



Sea Braggin'

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- APRIL 2012 - Edited by Ray Moulang -

***Included in this issue are Dive Reports from :..
Nancy, Rob and Ray.***

A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO THEM.



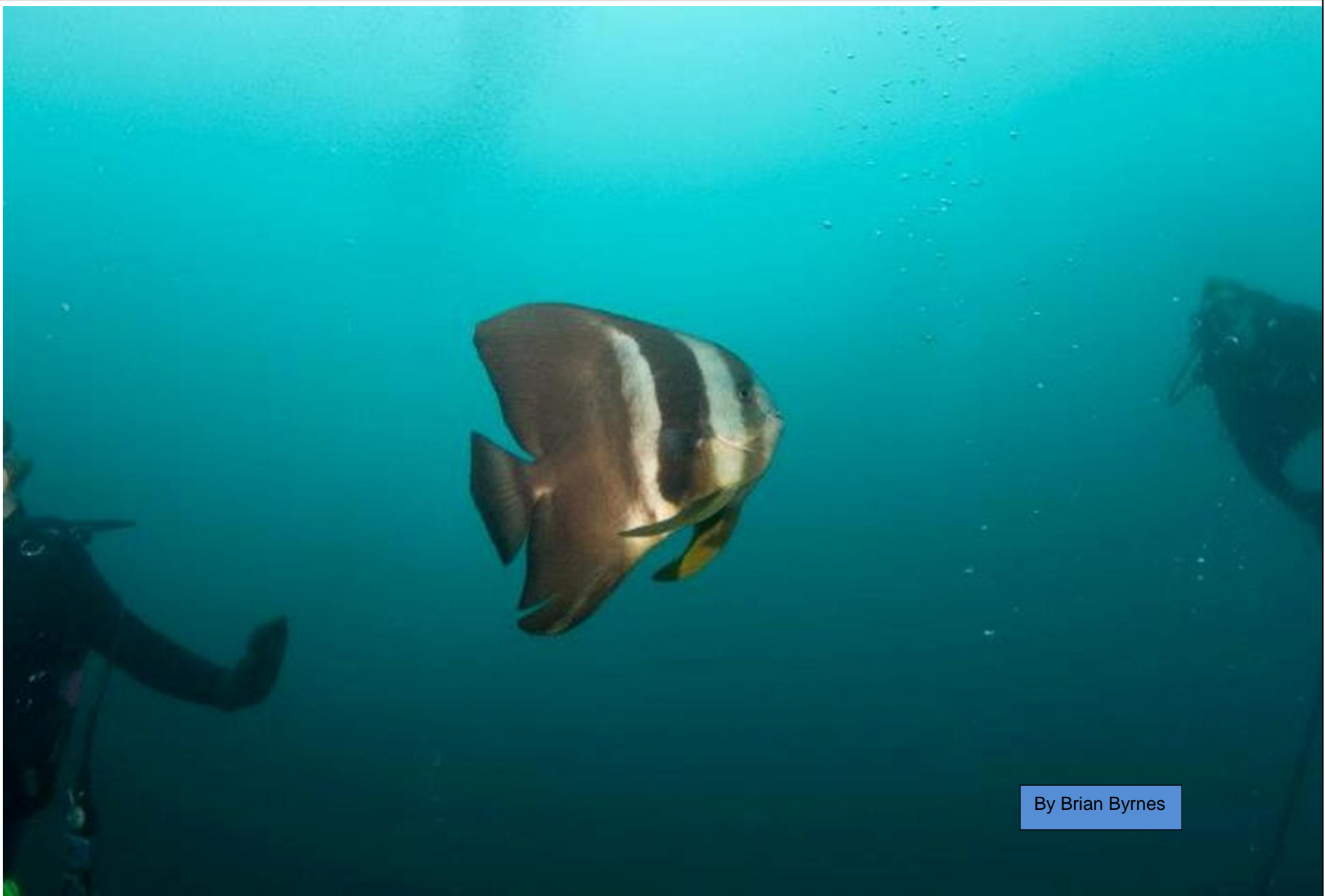
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Matt Wildermuth
Sea Spider



