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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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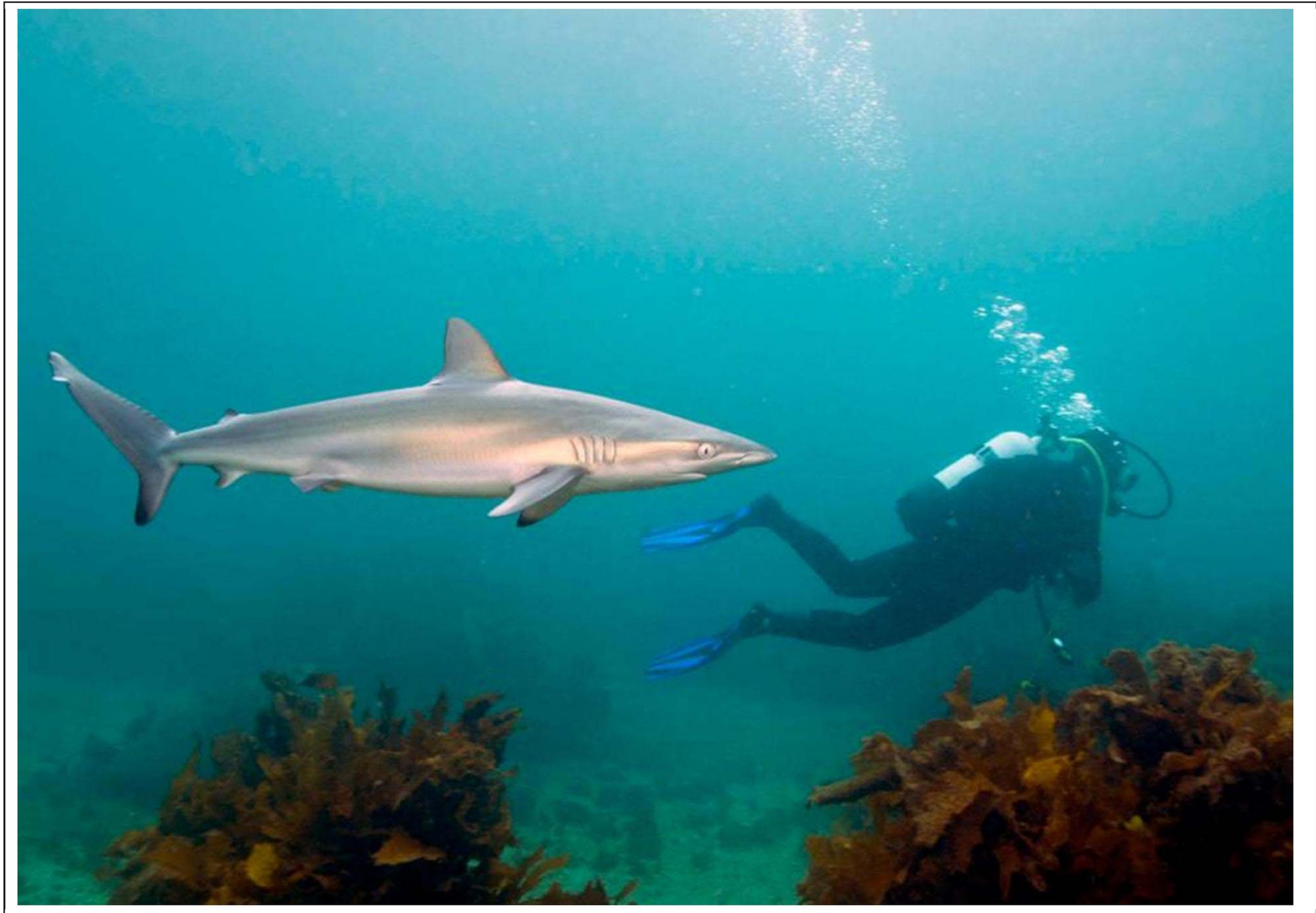
Included in this issue are Dive Reports from ...

Paul Pacey

A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO THEM.

