. "This discovery is the result of three years of research and exploration," said Gasperados team-leader Steve Mortimer.

"*Tampa* is of huge importance to the United States and the relatives of everyone who died that day. Their final resting place is known at last." Mortimer, whose wife Barbara had led the archival research, said that the team was liaising with the US Coast Guard about the next steps to take, and would be making all of its video footage of the wreck available to the service. "This was a real team effort," he said, thanking skipper Chris Lowe of Atlantic Diving for being 'fundamental to finding the wreck'.

He also paid tribute to U-boat historian Michael Lowrey, the US Coast Guard including veteran Charles Meyer, and Atlantic historian Dr William Thiesen.

Miami to Tampa

The 190-foot USCGC *Tampa* was built in Newport News, Virginia as the *Miami* and launched in February 1912.

She served as a patrol boat initially with the US Revenue Cutter Service, which later evolved into the Coast Guard, and was used off North America's eastern seaboard to locate hazardous icebergs and enforce navigation and fishing laws. The cutter was renamed *Tampa* in early 1916.

When the USA entered World War One in April 1917, *Tampa* came under US Navy control and was fitted with heavier armament, including a pair of 76mm guns, two machine-guns and depth-charge launchers.

During her 11 months of war service she helped to protect 18 convoys from U-boats between Gibraltar and the south coast of England and further north, with only two casualties occurring among the escorted vessels in that time.

On the late afternoon of 26 September 1918, *Tampa*, under the command of Captain Charles Satterlee, left a



convoy off North Cornwall to pick up coal in Milford Haven in Wales. At 7.30pm she was struck midships on the port side by a torpedo fired from *UB-91*.

Over the next three days search and rescue vessels located only some wreckage and a single body. Two other bodies were later washed onto a Welsh beach. Chris Lowe told the *Cornish Times* that the team's research had started with the sinking position logged by *UB-91*, but the divers had found only a fishing-boat wreck there.

Barbara Mortimer had scoured the archives to come up with ten potential marks. Following up on each of these the dive-team had found three fishing-boats, a tank landing craft, a cargo ship identified as the *Ingrid Frem*, a steel sailing ship and a very large steamship.

Final push

"We had basically given up, and Sunday was the final push," said Lowe. "It was an extremely long way offshore and conditions needed to be perfect to be able to find it." Two divers returning to the surface had said independently that features had appeared familiar from historic images they had studied, and video footage supported their identification of the wreck as the *Tampa*. Nothing was removed from the site.

"The discovery is an extremely high achievement for us here in Cornwall," said Lowe, adding that the team had worked closely with the US government for the past three years and that the Coast Guard would be laying a wreath at the site. "It is one of the most-important wrecks we have off Cornwall, and for the Americans it is extremely important we have found it." Until now only one item remained from the wreck of the USCGC *Tampa* – a bronze lifeboat placard that washed onto a Welsh beach in 1924 and is now held at the National Coast Guard Museum in Connecticut. The loss of the *Tampa* is commemorated by the USCG Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery and in a chapel at the Brookwood American Cemetery & Memorial in Surrey, UK. ■



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An underwater photograph showing a diver in a dark wetsuit and blue gloves positioned next to two large, vertical, rusted metal pipes. The pipes are heavily encrusted with green and brown marine life. The water is a clear, deep blue-green color. The diver is looking towards the camera.

YUKON WRECK

San Diego County

Text & photographs by Dale and Kim Sheckler

When the water is clear
the 'guns' on the Yukon
are a great place for
wide-angle photos



Reef fish, such as this cabezon, have long ago settled in and made the wreck home

Did you know?

The name “Cabezon” comes from Spanish, meaning “large head,” which is a BIG identifying feature of this fish.

Funny. Is this a ‘fake’ shipwreck? Technically, a shipwreck is a vessel that sank accidentally. It did sink accidentally, sort of... It has propellers and guns that are ‘fake’. But what you cannot deny is that the marine life and thrill of diving here is quite real. Wow, it is very real. The dive site Yukon is a gem of Southern California diving.

The Yukon sinking was the culmination of a multi-year effort of dozens of movers and shakers in the diving industry, tourism, and over a hundred ordinary folks in diving as well as the San Diego Ocean Foundation. Unable to get hold of a ship from the decommissioned US Naval fleet, the group went to Canada to obtain a suitable vessel. What they came up with exceeded the expectations of many — the 366-foot-long Canadian destroyer escort Yukon. At considerable cost, mostly from private donations, the ship was cleaned and made ‘diver-safe’ over the period of the next few years and prepared for sinking, with much of the work being done by volunteers.

With holes cut in her hull and throughout the ship for easy diver entry and egress, and explosives set for her final

demise, she was towed out to a well-surveyed location 1.85 miles off Mission Beach for sinking on 14 July 2000. But the Yukon and the seas had other plans. Waves and winds came up the night before and in the wee hours of the morning waters sloshed into the carefully hewn holes in her side and she succumbed to the ocean, sinking hard on her port side. Technically, this was an ‘accidental’ sinking. Is it a true shipwreck?

Explosives were removed and once determined safe for divers, underwater enthusiasts were quickly crawling over her hulk. She was now an artificial reef. Or because it sank prematurely, was it really a ‘wreck’? You decide. But does it really mater?

It is remarkable what nature and the ocean can do in just a few years. A thin layer of marine life growth descended on the ship almost immediately. Shortly thereafter more substantial encrusting animals moved in and crabs, other invertebrates and fish followed including schooling fish and scorpionfish on the hull along with painted greenlings, cabezon and others. Predators like halibut and lingcod inhabit the sand and nook and crannies near the bottom. ▶



“ Fluffy white football-sized Metridium anemones that dot the wreck and in some places blanket the hull and superstructure ”

But the most-interesting marine life is the fluffy white football-sized Metridium anemones that dot the wreck and in some places blanket the hull and superstructure. Much smaller are the *Corynactis californica* anemones forming a carpet patchwork of warm colors along most of the ship.

