

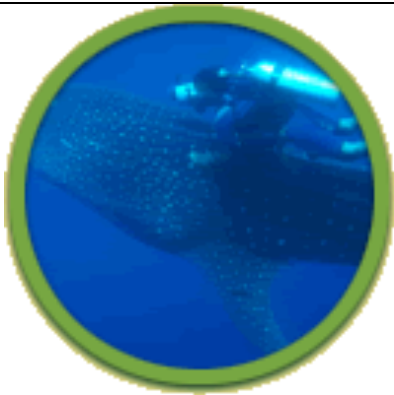
La Verne Eco-Dive Club

President: Mike Carter

Vice President- Chris Barton

Treasurer Henri Mascorro

Log Keeper- Dan Elliott



December 2007 Meeting Dive Log



Date: Thursday, December 13, 2007
Site: Michaeangelo's Pizza Place in San Dimas
Time In : 6:15 Board meeting, 7:10 for General meeting
Time Out: 8:15 pm

Conditions: Space was usable but not as quiet as before due to kids' birthday party next to us.

Dive team included: Mark Arlotti, Ed and Debbie Lux, Derek Stogsdill, Monica and Mike Canzano, Coleen Okeefe, Samantha Cocherell, Michel Richer, Joel Punsalan, Stephanie Wilcox, Christine Wilcox, "Sharky" and Catalina Wilcox, Brinda and Chip LePoidevin, Stan Vasily, Mike and Henri Brenna, Rosa and Izac Nunez, Dan Elliott, Mike and Sharol Carter, Jonathan Blake

Introduction of visitors:

1. Jonathan Blake—shared about exotic diving in wonderful places that he will tell us about in future meetings.
2. Rosa Nunez and her son Isaac who were recent snorklers and may move into the deep with the rest of us
3. Brinda LePoidevin—instructor at Sharkys, is excited to offer more instruction as she moves toward her certification as an Instructor Trainer.
4. Stan Vasily, a non diving visitor.

President Mike reported on the progress of our club formation

1. Bylaws are drafted and the Board is reviewing them. They will be posted on the Sharkys Website for anyone to examine. We will seek approval in January.
2. Articles of incorporation are completed and filed. They will be posted on the Sharkys website for anyone to examine.
3. Nonprofit status from the State and the IRS is in process as soon as we have Bylaws approved.
4. Insurance (Directors and Officers) coverage will cost about \$800. It is not necessary but is advisable. We will table this until we have funds available.

Board Report:

LVEDC Board recommended (a motion):

1. Approval for expenses for PO box, incorporation, and organizational materials
 - a. Incorporation - \$30.00, donation by Mike & Sharol Carter
 - b. P.O. Box - \$26.00 + \$2.00 key deposits
 - c. Book - The California Nonprofit Corporation Kit - \$68.19 tabled until the club has more money

Board approved expenses and recommended requested reimbursements to the general meeting. Motion Carried

2. Reopening of the Membership dues Question (previously settled at \$50 per year. Rationale: Average dues of other clubs is well under \$30 per year. Motion: Charter Member dues to be \$50 per person and may be paid up through December 13, 2008. Regular dues (for now and thereafter) to be \$25 for the first family member, \$15 for the second, and \$10 for each subsequent family member (in the same household)

Memberships

The following *Charter* members officially joined the club and paid the dues tonight:

1. Ed and Debbie Lux (actually joined last month but we could not accept their dues check yet),
2. Daniel C. Elliott,
3. Michael and Sharol Carter,
4. Michel Richer

New Certifications

No New Certifications were reported this month

Courses at Sharky

January 15 (Tuesday), 2008 a new class will begin for CPR and Oxygen training. These are pre-requisites toward the Rescue Diver certification. Both CPR and O2 training cost \$100 together. Other training to come as soon as we have a class of four or more members: Basic and Advanced Open Water classes, Rescue Diver class, Assistant Instructor Class

Master Diver Class. We can go on the Sharkys website and request to be on a list for any of these courses and will be notified when they are ready to begin.

Upcoming activities:

July 9-12 Northern Channel Island Dive Live-aboard "The Vision." \$825 all inclusive. Unlimited tank dives. Prizes and other activities. \$250 will hold reservation and the balance will be due not later than 5/31.08 (first come first served for bunks). For more information contact staff@sharkysecodiving.com or phone 909.596-2505

New Business

1. Ed Lux had been cleaning out his attic and found a vintage double hose (air bubbles go up in back of you) of the kind Mike Nelson used in the Sea Hunt TV series that our grandfathers watched when they got into diving. He presented this vintage piece of scuba diving history on loan to Sharkys for display in the shop.
2. An invitation was presented for the design and submission of a Club Logo. Logo drafts should be submitted to President Mike Carter by email (mcarter@acm.org)

Program

We were thrilled to view a DVD "Sensational Seas: Anthology of Rare Underwater Scenes" put out by the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) organization (www.reef.org). It was an awesome show of rarely observed underwater behavior by our entire favorite and many strangely new creatures. If you go to this web link you will be able to enroll for free as a member of REEF: an active organization of divers and marine enthusiasts committed to ocean conservation."

Raffles

We held a 50/50 raffle and split the proceeds: \$31.50 to Joel Punsalan and the other \$31.50 to the club. The prize donated by Sharkys this month was a 3-mill wetsuit. Derek Stogsdill was the lucky winner.

Next Meeting

Because of space limitations in the previously planned restaurant in La Verne, the club decided to continue meeting at Michaelangelo's Pizza Place in San Dimas. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2008. The board will meet promptly from 6 pm to 6:30 pm with socializing at 6:30 and the club business to start promptly at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Gordon Boivin from Laguna Sea Sports. He will be giving a very interesting talk on dive computers-what they are really telling you.,

Dive safely, dive happy, dive often

Respectfully submitted

Dan Elliott, Log Keepe