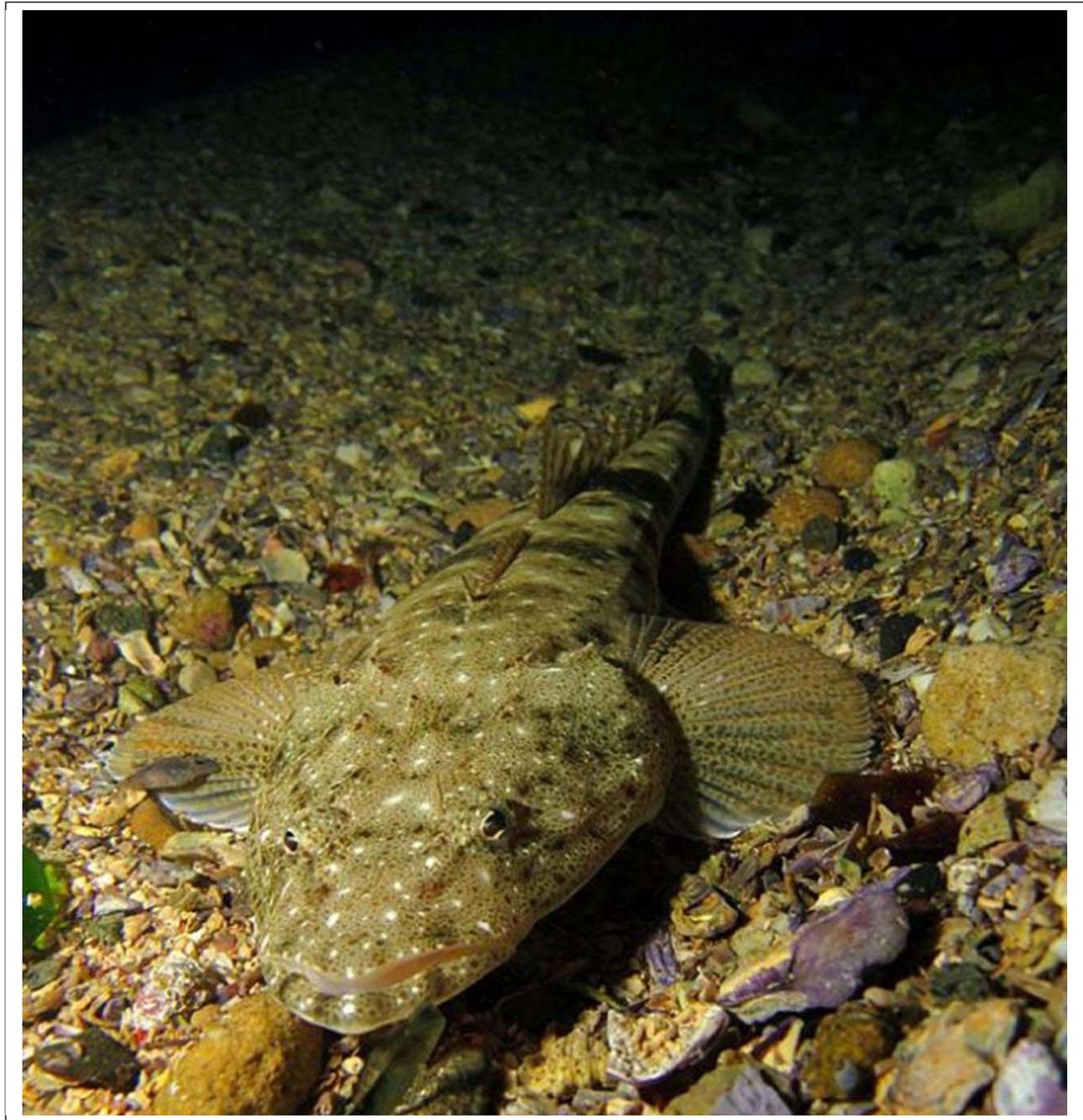


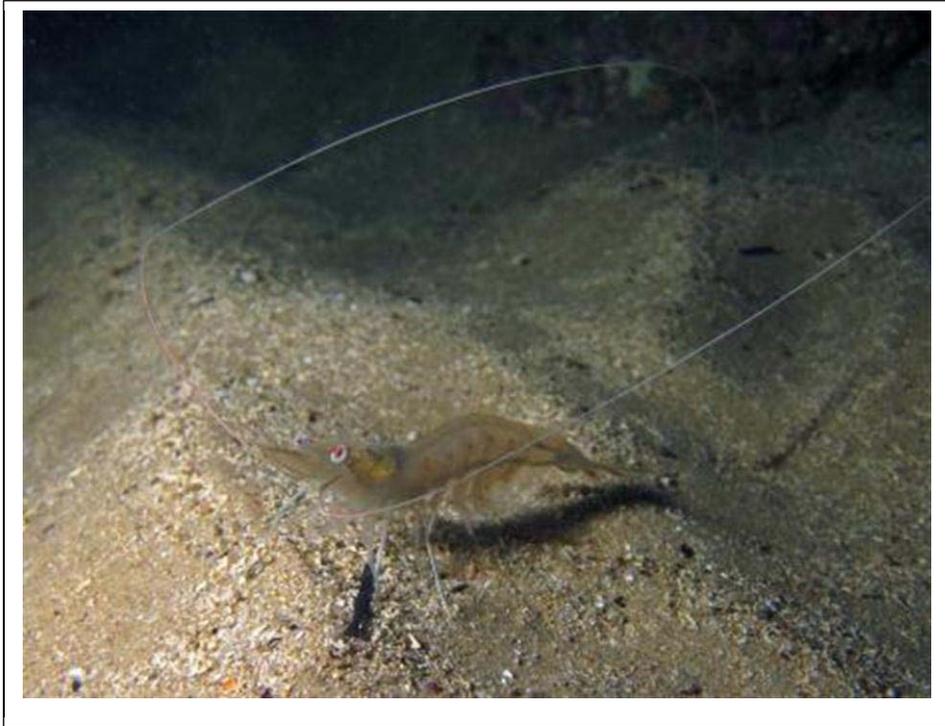
















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SATURDAY 3 rd	Shore Dive Shelley Beach Manly	Ken Ridley 9520 5598	WEDNESDAY 20th	CLUB MEETING 8 PM ROWERS CLUB	Jason Coombs 9345 4599
SATURDAY 3 rd	Deep Dive SS KELLOE	Michael McFadyen 9545 55 96	SATURDAY 23rd	Red Flag / Sharks	Ray Moulang 0403 437 974
FRIDAY 8th to MONDAY 11th	Montague Island Narooma	Deb Cook 0401 580 966	SUNDAY 24th	Shore Dive The Leap Kurnell	Paul Pacey 9527 2501
SUNDAY 17TH	Mistral Point / Sharks	Jason Coombs 9345 4599	Friday 29th to 12 July	Away Trip Fiji	Mike Scotland 9521 7720
TUESDAY 19th	Recompression Chamber Visit	Jason Coombs 9345 4599	SATURDAY 30th	Boat Dive Xanadu	Shelley Breuseker 9525 8860

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SUNDAY 1st	Shore Dive Shark Point	<i>Ken Ridley</i> 9520 5598	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>18th</u>	<u>CLUB MEETING</u> <u>8 PM</u> <u>ROWERS CLUB</u>	<u>Jason Coombs</u> <u>9345 4599</u>
SATURDAY 7TH	Deep Dive SS Tuggerah/ SS Undola	Michael McFadyen 9545 5596	<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>21st</u>	<u>Deep Boat Dive</u> <u>SS Kelloe</u>	<u>Gary Perkins</u> <u>0422 286 263</u>
SATURDAY 14TH	Boat Dive Marley Point	Dave Casburn 0405 186 184	<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>28TH</u>	<u>Boat Dive</u> <u>The Split</u>	<u>Eda Di</u> <u>Camillio</u> <u>0403 239 020</u>
			<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>28TH</u>	<u>Christmas In July</u> <u>Heathcote</u>	<u>Les Caterson</u> <u>9520 9421</u>

St. George Scuba Club Christmas in July 2012

- # WHEN Saturday 28th July at 6.30pm - 7.00pm.
- # WHERE Club Heathcote Oliver Street, Heathcote.
- # COST \$25.00 per head. (subsidized)

Club Heathcote supply a baked Christmas dinner plus entertainment.

For more information contact Les Caterson

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Please note the date is now Saturday 28th July.

(Not Sunday the 29th. As indicated on the Club Calendar for 2012)

Another seal diving weekend in Jervis Bay in August!

