



Sea Braggin'

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- MAY 2012 - Edited by Ray Moulang -

Included in this issue are Dive Reports from :..

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IAN ROFFEY AND RAY MOULANG.***

A big thank you goes to them.







FROM John Delezio.....at The Steps

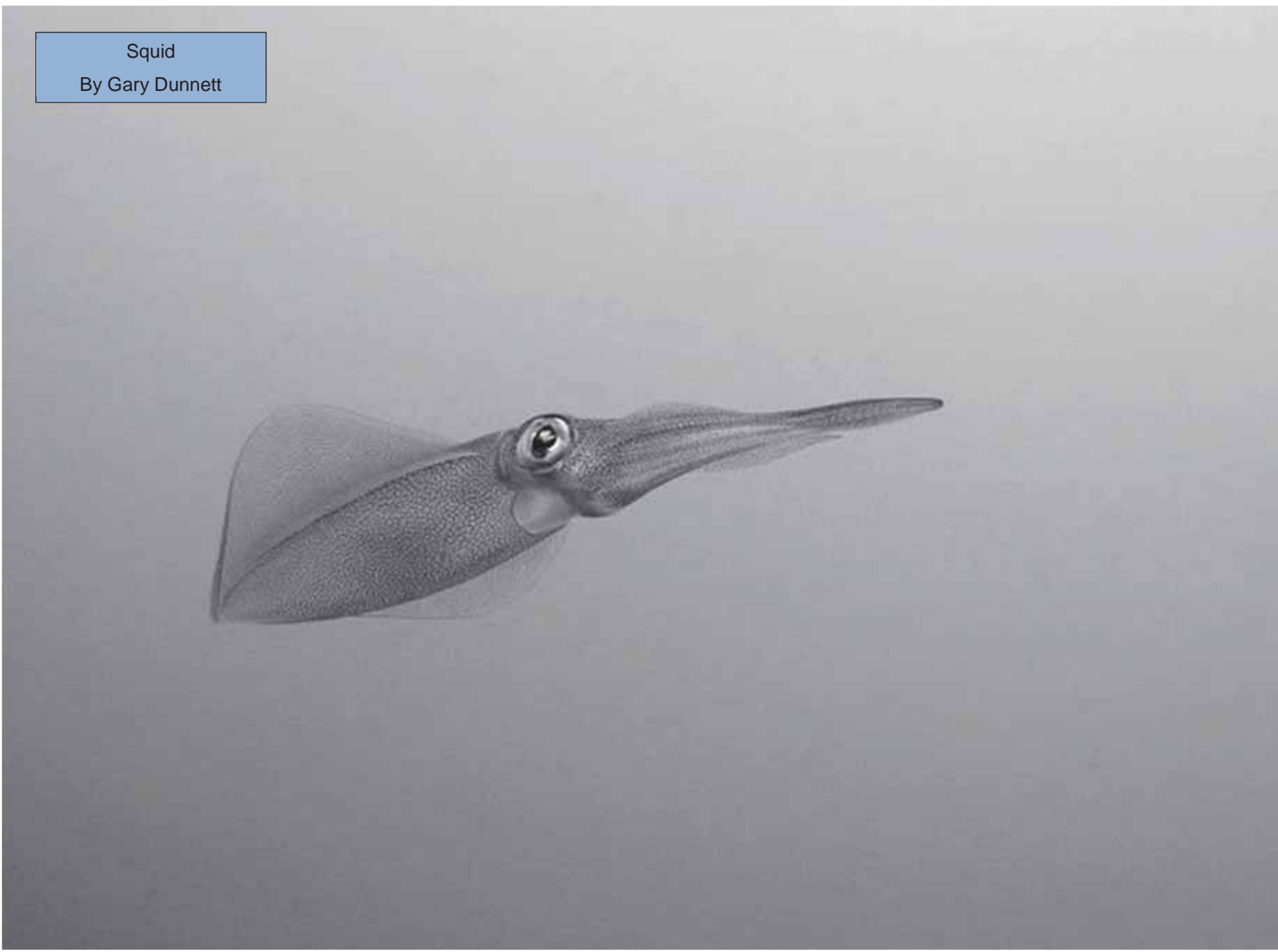
Tasselled/Rock Flathead



Decorator Crab
By Garv Dunnett



Squid
By Gary Dunnett



Mike Scotland
- Jervis Bay Trip-





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

What's On - JUNE - 2012 -

WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT	WHEN	WHAT AND WHERE	CONTACT
<i>SATURDAY 3rd</i>	<i>Shore Dive Shelley Beach Manly</i>	<i>Ken Ridley 9520 5598</i>	<u>WEDNESDAY 20th</u>	<u>CLUB MEETING 8 PM ROWERS CLUB</u>	<u>Jason Coombs 9345 4599</u>
<i>SATURDAY 3rd</i>	<i>Deep Dive SS KELLOE</i>	<i>Michael McFadyen 9545 55 96</i>	<u>SATURDAY 23rd</u>	<u>Red Flag / Sharks</u>	<u>Ray Moulang 0403 437 974</u>
<i>FRIDAY 8th to MONDAY 11th</i>	<i>Montague Island Narooma</i>	<i>Deb Cook 0401 580 966</i>	<u>SUNDAY 22nd</u>	<u>Shore Dive The Leap Kurnell</u>	<u>Paul Pacey 9527 2501</u>
<i>SUNDAY 17TH</i>	<i>Mistral Point / Sharks</i>	<i>Jason Coombs 9345 4599</i>	<u>Friday 29th to 12 July</u>	<u>Away Trip Fiji</u>	<u>Mike Scotland 9521 7720</u>
<i>TUESDAY 19th</i>	<i>Recompression Chamber Visit</i>	<i>Jason Coombs 9345 4599</i>	<u>SATURDAY 30th</u>	<u>Boat Dive Xanadu</u>	<u>Shelley Breuseker 9525 8860</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

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!

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.

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- Recent Club Happenings -

