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# TRIDENT



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Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>

Meeting – Mexico Celebration!

Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Meeting –

Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>

51<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Water Meet

When “normal” people think of el cinco de Mayo, drink specials and tequila first come to mind. When a Neptune thinks of el cinco de Mayo, large grouper swim in and out of caves, big yellowtail saunter past and large balls of bait get destroyed by glistening bull dorado, wahoo and tuna. A cold pacifico comes AFTER a day shooting fish. We aren't normal and I for one want to keep it that way!

We will be celebrating May by telling stories and viewing photos of trips from across the border. So come to the meeting ready to talk story with a Spanish accent . Send your photos to Paul so he can arrange them into a slide show.

Also, if you plan to take a trip this summer, talk to your fellow Neptune's for advice and possible companions.



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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 – Paul Hugoboom: 5.75 lbs

Yellowtail– Open

Kent McIntrye– Open

Reef Fish (out of country) – Keith Kaufman

(Pargo: 15.9 lbs)

Pelagic (out of country) – Keith Kaufman

(Yellowtail: 32.4 lbs)



# RIP Frank Real

Sadly, Frank Real passed away April 5, 2014 at the age of 74. Frank was a longtime member of the Neptunes. Frank was an accomplished waterman who loved diving, surfing and fishing along the coast of California and Baja.

Frank had three sons, Frank Jr., Phil, and Dan. Unfortunately, Phil passed away in 1992, an event that changed him and led him to lead the building of a church in Baja.

Frank will be missed by the many friends and godchildren that he leaves in California and all along the Baja Peninsula. He will be missed by all that knew him.

# 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.

Excel Wetsuits has given the club 12 coupons for 20% off. If you are interested, see Byron at the upcoming meeting.

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## Please Thank our Sponsors:

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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](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**

Persons who fail to return their 2013-2014 full season spiny lobster report card by April 30, 2014 will be required to pay a \$20 non-return fee at the time of purchase of their 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.



# May President's Message:

Hola, Amigos! Well, May is upon us, and hopefully you all have fish under your belts by now. The water temp is also slowly starting to rise, and we should be in store for a decent summer. There are many reports of warm water fish, including local yellow tail and even flying fish already in, so get ready for some epic hunting!

This month, we're happy to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, and of course one of our favorite fishing grounds- Mexico! Our May meeting will honor one of our favorite dive getaways, so look forward to some fun fish stories and pictures for our meeting. I also have a few give-a-ways, so come out and enjoy the camaraderie. We will also recap our success at this year's auction, and share some of our plans for the remaining year. So let's have a fun May meeting, celebrate Mexico, and start prepping for our annual Blue Water Meet!

Byron Quinonez



# The Safety Zone

Edited by John Carpenter

Davis Donnell kindly provided the following for this month's Safety Corner regarding Ditch bags and recommends all divers, not just boat owners, have and maintain one. Davis is a licensed captain and third generation Neptune and diver. Keep in mind that this article is intended to convey very basic safety information and is not meant to be a comprehensive list, but rather a list of some of the basic items that should be included in a ditch bag.

John Carpenter  
Safety Zone Editor

## Your Ditch Bag

By Davis Donnell

The ditch bag is an often overlooked piece of gear that EVERYONE should have. I have never been told by a boat owner to not bring my ditch bag, even on smaller boats. The ditch bag can save your life and possibly the lives of everyone on the boat if properly equipped. While all of us may not be doing trans-oceanic passages, sailor Steven Callahan is here today because of his ditch bag. His small sailboat sunk on the beginning of a solo Atlantic crossing due to heavy seas. His boat sank so fast, all he could grab was his ditchbag and then get in his life raft. While the life raft should theoretically be enough to keep you alive for a few days, he was able to survive for 76 days at sea. Even the most prepared boat owners are often caught off guard and can't do everything on their own in the few seconds you may have before going down. There are a few key components to the ditch bag that should not be overlooked.

The most important thing to keep in mind when making your ditch bag is that it needs to float. As spearfishermen, we all have floats, be it a 2ATM or a lifeguard buoy, so this isn't too big of an issue for us, but if you are a reel guy, like myself, I often don't carry any floats. Easiest solution is to tie a fender to the bag. Next, make sure it is accessible. If your bag is in the v-berth, how can you get it if a fire breaks out in the galley? If you don't have a float on the bag, then just inside the cabin works fine, but often ditch bags get bulky when you start



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to tie fenders and floats onto it. Nearly every boat has deck storage, so you can put it below decks; just make sure that the hatch is **not** locked. If for whatever reason you can't get to your bag, the float can open the hatch and bring your bag to the surface.



