

WET RAG



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB (established 1962)

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Photo by John Fardoulis

**CLUB MEMBER RODNEY NAIRNE DIVING THE WRECK OF THE BIRCHGROVE PARK
WITH HIS HOME MADE CLOSED CIRCUIT TRI-MIX REBREATHER.**

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President's Message

January saw our AGM pass by and on behalf of all club members I would like to thank our previous committee, who stood down, for a job well done. Congratulations to the new committee who have been selected and I hope we have another great year. The first month is always a bit hectic as the new committee settles in, but over the next two months it is going to be absolutely frantic with a few major events coming up straight away.

Firstly we have the SCAN day on the 22nd of February. SPD will be represented by at least nine boats, so there are plenty of vacant spots. If you can't attend the next club meeting and would like to go, please contact us on the club phone (0411 343 200) as we would like to see as many club members and friends there as possible. There will be a free sausage sizzle and the committee of SCAN will be selling beverages on the day or you can BYO.

Secondly is the Rick Latimer memorial dive as proposed by Bob May. Surprisingly it has been a year since his untimely death. This will consist of a dive day at Palm Beach on the 23rd of March with a BBQ picnic later in the day. A photo shoot-out was also in the proposal however time constraints have meant this will not be run but it would be appreciated if all those photographers and videographers could bring their gear along and capture the day on film and video for posterity.

Thirdly, the biggest event on the SPD calendar is looming up very quickly. The Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition Night will be on the 12th of April. Over the years the club has spent a lot of time and effort on this night and, once again, we would like to see a really big roll up of club members. Tickets are now available, so organize your tables. Details of the night are on the enclosed brochure. Final details of entertainment are still being put together. There will also be a special presentation on the sinking of the Birchgrove Park. This will consist of the original news reel and also the two remaining survivors will be interviewed on stage.

Regards, Leo B.

P.S.

At our AGM nobody volunteered for the Social Secretaries Job. Well two members have come forward and our new social secretaries are new member Les Stewart and the lovely Debbie. Welcome to the committee.

Photographic Officer's Report

Well hellooooooooooooo sports fans it looks like you have to put up with me for yet another year as Photographic Officer. Think I'm mad to do three consecutive tours but no-one else put up their hand up at the AGM. Work is in full swing for the presentation night on 12th April this year. The format for the night has been decided and people involved in the night are working on last minute details so that all goes smoothly on the night.

Tickets for the presentation are now on sale, so get your tables organized and come along for a great nights' entertainment. We have Peter Fields as our Master of Ceremonies, Mark Spencer will be our guest speaker and we are negotiating with several sources to get a short - possibility as yet unknown- video for the night or another speaker if we can arrange it in time.

In the meantime on the 23 rd March the Club will be holding a Dive/BBQ at Palm Beach. The dive will be close to the anniversary of Rck Latimer's death and will be on the Birchgrove Park and/or the Valiant, depending if people wish to go deep or shallow. I will be running a photographic shoot-out on the day for more details see separate article.

Regards, Peter Flockart

Editor's Message

This is my first attempt at the Wet Rag. I hope to add a few more regular columns as well as retaining old favorites such as Eye Spy etc. If you have any articles or other relevant information you have no excuses for not getting them to me. I can be contacted on Ph. (02)7596501, (048)771236, 019990864 or fax (048)771239 or email anscott@hinet.net.au or you can see me at club meetings or post to the club address. If you don't submit any worthwhile articles then you can't complain when I fill this newsletter with my own brand of drivel. So get pen to paper and start submitting articles or else! I'd like to thank Suzanne Evans for her help and time in printing this newsletter.

Regards, Scott.

BED RACE UPDATE! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! - - - - - The annual Kings Cross bed race is on again this March and this year we hope to do one better again and make round three. We URGENTLY need at least 10 runners and more for the cheer squad. Contact the Social Organizer.