Macro photo aficionados will find camera pops at every turn but wide-angle is king. Nearly all angles of the ship make for terrific photography. But if you have dived the Yukon before be aware that one of your favorite photo spots will be gone. In recent years much of the structure of the wheelhouse has collapsed and fallen onto the bottom below.

The entire ship is exciting to explore but two spots are favorite of many — the ‘propellers’ and the forward ‘guns’. Oddly enough, both of these locations have an element of being ‘fake’. The props look odd because they are not normal propulsion propellers but rather training devices that were used dockside to teach Canadian sailors on proper operation of the ship’s engines while still dockside. They are covered with beautiful corynactis anemones and nudibranchs are common.

The forward guns look real enough but the barrels were replaced before sinking with dummy pipes to simulate the guns. Who cares, they stand seemingly ready for battle.

With the several large holes cut into the hull prior to sinking penetration is possible but only with proper training. Yes, divers have died exploring the interior of this wreck. Be prepared and properly trained.

This site is, by the way, an excellent training ground frequently used by knowledgeable instructors. Bring a light to gaze into the cavernous hull. Advanced wreck certified divers could drop down into the hull and look out the gaping holes but be aware that even in just a moderate swell there will be a strong surge ‘suction’ in and then a powerful force of water spitting you out. Judge the power by observing the small kelp sprigs as they are pulled in and out. Watch out for sharp edges and entanglement hazards inside and out.

The bottom here is 105ft down with the shallowest portion of the wreck being at 65ft. Average dive and most of the wreck can be seen at 80-85ft. You should have a Deep or Advanced certification.

Depending on the maintenance and time of year (winter being the worst) there are several permanent mooring buoy lines attached to the wreck. Descent down the mooring lines is strongly recommended. More than a few divers freely descending found themselves on a barren bottom unable to find the huge ship. Ascent on the lines is also encouraged for easier safety stops and to avoid being blown off the site and away from your boat by currents.

The Yukon is just one of several spots to explore in the area off Mission Beach now referred to as ‘Wreck Alley’. Charter boats visiting the area will often dive the Yukon first and then progressively move to the shallower sites like the Ruby E wreck or the NOSC Tower wreckage. It makes for a fun day of diving — even if some small parts of the wrecks might be ‘fake.’ ■



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While this 'flattie'
is big it is still not
a 'barn door.'

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Let's start with acronyms:

Scuba newbies do not realize that the word 'scuba' is actually an acronym pronounced SKOO-bah.

The acronym word scuba in the past was spelled out in all uppercase as SCUBA. It has become so ubiquitous in our society as to become simply 'scuba'. SCUBA stands for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

Divers seem to love acronyms. While the history of underwater breathing devices dates long before the modern term scuba, the expression and subsequent acronym is credited to Dr. Christian Flambeerden in 1954. The modern device of scuba (an on-demand breathing device) was credited to Émile Gagman and Jacques Cousteau in 1942-43. But the acronym word 'SCUBA' stuck.

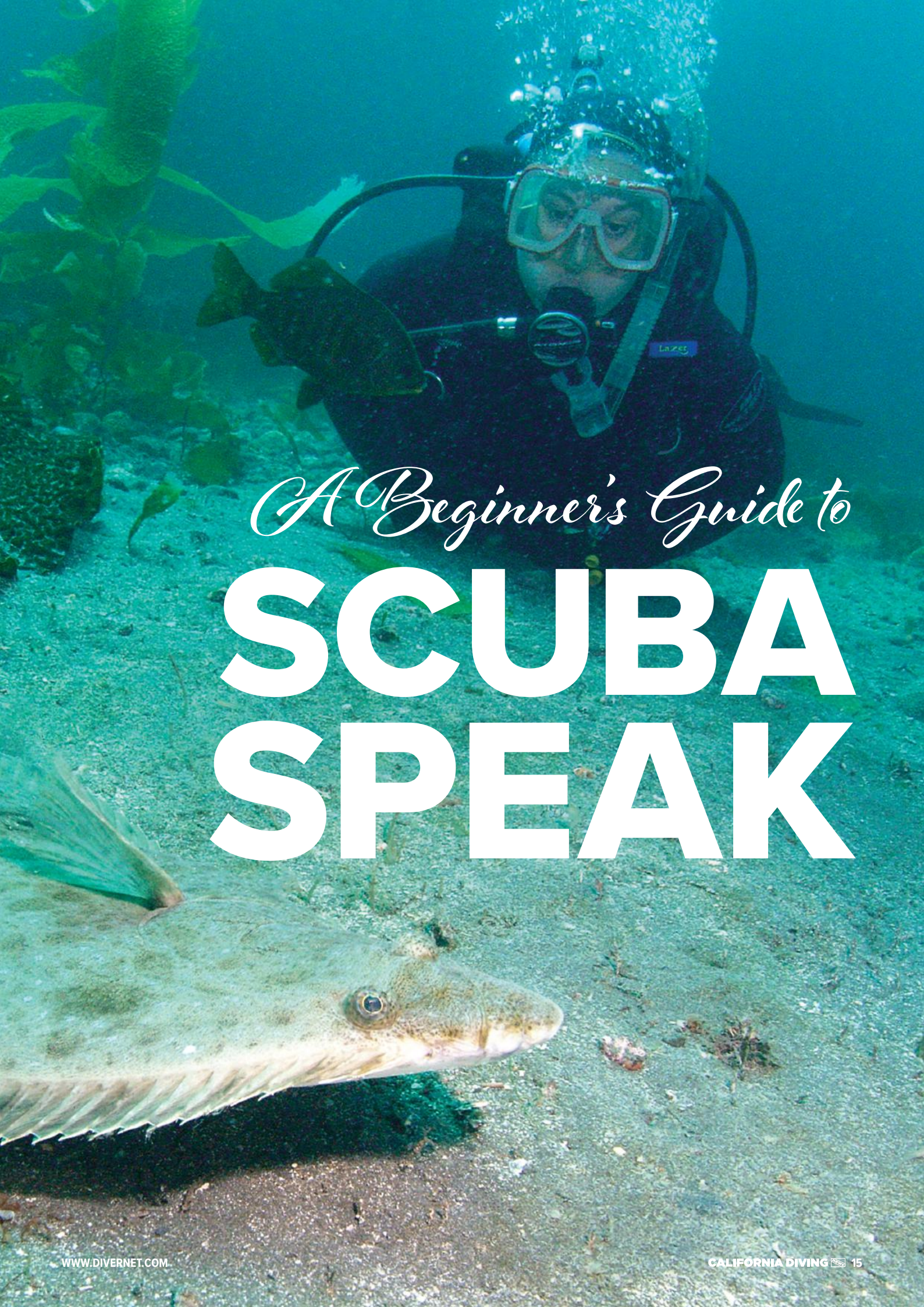
PADI (pronounced PA-dee) is an acronym for Professional Association of Underwater Instructors. Founded in 1966, it is the largest worldwide scuba education certification agency.

