

The Buoy Tender

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President's Message

Well, April is behind us now and we are definitely moving out of the winter diving season. There are lots of signs of Spring out there. The kelp is starting to grow; eggs are appear-



Courtesy of Rapture of the Deep Photography

ing everywhere; the Cabazon and lings are guarding their clutches. At least I think all that is happening because the spring bloom has reduced visibility in many places. We even had some low viz dives on our trip aboard the Swell earlier in the month.

The next major Club social function is the Annual Picnic. The date is July 9th and we have confirmed the reservation at our usual site at Woodland Park. Look for a Meetup soon with more details. It's always a fun event and this year should be no different.

Speaking of events, the calendar is looking a bit thin. It seems like we need a dive planning party soon to get it filled for the next few months. If you'd like to host one, please let Kimber know and we can get it on the calendar.

Our program this month will be George and Andrea from Ocean Quest Dive Charters. They will be letting us know about their operation. A group of us will be diving the Narrows from their boat the day of the meeting so we can give you some first-hand feedback on the boat and the operation.

Keep diving and try to stick with your buddy.

Cover Photo

Taken by Jason Breyer.

The photo of a Flabelline was take at Keystone Jetty on Whidbey Island.

This Month's Guest Speaker

By Gene Coronetz

Our Guest Speakers are George Potts and his 'first mate' Andrea. George is the owner of the new 'Ocean Quest' Dive charter boat based in Des Moines. Come find out what exciting day trips George & Andrea can provide; bring your inquiries about special or far flung dive locations...

Steve Kalilimoku

Article About Steve as Published by [Pacific Northwest Diver](#)



When Dan asked to do an article on me as a featured photographer I was apprehensive. I have a Canon ELPH300 (\$149) point and shoot with a waterproof case (\$179). My light source is the cameras built in flash and an \$89 Princeton Tec shock-wave (400 Lumens) hand held light.

Now this doesn't sound like a featured photographer's kind of equipment and for that reason I was not going to do it, until I realized there are more people like me with cameras setups under \$500, and it is for those people I decided to do this.

I reside in Bellevue, WA with my wife Shahla and we had decided to retire (2016) on the Big Island of Hawaii, since I was born and raised on Oahu. So I thought, why not take up scuba diving (Dec 2010) and offset my cost of living by spearfish my dinner. I have yet to spear anything. I found photographing critters to be much more fun. After I joined Marker Buoy Dive Club I found myself not being able to identify or explain what critters I saw, so out of necessity I bought my camera.

I do mostly shore dives with night dives being the best for me. There are much more interesting critters to choose from when the sun is gone. My favorite sites for night diving are Junkyard at Alkai Beach, Three Tree, Des Moines and recently Redondo Beach, but on the south side of the fisherman's pier. For day dives Saltwater Park, Three Tree, Keystone Jetty and Skyline.

I started using Macro about 7 months ago with good results and have had some pretty good luck. My camera flash will overpower the left side of my image leaving the right side darker. I use MS Photo Pacific Northwest Diver: Steve Kalilimoku Gallery, which came with my desktop computer to make adjustments to my shots. I also got a good tip from a very good photographer, Jim Boone. He said to put small strips of electrical tape across the flash to help reduce the intensity. Using my Princetec light helps me with backscatter, especially when directing the light from above the subject. Another thing that I do is use my dive buddies' light, whether intentional or unintentional. Usually when they light up a subject I would move in, they will hold the light on the subject until I'm done, But remember, if they are not taking pictures don't stay there to long.

I believe my strength is composition and not the actual quality of my shots. It just looks good even when bad. Luck is another one for me. I once got condensation built up in my camera and everything was foggy through the viewer, but I still took 5 or 6 photo, one of which was a group of anemones that came out beautiful. All of the anemones were orange and pink and out of focus save one, which was sharper. That one anemone made that photo a keeper.

"Look up!" You'd be surprised as to what we miss by only looking down. I got a shot of a jellyfish above me in 6ft of water coming out from under the MaST center's pier at Redondo. The sun was high and water was dripping off the pier making water rings in the background, that was a keeper.