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TECHNICAL DIVING THE BACKYARD

WAY By Scott Leimroth

What IS a Rebreather?

A rebreather works on the principal that we only use a fraction of the oxygen in each breath we take. In open circuit scuba the remaining gas is exhaled to the water and wasted. In a rebreather the gas is exhaled but is fed through hoses to a scrubber unit which absorbs the CO₂ in the gas we have exhaled. The gas is then routed back to the diver and rebreathed. This circle continues and when the oxygen level in the 'loop' falls below a certain level more is added. There are two types of rebreather, semiclosed and fullyclosed. Semiclosed units do have some bubbles as they dump gas every so many breaths or a little each breath. Full closed units have no bubbles.

Another first for SPDC

As mentioned, at the last club meeting, club member Rodney Nairne brought his home made rebreather to Sydney to test it out. He has been working on this project for a number of years and had tested it previously in shallower water. On the weekend of the 18th and 19th of Jan. he completed two dives with it and it performed faultlessly. We are fairly sure these dives were the first sport dives done on a helium based CCR(Closed Circuit Rebreather) to below 40 m in this country. Better still they were done from club boats, the first dive was done from club member Max(the Thief)Gleeson's boat and the second from John Fardoulis's boat. Once again SPDC is at the forefront of adventure diving in this country.

The first dive was on the S.S.Tuggerah and didn't we get some looks from the divers on 'CapeBailey' when they pulled up next to us. It was strange on the bottom to see no bubbles coming from Rodney and there was no regulator noise. It was funny when two other divers separated for a few mins, having mistaken us for their buddies. I wondered how narked they must have been as the guy who buddied up with Rod must have thought it strange his buddy wasn't breathing.

The second dive was on the S.S. Birchgrove Park. Once again just the sight of the rebreather caused a few raised eyebrows. As we loaded it on to the boat at 'Atlantis' someone said sarcastically "Good Luck!". Its amazing how people become antagonistic towards things they don't understand. John took photos of Rod while I explored the wreck. At one stage I came out of the wreck and looked for Rod automatically thinking to look for his bubbles. Doh! I realized there were none and it became obvious why these things have a military application.

From the Manufacturer By Rodney Nairne

Rebreathers are not new, so I am not claiming to have "invented" this. I just built it from a diagram of a generic closed circuit rebreather

in "DEEP DIVING" by Gilliam. They have been around in a similar guise for 30 years, from what I know a marine biologist (Dr Walter STARK) built and dived the first closed circuit heliox rebreather to 300 feet in 1968.

Description/Functions

Unit is fully closed circuit breather, with the prime objective being the conservation of inert gas, enabling economic and productive diving below safe air diving depths. (safe in that narcosis is eliminated). It is also something to talk about whilst drinking piss at the pub and checking out all the girls. Secondary advantages include decreased amount of gear over bulky open circuit equipment (see your average tech diver), elimination of time pressure (6 plus hours duration at any depth), and whiter teeth.

Some actual dives on heliair 50% helium diluent are: (PO₂ setpoint 1 Bar)

47mtrs, 18 mins, 8 min trimix deco(Tuggerah)

50 mtrs, 28 mins, 33min nitrox deco(Birchy)

40 mtrs 20mins 6 mins trimix deco(QLD Reef)

Whilst these are weenie dives (as I am still training myself on the unit)the actual capabilities of the unit are awesome: Heliox diving to any depth with gas costs less than a single nitrox fill, for 6 hours plus duration including deco.

The above three dives for example required the use of less than 100bar of trimix FROM A PONY BOTTLE, at a cost of \$8. Equivalent open circuit gas costs would top \$150.

Disadvantages:

Almost no one else has one (yet), so inevitably your dive buddies scare away all the fish and sharks, and leave prematurely. You can't buddy breath effectively, although I have done it under controlled circumstances. It takes a lot of discipline to check all the components and set it up pre dive. They do not stand up to rough treatment, and they will kill you if you don't set them up right. (and sometimes even when you do).

