

## La Verne Eco-Dive Club

President: Mike Carter Vice President- Chris Barton  
Treasurer Henri Mascorro Log Keeper- Dan Elliott



### March, 2008 Meeting Dive Log



Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2008

Site: Michelangelo's Pizza Place in San Dimas

Time In: 6:15 Board meeting, 7:00 for Club Meeting

Time Out: 8:30 pm

Dive team included:

Chris Barton, Dan Elliott, Henri Mascorra, Mike Richer, Dave & Marian Bower, Ed & Debbie Lux, Tony & Catalina Wilcox, Christine Wilcox, Sean Figueroa, Jay Justice, Rick Scooby, Mark Arlotti, Joseph Arlotti, Mike Brenna, Michael & Kelli Richter, Britni Richter, Diane Garcia, Steven Cherbony, Colleen O'Keefe. Monica Canzano

Visitors: Gailyn Bassler and son Timothy (going through training at Sharkys), Dr. Laleh Mohajerani- Speaker, Dr. Salvador Jorgensen< Liz Rimerez, Art Rimerez.

### Board Report

1. Treasurer's report balance in account \$990.14
2. Board affirm that the decision last month was to give outside speakers \$50 and to cover up to \$20 for meal for inside or outside speakers.
3. Moved to reimburse February's speaker up to \$20 for dinner, carried.
4. Request approval reimburse \$20 to Mike Carter for insurance filing
5. Tax ID number is established. The Non profit status is still in the works for both federal and state
6. Budget for the year includes \$400/yr reimbursement
  - a. Officers and directors errors and omissions insurance cost \$800 to 1200 /yr. Question: do we need it? No action taken.
  - b. Income: Dues at 25/yr yields \$1,250

- c. Raffles: We need to pay a license and then we can continue our 50/50 raffle and it would yield \$360/yr

Board adjourned at 6:30 pm

## General Club Meeting Convened at 6:45 pm

### Happenings at Sharkys

- **Saturday March 15** Sharkey's at the Laguna Beach, Shaw's Cove and invites the club members to come diving with them
- **Saturday March 29**, club members may join Sharkys dive class at Casino Point in Catalina.
- **Refer a new diver.** Sharkey's is now a PADI dive shop. If we refer anyone to Sharkey's for lessons, Sharkys will give a \$25 gift certificate to Sharkey's and PADI will give a free fleece blanket to keep you warm after diving.
- **April 6 Sharkey's Demo Day for Aqualung Equipment** at Bonita High School, Catalina distributed fliers.

### Old Business and Upcoming activities:

**Beach clean up** is on hold until construction is finished in Laguna.

Logo Art work should be turned in to Chris who will give it to Michael.

### New business

#### La Verne Eco Dive Club Swap Meet at Sharkys

A member asked (and Sharky agreed) that it would be fun to plan a club swap meet in the parking lot in front of the store. Club members could swap equipment or exchange equipment (like my wet suit that shrunk on me!) with other members who might get some use from it. The most fun would be to do real swaps and trades rather than sell but what ever. Then we could also see the great new equipment Tony and Catalina have in the store. More details forth coming.

### Program: IEMANYA Oceanica and its work with protecting the ocean habitat.

Note: the club and Sharkys has adopted a whale shark that is being followed with a research transponder.

I.E.M.A.N.Y.A stands for Research, Education, Management, and Advisory (Investigacion, Educacion, Manejo y Asesoria in Spanish)

**Dr. Laleh Mohajerani**, Executive Director of Iemanya (pronounced EE-MAN-JA) presented research and photos about the decline in the shark population worldwide. Causes include over-fishing, direct shark fishing, shark fining, and bi-product catching with long-line and net automated fishing trawlers. There are over 100 million sharks killed each year. As we

reduce the top predator, it causes a decline in the coral habitat because with the sharks gone the other fish over-feed on the coral and the coral dies and turns to green algae. Their website, <http://iemanya.org>, tells about their programs, why sharks are important to the eco system, the effects of over fishing, finning, and direct fishing for sharks.

### **IEMANYA has several programs:**

#### Adopt A Shark

- Individuals can adopt a shark for \$50. Tagging great white and hammerhead sharks.
- Shirley is our Club Shark. She is a whale shark, ten meters long and is probably pregnant. She was tagged at Wolf Island in the Galapagos Islands.
- Scientific Name: rhincodon typus
- Tagged 11/4/07

#### Outreach and Education

They educate native fishing families about making wiser decisions with how they fish and giving them alternatives to over fishing and fishing abuses.

Educate children in our schools about ocean and shark conservation.

Willing to communicate with us and would like some volunteers to give this same presentation to groups and schools. EMAIL [laleh@iemanya.org](mailto:laleh@iemanya.org). Web site is [www.iemanya.org](http://www.iemanya.org).

#### Research and Fundraising tagging sharks

Conservation and preservation of the ocean environment is critical to the world's survival. IEMANYA appreciates clubs like ours committed to making a difference.

Door Prizes- (Prizes donated by Sharkys) winners were

- a. Calendar
- b. Digital scale for weighing bags

Next month a privately sponsored 50/50 raffle will be done BEFORE the club sponsored by Ed and Debbie Lux

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, April 10 at Michelangelo's in San Dimas

Program will be: fun and interesting.

Be sure to review the new club bylaws posted on our club website [vedc.wavedodger.com](http://vedc.wavedodger.com) .

Dive safely, dive happy, dive often

Respectfully submitted

Dan Elliott, Log Keeper