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Enjoy It While You Can!!

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2014 Neptunes Calendar:

Wednesday August 6th

Meeting –

Wednesday September 3rd

Meeting –

Saturday September 27th

Opening Night –

Wednesday October 1st

Meeting –

Saturday October 11th

Fall Classic –

It's been a crazy summer! Bluefin, Yellowfin and Dorado being taken from San Diego to Santa Cruz and hot humid weather with rain and warm clear water.

Based upon this year, it's almost impossible to predict what is coming next so just enjoy the rest of the summer season as much as possible and hopefully you will be one of the lucky ones to shoot a Tuna.



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Fish Standings 2014:

2014 Calico Derby – John Hughes: 6.65 lbs

Lobster – Woody: 9.7 lbs

White Sea Bass – Jeff Bilhorn: 63.4 lbs

Halibut – Scott de Firmian: 31.1 lbs

Calico Bass – Mark Hultgren: 8.8 lbs

Yellowtail– Open

Kent McIntrye– Open

Sheep Head – Todd Farquar: 23 lbs 9 oz

Reef Fish (out of country) – Keith Kaufman

(Pargo: 15.9 lbs)

Pelagic (out of country) – Keith Kaufman

(Yellowtail: 32.4 lbs)

Announcements



Terry Maas is generously offering a 20% discount off of the spring special price of \$1250 for his Freedivers Recovery Vest. Member price will be \$999 + tax. Cartridges are extra. See the brochure near the end of the newsletter for a description of the vest.

Opening night: September 27th.

Fall Classic: Mark it on your calendar! October 11th. At the Isthmus. Be there.

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Please Thank our Sponsors:

The Long Beach Neptunes would like to thank our sponsors. We have some great sponsors that have given generously to support our club. Please make use of our sponsor's services whenever possible. It's the least we can do.

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2014 DFW Regulation Changes: **Summary by Mark Navas**

The DFW has published the new Sport Fishing Regulations for the 2014/2015 seasons. Download the regs at:

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/sportfishing_regs2014.asp

Red Abalone

Early morning closure: no abalone diving/rock picking before 8 a.m.

New annual limit: 18 abalone, of which only 9 may be taken south of Mendocino County.

Fort Ross Area now closed year-round.

Spiny Lobster Report Card

If you failed to return your 2013-2014 full season spiny lobster report card by April 30, 2014, you will be required to pay a \$20 non-return fee at the time of purchase of your 2014-2015 full season spiny lobster report card. Individuals may alternately choose to not fish for one season.

Lobster report cards are now valid for the duration of the lobster fishing season, as opposed to the calendar year, and the deadline for the return of lobster report cards is now April 30 following the season for which the report card was valid. Individuals that lose their lobster report card must provide a written affidavit to CDFW, which is the same as for sturgeon and abalone report cards. Mailed report cards not received by CDFW will be assumed not returned, and the individual will be subject to the \$20 non-return fee and required to report their card as lost.



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Pacific Halibut

The Pacific Fishery Management Council took action recently to close August to recreational fishing for Pacific halibut in California during 2014. This change will be reflected in new federal regulations expected to be in effect prior to the start of the fishing season. Anglers are advised to check the CDFW Pacific halibut website or the Regulations Hotline at (831) 649-2801 for updated information prior to engaging in recreational fishing for Pacific halibut.

Ocean Salmon

The Fish and Game Commission is considering a proposed regulatory change that may increase the ocean salmon possession limit from a single daily bag limit. Final regulatory decisions will be made in March, 2014. For more information, visit the Ocean Salmon Project web page.

For complete information, consult the regulation booklet, currently available online and in paper format beginning March, 2014. Paper copies will be available wherever sport fishing licenses are sold, and at your local CDFW office. Booklets may also be downloaded to smart phones or other devices for easy reference by using iBooks on Apple devices, or your favorite book reader on the Android platform.

