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April Guest Speaker



MATT
KRUMINS
PHOTOGRAPHY

Matt presented an exciting talk at the April 2017 VSAG Club meeting in which Matt revealed the tricks to producing professional videos. I am sure that everyone who attended Matt's talk benefited from his experience and easy delivery covering off a number of common photography errors and providing solutions in a clear, no fuss demonstration tutorial.

See Matts amazing work, free tutorials and class offers on his web site at <http://mattkruminsphotography.com.au/>

Half day, full day and private photography workshops for all cameras and levels! 75 reasons for booking and photo gallery. Awesome!

"My goal is to make photography accessible to everyone, simplifying the complicated and explaining technical concepts in a way that they can relate to. I love my analogies and there is nothing I love more than seeing people have an 'ah -ha!-moment'".

Matt Krumins ❖



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**VSAG Monthly meetings are at 8 p.m. on the
3rd TUESDAY of each month**

**at THE WATER RAT HOTEL
256 MORAY ST, SOUTH MELBOURNE**

All are welcome to join us for a meal at 7 p.m.
before the meeting.

VSAG on Facebook

Did you know VSAG now has a
Facebook page? Check it out at
[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/vsag.divers/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/vsag.divers/) and 'Like'
us.



Check out St George Scuba Club at :

<http://www.stgeorgescubaclub.org.au/news.php>

Peter Beaumont joined the club in 2012 whilst living in Sydney
and is still a member . They are a very active and a nice bunch
of people.

We are delighted to announce that we have
now established another relationship with an
interstate club that will allow you to dive with
them if you wish to and vice versa.

The club is the Tas Uni Dive Club. You can
check them out at : www.tudc.org.au



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DIVING WA

Road Trip by John Ashley

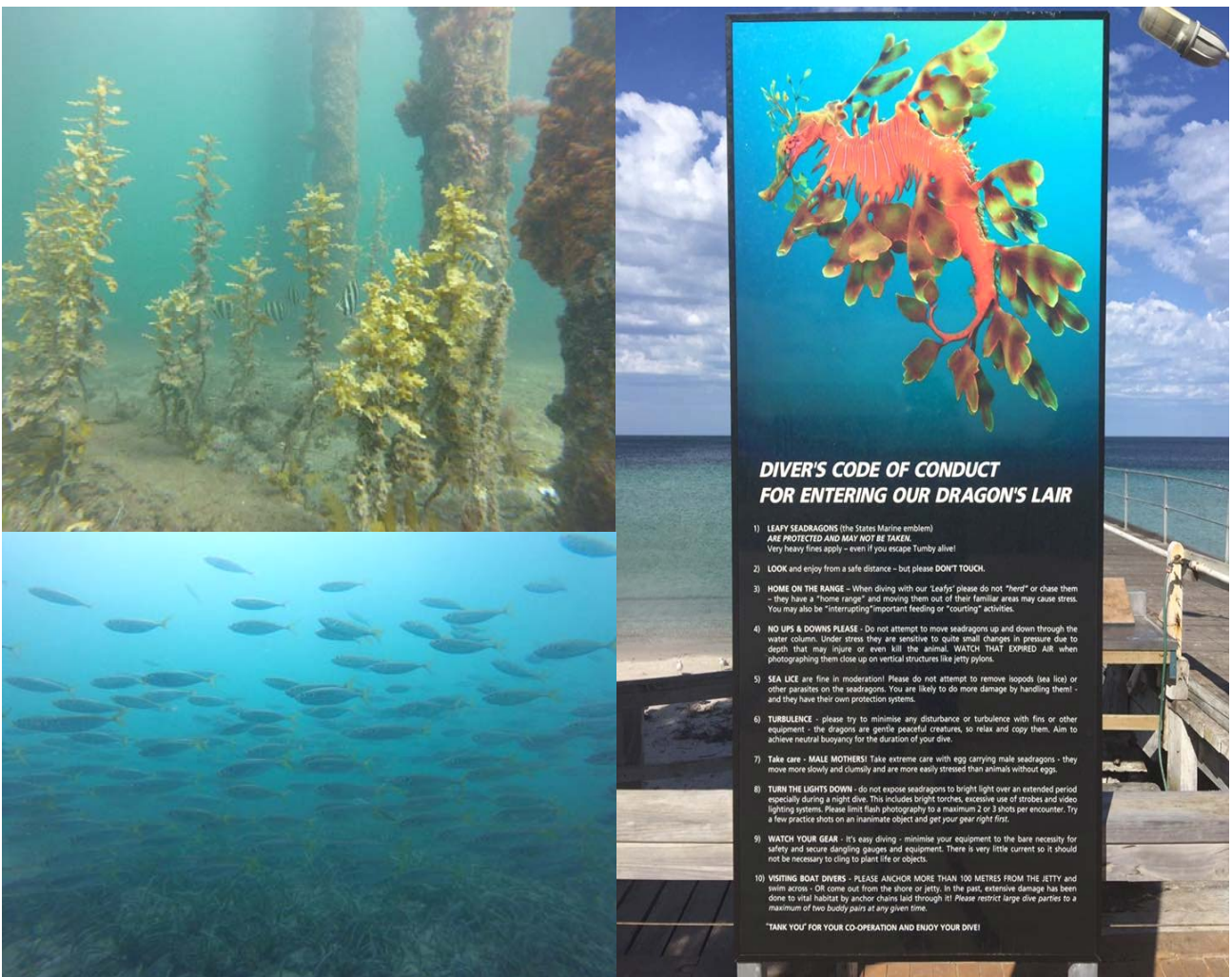
In March 2017 club member John Ashley threw caution to the wind and embarked on a dive drive holiday from Melbourne to Western Australia and here is a compilation of the dive sites he visited along the way.

TUMBY BAY

11.03.2017

Hi all. I'm travelling along the coast to Perth and had an opportunity to dive the Tumby Bay pier, apparently there are lots of Leafy Sea Dragons here.

Hmmmm maybe, didn't see any but this pier is alive with all sorts of fish life. Very much like Flinders with all the sea grass beds and in 22 degree temps made it a most pleasant dive. 10 metre viz max depth 6.7. - John



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HMAS PERTH

22.03.2017

Just a few underwater pics from a dive on HMAS Perth scuttled in King George Sound Albany WA. The Swan was an ex-guided missile destroyer.



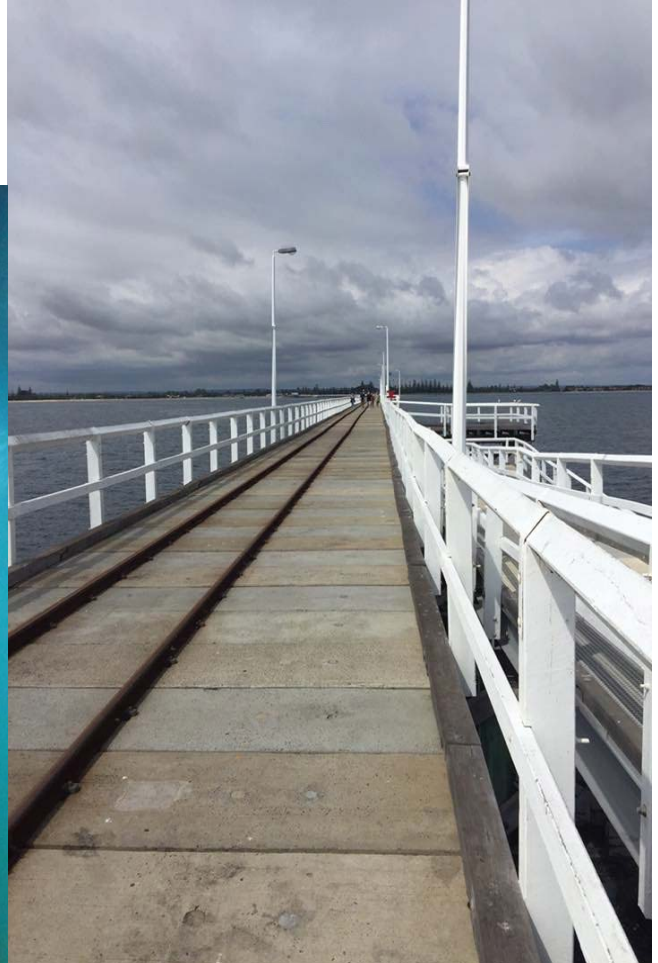
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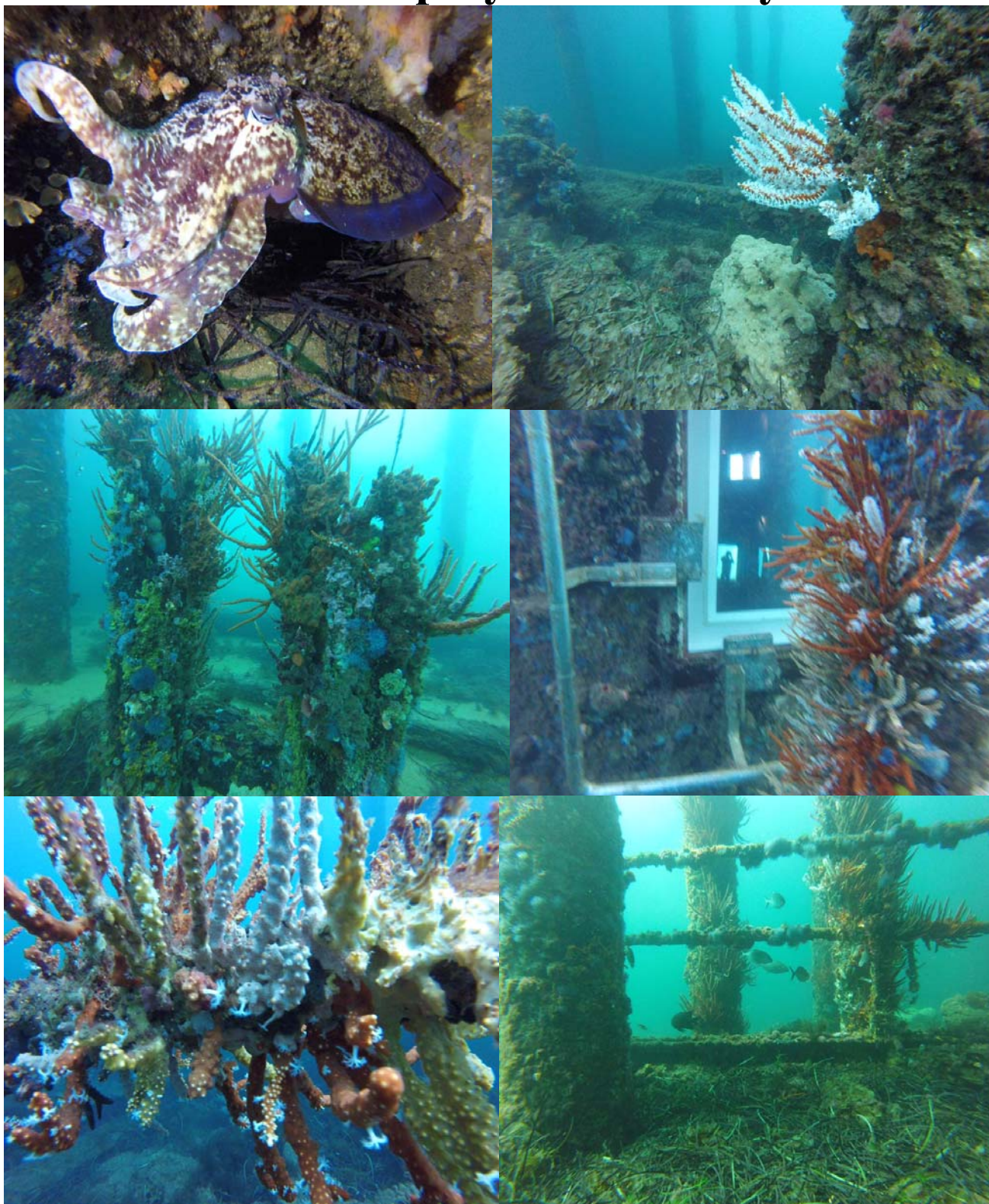
22.03.2017

Hi all just me again, did this fantastic dive at Busselton jetty today and it has to be one of the best pier dives I've ever done. 15 metre vis and a max depth of 7 metres and more fish life than I know names of, but and there always is. The walk from the car park to where you start your dive is 1.4 kilometres long. Towards the end of the pier there is an underwater viewing station for people to view the fish and no doubt divers. "Kinda cool!" - John



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ROTTNEST ISLAND

03.2017

Hi all, today Ian Scholey and myself had the pleasure of diving with the Underwater Explorers Club WA. This is our sister club here in the West. We headed out to Rottnest Island on their dive boat Cape Cruiser for a double dive in great conditions. Sunny skies, flat seas and viz varied from 12-15 metres. There was a spot on the 2nd dive where you could have sat there

for an hour and just watched the schools of fish swim by. A big thanks to these guys and specially to Mel Turner for all her help. - John



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BATAVIA

1629

For those wreck/history buffs in the club here is a photo of a replica of a lifeboat carried by the Batavia which was wrecked off the Houtman Abrolhos islands GERALTON WA in 1629. The captain Pelsaert and 47 others spent 33 days sailing her to Indonesia. How did they all fit?



