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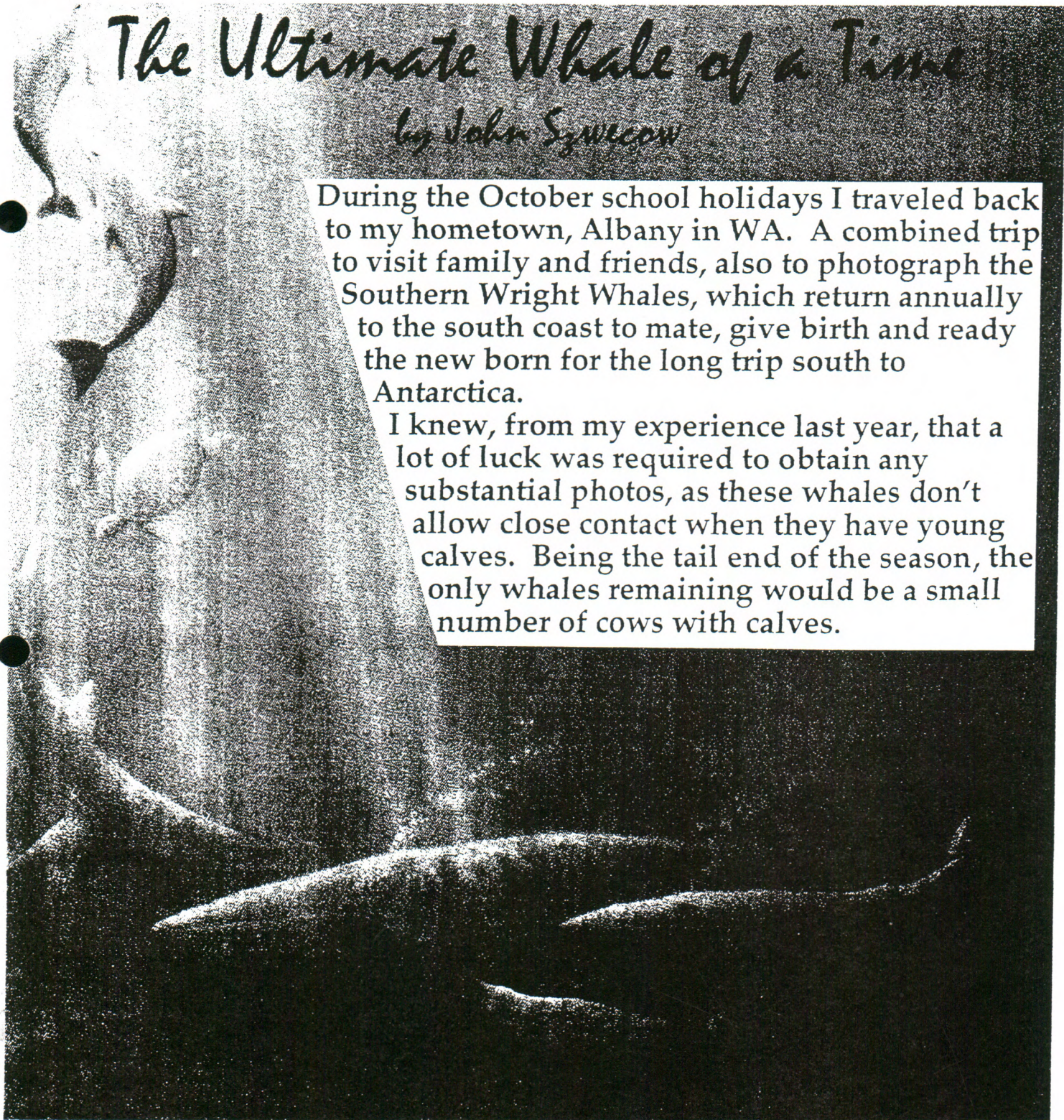
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The Ultimate Whale of a Time

by John Szwecow

During the October school holidays I traveled back to my hometown, Albany in WA. A combined trip to visit family and friends, also to photograph the Southern Wright Whales, which return annually to the south coast to mate, give birth and ready the new born for the long trip south to Antarctica.

