



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

April, 2011

April 27th, 2011 - General Meeting

Social starts at 7pm - Meeting at 7:30pm

Mario's Flying Pizza & Italian Restaurant
618 West NASA Rd. 1, Webster, TX

Speaker of the Month — *Mithriel M. MacKay*

My research interests include cetacean behavioral ecology with a focus for my dissertation on North Atlantic humpback whales. I am taking advantage of the opportunities presented while studying a low density of individuals off Puerto Rico for observing behaviors related to mother-calf pairs, singletons, and groups. The base station for my PhD dissertation research is set up in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico. A land based pilot study started December, 2010, with vessel based observations to follow beginning in the fall 2011 in Mona Passage. Behaviors are monitored using theodolite tracking, photography, videography and include photo identification and acoustic monitoring of whales in Mona Passage.

Don't miss this meeting!

The BAD Calendar

April

- BAD Bring a Friend General Membership Meeting—Mithriel M. MacKay**
27
Equipment Checkout Dive--Lake 288-
30 11am-4pm & cookout

May

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting**
Join us for Breakfast--
14 Contact:Events@bayareadivers.org
BAD General Membership Meeting-James
25 Mints CG Diving Accidents



June

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting**
25 Mammoth Lake Dive-David Ramona
BAD General Membership Meeting-Steven
29 Chappell-(NEEMO) project

July

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting**
Twin Lakes Dive-
9 Contact:Events@bayareadivers.org
Blue Lagoon-Dive & Campout--
23 Contact:Events@bayareadivers.org
BAD General Membership Meeting-Joyce &
27 Frank Bureak-TBA

August

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting**
BAD General Membership Meeting- Chuck
31 Noe- "Goodenough Springs Exploration

WEBSITE: www.bayareadivers.org

**Have an event you want to lead,
contact the Board for
more details.**



April



Tory Jenkins	1
Don Barnes	5
Neil Lowrey	7
Elyse Leavine	9
Jim McConville	10
Davilynn Ward	10
Forrest DeVore	11
Marty Zamora	13
Sherwood Hamilton	14
Shawn Ward	16
Wayne Ayer	24

COME VISIT and DIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS

Bay Area Divers meet at **Mario's** 618 W NASA Rd 1, Webster, TX 77598 at 7:00 pm the last Wednesday of each month (except December).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Deadline for article submission for next month is **May 8th, 2011** E-Mail caladyfish@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear BADDies,

The local diving season is here! Some of you have already been in the local lakes and reported that they are warming up! I don't know about you, but I'm ready for some burgers and dogs and look forward to "getting wet" at our first scheduled dive of the year! Be sure to join as **April 30th between 11am-4pm** for a cookout and then lake diving at Lake 288! Please let us know you are coming and bring a sidedish to share! We'll be eating around noon and hitting the water shortly after 1pm!

I'm thrilled to announce that our **36th Annual Divers' Market** in Seabrook is scheduled for **October 8th** from 10am-4pm! Get ready for some great deals on new and used equipment at the Largest Divers' Market in the region! Remember that BAD members can sell their equipment on the club table for FREE!!! As this is our largest fundraiser of the year, we need many volunteers to make the day run smoothly for our many vendors and customers. Sign up to help make this the **BIGGEST, BEST, and BADDEST** Divers' Market EVER!!!! Just email: diversmarket@bayareadivers.org to help out!

April is our **BRING A FRIEND** month at our General Meeting. For our April General Meeting on April 27th for every guest you bring, you will be entered into a special drawing for an OMS Oxygen Sensor – a **\$170.00 value** and a must have for Nitrox diving! This was the **item** to have at our Anniversary dinner and generously donated back by our past president, **Jim Delane**, for this special promotion month. Thanks, Jim! So call your friends to join you this month at Mario's at 7pm!

I just want to give a friendly shout out to Jeff Gordon and Maximum Scuba for donating the ladies diver's watch for a door prize for our March General meeting! If you are not coming to the monthly meetings, you are missing out on some great socializing and door prizes!!!

