



POINT LOBOS

By Maria Köllnberger

I recently arrived in sunny San Francisco, CA from rainy Wuppertal, Germany. There, I used to go diving in the cold, dark waters of Lake Constance at the northern foot of the Alps and in the caves in the middle of France.

After my arrival one thing became self-evident: I had to get into the water again as soon as possible.

But how?

Searching the internet I came across the beautiful internet page of the San Francisco Reef Divers. I met them at Sindbad's, got helpful advice about diving in California and was delighted to meet with fellow divers.

Soon after our first meeting Ken, Bhushan, Ito and Phil (a truly international team!) took me on a memorable journey to Point Lobos. Bhushan had mentioned previously, that it would be a treat and a treat it was.

What was so memorable about it? Pretty much everything. Even the drive to Monterey. The beautiful shore of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve was stunning for me.

Seals were lying on the beach very close to us. And when I thought it couldn't get any better Phil arrived with his great boat. Quickly our diving gear was secured on the boat and we were ready to rock and roll. Briefly after our descent, I was impressed by the unexpected appearance of a seal under water. It is one thing to see a seal lying on the beach but a seal under water – wow!

It was so colourful with all the starfish, snails, nudibranchs and fish. But I won't bore you listing

everything we saw, to keep it short it was spectacular, stunning, beautiful!

The underwater world really reflects the landscape with canyons, pinnacles and caverns.

Impressive!

And not to forget the kelp.



I wasn't aware how tall it can grow and drifting with the surge between the kelp definitely is one of my favourites.

Last but not least, I was impressed by Ito. While we were warm and cosy in our drysuits Ito dove in his wetsuit with a smile on his face!

I have always wondered how people manage to get the boat out of the water onto the trailer after diving. This mystery was unravelled to me by Ken and Phil. Skilfully, within minutes, they placed the boat onto the trailer as if the boat knew where they wanted to have it. It looked so easy but by watching you could tell how difficult it really was.

To me it was very valuable to have the company of such experienced local divers for my first dives in California.

Ken, Bhushan, Ito, Phil - thank you very much for that perfect day!

GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 16TH, 2010

AT SINDBADS

Pier 2, Embarcadero Street, San Francisco

MEET at 7:00p.m. for socializing, DRINKS &
FOOD and 7:30p.m. for CLUB BUSINESS

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<p>JANUARY</p> <p>01 - New Year's Day - Breakwater Dive 02 - Club Dive: Beachhopper II 06 - Officer's Meeting 22 - General Meeting - Sinbad's 23-31 - 41st International Boat Show - Dusseldorf - www.boot.de</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>03 - Officers Meeting 03 - 07 - SF Ocean Film Festival 13 - Club Dive: Beachhopper II 17 - Meeting - Sinbad's 19-21 - Our World Underwater - www.ourworldunderwater.com</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>03 - Officers Meeting 05-07 - The Boston Sea Rovers - www.bostonsearovers.com 24 - Club Dive: Sanctuary 17 - Meeting - Sinbad's 26-28 - Beneath the Sea - New Jersey - www.beneaththe sea.org</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>03 - Abalone Opener - Fort Ross - CenCal 07 - Officers Meeting 16-18 - Ocean Fest - Fort Lauderdale - www.oceanfest.com 21 - Meeting - Sinbad's</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>01 - Bay Area Dive Show - San Jose - www.divechronicles.com 05 - Officers Meeting 15 - 16 - Scuba Show - Long Beach - www.scubashow.com 19 - Meeting - Sinbad's 21-23 - Dive & Travel Expo - Tacoma - www.diveandtravelexpo.com</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>02 - Officers Meeting 13 - Club Dive: Sanctuary 16 - Meeting - Sinbad's TBD - Abalone Closer</p>
<p>JULY</p> <p>07 - Officers Meeting 21 - Meeting - Sinbad's</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>TBD - Abalone Opener 04 - Officers Meeting 08-11 - Channel Islands - Jim Vallario - 415.566.0784 11 - Channel Island Extension TBD 18 - Meeting - Sinbad's</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>01 - Officers Meeting 10 - 12 Lake Tahoe - Norm Knutson 15 - Meeting - Sinbad's</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>06 - Officers Meeting 20 - Meeting - Sinbad's - Officer Nominations !!!</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>03 - Officers Meeting 17 - Meeting - Sinbad's - Officer Elections !!! 17 - 21 - The Dema Show - Las Vegas - www.demashow.com TBD - Abalone Closer</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>01 - Officers Meeting 15 - Meeting - Sinbad's - Christmas Party !!!</p>

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Pierre Hurter



I was looking through the paper the other day, well really scrolling through the on-line version, or whatever it is you call it, when I came upon an article about the lightship *Relief* - WLV 605. It appears that it is looking for a good home. The price is certainly right; the current owners are willing to give it to a good home for free.

