



NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 453 Hurstville South 2221 NSW

March 2007

Australia Day 2007

By Les Catterson

A fine day with 20 divers attending the big B.B.Q.

After sitting around and discussing the latest dives and eating our way through lot's of nibbles it was time to light up the Barbie.

Dick Fish showed he is a dab hand when it comes to throwing a steak on the Barbie.

Gordon Coops showed up riding a bicycle and looked very hot. We all suggested he jump into the pool immediately.

Another good get together with funny anecdotes, laughter and good company.

Shellharbour Away Trip

2nd – 4th February 2007



LeScat



Ian's no name boat

As you can see any trips south to Shellharbour area continue to be very popular.



The team at Shellharbour



SeaJohn



Out on the water



Mark, Graham and Heinz relaxing

Here are some statistics from a trip that was fully booked out months ago!

21 members for the weekend. Plus two extra on Friday for diving, and two more for dinner Saturday night.

Three boats.



John Beddie and a mystery person in hat and glasses



Washing off the gear in front of the great accommodation at the Bowling club



John Beddie, Ray and Andrew Moulang

Most did two dives Saturday and one Sunday (apparently Saturday night was a biggie which saw a lot of people only doing one dive on Sunday).

Dives on Friday were at Bombo and then Toothbrush Island South.

Saturday the boats went to Bass Point Island South and The Arch.

Sunday's dive was at Slipper Reef.



Les holding court

Once again, a big thank you to the boat owners for dragging their boats over the hill to Shellharbour.

Also thanks to Michael for organising trip.

And lastly thanks to Graham Poole for sending in these photos of the weekend - I note we didn't get any pictures of Saturday night!!

A good time by all, a Great Dive on the Bombo – Port Kembla

4th February 2007

By Ray Moulang

You know we are pretty lucky to be divers. Being able to get away and see different parts of our world above and below. You can get away from all the normal noises and the frantic pace of life and go to a silent world with a buddy or alone if you choose.

You can get a glimpse of the past life at sea by diving on ship wrecks. Recently when our dive club was away at Shellharbour for the weekend we had that glimpse.

Following a good dive on Saturday with LeScat, Andrew and I were set to do the Gravel Loader from shore on Sunday but as barbeque fate would deem it there were two openings for us to dive with John B on SeaJohn and we stepped in to fill the vacated positions.

Ron and Graham were also crew.



Dick and Clint at the prop – photo by Michael McFadyen

I have dived the Bombo several times with John before but Andrew hadn't and this was a great opportunity. I was concerned about the 30 odd metres depth for him as a somewhat inexperienced diver (about 40 dives) but we have been doing dives near this depth leading up to now so away we went. Brilliant conditions on the surface made for an easy anchor placement near the wreck.

Ron and Graham went in first. We geared up and over we went and down we go to be greeted by some nice sized kingfish that came in to check us out. The wreck came up soon as the viz was about 15 metres. I kept a close eye on Andy just in case he was getting narked and started doing any silly things.

All was great and we followed John around to the prop then swam along the side up to the bow. After having a good look around we went back towards the stern to where the ship is over and open. In under we all went. Talk about fantastic. We had a great time in the massive school of Nannies. I could just make out John and Andrew a couple of metres away there were so many.

We had a great time as when we shined our torches on the fish it made them move as one and we herded them in this tight area this way and that for about a minute.

All too soon we had to start back up the anchor rope to do our safety stop. We had 29 minutes bottom time with 31 metres max depth. The best thing was that we had achieved this together as family and friends. A great time was had by all. We can't wait till the next time. See you underwater some time.



I couldn't resist including this romantic photo from a recent night dive at Clovelly Pool – Photo by Brian Byrnes

Photo's from the Girls Weekend 16th – 18th February 2007

Here's a rare glimpse into the mystery that is the girls weekend!



Gearing up at Halifax Point



Afternoon drinks – just to clarify afternoon drinks are after morning drinks but before evening drinks!