From Wayne HEMING



By Brian Byrnes



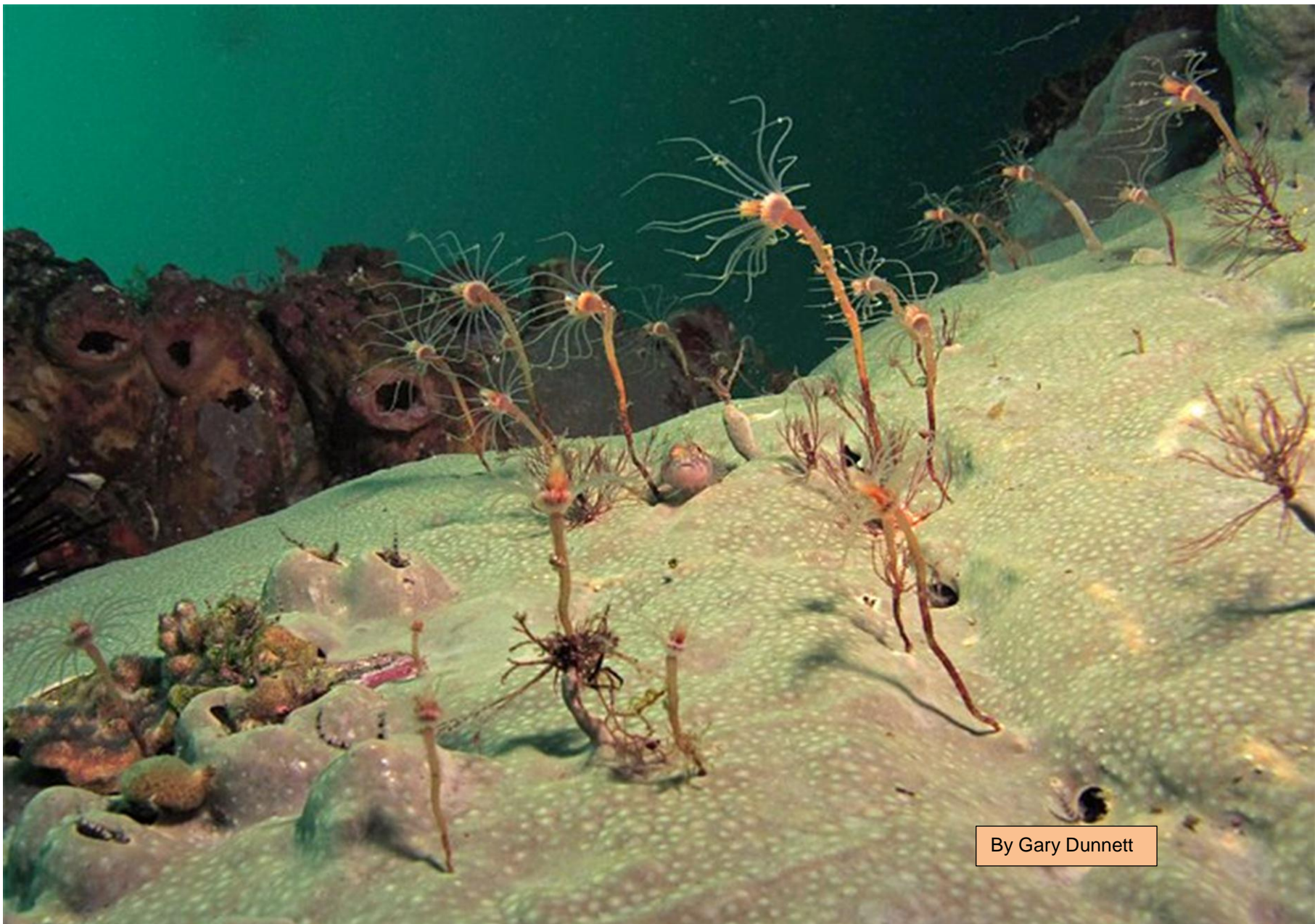
By Brian Byrnes

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By James Matthews- Fiona taking a quick toilet stop on the club dive up to ex-HMAS Brisbane last year