I knew, from my experience last year, that a lot of luck was required to obtain any substantial photos, as these whales don't allow close contact when they have young calves. Being the tail end of the season, the only whales remaining would be a small number of cows with calves.



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The area had a huge deluge of rain a fortnight before I went over, because the tracks into the area are clay, they would be impassable, also the sea water was a coffee colour! That was the news before I left Sydney, so I felt there was no chance of getting those shots I had pictured. After meeting up with the wildlife officer from National Parks, we felt the trip out could be worthwhile, as the whales were near a small coastal hamlet. The water was not so clean, so I still had doubts.

Collin, a mate from Albany was my support. He owned a boat, four wheel drive and all the essential camping equipment. Without his help this adventure would not of happened.

We had three days that we could spend on the water, a permit is required. The wildlife officer must be present and I could not jump in the water if a member of the public was in viewing range. They were just a few conditions to adhere to. In all five people met up at the beach at Bremer Bay. A few tag alongs were joining the National Parks Officer. He had been in contact with the locals and news was no whales, seemed they had moved on. We decided to go looking at the location where we were with the whales last year. This was an hour and half away, along some very damp and slippery tracks. We arrived at Trigalo Beach, all eyes gazing anxiously for any whales. They can lie just below the surface for quite a long time, making them difficult to spot. After at least ten minutes a whale finally made an appearance, then another. We launched our boat and headed in the direction of the sighting.

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Because the whales are just below the surface much care is required, so you don't

motor over them. Usually the whale will appear when we were within 100 metres.

As a whale appears on the surface we could approach to a distance of about 30m, turn the motor off and I would quietly enter the water. By the time I reached a whale I would be at least 100m away from the boat, as they continue to move on slowly. The usual course of events was for a whale to show interest, have one close look, then swim off.

This year luck was on my side, along with a lot of patience. I was able to have close contact with a number whales in water only three metres in depth. The water clarity was the most pristine you could possibly hope for, along with the most healthiest seagrass I've seen. For this type of photography I would have to say it doesn't come any better. However, the female cows I was fortunate to swim alongside, had calves less than a month old. These calves were very inquisitive and were poking their noses into the port of my camera housing. I was finding myself about to be swum over by a 2.5m calf, a number of times. What an awesome experience! So you can imagine the shots I have are extreme close-ups and very detailed.

We camped at a salmon fisherman's hut. It overlooked the whole bay, the sunset was spectacular. We sat by our campfire and watched the whales slowly move about. A rewarding experience after a hard day's photography.

The only downside, if you could call it that, was being kept awake during the night by inconsiderate whales breathing loudly and tail slapping!

Next morning I awoke, sat up in our tent and there were two whales just below us. They moved out to sea a little then decided to impress us by breaching three times, just as I happened to be holding my camera.

So for a chance to see these whales, come along to the November Club Meeting, as I will be giving a presentation on this trip.

Club Meetings are held at 8pm on the 3rd Monday of each month, in the Emile McDonald room of the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Street, Bankstown. This month's meeting will be held on Monday 17th November 1997. Try and make it as we, the committee, need your instruction and direction.