Carol's car died on the return trip.

Anniversary Dinner 24th February 2007

On Saturday 24th. February, at the Thai Rose restaurant at Sutherland, 26 members and guests celebrated the club's 34th. birthday.



Lots of chatter, good food and some wine provided by the club added up to an enjoyable night. Thanks to Elly for the organisation.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monthly Meetings

The next meeting of the St George Scuba Club will be held on 21st March 2007 at the St. George Rowing Club, 1 Levey Street Wooli Creek at 8.00 pm. Come along about 7 pm and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

Thursday Night Dives

A record 15 divers attended a recent dive, these are proving very popular. Details for all upcoming dives are on the calendar on the right side of the Club's web site. From February, the email advising about night dives will not contain the location of the dive but will refer members to the calendar. Full details will be available from this location about the proposed dive.

Other Dives

Many other dives are advised in the news section of the Club's web site. If you are interested in a dive, have a look at the news section a few days before a weekend and you may find others already planning a dive. You can also place your own news item there (but remember it may take a day or two to appear as it needs to be authorised by a web site administrator).

UP AND COMING EVENTS

SCAN Weekend Port Stephens 9th – 11th March 2007

Just a reminder to all members to get your bookings in for the annual SCAN weekend. This year it will be held from Friday 9th. March to Sunday 11th. March up at Nelson Bay.

Bookings for cabins, contact Les on 9520 9421 or e/mail lescat2@bigpond.net.au

For camping or caravan sites contact
Soldiers Point Holiday Park
Ridgeway Avenue
Soldiers Point 2317
Phone 1800 600 204 or 4982 7237

Boat Dive - Marley Point 18th March 2007

This dive will leave from Yowie Bay boat ramp.

Please contact Ian Gowan if you are interested
Ph. 9525 5942.

Double Boat Dive - Wollongong 25th March 2007

Please contact Phil Rose if you are interested in these dives Ph. 9543 0748.

Night Boat Dive – Port Hacking 31st March 2007

Please contact John Beddie if you are interested in these dives Ph. 9820 4272.

Easter Trip anyone?

The trip to Jervis Bay is not going ahead so there are 4 back to back diving days not filled.

If you have an idea for diving activities and / or a trip please contact Ray Moulang Ph. 4620 5210

Truk Lagoon - Away Trip September 2007

This years Truk lagoon trip will be held mid - late September, exact date yet to be determined.

At this stage I am looking a 6-8 day package staying at the Blue Lagoon resort.

Initially I would like to get an idea of who is interested, in going so I can negotiate on price with the operators.

Please send me an email if you are interested in going to Truk Lagoon the Wreck diving mecca later on in the year as booking early is essential.

can e-mail the Micronesia flyer's to give you an idea of what is available, cost etc & also a couple of sheets for your reference....

Paul Watkinson paul@watkinson.biz

October Long Week-end Trip

Diving with



Friday 28th September to Monday 1st October

The trip includes, 3 nights divers lodge accommodation, continental breakfast daily, 4 boat dives (double dive Sat & Sun) including use of second tank and air fills.

The cost is \$280 per person with a \$50 deposit required to book a spot. To book, contact Kelly Ph. 9558 8181.

Undersea Explorer – Liveaboard October 2007

See flyer at the end of the newsletter for this very popular trip.

OTHER NEWS

Gear for Sale:

Ladies ProDive wetsuit made in New Zealand.

Two Piece, 5mm Suit, Size 12, ribbed knees and zippered ankles.

This is Sue's wetsuit which has hardly been worn. It is in perfect condition.