The United States Lighthouse Society, the current owner, is loosing upwards of \$30,000 a year having her tied up in Oakland's Jack London Square. We first saw the *Relief* on Christmas Eve 2005, when a hardy band of Reef Divers decided to take a leisurely paddle.

Lightships like the *Relief* served mariners for 163 years, from 1820 to 1983. During that time 116 stations were established along the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts as well as in the Great Lakes. At their peak in 1909 there were 56 lightship stations along America's coasts.

Approximately 174 lightships were constructed to man these stations. Of those ships, 168 were constructed by the U.S. Lighthouse Service (1789 - 1939) and six by the U.S. Coast Guard, which took over the Lighthouse Service in 1939. There are currently 12 lightships remaining.

The *Relief* itself was built in 1950 and served as the lightship off Blunts Reef on the California coast, off Umatilla, Oregon, and later as a relief ship, replacing regular station vessels when they needed repairs.

Lightships eventually became too expensive to operate and slid into obsolescence. The San Francisco lightship was replaced by a large buoy more than 35 years ago, and the last lightship sailed away from its station off Nantucket Island in the Atlantic in 1983.

If you are interested in owning a slice of history, and not afraid of that old adage about a ship being a hole in the water into which you pour money, call the U.S. Lighthouse Society at (415) 362-7255 or visit www.uslhs.org.



Memorial Day weekend, found us at Sea Ranch along with some other flinty Reefers and assorted refuges from the hustle and bustle of the Bay Area. The weather had cleared up and the foul weather gear and sweaters we had brought along "just in case" were replaced by shorts, t-shirts and flip flops.

Remember when Memorial Day was a weekend filled with nonstop war movies, alternately featuring a square jawed Robert Mitchum, Lee Marvin or John Wayne? The films have changed, different stars and different wars, now it's a squared jawed Demi Moore, but the

day's purpose remains largely the same. First officially proclaimed by General John Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in General Order No. 11.

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."

We did manage to watch part of the Bridge over the River Kwai and The Great Escape, but for most of the weekend we relaxed, did some wandering, diving and visited the Abalone House.

The Abalone House, if you are eve in the area is worth a visit. You drive past Gualala (wa-LA-la to the locals) and head north to Anchor Bay. The Ab House is where Eric Anderson and his wife live and if you call ahead, it's where you can see the collected dive gear of five decades spent in and around the waters of the North Coast.

There's a wall covered with spear guns, another with masks and fins, hanging from the rafters, regulators galore. Of course there are also abalone shells big ones, mostly at least 10 inches. Among other treasures, in a glass case near the fin wall, an 11 inch shell that was found by a local kid who was rock picking. It was great fun talking

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to Eric and his wife. We swapped tall tales about abalone, how best to cook them, shark attacks, the apparent decline in younger people coming into the sport, in general a very pleasant afternoon. If you're curious or happen to be in the neighborhood, checkout Eric's web site ...
<http://sites.google.com/site/abaloneten/divemuseumofanchorbay>.

Sea Ranch is an intriguing place. For those who have never been, it is located on Highway 1 about 100 miles north of San Francisco, just south of Gualala. According to the U.S. Census the population is around 750 with a little less than half that number living there full time. With a total of 1,211 housing units, that leaves a pretty high vacancy rate, close to 67%.

The development itself was originally envisioned as a community that would preserve the area's natural beauty and blend into the surrounding as much as possible. The property was purchased by Castle and Cooke, a Hawaii based developer who assembled a team of architects to design the project. The early architecture tended toward the communal with everyone having a view to the ocean and large swaths of land to be left open and held in common.

In response to opponents of the project the group Californians Organized to Acquire Access to State Tidelands (COAST) came into being. In 1968 the group put forward a ballot initiative requiring that the development include trails and access to the water. The initiative did not pass, but later that year the Legislature passed the Dunlap Act required such access. The

Coastal Alliance an organization that brought together groups with similar agendas as COAST put Proposition 20 on the ballot in 1972. The initiative passed and the California Coastal Commission came into being. The subsequent California Coastal Act of 1976 essentially extended the Coastal Commission's authority indefinitely.