California Department of Fish & Wildlife

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - July 21, 2014

Recreational Pacific Halibut Fishery Will Be Closed for the Month of August

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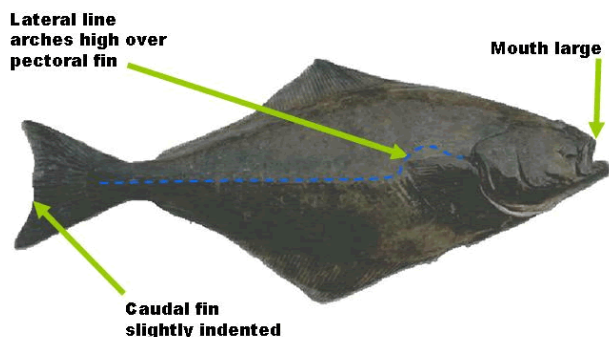
When the season reopens, both the daily bag and possession limit of Pacific halibut will be one fish, with no minimum size limit.

Pacific halibut fishing regulations are developed through a collaborative regulatory process involving CDFW, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the California Fish and Game Commission, the International Pacific Halibut Commission and other West Coast states. For details regarding Pacific halibut management, please visit the CDFW website at:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/pacifichalibut.asp>

Pacific Halibut have a noticeable difference then California Halibut. The **Pacific Halibut has Diamond Shaped fins** and the California Halibut is **Oval Shaped**. If spear fishing, look very closely at the body shape to confirm the species before taking the fish. Notice the difference in these photos below.

Pacific Halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*)



California Halibut



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August President's Message:

Hello, fellow Neptunes! I hope everyone is enjoying this outstanding summer! The water has been warm, the exotics are in, and it appears these conditions will remain for a while. We had a great Blue Water Meet in June; a wonderful family campout last month at Catalina, and a fun time aboard the Sand Dollar for last weekend's club dive! Thanks again to Lou Rosales for leading the family campout, and to Captain George (again!) and Paul Zylstra for coordinating the club dive!

So now we look forward to the remaining days of summer, the last trips before the kids go back to school. Get out there while you can, share some time in the water with your fellow Neptunes (and don't forget to share your favorite fish recipes!), and enjoy the remaining days of summer! And don't forget, the Fall Classic is right around the corner, October 11th

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and dive safe with your fellow Neptunes!

Byron Quinonez



The Safety Zone

Edited by John Carpenter

The following tips are given with Baja in mind, but many of these rules/tips apply to any foreign land, especially undeveloped areas.

Some basic Baja rules:

- A passport is **required**. According to the U.S. Embassy, all U.S. citizens, including children, **must** present a valid U.S. passport, passport card, or passport book for all travels beyond 20-30 km beyond the US border, and for all stays over 72 hours. This verbiage is very clear. See: http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/eacs_sheet.html
- A Mexico Tourist Card or Visa is required. These are easy to obtain, and require a passport to be presented. Generally, the cost is about \$25.00, but on our recent visit the visa was free! You can obtain one easily at the San Ysidro border crossing, as soon as you enter Tijuana.
- Get Mexican Insurance! One of the most popular sites is www.bajabound.com. Make sure that not just the owner, but all travelers are insured. What if something happens to you or you get tired and need to have someone else take the wheel? Even with insurance, if someone not listed on the policy is driving and something occurs, that insurance can be null and void.
- Don't forget your Mexican fishing license! Easily obtainable from many local tackle shops, including the Long Fin in Orange, or you can request one by mail from <http://www.conapescasandiego.org/contenido.cfm?cont=MAIN&CFID=4715519&CFTOKEN=53862413>. It's highly recommended to get a 1 year permit, because you'll be so stoked from your trip, you'll want to go back over and over again! (Also obtainable at Fishermans Hardware at Gothard and Warner in HB).
- Practice your Spanish!
- Be self-sufficient. Make sure you have plenty of gear for travel, and be prepared for anything. Have a first-aid kit in the car and in your panga. Be ready to address bearing problems on your trailer, have a second motor on your boat, bring a shovel to dig your car out of the sand, etc. Make sure you have the proper tools/equipment for any repairs on the road. This is also part of your "Man Card"!
- Bring extra supplies, including gas & water. It's not a bad idea to bring 2x 5 gallon gas cans. Don't rely on your fill up destination to be open or have gas;