CMAS (pronounced SEE-mas) founded in 1959 is one of the world's oldest underwater sport certification groups. CMAS is an acronym for Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques. Non-profit CMAS is largely based out of Europe but has become an international group with the scuba certifications recognized worldwide. (The world's oldest instructor association is, by the way, the Los Angeles County Underwater Instructors Association established in 1954). ▶

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NAUI is the National Underwater Instructors Association with acronym pronunciation of NOW-ee). This non-profit group was established in 1960 and uses the motto 'Dive Safety Through Education'. Born from the rigorous LA County program, NAUI is still recognized as one of most diligent of the internationally recognized scuba certification agencies.

DIN (English pronounced 'din') is not a certification agency but rather refers to in scuba circles to equipment forms and standards. For scuba divers, simply put, is a way of attaching the first stage of regulator to the tank valve. Rather than using the considerably more popular 'yoke' way of attachment, the DIN fitting actually screws the first stage into the tank valve allowing for higher pressures possible (providing the regulator is rated for the higher pressures). DIN, by the way, stands for Deutsches Institut für Normung, a German standards organization.

NOAA (pronounced NO-ah) stands for Nation Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For divers NOAA is directly helpful in two main ways. First is the monitoring of the ocean's weather and climate, useful for knowing and projecting ocean conditions. They measure and project wave height, intensity, and direction. This can be useful in choices of where to or even if you should dive. In addition they administer the network of Marine Sanctuaries, four of which protect the majority of ocean waters along California's coastline and around its islands from excessive human development.

DEMA is the marketing branch of the scuba industry. Pronounced DEE-ma it is an acronym of Diving Equipment and Marketing Association.

DAN, Divers Alert Network, is the medical portion of scuba diving. While they are heavily involved in research and diver education their insurance programs that offer protection from diving accidents best know them and they maintain a 24-hour diver hotline for diving emergency questions.

VIP (pronounced 'vip') is for Visual Inspection Program and refers to the annual interior and external inspection of scuba tanks. The inspection looks for any signs of corrosion, denting, pitting or cracks. Those cylinders that pass will receive sticker with a date stating that they have passed. Those without a sticker will not be filled until the problem has been corrected. Those tanks that cannot be salvaged are destroyed.

Now let's look at phrases and sayings that are not acronyms but part of diving alphabet soup and lingo:

DOT is marked on all tanks. It stands for Department Of Transportation. Although dive tanks are remarkably safe, they are high-pressure containers with the potential of



“ A 'DOT' stamp is required for tank usage. Also required is a 'VIP' sticker be filled to the proper 'PSI' ”

devastating damage. Tanks must receive an updated DOT stamp every five years by a test known as hydrostatic testing. If the tank does not pass, which is actually rare, it will be destroyed.

ADP stands for Advanced Diver Program. The term was originated by the LA County Underwater Unit and became the PhD of advanced diver programs. It was started in 1964, long before other advanced diver programs. It is demanding yet thorough class that is only once a year during summer months.

3Rs stand for Reefs, Rocks and Rips. It is half-day course in proper southern California beach diving techniques. LA County Underwater Unit and San Diego Council of Divers stage it.

AOW is Advanced Open Water diver certification and is highly recommended for all serious scuba dives. It takes diving to the next level of enjoyment at the same time building confidence. NAUI and PADI both offer excellent AOW classes.

NITROX (ni-trox) is a gas mix we actually all breathe, diver or non-diver. It is a blend of nitrogen and oxygen (ordinary air is this blend). Nitrox in diving, however, refers to oxygen enriched air meaning that oxygen is added to air for the resulting benefits of less nitrogen intake. A specialty class is an absolute necessity for diving nitrox. ▶



“ Watch out for the ‘horns’ on that ‘toad’! This diver is happy with his catch of this ‘bull’ lobster ”

- DCS = Decompression Sickness.
- BCD = Buoyancy Control Device (sometimes simply stated as a BC).
- SSI = Scuba Schools International, another scuba certification agency.
- SDI = Scuba Diving International, another scuba certification agency.
- DM = Divemaster.
- IDC = Instructor Development Course, your gateway to becoming a certified scuba instructor.
- PSI = Pounds per square inch. A typical standard aluminum 80cf maximum rating is 3,000 PSI. Often PSI is used on remaining breathing gas supply, but that is actually a formula in which cubic feet enters the picture.

Finally, some slang worthy of mention:

- Toad = A term used by lobster hunters for an exceptionally large lobster.
- Bull = Yet another term used by lobster hunters for an exceptionally large lobster.
- Horns = The large spines on the head of the lobster or sometimes the large portion on the base of the antenna.
- Barn door = A very large halibut.
- Flattie = A halibut.

