



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

October, 2011

October 26th, 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 —

Dennis Camp, many of you know him better as Capt Waldo. His topic will be "Equipment styles and maintenance", a look into design and preventive maintenance of your dive equipment. Dennis has been a long time club member and has excelled in various levels of the scuba industry. Active in retail, manufacturing, training and travel, he has a varied back ground with many accolades from the scuba industry. His expertise include being a *Level 5-UnlimitedDepth Tri-mix Rebreather diver; a technical instructor trainer certifier and holds numerous Repair Technician and Trainer certifications for many of the industry's premier manufacturers; not to mention, he's usually good for a laugh or two!*

This should be very interesting and Helpful MEETING!


Don't miss this one!

The BAD Calendar

October

- 1 **TrashFest 2011**
- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 8 **Divers Market**
- BAD General Membership Meeting-
Dennis Camp-"Equipment styles &
maintenance"
- 26

November

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting
- FREE Marine Recreation Community
- 2 Workshop- Galveston
- 12 **Anniversary Party-Luau Theme** *Ahoy!*
- BAD General Membership Meeting-
Elections- Speaker--PJ Champagna-
Turtles
- 16
- 24 **Happy Thanksgiving** 

December

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting 
- 25 **Merry Christmas**

2012

January

- 1 **Happy New Year** 
- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting --

WEBSITE: www.bayareadivers.org

Have an event you want to lead,
contact the Board for



October

Justin Jenkins	1	Bill Jones	16
Patrick Zamagne	1	Quinny Fontenot	22
Bill Foster	2	Carlos Saldivar	23
Dave Pichler	2	Jim Jenkins	23
Randy Widaman	2	Mark Fontenot	23
Ashley Williams	5	Josh Bortz	26
Rex Manley	12	Zachary Dykhuizen	26
Sidney Jenkins	14	Brad Bortz	27
James Foster	15	Jim Delane	29
Sharon Williams	15	Taylor Williams	29



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 November & December).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Deadline for article submission for next month is: **November 9th, 2011** E-Mail caladyfish@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear BADdies,

What a fun month October has been already!

We had a great turnout for Trashfest with 5 teams! I heard lots of comments that we stood out with our green tshirts and everyone saw the theme on connection with our annual Divers Market. We had lots of fun seeing old friends and making new friends too!

We barely got home and then it was time for our 36th Annual Scuba Divers Market and Expo! What a great market this year! We brought back the blue light special and our vendors made use of it! We had a line at the gate starting at 9:15am and our vendors were busy! Also our vendors were generous with door prize donations so we gave some great prizes away. Thanks again vendors!

Of course we couldn't do the Divers Market without all our volunteers! Thank you so much to everyone that setup on Friday, turnout on Saturday, and stayed for cleanup! We had a well-deserved volunteer feast afterwards and prizes to the volunteers. Thanks again for your dedication for another great year for the **BADDEST** Divers Market EVER!!!!

Our membership list grew too! We are having great turnouts for our monthly meetings the LAST Wednesday of every month except for November and December. Check the BayAreaDivers.org website for more details. Our **Anniversary party** on November 12th

at Monument Inn is most anticipated this year with member only pricing of \$15 per person (normally a \$40 value)! This year's theme is a luau so plan to come in your tropical best for all-you-can-eat seafood including boiled shrimp and fresh-shucked oysters! We select our Diver of the Year at the party so plan your nominations.

Also it's election time again in **November** and the monthly meeting is the **third Wednesday** (Nov. 16th) of the month rather than our regular last Wednesday to avoid the holidays. All board positions are up for nominations. Pete Hunter is heading up the Nominations Committee so please give him or nominations or name if you are interested in serving on the board. You can also email him at nominations@BayAreaDivers.org.

So plan to Dive Safely,
Doreen Wells
President@BayAreaDivers.org

November Speaker

November 16th, 2011

BAD General Membership Meeting And Election Meeting.