- an extra 10 gallons could get you to the next station. If you leave your destination at 4 or 5am, planning to hit the boarder early, don't expect gas stations to be open. And if you're on the same panga for more than 1 day in a row, don't be shy about bringing your multiple day supply of water on day 1. If you wind up stranded, you don't want to think about the extra water back at your camp/hotel room.
- Try to travel during the day. If you need to travel during the night, it's a good idea to follow a bit behind a Semi, and watch his path. If you stay far enough behind, you can still travel with your high-beams on, without hindering his vision.
- Beware 2 of the most dangerous entities on the road: **Cows & Topes**. Especially at night, cows love to walk/sleep on the warm highway roads. Most accidents occur when people take a hard swerve to avoid the animals, including rabbits (sorry bunny, but it was either you or me!). What are Topes? Those crazy speed bumps, that often are not marked, and occur most predominately between Colonet and San Quintin. Be careful, as they are often hard to spot, and you don't want to be searching for your axle or tossed gear on the road!
- Don't pass cars on the deep arroyos, especially near San Quintin! It's impossible to see over the bumps, so beware! There are many accidents on these spots: don't be one of them!
- Curva Peligroso! Look out when you see these signs! Most curves are dangerous, but when you see the "Curva Peligroso" (Dangerous Curve) signs- well, this time they really mean it, and you better slow down!



2014 Blue Water Meet Results:

The Long Beach Neptunes congratulates Bill Ernst for winning the 2014 Long Beach Neptunes Blue Water Meet !!

There were only 13 fish taken during the meet. Bill Ernst took first place with a 36.15 Lb White Seabass, and brought home the victory for the LA Fathomiers.

Bill is current world record holder for the White Seabass and the only competitor who was able to land one of these elusive fish during the meet.

Thanks to the 2014 Board for putting together a great Blue Water Meet. The Tournament was well organized and there was great participation and a lot of fun for great divers from all over.

We would like to thank each and every participant, and we like to give special thanks to the LA Fathomiers, San Diego Freedivers, Pistoleros, OC Hunters, Monterey Tritons, and Del Pacificos for their participation and support.

1	Bill Ernst	36.15 lb	White Seabass	LA Fathomiers
2	Lou Rosales	27.70 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
3	Joe Prola	18.40 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
4	John Hughes	14.25 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
5	Todd Farquhar	13.45 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
6	Larry Heinrich	13.40 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
7	Will Withers	11.35 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
8	Danny Jones	10.70 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
9	Eric Schobohm	10.45 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
9	Chad Priest	10.45 lb	Yellowtail	Guest
11	Ivan Sanchez	9.95 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
12	John Carpenter	9.55 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes
13	Mike DeGiosa	6.85 lb	Yellowtail	LB Neptunes

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Photo:
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Photo by Ivan Sanchez



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Chris Yate's BWM Story

This year the Blue Water Meet was like none other for me. Back in April I had ear surgery due to a perforation which eluded several different doctors for the past five years. I finally went to a specialist who found the perforation and made a repair. Healing has been slow going and has kept me out of the water since mid December. I did not want to miss the meet and the camaraderie I enjoy with all of you guys. I am proud of this club and truly appreciate the history and fellowship we all share as a group. Truth be told I was not exactly sure I would enjoy my time on the water while the boys were out hunting and I was running the boat and the galley. Boy was I wrong!

I saw things from a perspective I had never seen before. I really got to slow down and pay attention to the subtle details the ocean reveals if you are willing to listen. I was able to locate where the bait was most of the time from the boat and tell tale current lines produced productive sightings for my crew. I witnessed one of the most beautiful and perfect sites a spear fisherman could ever get to see. I was up on the bow keeping an eye on my divers and trying to wave off clueless boaters when I saw some nervous looking water about 30 yards off the bow. Frantically trying to locate one of my guys the nervous water turned into a fast moving tight bait ball flying at the boat. Still none of my guys in sight, I saw the massive dark shoulders of a toad Yellow Tail chasing the bait. Just as I was able to make out the fish I looked



20 yards to starboard and 20 feet down on a dive is Lyle facing away from the fish. I am shocked he couldn't hear me screaming. As I look on I see Lyle turn on the fish, track it for a few seconds and then I see the shaft fly. Game On! The fish goes haywire and breaks the surface with 5/16 steel all the way through it. I wish I had it on video, it was unreal. The slip tip never toggled and the fish never made it on the boat. Had it seen a scale it would have tipped 35 lbs.