Obviously a water proof bag is very important. Don't cheap out, there are many great options out on the market that will last for years if properly maintained. I have been using a 20L bag from OverBoard, available on amazon for just over \$60. A highly visible color works best at night, you don't have to be fashionable. I like to have a bag with a few attachment points so you can attach your float, and even some your dive gear. Have some of your dive gear attached to the bag, we live in hypothermia



territory and having a wetsuit already tied to your bag can not only keep you warm, but also provide flotation. Internal pockets are great if you can access them without looking, as you can keep some of the gear readily available. If you have to ditch the boat, you want to be able to get things out of the bag without completely swamping it. The bag can provide a little extra flotation when stuff starts coming out.

### **What to put inside your ditch bag:**

This is by no means a complete list, but just some of the more critical pieces of overlooked gear.

#### **•Floating VHF**

- A CHARGED VHF will be the most important piece of gear in your ditch bag, especially for coastal boaters, where you can almost always pick someone up on Ch 16. Make sure that the radio is waterproof to a certain depth and still able to operate. There are some radios on the market where you have to pull the battery after it gets wet and let it dry before attempting to make a call.

#### **•Signaling Equipment**

- Flares- Buy new and potentially save a boat owner a fine from the USCG! Never throw away old flares- as they still have a high success rate long after their expiration. Bring as many as practical for your bag.
- Mirror- A cheap mirror can save your life. Even after your flares are shot off, this will always produce a signal (in the day at least)
- Water Dye- A small and effective pouch that will make daytime rescue much easier. One packet of dye (available from WestMarine) can color the water around you and make you more visible.
- Glowsticks on a 5' leader- Helicopter pilots can spot a glowstick being swung around much further out than if it is static and not moving.
- Whistle
- Banana float- Having a banana float will make you visible in chop. The worst that can happen to you is to get run over by your rescuers.



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### •First Aid

- Have the basics, as well as some of the other 'bad situation' gear. Quikclot is a great product that should be on every boat. We deal with sharp objects, everything from a speargun to a boat prop, and having Quikclot will make stopping bleeding a little bit better. Also, have a pre-cut tourniquet. Time is crucial when you have to bust one out, and having to deal with too much line can mean life or death.



### •Rations

- Now if you are just going to the breakwall, I doubt you'll be needing rations, but if going offshore, toss them in. They are ridiculously small and don't take up much space.

- Water is an absolute must!! For coastal stuff, 2L of water should be enough since rescue isn't far off. Water can be used to clean out wounds and eyes, so don't leave the dock without it.

### •Misc Gear

- Line- Bring lots of it! 100ft of 500lb test paracord takes up little room, and can be used to tie survivors together, so they don't drift apart, and many other uses, both emergency and not.

- Lighter

- Personal PFD with strobe- Type I is for offshore use, Type II is coastal. If you ever rent a panga in Mexico, This is a must have. There are tons of great inflatable PFDs on the market, but don't try to save money on this when putting a ditch bag together. Buy a reputable brand (i.e. Mustang Survival) and have the peace of mind.

- Knife with serrations

- Dive mask

- Fins- My bag has a nice elastic strap that I attach my fins to, if you can see land is not too far off, it might be worth the swim

- Dramamine/Bonine

- Binoculars- Don't want to waste flares on a bird that you mistake for a plane!

- Emergency contact info for everyone on board. I have a laminated sheet of paper that I carry along with a sharpie. Have everyone fill it out, and put it in the bag. Tell everyone where it is.

- Your prescription medication

- Smaller dry bags- I compartmentalize my bag thanks to smaller, colored dry bags. They come in all sized, so put all first aid in one, signaling in another, etc. I always toss my phone, keys, and wallet in one just in case anyways.

- Sun protection- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, etc.