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NINGALOO REEF

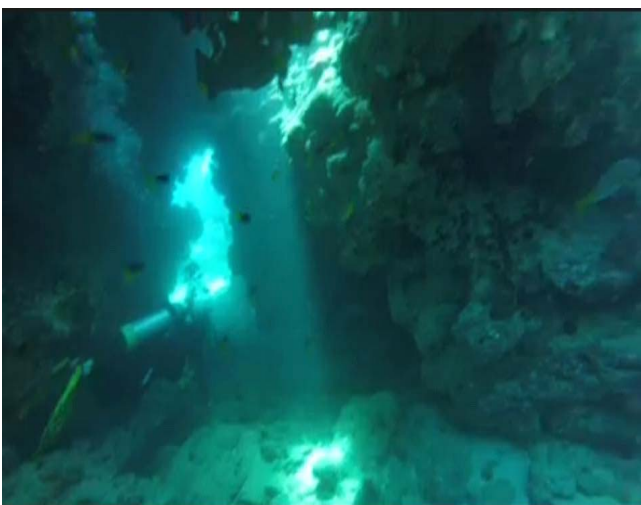
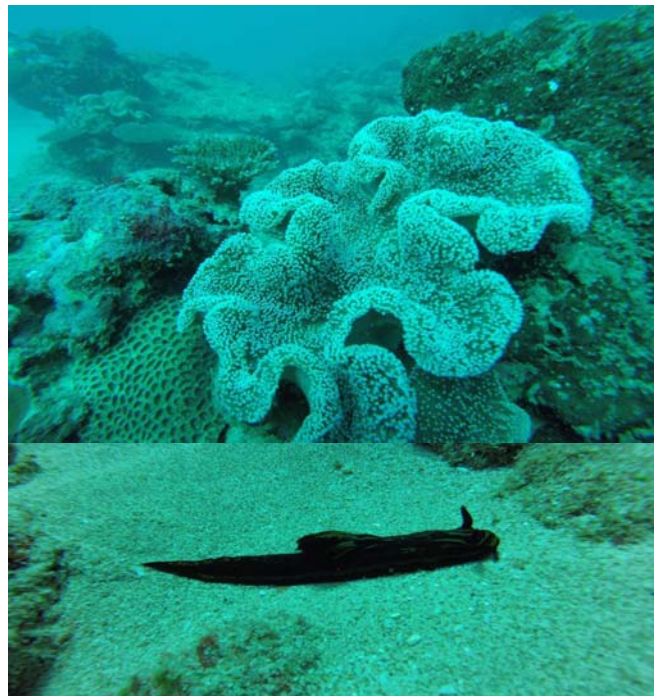
31.03.2017

Hi all. Today I was lucky enough to dive the Ningaloo Reef out from Exmouth WA, it's certainly a special place. I was going to dive the Navy pier but an inch of rain and a coral spawn plus the near \$180 cost (for a pier dive only) put an end to that. I made-the-right-choice.

The main Ningaloo reef here is an hour by boat out to the Muiron islands where it's more coral outcrops than a continuous reef. The two dives we did were much the same, the first being 18 metres, the 2nd being slightly less at 13 metres, both having 20-25 metre viz at 28 degrees, great diving. People often compare Ningaloo to the Great Barrier Reef but

I don't think you can compare them, it's hard to describe, they're just different. Exmouth dive centre caters for all your diving needs and looked after us with no hassles.

- John



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KIMBERLEY RANGES

06.04.2017

Pretty hot up here in the Kimberley ranges so I thought it would be a good idea to cool off, grab the canoe and take a few photos of fresh water fish and underwater structures. I know it's not ocean stuff but it's different. The locals reckon there are no crocs here in The Muellar River but I beg to differ.—John ❖



MAY GUEST SPEAKER

BERT PARKER

DISABLED DIVERS ASSOCIATION

At our May general meeting , Bert Parker presented a very informative introduction to the Disabled Divers Association.

Disabled Divers Association is a registered charity that is dedicated to encouraging and supporting people with disabilities to enjoy snorkelling and diving activities.

Programs are designed to inspire and give people with disabilities the



opportunity of putting fun back into life using water programs including snorkelling, free diving and scuba diving.

For all enquiries please send an email to parafin_dda@mail.com

@disableddiversassociation

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/disableddiversassociation>



Inverloch

I started a new initiative for VSAG today - be kind to a pensioner day. The one we had today was a bit cranky and deaf as a post. But I am sure most of them are quite nice. We even had Fisheries come along to support this initiative

By Peter Galvin.

25 May 2017

Over the past few weeks we have been in temporary accommodation at Inverloch.

Peter Galvin has been coming down to his family holiday house and diving regularly around Phillip Island.

The weather has been brilliant, warm and sunny and very light winds making a day out on the ocean a real pleasure.

With Peter using a hooker system a boat decking is needed so I have offered to handle this.

Cheers

John Lawler



Rowan Salger, John Lawler, Peter Galvin, Fisheries Officer



Rowan Salger and Peter Galvin in dive gear



Rock lobster Tagging Program

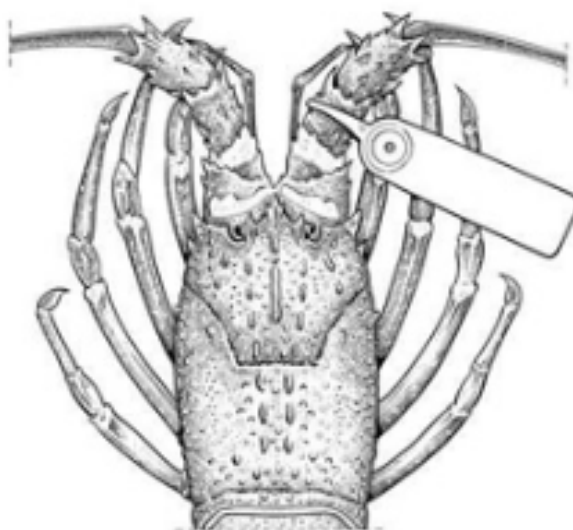
Tagging of recreationally caught rock lobsters commences on 1 July 2017

1 July 2017, all recreational fishers will be required to tag the rock lobster they catch and keep as part of a three year trial program.

A primary focus for the government is to ensure ongoing access to the rock lobster resource for all sectors, and a healthy, sustainable and well-managed fishery for present and future generations to enjoy.

Tags are free and can be ordered online or collected from selected Victorian Government Offices.

For further information please visit the link below:



<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/tagging-of-recreationally-caught-rock-lobsters>

PROJECT BANJO

STOP THE SENSELESS SLAUGHTER OF RAYS



OBJECTIVE: Ban the killing of rays in popular tourist region, Port Phillip Bay (Melbourne, Australia); to preserve their place in the ecosystem and their value to the local and tourist communities.

STOP THE SLAUGHTER: Large, gentle smooth rays are iconic residents of the many piers and jetties of Port Phillip Bay of Melbourne Australia (a popular tourist, diving and fishing region). These animals are much loved and highly regarded as having community value by locals, tourists, divers, snorkelers and many fishers. Yet these marine creatures are showing up dead beneath the piers, along with many harmless, smaller fiddler rays (aka ‘Banjos’) every week, being caught, killed and

discarded as both ‘wanted’ and ‘unwanted’ catch. By their own testimony, some fishers are removing the wings from the large and small rays to use as bait for catching sharks and discarding the remains. There is also concern that stingray meat is potentially being sold as ‘sea scallops’ and ‘calamari’ at some restaurants.

CURRENT REGULATIONS AREN'T WORKING: The huge ray in this image was killed legally, and currently each fisher can legally kill up to 5 of these majestic animals per day in Victoria. Regulations need to be updated in line with public sentiment that these animals have greater value and interest to local, tourist, fisher and diver communities and the ecosystems they inhabit alive. Also of concern

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is the common but illegal practice of fishers frequently killing and throwing the smaller 'banjos' back beneath the piers, not wanting to keep them or catch the same ray again. This is an offence against Fisheries Regulations 2019, Reg 101: Offence to fail to return fish to water without injury or damage - which is frequently not closely monitored and enforced. Some within the fishing community are either unaware of current regulations or have blatant disregard for them. Fishers can acquire a fishing licence with no requirement to have read or understood regulations, and there is currently no signage on the fishing end of piers and jetties to reinforce the regulations and penalties in the absence of Fisheries officers.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: In addition to illegal kills, there are many examples of cruelty where live, unwanted rays have their mouths torn out to retrieve fishing hooks before being dumped. While a smaller number of rays are killed for food, the process of their catch and slaughter is often inhumane. Some rays are cut in half while alive, removing their tail end and/or wings to be used as bait or food before being discarded back into the water which is currently legal (for

disturbing video evidence, visit this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0KhjPXkgRQ>) We argue that current regulation regarding fisher treatment of both 'wanted' and 'unwanted' rays falls short of the best interest of the rays and the local and tourist populations of Port Phillip Bay.

Please SIGN and SHARE this petition to ban the killing of rays in Port Phillip Bay:

<https://www.change.org/p/minister-for-agriculture-jaala-pulford-stop-the-senseless-slaughter-of-rays>

Kind regards,

PT Hirschfield

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YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbHnAbr2WGFfo_7wSBUQrmA

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pinktankscuba/?hl=en>

UECWA

Story by Sandy Webb

I recently met up with old UEC friends. As we are now 'buddies' with UEC some of our VSAG members may be interested...UEC are very welcoming!

Diving in the Swan River with old friends from WA's Underwater Explorers' Club

I've just had a wonderful, nostalgic dive with old buddies from Perth's Underwater Explorers' Club...(which is now a 'sister club' to VSAG).

I lived and dived in Perth for 30 years, until I moved to Melbourne in 2008. My favourite diving in Perth, in spite of the stunning offerings of Rottnest Island, the HMAS Swan off Dunsborough, the Abrolhos Islands.....(ahhhh!!)...was the diving at the bottom of my street.



Night dives in the Swan River at Bicton were the perfect antidote to a busy life.

On a recent trip back to Perth I carted my dive gear and arranged with old friends to meet for just such a dive.



We met in the cul de sac at the bottom of Kent Street, Bicton, bordered by shady trees and a sandy beach and marvelled at the sunset as we kitted up. As the river curves towards the city it is bordered on the east side by the tall cliffs of Blackwall Reach, but the river bed is sandy or silty, and at the centre is about 13 metres deep. The water tends to be quite murky, making the wearing of bright strobes almost essential if you want to stay in touch with your buddy. Viz can vary from about 2 metres to about 50 cm, but with good torches there is plenty to see in the way of bottom dwelling critters. It is not uncommon to see seahorses attached to things lying on the bottom, especially closer to the

UECWA

banks. But one of the great thrills of diving here is the very productive hunter-gathering! (This is one way to make non-diving partners quite happy about it all!) King prawns and blue swimmer crabs!

The prawn nets we used had a tail about a metre long and a ring diameter about 40 cm. The prawns seem to jump up into the nets, but the knack is to hold them in! As far as the crabs go, it's more of a battle of equals ...the crabs are just caught by hand...grabbing both claws at the same time (ouch). Daily bag limits apply to both and there is a minimum size for the crabs, which also must not be females with eggs.

The dive is the easiest possible...a short firm sand beach to walk across, a firm sloping sand entry and then a 13.7 m dive heading upstream along the river bed. When it's time to head home you just head east towards the long cliff face. You know when you've got there, so you can enjoy the life in the nooks and crannies and head back downstream until the cliffs run out and you are back at the beach.

Then it's party time...at the beach, or cooking up the crabs and prawns at home!

You can see in my photos the crabs I caught that night, and in photos taken

by one of my buddies (Malcom Roberts) a couple of seahorses he found, sunset over the river and our post dive party!



Strongly recommended if you are heading to the West...look up our UEC buddies and try that fabulous night dive! - Sandy. ❖



CEPHALOPODS

CEPHALOPODS - LARGEST OF THE MOLLUSCS

The Class Cephalopoda in the Phylum Mollusca is entirely marine and includes giant invertebrates such as the deep water squids. Other well known members of the class are the cuttlefish, octopods and nautiloids.

All except the octopods and nautiloids have internal shells of varying size and shape. All have a ring of eight arms lined with sucker-disks surrounding the mouth. The mouth has a horny beak for biting and tearing prey and a radula for grinding up the food. They have a thick muscular siphon adjacent to the mouth to inhale and exhale water and can be used as a jet for rapid movement away from predators. Most have a sac from which they can squirt a cloud of ink to confuse a predator. They are very intelligent and are masters at disguise, the chromatophores in their skins changing colour and texture to camouflage them into whatever background they are passing over. Most cephalopods breed only once and die after mating.