Price \$100. Contact Steve BH 93547969 or AH 98684056



Undersea Explorer & Yongala Trip

Saturday 13th October 2007 to Sunday 21st October 2007

Undersea Explorer is so popular that our scheduled trip in early October was booked out! So too were the other expeditions around October. Undersea have come to the party and re-scheduled a Ribbon Reef Expedition and Maintenance period to provide us with a 5 day Osprey Reef Expedition. It's the same expedition itinerary as last year, with one less day on the Ribbon Reefs. Due to popular demand, we have added an optional Yongala diving extension.

Undersea has a maximum capacity of 20 divers and Yongala Dive has a maximum of 12 divers. Undersea will hold as many spots as we have deposits for. So be quick!

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Saturday 13th	Own transport arrangements ready for boarding, 5pm Port Douglas
Sunday 14th	Cod Hole and Ribbon Reefs – 4 dives, steam overnight to Osprey
Monday 15th	Osprey Reef – 4 dives
Tuesday 16th	Osprey Reef – 4 dives, steam overnight to Ribbon Reefs
Wednesday 17th	Ribbon Reefs – 4 dives
Thursday 18th	Ribbon Reefs – 2 dives, Return to Port Douglas 5pm
Friday 19th	Own transport arrangements to Cairns and Sydney Yongala extension (approx details)
Thursday 18th	Travel to Ayr, Accommodation Yongala Dive
Friday 19th	Morning Dive Yongala – 2 dives, Accommodation Yongala Dive Ayr
Saturday 20th	Morning Dive Yongala – 2 dives, Accommodation Yongala Dive Ayr
Sunday 21st	Own Transport arrangements home.

Cost

Transport to Cairns	Own Cost
Transport from Cairns Airport to Port Douglas	\$25 approx
Undersea Explorer, 5 Day Osprey Reef Trip	\$1735 (less, with more than 10 divers), plus Fuel Levy and Reef Tax \$90
Accommodation Port Douglas	\$80 approx
Transport to Ayr and Ayr to Townsville Airport	\$110 approx
Yongala Dive	\$370 approx
Transport to Sydney Own Cost	

Payment Deposit required now, for Undersea \$250

Deposit required now, for Yongala Dive \$50

Further Deposit required by 2nd April, Undersea \$300

Balance Due by 2nd August \$TBC due to volume discounts

EFT Details Saint George Scuba Club Inc

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 062 028

Acc: 00800455

For more information on diving Osprey Reef and the SS Yongala have a look at www.undersea.com.au and www.yongaladive.com.au or talk to some of the members that went last year.

To book, pay your deposit and contact Kelly Jandik at kelly@michaelmcfadyenscuba.info or 9558 8181