Dive Reports

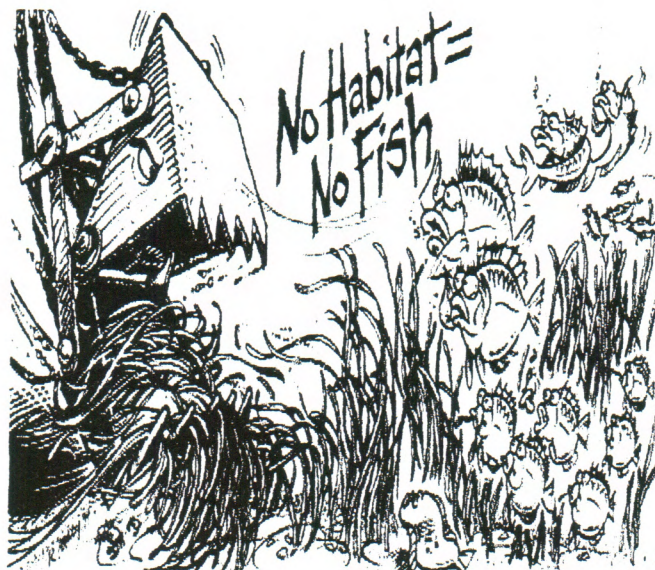
Cook Island Diving by Geoff Cook

In the September issue of "In Depth", page 31, there is an article about diving at Cook Island. This is not the exotic Island in the Mid Pacific but the island which lies about 1km south of the Tweed River, on the Queensland and NSW border. If you still have a copy of Dive Log on hand the story makes interesting reading. I have dived many times Julian Rocks, Fish Rock and even the Solitary Islands (which are all favourite dive sites) when travelling up "North" but I had never heard of Cook Island. The local dive operator at Coolangatta, Alan Bennett, of the Blue Juice Dive Shop, said that it didn't surprise him as it is not one of the highly publicised sites and is unfortunately not well known amongst most divers. He, along with several others, are trying to have the area declared a Marine Sanctuary for divers.

So with his colourful recommendation and the parting of a metre 20 bucks off we went. I now say "we" because Judd (Son of Barjumba) had just completed his C Card and this was going to be his first real boat dive since being certified. The day was smooth as snakes feet and with 8 others in a 7.5m RIB we were on site in no time at all. Viz on the day was down to about 5-7 metres following 4 days of high winds but I am assured that it often is crystal clear. Judd and I were first in but disappointment set in as Judd couldn't clear his ears and back to the boat went one enthusiastic but really up set Junior Open Water Diver.

Back to diving... Wow... No brass to be seen at all. If it was there it was covered by a thick carpet of soft corals, hard corals, huge anemone and clown fish were everywhere. It truly was just like being in a tropical fish tank. Colours, colours, colours, 75 minutes @ 10-30 feet and I still couldn't see enough of it. I found a beautiful foot long, Spanish dancer nudibranch which really topped off my dive. There is absolutely no question about it, this was by far a better dive than Julian Rocks, Fish Rock and on par with Solitary Islands. This dive site should be a Marine Reserve. If you are ever up that way drop in and see Al for a dive you will be impressed.. Good brass up there too with the S.S. Alberta and Fido wrecks to name but a few.

See ya Barjumba.



The Apple Isle and the Wonderful Weed.

By John Harlen

What to do with your frequent flyer points? That's the question that Sarah was faced with, having accumulated a large number through her work travels and needing to use them or lose them by the years end. A diving holiday seemed like a good use for them but where? Sarah and I have dived extensively in the tropics and along the NSW coast, but had done very little cold water diving (apart from the southern NSW coast). I had been keen for some time, to dive the giant kelp forests, one diving environment we hadn't experienced. Sarah, however, had been less keen as the giant kelp only flourishes in water of about 10 degrees C or colder and, unlike myself, she didn't possess a dry suit at the time. While visiting her family in Pommy Land, earlier this year, however Sarah bought a dry suit (they're less than half the price there) and suddenly she was as keen as I to do some giant kelp dives. In Australia the only place where the water is cold enough for enough months for the kelp to grow is Tasmania. We rang up Eagle Hawk divers and made our arrangements.

Eagle Hawk divers are based at Eagle Hawk Neck on the Tasman peninsular, about an hours drive east of Hobart and 20 minutes north of Port Arthur. The scenery here is spectacular with sheer cliff plunging into the sea and jagged spires of rock spearing at the sky. The sea has eroded huge caves in the rock. Some have collapsed forming arches and blowholes while other can be investigated by boat or underwater on scuba.