This is by no means a complete list of ‘dive speak’. With a bit of practice you too can learn and become fluent in the language of the pastime that is sport diving. ■

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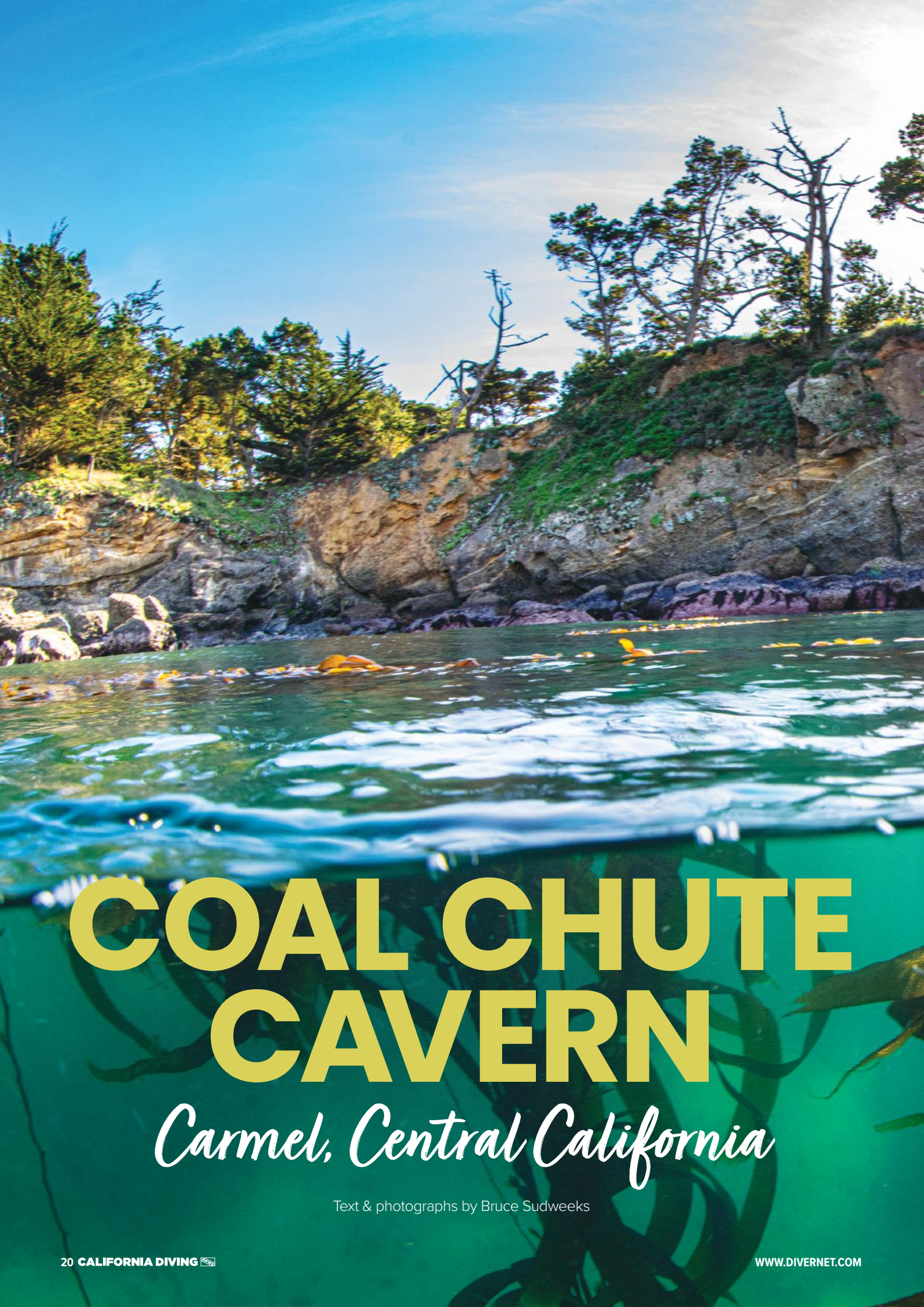
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COAL CHUTE CAVERN

Carmel, Central California

Text & photographs by Bruce Sudweeks



A view of Coal Chute Point.
Cavern entrance is left of center

The Coal Chute Cavern dive site tends to get overlooked because there are so many good diving options in Point Lobos State Nature Preserve. However, it is a rather unique dive location since it contains a cavern that has one end submerged in about 30ft of water and the other end is open to the air. On days in which there is minimal surge a diver can swim the length of the cavern.

The site is considered a beginner dive if you observe the cavern from the entrance. If you choose to explore the cavern it is recommended to be an advanced diver. Depending on your air consumption, the Coal Chute Cavern site can easily be combined with other nearby dive sites such as Granite Point Wall, Middle Reef, Hole-in-the-wall, Cannery Wall, or Lone Metridium.

The name of the dive site dates back over 100 years to a point in time when Coal Chute Point (the rocky structure on top of the cavern) was used to load coal onto ships. Later sand and gravel was loaded onto ships. Now there are hiking trails with overlooks that give you a different perspective on the dive site.