Although I wasn't able to dive, I was able to spend some time swapping some great lies about who had seen what and who had fish in the bags as may of you guys came by to say hi. Congrats to all the guys up on the podium and to all who made it out.



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Photo By Mike De Giosa

What a great meet! It was great catching up with all you guys and seeing the meet from a little different point of view!

Chris





More BWM Photos:



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Catalina Adventures

By Mike Marsh

Recently , one early June morning, 5 A.M. to be exact, I met my buddies Craig Manicki and Eric Schlobohm at their boat docked in Redondo Beach to enjoy a day of hunting Yellow Tail at Catalina. We had heard that fish had been taken at the front side and East End, so with gear loaded, and hopes high for a red deck, we were off.

We made good time and arrived at our first spot around 7 A.M. or so The water wasn't as blue as we had hoped, but the Vis. was 25' and the bait was on the move. It wasn't long when Craig popped up, bands flopping like Medusa and shouting "Yellow Tail". Unfortunately, the 20 l.b. single was not attached to Craig's shaft. Eric also had two sightings of a single 20 pounder which was too far off and very unsocial for a shot. I of course saw Zip.

From the East End, we moved to the front side where we dove half a dozen of the usual spots. As we passed Hen Rock, there were 5 boats fishing on it , and one had a Yellow Tail on the fillet table. Too many boats and unable to get in on the action, we moved on. As the late afternoon was upon us, our frustration increased and our chances decreased. Time for one last spot. **Eagle Reef.**

First a note on this area. Eagle Reef is beautiful and can be productive but it can be problematic as well, with raging currents carrying you to parts unknown and most concerning are the on slot of clueless Jet Skis and boaters traversing through this area.

Back in the late 90's, I was Free Diving Eagle Reef solo between 2 dive boats with Diver Down flags proudly hoisted. I noticed one of the boats pulling anchor as the wind chop picked up. This probably was a clue to head back. So I did what any respectable Neptune would do, I kept diving. After all, I felt somewhat safe, even though my dive boat was some distance off. I had my large Riffe float trailing behind me. I breathed up and descended down. Nearing the end of my breath hold, I heard the familiar mechanical hum of boat speeding by. As usual, I pointed my spear up looking in all directions while ascending. Then, when I was just a few feet from the surface, the hull



of a boat appeared out of nowhere with a single screw spinning dead center over me. My immediate reaction was to shove the shaft of my gun against the boat bottom in an effort to clear myself from the impending hair cut. It must of been a good slam, cause I was pushed clear and the prop stop spinning. With my adrenalin on overdrive, I not so gently reprimanded the **Shore Boat Captain.** He seemed relieved

that I was okay and said he hadn't seen me or my float. I further explained this is a well known dive spot with a dive boat anchored on it, and no place a shore boat should tour passengers through.

I still remember this encounter like it was yesterday, so I was glad Craig offered to Live boat for Eric and I today. We jumped in and swam a short distance, and seeing Blacksmith I knew I was on the high spot. On my second dive, with the bait in freak mode, I saw a single large shape coming in on me. Could it be? Yes it was! Finally a good size Yellow Tail. Aim, shoot, Hey nothings happening here. At this point one would expect all **HELL** to break loose with line peeling off into oblivion but I had no line movement what so ever. I gave the line a pull, it had weight to it. yep **hell** dun broke! fish on! Short lining the fish and kicking to my float, I grabbed it with my free hand and wrapped the line around it's handle so the fish couldn't take more. I somewhat caught my breath, and swam to the swim



step with a mess of unimaginable proportion. With the catch of the day on the deck I was able to see it's size, a glorious 28.86 pounder which I shared with my Buds.

Two things you can take away from this story. One is, just because you're in somewhat close proximity to a Dive Boat displaying a flag, and in-tow of a float, one's safety is not guaranteed. Be alert, especially during the summer months when clueless Jet Skiers and Novice Boaters have a tendency to speed through our dive sites. On your accent, look up, gun up, turning in all directions, especially in open water, to increase your chances of being seen. Secondly, no matter what is in-store fish or no fish, fish being better, we are with our buddies lucky enough to experience the amazing fight between Man and Pelagic.

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Baja: Siempre en mi Corazon!