Nautilus is a pelagic warm water species unknown in cooler southern Australia. The genus has a long fossil

history going back hundreds of millions of years. A shell split lengthwise has beautiful mother-of-pearl internal partitions traversed by a “siphuncle” – a tube extending through the shell for internal gaseous exchange.



Nautilus shell found on the beach at Ningaloo, WA

Cuttles are one of the most entertaining denizens of our underwater world. The local species, *Sepia apama* is the largest known cuttle. They have excellent eyesight and an internal skeleton – the floating cuttlebone, often washed up on beaches. They ambush crustaceans and small fish. We have all seen a cuttle extend two questioning exploring arms sometimes even stroking a diver to see what our intentions might be. The male courts

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the female and clusters of white balloon eggs are stuck under reef overhangs.

One of the great southern cuttle matings is at Stony Point, a shallow reef in upper Spencer Gulf SA where in April-June thousands congregate to mate and lay eggs. They come and go quickly as I worked there each January for many years and never saw a single one!



Sepia apama. Top, cuttle in questioning mood in seagrass bed. Bottom, peacefully smiling. Note the large intelligent eye.
Photos: Phil Watson

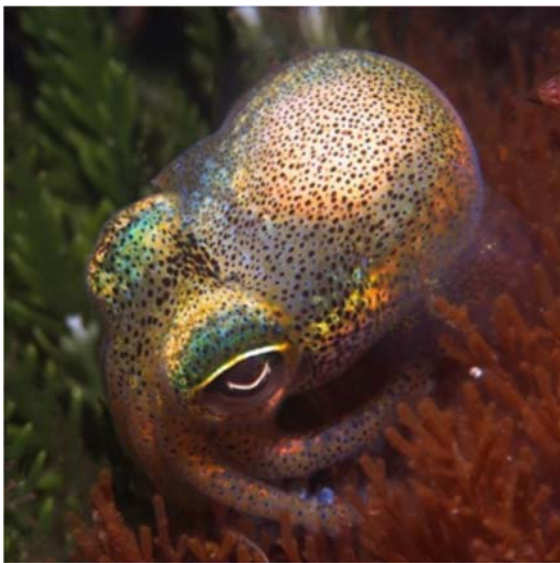
Sepioteuthis australis is a pelagic squid, swimming in groups in the water column. The internal shell is reduced to a horny supporting pen-like structure to allow ease of swimming by this agile invertebrate. They hunt in schools over seagrass beds, striking with two long tentacles to capture small fish. Calamari as squids are known are caught by jig-fishing.



Top, *Sepioteuthis australis* in a seagrass bed. Bottom, egg cluster.
Photo: Phil Watson

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Sepiadarium austrinum is a dumpling squid so-called because of its rounded shape. It has abandoned free-swimming pelagic life to become small bottom-dwelling animal, often buried in sand by day, emerging at night to hunt small crustaceans. It is usually seen only on night dives.



Sepiadarium austrinum, dumpling squid, night dive Williamstown.
Photo Phil Watson

The white paper-nautilus *Argonauta nodosus* occasionally washed up on ocean beaches is actually the egg case of an octopod in which the female sits guarding her eggs. Not often you can get an intact one before the seagulls destroy it, to get at the eggs. It is pelagic, the shell being the brood chamber built and clasped by the female. The male is tiny and very rare,

he injects sperm into the female through a modified arm and then dies.



Argonauta nodosus copied from Wikipedia

Octopus lacks an internal shell. There are several local species the largest and one most likely to be encountered is *Octopus berrima* found sheltering under rubble or sometimes in the open. They hunt crabs and have a remarkable ability to squeeze through small crevices by deflating their sac-like body. The home of an octopus is often under low hanging reef and often, the sand is swept clean in front.

Octopus bunurong prefers sandy and rubble habitat. It is distinguished by its red colour, white spots and a thin web between the arms.

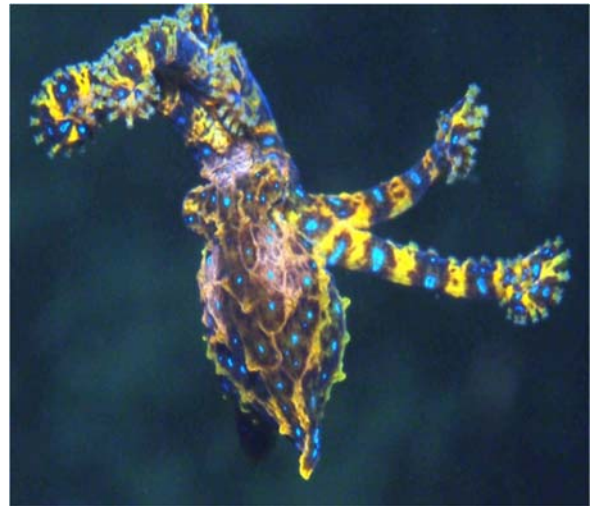
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Top, Octopus berrima, resting on sand. Note the orange-coloured siphon below the eye. Blairgowrie jetty. 2 m. Bottom, Octopus bunurong Williamstown. Photo: Phil Watson

We have all encountered *Hapalochlaena maculosa*, the blue-ring octopus. This small species hides in old oyster shells, tins and bottles. It feeds on small crustaceans, paralysing prey with a toxic venom injected from the mouth. The venom is only

toxic to humans if the beak penetrates very soft skin so divers are not at risk. Females brood their eggs underneath the body, the eggs hatching into miniature adults. A distressed or angry blue-ring is an underwater sight of brilliant blue spots and yellow bands. ❖



Hapalochlaena maculosa, a very agitated blue-ring. Photo: Phil Watson

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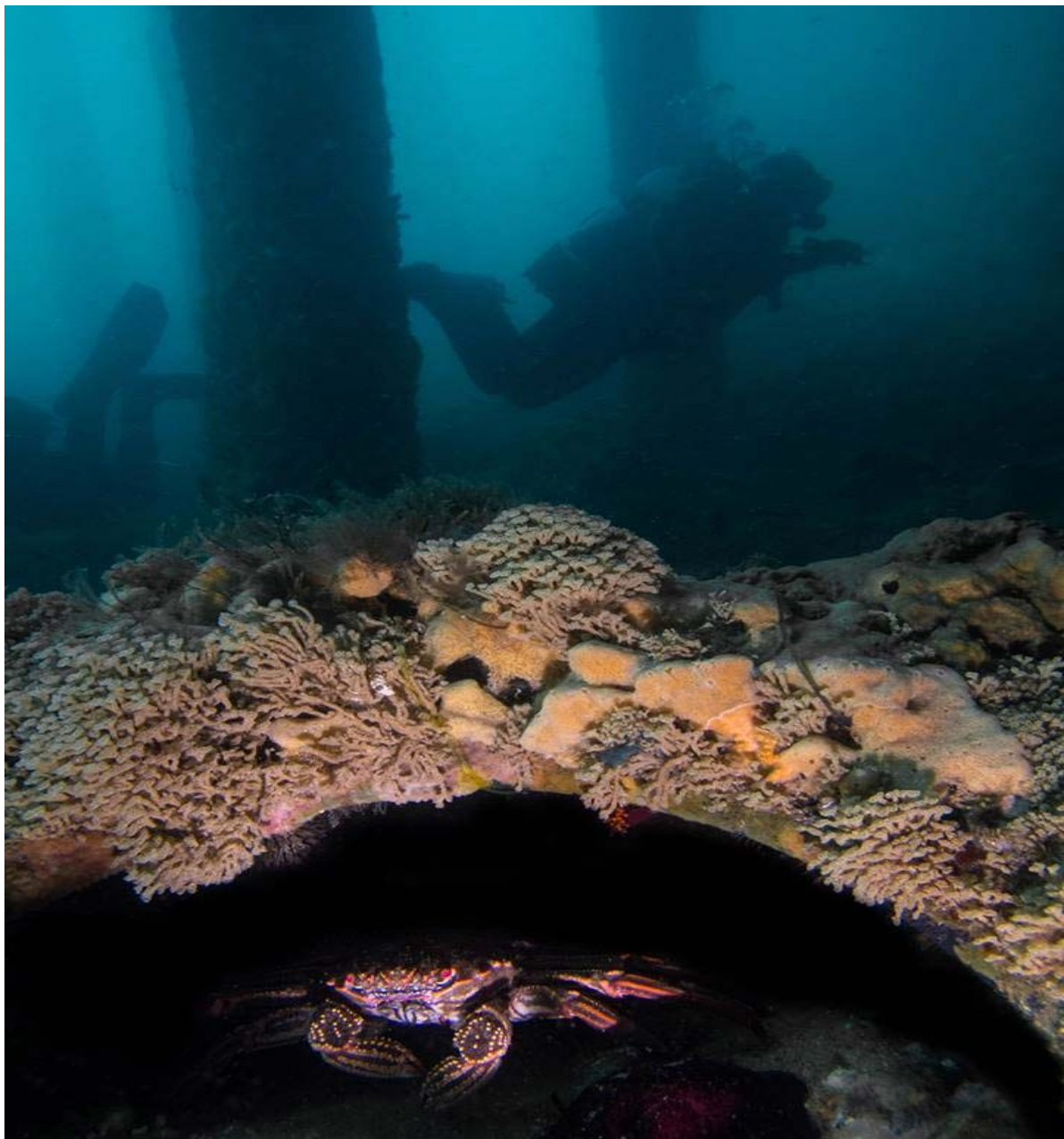
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First Place - Goatfish on the Hurricane - by Ian Scholey

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2nd Place - March 2017



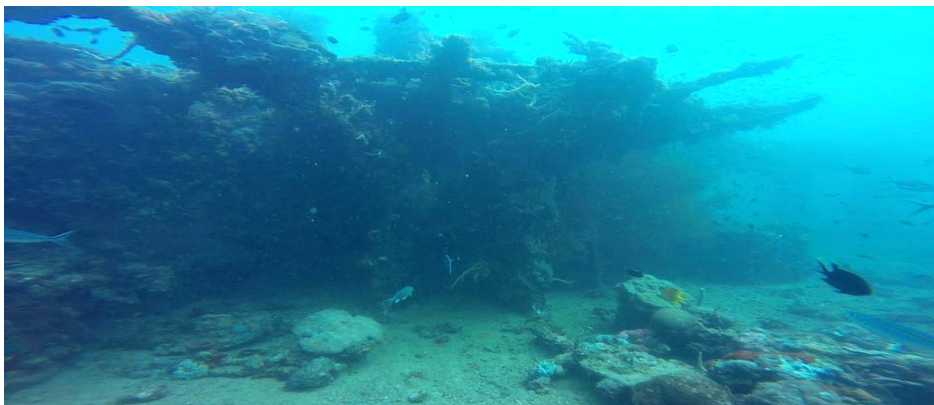
Second Place - Crab Hide and Seek - by PT Hirshfield

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3rd Place - March 2017



Third Place - Off to School - by David Flew



Wreck of the Okikkawa - By John Vanderbeek

MARCH 2017 PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ian Scholey, the March 1st place photo competition winner, with his photo of a Goat Fish on the Hurricane. Second place went to PT Hirshfield for her photo of Crab Hide and Seek. Third place went to David Flew with his photo Off To School. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



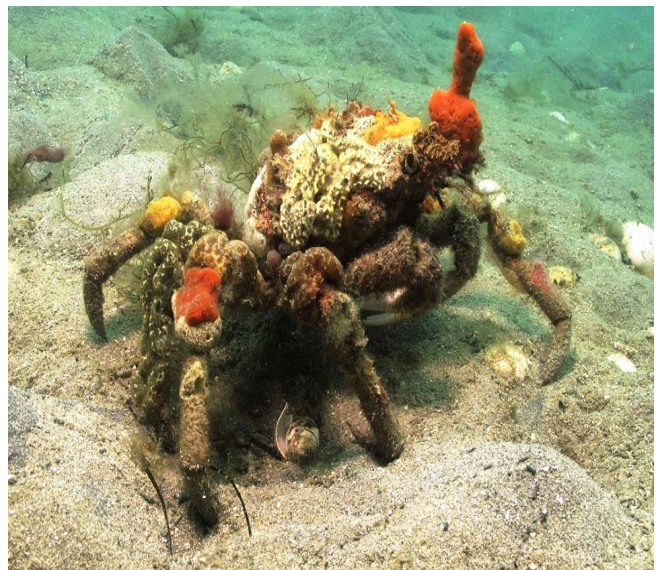
*Leather Jackets eating a Jelly fish
By Monique Hammersley*