One final thought. You will get much better shots from below your subject, as professionals always say, but you can get even lower with your smaller camera. If the shot looks different to you

take it and see what it looks like once downloaded, you may be surprised, as I have been many times over.



Plumose Anemone Releasing Sperm



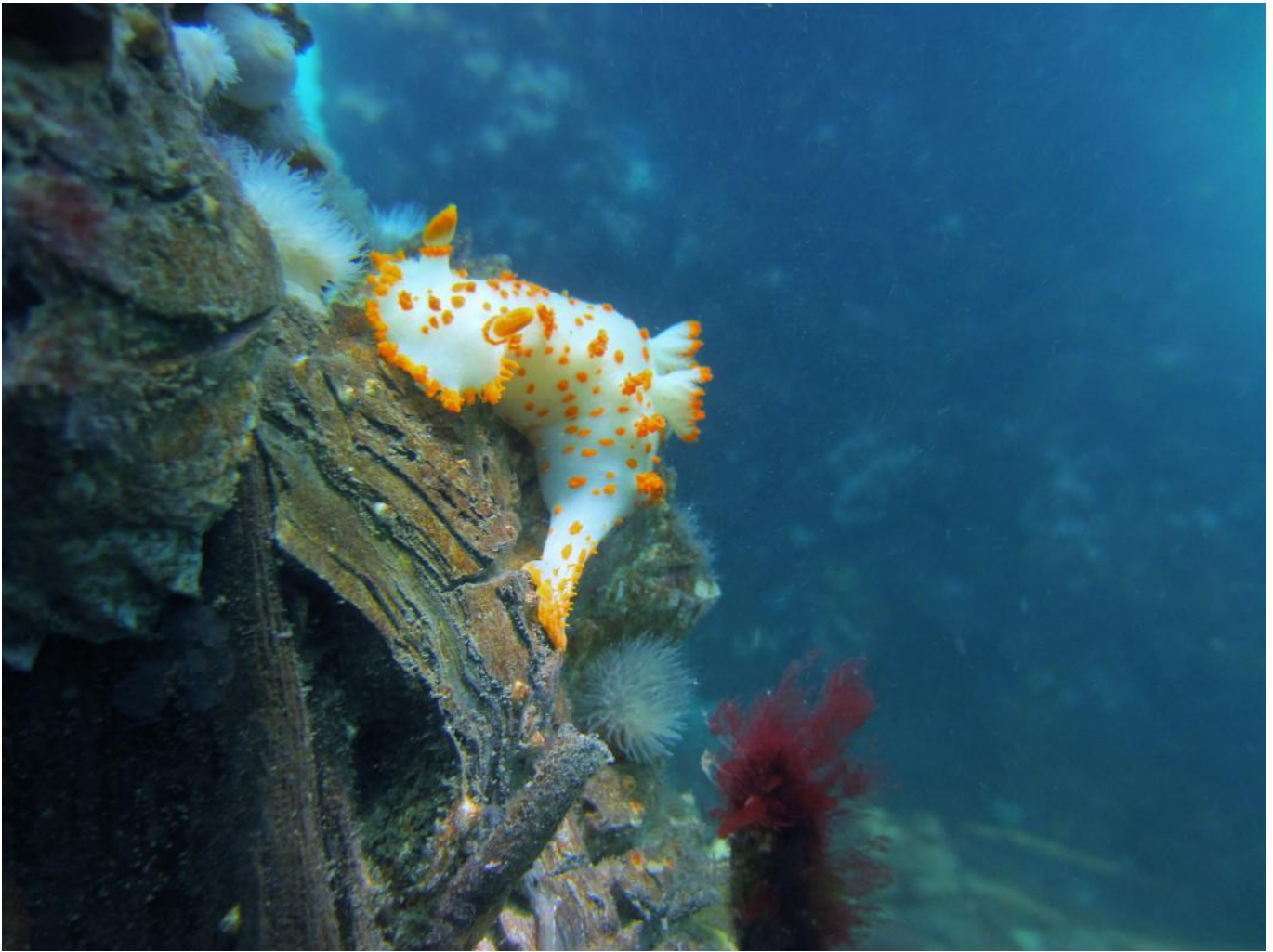
Burrowing Anemone



Sturgeon Poacher



Moon Jelly



Clown Nudibranch

God's Pocket Fire | Nautilus Swell Sale

By Dan Clements

It has been a tough month for Pacific Northwest dive operators.