The Commission provides enough fodder for at least several articles. Depending on your view of the world, or as the Supreme Court ruled in *Nollan v. California*, what part of the world your property has views of, the Coastal Commission has saved and preserved a resource to be shared by all Californians; or trampled the property rights of those unfortunate enough to find themselves within its reach. I think the reality lies in that zone of tension inherent when land tenure passes from the King to the tenant. In any event, the ruling provided a definition for "essential nexus" and how we view a "taking" that has impact to this day.

Next time you're looking for a relaxing spot to sit on the deck, maybe drink a glass or several of wine and just watch the seagulls fly by and the gophers poke their heads up and down, this isn't a bad place to do it.

Aside from enjoying the odd glass of wine while watching the sun set over the Pacific we managed to get some diving in. The weekend of the 99th Bay to Breakers found us in Monterey aboard the *Escapade* with a band of hearty divers. With Captain Jim Capwell at the helm and Brian and Vanessa as crew we headed south. First dive was at Butterfly House, 45 minutes and cold. Topside we all compared

temperature readings and decided that, yup, it was cold, my gauge read a nippy 46 degrees. There were only nine divers on the boat, a class of four, a lone Japanese diver, Royston and the two of us, made for plenty of room to lounge in between dives.

The three of us, Gerda, Royston and I dropped in and at the bottom Royston signaled that his computer was not working. Gerda and I went through our usual pantomime, neither one understanding the other, Gerda, like so many wives, refuses to learn or agree upon even the most universal of dive signs. I still remember the time I jumped in only to find that my air was not on, I know, a dumb mistake, but there I was sawing back and forth with my finger over my neck. By the time I managed to turn my own air on, my Adams apple was raw and my mood foul. Once topside, Gerda looked at me in that way only a loving spouse can and said "I thought you said you had forgotten to shave, or something like that"

For the second dive we headed for a spot called Cathedral Canyons near the spot I had always heard referred to as the Wash rock. One thing you can count on, if there are three divers there will be at least four names for the same spot. At any rate, this was a great spot and I don't think we had ever been here before. There are a couple of nice swim-troughs' here. On the other side of one of them I thought I had transported to the Channel Islands, a virtual kelp forest. Like the first dive it was cold. Afterwards we headed to Any Waters for a refill, turns out we were both overdue for a

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visual inspection and I needed a Hydro.

I miss the *Cypress Sea*, but with its passing there seems to be an increase in diving activity within the club. Maybe it's coincidental, but I'm seeing a lot more traffic on our San Francisco Reef Divers Yahoo site with people looking for interested divers to pick a day, a boat and go. I miss having a boat dive neatly laid out for each month of the year, the spontaneity of the new approach seems to work better for me in many ways. Best of all I don't have to track down payments, worry about inclement weather or anyone's dog eating their homework.

We've already signed up for a dive aboard the *Sanctuary* on Sunday, June 13 as well as a Point Lobos dive in September aboard the *Beach Hopper II*, conveniently scheduled for the weekend after the Lake Tahoe dive extravaganza.

In the meantime, this seems like a good time of the year to do a little equipment maintenance. While we were getting our tanks filled and viz'd I noticed that Frank at Any Waters was giving a seminar on equipment maintenance. We picked up some great tips on cleaning, storing and generally getting the most out of my gear.

To round out Memorial Day and start the new month, I'm reminded of George Orwell's quote (well maybe he said it and maybe it was Winston Churchill), "People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."

I like Rudyard Kipling's poem on the same topic:

Tommy

*I went into a public-'ouse to get a
pint o' beer,*

*The publican 'e up an' sez, "We
serve no red-coats here."*

*The girls be'ind the bar they
laughed an' giggled fit to die,
I outs into the street again an' to
myself sez I:*

*O it's Tommy this, an' Tommy
that, an' "Tommy, go away";*

*But it's "Thank you, Mister
Atkins", when the band begins to
play,*

*The band begins to play, my
boys, the band begins to play,*

*O it's "Thank you, Mister
Atkins", when the band begins to
play.*

*I went into a theatre as sober as
could be,*

*They gave a drunk civilian room,
but 'adn't none for me;*

*They sent me to the gallery or
round the music-'alls,*

*But when it comes to fightin',
Lord! they'll shove me in the
stalls!*

*For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy
that, an' "Tommy, wait outside";
But it's "Special train for Atkins"
when the trooper's on the tide,
The troopship's on the tide, my
boys, the troopship's on the tide,
O it's "Special train for Atkins"
when the trooper's on the tide.*