Well, as May was the Neptune's "Salute to Mexico" month, your VP Paul Zystra and I decided to lead by example- and hit our annual Baja pilgrimage! Essentially, it's 2 days of driving, 2 days of diving, in a far off land. We've been pretty stoked with our situation, as we prefer to avoid camping with the no-see-ums, pinche pulgas, and other assorted chingaderas. This is also a special destination for Paul, as he and his dad were early fishing pioneers of this location, and it's only befitting that he now gets to return on spearing trips.

After a late start, we charged hard, with only one taco stand stop on the way. When we finally hit a well known turn-off, we decided to do what Paul & I always do- celebrate with a little wine! It was a nice sunset, with our ghetto-rigged Gatorade wine glasses, in the middle of an open, desolate road. Bienvenidos a Baja!

Earlier in the week, the winds looked pretty solid, but the forecasts predicted better days for our trip. Fortunately, the predictions held- the wind laid down to nothing, and the air was over 100. We were greeted with flat, calm waters, and a nice easy panga ride out on the first day. The water was full of humboldts, chasing bait to the surface, as birds crashed the waters for left overs. If only every boat ride could be so pleasant...



Day 1: We arrived at the first spot, and the water is green (as the chlorophyll charts predicted). It was pretty uneventful, so we decided to move to another island that was looking blue earlier in the week. This turned out to be a good call! While Paul is chasing a Cabrilla on the bottom, all of a sudden he notices a nice Jurel peering above his shoulders. With a quick wave of the painter's glove to get his attention- BAM! Fish on! Nice shot placement, too! Blood on the boat.



Not satisfied, he decides to continue to humiliate my continued whiff shots. I see his float marking a straight vertical line. "I have about an 8 lb Cabrilla holed up, and the current is pulling too tight. I don't want him to go deeper in the cave"! So of course I go down to check out the fish. As I reach the hole, I see the tail- this ain't no bloody 8lb fish! I'm thinking 18lb, minimum! So after wrasslin' her out from under the rocks at 40 ft, I pull her to surface. Sure enough, she wound up going 23 lbs on the digital scale. KOOK!

He then goes on to shoot another Jurel, from a school of 100, on the far side of the boat. "Did you see them"? Didn't see one. And your still a KOOK! Well, I still managed to salvage the day somehow. We returned to port, time to fillet and vacuum seal our



fish, celebrate our day with a bottle of wine, and be sure to offer a sip to Los Dios del Mar!

Let me just sum up day 1's experience:



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Day 2: The wind picked up a bit during the night, coming down from the north. It was a bummer, as one of my favorite spots is up there, and we knew it would be green. So we decided to spend the entire day on a repeat hunt from yesterday. Good decision. Paul begins the day with a nice stringer of Cabrilla. Oh- it's going to be like that *again*? I manage to save face for a bit, and then we decide to move to our Jurel spot. As I'm dropping my flasher, two tankers slow down to check out the shiney! Mid-30 + tankers! And being the greedy mofo that I am, I brush by the smaller to take a long shot on the bigger- *whiff!* Sonofa... Somehow, I managed to once again make good on the day. More Yellows on the flashers, more Cabrilla, and we decided to call it a day.



We wound up with about 100lbs of filets, already vacuum sealed, 50lbs each to bring home! It was a nice, uneventful ride home, and an easy 1 ½ hour border crossing. And of course, I had to take my dose of humiliation: Once again, a great time in Baja, a great opportunity for our camaraderie, and a great start with a freezer loaded with fresh yellowtail and cabrilla fillets! Baja- Siempre en mi Corazon!





Notice Danny's "technique"? I guess practice does make perfect!



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At the June meeting, our very own Terry Maas spoke to the club about subjects ranging from hunting and learning how to hunt giant Tuna at Guadalupe, to seeing gigantic Tuna at Santa Barbara Island, safety and White Seabass.



For me, I really enjoyed Terry's talk, but I especially enjoyed seeing his reaction to Lyle's question about whether he still has "the passion". Terry began talking about hunting and photographing White Seabass and you could see and feel his eyes literally light up. He spoke about a recent photo of a White that he had recently taken, about the hunt, about the beauty...this is it!