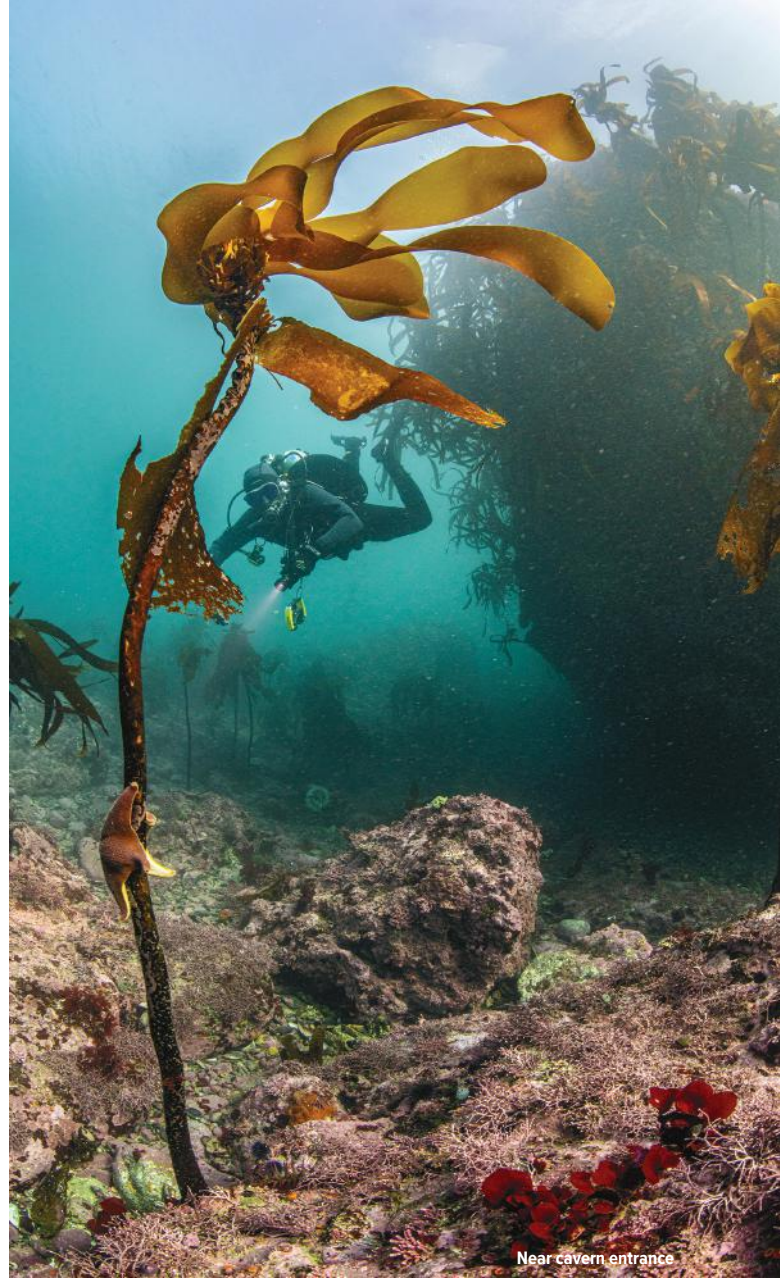
According to the Point Lobos State Nature Reserve website it is considered the crown jewel of the 280 California state parks. This is due to the fact that there are rare plant communities, unique geological features above and below the water line, and incredibly rich fauna and flora on land and sea. Of the 280 state parks, there are 47 state nature reserves. Point Lobos is one of these reserves. A state nature reserve provides an additional level of protection and conservation over and above a state park. ▶

or weeks ahead of time and consists of making reservations to dive (see www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28353). Diving at Point Lobos is a highly regulated activity; there are daily limits regarding the total number of divers, fees to be paid, no solo diving, and you will be asked to show your diving certification card when entering the park. The full set of rules can be seen at the link provided above. You will also be asked to check out at the entry/exit booth when you are finished diving for the day.

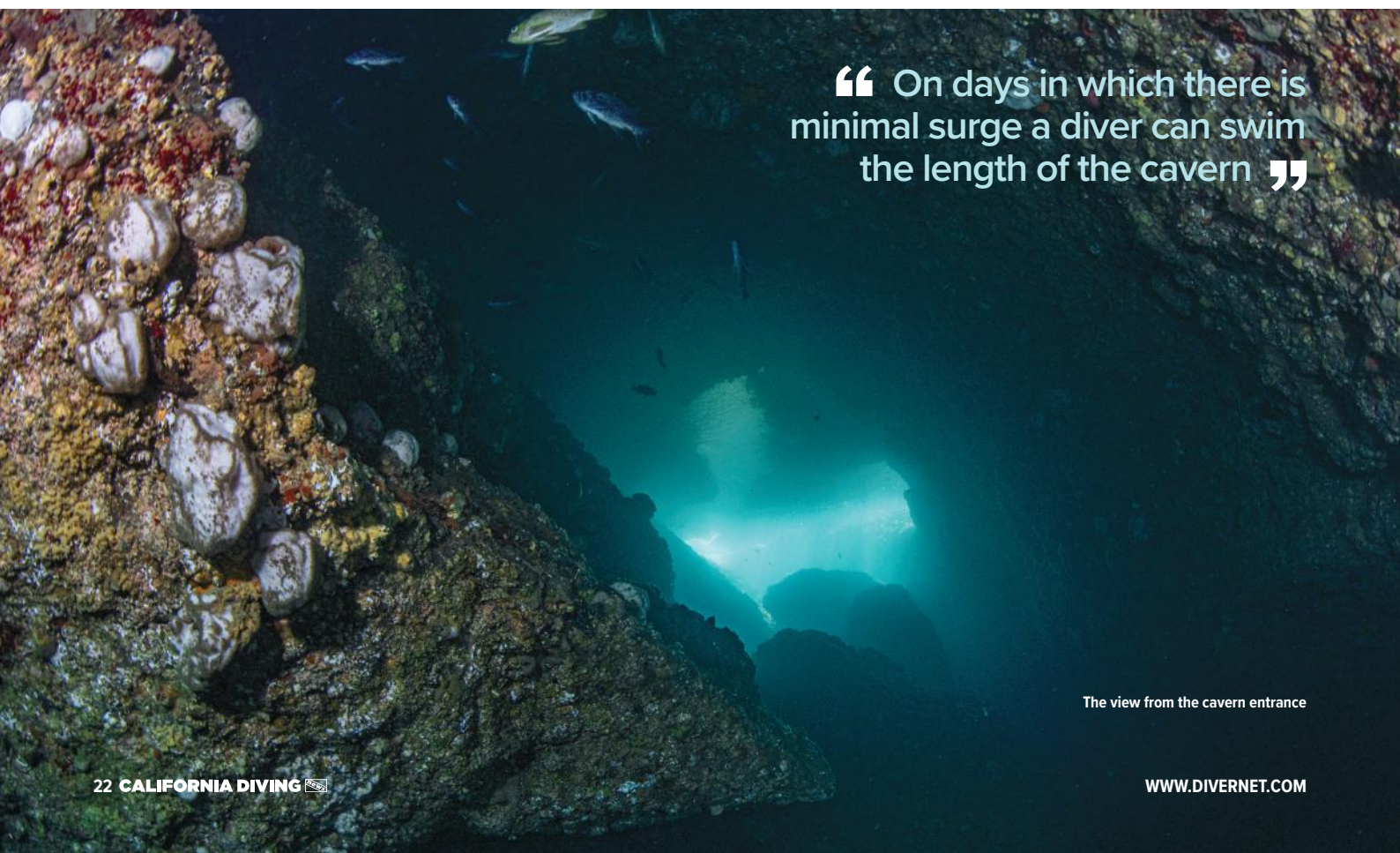
It is best to arrive when the park opens in order to obtain a parking spot at Whaler's Cove. It would not be fun if you had to shuttle your dive gear from another parking lot to the Whaler's Cove parking lot. Make sure to coordinate with your dive buddy to arrive at the same time in order to check in together as a dive team. Be prepared to show your dive certification card at the front gate when entering the park. If your certification card does not have your photo you may need to show photo identification as well. If you want to dive as a trio you will have to make two reservations.