By Gary Dunnett

What's On - APRIL - 2012 -

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT	WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT
<i>THURSDAY</i> <i>4th to 9th</i>	<i>Jervis Bay</i> <i>Boat Dive Trip</i>	<i>Ray Moulang</i> <i>0403 437 974</i>	<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>14TH</u>	<u>Boat Dive</u> <u>The Balcony</u>	<u>Shelley</u> <u>Breuseker</u> <u>0438 998 199</u>
<i>SATURDAY</i> <i>7th</i>	<i>Deep Dive</i> <i>SS Tuggerah/ SS</i> <i>Undola</i>	<i>Michael McFadyen</i> <i>9545 55 96</i>	<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>
<i>SATURDAY</i> <i>7th</i>	<i>Special Night</i> <i>Dive - Kurnell</i>	<i>Gary Dunnett</i> <i>9542 6481</i>	<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>21st</u>	<u>Boat Dive</u> <u>Tupia Point</u>	<u>Gary Perkins</u> <u>0422 286 263</u>
<i>SUNDAY</i> <i>8TH</i>	<i>Shore Dive</i> <i>Shiprock</i>	<i>Paul Pacey</i> <i>9527 2501</i>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>25th</u> <u>Anzac Day</u>	<u>Shore Dive & BBQ</u> <u>Bare Island</u>	<u>Natash</u> <u>Naude</u> <u>9799 9785</u>
			<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>28th</u>	<u>Boat Dive</u> <u>Marley Point</u>	<u>Tricia Henry</u> <u>9525 8860</u>

What's On - MAY - 2012 -

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT	WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT
SATURDAY 5th	Deep Dive SS Tuggerah/ SS Undola	Michael McFadyen 9545 5596	<u>WEDNESDAY 16th</u>	<u>CLUB MEETING 8 PM ROWERS CLUB</u>	<u>Jason Coombs 9345 4599</u>
SUNDAY 6TH	Shore Dive VOODOO	Ken Ridley 9520 5598	<u>SATURDAY 19TH</u>	<u>Boat Dive M&K Reef</u>	<u>Ian Roffey 0418 208 125</u>
SATURDAY 12TH	Boat Dive Wattamolla	Dave Casburn 0405 186 184	<u>SATURDAY 26TH</u>	<u>Boat Dive Whale Watch Platform</u>	<u>Eda Di Camillio 0403 239 020</u>
			<u>SUNDAY 27TH</u>	<u>Shore Dive The Steps</u>	<u>Eddie Ivers 9265 3106</u>

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

Expressions of interest sought for an additional weekend in July or August – let me know if you're interested and I'll arrange a second group!

- Recent Club Happenings -

Wattamolla Dive - 31st of March – By Nancy -



On Saturday 31st of March, three club boats with 14 keen divers went out for a single or double dive.

The conditions were ideal: flat seas, sunny 25°C day, minimal current, 15 to 20 metres visibility and 19°C water.

The first dive was on Wattamolla's wall and everyone reported having a great dive.

There were big school of bastard trumpeter and yellow tails around the wall.

We saw blue gropers, big bull rays, cuttlefish, octopus and a blue devil fish.





Small critters were also present with many different types of nudibranchs, a seahorse, schrimps and a small sea spider.



The second dive was at Marley point. The visibility was a bit lower but nonetheless another interesting dive.







Two more bull rays were there, big schools of sweeps and yellow tails, blue grofers and of course many nudibranchs.





Picture by James Dean



Dive Report from Nancy

Shark Island Dive - by Rob Mapstone -

On 25th march Ron W, Donna C, Brian B Garry D, Angus, Ian R, Janine & myself dived Shark Island at Cronulla.

A green turtle was seen by some & a large con shell laying an egg ribbon.





It's a different site than the regular one; I think worth a look, I've mapped a bit of it out, max depth around 12m viz 6/10, temp 20/21.

The reef you dive is off the mainland rather the island itself, but the gutters on the north side of the island are covered too.

BBQ at Shelly Park was a nice way to finish the morning.

Other member opted to do the leap at Kurnell.