Dive Reports Continued

We took an extra day either side of the October long weekend to give ourselves 5 days in Tassie, just in case the weather didn't co-operate. This was wise as the first day was raining and windy enough to blow a dog off a chain. We used the forced lay day to visit; Tasman Arch, The Devils Kitchen, Port Arthur and Remarkable Cave. They say in Tasmania "if you don't like the weather just wait half an hour". True to form we had storms and clam, sun and overcast every day.

Eagle Hawk divers is run by a couple of guys called Gary (an ex abalone diver) and Mick (a marine biologist). Mick took us out to the place called Waterfall Bay, a sheltered bay where the surrounding cliffs plunge 300 metres to the ocean, continuing for a further 20 metres below the surface. Laying on the surface is a matt of kelp which has grown up from the bottom 20 metres down. Visibility was 15-20m and although the surface water temperature was supposed to be 13 degrees C it sure wasn't that warm on the bottom. Even a dry suit doesn't cover your face and Sarah's top lip was so numb after 45 minutes in the water that she was talking with a lisp. We were certainly better off than the other divers in 7mm wetsuits though. The scenery below the surface made it worthwhile however with shafts of light stabbing down through the kelp stems. Like flying through a terrestrial forest. We investigated a small cave called the Dogley. Partway through one passage we stumbled upon an amazing discovery, a whole skeleton.

Back on the boat however we learned from Mick that they had moved the skeleton (of a sperm whale calf) from a more exposed location to protect it from storms.

In the afternoon Mick took us on a guided tour of the nearby cathedral cave. This is extensive with hundreds of metres of passages leading off a huge cathedral-like entrance. Some of the passages are a very tight squeeze and a lot do not have any visible light so they're not for the careless or claustrophobic. The entrance cavern was completely carpeted in invertebrate life, yellow zoanths, ascidians and sponges. Despite the seemingly fantastic fish habitat that this, and the previous dive site, seemed to offer, the fish were conspicuous by their absence. Mick explained that this was due to the shortsighted fisheries regulations in

Tassie which allow anyone to put a net anywhere. The result is that locations close to boat launch points have very few fish.

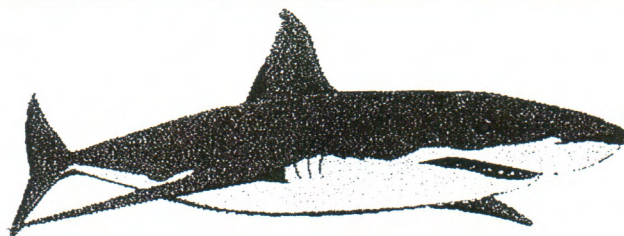
The following day we dived a little further south at a place called Shag Rock. (because of the birds that roost there not the activities that occur). The kelp was so thick here that we had to raise the motors to progress through. No need to anchor as we simply tide off to a couple of kelp stalks. Beneath the surface the thick canopy blocked out the sunlight creating a eerie twilight zone. Very beautiful.

Our last dive, the following day, we visited a remote rock called the sisters. Beneath the surface this slopes steeply off into 50 metres. Below 30 metres the invertebrate life is fantastic with sea whips, and fan sponges a metre high. In the shallows the fish were there in thousands and the krill (the tiny crustaceans that whales eat) in millions. In the top 2 metres of water the krill were so thick that the viz was only a few feet.

We had hoped to dive the wreck of the Nord while we were down there but due to the length of the boat ride out they require 4 divers to make it pay and due to the depth (40m) and currents, they have to be reasonably experienced. Unfortunately none of the other visiting divers had the necessary experience so we missed out. If you wanted to be sure of doing this dive you would need to bring your own group. There is also a huge seal colony on a nearby island but this is also swept by strong currents.

While we were there we stayed at a beautiful waterfront bed and breakfast which Gary suggested. If money is an issue then cheap accommodation is available in the loft over the dive shop. Dives were \$30 but tank and weightbelt hire were extra. Discounts are available for group bookings. Both Gary and Mick were friendly and knowledgeable hosts.