Introduction of possible hypoxia, hyperoxia, hypercapnia. If mouthpiece is dropped, loss of breathing gas and to add to excitement, simultaneously you become 10kg negative instantly, and you've just trashed \$500 worth of electronics. In addition, purchase cost is high, pre and post dive setup time substantial, heaps of maintenance, plus no-one is really experienced enough to train you.

As I have said, the prime objective is to conserve inert gas, specifically helium, for deep diving. The disadvantages, believe me, completely rule out the use of these death machines except if you need to dive deep (do we REALLY need to dive deep?) or need no bubbles for photography.

If these things become common place, lots more divers are going to die.

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BON VOYAGE

Rebecca Davis has left us for 12 months to go on a working holiday in the UK, Europe and Egypt. She will be sadly missed, as she was an active club member and diver having dived the Catterthun and other deep wrecks with the rest of the 'Lads'. She also usually managed to generate something for Eye Spy each month and regularly led groups of club members astray at the Hellfire Club. She has promised to send us updates on the diving over there, especially in Scapa Flow and the Red Sea.

POSITION VACANT

Blonde Lady Diver, must like wreck diving, night clubbing, sushi. Temporary 12 month position, apply to the Editor.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION.

A, hopefully, regular monthly column to make your diving safer.

Equipment Configuration - Diving the 'Hogarthian' way. By Jarrod Jablonski.

Diving has undergone some significant changes during the last roughly 50 years of it's evolution, yet few aspects of the sport remain more hotly contested than gear configuration. Dozens of styles have been marched out to center stage and purported to be the most effective, the safest, the easiest, the cheapest, or lately, even the most "technical". Some people have casually recommended one style over another others have adamantly insisted upon their configuration, while still others advocate that one just do what feels good.

Nearly all styles of gear configuration allow the average diver return alive. Even many an open water diver has returned unscathed from a poorly chosen venture into the depths, yet despite their safe return, consensus opinion holds that a certain minimum of equipment is necessary to safely execute a dive. It is how one should configure that equipment and what equipment to use that garnishes the lion's share of the sometimes bitter debate over equipment configuration.

Different Styles

The vast majority of equipment styles are most

easily discussed in relation to one's placement of the long hose(octopus). Many different styles of equipment configuration exist and the proponents of each variation differ in their specific solution to the many details of equipment placement. While many differences may exist within each group, the separation of the two primary groups largely pertains to one's belief as to whether the regulator donated to an out of air diver should come from one's mouth or from one's retaining device.

The Bungie Style - donating from one's retaining device

The most common style places the or Long hose in some type of surgical tubing or restrictive band. This band is usually placed centrally on the body or sometimes placed in a pocket, on the side of the tanks, on the backplate or nearly anywhere that suits one's fancy. Proponents of this style vary in their dedication to the refinement of their equipment placement, with many divers generally lacking a focus on reduction and cleanliness. The idea is that an out of air diver will approach giving the low or out off air signal and they, or you, will calmly locate then unclip the octopus and share air. All this supposes that you will find the reg and be able to quickly unclip it and that it will be working properly.

The Hogarthian Style - donating your own regulator.

The Hogarthian Style has many minor variations, yet its focus asserts a policy of minimalism. In other words, if it is not needed, it is a potential liability. The Hogarthian style strives to eliminate the unnecessary while configuring the necessary in the most streamlined manner possible. Named for it's founding father American cave diver, William Hogarth Main, the Hogarthian style is constantly being improved and refined. While the trademark of a Hogarthian diver is that they breathe the long hose and donate this hose to an out of air diver the style is really about much more. Regardless of an individual's preference for which hose to donate, much can be learned from the adherence to minimalism so central to the Hogarthian configuration. In general, always be aware that you should look at the entire package as it functions together. Your equipment should be a cohesive unit that facilitates your dives and not a haphazard collection of available items.