Blue on Tour Film Evening

On 23rd March more than 20 club members attended the Blue on Tour film evening in Randwick. Blue on Tour travels across the globe including Brazil, China and USA. Its stated aim is:

“BLUE On Tour's goal is to use the power of film to INFORM millions of people around the globe about the importance of the ocean and INSPIRE action that leads a lasting commitment to ocean stewardship.”

For each event a number of films are selected. Our evening consisted of:

Film one: The Krill is gone

Film two: The Great White Shark Song

Film three: The Majestic Plastic Bag

Film four: In the Wake of Giants





Film five: Disney Nature's Oceans

The last one is a full feature length movie.

My favourite was the Majestic Plastic Bag. It is a mokumentary following the supposed migration of a plastic bag as it makes its way to the Ocean and freedom. It is narrated by Jeremy Irons and is a very clever take on the wildlife documentary genera and a moving comment on the plastic clogging up our oceans.

During the evening there were prize draws for 5 trips one each to Palau, PNG, Solomon Islands, Coral Sea and Vanuatu. The evening was being compered by Cameron Williams (sports Presenter on Nine News). When Mike Ball got up to talk about the trip he was giving away he decided to get a bit cheeky with Cameron.

Cameron talked him into giving away a second trip to the Coral Sea. This was fortunate for me because I won it! The trip is a 14 dive fly / dive trip to Osprey Reef. You go out on the boat out of Cairns and up to Osprey before being dropped off on Lizard Island. You then fly back along the GBR at a lower altitude to see the sites you dived on the way up.

And excellent and rewarding (at least for me) evening.