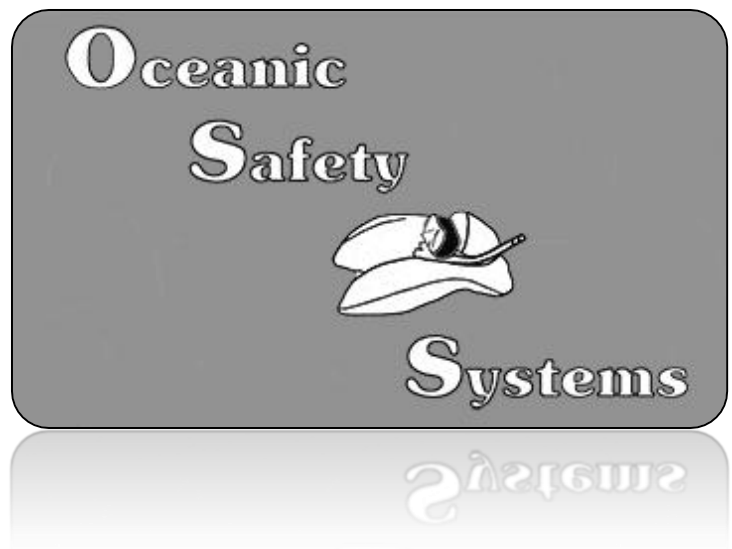
- Other Gear-** Some of these are cost prohibitive to a crewmen, but if you have the money..
  - Handheld Waterproof GPS
  - 406 EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)- More than likely the piece of equipment that will save you if you're far offshore.

It is up to you, whether boat owner or crew, to be able to understand what to do in an emergency. Don't wait for the captain to show you where everything is, ask questions, look around and know how the emergency procedures will happen on that particular boat. Knowledge is safety. Know how to operate a radio and basic procedures, know how to operate whichever vessel you are on, know first aid/CPR, know that you may be the only person who will be able to save the people aboard that vessel.

At this point, I can't help but tell you about the various classes Orange Coast College of Sailing and Seamanship offer. Everything from CPR to power boat handling. If you are new to boating, it would behoove you to take a class or five to truly understand just how easily things can go wrong on a vessel and how to keep that from happening. I got my captains license there and can't recommend them enough.

Please feel free to e-mail me with anything you think I have missed! Hopefully this will give you the motivation to make a ditchbag, or look through the one you may have and update it as necessary.

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# Lifetime Member: Brian Donnell

New lifetime member Brian Donnell is the second of a three generation Neptune family. Brian has been a full member for almost 40 years. He first joined as a tentative at the age of 16 in 1974 and became a full member at the age of 18 when the minimum age was changed from 21 to 18.

Brian has held board positions four times, including secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. While president, he used his own money to create a Long Beach Neptune T-Shirt.

In addition to winning the Blue Water Meet in 1992, Brian won the Ensenada meet before it became the Bill Kroll meet, he was the 1986 IUSA Spearfishing athlete of the year, 1983 Charlie Sturgill Polespear Champion, the 1979 Scramble meet Champion, 1977 Paccific Coast Champion (PCC's), 1977 Nevada State Spearfishing Champion, he has been GLACD Champion and has dove in the nationals five times placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>.



To all my fellow Neptunes,  
My wife and I would like to proudly announce the birth of our son Veles, who was born to Marty Getrich and Ivona Cetinic on 3/24/2014.

Veles is, of course, a future Neptune who will most likely get his King Neptune before Joe Prolla gets his.

His name comes from an ancient Slavic god of earth, water, and the underworld. Historically Veles is associated with dragons, cattle, magic, musicians, wealth and trickery.

If anyone makes spearguns for his size, I would be willing to get him in the water soon.

Cheers!  
Marty



## Good Friday

I dove for two weeks straight, my skin is tingly, legs jelly and I smell like urine. Last day diving, last stop of the day, first drop. I dropped into open water to clear the bubbles and when I leveled off this thing was just cruising by about 1/4mph just lookin at me from 8' away. I raised my gun and thought, "really?????" Double gillplate toggle. Played it in open water and tied it up on a little bitty stringer about 10' down. It seems so hard until they make it as easy as it gets. Damn fish confound me. 57.8lbs.



*Mark Strong:*

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# La Paz

By Keith Kaufman

After doing my research, speaking to a few of you, and borrowing a Mori gun from Mark, I knew exactly what I wanted, or as I explained to my wife, needed. A few months back I went down to Mori's shop and threw down a deposit on my dream big gun; a 65" with an 11/32<sup>nd</sup> shaft. I was stoked when Mori called and said he would have my gun ready, right before I left for La Paz. I showed up on Thursday night and couldn't have been happier with this beautiful work of functioning art. Even the rubber Hogue grip made me feel right at home. Within hours she was wrapped and packed for a Friday morning departure.

The whole family and I arrived at LAX early Friday morning and started the trip off right with the old SkyCap trick. Those of you that travel often with surfboards and spearguns may know exactly what I am talking about.



We landed in Cabo and made the trek north via the highway on the Pacific side to avoid taking Grandma on the mountainous roads. On the way, we stopped for lunch and enjoyed some excellent marlin tacos at a little roadside restaurant. This was actually my first time eating marlin and I thought it was superb.

