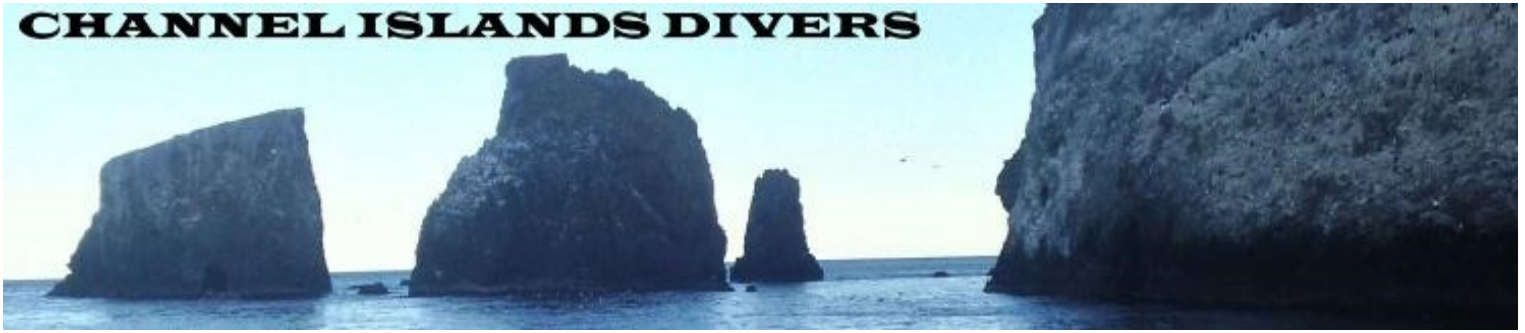


JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS



CELEBRATING OUR 31st YEAR! (established 1992)

IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND AND CLUB TREASURER

KAREN DURAN

December 15, 1955 - January 6, 2023



NEXT CLUB MEETING

January 18, 2023
6:00 PM - Dinner
7:00 PM - Meeting

Pizza Man Dan's
307 Hueneme Road
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

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Many thanks to the sponsors of our club:

Channel Island Dive Adventures 

Mavericks Undersea Divers (MUD)

Island Packers 

Pizza Man Dan's 

PCH Scuba 

BOTTOM TIMES

by club president, Mike Cunningham



Hello Channel Islands Divers,

It's a sad welcome to 2023. By now I'm sure everyone has heard the news of the passing of our good friend Karen Duran.

After a lengthy battle with her health from her hip to an infection followed by the hip removal and then after the infection was brought under control, then having her hip replaced, again. Then cancer. I'm told it went into remission only to return. All this time Karen maintained a sold spirit through the ups and even downs. I didn't know the full story until just recently, she didn't share unless asked and I didn't ask. I didn't know how really bad it was until this past Sunday when I got the news of her passing.

Ever the upbeat optimist, at our last board meeting in November, Karen said this was going to be her last year as our Treasurer, that she just wanted to get things in order for the next person. Karen said she didn't want the new treasurer to have to call her wanting to know this or that or where this is or where I put that. Think about that for a minute. First Karen didn't want to leave questions for her replacement, and she didn't want to have to flag questions somewhere around early 2024.

That's the way I want to remember her, not quitting and not giving in. Strong and silent.

Karen Duran: December 15, 1955 - January 6, 2023



Sponsor's Corner: Currently, the club has no warm water trips planned for 2023, but did you know our sponsor *PCH Scuba* has **international, warm water trips** to choose from? In 2023, *PCH Scuba* has trips scheduled to the Maldives (March 17-27), Bonaire (May 20-27), and St. Croix (July 22-29). Some of the international trips are already sold out, but if you are interested in going, get in touch with *PCH Scuba* to be placed on the waiting list. Remember, cancellations always happen! A bit closer to home, *PCH Scuba* also has a trip planned for the Annual Avalon Harbor Cleanup, February 24-26, for the excellent price of \$299, including roundtrip fare on Catalina Express. If you are interested in either a warm water trip or the Avalon Harbor Cleanup trip, see *PCH Scuba's* website, www.pchscuba.com, or give them a call at (818) 991-1800.