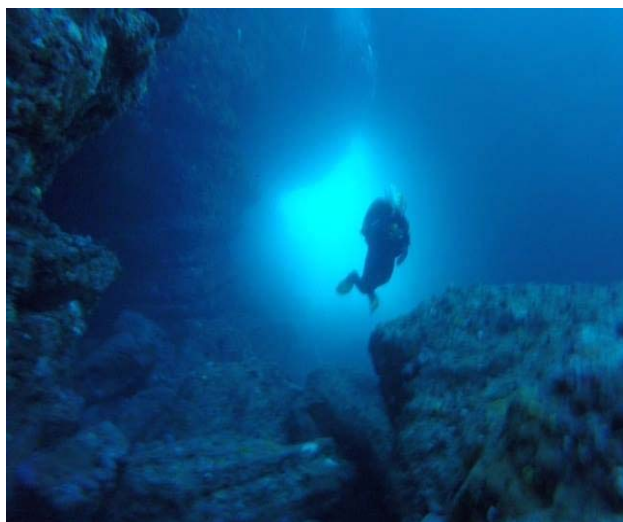
The Pinnacle - By Peter Beaumont



*Ascidian and Decorator Crab - by
Graham Ellis*



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Benita in Tassie Caves - By John Ashley



Christine Reynolds & Darren Pearce - By John Ashley



*Freediver Sam and Spider Crabs
By PT Hirshfield*



Octopus - by Ian Scholey

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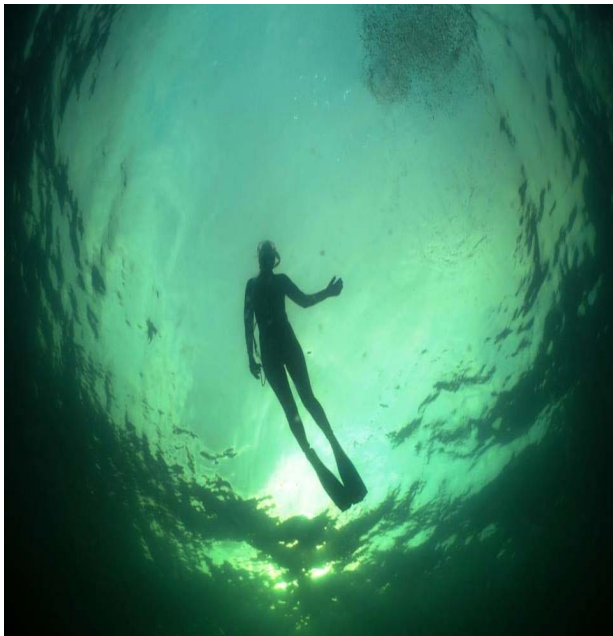


Long Snouted Boarfish - By Monique Hammersley

*Entrance to Cathedral Caves
By Carole Campisano with
Peter Campisano.*



*Shot line on the Uralba -
By Charmaine Alford*



Snorkeller - By Phil Watson



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Boarfish
By Carole Campisano

Mating Blue-Ring Octopus
By Peter Beaumont



Into the Abyss - By Mark Jeffrey



Into the Light - By Mark Jeffrey
with Tom Gower.



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Wave—By Phil Watson



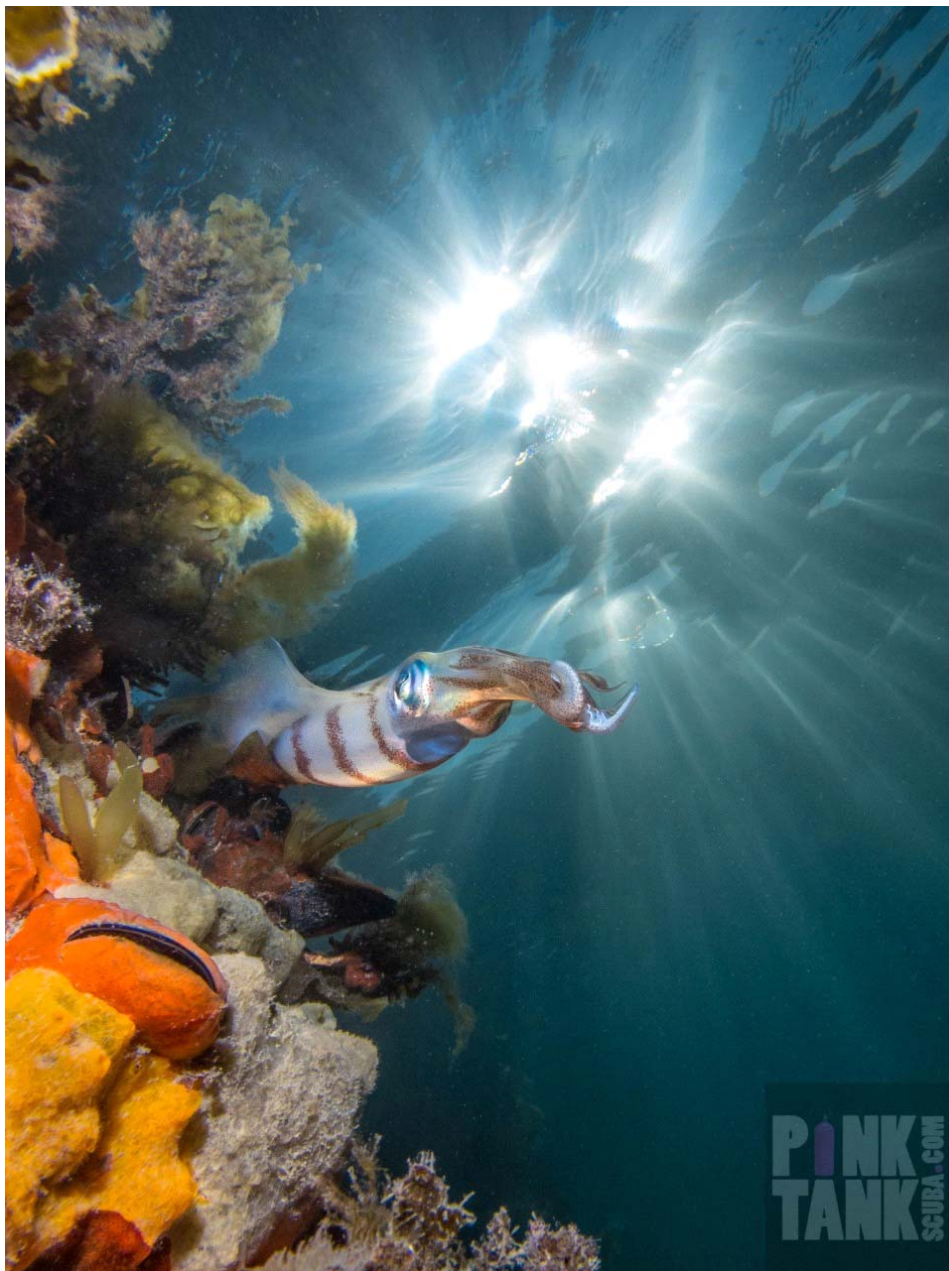
Wreck of the Okikkawa - By John Vanderbeek

Reef Balls - By Charmaine Alford.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

First - April 2017



First place - Sundance Squid - By PT Hirshfield

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Equal Second - April 2017



Equal 2nd place - Fiddler Ray at Blairgowrie - By Ian Scholey

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Equal 2nd - April 2017



Equal 2nd place - Alien Squid by PT Hirshfield

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3rd - April 2017



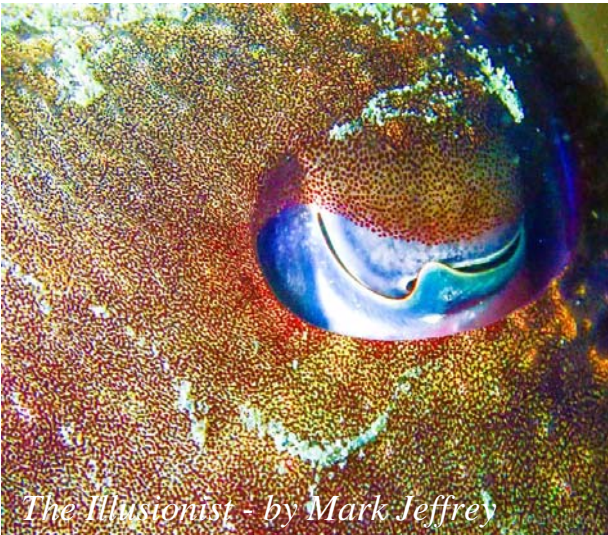
3rd place - Cay Calker Turtle by Fiona Karney

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J5 Sub - By Peter Beaumont



By Mark Jeffrey



The Illusionist - by Mark Jeffrey



*Hungry Anemone
By Charmaine Alford*



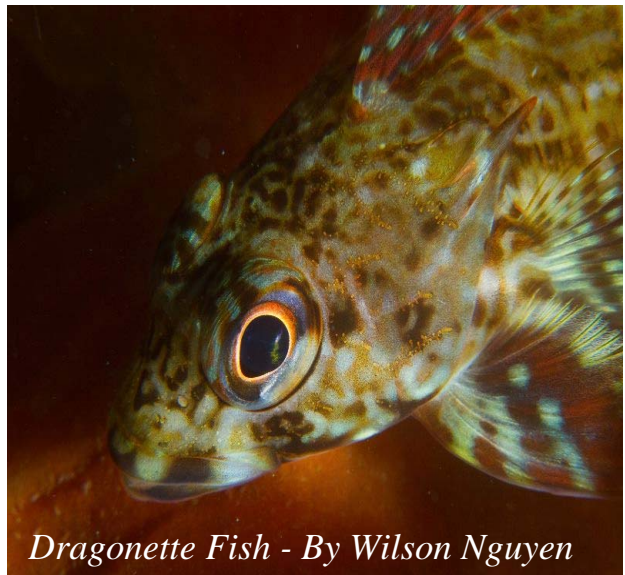
Gran Cenote - By Fiona Karney

APRIL 2017 PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations to our First Place competition winner, PT Hirshfield with her photo of Sundance Squid. Equal Second place went to Ian Scholey with his photo of a Fiddler Ray at Blairgowrie and PT Hirshfield for her second entry of Alien Squid. Third place went to Fiona Karney with her photo of a Cay Calker Turtle. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



*Hungry Toad Fish
By Charmaine Alford*

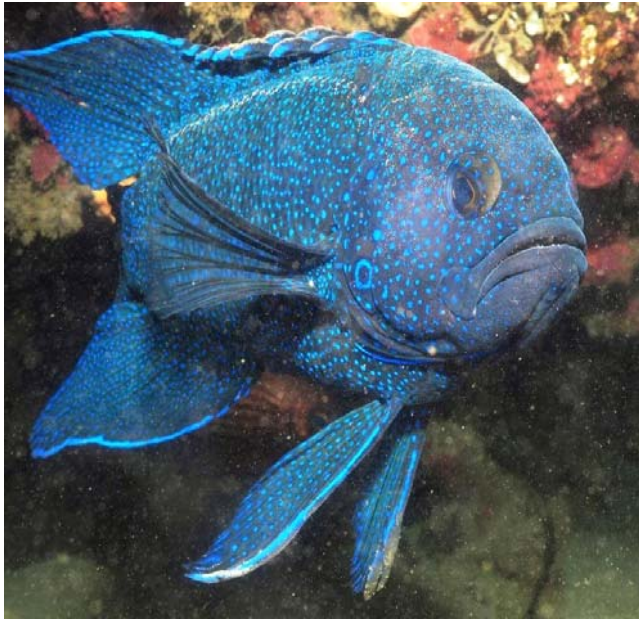


Dragonette Fish - By Wilson Nguyen



Chimney Rock - By Peter Beaumont

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Blue Devil - By Phil Watson

Pygmy Seahorse - By Phil Watson



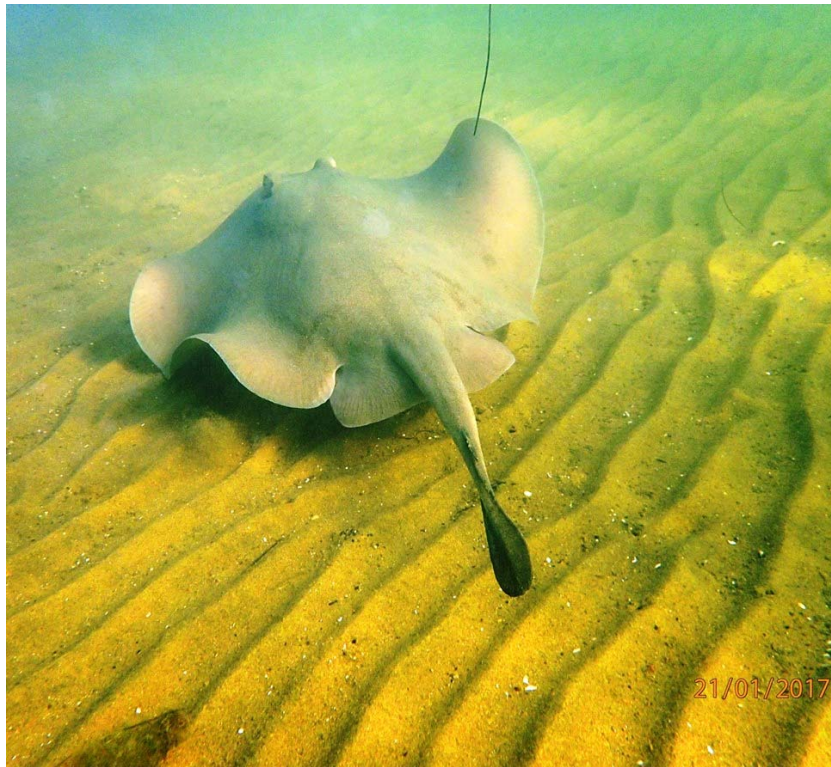
Fisherman's Beach - By Ian Scholey



JANUARY 2017 PHOTO COMPETITION CORRECTION

These photos in the January 2017 photo competition were incorrectly labelled due to inaccurate information being provided to the Editor.