When we arrived in La Paz we made our first stop at a local tackle store so I could pick up a Mexican fishing license. From there it was off to the Costa Baja Resort where I was fortunate enough to secure a three bedroom condo from a friend that was situated right on a beautiful white sand beach inside the complex. No sooner than it took me to get out the SUP's and kayak for the kids, I was unpacking the spearfishing gear and itching to get in the water. One of the benefits of this place is the ability to walk into the water and swim out along the jetty of the

marina. On the outside in about 20 feet of water, I was fairly surprised to see a decent sized pargo and plugged it for our first round of sashimi. There is nothing quite like taking dinner within swimming distance of Steve Jobs' 256' mega yacht.





The next day I made a few calls looking to line up a boat. I ended up just showing up at the Cortez Club at 0800 to meet up with a guy that had already commissioned a panga that day to go spearfishing. Clif seemed like a great guy so I offered to pay half the expenses and off we went. While in route to Espiritu Santo we stopped a location where yellows had recently been taken. Immediately after loading the fourth band on my Mori for the very first time, I had my first sighting of a bruiser while still on the surface. I got him to turn once but could not lure him any closer so I took the long shot. I nicked him as he turned away from me but I was stoked to see that I now had the ability to reach out and touch a fish from a far greater distance than I had before.

I worked my way to the outside of the reef found where the rocks met the sand and made a dive in about 30' of water. I saw two large yellows cruising the sand in the distance but I couldn't get them in close enough for a shot. Nearing the end of my breath hold, I pushed off the rock to start my ascent. As I turned back towards the shore I was shocked to see a nice yellow had made its way behind me over the reef. He was a little too curious and was met with a polished steel shaft right through the gill plate. I knew the shot was solid so tried to short line him to keep him off the rocks as I made my way to the surface. The float line got momentarily wrapped in my snorkel and almost ripped both it and the mask off my face. I was able to regroup and then saw that he was partially wrapped on a rock so I swam in the same direction and was thankful that it came off almost immediately. After I had my hands on my personal best yellowtail, I got it on the boat and it went 32.4.

We ended up with two yellows on the boat and made our way to Isla Ballena. We started targeting Pargo but I still had the Mori in my hand and we were a quite a ways from the boat. The panguero was in the water with us so I decided not to swim all the way back and kept hunting. The guy I was diving with named Clif was definitely dialed in when it came to diving for Pargo so I followed his lead and ended up landing a decent one in the 10 pound range. We were back at the dock by 2:00pm and had a nice cooler full of fish.



I took a day off to spend with the family and my son Kade wanted to dive off the marina jetty. We set of goal of having him shoot two fish that we would prepare for lunch. He was targeting little snapper and quickly discovered that it would not be too easy to shoot one. He got his first one on the outside of the jetty in very murky water. I watched him stop at about 8' and then continue deeper obviously giving chase to something. This was deeper then I know he is comfortable with and no sooner that he disappeared into the haze, I heard the gun go off. He came up with a little snapper dangling from the end of his single wrapped 70cm. We were both excited and proud and he set off to get one more. It took almost an hour, but he got his prize by sitting patiently against the rocks in 5' of water.

After this great success from shore, Kade was amped up to go out with Clif and I on a boat the following day. We only had limited sightings of yellowtail so the plan changed was to focus on pargo. I had my RA 120 set up with cable and a couple of extra spears. The visibility was excellent but most of the locations appeared to be void of anything big out in the open. I began focusing on looking in holes with a flashlight, and I finally spotted the tail of a large pargo. Even though the fish was facing the wrong direction, I manipulated the spear toward



the head and let it rip. All hell broke loose. Even though I was only in about 25' of water, I was hunting right where the boulders met the sand and the scene turned into a large cloud. I tensioned the float line and clipped it off to the float. By the time I could see where the cable and shaft ended up after 4 dives, I got ahold of the spear and pulled it out but had lost the fish. I learned a valuable lesson and probably should have swum around to the other opening of the cave and shot the fish head on.

