

# BOTTOM TIMES

## REDWOOD EMPIRE DIVERS

### General Meeting

The first Thursday of the month.

When: 3-7-09

Time: 7:00 pm

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

### Dive Salt Point

March 7<sup>th</sup>

Come join the club for a Dive at Salt Point State Park. Come to the meeting on Thursday to find out who else will be diving.



### Notes from Editor

by James

Saint Patty's Day Party on Saturday March 14th Paul W. is hosting at his house in Sebastopol. 6pm or earlier depending on weather. If it is nice we could start earlier.

VAN DAMME CAMPOUT. Do we want to go the second and/or third weekend in September. We have a choice, let's put it to a vote. I vote for the second week in September because Greg at the Freedive Shop in West Sacramento told me this years Picasso Open will be that weekend. That way I can show off my new Picasso gear around the group campfire after I win something good at the Open. Gary and Paul both vote second weekend as well, show up at the club meeting to cast your vote!

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### Dive the Channel Islands

by Mike M.

I'm taking deposits for the trip aboard the PEACE. The deposit of \$150.00 will hold your spot. The total trip cost is \$450. There are 4 spots left at this time. Next month I am going to post it online, so if you are interested please sign up. I would prefer all club people or friends, but I don't want to be scrambling at the end trying to fill it up.

The July trip will be either the 2nd or 3rd weekend. I have booked both and will cancel one after it becomes clearer who is going and which works better for everyone. We will be driving down on the Thurs, launching Fri morning to cross to the island and set up camp. The crossing only takes a little over an hour, so there is plenty of time to hit the water that afternoon. Then Sat & Sun are full days of diving (or not, as you please. There are a number of hiking trails and a small, but very nice beach to sun on and read a book). Monday morning it's back to the mainland and home.

This is a really fun trip, the weather is normally very pleasant and you never know what you may see on the crossings. In the past I have seen pilot whales, several types of porpoises, blue sharks, mola-mola and more. So if you are interested contact either Paul Whyte or myself.

### Monastery Beach Freedive.

by Brian and Nikki

Here's a short video we made of diving Monastery Beach last weekend.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djik\\_8jmVDg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djik_8jmVDg)

YOUR DIVE ADVENTURE  
HERE>>>>>NEXT TIME?

Email your newsletter contributions to:  
jamesrcameron@hotmail.com

## CENCAL

**It's a great organization that we can be involved with if we want on a club level or individually. Attached is their schedule of events and website link.**

**<http://www.cencal.org/index.html>**

Cencal is the largest council in the USA under the parent organization of USOA ( underwater society of America ).

We are the council for all clubs that wish to be affiliated with USOA, and our borders are from Bakersfield to Oregon border.

We have many arms, UW hockey, UW rugby, Fin swimming, photography, Spearfishing, and are very strong in the competitive end of all these sports.

Cencal awards a scholarship every year to a deserving student for college work.

We also fight for divers rights and access. Many of the sites on the California coast that are used today are open for access due to Cencal work to keep them open.

We are engaged with the DFG on issues surrounding divers rights, fishery issues, abalone, and have been instrumental in the fight for protection of abalone and access to the fishery for sport divers.

If your into diving, free or scuba, you owe it to yourself to check us out.

## **IT IS UNCLEAR IF FUNDING HAS BEEN SUSPENDED?**

### **California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative**

*Information about this MPA workshop is being forwarded as a courtesy.*

**Who:** MPA Monitoring Enterprise and California Department of Fish and Game

**What:** Invited Participants' North Central Coast MPA Monitoring Planning Workshop 2 (open to public observation and comment; see below)

**When:** The workshop will be held March 11-12, 2009 (the workshop agenda and list of invited participants will be available at [http://www.calost.org/monitoring\\_ent.html](http://www.calost.org/monitoring_ent.html) by March 4, 2009)

**Where:** Best Western Lighthouse Hotel, 105 Rockaway Beach Ave., Pacifica, CA

As part of the ongoing development of a draft North Central Coast MPA Monitoring Plan, the Marine Protected Areas Monitoring Enterprise and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) are convening a workshop on March 11-12, 2009 in Pacifica. This is a follow-up to an initial workshop held in Pacifica on October 22-23, 2008.

At the workshop, invited scientists, stakeholders, and resource managers will discuss a suite of recommended attributes and indicators for monitoring MPAs in the north central coast region. This will inform development of a draft plan for baseline and long-term monitoring for the north central coast region MPA network component. This draft plan is expected to be released for scientific and public review in late spring of 2009.

The focus of the workshop is on invited scientists, stakeholders, and resource managers. Members of the public are also welcome to observe the workshop. Public comment periods will be provided (see agenda, available at [http://www.calost.org/monitoring\\_ent.html](http://www.calost.org/monitoring_ent.html) by March 4, 2009).

The workshop will be held at the following place and times:

**March 11:** 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**March 12:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Best Western Lighthouse Hotel  
105 Rockaway Beach Ave Pacifica, CA

# RED EVENTS CALENDAR – 2009

UPDATED 3/1/09

## 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

## July 2009

7-2 General Meeting  
7-9 or 7-16 departure for the  
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. Van Damme  
Campout  
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

## March 2009

3-5 General Meeting  
3-7 Salt Point  
3-14 St Patty's Dinner  
Paul W. will be hosting the  
Clubs Annual St. Patty's Party  
Pot Luck at his home in  
Sebastopol. Details to be worked  
out at our March Meeting, but  
we are thinking a 6pm start or  
earlier if the weather is nice.

## 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

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