

# BOTTOM TIMES

## REDWOOD EMPIRE DIVERS

### General Meeting

The first Thursday of the month.

When: 1-1-09

Time: 7:00 pm

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

### Dive Fort Ross

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Come join the club for a Dive at Fort Ross .Come to the meeting on Thursday to find out who else will be diving



### A Christmas visit to Arena Rock

Ken "The Hit man" Hower

'Twas 5 days before Christmas and all through the club

The talk was of diving, and getting some grub;  
Mike talked of the ocean, friendly and blue,  
Paul Whyte retorted, my dear friend 'tis true;

With new TV star Paul Damgaard recruited,  
Ken Hower and Jenna danced, smiled, and then hooted;

An early departure fore dawn they did make,  
For 2 hours of driving they knew it would take;

Ice on the boats and frost on the road,  
We traveled safely (even though Paul Whyte drove)

Mendoza was only 10 minutes behind  
"It's a Christmas miracle" Ken said with a whine:

The ocean was calm, with only small ripples,  
Our hope and excitement doubled, then tripled,  
Steam rose from the water as we went to the dock,  
Checking the gear, the straps and the clock;

The 2 Paul's were lowered and ready to go  
But Mike's motor had problems with old H2O  
Once cleared of it's system, Mike's boat it took off,  
And hastily we made our way to "THE ROCK" .

The day was quite clear, GPS was no needed  
There was swell and waves crashed, so caution was heeded  
Away from the rock the anchor was placed,  
The sun was so nice, gearing up was no race.

The water was cold, perhaps 49,  
As I cautiously went down the anchor line  
Brown jellies hung near, I avoided their touch,  
And once at the bottom the sight was too much;

What beautiful structure, and hundreds of fish,  
For Christmas Ceveche, is just what I'd wished.  
Within just a minute, scallops were found  
Just pick and choose, look all around;

At the end of the dive, but just before rising  
I spotted a scallop of size so surprising,  
I'd never seen one that big out in the ocean,  
I then pried it off with an effortless motion.

Once back in the boat I was in heaven  
For the scallop I found measured nearly eleven  
The bag I had filled on that dive totaled at 10  
After eating and warming, I'd go back again;

The water seemed colder , we began to descend,  
I was gonna shoot fish before this day would end !  
Mike gathered more scallops, and I shot 4 fish,  
We were all happy, we'd gotten our wish

Limits of scallops were taken by all,  
No matter how big, no matter how small,  
1 fish shot by Mike, and 4 more by Ken  
We easily could've gotten our 10

We spoke few a word, maybe a dozen  
On the way to the harbor, our faces were frozen  
Once at the dock , our boats safely hoisted  
We cleaned fish and scallops, trash talked and gloated

Mike took off with Jenna, then Paul minutes after  
It looked like a contest of who could drive faster  
But the drive home was safe, as darkness did fall  
Have a Happy New Year, and good diving to all!

Thanks to Paul Whyte and Mike Mendoza for bringing the boats,  
And to Mike's daughter Jenna, and Paul Primetime Damgaard for joining in on the fun.

# RED EVENTS CALENDAR - 2009

## 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 Baumel
Secretary	
Treasurer	Paul Damgaard
Editor	James Cameron

## January 2009

**1-1 General Meeting**  
**1-3 Dive Fort Ross**  
**1-15 Business Meeting**

## February 2009

**2-5 General Meeting**  
**2-7 Stillwater**  
**2-19 Business 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. 7-9 Campout Albion  
River**  
**8-20 Business Meeting**

## September 2009

**9-3 General Meeting**  
**Sept. 4-7 Three Night  
Campout at Van Damme  
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**