*Yes, makin' mock o' uniforms
that guard you while you sleep
Is cheaper than them uniforms,
an' they're starvation cheap;
An' hustlin' drunken soldiers
when they're goin' large a bit
Is five times better business than
paradin' in full kit.*

*Then it's Tommy this, an' Tommy
that, an' "Tommy, 'ow's yer
soul?"*

*But it's "Thin red line of 'eroes"
when the drums begin to roll,*

*The drums begin to roll, my
boys, the drums begin to roll,
O it's "Thin red line of 'eroes"
when the drums begin to roll.*

*We aren't no thin red 'eroes, nor
we aren't no blackguards too,
But single men in barricks, most
remarkable like you;*

*An' if sometimes our conduct
isn't all your fancy paints,
Why, single men in barricks don't
grow into plaster saints;*

*While it's Tommy this, an'
Tommy that, an' "Tommy, fall
be'ind",*

*But it's "Please to walk in front,
sir", when there's trouble in the
wind,*

*There's trouble in the wind, my
boys, there's trouble in the wind,
O it's "Please to walk in front,
sir", when there's trouble in the
wind.*

*You talk o' better food for us, an'
schools, an' fires, an' all:*

*We'll wait for extry rations if you
treat us rational.*

*Don't mess about the cook-room
slops, but prove it to our face
The Widow's Uniform is not the
soldier-man's disgrace.*

*For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy
that, an' "Chuck him out, the
brute!"*

*But it's "Saviour of 'is country"
when the guns begin to shoot;
An' it's Tommy this, an' Tommy
that, an' anything you please;
An' Tommy ain't a bloomin' fool -
- you bet that Tommy sees!*



EQUIPMENT CARE AND MAINTENANCE



Its June, summer looks like it is finally here and it's time to go diving. As you dig that gear out of the pile in the corner of the garage where it's been since the last time you were thinking about getting wet, maybe this would be a good time to think about a little basic maintenance.

Gene had a post the other day that talked about two things that really are important whether you are free diving or on scuba, first, use your normal or regular gear. If you switch gear or are trying out something new, go to the Breakwater and see how it works for you.

I still remember my first boat dive with a brand new dry suite. I was on the *Cypress Sea* with Captain Xcott at the helm. Everything was going well until I tried putting on my fins. They had worked great with my wet suit, but the boots on the dry suit were a whole different story.



The second thing to remember are the details, do you have two gloves, one left, one right? Did you bring your defogger? You can make life much simpler if you develop some basic routines. You don't have to be anal, but it helps.

Gear maintenance, it is after all life support equipment and it isn't cheap, so why not spend some time keeping it in shape? Check out your local dive shop, they may offer seminars, classes and tips on how to keep you gear in shape.



have a bucket and usually leave in there overnight. While the regulator is submerged, make sure you keep water out of the first stage. That's what the dust cap is for. Make sure to blow or towel dry the dust cap before putting it in place on the first stage.

I hang my regulator up and let it dry thoroughly before I put it away. Store it in a cool dry place, away from dust, light, heat and fumes. You might also think about getting it serviced every so often,

once a year is not a bad rule of thumb.



Tanks - cylinders should be rinsed in fresh water after use and then wiped dry. Remove the tank boot so that no water accumulates and starts to rust the tank. Crack the valve briefly to blow out any moisture from the valve opening.

Before diving, check for corrosion or heavy wear on the outside of the tank. Visual inspection is required annually, or if the tank is drained completely. You'll need a hydrostatic test once every five years. Store the tanks in a cool, dry spot. We live in Northern California, so it wouldn't hurt to secure them so they don't take a tumble in the event of an earthquake.

BCDs - should be soaked and rinsed in fresh water after use. Some water always seems to get inside and this can lead to salt crystals forming inside, so rinse out the bladder as well. To do



this, depress and hold down the oral inflator button and partially fill the bladder with water. Allow the water to swish around inside by shaking the BCD several times. Then drain the water completely by turning the BCD upside down while

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pressing the oral inflator button. I use one of those hose attachments that slides onto the inflator valve.



Store BCDs upside down and partially inflated. They do require service, usually once a year. If your bottoms are sticking, take it to the shop.