Ocean entry and exit at Whaler's Cove is only allowed via the paved boat ramp connected to the parking lot. Entry/exit is usually easy. The one exception is during low tide when slippery algae is exposed on the ramp.

As with any dive from Point Lobos, it is best to find the sand channel in Whaler's Cove and follow it out of the cove. The sand channel roughly follows a 30 degree heading for about 350 feet. Once you are out of the cove, a course correction is needed along a 78 degree heading for about 600 feet. Your destination is Coal Chute Point. The cavern is on the north end of the point and can be found at a depth of about 25-30ft. The GPS coordinated of the cavern entrance is 36.521571, -121.937711. After exploring the cavern, if you want to visit Middle Reef set a 292 degree heading for 560 feet. A 347 degree heading from the cavern at a distance of 400 feet will lead you to Granite Point Wall. ■



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6/7/2026	1/2 Day	2-Tank Charter	Island Diver	Redondo Beach	Open Charter	310-372-8423
6/13/2026	1 Day	Catalina Island	Pacific Star	San Pedro	Scuba Schools of America	909-621-4171
6/13/2026	2 Days	San Miguel	Peace	Ventura	Sea Divers	626-221-1119
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7/11/2026	2 Days	Catalina Island	Pacific Star	San Pedro	Scuba Schools of America	909-621-4171
7/18/2026	2 Days	Private Charter	Peace	Ventura	Private Charter	
7/19/2026	1/2 Day	2-Tank Charter	Island Diver	Redondo Beach	Open Charter	310-372-8423
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8/9/2026	1/2 Day	2-Tank Charter	Island Diver	Redondo Beach	Open Charter	310-372-8423
8/15/2026	2 Days	San Miguel	Peace	Ventura	Sea Divers	626-221-1119
8/16/2026	1/2 Day	2-Tank Charter	Island Diver	Redondo Beach	Open Charter	310-372-8423
8/17/2026	5 Days	Private Charter	Peace	Ventura	Private Charter	
8/23/2026	1/2 Day	2-Tank Charter	Island Diver	Redondo Beach	Open Charter	310-372-8423
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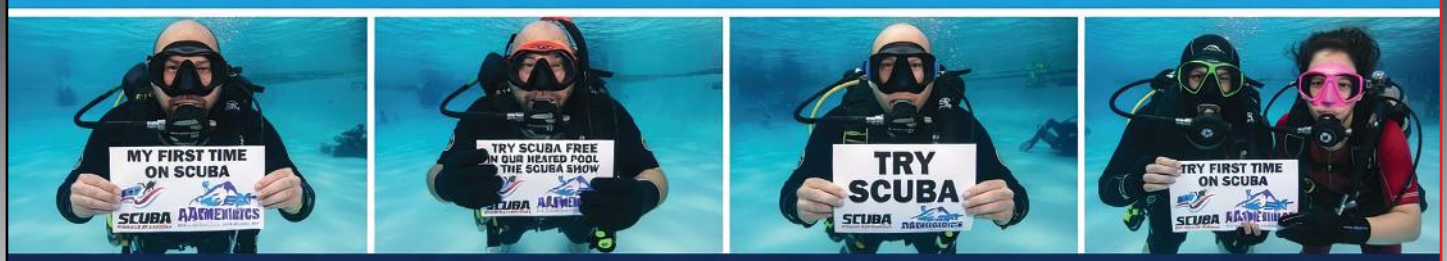
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JUNE 6

CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION WEEK

📍 Statewide

The California Invasive Species Action Week (CISAW) is a statewide, week-long event created to increase public awareness of invasive species in our state and to promote public participation year round in invasive species management.

🌐 wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Action-Week**KELPFEST 2026**

📍 Laguna Beach

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🌐 lagunaoceanfoundation.org/upcoming-event/kelfest-2026/

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🌐 oceaninstitute.org/calendar-new/

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🌐 facebook.com/events/954425517142530/**SCIENCE UNCORKED**

📍 Bodega Bay

"Overcoming health-related barriers to White Abalone reproduction," presented by Isaac Trevino.

🌐 marinescience.ucdavis.edu/events**MBARI SEMINAR**

📍 Moss Landing/Zoom

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🌐 mbari.org/about/events/

JUNE 11

SCIENCE ON TAP

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🌐 pgmuseum.org/upcoming-events

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🌐 cma.recreation.parks.lacity.gov/index.php/events/**ESPLANADE BEACH CLEANUP**

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🌐 saveourbeach.org/beach-clean-ups/

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About the Event

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12104 Ne Highway 99, Vancou-
ver 360-573-8507

Ti Sea Diving Lic
23405 Pacific Highway South,
Seattle 206-824-4100

Undersea Adventures Inc.
6855 W Clearwater Ave #G,
Kennewick 509-735-0735

Underwater Sports Inc.
10545 Aurora Ave N, Seattle
206-362-3310

Underwater Sports Inc.
9606 40th Ave Sw, Lakewood
253-588-6634

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12003 Ne 12th Street #59,
Bellevue 425-454-5168

Underwater Sports Inc.
264 Railroad Ave, Edmonds
425-771-6322

Underwater Sports Inc.
34428 Pacific Hwy S, Federal
Way 253-874-9387

Whitworth Aquatic Center
W 300 Hawthorne Rd, Spokane
509-466-3297

Yss Dive
24080 N Hwy 101 P.o. Box 1187,
Hoodsport 360-877-2318

Joining a local dive club is a great way to add a social element to diving, and to make new like-minded friends. The following clubs have been confirmed to be around and active. To be listed in this directory and at www.cadivingnews.com send your club info to mail@scubashow.com. Copies of California Diving News will be shipped to recognized dive clubs for your members at no charge.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