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 August

Optional shore dive Friday – come down early and we'll get a local dive guide to show us around.

Double boat dives Saturday and Sunday (including one dive with the seals).

At least one dive will be with the seals, conditions permitting! The remainder will be boat dives to local dive sites.

We have done this trip the last two years running and have been blessed with top conditions both times, so hope we can do the same again. The house is perfect for our group and Ulladulla dive are very accommodating.

Diving – costs to be confirmed with dive shop, but costs from last two years were as follows:

Ulladulla Dive Centre can cater for 12 divers <http://www.ulladulladive.com.au/crew/duckunder.html>

- ✂ Retail rates for double dives is \$110 (\$90 for 10 divers or more, plus one free of charge)
- ✂ Airfills for \$7
- ✂ No tanks provided – if you take one tank and they provide one it will be an added charge of \$10.00, or you can hire both tanks (or take 2 of your own!)
- ✂ Payment in full required beforehand – I will collect money in advance and pay in one transaction. Refunds for cancellation due to bad conditions.

Accommodation:

I have booked the house, “Seahaven” <http://www.stayz.com.au/11509>

House comfortably sleeps 15 people, with 3 bathrooms and 3 toilets (main bathroom with large spa bath). There is a LUG for dive gear and a BBQ we can make use of. BYO linen! Total cost for 15 people for 2 nights is \$600. Dinner at Vincentia Golf Club (5 mins walk up the road) on Fri night, Club Curry night at home on Sat night. Yummo.

Contact **Natasha if you want to come along, and please remember to send Mark your deposit of \$50. Get in quick – this trip fills up real fast!!**

Email: natasha@bluecucumber.com

Phone: 0410 074 677

[additional weekend in July](#)

WELCOME TO THE FABULOUS SAINT GEORGE SCUBA CLUBS
GUESSING COMPETITION. HOW MANY JEWIES IN THIS PICTURE?
THREE GREAT PRIZES TO BE GIVEN TO THE CLOSEST THREE
ENTRANTS. **TO BE DRAWN AT JUNE CLUB MEETING.**
INDEPENDENT THREE JUDGES. EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANSWERS
OUT SOON. ONE GUESS PER MEMBER. GOOD LUCK.

MY NAME IS
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THE NUMBER
IS.....



- Recent Club Happenings -

The Leap shore dive – Sunday 27th May 2012-05-29

After the howling winds on Saturday, which resulted in many of the boat dives being cancelled, the gentle breeze on Sunday morning was a good omen. Ken Ridley had organised the dive via email and FaceBook.



I picked up Eddie and we proceeded to “The Leap” which is in the Kurnell National Park where we met seven other club members including new members Nick and Matt.



We had reports from the day before that conditions at The Leap were going to be close to perfect but our preliminary inspection showed it to be calm but looked a bit “green” (green is not clean).

When we first entered the water our fears were confirmed as viz at the entry would have been 5 metres. However, as is often the case, as we approached the deeper water the viz improved and dropping off the edge of the reef the viz was over 10 metres – excellent. This didn’t stop me losing Eddie at least 4 times during the dive but I’ve done that before even with 30 metre viz.

Unfortunately we also lost “the pack” in the 5 metre viz section and never saw them again until the end of the dive. They swim so much faster than us old farts! Our first discovery was an \$18.80 anchor (it still had the price tag on it). It’s still there, although I’m still thinking about the chain...

Eddie next found a Weedy Seadragon and not far away he found an extremely well camouflaged big-belly seahorse. I carefully searched the rock the seahorse was on but could not find any other seahorses (that does not mean that there were no more – I just didn’t see any).