**Our Speaker will be PJ Champagna on her recent trip to watch the Turtles being hatched.
This will be a SUPER MEETING!**

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BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Meetings ARE OPEN TO All, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY November 1th 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.

Deadline for article submission for next month is: **November 6th, 2011** E-Mail caladyfish@yahoo.com

New Members



New Members— **Michael, Ellen, Jordan & Daniel Better**; **Randy, Chris & Marina Cernik**; **Amanda & Ryan Clare**; **Eric & Amy Falconi**; **Stacy, Mellissa, Hannah Hale**; **Clifford & Claudia Hess**; **Tom Klinger, Jim Russel & Adriana Klinger & Catherine Williams**; **David & Susan Mauk**; **Mike McBride & Melodee Gainer**; **Lee, Taylor & Mia Williams & Andrea Searbrough**; **Sandee & Shelby Roquemore**; **Steve & Kim Skipworth**; **John & Tiffany Tucker**; **Kelly & Stephan Whitley**

Member of the Month September



Seldon Crump

Seldon and her husband Steve have been a members of BAD since 2008. She is our outstanding Membership chairperson. Seldon started diving in 1990, while living in Costa Rica . She became a dive master and worked for a resort in Drake Bay for over three years. She started diving 19 years ago because her father was a diver; she currently lives in Alvin.

2011 Bay Area Diver's Annual Market and Expo Thank you for Donating Doorprizes!

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WW Diving

THANK YOU!

JASON POFFENBERGER

Wednesday - Sept. 28, 2011

At the last General Meeting:

I hope you did not miss this **GREAT** and
very informative meeting.

Bay Area Divers

In Association with Save Our Leatherback Turtles Organization

\$\$ Club Fund Raising Project \$\$

"Turning Energy into Income"

www.BayAreaDivers.IgniteInc.biz

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2011 Bay Area Diver's Annual Market and Expo

Thank you for Volunteering!

Wayne Ayer; Joel Beckman; Barbara Belzung; Brad & Josh Bortz; Seldon & Steve Crump; Forest Devore; Mozie Dwire; Christie Emerson; Mark & Cathy Ermingier; Mei-Hwa Ferguson; Bill, Nathan, Will & Deborah Foster; Matt Fritsch; Jose Garcia; Steve Giesler; Bryan & Craig Goodwin; Ron Hoffman; Pete Hunter; Jim, Troy & Sydney Jenkins; Lisa Lapko; Kirk Leissner; Jim McConville; Patrick & Cindy Newman; Ja Van Pruett; David, Cindy & Trent Romano; Jim Parker; Dave Pichler; Alexis Richardson; Thomas & Andrew Rigolo; Trish Ross; Adam, Janice Jeff Seely; Nanette Skelly; Rebecca Sykes; Tami Thomas; John Van Atta; Doreen Wells; Pam White; Randy Widaman



Vast shark sanctuary created in Pacific

By Richard Black Environment correspondent, BBC News
Sent in by Jim Ward



The Marshall Islands initiative is the latest in a worldwide islands' movement to protect sharks.



The sanctuary will swallow a huge chunk of the Pacific Ocean

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The Marshall Islands government has created the world's largest shark sanctuary, covering nearly two million sq km (750,000 sq miles) of ocean.

The Pacific republic will ban trade in shark products and commercial shark fishing throughout its waters.

Tourism, including diving, is a staple of the Marshall Islands archipelago, which is home to just 68,000 people.

Sharks and their near relatives such as rays are seriously threatened by issues such as habitat loss and fishing.

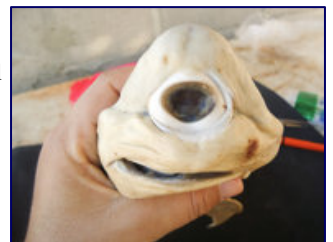
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Cyclops Shark & Other Cryptic Creatures Make October Creepy

By Stephanie Pappas | LiveScience.com – Tue, Oct 18, 2011
Sent in by Jim Ward



A fetal shark cut from the belly of a



pregnant shark caught in the Gulf of California. ...