Is it worth it? Definitely. There is something for everyone. The kelp forests are unique but there's also caves, seals and wrecks. The water is cold but also clear and there is lots to do and sea on land. So give it a try some time.



Dive Organiser's Schedule

Rod Muir
Geoff Cook

alias Fingers
alias Barjumpa

October was a busy month.

After a member's vote at the previous meeting it was decided not to mix diving and partying. Therefore on the Sunday 14th December swimming and snorkelling will be the wet entertainment (not counting water pistol duels).

Friday 21st November - Night Dive

Mixed Grill Dive & BBQ following Charter with Aquatic Explorers, leaving from Bonner Point, Kurnell at 7pm. Spaces available. Don't miss out, this one is a goer. Ring us and book early.

If you dive with a partner this starlight Night Dive is a must for the romantic.

Don't forget no booking
NO DIVING.

9th December - Boat Dive & BBQ

Come along to Bayview Park, Pittwater and enjoy the picturesque & tranquil surroundings, with a relaxing BBQ lunch. Divers to leave from the Bayview Park boat ramp. Check with us for further details. Remember to contact boat owners guaranteeing you a spot. Lots of parking available. Plenty of room for kids to spreadout, swim, play ball games while checking out the horses being trained. When the divers return they will make you a BBQ lunch with help of your kids.

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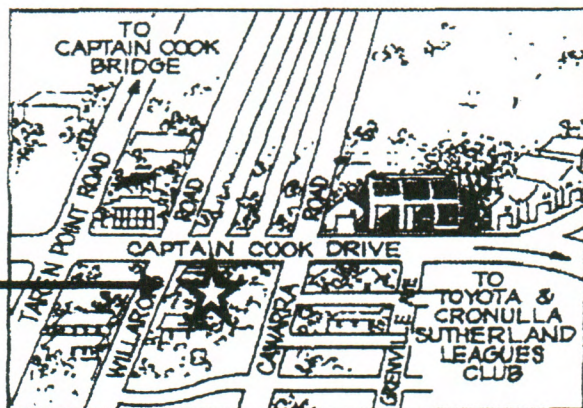
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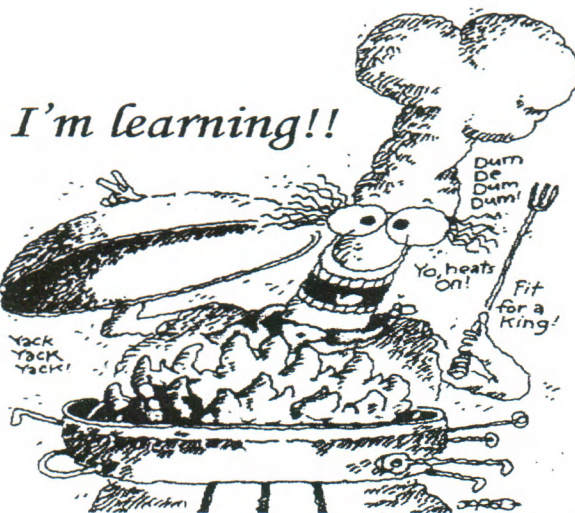
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Club Organised Charter Boat Dives and Dive Trips Away.

1. Deposit to be paid as normal, as soon as possible, to ensure your spot, at a rate of 50% of the cost of the day trip and \$50 for trips away per person.
2. The full amount becomes due seven working days before trip date. If no payment is forthcoming there will be no place booked for you.
3. If any person pulls out of the trip before final payment is due refunds will only be made if spot is filled or at the discretion of the full committee.
4. If any person pulls out after paying, the full amount may be refunded dependent on the trip cost breakdown or at the discretion of the full committee.

Photographic Officer's Report

Peter Flockart

Sub-Committee:

Paul Howlett

Lee Harvey

Leo Bergagnin

Gordon McDonald

Well, the George Roberts Competition is over for another year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who entered this year and to our long time sponsor South West Rocks Dive Centre for their continued support.