First off, there was a devastating fire at God's Pocket that took out generators, compressors, pumps, batteries, and desalinators. Next we learned that Nautilus Swell will cease operations the end of this year. The boat has already been sold.

For those of you who would like to help Bill and Annie get back on their feet, we are encouraging folks to purchase a God's Pocket gift card, and pay it forward back to the resort. To purchase a God's Pocket Gift Card by Credit Card, either call 250.949.1755, or e-mail info@godspocket.com. Checks can be sent to God's Pocket, PO Box 130, Port Hardy BC V0N-2P0.

Here is Bill and Annie's description of what happened.

"On April 14th at 6pm we were all sitting around an amazing dinner which all of us at God's Pocket had assisted in preparing for our 12 wonderful friends. The power went out.

Shortly after a 1-minute stroll to the generator shed, we found ourselves scrabbling for fire hoses and pumps, making an emergency call to coast guard and coordinating a safe evacuation of 14 people and one pooch. Thirty minutes later there was nothing left of our entire infrastructure. Our generator shed and all equipment were melted down to nothing. No one was injured. Loads of tears and scratching of the heads, but otherwise all is well.

Many of you asked what you could do to help. At this point we mostly need to get our ducks in a row before we start making calls to accept all the offers of labor. We aren't quite prepared for that yet but we will be very soon. The one thing that would be most helpful to us is cash flow. We are not looking for charity; we invite you to visit our website and see if there are any dates that appeal to you in the 2015/2016 season. Your deposits will be very helpful in rebuilding God's Pocket.

We have new gift cards that can be purchased for your own use, or to pass on to a friend. The gift cards will have no expiry date and can be purchased in the following denominations: \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000 and \$2,500."



Smoke from fire in generator shed



Shed after fire

Upcoming Dive Trips

By Eugene Coronets



Contact: Gene Coronetz @ 206 351 9864 and see our Meetup Post

DIVE CALIFORNIA'S CHANNEL ISLANDS | May 29 to June 1, 2014

Thurs 5/29 to Sun 6/1; Aboard the MV Raptor, Ventura Harbor. This is a re-schedule the same midweek trip originally planned for 4/22, but cancelled for lack of subscribership. 4 days diving, 3 dives/day cost approx. \$500.00. Add airfare (\$100.00 ea way to LAX, prox) and a share in a rental vehicle (van- \$110/day divided amongst us) & Hotel (IN Ventura Harbor @ about \$109.00/night double occ.) we depart Seattle Wed morning, 5/28.

By Dan Clements



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ROATAN PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH MICKEY CHARTERIS AND STEVE ZEDEKAR | June 21 - 28, 2014 | Workshop \$200

Join PNW photographer Steve Zedekar and Roatan photographer and author Mickey Charteris for a week of digitally capturing Roatan's vast and varied sea life. Mickey is the author of Caribbean Reef Life and is recognized as an expert in all things aquatic! Workshop will be based at West End Divers and all diving will be off one of their boats. Contact Steve Zedekar at 360-609-8228 or email zekeandboone@gmail.com for more information.

Price is for the workshop: does not include transportation, lodging, diving, meals.



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CAMPBELL RIVER AREA SALMON RIVER AND SALT WATER DIVING | August, 10-17, 2014 | Trip estimate \$1,400/Person

We have a few spaces left for a special Vancouver Island trip in August. Spend two days in the Gold and Nimkish Rivers photographing salmon and wide angle with Eiko Jones. Then spend the next four days diving around Quadra Island with Abyssal Diving. We will stay at Taku Lodge on Quadra Island. Costs include lodging, two days river diving with lunch, four days of two tank diving with Abyssal.

Objectives: Salmon, wide-angle river canyon, sea lion, Salish Sea marine life.