Neptune Family Camping Trip

By Lou Rosales



July 18-20, we had the 1st (Annual?) Neptunes Family and Friends Camping trip at Little Harbor on Catalina. It was attended by several Neptunes and friends of Neptunes and their kids. In all, about 22 people made the trip and shared in 3 days of fun. The kids ranged in age from 8 to 16 and everyone got along. Some slept in tents and some chose to sleep on their boats, but all shared in the fun.

I know that I had really been looking forward to the trip and expected to have a good time, but didn't really know how enjoyable it would be until I experienced it. Our campsite was in an excellent location with plenty of room for tents and for the kids to play bocce ball, horseshoes,



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soccer and throw the ball into the tree. When tired of games, there was the beach in front which was good for swimming but the best diving was just around the corner and at Farnsworth where Keith and Seamus stocked up on yellow tail.

One of my favorite things was how well all of the kids got along. At first, they were a bit shy but after a game of soccer which seemed to last 7 hours, the small separate groups became 1 and they really seemed to bond.



THE SILENT HUNTER

For me and my son, it was a great experience. I'm already looking forward to making this an annual event!





This event was all about getting to know other Neptunes just a little bit better and especially to include the kids and family as much as possible. Thanks to a great bunch of people and kids (I know...kids are people too!) it was a great success.



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Club Logo Gear Now Available



Now available, new limited run club logo gear. Beanies, long & short sleeve heather grey tee's, and a new crewneck/hoodie sweatshirt, with the club patch on the front, and a diver down flag on the left arm. Items will be for sale at the club meeting.

Prices are: Beanies (Navy or Black) \$12.00; Long sleeve t's \$15.00, SS t's \$10.00, Crewneck sweatshirts \$20.00, Hoodies \$30.00. Sizes L-XXL. Remember, paypal is now accepted on all club transactions.

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I also make custom weights that I call "Quick Weights". They use heavy rubber tubing to loop and lock over the belt. These weights are available from 2lb to 5.5lbs. No keepers are needed to hold them in place on the belt. These are perfect to quickly add or remove weights without unthreading everything.

For hunting, quickly remove 5-6lb for better buoyancy when free diving 25'-40' or quickly add 2-3lb when free diving shallow for Halibut. Other great uses for Quick Weights are to loop a 4lb+ weight on your free dive weight belt if you want to SCUBA dive or visa versa. No need to set up two belts.

These are perfect for dive instructors to get students dialed in fast. The rubber loop is perfect to clip onto a gate clip or karabiner. They can clamp onto BCD's shoulder straps and tank straps too. The rubber has a lifetime guarantee. I'll replace it free if it ever goes bad. The price on these custom made weights is \$5.00 per lb, no tax!

Email any questions to me at: conservation@pacificexplorers.org

Dive safe,

Mark Navas





What's Next?

Their was not a story in the current issue about the Neptune dive trip aboard the Sand Dollar this past weekend (hopefully in the next issue), but a HUGE thank you goes out to Captain George for providing his boat during the middle of the summer for a great time. George has done so much for the club that it becomes easy to take him for granted, but a lot of time and effort go into these trips and we are extremely lucky to have a guy like him in the club.

Also, I would like to thank Paul Zylstra for organizing and taking care of details for the trip. Without his efforts, the trip would not have come about.

As always, before I can think of what comes next, I have to thank everyone for their contributions to this issue. The presidential excursion to Baja resulted in an excellent story and safety article. Former Prez Chris Yates (notice a trend?) submitted a great article on the Blue Water Meet that reminds us how important the people we know are. Mori, as always, can be counted on to keep our records correct and weigh our fish! Mori's one of our great ambassadors! Mike Marsh sent in a few photos and a great story that covered safety and camaraderie at the same time. Mike De Giosa, Ivan and Bruce Dardis sent in photos and did a wonderful job documenting the Blue Water Meet. Finally, Terry Maas sent in a stunning photo of a beautiful White Seabass swimming through the kelp. In Terry's talk at the June meeting, his eyes lit up when he started talking about Seabass and this photo documents his passion.

So, what's next you might ask? Well, we are some of the luckiest people on earth and the most obvious things to look forward to are opening night and the Fall Classic but don't spend too much time looking forward to that. Enjoy today.

Louis Rosales

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