Be sure to check our calendar for upcoming events. We have more fun activities planned in May with a morning breakfast at Skipper's on the 14th and a beach party in Surfside on the 21st. There's more information on the website with links for directions and details. There are also links to our FaceBook page and Twitter account!

So get ready to "Get Wet" and Dive Safely,
Doreen Wells
president@BayAreaDivers.org

For the **April General Meeting only** all remaining Bay Area Divers Logo Merchandise is **HALF-OFF!!!**

We have sizes from Small to 2X.
BAD Patches \$3 or 2 for \$5
Short Sleeve Collared Shirts \$12
T-Shirts \$6

All Merchandise have BAD Angel Fish Logo

We also have BAD Dive Flag Bumper Stickers
2 for \$1

So whether to are a new member or long-term member, show off your BAD pride with logo merchandise, because it's **GOOD TO BE "BAD"!!!**

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Time to re-new your membership.



BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Meetings ARE OPEN TO All, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY May 3th, 2011** at 7:00 PM at **La Brisa**, 501 North Wesley Drive (behind Sudie's at exit 28 on I45) League City, TX . Everyone is encouraged to attend as we appreciate **everyone's participation and your input**. Come earlier if you would like to eat and visit with some of us prior to the meeting.

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New Members



New Members- **Matthew Frirsch, Lisa Lapko**

Re-Newed Membership- **Christine Emerson, Alexis, Marty & Rafe Zamora, Shelby Dill, Skip Evans, Cory & Linda Hollingsworth, Heather Pena, Butch & Verna Shannon, Max Tinsley**

Member of the Month March



Cheri Zhou

Cheri Zhou was certified in 2005. She currently has her advanced certification. She had been a BAD member since January 2011. Her favorite dive location is Sipadan, Malaysia. Her husband got her into diving.

Thank you to Jesse Cancelmo

At our last General Meeting:

Wednesday - March 30, 2011

Jesse Cancelmo is an accomplished underwater photographer, author, and photojournalist. His articles and photographs have appeared in numerous diving and wildlife publications. He showed pictures from his third book, TEXAS CORAL

REEFS. Jesse@CancelmoPhoto.com

GREAT Meeting!

Thank you!
Maximum Scuba
for the Dive Watch
it went to our
Diver of the Month

Cheri Zhou

BAD now can do PayPal


We're up and running on the web site and can now accept PayPal payments for memberships...

Check it out here: <http://bayareadivers.org/membership.html>

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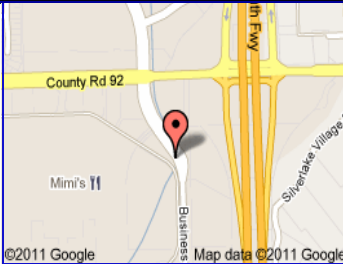
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Trips and Activities



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Operators

Dive Mon (Dive Boat) is operated by PADI instructors **Tanya Gorguraki** and **Chris Chung**. Tanya has been diving since 1988 and has achieved her dream of instructing individuals in scuba diving as a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor (#253070). Chris has been diving since 1992 and is a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer level instructor (#251408). As a PADI MSDT, Chris is certified to teach OW, AOW, rescue, divemaster, NITROX, boat, drift, wreck, photography, equipment, oxygen provider, EFR, and CPR classes. Chris also holds a renewed 50 ton USCG Masters Captain's License with motor, sail, and towing endorsements.

LET'S GET WET!

Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Join us out at [Lake 288](#)

at 11am-4pm for a fun dive and cook-out.

Lunch at noon!!! Diving at 1pm!!!

For more info, email: Events@BayAreaDivers.org



Please visit our web site for details and photos: <http://flowergarden.noaa.gov>



April— All Month

Hammerhead sharks and spotted eagle rays school around the banks.

28-May 1 National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) Finals Competition - Galveston—Texas A&M Galveston Campus Sanctuary staff will be assisting with this high school level competition focused on ocean science topics. The theme for this year's Finals Competition is "Human Responses to Ocean Events." For more information, please visit the NOSB web page at <http://www.nosb.org/>



May (Later Part of the Month) & All of June— & July—
Whale sharks may be sighted in the sanctuary.