Breathing The Long Hose

Despite its growing popularity, many divers remain opposed to donating the regulator from their mouth. The following reviews the most common resistance to donating the long hose from the mouth.

1) The last thing I want to do in an out of air situation is give up my primary regulator.

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- This does not really seem to be a rational fear. It is likely that a diver incapable of removing the regulator from his or her mouth for five to ten seconds is not skilled or practiced enough to be in an open water environment. One may question this divers ability to handle an out of air situation in which the out of air diver chooses the regulator in their mouth. A diver with this degree of concern over the regulator in their mouth may find it quite a challenge to even deal with the very real possibility of an accidentally dislodged regulator.

By donating the long hose regulator from the mouth in an out of air situation one guarantees that the person most in need of a clean fully functioning regulator is going to get it. If you pass any other regulator to an out of air diver it is quite possible that the regulator received may contain contaminants that will be impossible for the stressed diver to manage. In essence, what you will have done is to place the last straw on the camel's back, creating the last problem your dive buddy can manage. The advantage of donating your long hose primary is that you are always ready for this very real possibility. You are, in essence, always prepared for any eventuality rather than maintaining a fixed picture of how things should operate. Emergencies have an annoying habit of not going as planned and the Hogarthian diver is more prepared to manage a variety of out of air scenarios.

2) I don't want to breath my long hose, I want to have the best performance regulator in my mouth and the long hose decreases performance.

With literally thousands of deep exploration dives accomplished by divers breathing the long hose, the performance argument seems rather a moot point. Yet, if one were to insist that the reduction of performance is unmanageable, it seems like a poor solution to leave the stressed, out of air diver gasping for air on this lower performance regulator so you can have a more relaxed dive. Your best performance regulator must be on your long hose and if its performance is unacceptable in a relaxed situation then it is certainly inappropriate to suggest that your stressed dive buddy is better prepared for this increased resistance. The one thing to be clear on is that if the regulator you try to provide to an out of air diver is in *any* way substandard, you will be giving up the regulator in your mouth and your ability to handle that situation may make all the difference.

The System Approach

It is not merely the streamlined nature of their equipment nor the use of the long hose that sets the Hogarthian diver apart, it is the way pieces are carefully arranged to create a harmonious system. Your equipment must function cohesively and be configured so as to provide you with the greatest support - it is after all life support equipment.

Reduce, Reduce, and Reduce

Too many divers today seem under the impression that more is always better. In diving what is needed is better; what is not needed is a detriment. Equipment choice like most things is a cost vs. benefit analysis in which one must weigh the potential risk against the perceived benefit. The difficult part and in fact the thing that really defines a safe and effective diver is their ability to accurately evaluate the benefit while candidly weighing the acceptable risk.

The body is the central component to any effective diving locker and no discussion of equipment would be complete without giving it a mention. Many debates have revolved around the necessity of fitness in diving and no doubt these debates will continue for years to come. It seems that the most reasonable course would be to evaluate the type of diving to be done and adjust your level of fitness accordingly. The average diver should be seeking good cardiovascular fitness with aerobic activity - at least three days a week for a minimum of 20 minutes. A person winded by a flight of stairs can certainly dive but their ability to manage stressful, air critical situations is limited by their physical response to elevated exertion. This may seem inconsequential in a leisurely dive but in an emergency it can make all the difference.

Conclusion

The next decade of diving will undoubtedly be full of change. Undoubtedly many exciting equipment advancements are bound to grace the diving world. Yet, regardless of the level of change beyond the year 2000, two things will undoubtedly remain constant. There will always be new equipment for people to obsess over and there will always be people arguing over how that equipment should be configured.

As pertains to equipment more is rarely better and the Hogarthian diver grudgingly makes additions to this minimalist attire. The Hogarthian diver attempts to remove all possible risks by designing a holistic life support system that facilitates every dive. The risk should after all be a function of the environment and not the divers state of preparedness.