JANUARY 18, 2023 MEETING

SPEAKER'S BIO

Pat Hummer, Senior Harbor Patrol Officer



The mission of the Ventura Harbor Patrol is to, "Provide a safe boating environment through education, enforcement, and service." For the past 32 years, Senior Harbor Patrol Officer Pat Hummer has helped Ventura Harbor Patrol fulfill its mission by enforcing the Ventura Harbor Ordinance, boating law, and specific sections of other codes that relate to his duties, with a focus on education rather than punishment.

Although he works 12 hour shifts, Pat says he arrives to work each day with a smile on his face. Yes, Pat enjoys the cool equipment used by the Harbor Patrol, but he says his main goal and joy is keeping citizens safe, either through education, enforcement, or rescue. As a trained Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Pat has been called upon many times to provide services and assist other agencies in rescues within the boundaries of the Harbor Patrol's jurisdiction. However, when necessary, he has been called upon to provide services outside the Harbor Patrol's jurisdiction, as was the case when Pat and two of his fellow Harbor Patrol Officers responded on January 31, 2002, when Alaskan Airlines flight 261 crashed near Anacapa Island. So, truly, a Harbor Patrol Officer's job is not all fun and games, but Pat still manages to keep a smile on his face.

Keep an eye on your television and local newspaper. Chances are you will see Senior Harbor Patrol Officer Pat Hummer speaking on behalf of the Ventura Harbor Patrol. Is this also a duty that puts a smiles on Pat's face? Let's ask him!

WHALE WATCHING WITH ISLAND PACKERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Price for club members: \$40 (regular price is \$44 as of Feb 1)



As announced in our November newsletter, to coincide with the gray whales' southward migration to the breeding and calving grounds in Baja Mexico, our club booked 14 spots for a whale watching trip with Island Packers. January through March is an ideal time to see migrating gray whales along the California coast as they get closer to their winter homes in the lagoons of Mexico. It is even possible for us to see some northward migrating whales who arrived early to the breeding grounds and are now heading back up to the Artic.

As of January 2, 2023, we have filled 9 of our available 14 spots. If you are interested in one or more of our remaining 5 spots, please email our Dive Coordinator at dive@channelislandsdivers.org. A signup sheet will be also be available at our January 18 General Meeting.

Here are the specifics for the trip:

- Price: \$40 for club members. **(Non-members must book directly with Islands Packers at the regular price of \$44)**
- Departure: Channel Islands Harbor, 3550 Harbor Boulevard, Oxnard, CA 93035
- After the cruise, we will meet at Topper's Pizza at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Channel Islands Boulevard for lunch. (Members pay for their own lunches.)

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ANNOUNCING NEW DIVE TRIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 6:15 AM

BOAT: SPECTRE

COST FOR MEMBERS: \$143

(Non-members must sign up directly with the Spectre for the regular price of \$175)

Our first local boat dive trip in October was such a success, we thought we should try it again!

As mentioned at our November meeting, the regular price for the *Spectre* has increased to \$175, but boat management has continued to offer a wonderful group discount to Channel Islands Divers. We have taken advantage of this discount and have booked 10 spots on the *Spectre* for Saturday, March 11, 2023, at a price of \$143 for club members. **The discount on this trip is only available to club members.**

The details for this dive trip will be announced at our January 18, 2023, General Meeting. A signup sheet will also be available at the meeting, and it will be your chance to reserve your spot for this trip before the Dive Coordinator sends out an email blast to the entire club. In other words, if you would like to go on this trip, you have even more incentive to attend the General Meeting so you can get your dive spot early!

Remember, even though we only had two weeks to complete our reservations for the October dive trip, we filled all our available spots in less than 72 hours. As promised, we are giving club members more notice of this upcoming trip, but it is expected it will also fill up very quickly.

DON'T FORGET, YOUR CHANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR JANUARY 18, 2023, GENERAL MEETING.

