



Sunfish Dive Boat

Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

There has been lots' happening on the Sunfish lately. We have been making some improvements on the boat from the customer surveys and there are more in the works. Some things you will notice and some you will not. We also have a new and much improved schedule on our website. It is in a monthly format and much more user friendly, take a look at <http://www.socaldive.com/diveschedule.htm> and see what you think.

Lastly, we finally have our new phone #; it is 805 204-0977. It should transfer you to Bob at reservations. There are still some bugs to be worked out and if you have a problem getting thru please email us if possible. If needed, please leave a message and Bob will be calling you back in a timely manner. We hope to see you diving with us soon and remember; our motto,

“Striving for Different Diving”

Frequent Dive Cards

We now have the cards on the boat and ready to handout. When you get your card, a good idea is to keep it with your c-card so you will have it when you come back to dive on the Sunfish. The cards are good for 1 free open boat (value of \$135.00) after you have been on 6 paid open boat trips with us and there is no expiration. It's a win/win for everyone.

Trip of the month-Deep Hole

On Sunday, October 12th the Sunfish will be going to Deep Hole. Deep Hole is 15 miles south (down the coast) of Channel Islands Harbor and is about 1 mile offshore. The area around Deep Hole has some exciting advanced diving. The area is made up of small to large rocky reefs with kelp, fish and bugs and visibility can be 20-80 ft. The Deep Hole area is not very accessible and the Sunfish is the only charter dive boat to visit the area. The first 2 dives will be 70-110 ft. deep and the 3rd will be 40-60 ft. deep. The Deep Hole area can be a very good hunting spot for bugs (Ken's favorite) and fish, but it is just as good for sightseeing. This trip is weather permitting. Please make your reservations early.

The Sunfish is Tech Friendly

On the Sunfish we welcome divers with rebreathers, doubles and scooters. Our open boats are now limited to 16 divers (instead of 20) which also gives us a bit more room for extra equipment. The Sunfish is very stable with a 20' beam, very low to the water (no long drop) and has a spacious dive deck. We also like more advanced type of diving. Some of our crew are tech divers with doubles so we understand the situation. Please check our schedule for some of our exciting trips and bring your tech gear along.

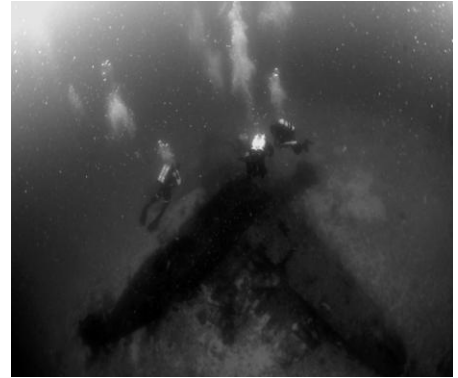
Meet Joe, another Sunfish Divemaster



Here's Joe having some fun in B.C., Canada (after diving). Joe is a local diver who has been enjoying the areas coastal, beach and island diving as a certified scuba diver since 1968. He participates in all types of diving from beach diving, underwater photography in exotic locations, to technical and wreck diving. Our local diving opportunities offer beautiful reefs, kelp forests, rigs to wrecks and a variety of spectacular sea life can be enjoyed at these exciting dive sites. Joe is active with the local dive clubs, and has just finished serving as the Membership Director for Channel Islands Divers.

Joe is committed to safe and responsible diving practices including a respectful stewardship of our oceans and planet. Joe is good natured, smiling and always ready to lend a hand. Joe is a very active diver and continues to take classes to learn more. Joe just completed his Trimix class.

Joe has an article about a local dive that he recently did and it will be in the next newsletter. This is also a dive spot the Sunfish visits. Here is a picture to tease you with. Joe looks forward to meeting you on the Sunfish. Let's go diving, Joe says.



Sunfish Air Fills

We try our best to make sure when you jump in the water that your tank is at its rated capacity. That also includes large volume and high pressure tanks. It may take a bit longer, but we think it's worth the wait and we hope you do to, besides a longer surface interval can't hurt. We will also fill your tank on the way back in so you can go home with a full tank for your next dive.

New 2008 F & G Lobster Report Card

Beginning in the fall of 2008 a Spiny Lobster Report Card is required by every person taking spiny lobsters in California ocean waters. The card is an additional \$7.90 on top of the regular fishing license fee. There are 56 entries and when full you can buy another card. The limit is still 7 per day. You can see more details on the spiny Lobster report card at these links:

http://www.allcoast.com/discussion/viewTopic.cfm?topic_ID=88367 and

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdf/LobsterPoster.pdf> .

Here is a sample picture of part of the card:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/images/LobsterSample.jpg> .

You may have to call around to see where you can buy one. It probably is not a good idea to wait to the last minute.

Bug season is here!!

Why is October such a great month? No, not because the weather is good (maybe partly), but because it is BUG SEASON. This is when you see some mild manner diver's turn into animals with only one thing on their minds. They huddle up so no one can see them and they become secretive. Some will even make you swear an oath or blindfold you when going to their secret spot. Well on the Sunfish we don't do that. We just try our best to get you to some great spots to catch bugs, so check our schedule. We have day only or day/night trips (some on Fridays) for your diving pleasure.

P.S. The only way you can catch bugs is to dive often!

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