MAGNETOMETER UPDATE

The Mag **has not** been used once again and is currently gathering dust at The Greeks place. Come on you boat owners, start searching!

EYE SPY

Which female club member recently proposed to El Presidente. We're not mentioning any names but we know Leo has been chasing her for a while and they have one thing in common, they haven't dived for quite some time.

INTERNET NEWS

The Club Newsletter is now on-line at:
<http://www.alice.net/pers/netrag.htm>
 this address will change each month as the page is updated.

There is a Rick Latimer web page at
<http://www-w176.mel.aone.net.au/basshill/ricklatimer/welcome.html>

The Club also has two web pages, after many hours of painstaking work, dedicated to the A/V Night and Wreck Diving. They are at
<http://www.alice.net/pers/nacadd.htm> and
<http://www.alice.net/pers/knarko.htm>

Some Email addresses are

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Scott Leimroth anscott@hinet.net.au

We'd like anyone else who's 'online' to let us know so we can update you with club information.

FROM THE RATS LAIR

By The Phantom Wreck Rat

Well its plain to see most of you people have absolutely no idea where to start when it comes to searching for wrecks. Unlike many of the old time wreck divers out there I don't believe in hoarding my information about the possible locations of wrecks so each month I'll give you some information on where to look. Of course this is where the hard work begins and you'll probably spend many hours searching to no

avail, but then again you may just find something and get your name in the history books. If you do, all I ask is that you let me know how you went, you can contact me via the club. Good luck and start searching.

The Nimbin - 33°39'39" - 150°05'40"

The Guatemala - 33°15'??" - 151°47'??"

The Yamaba - 33°53'.4 - 151°22'.6

Unknown - 33°49'48" - 151°19'48"

Unknown - 33°49'54" - 151°22'09"

Unknown - 33°50'25" - 151°20'04"

Unknown - 33°49'38" - 151°19'48"

EYE SPY II

Who where the 3 male club members recently seen pushing a large red boat around on the Lane Cove river late one day whilst it still had 2 working motors? The kids on board going "mush mush" added to the picture.

LEOS DIVING UPDATE

Once again the president didn't dive this month. This will be a regular column in the hope of embarrassing him into diving in Sydney at least once a month.

CLUB T-SHIRTS

The Club has a new range of T-shirts available. They are only \$15 and come in Light and Dark Blue with the Club Logo in Three Colors. They are available at the club meetings or through the equipment officer.

SCAN DIVE DAY AT FRENCHMANS BEACH LA PEROUSE.

Date: Sunday 23 February 1997

Time: 8 am onwards, barbecue lunch 12.30pm

Location: Frenchmans Bay, La Perouse **Boat Diving:** Out of Botany Bay **Shore Diving:** Bare Island

This dive day will be held at Frenchmans Bay at La Perouse. Using club boats (as well as private boats) to dive the wrecks and reefs outside Botany Bay. These include the wrecks of SS Kelloe, SS Woniora, Hilda, SS Minmi and MV Malabar and the dive sites of Henry Head, Cape Banks, Pistol Crack, Secluded Cemetery, Little Bay and the Rifle Range as well as the many sites off Kurnell. Even in unfavorable winds and seas, diving should still be possible off Henry Head or Inscription Point. Shore dives at Bare Island are also available for those not keen on boats or if there are too many people for the boats. It is intended that dives will start from about 8am and continue as needed.

Special guests at the day will be Barry Andrewartha and Belinda Barnes, Editors and Publishers of DIVE Log and Sportdiving. Barry and Belinda are very keen to attend the day to dive this southern Sydney location and to be involved in this dive club event. Sportdiving magazine will be sponsoring a unique photographic competition on the day. Any attending underwater photographer will be given a roll of film to use on their dive. The film will then be given to Sportdiving which will arrange processing. The best shots will then be used in a feature article in Sportdiving on Botany Bay diving and in a follow up article on dive clubs.