Understandably, we wish to support and acknowledge the great work provided by all our photographers who deserve to be appropriately acknowledged for their brilliant work. We all enjoy being a part of the competition, not to mention seeing and celebrating the awesome



submissions from our very dedicated members.

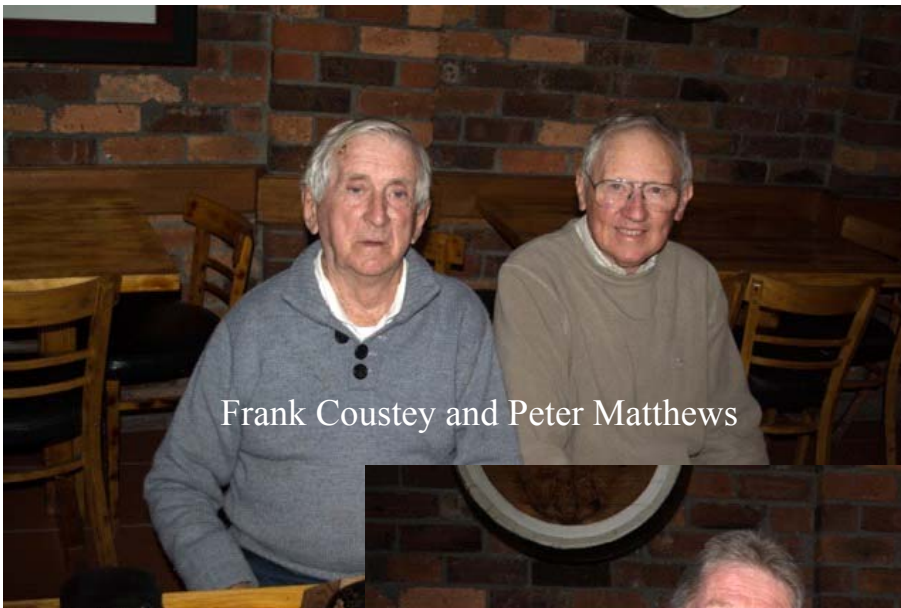


As such, we are proud to reprint the following photos with thanks and appreciation to Arthur Kokkinos for the interest he has shown in our photo competitions and we look forward to receiving further submissions.

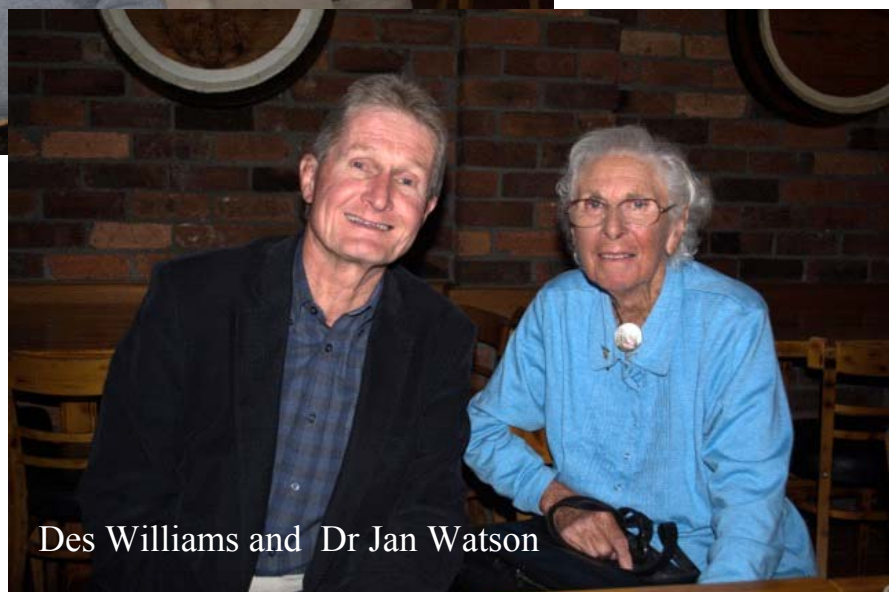
Well done, Arthur! ❖

VSAG Life Members' Dinner 26 May 2017

It was my great pleasure to attend the annual VSAG Life Members get-together at the Olive Tree Restaurant in St Kilda. It was great to catch up once again with the club legends and enjoy a good meal and a beer or two. This year there were one or two missing faces for one reason and another but it was a good turnout with people travelling from far and wide to attend. This event has been going on for sometime now with the Olive Tree the regular venue for the last ten years. The event has been organised by John Lawler and after playing this role for so long he passed the responsibility onto one of either Mick Jeacle or Des Williams for the next year as he heads off on his travels. Thanks for all your efforts JL, it will be a tough act to follow. - Ian Scholey ❖



Frank Coustey and Peter Matthews

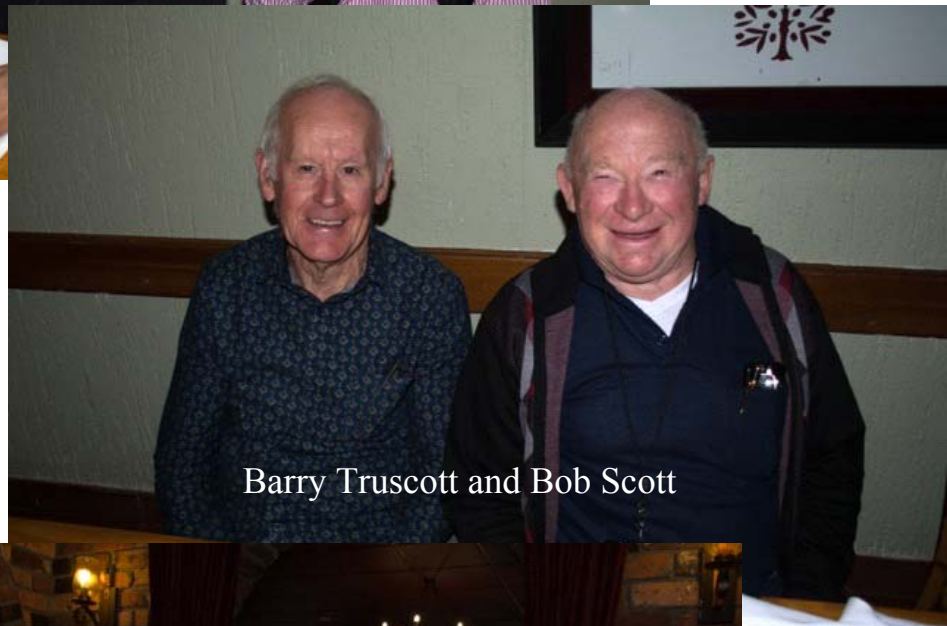


Des Williams and Dr Jan Watson

VSAG Life Members' Dinner 26 May 2017



John Lawler and Andy Mastrowicz



Barry Truscott and Bob Scott



Alex Talay and Alan Storen

7107 Islands Philippines

On 22 May 2017 I attended an 7107 Islands & Counting event with Benita and Hannah Smeeton. The event was hosted by Allways Dive Adventures and the Philippines Department of Tourism. We saw presentations from several dive resorts and operators out there. There is some great diving to be had and we now know a little more about what is on offer. If anyone wants more info then feel free to come and talk to us at the club meetings. Thanks to Ian and the Allways Dive Adventures crew for the invitation and a great event.

- Ian Scholey ❖



7107 Islands Philippines



Nudibranchs

Nudibranchs at Blairgowrie. Photos by Ian Scholey



Erolania boodlea



Flabellina poenicia



Rostanga crawfordi



Anteaeolidiella lurana



Trapania brunnea

Nudibranchs



Nudibranchs



Nudibranchs



Dive Reports & Snippets

BLAIRGOWRIE

25 May 2017

I broke the 3 hour mark on this dive as I was finding some really interesting things. I find it very easy to lose track of time when I'm on a slug hunt as those that have shore dived with me know only too well. Highlight for me was *Trinchesia* sp RB2 which I have been on the hunt for since seeing Geoffrey Van Damme post some pics of it recently. Of course once I found one I promptly found a second. Nudibranch of the moment though seems to be *Trapania brunnea* of which I found 10 specimens on one sponge. Not to mention these other interesting creatures.- Ian Scholey ❖



Southern Crested Weedfish













1 April 2017

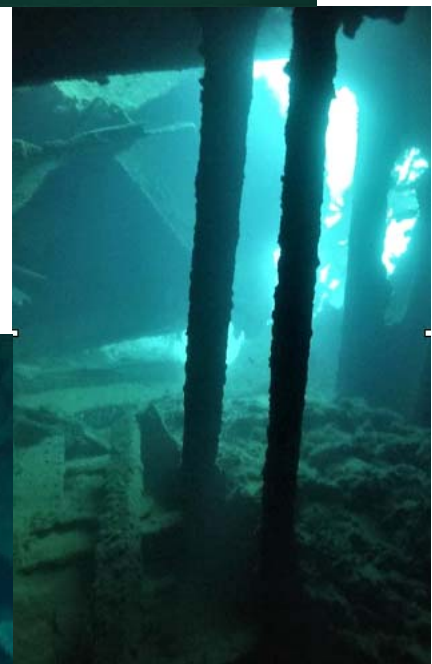
Not the best weekend of weather but some good diving to be had anyway. I joined the masses at Flinders yesterday with Anna Scholey. The highlights were a trio of juvenile Weedy's and an Eagle Ray. Then on Sunday Peter Beaumont and I had Blairgowrie all to ourselves for a couple of hours with everyone put off by the gale warning. We beat the wind and although the surface was a little choppy, it was fine underneath. We had the full show from the local critters with so much good stuff to see. - Ian Scholey ❖



THE GEORGE KERMODE

22 May 2017

Last Sunday's VSAG day on the water was a pearler, a great turn-out no swell albeit a bit of a wind chop and the sun even made an appearance. After a great dive on the Pinnacles there's not much to compare it with as any dive on the Pinnacles is a good dive. However the Kermode still has some surprises, a large school of Pike, a cheeky Leatherjacket or two and as some of these photos will show they look like they were taken on different dives. Nowadays you can't do a dive on the Kermode and not come out covered with rust. Photos courtesy Darren Pearce. - By John Ashley





Photos by Ian Scholey

THE PINNACLE

15 May 2017

Not sure if it was Mother's Day or if the cold is frightening people away but we didn't manage to fill the boats yesterday. All I can say is you missed out folks as we had an excellent double dive on The Pinnacle, Phillip Island.

Vis wasn't great on the surface but once we got below 20m it was pretty good.

The first dive was a deeper dive to the base of the Pinnacle at 35m with a little bit of deco to do and the second was a swim around the Pinnacle at 25m.

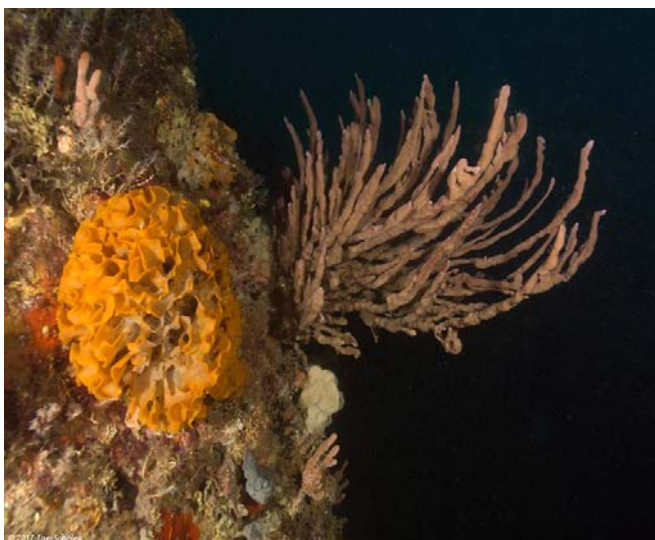
As usual this dive site blew me away, the colour is just fantastic and there was plenty of fish life about. The icing on the cake was a visit from a pod of dolphins just as Peter Beaumont hit the surface with the rest of us back on the boats.