DECEMBER 3, 2022, HOLIDAY PARTY

(photo courtesy of John Wolfe)



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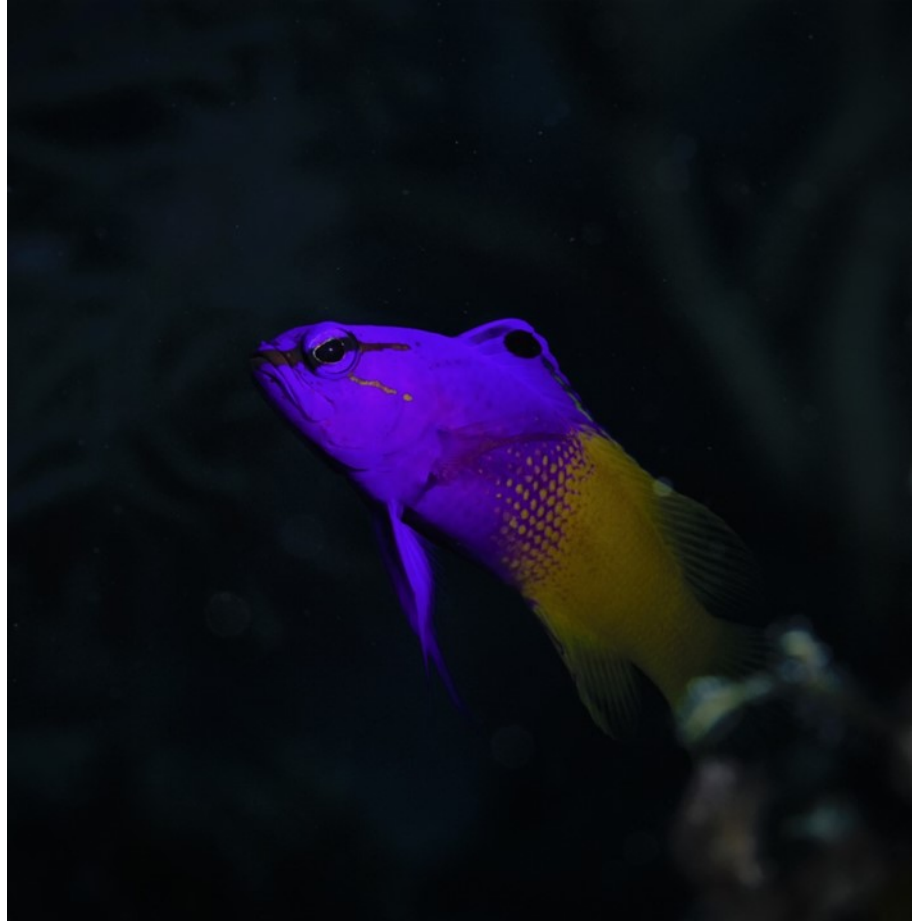
DECEMBER 2, 2022, HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