Jason Coombs



Wednesday Boat Dives

We have been out a bit lately. Some of the dives have been:

28 March 2012 - Pizza Reef

A bit of slop, but not too bad. Not as good as the weekend in viz terms, but lots and lots of fish. Normal bastard trumpeters, and huge numbers of silver sweep, one-spot pullers, yellowtail and sea pike all over the reef. Pity the sun was not out as it would have been even better. A brilliant dive. Visibility fair.

4 April 2012 - Middle Ground

Saw a pod of dolphins on the way there. A long rolling swell, so decided to dive deeper. Even at 32m we were being pushed around. Viz was down on the weekend. Huge numbers of yellowtail, one very fat wobbegong, lots of leatherjackets. Nice dive. Visibility fair.

2 May 2012 - Maccas Reef

A few larger swells but smooth. Lots of sea pike, found one eastern blue devilfish and a pineapple fish. Some smaller cuttlefish, black reef leatherjackets and lots of one-spot pullers. Very nice dive. Visibility very good.

From Michael McFadyen

Dive The Poor Knights *By Ian Roffey.*

A recent wedding for my nephew in New Zealand provided the ideal opportunity to explore The Poor Knights Islands as a dive site. The wedding was on a Saturday and the bride very kindly got me a brochure for Dive Tutukaka the operator serving the islands.

So I arranged to spend an extra day there and headed out for a day of diving.

Tutukaka itself is a sheltered anchorage on the East Coast of New Zealand's North Island about a three hour drive north of Auckland. This is where the wedding was to be held.

It is a beautiful spot with limited accommodation and lots of expensive boats and weekenders.

A gather it is more a playground for the NZ upper class as there didn't seem to be much else there.





I only had one day to dive and thankfully the weather held out as there were major swells coming through and diving for the next few days had been cancelled already.

The dive boat operator is efficient with five dive boats visiting various sites around the islands. Nice and comfortable with plenty of room.

Once we get to islands the rear of the boat is anchored nice and close to the rock face, they even have controls on the rear deck to facilitate this.

Our first dive site was North Arch and the rock face drops to about 20m underwater and the boat is only about 10m away, nice and easy.

The dive is fantastic, heaps of fish life, plenty of snapper and Lord Howe Island cod. Apparently the Islands are fed from the same North Eastern Australia current as Lord Howe Island.

A lot of the fish larvae are swept down on the current and attach themselves to kelp on the island where they grow.

However, critically, the fish do not reproduce as the waters are too cold.



You even get breeding pairs formed of some species but they do not reproduce.

Some of the smaller reef species simply die out in the winter and are re-stocked by the current in the warmer months.

That is the life cycle of the Islands. The arch goes down to 40 m and is quite a nice swim through and not far from the boat. Whilst I was there the temp was 20 degrees, pretty much the same as Sydney.

After the dive we get taken to one of the tourist spots where they actually take the dive boat into a cave in the island.

It's quite spectacular because you don't actually know it's happening till you realise they are actually going inside the cave.

We don't actually dive in the cave but in the area outside. There are lots of kelp beds and large proliferation of life in among the kelp and the surrounding rock face and ledges.

I saw a mosaic moray eel and hermit crabs the size of footballs.

Once again, a nice dive and very close to the boat.

The trip back was also very rough, but in all it was a good day for diving and I would recommend them to anyone heading over the ditch for period of time. Even, as in my case, it was only a long w/e.



Easter 2012 Jervis Bay Trip – By Ray Moulang.

Once again Easter rolled around and one of our favourite trips to JB was on. Over the last few years we have had some excellent weather and so we have been into the caves on the outside coastline and it was hoped that again we could do these.

In attendance we had six club divers and one non-diver staying in an untried house at Sanctuary Point and this proved to be a winner again, enough room for people, boat and cars. Close to local club and amenities.

Present were Ray Moulang, Andrew Moulang, Tallese Skinner, Mark Ridsdale, Vera Macgregor and Mike Scotland.

We all arrived on the Thursday afternoon or evening keen to go.