Weights - Fins - Mask - rinse them in fresh water and make sure they are dry before storing.

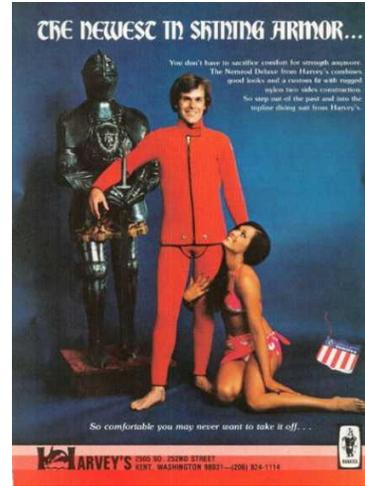


Wetsuits- drysuits - booties and gloves they should be soaked and rinsed thoroughly with fresh water after use. I like to add a little “sink the stink” or similar products to help keep the odors at bay.

Particularly for drysuits, a light coating of beeswax or similar product to the zippers to keep them from sticking. You might also want to get out a toothbrush and scrub the zipper with some mild soap or vinegar on occasion.

It’s like so many things about diving, find yourself a local shop that you are comfortable with,

talk to them about your gear, they know how it works and what tends to go wrong. I’ve found that most shops are more than happy to help you keep your gear in top shape or to let you know when it’s time to repair, replace or put a favorite piece of equipment out of it’s misery.



**2010 CHANNEL ISLANDS TRIP
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2. **Boat departs tVhe dock at 10PM on Saturday, August 7th.**
3. Bring all of your dive gear, including one full tank. They can fill air or 2% Nitrox.
4. Unlimited Nitrox fills will card and separate check for Nitrox certification
5. The bunks have a pillow more (sleeping bag, extra pillow, etc.) is your responsibility.
6. Boat supplies all food, snacks, drinks (non-alcoholic). Wine, beer, etc. may be brought on board, but please remember the homily about your 1st drink and your last dive.
7. For additional information, such as directions to the boat, please check out their website, www.peaceboat.com.

Wait Listed!!!

For any other questions, please contact Jim Vallario at 415-566-0784 (res) or 415-819-1159 (cell)

Spindrift

MAN REVEALS ROMANCE WITH A DOLPHIN



Malcolm Brenner has written what he describes as an autobiographical novel *Wet Goddess Recollections of a Dolphin Lover*, in which he recounts the romance between Zack Zimmerm and Ruby the dolphin. The two met while Zack (Malcolm) was taking photographs for a Florida amusement park. Set at the height of the Vietnam protests, Jimi Hendrix and LSD, it sounds like the perfect summertime beach read.

It all started innocently enough, but the constant nuzzling, flirting and dance displays led to more. At some point the relationship went from spiritual to physical according to the author. Apparently dolphins are very demanding partners. If

you're interested it is available on Amazon.

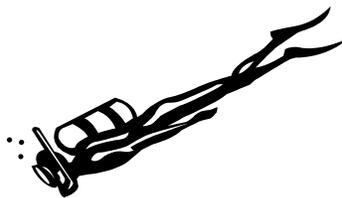
SHIP RUNS AGROUND ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF - CAPTAIN AND SENIOR OFFICER ARRESTED



Australian police have arrested the captain and senior officer of the *Shen Neng I* and charged them with damaging the Great Barrier Reef.

The *Shen Neng I* had collided with the reef after straying from her intended course after missing a turn at one of the course waypoints.

The ship has been removed from the reef after having caused a scar almost 2 miles long and up to 820 feet wide.



CITES PROPOSED BAN ON BLUEFIN TUNA EXPORTS REJECTS BAN ON



The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, has rejected a bid led by the U.S. to ban the export of Atlantic bluefin tuna.

The tuna which can weigh as much as 1,500 pounds are in demand as for sushi and sashimi. The *hon-maguro*, or bluefin is particularly prize. Last year a 440 pound Pacific bluefin tuna brought \$220,000 at auction in Tokyo.

Much of the debate centered around CITES role in regulating any marine species. Japan and several other nations from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America argued that any ban would damage their fishing communities.

Japan expressed willingness to abide by quotas if set by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, or ICCAT.

SUNKEN OIL RIG LEAKING OIL

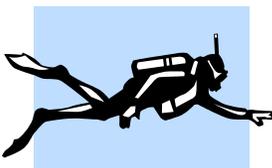


The Deepwater Horizon drilling platform, located 42 miles off the coast of Louisiana, exploded and after burning for several days sank. The explosion and fire left 11 workers missing and presumed dead.