After the diving, a sausage sizzle and steak sandwich barbecue will be held on Frenchmans Bay Beach. This will be catered for by SCAN and sponsored by DIVE Log and Sportdiving. All you need to do is bring along yourself. Drinks will be available at a minimum cost. Members are very welcome to bring their family to Frenchmans Bay to attend the barbecue and join in the socializing. It is also hoped that some events can be organized for the children. Contact your dive organizers for more details and to indicate if you will be attending.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS The following members are on the committee for the 1996 year.

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BOAT OWNERS CONTACT LIST

The following members of the Club are boat owners. They generally go out diving most weekends and often need extra divers to make up numbers. Why not give them a call one day. If you are a boat owner, why not give a non-owner a call (see the membership list distributed regularly) and invite them along with you.

Name	Home No:	Work No:
Sue Armstrong	042 94 2769	9697 2248
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CLUB SPONSORS

The South Pacific Divers' Club is honored to be sponsored by the following

Aquatic Explorers, see Steve or Lee at 7 Beach Arcade Cronulla, 9527 1518
Beverly's Restaurant at Chippendale, contact Bev on 9310 4878
Dive Quest, Mullaway, contact Chris or Gary on (066) 54 1930
Max Western's Sea-tamer II charter boat, contact Max on 9567 2658 or (018) 28 0791
Selera Restaurant, Level 1, 264 King Street Newtown, 9557 5186
Shiprock Dive at Lilli Pilli, contact Leo or Lesley on 9526 2664
Southern Cross Divers at The Spit Marina, contact Barry on 9969 5072
South West Rocks Dive Centre, contact Noel or Belinda on (065) 66 6474
Twofold Dive Charters, Eden, contact Peter or Lorna on (064) 96 1778

DON'T FORGET THE CLUB PHONE NUMBER IS 0411 343200
CLUB GEAR

The Club has a variety of gear for sale, hire or loan. This includes T-shirts, Stickers, BumBags, Shirts, Sweaters, Caps, The Magnetometer, Two sets of Oxygen equipment, BBQ, and much much more. Inquiries should be directed to the Equipment officer.

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RICK LATIMER MEMORIAL WRECK DIVE

23 March 1997 (Valiant and Birchgrove Park). Rick Latimer sadly passed away on March 19, 1996. For the Sunday following this anniversary, diving will be organised in memory of Rick. The Birchgrove Park was one of Rick's favourite wrecks. Plans at this stage are BBQ and get together after diving. For those less experienced the possibility for diving the Valiant exists, based on demand. Every attempt will be made to place a plaque on the wreck this weekend, In memory of Rick Latimer. Diving on the Saturday may also be possible depending on demand. Contact the dive organisers as advanced planning is a must. Regards, John.

DIVE CALENDAR TILL JUNE

23.02.97	1997 SCAN Day
02.03.97	Watsons Bay Diving, lunch at Doyles
7-9.03.97	Seal Rocks Weekend
23.03.97	Palm Beach / Latimer Memorial Dive
06.04.97	The Bombo
20.04.97	Long Reef Dive
2-4.05.97	Nelson Bay Weekend
25.05.97	Bundeena Breakfast Dive
08.06.97	Norah Head Day Trip
22.06.97	Pittwater Diving and Picnic Day

Contact the dive organisers to book your place on any of these arranged dives. If you wish to go diving and nothing is organised, call the dive organisers and make a suggestion or call one of the boat owners to see if they are going diving.

Please ring the dive and social organisers or the club phone 0411 343 200 on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the event to confirm details etc.

WINE TASTING

Saturday 22 February 7pm at Chippendale ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT... COME ALONG AND TASTE THE FINEST REDS IN SYDNEY.

SPDC OVERSEAS DIVE TRIP

If you want the ultimate in Wreck Diving TRUK LAGOON - November 1997, 12 Dives... Extensions available. See Leo B for details.

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