I had met up with a friend of mine who was visiting the JB area also and he was to take two of our divers out with him departing from Callala Bay ramp.

All was ready so on Good Friday Mark and Vera met up with Greg Telfer and we met on the water near Longnose Point.





Out we headed to have a look at the seals etc. at Drum and Drumstick. Unfortunately once there it was a washing machine but we did look at the seals for a short time then headed back around top inside the bay.

We went to The Docks to see very clear blue water, we did a very nice dive here and after a cupper we did another near the inner tubes.

Back home after we went up to the Club for Thai tea.

On Saturday we met up again and dived the Bowen Island in beautiful clear warm water. We also met up with Hugh Thornton from the Club and he did a couple here with us and one of his mates. Quite clear water and plenty to see. On this night for tea we planned our meal to include the Club subsidised BBQ so we invited Greg, Rob and his wife over and we all had a relaxing time talking about diving when it was in its infancy as Rob and Mike go back a way.

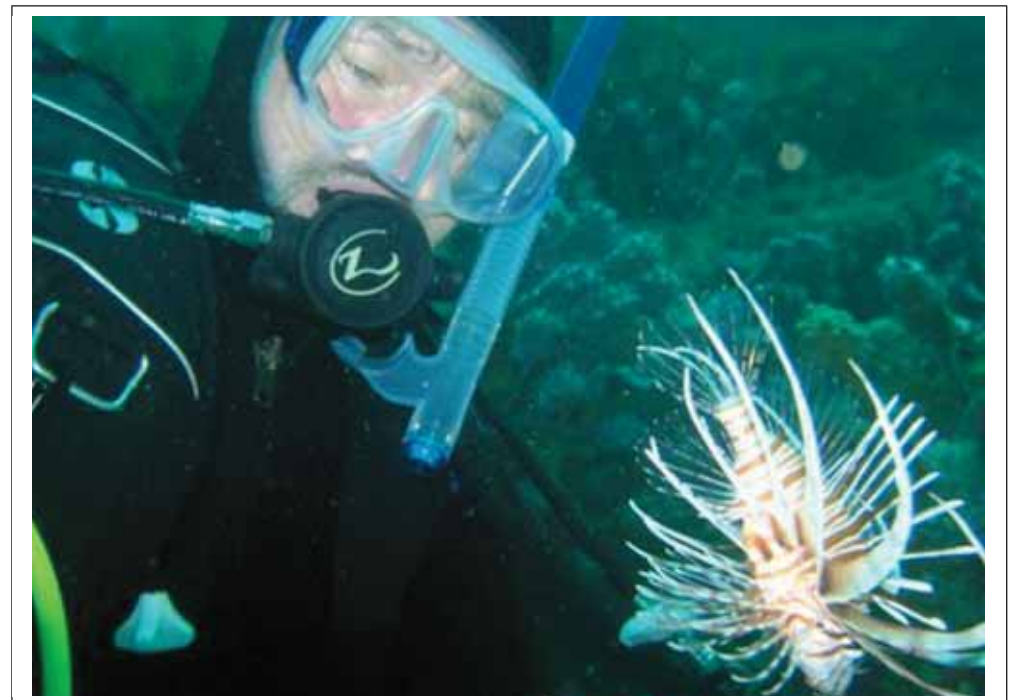


Sunday we dived at Middle Ground in and around about 30 fishoes.

When we went down there were lot of boats there and when we came back up after our dive there were only a few as it seems a small shark came through on the surface and they thought it wasn't worth catching a fish just to see the shark get it.



On a dive at The Docks we were totally blown away when we came across a "Lion Fish Whisperer".
A true marvel that hopefully one day you too will see this marvel.







We ended our trip with a nice dive back at Bowen Island on Monday before heading back to home.

All in all it was a great long weekend Easter time away with good diving and good company.

If you are thinking about going down that way it may pay to you to check out the house rentals with LJ Hooker.

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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