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High
Thu 1		1:06 AM EST / 0.47 m	7:33 AM EST / 1.56 m	2:17 PM EST / 0.29 m	8:13 PM EST / 1.19 m
Fri 2		1:53 AM EST / 0.41 m	8:14 AM EST / 1.58 m	2:49 PM EST / 0.27 m	8:47 PM EST / 1.27 m
Sat 3		2:33 AM EST / 0.37 m	8:51 AM EST / 1.59 m	3:18 PM EST / 0.26 m	9:19 PM EST / 1.34 m
Sun 4		3:10 AM EST / 0.35 m	9:24 AM EST / 1.58 m	3:46 PM EST / 0.26 m	9:51 PM EST / 1.41 m
Mon 5		3:46 AM EST / 0.36 m	9:57 AM EST / 1.56 m	4:13 PM EST / 0.28 m	10:23 PM EST / 1.45 m
Tue 6		4:22 AM EST / 0.38 m	10:29 AM EST / 1.52 m	4:42 PM EST / 0.32 m	10:56 PM EST / 1.48 m
Wed 7		4:59 AM EST / 0.41 m	11:03 AM EST / 1.45 m	5:10 PM EST / 0.37 m	11:29 PM EST / 1.48 m
Thu 8		5:39 AM EST / 0.46 m	11:38 AM EST / 1.36 m	5:39 PM EST / 0.43 m	
Fri 9	12:03 AM EST / 1.46 m	6:22 AM EST / 0.50 m	12:15 PM EST / 1.25 m	6:09 PM EST / 0.50 m	
Sat 10	12:39 AM EST / 1.43 m	7:11 AM EST / 0.54 m	12:58 PM EST / 1.15 m	6:44 PM EST / 0.56 m	
Sun 11	1:21 AM EST / 1.39 m	8:09 AM EST / 0.57 m	1:51 PM EST / 1.05 m	7:27 PM EST / 0.61 m	
Mon 12	2:15 AM EST / 1.35 m	9:22 AM EST / 0.57 m	3:05 PM EST / 0.99 m	8:28 PM EST / 0.64 m	
Tue 13	3:26 AM EST / 1.35 m	10:41 AM EST / 0.53 m	4:32 PM EST / 0.98 m	9:50 PM EST / 0.63 m	
Wed 14	4:42 AM EST / 1.39 m	11:45 AM EST / 0.44 m	5:41 PM EST / 1.04 m	11:08 PM EST / 0.56 m	
Thu 15	5:46 AM EST / 1.48 m	12:38 PM EST / 0.34 m	6:35 PM EST / 1.14 m		
Fri 16		12:11 AM EST / 0.46 m	6:41 AM EST / 1.59 m	1:24 PM EST / 0.24 m	7:23 PM EST / 1.26 m
Sat 17		1:07 AM EST / 0.35 m	7:32 AM EST / 1.68 m	2:07 PM EST / 0.16 m	8:08 PM EST / 1.40 m
Sun 18		1:59 AM EST / 0.25 m	8:20 AM EST / 1.75 m	2:48 PM EST / 0.11 m	8:52 PM EST / 1.53 m
Mon 19		2:50 AM EST / 0.18 m	9:07 AM EST / 1.76 m	3:28 PM EST / 0.10 m	9:36 PM EST / 1.64 m
Tue 20		3:41 AM EST / 0.14 m	9:55 AM EST / 1.71 m	4:08 PM EST / 0.14 m	10:20 PM EST / 1.71 m
Wed 21		4:34 AM EST / 0.14 m	10:44 AM EST / 1.60 m	4:48 PM EST / 0.21 m	11:06 PM EST / 1.75 m
Thu 22		5:30 AM EST / 0.18 m	11:35 AM EST / 1.46 m	5:31 PM EST / 0.31 m	11:55 PM EST / 1.73 m
Fri 23		6:31 AM EST / 0.25 m	12:31 PM EST / 1.30 m	6:17 PM EST / 0.42 m	
Sat 24	12:48 AM EST / 1.68 m	7:38 AM EST / 0.32 m	1:34 PM EST / 1.15 m	7:09 PM EST / 0.52 m	
Sun 25	1:47 AM EST / 1.59 m	7:52 AM EST / 0.39 m	1:49 PM EST / 1.04 m	7:12 PM EST / 0.60 m	
Mon 26	1:57 AM EST / 1.51 m	9:13 AM EST / 0.42 m	3:17 PM EST / 1.01 m	8:32 PM EST / 0.65 m	
Tue 27	3:14 AM EST / 1.46 m	10:25 AM EST / 0.42 m	4:31 PM EST / 1.04 m	9:53 PM EST / 0.63 m	
Wed 28	4:24 AM EST / 1.44 m	11:21 AM EST / 0.40 m	5:25 PM EST / 1.11 m	10:58 PM EST / 0.57 m	
Thu 29	5:20 AM EST / 1.45 m	12:03 PM EST / 0.38 m	6:07 PM EST / 1.20 m	11:50 PM EST / 0.51 m	
Fri 30	6:06 AM EST / 1.47 m	12:37 PM EST / 0.36 m	6:42 PM EST / 1.30 m		
Sat 31		12:34 AM EST / 0.46 m	6:44 AM EST / 1.48 m	1:07 PM EST / 0.35 m	7:15 PM EST / 1.39 m

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