

May

2010

# BOTTOM TIMES

## REDWOOD EMPIRE DIVERS

### General Meeting

The first Thursday of the month.

When: 5-6-10

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Round Table Pizza  
2065 Occidental Road,  
Santa Rosa, CA  
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### Dive Reports

By James

See the Great reports from Charles enclosed. Thanks Charles!

There were 3 of us at Tino's BABL in support of the RFA. Paul Whyte proved to Mike Mendoza and I once again that size does matter. Dynamite comes in small packages! Our dynamite President proved it paddling in 10 ft swells at 11 seconds with the wind at his back out of Russian Gulch. Mike and I caught him two coves over when we discussed paddling into the wind first. Everything worked out great with abs for all, but no fish. Catch us at the next meeting for more details on this awesome event. <http://www.irishbeachhouse.com/Event/2010/BigAbBigLingMay1st2010.htm>

### DIVE

Stillwater Cove - North  
5-8-10  
with James Cameron



Come join the club for our May General Meeting to discuss details. Yak or not to Yak? Tank or Freediving? Maybe switch the location? Skip diving and let's go Salmon Fishing!

### Very Impressive Brian!

While Freediving!



### MAY MEETING

CONTACT: Gary Baumel  
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### ABALONE TALK/DEMONSTRATION

On Thursday, May 6th, Redwood Empire Divers will feature guest speaker, marine and fresh water biologist, Peter Otis. Peter's presentation will address the current status of the abalone resource, then go into abalone life history, and a demonstration of various examples of abalone shells to illustrate size vs. age and shell growth/shape vs. environmental stress. With slides from his Point Reyes study he will show us the hand-feeding of algae to abalone and will finish up with an abalone dissection and microscope viewing of abalone body parts and some of the critters living on the shells.

The public is invited!  
No cost for admission.

## **Club's April Dive Report**

From: Charles Dollwet

Showed up late Friday afternoon at Ocean Cove and was welcomed by Jerry and his son. Me and the girls set up camp behind the trees to protect from the wind. The weather on Friday was beautiful. But the ocean conditions were pretty bad. We started out the night with some oysters and margaritas. It was looking good. The night was really pleasant we had a wonderful dinner under the stars.

The next day we woke up to a beautiful day a little cold but really pleasant. Shelby and I took a ride to the coast and ran into our old time member Greg Swenson. We looked at the Ocean and decided it was too rough to enter.

Greg, Jerry and I ended up just hanging out for a few hours. After that me and the girls went hiking through the woods and then it started to turn. A little rain came so we played duck and cover for a few hours. This is where I learned a lesson in camping timing. The weather that night turned really bad, the wind came through the valley instead of from the West. It blew like South West and North West and every way it could. And then the rain came, lets just say it turned out pretty bad. No Abalone, got wet but was there representing the Club!!!The lesson learned is that there will be no more tent camping for me in April. I suggest a Day dive in April. If you can even get that!!!!

## **Bamboo Reef Abalone Picnic**

From: Charles Dollwet

One of the Redwood Empire Divers was present for Tom Stones Abalone Picnic on Saturday April 24th. Charles, Barry and their two girls (Shelby and Gracie) arrived at the Coast on Saturday to attend the Bamboo Reef Abalone Picnic.

Charles dove with the Bamboo Reef group in pretty bad conditions. The conditions in Timber Cove were about 12 inches of visibility. And there was also a wind chop of 3 to 4 feet. But we were able to get some Abalone and as I exited the water I ran into the North Coast Divers. They also were present, he was talking about the big ling big Ab contest. And also about the dive cleaning up Bodega Bay Jetty. He liked it so much he went back to Bodega and did the dive again. I think that clean up should be an annual event.

After loading up, we went back to South Gerstle and cut up some Abalone and had a great feast. Tom Stone and Pam did a great job of cooking up the Abalone and it was a good time had by all. A little Beer, Vino, Great Guacamole, Great Abalone. It was all good. I would like to attend next year. Thanks Tom and Pam!!!!

## **MLPAs**

May 1<sup>st</sup> the new marine protected areas (MPAs) will go into effect along California's coastline from Alder Creek, near Point Arena in Mendocino County, to Pigeon Point in San Mateo County.

A new, printer-friendly brochure titled "Marine Protected Area Information for Recreational Fishermen" is now available online at [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/nccmpas\\_brochure\\_highres.pdf](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/nccmpas_brochure_highres.pdf) . You may also view a web-friendly version (smaller file size) online at [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/nccmpas\\_brochure\\_lowres.pdf](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/nccmpas_brochure_lowres.pdf) .

For more information, visit the Marine Life Protection Act Web site at [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa).

## **SAFETY VEST:**

Terry Maas's Freedivers Safety Vest site

[http://oceanicss.com/First\\_Impressions.htm](http://oceanicss.com/First_Impressions.htm)

## **Recalls**

### **CPSC Regulator Recall**

Dive Computers Recalled by Mares Due to Drowning Hazard

Ocean Management Systems buoyancy compensator recall

# RED EVENTS CALENDAR – 2010

UPDATED 5/1/2010

## GENERAL MEETINGS

First Thursday of the month  
Starts at 7:00 pm at Stony Point  
Round Table Pizzeria. 2065  
Occidental Rd., Santa Rosa.

JULY MEETING BBQ-  
POTLUCK

## DIVES

Single day dives meet at 8:00 am.  
at chosen site. Alternate dives  
two weeks later at same location  
only if dive was called.

## CLUB EQUIPMENT

Picnic supplies- Paul Whyte

## CLUB OFFICERS

President	Paul Whyte
Vice President	Gary Baumuel
Secretary	
Treasurer	Paul Damgaard
Editor	James Cameron
Webmaster	Nikki Gross
Campmaster	Brian Gross

## May 2010

5-1 – Tino's Big Ab Big  
Ling - Manchester KOA to  
Benefit RFA [SIGN-UP](#)

5-6 General Meeting

5-8 Dive Stillwater  
with James Cameron  
5-31 Memorial Day

## June 2010

6-3 General Meeting

6-5 Dive TBD

with ????"your name here!!"

6-30 Dungeness Closes.

## July 2010

7-1 General Meeting

7-4 Fourth of July

7-10 Dive Tomales  
with Paul Damgaard

## August 2010

8-5 General Meeting

8-6 to 8-8 CAMP @  
ALBION

Details to follow

8-21 Matt's Big AB to  
Benefit SCAN

## September 2010

9-2 General Meeting

9-6 Labor Day Holiday

9-3 to 9-5 – Van Damme  
Campout

9-5 to 9-6 reserve your own  
site at Van Damme since we  
need to vacate the group site  
on Sunday at noon.

9-18 – Nor Cal Picasso Open  
at Caspar Beach

## October 2010

10-2 Lobster Season Opens

10-7 General Meeting

10-8 to 10-10 – Van Damme  
Campout

10-9 - Randy Fry Memorial

10-11 Columbus Day

## November 2010

11-4 General Meeting

11-4 to 11-6 PEACE Dive  
the Channel Islands.



Mike Mendoza is taking  
\$150.00 deposits for the  
trip aboard the PEACE.  
departs at 2AM call  
415-516-0155 to sign up.  
Total Trip Costs \$460.

11-6 Dive TBD

11-11 Veterans' Day

11-30 Ling and Ab Close

## December 2010

12-2 General Meeting

12-4 Dive TBD

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