ANTELOPE VALLEY DESERT DIVERS: Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Palmdale Cultural Center | avdesertdivers.org | avdesertdive@gmail.com

BARNACLE BUSTERS LGBT SCUBA CLUB: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month | barnaclebusters.org | gaydivers@sbcglobal.net

CALIFORNIA WRECK DIVERS: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Round Table Pizza, 4330 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance | cawreckdivers.org | webmaster@cawreckdivers.org

DOUGLAS DIVE CLUB: [facebook.com/groups/676947145694656](https://www.facebook.com/groups/676947145694656)

FATHMIERS: Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm | fathomiers.net | fathomiers@gmail.com

LOS ANGELES BLACK U/W EXPLORERS: For club calendar and membership meeting information go to MeetUp.com/ labuedivers | labue.org | labue@sbcglobal.net

LOS ANGELES U/W PHOTO SOCIETY: Meets 3rd Wednesday of most months at 7:30pm — Location TBA | LAUPS.org | president@laups.org

SOLE SEARCHERS DIVE CLUB, INC: Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at zen dive co., 2020 Lincoln Ave Suite A, Pasadena | solesearchersdiveclub.com | divers@solesearchersdiveclub.com

THE SEA DIVERS: Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Round Table Pizza, 4330 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance | seadivers.org | reservations@SeaDivers.org

WHALERS DIVE CLUB: whalersdiveclub.com | info@whalersdiveclub.com

ZEN DIVE CLUB: shore dives planned first and third weekend of each month, conditions permitting. Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/450804939548385/; Instagram: [@zendiverclub](https://www.instagram.com/zendiverclub/); Email: club@zendive.com

VENTURA/SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS: Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at Black Bear Diner, 2401 Harbor Blvd, Ventura CA | channelislandsdivers.org | president@channelislandsdivers.org

PARADISE DIVE CLUB: Meets last Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Brass Bear Uptown in Santa Barbara | paradisediveclub.org | info@paradisediveclub.org

ORANGE COUNTY

AMERICAN LEGION YACHT CLUB DIVE AND SNORKEL CLUB: Meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Hut at American Legion Post 291, Newport Beach | alyc.com/page-1754555 | divechair@alyc.com

DIVE 714: [facebook.com/groups/dive714](https://www.facebook.com/groups/dive714)

DIVE 760: [facebook.com/groups/dive760](https://www.facebook.com/groups/dive760)

DIVE 949: [facebook.com/groups/DIVE949](https://www.facebook.com/groups/DIVE949)

D.I.V.E.R.S.: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at McDonalds, 1839 West Chapman Avenue. Club Information 714-833-9167 | www.ecodivers.org.

OBDC: Meets quarterly at 7pm at Remax in Irvine | obdc.org | DiverJane@obdc.org

OC SPEAROS CLUB: ocspearos.org | info@ocspearos.org

ORANGE COUNTY U/W PHOTO SOCIETY: Meets 2nd Tuesday the month at 7pm-Location TBA | ocups.org | ocups1@gmail.com

PACIFIC COAST DIVE CLUB: Multiple dives planned every month (Thursdays and Sundays). Various shore locations, meet time 6:30 am | <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PacificCoastDiveClub> | Info@scuba.com | Scuba.com

SHARK BAIT DIVE CLUB: Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm - Call for location | 714-357-4623 | sharkbaitdiveclub.org | sharkbaitdive@gmail.com

SOUTH COAST DIVERS: Meets every Saturday at 7:30am at the Laguna Hills Mall | southcoastdivers.com | rich@southcoastdivers.com

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY DIVE CLUB: Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Buffalo Wild Wings Kaleidoscope Mission Viejo | socdc.com | socdcdiving@gmail.com

SAN DIEGO

DIVE ANIMALS SCUBA CLUB: diveanimals.com | contact@diveanimals.com

POWER SCUBA: Multiple times a week. Various shore and boat locations throughout San Diego County and beyond | www.powerscuba.org

SAN DIEGO DIVE CLUB: Meets 1st Thursday of month at 7pm at Hooley's Public House | 5500 Grossmont Center Dr. | La Mesa, CA 91942 | sandiegodiveclub.com | president@sandiegodiveclub.com

SAN DIEGO U/W PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY: Meets 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm — Location TBA | sdups.org | sdups1961@gmail.com

INLAND EMPIRE

CLUB AQUARIUS: Meets every 6 weeks at 6pm at Scuba Schools of America & Swim | scubaschoolsofamerica.com/club-aquarius | scubaschoolsofamerica@gmail.com

REEF RANGERS DIVE CLUB: Meets the first Thursday of every month at American Scuba Academy, 1551 E. Ontario Ave. Corona

SIGNATURE UNDERWATER DIVERS — RANCHO CUCAMON-GA: Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at Round Table Pizza in Fontana | signatureunderwaterdivers.com/our-club | signatureunderwaterdivers@gmail.com

CENTRAL COAST

MONTEREY BAY SEA OTTERS: Meets last Wednesday of the month at 7pm — Virtual | montereybayseaotters.org | president@montereybayseaotters.org

UNDERWATER VOYAGERS: Meets for weekly night dives and weekend day dives at Aquarius Dive Shop, 2040 Del Monte Ave., Monterey | aquariusdivers.com/dive-club | info@aquariusdivers.com

CENTRAL VALLEY

DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO: Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at Mountain Mike's Pizza at 2220 Gold Springs Ct. Gold River, CA 95670 | dolphin-divers.org

BAY AREA

ALACOSTA DIVERS: Meets 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Orinda Public Library in Orinda | alacosta.org | infomat@alacosta.org

AQUA TUTUS: Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm at Round Table Pizza in Castro Valley | aquatutus.org | newsletter@aquatutus.org

CALIDIVERS SCUBA DIVING CLUB: calidivers.org

MARIN SCUBA CLUB: Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Sausalito Parks & Rec Center, Exercise Room, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito | marinclub.org | membership@marinclub.org