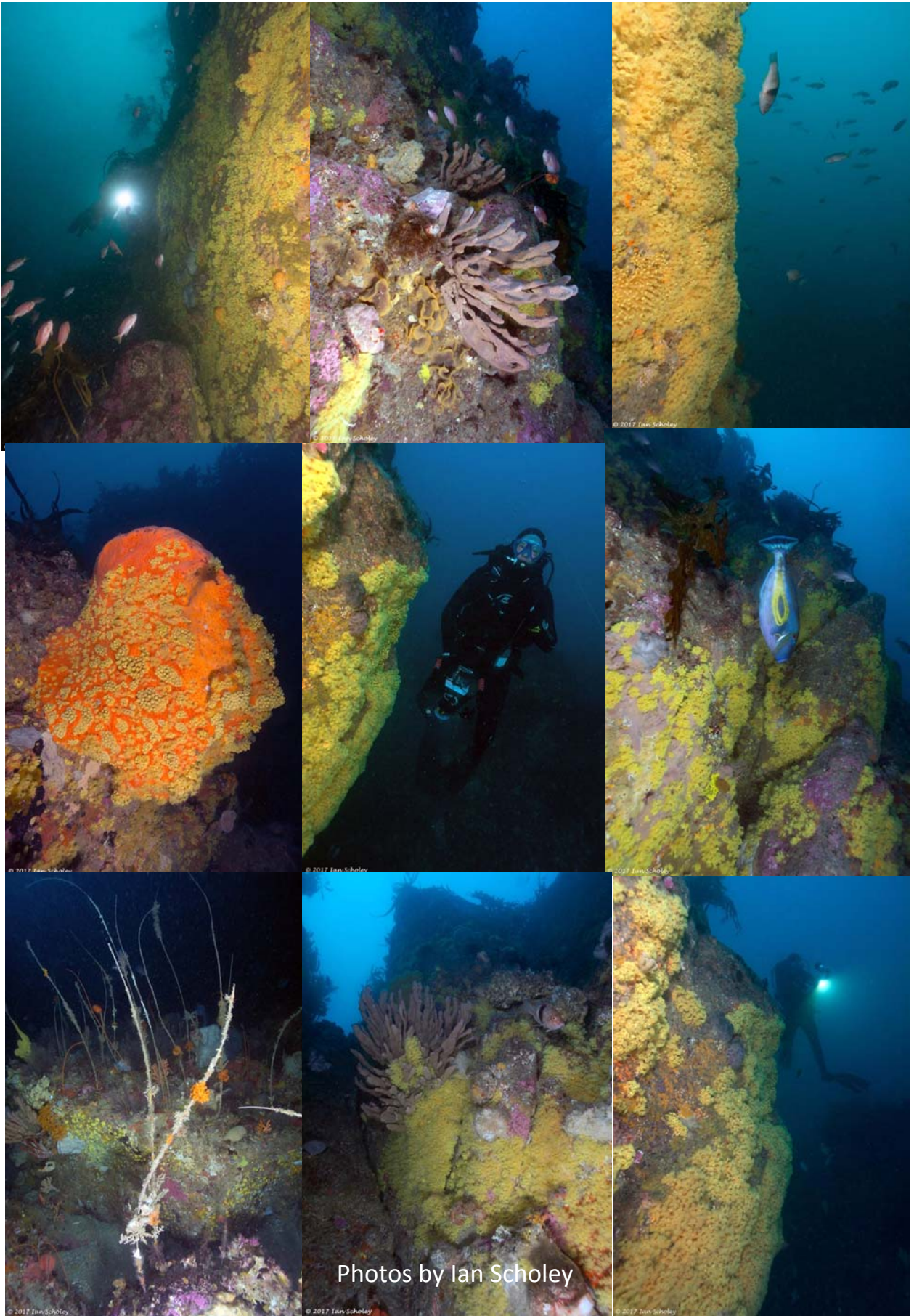
Diving today were:

On Toucans - Peter Beaumont & Antony Platford

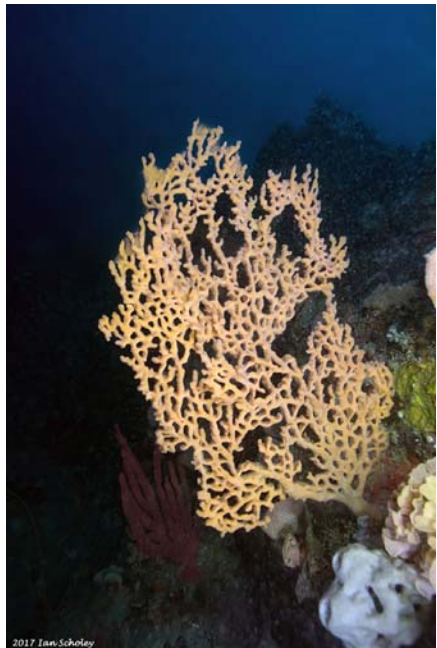
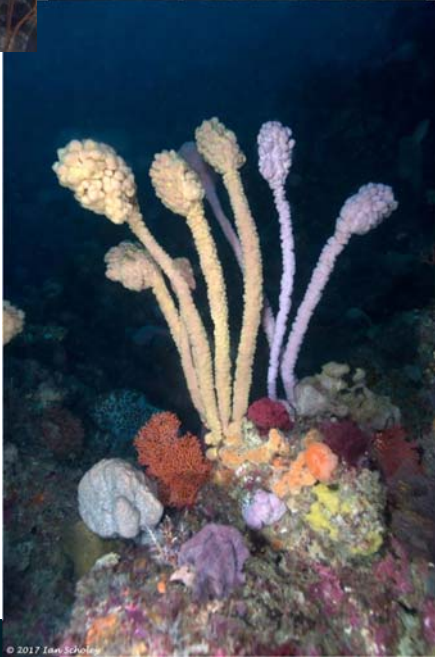
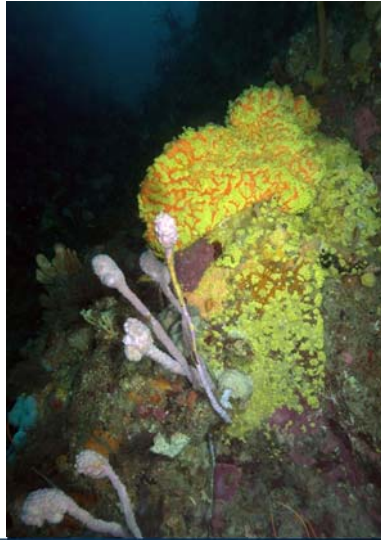
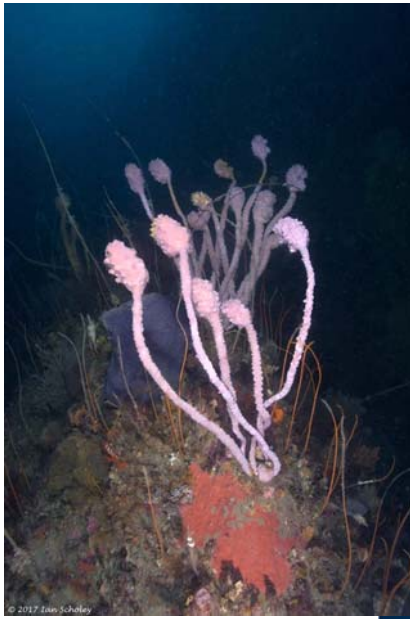
On Sea Eagle - Just me

- By Ian Scholey ❖





Photos by Ian Scholey



THE PINNACLE

Sunday 14 May 2017

Water temp: 15 degrees celcius

Vis: 15 + metres

Divers: Ian Scholey, Peter Beaumont.
Antony Platford

Boats: Sea Eagle & Toucans

Photos: Peter Beaumont

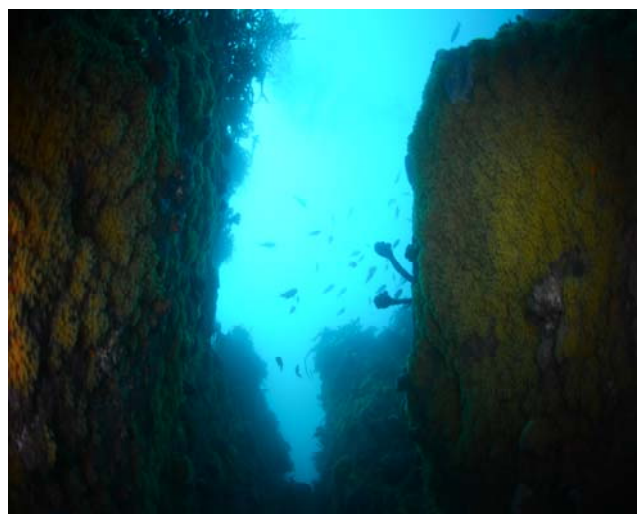


Just Sea Eagle & Toucans out on Mothers Day with Ian Scholey, myself and Antony Platford as crew for the 2 boats. Ian took Sea Eagle up to the mark then motored along and anchored when his sounder found a gully formation at 25mtrs. The wind was North East at 10-15 knots with a 1 metre Easterly swell. With Sea Eagle anchored, we ran Toucans live whilst Ian & Antony did the first dive. With minimal current or surge the vis was 15 metres at 35 metres

and the gully formations in the reef were quite spectacular. The conditions were that good we remained on site and after 1 hour 30 minutes surface intervals we rotated around & did our second dives in the 20-25 metre range. We even had a few dolphins/seals hanging around the boats having a look to see what was going on.

With diving completed for the day we returned to the ramp, recovered the boats and headed off to the local café for a coffee.

- Peter Beaumont ❖



THE CANBERRA

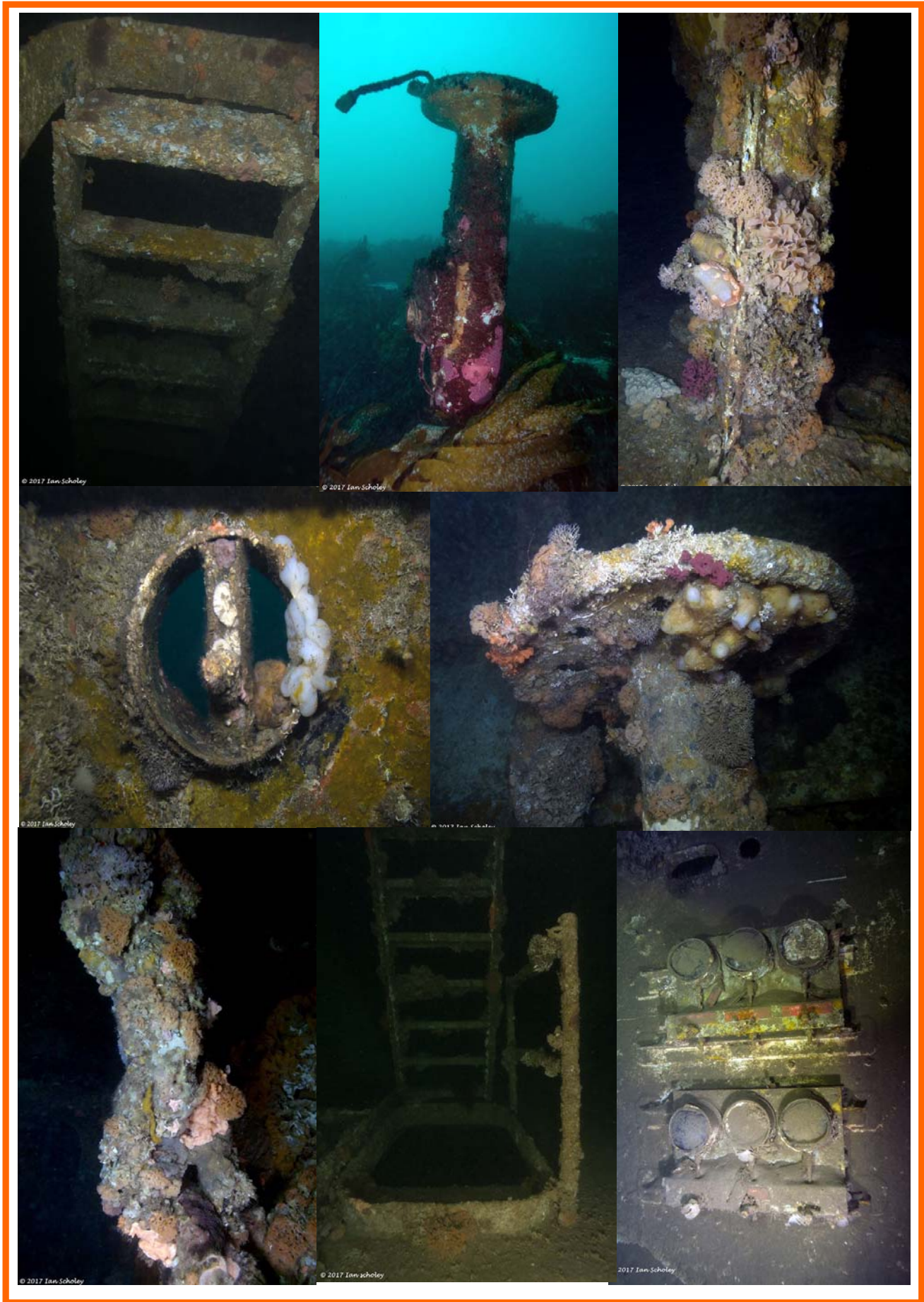
17 April 2017

Peter Beaumont and I headed out in Sea Eagle this morning and did an early dive on Canberra. As on Saturday the vis was pretty awful so I fought the surge and had a good look around inside where the vis was better. What I noticed was just how much the growth has taken hold. There are now some quite sizeable corals inside which is great to see. It turned out to be a pretty good dive.