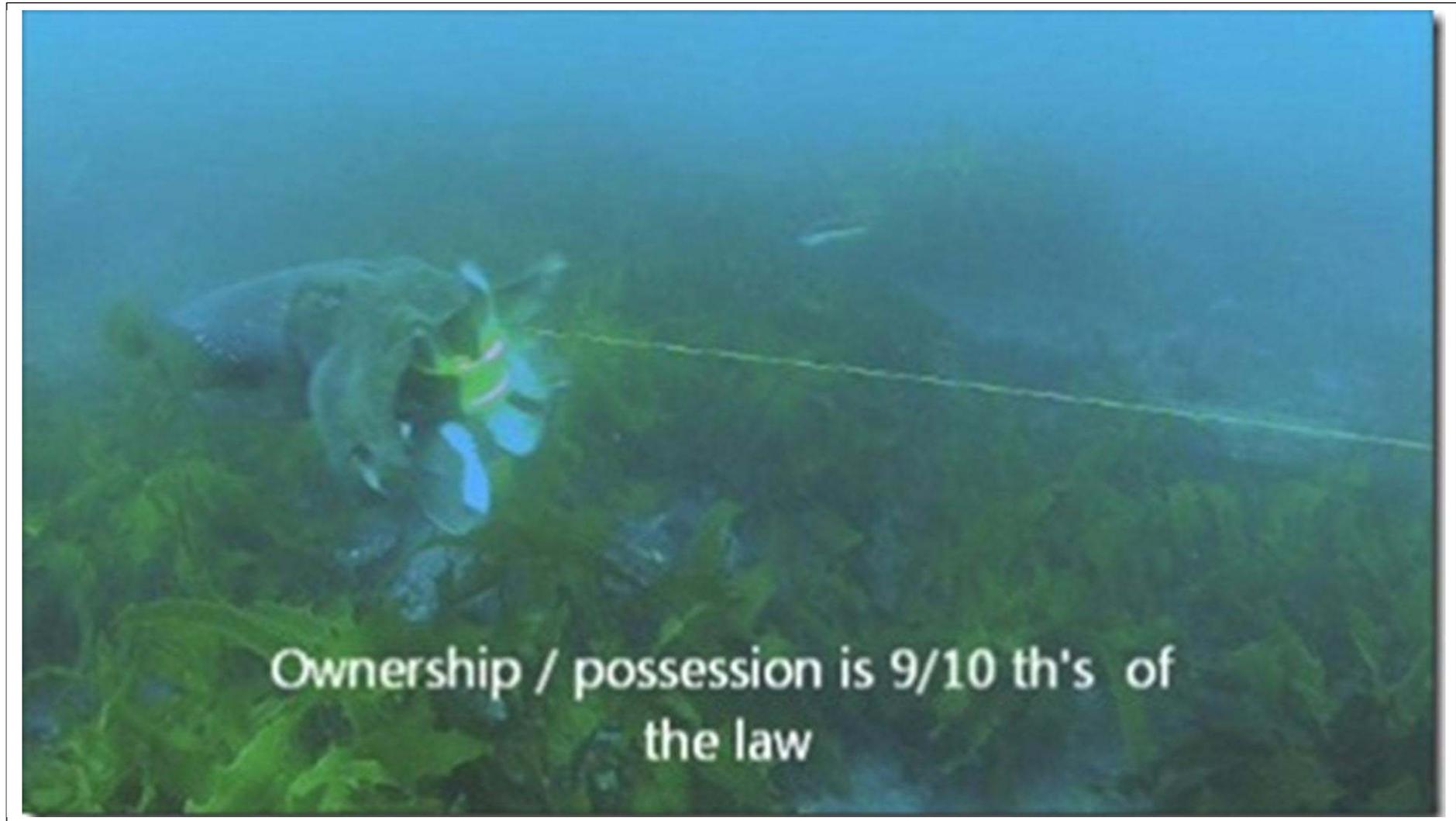
As usual the sponge gardens were beautiful and are still smothered in blue dragon Nudi’s although other types of Nudi’s are a bit scarcer than normal.

We must have been having a relaxing time as I noticed that we went within a minute of deco!

Coffee and cake afterwards gave us the opportunity to look at some of the photo’s the other guys had captured. Gary Dunnett had a couple of cracker shots of the seahorses that they tracked down during the dive. Thanks to Eddie Ivers for the photo’s and Ken Ridley for organising the dive.

Cheers, Paul.





Enclosed some better modified photos done by Glenn Townsend off
Jessica's video

John B.