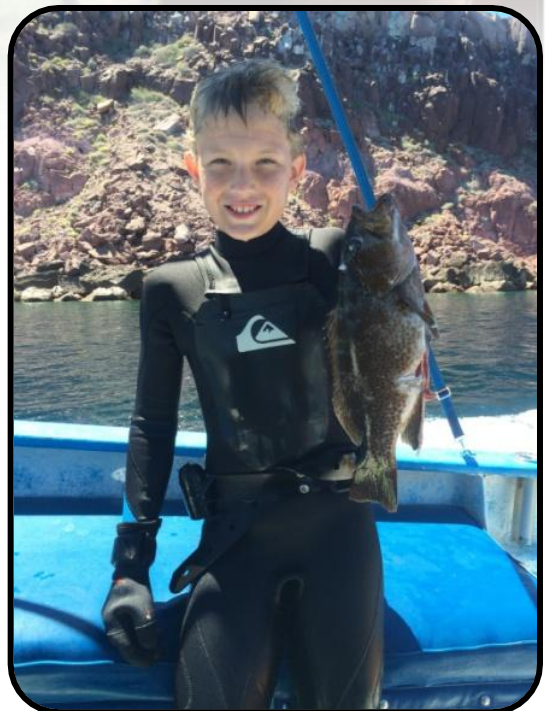
After I got my gear back together and I gave the panguero the disappointing news, Kade and I continued down the shoreline. We saw some activity around large VW sized boulder in 20' of water. A pargo had entered from the left, so this time I dove down and lined up under the right side of the rock. A nice fish, but different fish was cruising in the hole from right to left and I drilled him right in the gill plate. This time I short-stopped the cable against the rock and did not let him gain any ground. I was so determined not to lose this fish, I ended up putting both heels on the rock in a squatting position and gave a few pulls which proved futile and went back to the surface to breath up and clip off the slack in the float line.



I was paranoid about losing another one, but I knew my shot was through the gills so I took a few extra breaths, dove down and got both hands on the shaft and was able to get enough leverage to pull him out of the hole and control him up to the surface. If I didn't have a scale I would have sworn it was 25 pounds because of the power and the fight, but I was stoked with my personal best pargo at 15.9.

As seems to be the theme with all of my best diving days, the best moment was yet to come. Kade had torn off a couple of nice bull headed parrot fish with his underpowered 70 because the tip was destroyed by the end of the day and could barely penetrate their armor. He was determined that day to take a cabrilla and he finally got his chance. I watched him dive down and level off in at about 8', taking that extra kick to close the distance. He got a nice gut shot on his first cabrilla and we secured it quickly so it didn't tear

off. I don't think he was quite as proud as I was when it was his turn to hand a fish up to our driver Javier.



We changed out for the drive back to the harbor and our panguero was elated to see me throw on a LBN 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-shirt. He started telling me about all of the tournaments from years past and tried hard to remember the names of Neptune's he had on his boat. Back at the dock I bought a few cool ones at the Cortez Club and offered one to Javier with a tip before he started cleaning the fish. He was very appreciative, but I wish I had a picture of his face when I took my Neptune's shirt and handed it to him. There's no doubt in my mind he will be representing us well by wearing that shirt proudly in front of other spearos looking for the same experience we had in La Paz. Keith Kauffman



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# First Neptune Family & Friends Catalina Campout

This summer, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), we have three campsites (3, 5, 7) reserved that can hold approximately 36 campers.

The hope is to make this a fun event for Neptune families and friends. The event is still in the early planning stages, so all input is welcome. The rough outline is that we set up camp Friday mid morning and spend the rest of Friday and Saturday enjoying the island in the water and on land. Kayaking, diving....Friday and/or Saturday evenings we could have a campfire



with smores etc. Horse shoes would be nice, so if anyone has a set that we can use, let me know. Beyond that there are no definite plans, I like the idea of a potluck or some sort of community effort for dinner while breakfast and lunch would be up to the individual families. Many people have boats, so if you don't have a boat talk so someone. Odds are pretty good that we will be able to find you a ride. If not, there is always the ferry and the bus from two harbors to little harbor.



My youngest son, Mark on his first camping trip: Little harbor, 1yr old.

We will need some sort of shore boat, for bringing people and supplies to shore. Without a shore boat, we will probably have to charter a truck to transport supplies from two harbors, which will increase cost and inconvenience. Hopefully one of the campers will have one, but if not we may need to beg/borrow from one of the members. If someone has access to a small dingy, please let me know.

The cost is \$21/night for adults 12 and older and \$12/night for children under 12. You can reserve a spot by email, telephone or in person. To reserve a spot by email, include the reservation #10467998, the number of people to add, the specific dates and a callback number. Visitor services will then call you back or email with the amount and take your credit card number. Their email is [visitorservices@scico.com](mailto:visitorservices@scico.com). To pay by phone, call (310) 510-4226 with the reservation number and the number of people to add and number of nights. Especially as we get closer to summer, it may be difficult to get through and email may be the best option. Last minute adds (if there is space), can be made with the onsite ranger on arrival (cash only), or at visitor services at the isthmus.