30 Memorial Day Holiday—Sanctuary offices closed.

July 9-13
Down Under, Out Yonder Educator Workshop and Scuba Field Experience - Galveston and Gulf of Mexico
This 5-day educator workshop will teach you about Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and coral reefs, then take you scuba diving in the sanctuary. Workshop applications are due by February 25, 2011. Applicants must already be scuba certified to participate in the full workshop. For more information, contact Kelly.Drinnen@noaa.gov



Future Speakers

May 25, 2011

I would like to Thank Rick Decker for his help in getting **James Mints of the US Coast Guard**, he will be our speaker and he will talk to us about **Diving Accidents**

Don't miss this meeting!—It could save your life or someone you care about.

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Scientists find 2,000-year-old coral near site of BP oil spill

Posted on March 31, 2011 at 10:45 am by [Associated Press](#) in [Gulf Oil Disaster](#), [Social](#) 6,268
Sent in by [Jim Ward](#)

These black coral trees growing near Viosca Knoll in the Gulf of Mexico are among the oldest living organisms on Earth. (Photo: U.S. Geological Survey)



NEW ORLEANS — Federal scientists say they have dated coral living near the site of the busted BP oil well in the Gulf of Mexico at 2,000 years old.

The U.S. Geological Survey said Wednesday it had determined the age of the black coral in the Gulf for the first time. Scientists had been studying the ancient slow-growing corals before BP's well blew out on April 20, 2010. The corals were found about 21 miles northeast of the BP well living 1,000 feet below the surface of the Gulf.

"They're extremely old and extremely slow-growing," said Nancy Prouty, a USGS scientist. "And there are big questions about their vulnerability and their ability for recovery."

Black corals feed on organic matter sinking to the sea floor and it could take decades, or even centuries, to recover from "a disturbance to these ecosystems," Prouty said.

She said scientists were looking at whether the ancient coral had been damaged by the BP oil spill, but the damage assessment had not been completed.

The location of the black coral is important because computer models and research cruises have mapped much of the deepwater oil moving to the southwest of the BP well, away from the black coral colony. Scientists have found dead coral southwest of the well. However, Prouty said the surface oil slick was over the black coral colony during the spill.

BP's well leaked more than 200 million gallons of oil after the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded April 20, killing 11 workers.

Black corals, which resemble deep-sea bushes or trees, are found throughout the world and are an important marine habitat for fish and other forms of marine life. They grow very slowly — a human fingernail grows 200 times faster than black coral, USGS said. Most of the Gulf's bottom is muddy and the coral colonies that pop up every once in a while are vital oases for marine life in the chilly ocean depths.

The USGS study was part of a larger federal survey of fragile reef ecosystems.

Advertise with BAD

Anyone can Advertise with [Bay Area Divers Club](#). You can run an add for as long as you would like.

Business Card size would be \$10.00 a month
\$55.00 for 6 months & \$100.00 for a year.

Double Business card size would be \$20.00 a month.
\$110.00 for 6 months & \$200.00 for a year.

Please contact Editor: caladyfish@yahoo.com

Shrimp stuffed avocado

Ingredients:

- 4-5 firm ripe avocados
- 1 lb medium sized cooked shrimp
- ½ medium red onion, diced finely
- 2 radishes, diced finely
- ½ red bell pepper, diced finely
- 2 celery stalks, diced finely
- 2 hardboiled eggs, diced
- 5 tbs [cilantro aioli](#) or regular mayonnaise
- Lime juice from 1 lime
- Salt/pepper to taste
- Optional garnishes: chopped lettuce, sliced tomatoes and chopped cilantro



Preparation:

1. Chop shrimp in half, if desired keep a few to garnish.
2. Combine diced onions, radishes, bell pepper, celery, eggs, shrimp, ½ of the lime juice and aioli in a bowl, mix well.
3. Taste and salt/pepper if necessary.
4. Cut avocados in half, remove seed and peel carefully.
5. Drizzle remaining lime juice over avocados, this help keep them from darkening too quickly.
6. Use a spoon to stuff avocados with shrimp salad filling.
7. Add any garnishes and serve immediately.

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