This was taken off Jessica video at the Duckenfield wreck- John Beddie



Depths of knowledge: divers to explore secrets of submarine site

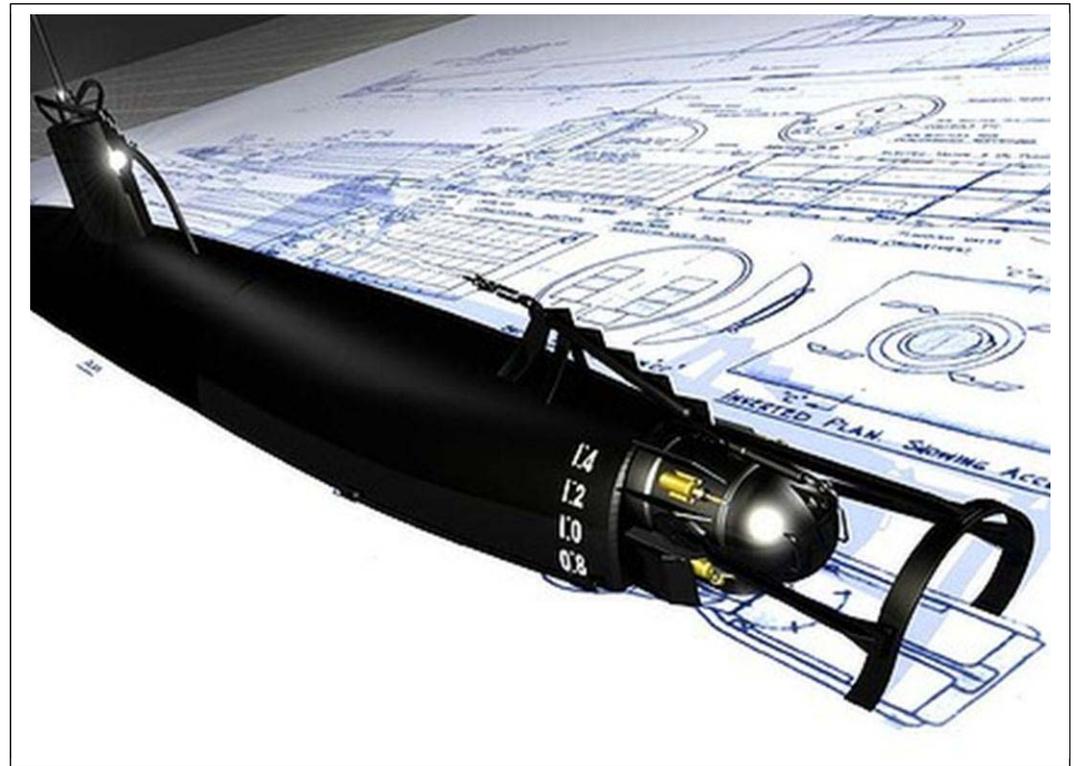
Nicole Hasham

May 28, 2012 text

At rest for 70 years ... the
mini-submarine M24.

HIS assignment was critically
dangerous - but not a suicide
mission.

Nonetheless, as the young
Japanese sailor Mamoru Ashibe
prepared for a midnight submarine
strike on Sydney Harbour in 1942,
he wrote a letter to his mother
insisting she must not weep when
she heard he was dead.



For 70 years, the remains of Petty Officer Ashibe and Sub-Lieutenant
Katsuhisa Ban have lain entombed in the hull of the mini-submarine M24 in
deep waters five kilometres off Sydney's northern beaches.

But the historic site will soon be opened up to recreational divers with the

state government expected to announce today that access restrictions have been lifted after negotiations with Japanese authorities.

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Entombed ... Mamoru Ashibe.



The decision commemorates the anniversary of the lethal submarine attack that brought war to a sleepy Sydney Harbour and killed 21 Allied seamen on May 31 and June 1, 1942, triggering public hysteria and revealing the vulnerability of the nation's ports.

Divers will be invited to enter a ballot for the chance to visit the 55-metre deep site, one of the world's few intact midget submarine wrecks at a diveable depth.

Controlled diver access will be trialled over several days this year.

If successful, it could become an annual event.

The sailors' families have consented to the site being opened to the public. The enclosed craft is thought to contain personal items such as samurai swords, good luck charms and board games, as well as unexploded demolition charges buried safely under sand.

Of the three midget subs to infiltrate the harbour that night, the M24 was the only one to achieve its mission. Two others were scuttled.

