

BOTTOM TIMES

REDWOOD EMPIRE DIVERS

General Meeting

The first Thursday of the month.

When: 2-5-09

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Occidental Rd. Round Table Pizza- 2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa, CA

Dive Stillwater Cove

February 7th

Come join the club for a Dive at Stillwater Cove (Sonoma County GPS N38 32.58 W123 18.26). Come to the meeting on Thursday to find out who else will be diving.



Notes from Editor

by James

We are now confirmed for Van Damme on August 21-23, 2009.

THANKS PAUL D.!

The calendar is updated and our camping location for September has been left blank, until we decide where we want to go. Albion? Manchester? Hold off and let the MLPAs decide?

Thanks to Gary, Jed, Paul W. and Dave for contributing information to the Newsletter. Keep information and your dive stories coming. Don't be intimidated by Ken "The Hitman" Hower's award winning article from January.

I hope to see all of you at this weeks meeting. If dive conditions are right I'm ready to go, alternatively I'm thinking:

<http://healdsburgsteelheadfest.org>

Dive the Channel Islands on THE PEACE

by Paul W.

Mike M. is in charge of the lobster trip this year. Thank you Gary B. for all the years of taking care of this great trip, not knowing if it was going to sell out or not.

Mike is taking a deposit of \$150.00 to hold your spot. Bunks are on a 1st pay 1st pick deal. There are 6 double bunks 3 have been taken. The total price for the 4 day 3 night trip to the channel island is \$440.00. The last 3 years the weather and the water has been fantastic. I'm saying even if you just wanted to dive and have a great time this trip is for you. Picture taking, scallops, lobster, plenty of food served all day long and for the price it is a cheap vacation. If you are a new diver, a great way to get multiple dives in 61 degree water(?) and get used to your new gear.

I'm looking forward to getting in the water again. Had shoulder surgery 12/29 starting to feel pretty good better than before.

Looking forward to the club meeting on Feb.5. We will also be having the business meeting the same night every one in the club is welcome. Just trying to manage time a little better, hope this works for ya all. All you members who don't come to meetings we would like your input either on line or maybe show up to a meeting.

It would be nice to have more than 4-6 people showing up at a meeting. Tell a friend lets get some new divers involved.

Mike M. and I are also planing a trip to the island on our personal boats camping on one of the islands, we had a great time last year.(you haven't lived till you seen Dave B. in speedos and his world class free diving) this trip we have to plan in advance to reserve a camp spot. Hope to see ya all at the meeting

California Diving News

has relaunched its website CADivingNews.com. The new website has a searchable listing of all dive stores, dive boats, clubs and boat trips as well as a database of past articles.

As a supporting club, you can list your club details, meeting time, logo, website, and any other relevant details on our website. I have taken the time to fill in some of the details I already know. You may want to send me your logo and any other information you want listed in this section, as well as confirm that the current information I have for you is correct.

www.cadivingnews.com/clubs.html

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PRESS RELEASE

Schwarzenegger Freezes Funding for MLPA-Related Activities Due to State Budget Crisis
Partnership for Sustainable Oceans (PSO) Urges Governor to Closely Examine Potential Impacts on
Recreational Fishing

Last update: 8:06 a.m. EST Jan. 22, 2009

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan 22, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Governor Schwarzenegger's December 19, 2008 Executive Order (S-16-08), designed to help prevent a state budget shortfall, suspended indefinitely funding for essential Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) oversight initiatives. The budget cuts have created concern among stakeholders that, with a loss of funding, critical scientific and enforcement safeguards in newly created marine protected areas (MPAs) may unnecessarily restrict recreational angling or prohibit it entirely.

Proposed cutbacks related to the MLPA implementation total more than \$6,756,000. This does not include work stoppages or potential furloughs or cutbacks within the Department of Fish and Game itself. In response, the Partnership for Sustainable Oceans (PSO) recently sent a letter to the governor urging him to consider the impact of such funding restrictions on the effectiveness of the implementation process and the impacts on anglers, boaters and local economies.

The California Department of Finance has released a 161-page, 5,300-item list of public works projects that will be suspended or delayed indefinitely because of the state's cash crunch which can be found on the following Website: http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-lai...6_projects.pdf.

"The MLPA is supposed to be a science-based initiative, and with the current budget crisis in California, that will no longer be the case," said Gordon Robertson, vice president of the American Sportfishing Association and a member of the PSO, a coalition of angling and boating groups. "Without funding, the MPA review process will lack basic enforcement safeguards. In addition, without a scientific basis and required scientific baseline and monitoring data, there cannot be a proper five-year review and a chance for adaptive management, which is clearly prescribed in the statute."

In order for the MLPA process to work, MPA management requires a scientific baseline, along with continued monitoring and enforcement. Absent such enforcement and scientific monitoring, future scientists will not have the data to analyze the success or failure of a marine protected area, significantly curtailing its utility.

"California cannot pick and choose which part of the statute to implement," Robertson continued. "Without scientific monitoring and adequate enforcement, vast areas of the California coast will be closed to public access and public resources. In the end, such piecemeal implementation only costs California more jobs and more economic woes, with coastal communities taking the brunt of the economic hit."

The PSO has requested a meeting with Governor Schwarzenegger to develop a strategy to ensure the future health of the marine environment without unnecessary restrictions on recreational anglers and boaters. To download a copy of the PSO letter to the governor, go to <http://www.keepamericafishing.org/california.asp>.

PSO members include the American Sportfishing Association, Berkley Conservation Institute, Coastside Fishing Club, International Game Fish Association, Kayak Fishing Association of California, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Nor-Cal Kayak Anglers, Shimano Sport Fisheries Initiative, Southern California Marine Association and the Sportfishing Association of California.

SOURCE: Partnership for Sustainable Oceans.

RED EVENTS CALENDAR – 2009

UPDATED 2/1/09

GENERAL MEETINGS

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

July--6p.m. Finley Park 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

February 2009

2-5 General Meeting

2-7 Stillwater

**BUSINESS MEETING AT
GENERAL MEETING.**

March 2009

3-5 General Meeting

3-7 Salt Point

3-19 Business Meeting

??? St Paddy's Dinner

April 2009

4-2 General Meeting

4-4 Dive Upper Fiske Mill

4-16 Business Meeting

May 2009

5-7 General Meeting

5-9 Dive Beginners Cove

5-21 Business Meeting

June 2009

6-4 General Meeting

6-6 Dive-Fish Doran Park

6-18 Business Meeting

July 2009

7-2 General Meeting

**7-4 Boat Safari to the
Channel Islands**

7-16 Business Meeting

August 2009

8-6 General Meeting

**Aug. 21-23 Campout Van
Damme - "Confirmed"**

8-20 Business Meeting

September 2009

9-3 General Meeting

Sept. 4-7 Three Night

**Campout on Labor day
weekend ???**

9-17 Business Meeting

October 2009

10-1 General Meeting

10-3 Tomales Dive

10-15 Business Meeting

November 2009

11-5 General Meeting

11-7 Dive at Fort Ross

11-7 Crab dive at Doran

11-19 Business Meeting

December 2009

12-3 General Meeting

12-5 Dive at Timber Cove

12-? Christmas Dinner