In this world of Photoshop and online scams, it pays to have a hearty dose of skepticism at reports of something strange — including an albino fetal shark with one eye smack in the middle of its nose like a Cyclops.

But the Cyclops shark, sliced from the belly of a pregnant mama dusky shark caught by a commercial fisherman in the Gulf of California earlier this summer, is by all reports the

Cyclops shark (continued)

real thing. Shark researchers have examined the preserved creature and found that its single eye is made of functional optical tissue, they said last week. It's unlikely, however, that the malformed creature would have survived outside the womb.

"This is extremely rare," shark expert Felipe Galvan Magana of Mexico's Centro Interdisciplinario de Ciencias del Mar told the Pisces Fleet Sportfishing blog in July. "As far as I know, less than 50 examples of an abnormality like this have been recorded."

Pisces Fleet, a sportfishing company, rocketed the Cyclops shark to viral status online this summer with their photos of the creepy-cute creature. But this isn't the first time that reports of a mythical-seeming creature have spurred media sensations — last week alone, Russian officials [announced "proof" of a Yeti](#), and paleontologists spun a theory about an [ancient Kraken-like squid](#). Few reports of mythical beasts, however, come with proof.

Cyclops shark

The [Cyclops](#) shark is an exception. While rare, "cyclopia" is a real developmental anomaly in which only one eye develops. Human fetuses are sometimes affected, as in a 1982 case in Israel reported in 1985 in the British Journal of Ophthalmology. In that case, a baby girl was born seven weeks early with no nose and only one eye in the center of her face. The infant, who lived only 30 minutes after birth, also had severe brain abnormalities.

The fisherman who discovered the Cyclops shark is reportedly hanging on to the preserved remains, news outlets reported. But scientists have recently examined and X-rayed the fish, authenticating the catch. According to Seth Romans, a spokesman for Pisces Fleet, Galvan Magana and his colleagues will publish a scientific paper about the find within the next several weeks.

Romans told LiveScience that the fisherman who caught the strange shark is "amazed and fascinated" by the attention his catch has drawn.

It's not the first strange shark fetus Galvan Magana has found; he and his colleagues discovered two-headed shark embryos in two different female blue sharks. It's possible that one embryo started to split into twins, but failed to completely separate because of crowding in the womb, the researchers reported in January 2011 in the journal Marine Biodiversity Records.

World Best Dive Wrecks—Part II

By Nick Lucey

Sent in By [Jim McConville](#)

Bahamas

The Bahamas-assembled from more than 700 sandy spits of land sprinkled over an ocean area the size of Wyoming-forms the bottom leg of the Bermuda Triangle. It's no wonder the islands offer some of the region's best wreck diving. Off New Providence-home to Nassau and two-thirds of the Bahamas' population-there are a handful of interesting wrecks tended by a rather sizeable population of reef sharks. Offerings here include the Willaurie, the "Bond" wrecks (movie props including the Tears of Allah from Never Say Never Again and Vulcan bomber from Thunderball), Caribe Breeze, Bahama Mama, Steel Forest (actually three wrecks-the Captain Fox, Fenwick Stirrup and the Manana) and Ray of Hope. The Hope is both a wreck and a big animal encounter-Stuart Cove's does a very electric shark feed on it. Other greats include Bimini's Sapona and Bimini Barge and Grand Bahama's Theo's Wreck and Sugar Wreck.

Barbados

Not particularly known for diving-let alone wreck diving-the island of Barbados is fortunate to possess one of the Caribbean's pre-eminent shipwrecks, the SS Stavronikita. The island's signature wreck is a 365-foot Greek freighter sitting in 70 to 140 feet of water. The marine park at historic Carlisle Bay is reportedly home to more than 200 wrecks, four of which are perhaps most popular: Berwyn, C-Trek, Eilon and Fox. Other lesser-known Barbados wrecks include the Friars Crag and Pamir.