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ADAMS RIVER, BC SOCKEYE SALMON RUN | October, 8 - 11, 2014 |
Trip estimate \$1,000

This coming Fall will see several hundred thousand sockeye salmon return to the world famous Adams River. This is an exploratory trip in anticipation of the dominant 2014 run, where several million salmon return. The plan is for two days of 2 tank boat diving with Copper Island Diving, including lunch, with afternoon salmon photography/observation in streams. Price includes lodging and diving, does not include transportation to Chase, BC.

Objectives: Sockeye salmon.



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ANILAO'S CRYSTAL BLUE WITH MARLI WAKELING | March, 15-25, 2015 | Trip estimate is \$1,965

Critter expert and outstanding underwater photographer Marli Wakeling is combining forces with Crystal Blue's Mike Bartik for a Philippine adventure in the Spring of 2015. Price includes food, lodging, diving, surface transportation from Manila to the resort. Not included are air to and from Manila, and alcoholic beverages. A \$500 deposit is required to hold a spot. If you are interested, please contact Marli Wakeling.

Objectives: Nudibranchs, frogfish, mimic octo, blue-ring octo, wonderpus octo, blue ribbon eel.



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MONTEREY SHOOTOUT | August, 2014 | Trip estimate \$800

Want to improve your underwater photography, be inspired by some of the top marine videographers and photographers, and party with a great group of folks? If so, then join us for the NCUPS 2014 Monterey Shootout. Lots of diving, photographing, seminars, and socializing. The exact dates have yet to be finalized, but the event is normally held in late August or early September. This year we are looking to charter a boat for our group.

Objectives: Improve photo skills, harbor seals, sea otter, sea lion, rock fish, macro subjects.

About Marker Buoys

[The Marker Buoy Dive Club](#) of Seattle meets at 7:00 PM, the first Wednesday of each month (except July, which is our annual picnic) at the [Sunset Hills Community Center](#), **3003 NW 66th St. 98117** in Ballard. The Marker Buoy Dive Club is one of the most active dive clubs in the Pacific Northwest. Membership level is around 150. Our members include some that are new to diving or to the Seattle area. Many have over 1000 dives in their log.

In addition to hosting many dives each month, monthly meetings are held at the Sunset Community Center in Ballard. Monthly meetings give members an opportunity to give reports on club dives of the previous month, information on upcoming dives, and occasionally slide and video presentations of dives. A guest speaker related to scuba diving, the marine environment, or something of interest to divers is featured every month. Club-sponsored activities include over 100 dives each year, dive planning parties, an annual picnic at Woodland Park, and an annual banquet.

General Club Policies

DIVER'S EDUCATION

The club will reimburse members \$15 for successful completion of advanced certification courses that increases the member's competency and safety. Limit of 3 reimbursements per club member per calendar year. Courses that qualify are advanced diver, rescue diver, dive master, instructor, nitrox, DAN O2 Provider, and initial First Aid & CPR (non-renewal). Reimbursement for other courses subject to board approval. Just show proof of course completion to David Riley, Treasurer, for your reimbursement.

MEET UP/ MARKER BUOYS

Join our members only on-line web group! Find a last-minute dive buddy, ride, or directions to a dive, trip reports, as well as our newsletters: <http://www.meetup.com/Marker-Buoy-Dive-Club/>

WEIGHT BELT REPLACEMENT POLICY

The club will reimburse any member who ditches weights in what they consider an emergency during any dive, anywhere. The reimbursement is for replacement cost of all items ditched and not recovered, up to a maximum of \$150.

SPONSOR A DIVE, EARN AN AIR CARD

Dive hosts receive an Air Card good at local dive shops when 6 Marker Buoy members participate on the dive. The Club Oxygen Kit counts as a buddy as long as one member of the party is O2 trained. Limit of 1 Air Card per club member per calendar month. The club has two O2 kits - currently with Kimber Chard and Gene Coronets. To request an air card, complete the "[Dive Host Air Card Request Form](#)" and submit it to the Treasurer, Dave Riley.

Membership

Members must be a certified diver and 18 years or older. Any certified diver under 18 is welcome on club dives if a parent is a club member and comes as their buddy.

MARKER BUOY 2014 BOARD

President: Mark Wilson

Vice President: Kimber Chard

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