The well located close to a mile beneath the sea continues to spew oil at the rate of 42,000 barrels a day. Initial attempts to use an ROV to activate a blow-out preventer, a huge valve on the ocean floor have proven ineffective. BP has since then attempted to fill the well with drilling mud, the "Top Kill" method.



Per BP executives the real solution is a relief well. BP currently is working on two relief wells, but they are not expected to be ready until August. As we go to press, the drama continues.



IS COMMERCIAL WHALING MAKING A COME-BACK?



The International Whaling Commission proposed to allow the first legal commercial whaling hunts in 25 years. The Commission currently bans commercial whaling, but allows for a number of exceptions.

Japan, Norway and Iceland hunt whales under the exceptions allowed by the Commission. The proposal would allow limited hunting with strict quotas and would allow the commission to monitor all whaling, over which it currently has no controls.

HAWAIIAN SHARK FIN BAN

The State House and Senate of Hawaii have agreed to prohibit the possession, sale and distribution of shark fins; a move seen as a major victory for Native Hawaiians who view the shark as a cultural deity.

Shark finning is already illegal in Hawaii, but the legislation is seen as giving the prohibition some real teeth. The shark is considered to be "aumakua" a protective spirit that can assume animal form by some Hawaiians.

BRAZIL SEIZES ONE TON OF SHARK FINS

Brazilian prosecutors seized a ton of shark fins that were meant for the Japanese market. The fins, with an estimated value of \$17,000 were discovered in a container headed for Japan.

CREW SETS OUT TO RECREATE BLIGH'S PACIFIC VOYAGE

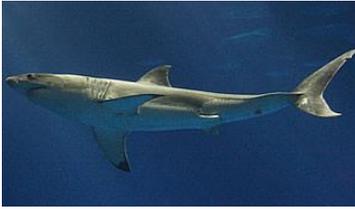


A crew of four intrepid adventurers is setting out from Tonga to attempt to recreate the epic 4,350 mile voyage of Captain William Bligh.

Following the Mutiny aboard the *HMS Bounty*, Captain Bligh and 18 others were set adrift in an open 45 foot longboat, managing to make their way from Tonga to West Timor in 48 days. They managed the feat without benefit of charts or navigational instruments and with only limited provisions, including 150 pounds of ship biscuits, 16 pounds of pork, six quarts of rum, six bottles of wine and 28 gallons of water.

MONTEREY AQUARIUM'S GREAT WHITE DIES OFF BAJA COAST

The Great White that the Monterey Bay Aquarium released last November has died. She was caught in a fishing net off Baja California near Ensenada. She is the only shark released by the Aquarium known to have died.



To date, the Monterey Aquarium is the only aquarium to have managed to keep a Great White shark on display for more than a few weeks.

AUSTRALIA TAKES JAPAN TO COURT OVER WHALING

Australia announced that it would be taking legal action against Japan to halt its annual whale hunts in the Southern Ocean.

Australia's Environment Minister Peter Garrett said Australia had exhausted all diplomatic avenues to stop Southern Ocean whaling, and had been left with no option but to take legal action in the

International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague.

A statement from the Japanese embassy in Canberra called the move "regrettable and not constructive". The statement says Japan will argue in court that its whaling activities in the Southern Ocean are legal under Article 8 of the 1946 Convention on Whaling, which allows countries to kill whales for scientific research. Last season Japan killed 506 whales, including minke and finback whales.

THIS WIRE JUST IN --- THERE HAS BEEN TALK --- SEPTEMBER 10TH THRU THE 12TH --- ANNUAL LAKE TAHOE DIVE & POTLUCK EXTRAVAGANCY --- BACK AT THE RUBICON WALL --- STAY TUNED!



4TH OF JULY 2010 CELEBRATION AT POINT LOBOS

The Beach Hopper II has booked the Reserve and will shuttle divers to and from various locations within the Reserve. Food and Drink will be provided. Contact the Beach Hopper II at <http://www.beachhopper2.com> for further information and/or to book your spot.



We encourage you to also support the other organizations listed below when you pay your annual dues. (*Please indicate your membership options with the checkboxes below.*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Central California Council of Diving Clubs (CenCal) | 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sonoma County Abalone Network (SCAN) | <u>10</u> |
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