Now it will be full speed ahead for myself and the photographic committee for the next nine months to produce a better presentation night than last year.

The club was born and built on photography as well as adventure, let's not forget this.

Next year's Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year is looking good as we have Sportdiving, Scuba Diver, Asian Diver (Singapore) & Sports Diving Journal (Hong Kong) promoting the competition for us as well as Dive Log. Also we have a database of previous entrants, all of whom will be advised in due course.

I will be looking for helpers closer to the presentation night in July, so come on get behind your club and support the presentation night !!!!

Photographic Tips

Last month we looked at how to capture light with a camera or video.

This month we will take a brief look at film types.

There are two types of film available on the market, either negative or reversal (prints) and these may be purchased in either colour or black and white.

Black and white film is not used much these days due to the diminishing number of places that carry out processing, except the big commercial labs in Sydney. Generally it is now used for specialist applications or projects.

There was an article in Sportdiving magazine some years ago where a photographer took some B/W shots of coral. The results were stark and mysterious but with high definition and detail.

Recently in the Club, John Szwecow used it to take photos on the Birchgrove Park in 50m of water.

His results were quite brilliant, due to the detail in the photos.

Most people use either colour slides or prints. Where prints are used the colour and resolution of the image often tends not to be as sharp as those on slide film. One advantage though, is that the images are readily available to lots of people as they can be freely shown around.

Slide film on the other hand, while giving good definition, requires a projector to show people and the cost of getting prints is becoming more expensive.

In the future, either video or digital cameras will replace film.

Film, of whatever type is selected, comes in a variety of speeds. These range from ASA/ISO 25 to 6400. As by way of explanation ASA is American Standards Association, while Iso is International Standards Organisation. The advantage of expressing film speed in these terms is in direct correlation with the amount of light needed to achieve the same exposure.

There are several brands of film and a variety of speeds available from Fuji, Kodak and Ilford.

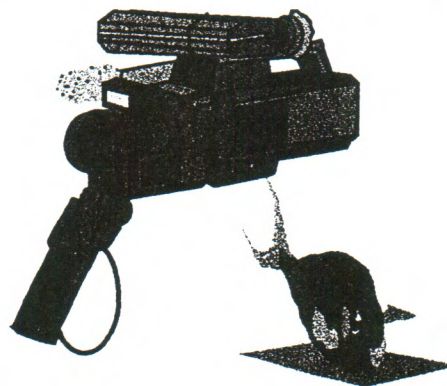
In the above I have mentioned only the common types of film, but there are also InfraRed, Tungsten light or medical films available for a variety of specialist applications.

In order to capture moving images either 16mm movie film or video can be used. These days video is the most common although movie footage is still shot by a dedicated few.

Further reading: Chapter 5 "The Manual of Underwater Photography" by H deCouet & Andrew Green.

Peter Flockart

SPDC Inc Photographic Officer



Letters to the Editor

Eastern (Green) Rock Lobster

1 November 1997

Steve Montgomery, a marine biologist from the Fisheries Research Institute in Cronulla, is to be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Revesby Workers Underwater Club to be held on Tuesday 9th December, 1997 commencing at 8pm. The meeting will be held at the Revesby Workers Club, Brett Street Revesby.

Steve is renowned for his research work on Rock Lobsters and will be talking specifically on the Eastern (Green) Rock Lobster at our meeting. Our members are eagerly awaiting his visit for what will be a very informative and interesting evening. I'm quite certain all divers would like to know more about this most elusive creature.

It is our pleasure to extend an invitation to any members of your club, who would like to meet and hear Steve, to attend this meeting.

Yours in Diving

Mel Brown Tel. (02)4283m2517

For and on behalf of
Revesby Workers Underwater Club

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3rd November 1997

As part of my research of shipwrecks I would like to know if any of your Club Members had dived the wreck of the AUSTRALIS STAR?