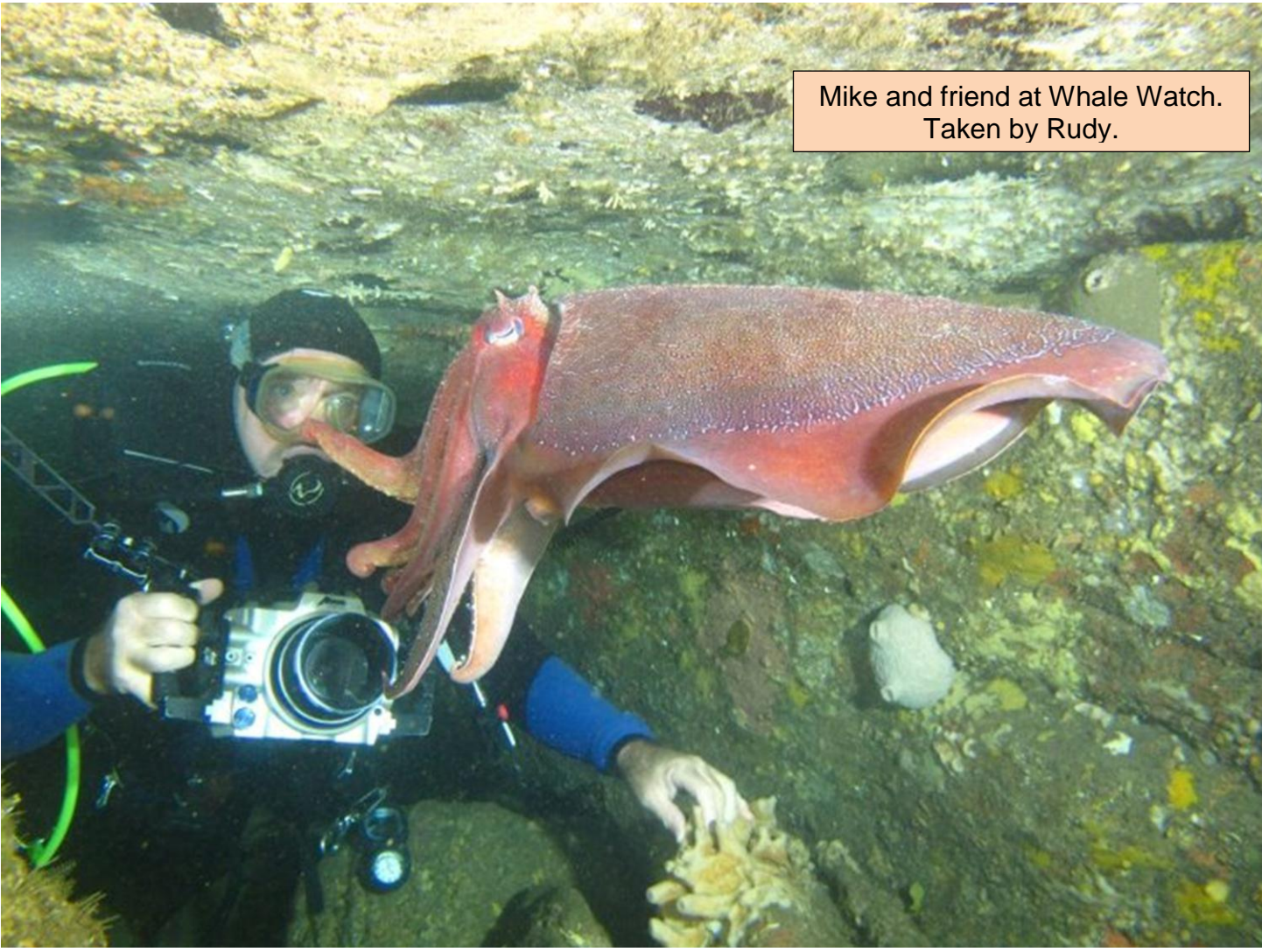
Cheers Robbie .

Dive Report for Club Boat Dive 24th March, 2012. By Ray Moulang

A pretty good response from club divers with four boats and 18 divers attending.

It was proposed for us to do ByPass Reef and the tide was coming in till about 10:30, so it was expected to be good. The wind was meant to be SW at about 20knots. Early on it was about 15 from the west then went SW and did get up. Making for a few wind waves and a bit of a slow trip.

When the boats arrived at the site it was pretty brown and Yes Dear2 was picked in already. The rest of us said no way and headed south to see if we could get out of the brown tide. Michael stopped off at Whale Watch and had a nice dive by all reports, meanwhile Sea john and Triple D went down to Tabbegai.