If any of you have questions or suggestions, let me know at the newsletter email: [long.beach.neptune@gmail.com](mailto:long.beach.neptune@gmail.com)

Lou Rosales



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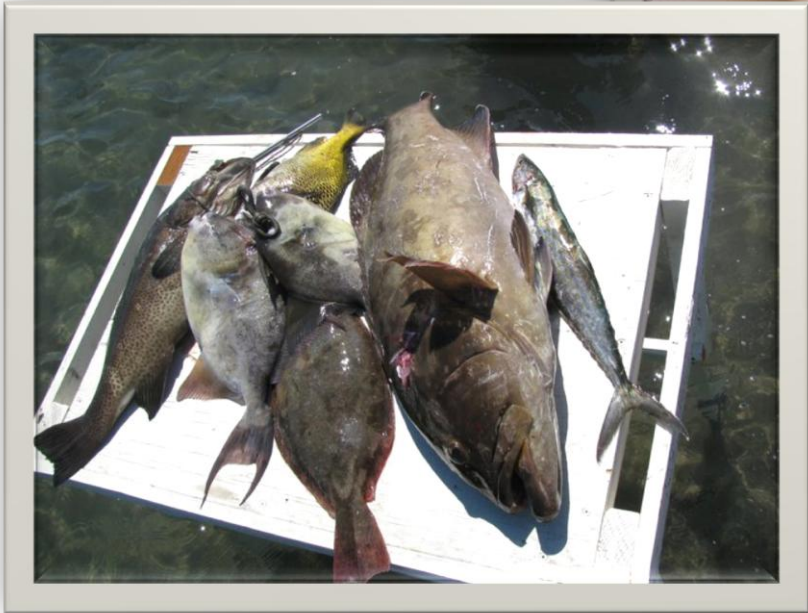


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More Baja!!





# 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.

Just a friendly reminder, club logo gear (anything that has our official embroidered patch) is reserved for full and lifetime members. Tentatives, friends, and family are welcome (and encouraged!) to wear our Blue Water Meet items.



# Tentative Corner: Jesse Goode

My name is Jesse Goode I grew up in Sunset Beach , Ca. I'm a journeyman plumber-pipefitter. I Have a 16' whaler that my father & I rebuilt. I've been a Tentative since January 2014.

I grew up surfing & having a love for the ocean that is indescribable. My childhood neighbors Todd & Kory Bersuch first got me into hook & line fishing when we were groms. One thing led to another and they eventually got me into the world of spearfishing. The obsession for diving has now taken over.

I started out like a lot of other guys, chasing down calicos, tripping out on tanker sheephead ,trying to grab bugs. Then followed the lead of more experienced divers & tried to soak everything up like a sponge. I

will always learn something new with the ocean that's the beauty of it. It's never the same hunt, different scenario, different structure , different visibility.



My first wsb was caught on a shore dive. just Kory & myself decided to cut out of work early & look for that ghost. I dropped down and looked left on my descent and saw a school of about five. There were three big females in the back and a couple males in chase. I wanted the big females bad but they were a bit too far out of reach and I didn't want to get greedy and take a bad shot. So I took the sure shot on the male and success! The hike up the hill not so much , I was winded like sissy girl!

Jason "Woody" Woods offered to sponsor me & I gladly accepted! I am very honored & excited to be a part of the Neptunes. As for my future goals, I hope to mature in my diving , learn more open water skills, deeper dives & longer breath holds & travel to new destinations. I am looking forward to learning from all the members who came before me.

Thanks for the opportunity , Jesse G



# Halibut for Dinner!

Chris Malloy

Decided to go out for a quick dive after a weekend of Baseball and Basketball games for the kids on the Seabastard. Late start but great weather. Stayed local and hopped in. Cold! The water had definitely rolled after all that wind. My watch was at 54 in spots. Combed the kelp and sand for about a half hour and saw my first Flat fish. Took the shot right in the head, bounce! He was sitting on a rock! Fish darted away with some serious damage. Searched around the line he sped off in for no luck and moved on. Searched inside for nothing and headed back outside and found another Halibut sitting fully buried in about 20ft of water amongst the scattered boulders. Funny how they think they are invisible. Got low this time and shot him at an angle to avoid the last's mishap. Stoned him. Fresh halibut for dinner! I love this time of year!