1ST PLACE MACRO

Photo by: Eric Taylor

Subject: Royal Gramma

Location: Grand Turk Island, Turks
and Caicos



2nd PLACE MACRO

Photo by:
Sam Kuller

Subject: Glossodiris
Stelatus
Nudibranch

Camera: Canon G10

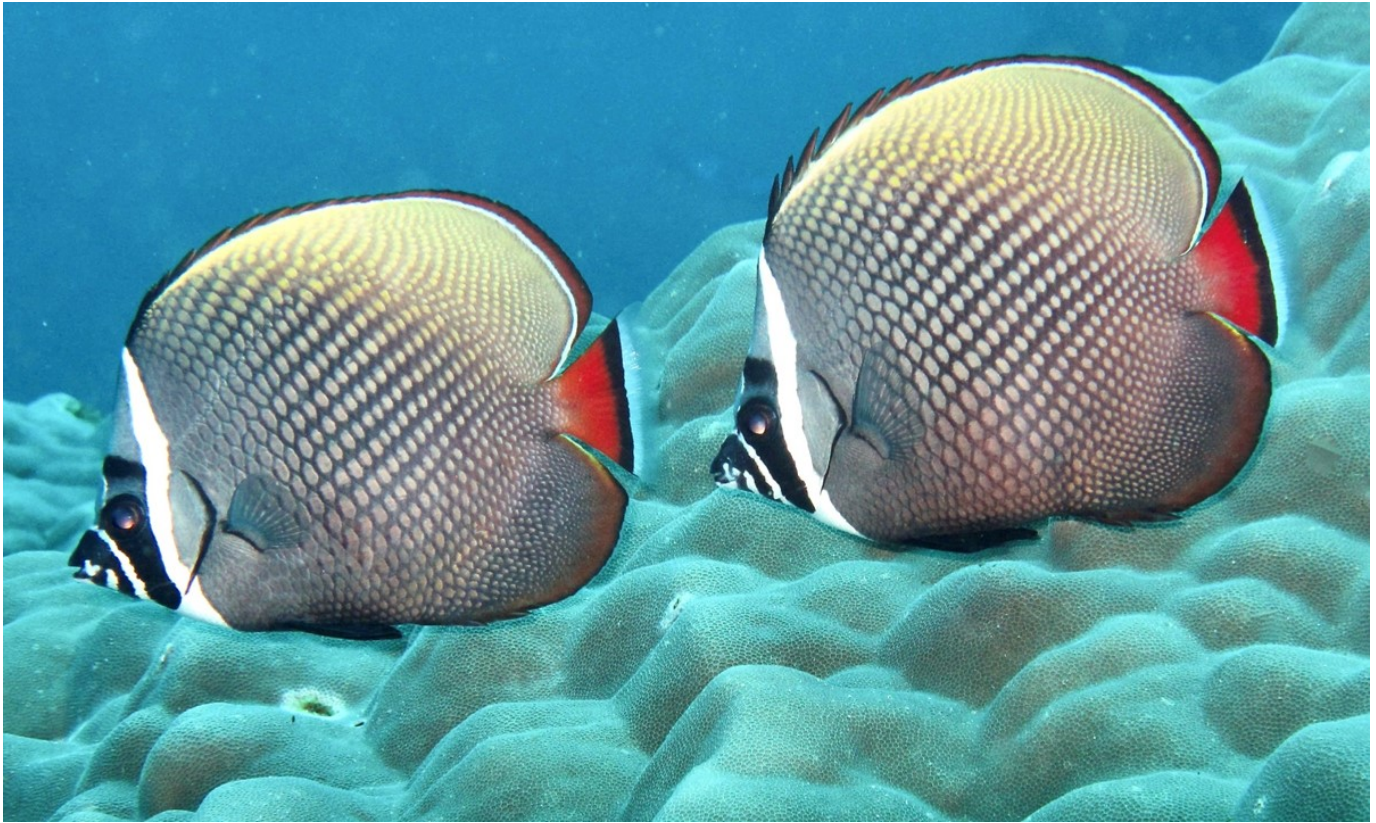
Location: Indonesia



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DECEMBER 2, 2022, HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

1st PLACE NOVICE: Sam Kuller Subject: Chaetodon Collare Bloch Butterfly Fish Location: Maldives



2nd PLACE NOVICE: Donald Lockwood Subject: Yellow Box Fish Location: Maldives



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DECEMBER 2, 2022, HOLIDAY PARTY
PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



1st PLACE
TOPSIDE

Photo by:
Bill Weinerth

Subject:
Common
Dolphin

Location:
Santa Barbara
Channel



2nd PLACE
TOPSIDE

Photo by:
Laura Forsyth

Subject:
Emeralda at
Pillory Beach

Location:
Grand Turk
Island, Turks
and Caicos

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DECEMBER 2, 2022, HOLIDAY PARTY
PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

1st PLACE WIDE ANGLE: Donald Lockwood *

Subject: Tawny Nurse Shark

Location: Maldives



2nd PLACE WIDE ANGLE: Heather Moine*

Subject: Tropical Cuttlefish

Location: Maldives



* In addition to winning for these photos, Donald Lockwood won 1st PLACE VIDEO, and Heather Moine won 2nd PLACE VIDEO.