A photograph of a diver in a blue wetsuit and black mask, holding a large, reddish-brown squid. The diver is holding a silver camera with a large lens. The background is a rocky, algae-covered seabed.

Mike and friend at Whale Watch.
Taken by Rudy.



Taken by Bram

Here the water was blue and when we picked in and the first divers went in the viz was very good at about 15 to 20mt and the water temp at about 20.

There was no current to speak of either.

The first divers went in from Triple D, and then Andrew and I went in after about 35 mins.

We found the boulders in about 24 metres and a nice wall rising up about 5 mt which we followed to the south.

The navigation along and back was made real easy, as we had anchored next to some 2inch steel cables and it was just a matter of coming back along to this. Having viz and temp like this made us feel like staying down there for a lot longer. Not overly a lot of fish but notables were a small box fish?

A couple of nice small brown grouper were found also.

When back on board again, the wind chop had increased a bit, making it a bit uncomfortable.

We made a retreat back to Bare Island to have smoko and came across a small turtle on the surface near the Whale Watch. On the side of the island we were trying to get out of the wind and we found the sun to be lovely and warm while we had Cold Crossed buns, pikelets, cake and drinks and Ken had some futuristic coffee in a can that's supposed to heat itself but we don't know if it needs more instructions but he did drink it.

Sea John and Yes Dear2 did a second dive.

Thanks again to the boat owners for having their boats available to make it a great day.

Advanced OWD

A few people have asked me about doing an Advanced OWD. I will be running one shortly.

If you are interested, please get in touch. This course will involve 8 scuba dives and some theory sessions.

I have recently done a Nitrox course. I may run another one later in the year.

Anyone who is keen to do a Nitrox course, please get in touch.

Cheers Mike Padi MSDT 100040

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Baby sharks at Sydney Aquarium

NINE baby wobbegong sharks are released into their display tank for the very first time

<http://video.dailytelegraph.com.au/2213172582/Baby-sharks-at-Sydney-Aquarium>

The cute one that got away: Seal's lucky escape as great white shark misses target

Wildlife photographer Chris Fallows took the jawesome shot of the 12ft-long beast and the seal at False Bay, South Africa.

A Seal ends up on top of shark's nose www.hgm-press.de

It was the snap judgment that cost this great white shark its lunch...

The 12ft-long beast broke out of the water hoping to snap up the seal.

But instead of clamping its huge jaws around the stunned creature, it was off target and just nudged it with its nose.

The seal was momentarily balanced on the tip of the shark's nose before being knocked to safety back in the water.

The amazing scene was captured by South African wildlife photographer Chris Fallows at False Bay near Seal Island, which is home to an estimated 64,000 seals and a group of great white sharks who hunt them.

He's clearly good at getting jawesome pictures.

A great white shark munches its way through 11 tons of food a year. It can smell a seal colony from up to two miles away.

Adults can swim at up to 45mph.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/the-cute-one-that-got-away-seals-lucky-757442>





Killer Whale Submarine a killer personal submersible

Submarines are awesome. A submarine shaped like a Killer Whale is off-the-charts awesome. It can be yours for a cool \$100,000.

[Jules Verne](#) had the market on imaginative submarines cornered for many long years. And then Hammacher Schlemmer came along and offered a \$100,000 [Killer Whale Submarine](#).

The Killer Whale Submarine can breach from the water, just like a real whale. It has pectoral fins with control levers and a 255-horsepower supercharged Rotax axial flow engine. I can't really explain what that is exactly, but it sounds super cool.

This aquatic beast is also pretty fast. Underwater, it can go 25 mph. On the surface, it can hydroplane at up to 50 mph. I think that's faster than my Prius can go on land.

A live video feed from a camera mounted on the dorsal fin is fed into the cockpit. A four-point racing harness will keep you in place while you're flying up out of the water.

You can fit two people into the Killer Whale Submarine. Hammacher Schlemmer features an awesome marketing image that makes it look like the passenger is screaming his head off and desperately scrabbling at the window.

This is definitely a submarine for people who are (a) rich as all getup; (b) in love with roller coasters; and (c) fans of "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home." Personally, I only qualify as one of those things. Guess which one.

Recommended soundtrack: "Whales Alive," with dramatic readings by Leonard Nimoy.

http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-57393750-1/killer-whale-submarine-a-killer-personal-submersible/





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