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## **Annual Kirk McNulty White Seabass Spearfishing Tournament**

**\$10.00**

**1st Annual White Seabass Spearfishing Classic in Honor of Kirk McNulty sponsored by DiveNSurf/Body Glove**

**Tournament Dates: March 1- May 31, 2014**

We are starting this tournament this year to honor the legacy of Kirk McNulty, a Surfer, Diver, Brother and Son. Kirk was a world class waterman who was inspired by everything ocean. Although some of you may not have known Kirk we hope that you will participate as we are a small family of spearfishermen here on the West Coast and there are some epic prizes up for grabs!

A \$10 entry + handling fee is required prior to spearing a fish. Register by visiting <http://www.hookbuzz.com/annual-kirk-mcnulty-white-seabass-spearfishing-tournament/>

The proceeds will be donated to the Westcoast White Seabass Hatchery's to help improve the WSB population on our coast. Please join us in the 1st Annual tournament to celebrate Kirk's life and passion for the sea. Winners will be chosen by Top 3 Biggest Fish!

Over 20 prizes with a combined value of \$3000+ have been donated from Sand Dollar Charters, GoPro, Electric Visual, Celestron Binoculars, Go Wild River Back Packs, IST Dive Gloves, MudEnergy Gels, DEEP Spearfishing Magazine, Fish 101 Restaurant, SeaSniper Apparel, HookBuzz Apparel and more.

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**Prizes:**

**1st Place** - 3-Day Cortez Bank Trip (Sand Dollar), GoPro Hero3 Black Surf w/ JAWS Flex Clamp and Handle Bar Mount, Electric Prize Pack (Backpack, Sunglasses, Shirt, Hat), 12pk of MudEnergy Gels, 1 Yr Subscription to DEEP Spearfishing Magazine, HookBuzz T-Shirt/Stickers

**2nd Place** - 1 Day Palos Verdes Trip (HookBuzz Boat), Wild River Backpack, Electric Prize Pack (Sunglasses, Shirt, Hat), Celestron Oceana Binocular, 2mm IST Camo Gloves, 12pk of MudEnergy Gels, 1 Yr Subscription to DEEP Spearfishing Magazine, HookBuzz T-Shirt/Stickers

**3rd Place** - Electric Prize Pack (Sunglasses, Shirt, Hat), 2mm IST Camo Gloves, Celestron Wind Anemometer, 12pk of MudEnergy Gels, 1 Yr Subscription to DEEP Spearfishing Magazine, HookBuzz T-Shirt/Stickers

Additional Prizes: Gift Certificates Fish 101 Restaurant, Sea Sniper Apparel, Sea Drops Anti-Fog

**Rules:**

You must be registered in the tournament prior to spearing your fish. No exceptions

All WSB must be taken between March 1st and May 31 2014

Need Photo of Catch and Digital Scale readout

Proof of Catch date must be supplied. Newspaper article or Date Stamp on photo

**Submit all Photos to [Support@hookbuzz.com](mailto:Support@hookbuzz.com).** Qualifying fish will be added to the leaderboard. Dive Safe!

If you dont have a access to a digital scale, the Official Tournament Scale is at DiveNsurf in Redondo Beach or use the weigh stations below:

Channel Islands Sport Fishing - 4151 S. Victoria Ave Oxnard, Ca 93035 (805) 382-1612

DiveNsurf - 504 N. Broadway Redondo Beach Ca, 90277 (310) 372-8423

Rocky Point Fuel Dock - 310 Portofino Way Redondo Beach, CA 90277 310-374-9858

Marina Del Rey Sport Fishing - Dock 52 Fiji Way MDR, CA (310) 822-3625

22nd Street Landing - 141 W 22nd St, San Pedro, CA 90731 (310)-832-8304

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Pacific Coast Bait & Tackle - 2110 S Coast Hwy, #E Oceanside, CA 92054 (760)-439-3474

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# LONG BEACH NEPTUNES 51ST ANNUAL BLUE WATER MEET CATALINA ISLAND JUNE 28, 2014

This meet is held by the Long Beach Neptunes at Catalina Island and is **STRICTLY INVITATIONAL**. All Entries will be verified. To participate you must qualify under one of the following conditions:

1. Any Tentative, Full or Life Member of the Long Beach Neptunes in active standing on the 2013 roster.
2. Any active, Full or Tentative member of the LA Fathomiers, San Diego Freedivers and other invited clubs.
3. You must be officially sponsored to compete by an Active, Full or Life Member of the Long Beach Neptunes. Each Neptune can only sponsor one person and the Neptune MUST sign and submit the entry form of the individual sponsored.