As this wreck is only in 30m (100 feet) of water close to Sydney, it is likely to attract a large number of divers.

If possible would you mind asking this question at the next meeting or putting a note in the Wet Rag, so that those divers may be able to contact me?

Thanking you for your support,
Yours in Diving

John Sumner

Tel 9558.2900

PS 1. I and 16 others have just dived with Bill Marden on the SATARA and CATTERTHUN at Seal Rocks on 1-2 Nov. 97.

PS 2. I have copies of Peter Fields and John Riley's book "MYOLA" previously \$18 retail, now advertised in Sept/Oct Dive Log at \$10 plus post \$3 = \$13. For SPDC members I have copies at \$7.50. Someone may get some copies from me for your next meeting? JS

Junior Dive Reports

My Dive Report by Craig Egginton

On the night of Saturday the 10th, Mum, Dad, Nathan and myself dived Bare Island.

The viz wasn't too good, but the water temp was good, with a few warmer pockets of water.

As usual there was plenty to see. Apart from the abundance of plantlife I saw a catfish that was over a metre long, a huge groper - this particular one was very curious about me and it circled close to me several times, an octopus that was hiding in a hole, a humungous leatherjacket, some intriguing nudibranchs and some quite big mosaic starfish.

To top off another excellent dive we enjoyed a barbeque tea back at our place.

Colouring Competition

Terrific prizes to be won.

Get those colouring pencils sharpened, those paint boxes and brushes ready and warm up your computer artistic talent.

THE COLOURING COMPETITION is OPEN.

Go ahead, turn the page.



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Davey Jones's Classified Page

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DIVE LIGHTS FOR SALE

I have five (5) Dive Lights for sale. I agreed to make 5 for some friends and because I had to purchase a minimum of certain items used in their construction, it was as easy to build 10. Now I have five to sell.

The lights are a head and separate battery pack. They are constructed from aluminium which has been marine grade anodised after construction. The batteries are two 7amp, 12 volt sealed lead acid, wired to give 14 amps. The switch is on the lid. The battery pack has provision to be mounted on a scuba cylinder using a strap, bum mounted under twin tanks or clipped to a back plate under a divers arm alongside their chest.

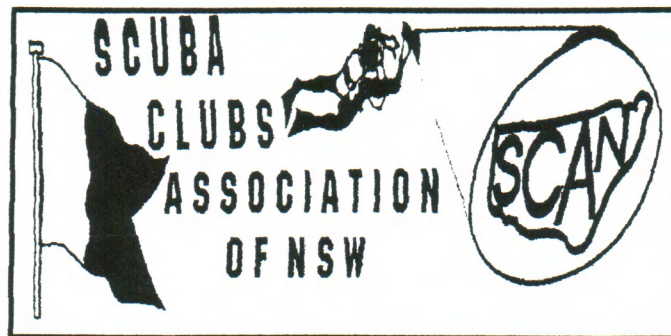
The head is small and simple, similar to the Dive Rite L1 light head. A knurled handle with a globe and 75mm reflector at one end. The reflector has provision to zoom at short notice. The torches come standard with a 50 watt bulb which will give a burn time around 2.5 hours. They can easily and cheaply be changed to 100watt (1.25 hrs) or 30 watt (4.5 hrs) bulbs.

The lights weigh 8kg on land but only 3kg in fresh water. The lights are for divers who want a serious dive light for cave diving, wreck diving or cooking small critter on night dives.

The lights are \$750 and come complete with a battery charger. If you are interested I can send photos, give you the names of people who have them as referees and if you are really serious I will make arrangements for you to see one.

I will not be making any more, but should the need arise I will always have parts as I have two myself.

If you are interested ring Neil Vincent (02) 439 71798 or email neilv@ozemail.com.au



29th and 30th November

SCAN is holding a dive weekend at Jervis Bay there will be a meeting at Huskisson in the park on Saturday night.