With the vis the way it was, we headed back into the bay for our second dive.

By Ian Scholey ❖





GOBLIN FISH



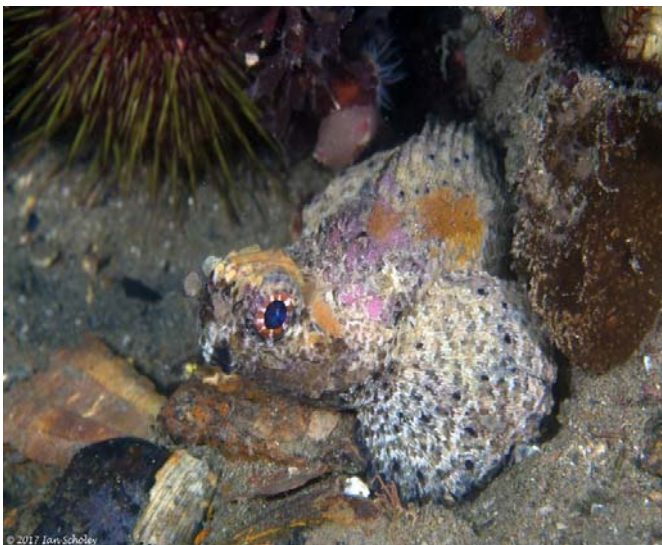
THE HURRICANE

30 April 2017

Double Dive

Just Sea Eagle out today with myself and Peter Beaumont on board. We had a great couple of dives on the Hurricane. We each found the Goblinfish which we set out to find. There is a nice little colony on this wreck. I finally managed to photograph a White-barred boxfish and a Castelnau's Wrasse which was pleasing and there were plenty of Nudi's on show, particularly the little pink Sponge Noumea. All in all, a very good day's diving.

By Ian Scholey ❖





PARAPROSDOKIAN PHRASES TO CONTEMPLATE

A Paraproisdokian is a phrase or sentence that leads us down the garden path to an unexpected ending. "Where there's a will, I want to be in it," is a paraproisdokian. Winston Churchill loved them.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

By Lloyd Borrett



Photos by Ian Scholey

Home: Covered
Car: Covered

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Cheviott Beach

Photos by Peter Campisano

BOAT RAMP PERMITS—MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL

Annual Boat Ramp Permits are valid for a 12 month period from 01 November to 31 October. The annual permit fee is \$125.00 (GST free).

The permit comes in the form of a vehicle windscreen sticker that **must** be attached to the bottom left hand side of the vehicle windscreen. To purchase an annual boat ramp permit complete the application form or visit one of our Customer Service Centres during business hours 8.30am – 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

You must pay a fee for each day that you use and park at a Shire boat ramp.

This has been made easy with the introduction of cashless parking meters at boat ramps across the peninsula.

Online with Parkmobile

Set up an account online with Parkmobile by visiting www.parkmobile.com.au call 1300 564 564 or download the free smart device application at iTunes, Google Play or Windows markets. You will be guided to register your vehicle (car) registration number and your credit card details.

Parking vouchers

Users who do not have a credit card, or who are infrequent users of the ramps, can pre-purchase vouchers (\$12) from any of the Shire's customer service centres during business hours. The vouchers are 'one use' only and do not have an expiry date; therefore, you can buy a few and use them when you want. Just complete the details on the voucher and display on your dashboard. ❖



Annual VSAG Christmas in July Dinner

\$38 2 Courses (Vegetarian option available), including
a glass of wine or half pint of Guinness

Saturday 22nd July
6.30pm for a 7pm start

PJ.O'Briens, Melbourne Southbank

RSVP 30th June
Charmaine 0438 385 224
charmainealford@gmail.com



DIARY DATES



Hi all,

I am pleased to announce that the club will offer a Truk Lagoon trip in 2018. With flights via Port Moresby there is also an optional extension in Milne Bay, PNG.

Please see the flyers for both the Truk trip and the optional extension.

If anyone has any questions about the proposed trip or about the diving in Truk Lagoon then please don't hesitate to contact me.

If anyone would like to join the trip then please complete a booking form and return it to me and pay the required deposit of \$440 to secure your place.

For those who have dived Truk you know how great it is. For those that haven't, please be warned that if you go once it will almost certainly not be your last visit. The place is addictive!

Ian Scholey❖

DIARY DATES



VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP PRESENTS **TRUK LAGOON** MICRONESIA



February 1944, US Forces launch Operation Hailstorm on Truk Lagoon, Japan's Pacific base during World War II. The Japanese are caught unaware and lose over 275 aircraft and 45 ships. See plane wrecks, artillery shells, torpedoes, tanks, bow and stern guns and an abundance of anemones, tropical fish, sharks and eagle rays. With depths ranging from 10m to 60m and little current, Truk is the ultimate wreck diving destination.

**OPTIONAL
TAWALI, PAPUA
NEW GUINEA
EXTENSION!**

FLY

AIR NIUGINI

- Return flights ex Brisbane to Truk Lagoon
- Flying via Port Moresby
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges

SLEEP

AIROLDGE INTERNATIONAL, BRISBANE

- Standard twin share room - 1 night
- BLUE LAGOON RESORT, TRUK LAGOON**
- Standard twin share room - 11 nights
- Late checkout on final day until 6PM
- Return airport transfers

ADDITIONALLY FOR GROUPS OF 7 OR MORE

- FREE welcome drink upon arrival
- FREE use safety deposit box
- FREE lunch or dinner on last day
- FREE use of dive lockers & kayaks
- FREE additional dive

DIVE

BLUE LAGOON RESORT DIVING

- 20 dives per diver
- Tanks, weights, airfills & dive guide

CONTACT IAN SCHOLEY FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Exclusions: Equipment rental, Dive permit USD\$50 per person, Departure Tax USD\$20 per person & transfers within Brisbane.

TRAVEL DATES
18 - 30 AUG 2018

DIVER \$ 4,364
NON DIVER \$ 2,771

REFERENCE
DI9273

Lic # 32511

DIARY DATES



VICTORIAN SUB AQUA GROUP PRESENTS

TAWALI EXTENSION PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The diving surrounding Tawali is renowned for its world-class macro life: explore a sandy ocean floor alive with rhinopias, pygmy seahorses, mimic octopus and much more! Beyond the macro diving, there are a myriad of dive sites that have something for every diver including dramatic drop-offs, coral encrusted walls and fast-paced drift dives. And if all of that isn't enough, the house reef boasts a 60 metre drop off filled with marine life with everything from mandarin fish closer to shore, to schooling pelagics and rays out in the blue.

TRAVEL DATES
30 AUG - 05 SEP 2018

ADDITIONAL
DIVER \$ 2,770
NON DIVER \$ 1,790

REFERENCE
D19273

FLY

AIR NIUGINI

- Return flights Port Moresby to Milne Bay
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges

SLEEP

TAWALI RESORT, MILNE BAY

- Deluxe twin share room - 6 nights
- All meals including coffee & tea
- Return airport transfers

DIVE

TAWALI RESORT DIVING

- 3 boat dives per day over 5 days (total 15 dives)
- FREE shore diving on the house reef
- Lunch & snacks on dive boats
- Tanks, weights, airfills & dive guide
- Reef, chamber fees & fuel surcharges

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D I A R Y D A T E S

Vanuatu 2-12 July 2017 School holidays

VSAG Christmas in July 22 July 2017

Dili Trip 18-28 August 2017

Truk Lagoon/ PNG 18-30 August 2018

VSAG Dive and Meeting Calendar

By Peter Beaumont, Dive Calendar Co-ordinator, VSAG

Activity Details

Dive Co-ordinator (DC) nominated below.

Dive site determined by DC and advised by email based on forecast conditions.

Boat Captains for the dive will be confirmed by email prior to the weekend.

Dive day can swap between Sat and Sun depending on conditions!

Dive Coordinator is responsible for organising a dive report after their weekend.

Dive sites adjusted on the day to suit divers and conditions.

Book in for a dive day ASAP after receiving notification via email. Please provide the Dive Captain with your full name, mobile phone number and e-mail address.

You are required to call the Dive Captain between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. the evening prior to the dive day to confirm that you will still be coming on the dive.

Tidal Stream information for Port Phillip Bay Heads is located here:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/tides/#!/vic-the-rip>

Rates in RED are the maximum forecast outgoing (ebb) tidal rate.

Rates in BLUE are the maximum forecast incoming (flood) tidal rate.

Apr 8/9	Boat DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Apr 14/15/16/17 Easter weekend	Shore DC Walter Medenbach 0408 899 881 Boat DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Apr 18	General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm
Apr 22/23	Boat DC Michael Ngai 0414 894 684
Apr 25 Anzac Day	Boat DC Ross Walker 0417 376 192
Apr 29/30	Boat DC David Geekie 0419 300 686
May 6/7	Boat DC Peter Beaumont 0403 410 725
May 13/14	Boat DC Peter Beaumont 0403 410 725
May 16	General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm
May 20/21	Boat DC John Lawler 0414 922 916
May 27/28	Shore DC Walter Medenbach 0408 899 881 Boat DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Jun 3/4	Boat DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Jun 10/11/12 Queens B'day W/E	Boat DC Michael Ngai 0414 894 684
Jun 17/18	Boat DC Ross Walker 0417 376 192
June 20	General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm
Jun 25 June 24/25	Shore DC Walter Medenbach 0408 899 881 Boat DC David Geekie 0419 300 686
Jul 1/2	Shore DC Carol Penfold 0434 374 044 Boat DC Peter Beaumont 0403 410 725
Jul 8/9	Boat DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Jul 15/16	Boat DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Jul 18	General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm
Jul 22 Jul 22/23	Christmas in July Boat DC Peter Beaumont 0403 410 725
Jul 30 Jul 29/30	Shore DC Walter Medenbach 0408 899 881 Boat DC David Flew 0418 446 530
Aug 5/6	Shore DC Carol Penfold 0434 374 044 Boat DC Benita McDonough 0419 399 000
Aug 12/13	Boat DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Aug 15	General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm

Aug 19/20	Boat DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Aug 27 Aug 26/27	Shore DC Walter Medenbach 0408 899 881 Boat DC Michael Ngai 0414 894 6844
Sep 2/3	Boat DC Ross Walker 0417 376 192
Sep 9/10	Boat DC David Geekie 0419 300 686
Sep 16/17	Boat DC Benita McDonough 0419 399 000
Sep 19	Annual General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm
Sep 24 Sep 23/24	Shore DC Walter Medenbach 0408 899 881 Boat DC Peter Beaumont 0403 410 725
Sep 29/30/Oct 1	Boat DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Oct 7/8	Boat DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Oct 14/15	Boat DC Michael Ngai 0414 894 684
Oct 17	General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm
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Nov 7 Melb Cup	Boat DC Benita McDonough 0419 399 000
Nov 11/12	Boat DC Peter Beaumont 0403 410 725
Nov 18/19	Boat DC Ian Scholey 0439 310 646
Nov 21	General Meeting, The Water Rat Hotel, 8.00 pm
Nov 25	Christmas Party Sat 25th (Date TBC)
Nov 26 Nov 25/26	Shore DC Walter Medenbach 0408 899 881 Boat DC Graham Ellis 0403 070 920
Dec 2/3	Shore DC Carol Penfold 0434 374 044 Boat DC Michael Ngai 0414 894 6844
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Dec 30/31	Boat DC Peter Beaumont 0403 410 725

Websites for Tidal Streams & Weather Conditions

Peter Beaumont

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<http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/tides/#!/vic-the-rip>

Port Phillip Bay winds and temperature information is located here:

<http://www.baywx.com.au/>

Tide information for Cape Woolamai is located here:

<http://tides.willyweather.com.au/vic/gippsland/cape-woolamai.html>

VSAG Dive Equipment Box - Update

VSAG has a private transient equipment box located at:

The Scuba Doctor Shop, 1/49 Peninsula Avenue, Rye VIC 3941.