Divers may begin at dawn but must conclude their diving at 2:30 pm and be at Two Harbors by 3:00 pm. All fish entries not inside the weigh circle will be disqualified. The eligible fish are: Yellowtail, White Sea Bass, Barracuda, Bonito, Halibut, Dorado and Tuna family. **NO SCUBA DIVING IS PERMITTED. The diving area will include all waters within 4 miles of Catalina Island.**

**Weigh in at 3:00 pm SHARP!**

**You Provide:** 1) \$35 If you wish to compete or \$15 if not competing; 2) This SIGNED Entry/Liability Release; 3) Your own transportation; 4) Steak, Chicken or Fish and cooking utensils; 5) Game fish

**We Provide:** 1) First through fifth place trophies for largest fish taken the day of the meet (Only one per person); 2) The winning diver's name will be placed on the "Big Jim" perpetual trophy; 3) Beach pit BBQ with salad, mashed potatoes, baked beans, beer, soda, water, paper plates, cups, napkins and THE BEST GAME FISH MEET IN THE WORLD BETWEEN SOME OF THE BEST GAME FISH HUNTERS IN THE WORLD!!!!!!

## Long Beach Neptunes Bluewater Meet Waiver

DIVER'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED. If under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian Must Sign - One entry per sheet.

I assume entry into this event at my own risk. In consideration of my participation, I intend to be legally bound. I do hereby assume all risk for myself, heirs, executors, administrators and assign, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages I may have or hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors, Long Beach Neptunes or any other individuals and/or groups involved in coordination of this event, for any and all damages and/or injuries which may be sustained by me in connection with participation in the Long Beach Neptunes Bluewater Meet. I further attest and verify that I am physically fit, enjoying good health and have sufficient expertise for participation in this event. Parent and/or guardian agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above sponsors of any and all damages received in the event the entrant is a minor.

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND MONEY SHALL BE MAILED TO: BRUCE DARDIS AND MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN June 24th, 2014. APPLICATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED AT THE JUNE 4th GENERAL CLUB MEETING. WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING PAYPAL PAYMENTS (SEE BELOW FOR INSTRUCTIONS).**

Invitation Type: ( ) 1. Neptune

( ) 2. Invited Club (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) 3. Neptune Sponsor (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(LBN Sponsor Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Diver (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Competitor - \$35 ( ) Non-Competitor - \$15

If diver is a minor, please indicate age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit additional entries on a separate form. **Make checks payable to LONG BEACH NEPTUNES** and return to Bruce Dardis, 776 E. Parapet St, Long Beach, CA 90808, Email: [bruce.dardis@verizon.net](mailto:bruce.dardis@verizon.net). **PayPal Payments** can be made to: [lbnepunespayment@gmail.com](mailto:lbnepunespayment@gmail.com). Include Full Name and BWM 2014 in Description field. Choose the "I'm sending money to family or friends" option when sending payments.



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AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup> 2014

## RULES & REGULATIONS

- 2 PERSON TEAMS (BOAT TENDER RECOMMENDED)
- MUST PRE-REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> TO RECEIVE FREE T SHIRT

PLEASE CALL (605)224-6572 OR EMAIL  
[caleb@steamboatgf.com](mailto:caleb@steamboatgf.com) TO PRE-REGISTER

## CATEGORIES

- LARGEST ROUGH FISH
- LARGEST GAME FISH
- HEAVIEST STRINGER (COMBINED WEIGHTS)
- 2014 GRAND CHAMPION AWARD

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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.

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Dive safe,

Mark Navas





The passing of Frank Real was a great loss to the Neptune's and to his family, but from what many have said, he would prefer that people celebrate having known him rather than mourn his passing. Frank will leave a permanent legacy in the church he helped build and the lives he touched. Frank would also be the first to welcome and cheer the birth of Veles a new member of the family.

We have a lot to look forward to the next few months. Of course there are the Blue Water Meet and the Fall Classic, but we also have some great diving in store here in California, Baja and beyond. Also, it would be great to have a good turnout for the family campout July 18, 19 and 20, so set the dates aside if you can (especially if you have kids). It would be great to see as many Neptunes and their families as possible.

This issue, there were many contributors, Davis wrote an excellent safety article, new tentative Jesse Goode introduced himself in his biography (be sure to say hello to him and each of the tentatives at the next meeting), Chris Malloy and John Hughes came through with a short but sweet little articles. Finally, Keith Kauffman barely beat the deadline by sending an article chronicling his family vacation to La Paz. (Better late than never!)

*Louis Rosales*

Long Beach Neptunes Newsletter Editor



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