Ban, 23, and Ashibe, 24 - elite, highly trained navigators - slipped past nets and lookout boats to launch two torpedoes at the American cruiser USS Chicago, moored off Garden Island. One struck a wall under HMAS Kuttabul, killing 19 Australians and two Britons.

As the harbour ignited with bullets and depth-charge explosions, Ban and Ashibe expertly steered the M24 out of the chaos to rendezvous with a mother sub near Broken Bay.

But they made it only halfway - either running out of air, succumbing to fumes or committing suicide before their inevitable deaths, said the state maritime archaeologist Tim Smith.

"It's quite remarkable when you think about what must have been going on in the submarine at that time," he said. "This wreck is the last element of that attack force, still in its original 1942 battle context. It has very powerful value."

The fate of the M24 was one of the nation's most enduring naval mysteries until it was discovered off the coast of Bungan Head, near Newport, in 2006.

An exclusion zone of 500-metre radius monitored by a long-range camera protects the wreck.

Hidehiro Ikematsu, of the Japanese embassy, said his government supported the plan, "provided the site continues to be managed properly ... [and] due respect be given to the remains".

The Heritage Minister, Robyn Parker, will unveil a plaque at north Mona Vale headland today.

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/depths-of-knowledge-divers-to-explore-secrets-of-submarine-site-20120527-1zd75.html#ixzz1w7gv9r50>

Tim Smith is coming to our club meeting in July to give a talk.

State Maritime Archaeologist

Club Boat dive,
all but Yes dear Too bailed out.
Deb Cook, tried her new Dry
Suit undergarment.....

Just as well it was an
undergarment would have scared
the fish away.

Regards,

Wayne Heming

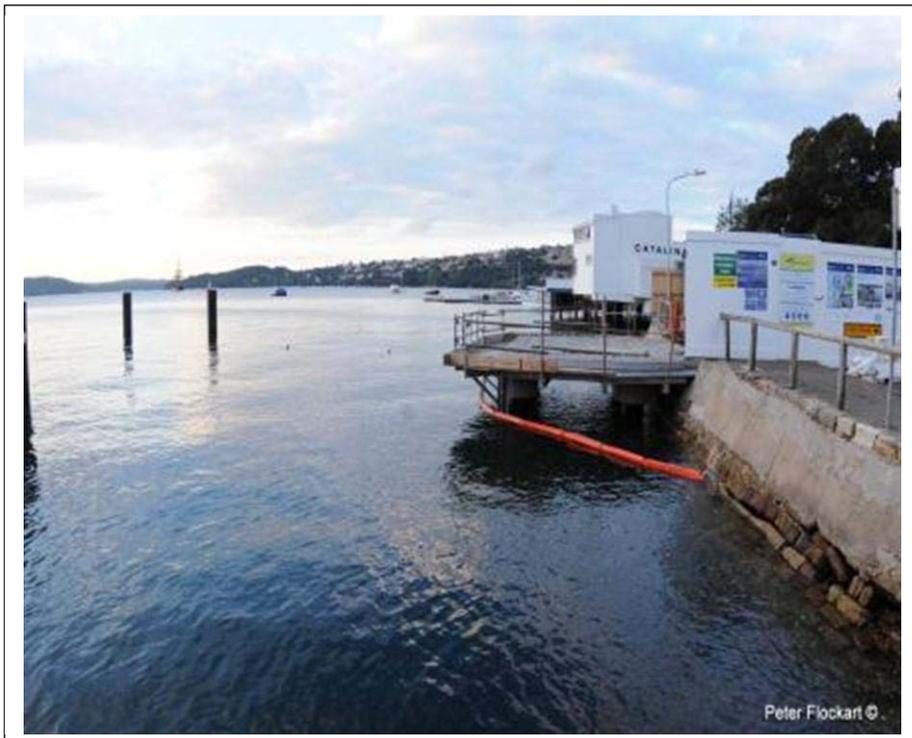


Took some photo's of the Rose Bay ramp this afternoon. Work is progressing well with the ramp to be widened by about 1m.

Given good weather it will be finished on time.

Also 4 of the 8 pilings are in place. The main ferry wharf is also well underway with the landing 75% completed & the piles for the floating area in place.

Peter Flockart





From my last dive trip amazing close up pics

of seahorses. Tarek Hakim

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