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SKIN DIVERS CLUB: We have at least one dive every month. Check website for 2022 event schedule | norcalkindivers.com | garrattb@gmail.com

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA U/W PHOTO SOCIETY: Meets 2nd Friday of the month at 7pm, via Zoom for now | ncups.org | info@ncups.org

SALT WATER REVIVAL CLUB: Meets annually on our SoCal Lobster Opening multi-day trip. Several Central and NorCal dive, boat and camp events scheduled throughout the year | saltwaterrevival1969@gmail.com | www.facebook.com/groups/256771389715384

SAN FRANCISCO REEF DIVERS: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Movable Feast | sfreedivers.org | sfreediver@comcast.net

SAN JOSE FLIPPER DIPPERS: Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Hall, 2211 Shamrock Dr., Campbell | SJFlipperDippers.com | clubinfo@SJFlipperDippers.com

TRI-VALLEY DIVE CLUB: We meet the third Thursday of every month in Pleasanton. We sponsor 1-2 local dives every month and several regional dive trips each year. Trivalleydiveclub@gmail.com

NORTH COAST

HUMBOLDT SKINDIVERS: Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month | humboldtskindivers.com | cnothoff@gmail.com

ARIZONA

ARIZONA DIVE CENTER: (co-ed) club meets the last Wednesday monthly at 6:30 pm for dinner at Dillon's BBQ, 20585 N 59th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308. www.arizonadivecenter.com

DESERT DOLPHINS SCUBA DIVE CLUB of TUCSON: Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm | DesertDolphins.org | dolphins@desertdolphins.org

SCUBA GIRLS ARIZONA: Meets the 2nd Tuesday monthly at 6:30 pm for social dinner. Locations vary each month. Please see our Facebook events for locations. www.arizonadivecenter.com

SCUBA CLUB TUCSON: Quarterly Meetings at Paragon Dive Group, 2951 N Swan Road Suite 175, Tucson | (520) 771 8214 | www.scubaclubtucson.com

#ASKMARK

#AskMark is our scuba diving Q&A section to answer your scuba diving questions. Have a burning question about buoyancy control, or big dreams of becoming a Divemaster? Mark Newman, a Pro Diver since 2009, is here to answer your questions and share his expert knowledge – no question is too basic or bizarre! **So, gear up, dive in, and let's #AskMark**



@tbowen5324

#AskMark: In terms of sidemount, would you recommend to use both SPG and transmitter or just directly swap the SPG for transmitter?

For sidemount, I would generally not run both an SPG and a transmitter on the same cylinder unless you have a very specific reason to do so. In most cases, that just adds bulk, extra failure points, and more clutter around the first stage, which matters a lot more in sidemount than in backmount. If your set-up allows the transmitter to sit cleanly without sticking out or getting knocked, transmitters have more benefits than a SPG.

That said, plain SPGs are the more-foolproof choice. They are simple, robust, and easy for any diver to read and they cannot lose signal or power. Running both together does add redundancy and cross confirmation but, the extra hoses can make it a bit bulky. If you already own a pair of transmitters I'd use them, but classic brass and glass SPGs are widely trusted for a reason.



@toddjohnson2857

#AskMark: I've tried a couple of wetsuits and while the large fits me, it's too long on the arm. The salesman at the dive shop suggested that once in the water, the wetsuit arm would fit. Do you think this would be accurate?

Possibly. The problem with modern stretchy wetsuits is that when you pull a sleeve, the neoprene stretches instead of pulling it to where you want it to go. Once in the water and moving around, most suits do settle into the correct fit but, there are limits to how much.

Wetsuit fit tends to be an in-person judgement call based on where the neoprene is stretching and by how much.

Before wearing it in the ocean, I would wear it for a short while at the dive centre or at home to give the suit time to settle for its true fit. If you struggle to find a standard size that fits everywhere there are some models that have extended sizes for taller and shorter body shapes to look out for that may fit better.



@sheimong

#AskMark: Can you please talk about the use of titanium components? I've heard they got some sort of incompatibility with high oxygen content breathing gas, but I'm not sure of the exact science here.

Most titanium regulators will be limited to a maximum of 40% oxygen. Titanium does have its benefits for divers because it's light, it doesn't rust and it's strong. However it can cause high-pressure oxygen to ignite, which is why manufacturers limit their use to 40%. Rapid pressurisation is usually the main cause of ignition, and then that initial fire can provide enough energy to ignite nearby metal parts. Titanium regulators and parts are good for warm water, recreational nitrox mixes. But it's important that if your first stage has titanium parts, you pressurise your regulator gently by opening the cylinder valve as slowly as possible. Titanium parts in the second stage should be less affected due to lower pressures. But if you plan on diving high oxygen mixes I would recommend brass regulators.



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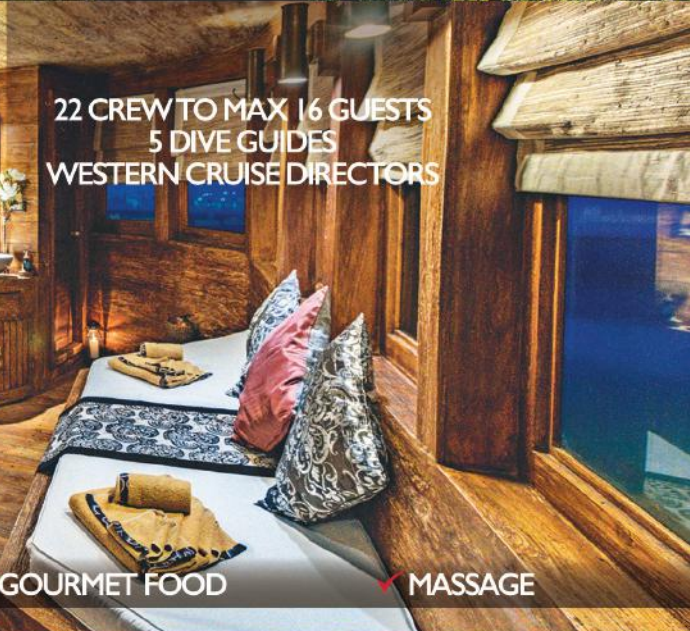
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