Honduras's Bay Islands

A couple dozen miles and a world away from the Honduras mainland, the Bay Islands serve up a trio of good wrecks off Roatan and another off Guanaja. When it was sunk intentionally in 1987, Guanaja's Jado Trader was the Bay Islands' undisputed signature wreck. It's no longer the islands' biggest, but the 187-footer sits on its side in 110 feet of water and still pleases with tons of fish including Nassau, black and tiger groupers and schools of horse-eye jacks. Off Roatan, three popular wrecks provide divers with an alternative to the island's sublime reefs. Sunk in 2002, the 300-foot Odyssey is the latest and greatest, with its mast at 40 feet and stern at 120. The 210-foot El Aguila was scuttled by Anthony's Key Resort in 1997, split in three by Hurricane Mitch in 1998 and then scattered by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. She now rests in 30 to 110 feet of water and is populated by many friendly fish. The Prince Albert is accessible from shore at CoCo View Resort and sports a thick coat of sponges and an array of reef fishes.

Part III—Next Month

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Can You Vomit Underwater While Scuba Diving?

By [Natalie Gibb](#), About.com Guide
Sent in by [Tami Thomas](#)



Scuba divers should know how to react if the feel the need to vomit underwater.

At some point during nearly every [open water course](#), one of my students timidly raises a hand and asks, half embarrassed, half laughing, “What happens if I need to throw up underwater?” My answer is that almost anything a person can do on the surface (cough, hiccup, hock a loogie, etc.) a diver can do underwater with a [scuba regulator](#) in his mouth. Regulators are equipped with exhaust valves (where the exhaled air bubbles out) and any almost substance exiting a diver's mouth can be blown out the exhaust valve along with the diver's exhaled air, including vomit. Here's what scuba divers need to know about vomiting underwater.

I Get Seasick. Is It Common to Have to Vomit Underwater While Scuba Diving?:

No. In fact, if a diver is feeling seasick on a dive boat, the best thing he can do is to hop in the water. Once a diver is off the boat, his seasickness usually disappears because he is moving with the water instead of bouncing around on top if it. Entering the water also distances a diver from boat exhaust, which can exacerbate seasickness.

Underwater, a diver is most likely to experience seasickness near or on the surface, where the rocking motion of the waves or surge can be felt on rough days. Other causes of nausea can be vertigo from incomplete [ear equalization](#), or an upset stomach caused by exotic food at dive locations (I once became nauseated underwater after eating *way* too much guacamole for lunch).

What Should I Do If I Must Vomit Underwater?:

1. Do Not Remove Your Regulator.

After vomiting, a person will reflexively gasp for air. If a diver removes his regulator to vomit, he may not be able to replace it in time and may inadvertently inhale water. Instead, a diver should hold his regulator in his mouth and vomit into the regulator mouthpiece. This will not contaminate his air supply – the vomit will exit through the one-way exhalation valve. The first breath after vomiting should be taken as carefully as possible, ensuring that any leftovers do not get inhaled.

2. Purge the Regulator If Needed.

After vomiting, a diver can use the regulator's purge button to flood the regulator second stage with air and force any leftover debris out the exhaust valves. A diver purging the regulator after vomiting should take care to place his tongue over the regulator mouthpiece while pressing the purge button, so that any remaining vomit does not get blown back into his mouth.

3. Be Prepared to Switch to the Alternate Air Source.

Depending upon a diver's last meal and chewing habits, vomit may be of different consistencies. If a diver is unlucky enough to have the chunky variety, pieces of puke could become lodged in the regulator mouthpiece and cause it to free-flow or malfunction. This is what [alternate air source regulators](#) are for! (They are also useful if breathing from a recently puked in regulator simply disgusts you). If a diver does switch to his alternate air source, he should end the dive because diving without an alternate air source regulator available for his buddy is unsafe.