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December 3, 2022, Holiday Party Raffle Winners:

David Guth - \$50 Gift Certificate donated by Channel Islands Dive Adventures and \$60 Maverick UnderSea Divers air card
Jennifer Morrison - \$500 Gift Certificate good toward a wetsuit or a dry suit, donated by PCH Scuba
Joe Razo - Women's red/black Zeagle BCD and purple mask (donated by Karen Duran)
Jim Nolan - Two (2) *Spectre* dive boat spots (1 donated by *Spectre*; 1 provided by the club)
Cindy Doyon - Collapsible, rolling wagon for sand and land
David Gregg - Two (2) Gift Certificates donated by Island Packers
Bill Weinerth - Steel 72LP Tank (donated by Mike Cunningham)

Progressive Raffle Months: *January, April, July, October*

Participation Drawing Months: *February, May, August, November*

Membership Appreciation Months: *March, June, September, December (Dark)*

*****DON'T FORGET - OUR JANUARY 18, 2023, MEETING IS THE PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE. BRING ALL YOUR PREVIOUSLY "LOSER" TICKETS FOR A SECOND CHANCE TO WIN A GREAT PRIZE*****

What is Progressive Raffle? Do you have losing raffle tickets? **DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!** Every three months, you have a chance to turn those losing tickets into a winning ticket. All tickets since the last Progressive Raffle are placed back into the bin, and one ticket is drawn, with the winner receiving an extremely valuable prize. Past winning Progressive Raffle prizes have included tanks, computers, GoPros, etc. As I said, very valuable prizes, indeed! ***You do not have to be at the meeting, but your previously LOSING TICKET must be present to win!!***

What is Participation Drawing? When you attend a club-sponsored event, in addition to having a wonderful day of diving, enjoying a beautiful day of hiking, or chowing down on great food, your name automatically goes into a drawing we call Participation Drawing. ***You do not have to be present to win.***

What is Membership Appreciation? As a member of this fine dive club who showed up tonight, you are in the drawing. No need to wear one of our pretty hats, shirts or jackets; you don't have to send anything to use in the newsletter; and, you don't have to be in possession of those old loser tickets. This is the easiest thing you'll ever do. We'll do all the heavy lifting! Just sit back and wait. ***Obviously, you must be present to win.***

CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS' MERCHANDISE:

Our new club merchandise has arrived!

New Inventory

T-Shirts - \$20
Ladies' V-Neck - \$15
Zipper Sweatshirts - \$25

Remaining Old Inventory

New Condition - \$20
Faded - \$10
Hats - \$20

**See our club secretary,
Rob Marion, to purchase
merchandise.**

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THE CLUB, THE BOARD, MEMBERSHIP

Channel Islands Divers - Ventura County's Premier Dive Club

3rd Wednesday of the month (*except December*); dinner at 6pm; meeting starts at 7pm

Pizza Man Dan's

307 Port Hueneme Rd, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY 2023</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 2023</u>	<u>MARCH 2023</u>
14 Tour of Ojai Raptor Center 18 General Meeting: Ventura Harbor Patrol Progressive Raffle 23 Board Meeting	11 Whale Watching with Island Packers 15 General Meeting: Chris Borel: Sharks! Participation Raffle 20 Board Meeting	11 Spectre Dive Trip 15 General Meeting: Topic TBD Membership Appreciation Raffle 20 Board Meeting
<u>APRIL 2023</u>	<u>MAY 2023</u>	<u>JUNE 2023</u>
19 General Meeting: Topic TBD Progressive Raffle 22 Harmon Canyon hike (tentative) 24 Board Meeting	17 General Meeting: Topic TBD Participation Raffle 20 Anacapa Seagull Rookery hike (tentative) 22 Board Meeting	21 General Meeting: Topic TBD Membership Appreciation Raffle 26 Board Meeting

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**Membership going strong;
93 members and counting.**

Membership Policy:

Club policy is to drop members from the roster **THREE MONTHS AFTER MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION.**

New Membership:

Single - \$40

Family - \$55

Renewing Members:

Single - \$30

Family - \$45

membership@channelislandsdivers.org

Please mail renewals to:

CID Membership

P.O. Box 5801

Ventura, CA 93005

For your convenience,
we now accept renewal payments through

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