



Barbary Coast Bulletin

The Monthly Newsletter of the Barbary Coast Divers

October/November 1999

Next Meeting: The Christmas Party!!!

All meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at
ROUND TABLE PIZZA ON GEARY AT 16TH AVE.

Parking at the Ross parking structure costs \$1/hour.

Upcoming Dive Club Events:

**Mussel-Picking with Carol and Curt on New Year's Day
Dive if the Conditions are good**

Diving at Big Sur on January 15, 16, 17 (Martin Luther King Holiday)

For both events, call Carol.

At Our Last Meeting:

**New club officers for 2000--show up at the
Christmas Party and cast your vote!**

Dive trips for 2000--see January's newsletter for the list of trips.

Time to pay dues!

The cost is \$35 per person or couple, which includes a subscription to CenCal diver club. CenCal represents all divers in California and lobbies for rights of access to snobby places like Stillwater Cove and Pacific Grove.

Send check payable to Carol Reed, 150 Sadowa, San Francisco, CA 94112

If you have questions, call Carol at 415-668-6662 (work) or 415-333-8820 (home).

If you want to keep current about fishing regulations and ocean conservation in California, join the Ocean Coalition.

This list will be used to alert list members of upcoming California Fish and Game Commission meetings as well as Pacific Fisheries Management Council meetings.

You can join this community by going to the following web page:

<http://www.onelist.com/subscribe/oceancoalition>

Or you can join by sending email to the following address:
oceancoalition-subscribe@onelist.com



Photo from the BCD kayak trip to Elkhorn Slough this past summer

**Sub Surface
is holding their annual
Golden Abalone Dive on
Saturday
November 27th.**

**This is a fun freediving event
and everyone that finds a
golden ab is a winner! Some
of the prizes include wetsuits,
fins, masks, dive lights and
even a certificate for a Bed &
Breakfast stay.**

**Sign-ups and fee payments (\$10)
are at Sub Surface starting
at 9am
with the dive beginning at 10am
at Van Damme.
For more info, call Kenny at
(707) 964-3793.**

Recent Diving Adventures:

Curt's Diary:

Caspar Cove
October 16-17

My son Josh and I went diving at Casper Cove on Saturday. We got three lings and lots of ab. We partied that night at the little cabin in Mendo then dove McKericher State Park just north of Fort Bragg on Sunday. Day access is free, with great boat access and a shower on the beach. The conditions were great, flat and calm, which is the type of conditions you need to dive this area. We got huge abs over 9 inches each out around the point, no tanking this day. Great vis at about 30 feet.



Stillwater Cove, Photo by Pete Davis

Timber Cove
October 23-24



North Coast, Photo by Catherine Zandonella

Pete and I dove Timber Cove on Saturday. No tanks, just went out and got abs. Conditions were warm with little wind but there was a big swell. We got nice abs again and I got up in kelp on one dive and had two abs in one hand and my weight belt in the other. Good thing Pete was there or I would have had to drop the abs when I got up to the surface. We lost an abalone diver the same day at Sea Ranch, they found his body on Monday at about 20 feet tangled up in kelp. The kelp is really thick this year, not like last year after El-Nino had it's way with it. later, curt

Recent Diving Adventures continued

DIVING FANSHELL BEACH (MONTEREY COUNTY)

by Curt the Ling King

I recently had an opportunity to dive a location on 17 mile drive in Monterey that is not dove very often. I had been trying to dive Fanshell Beach for quite some time, but it usually has very rough conditions and it is hard to be there when the conditions are perfect.



Twice in the month of November, Carol and I were lucky enough to be there when the conditions were perfect! The ocean was nearly dead calm, it was sunny and the winds were slight.

Fanshell is on 17 mile drive about 2 miles or so north of Stillwater Cove. There is a small parking lot and no facilities. The access is great! (even better than Stillwater Cove). It is a big tourist stop so be ready to answer questions from out of state visitors, especially on a weekend. Park in the lot near the steps on the left side of the lot as you enter.



The beach is on the left and somewhat protected from swells, especially at lower tides. You can dive from the beach or from kayaks. Beach diving here is advanced, but if you use a kayak you can get out to the very calm kelp beds just a five to ten minute paddle away. The kelp beds here are huge and the bottom can range from sandy to boulders and canyons. The visibility here is usually pretty good, on good days it can be 30 to 50 feet. The depth varies from 25 to 100 feet depending on your location.

There are huge lings here in the winter as well as really nice size rock fish and greenlings. The kelp bass are also very big and the fish in general are much bigger than you see in and around Stillwater Cove. There is also a big population of otters and sea lions that frequent this area.

Of the three times I have dove here the sea lions have buzzed me every time looking for a free handout. I shine my big light in their eyes for a bit and they usually leave me alone. So the next time you go down to dive Stillwater Cove and the seas are dead calm with little to no wind think about visiting Fanshell Beach instead, I guarantee a better dive!!!

Curt (LINGKING) Haney

For beach information, contact the Pebble Beach Company at (831) 649-8500.



Christmas Party

at Roy Coto's house in Pacifica

Bring a dish to share, such as salads, deserts, munchies, hors'doevrs, etc. The turkey and ham will be provided by the club.

If you'd like to join the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued at about \$15.

6:30 p.m.

Next year's events: *We are hard at work designing a new list of exciting Barbary Coast Dive Trips for 2000.*

Some highlights include:-A Channel Islands boat dive in September
-Manchester State Beach Camp-out for Memorial Day
-Caspar Cove for Labor Day
Stay tuned!