4. End the Dive If Nausea Continues.

Sometimes vomiting makes you feel better – embarrassed and self-conscious, but better nonetheless. If vomiting once seems to alleviate the nausea, a diver may feel confident in continuing his dive. However, if the nausea does not abate, it is time to surface and end the dive.

5. Wash/ Service the Regulator Second Stage.

Depending on a diver's pride, the most worst part of vomiting underwater may be admitting that it happened. However, a regulator that has been vomited into should be thoroughly sanitized and may require servicing if any debris remain. A diver who has vomited in his regulator must swallow his pride and alert the appropriate person (particularly if he is renting a regulator) to make sure that the regulator is cleaned and working properly.

Vomiting underwater is never fun, but it can be done safely when unavoidable. As most less-than-pleasant experiences in life, even vomiting underwater has a silver-lining. Fish *love* diver puke. A diver who vomits underwater will quickly be surrounded by schools of fish eager to share his last meal. In fact, many experienced divers refer to vomiting underwater as “feeding the fish” for this very reason!

Trips and You should have been there!

Trashfest 2011



Activities



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



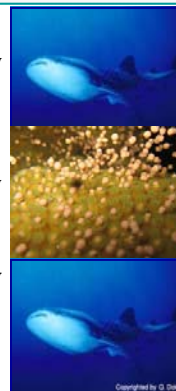
October

10 Columbus Day Holiday
Sanctuary offices closed.

November

11 Veterans Day Holiday
Sanctuary offices closed.

24 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Sanctuary offices closed.



"Living on the Ocean Planet" Video Contest

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl and the National Marine Educators Association are pleased to announce the 2012 /Living on the Ocean Planet/ Video Contest! The theme for this year's contest is "A Sea of Change: Development and Evolution." This theme includes not only biological evolution, but also our growing understanding of marine processes, and the adaptations of humans to a changing ocean.

Students currently enrolled in high school are eligible to submit a 2 minute video focusing on this theme and covering one of the seven Ocean Literacy Principles <<http://www.coexploration.org/oceanliteracy/documents/OceanLitChart.pdf>>. Students are encouraged to work in teams of up to three students.

Awards will be given to winners at both Regional and National levels. The 1st place national winning team will receive a Kodak Playsport Video Camera for each participant, and will have their video posted on the Ocean Today Video Kiosk <<http://oceantoday.noaa.gov/welcome.html>>. The 2nd place national winning team will receive gift certificates for electronics, and the 3rd place team will receive copies of /Smithsonian Ocean: Our Water, Our World /by Deborah Cramer. All three top teams will have their videos posted on the NOSB and Consortium for Ocean Leadership websites.

Submission Deadline is January 20, 2012. For more details about the /Living on the Ocean Planet/ Video Contest, please visit: download the contest flyer, go to: <http://www.nosb.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/2012-Video-Contest-Flyer.pdf>

To download the submission form and contest guidelines, go to: <http://www.nosb.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/2012-Video-Competition-Packet.pdf>

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Dive Happy!



BAY AREA DIVERS

37th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Monument Inn – La Porte, Texas

4406 South Battleground Road

All-You-Can-Eat* Served Family-Style
Saturday, November 12th, 2011 6pm - 10pm
Dinner is served at 7pm

Fresh Shucked Oysters on the Half Shell
Cold Boiled Shrimp
Fried Catfish / Fried Oysters /
Fried Shrimp / Stuffed Crab
Coffee / Tea & French Fries
Dinner & Cinnamon Rolls
Cash Bar

Tickets are on sale \$15 members only
We are limited to the first 75 people
See Capt. Randy Widaman for tickets!

Best Door Prizes all Year!!!
Top Prize - Trip!!

*Non-seafood entrees also available.