Equipment that is not in use by VSAG divers and boat owners can now be held in our black storage box.

It currently holds :

- ◆ 2 Oxy-Sok Oxygen Resuscitation Kits
- ◆ 1 Oxygen Medical Tank *Yearly Ramp Passes and occasional parking vouchers are now available from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Pay by credit card at payment machines on the day or pay on line at: www.parkmobile.com.au*
- ◆ 1 Oxygen Medical Kit
- ◆ 1 DAN First Aid Kit
- ◆ 2 Scuba Tanks.

Please use this facility responsibly and handle Oxygen equipment safely. ❖

Tidal Streams at the Heads — June 2017

RED italic times are slack water with EBB about to start (Flood Slack) which are the best diving conditions near the Heads. **BLUE** are Ebb Slack.

Times have been adjusted for Daylight Savings

May			June			
MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU 1	FRI 2	SAT 3	SUN 4
4:13	0:01	0:51	1:41	2:31	3:23	4:17
11:22	5:08	6:03	6:59	7:58	9:00	10:09
18:02	12:11	12:58	13:43	14:27	15:10	15:58
	18:48	19:31	20:14	20:55	21:37	22:21
MON 5	TUE 6	WED 7	THU 8	FRI 9	SAT 10	SUN 11
5:14	6:13	7:09	0:46	1:35	2:21	3:04
11:23	12:39	13:51	8:00	8:46	9:28	10:07
16:54	18:05	19:25	14:52	15:42	16:23	16:59
23:07	23:56		20:36	21:32	22:18	22:58
MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THU 15	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18
3:46	4:26	0:09	0:44	1:18	1:54	2:32
10:44	11:20	5:05	5:45	6:26	7:10	7:59
17:32	18:04	11:54	12:28	13:01	13:36	14:13
23:34		18:36	19:07	19:38	20:09	20:42
MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THU 22	FRI 23	SAT 24	SUN 25
3:15	4:04	5:00	6:03	7:09	0:43	1:48
8:56	10:03	11:20	12:43	14:03	8:13	9:14
14:54	15:41	16:42	17:59	19:27	15:11	16:08
21:17	21:57	22:45	23:41		20:48	21:55
June					July	
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2:53	3:55	4:56	0:38	1:28	2:16	3:04
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June					July	
MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28	THU 29	FRI 30	SAT 1	SUN 2
2:53	3:55	4:56	0:38	1:28	2:16	3:04
10:11	11:04	11:54	5:55	6:52	7:50	8:50
16:59	17:45	18:28	12:41	13:24	14:05	14:45
22:53	23:47		19:09	19:48	20:25	21:02
MON 3	TUE 4	WED 5	THU 6	FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9
3:51	4:39	5:29	6:21	7:14	0:36	1:31
9:51	10:56	12:05	13:14	14:18	8:05	8:53
15:26	16:13	17:11	18:26	19:47	15:12	15:57
21:38	22:17	22:58	23:45		20:54	21:47
MON 10	TUE 11	WED 12	THU 13	FRI 14	SAT 15	SUN 16
2:24	3:15	4:02	4:47	0:22	0:58	1:34
9:37	10:18	10:57	11:34	5:31	6:15	7:02
16:35	17:09	17:40	18:11	12:09	12:44	13:20
22:31	23:10	23:47		18:40	19:09	19:39
MON 17	TUE 18	WED 19	THU 20	FRI 21	SAT 22	SUN 23
2:13	2:55	3:43	4:36	5:37	6:44	0:15
7:53	8:49	9:53	11:05	12:24	13:43	7:52
13:57	14:37	15:21	16:16	17:27	18:55	14:52
20:10	20:43	21:22	22:09	23:06		20:24
MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28	SAT 29	SUN 30
1:28	2:40	3:48	4:50	0:22	1:09	1:52
8:56	9:56	10:51	11:40	5:48	6:43	7:36
15:49	16:38	17:22	18:03	12:24	13:04	13:42
	22:38	23:32		18:40	19:16	19:49

Tidal Streams at the Heads — August 2017

RED italic times are slack water with EBB about to start (Flood Slack) which are the best diving conditions near the Heads. **BLUE** are Ebb Slack.

Times have been adjusted for Daylight Savings

July	August					
MON 31	TUE 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5	SUN 6
2:34	3:15	3:56	4:40	5:29	6:23	7:21
8:28	9:20	10:15	11:15	12:21	13:30	14:32
14:18	14:54	15:34	16:20	17:21	18:43	20:08
20:22	20:54	21:28	22:06	22:52	23:47	
MON 7	TUE 8	WED 9	THU 10	FRI 11	SAT 12	SUN 13
0:49	1:53	2:52	3:46	4:35	5:22	0:33
8:18	9:10	9:56	10:38	11:17	11:54	6:09
15:23	16:04	16:38	17:09	17:38	18:07	12:31
21:12	22:01	22:42	23:20	23:56		18:37
MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THU 17	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20
1:11	1:52	2:35	3:21	4:14	5:14	6:22
6:56	7:47	8:41	9:41	10:47	12:02	13:18
13:08	13:46	14:24	15:07	15:59	17:07	18:38
19:07	19:39	20:14	20:55	21:45	22:48	
MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THU 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27
0:04	1:25	2:41	3:49	4:48	0:00	0:41
7:35	8:44	9:45	10:38	11:25	5:41	6:30
14:27	15:24	16:11	16:53	17:31	12:07	12:44
20:10	21:24	22:23	23:14		18:06	18:38
August				September		
MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI 1	SAT 2	SUN 3
1:20	1:56	2:32	3:08	3:48	4:33	5:27
7:15	7:58	8:42	9:27	10:19	11:18	12:26
13:19	13:52	14:25	15:00	15:39	16:30	17:42
19:09	19:39	20:10	20:43	21:21	22:08	23:07

Emergency Contact Information

Anywhere on water in Victoria Ch 16 or 88 should be your first choice using Mayday or Pan Pan

VHF Channel 16
27 MHz AM Channel 88

Note: VSAG uses VHF CH 73 and 27 MHz CH 96 for routine communications. Check you are using the correct emergency channel.

VSAG Nautilus will be tuned to Ch 73 (Green button for routine comms) and Ch 16 (Red Button for distress comms)

Speak slowly and clearly

<p>Mayday Call – for grave & imminent danger requiring immediate assistance</p>	<p>Urgency Call – when the danger is not grave or imminent</p>
<p>Distress Call:</p> <p>Mayday, Mayday, Mayday</p> <p>This is: <u>“Boat call sign x3”</u> (Boat owners insert your call sign)</p>	<p>Urgency Call:</p> <p>Pan Pan, Pan Pan, Pan Pan</p> <p>All Ships, All Ships, All Ships (or the emergency service you want to contact)</p> <p>This is: <u>“Boat call sign x3”</u> (Boat owners insert your call sign)</p>
<p>Distress message after contact made:</p> <p>Mayday</p> <p>“2 DIVE 4”</p> <p>Give position-(see GPS for co-ordinates), nature of the problem, number on board plus any other relevant information</p> <p>Over</p> <p>Follow advice given by the emergency agency – DO NOT “Sign off” until told so by agency.</p>	<p>Urgency message after contact made:</p> <p>Pan Pan</p> <p>“2 DIVE 4”</p> <p>Give position-(see GPS for co-ordinates), nature of the problem, number on board plus any other relevant information</p> <p>Over</p> <p>Follow advice given by the emergency agency – DO NOT “Sign off” until told so by agency.</p>

All passengers on a boat should be familiar with the use of marine radio(s) in case of emergency.

Emergency Contact Information

Telephone contacts

Police – Ambulance – Fire : 000

Water Police no longer use the 1800 088 200 number

The new 24/7 No is : 03 9399 7500

**DAN International Emergency Hotline: +1-919-684-9111 (from mobile)
0011 1 919684 9111 (from landline)**

State Emergency Service (VIC): 132 500 (new number)

Alfred Hospital Hyperbaric Unit: 03 9076 2269

Alfred Hospital switchboard: 03 9076 2000

Mornington Peninsula Area

Diving Emergency Service: 1800 088 200

Dr. John Roth:

Mornington Medical Group **03 5975 2633**

Rosebud Hospital:

1527 Nepean Hwy, Rosebud **03 5986 0666**

Frankston Hospital:

Hastings Road, Frankston **03 9784 7777**

The Bays Hospital:

Main Street, Mornington **03 5975 2009**

Southern Peninsula Rescue: (Sorrento) 0417 038 944

Mornington Bay Rescue Service: 0419 233 999

***Coast Guard (Queenscliff) 03 5258 2222**

***Coast Guard (Hastings) 03 5979 3322**

***Coast Guard (Safety Beach) 03 5981 4443**

***Coast Guard is not always manned & operates mainly during daylight hrs**

Diving Doctors:

Dr Pamela Dagley (Eltham) 03 9439 2222 (VSAG member)

Dr Vanessa Haller (Carrum Downs) 03 9782 6666

Dr Adrian Murrie (Sorrento) 03 5984 4322

Dr Guy Williams (Rosebud) 03 5981 1555

Dr John Roth (Mornington) 03 5975 2633

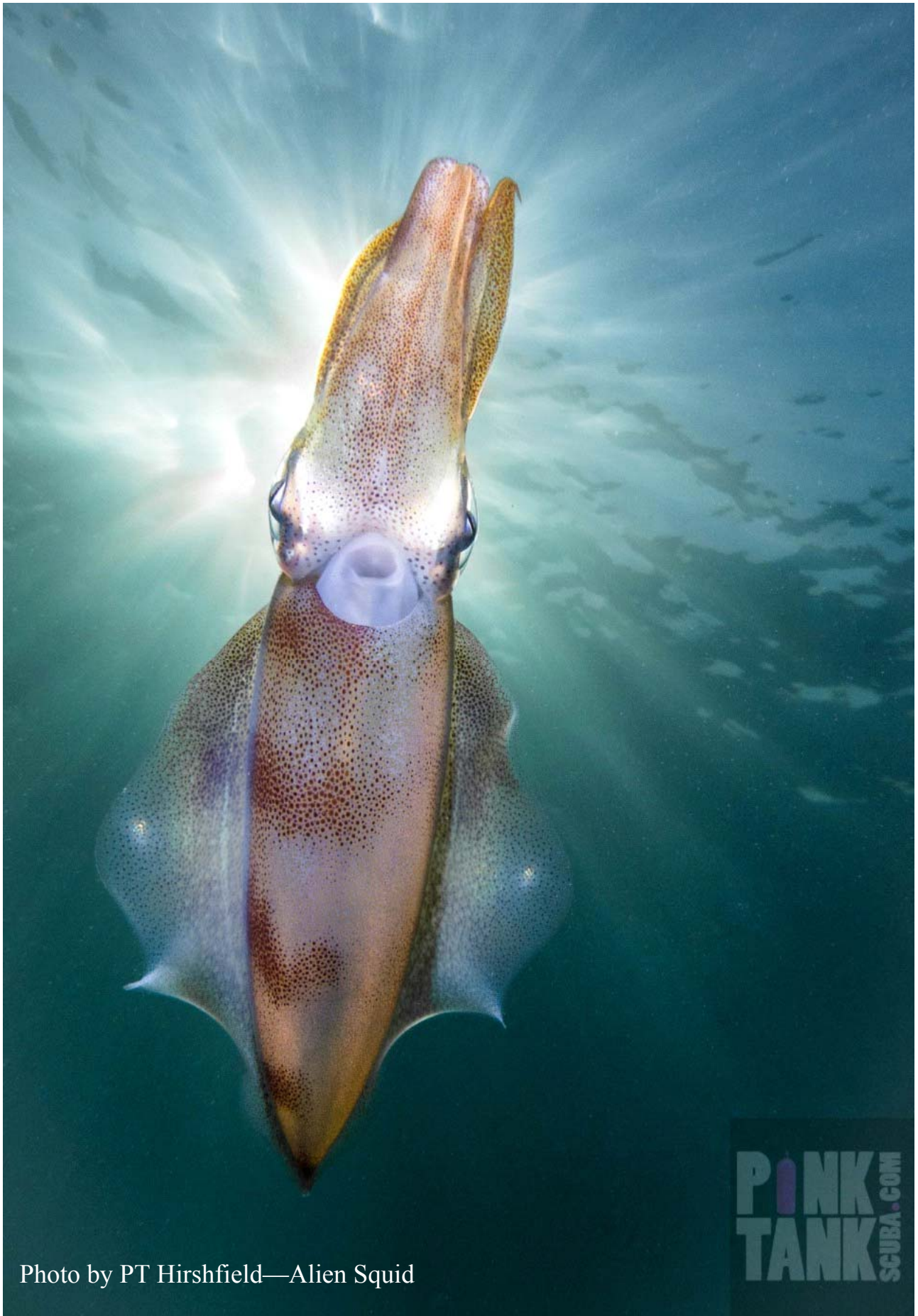


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