Accommodation by - motel, caravan or camping. You will have to ring and arrange this yourself. Diving throughout the entire weekend.

For further details and information call Gordon McDonald on 9519-7850 or (017) 811 422 to discuss details.

I will need boats as well for the weekend.

SCAN - 15th February 1998
This is SCAN's main dive event of the year

La Perouse - Frenchmans Bay, another giant combined Clubs dive and BBQ lunch day. Enjoy the entertainment. Meet other divers you may not have seen for sometime. Discuss news about diving. Exchange stories. This alone could take all day. Boat diving and shore diving or just turn up for the social activities.

Ring Gordon on 9519 7850 or 017 811 422

Try a diving adventure away from the city pressures.

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Four Day dive trip. Several spaces still available. For further information contact Peter Foster on 9564 2654.

Share in the diving pleasures of Jervis Bay.

Young Vis for Nevilles
Adult Watch_ Get a life corner. au. giggle. giggle



Competition Rules: 1. No help from parents. 2. Maximum age limit 15 yrs.

3. Postal entries no later than 10/12/97.

4. Entries accepted at the Christmas Party on 14/12/97 5. No food marks

Age Categories: 1-3years, 3-6 years, 7-11years, 12-15 years.

COME ON, SHOW US HOW GOOD YOU ARE.

Little Vis for Nevilles
Adult Watch_Get a life corner.au.giggle.giggle



Special Category for Ages 1-3 years and 3-6years

Supreme Arbiters will be Santa & his helpers - to be selected on the day (14/12/97). Special Judge for computer enhanced entries and technical content. (Use big pencils or crayons.)

Don't forget there are great prizes to be won.

President's Message

Gordon McDonald Tel 95197850

Well another month has gone by and most will have started gearing up for the festive season. I have now returned to diving, with two dives under my belt and, it feels fantastic.

I have sent the magnetometer back to Bob Ramsay in South Australia for replacement. He has promised us a new magnetometer by 10th November, this has now come and gone. I rang Bob and he assured me that I will have it by the 17th November (here's hoping)

Photographic Group.

Bob May's position of Photographic Group Leader was received with enthusiasm and he is hopeful of its future. He is looking forward to starting up. Please contact Bob if you are interested. It will take a lot of experienced photographers to launch this project.

Christmas Party

Now to the Christmas party, at the September Committee meeting it was voted to have a free MEMBERS PARTY everything provided, except for visitors. This was presented in the October Wet Rag. I then put this to the members at the October General Meeting, this in turn was discussed by the members at length, a motion was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken, the following resulted:

- 1 A charge will be levied on all attending at \$10.00 per head, children to be free under the age of fourteen
- 2 An allowance of \$60.00 for red & white wine also \$35.00 for watermelon & fruit.
- 3 A further allowance of \$200.00 for children's presents and prizes to be given out on the day to those present. Some of the above costs will be covered by sponsors and the surplus of the levied monies.
- 4 Liquid amber is being sponsored and supplied by GEOFF COOK & RUSSELL STOKER once again many thanks and appreciation from myself and I think I will be able to speak for the rest of those attending the function.

Treasurer

We now have a new treasurer Mr GRAHAM OATES. I have now transferred to Graham all the books and will assist him as he requires. Thank you Graham.



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Membership fees.

It was discussed at the November committee meeting the position of membership fees. After a short discussion a vote was taken and it was decided membership fees would stay the same. \$15.00 for singles & \$20.00 for Partners or Families which will be encouraged. The five year membership will no longer be offered, those in existence will continue till their completion. This will alleviate any financial fiscal problems.

New Memberships.

All new members will be required to attend a General Meeting for acceptance and a formal introduction to the members. They will also be asked to give a brief description of their diving background and interests. After this they will be given a letter of acceptance with a full comprehensive folder containing brochures and paper work on the background of the club (thus steadily using up our surplus of leftovers in stock). Distance from the club will be taken into consideration or other special circumstances to be approved by the committee at its earliest convenience.

Membership Renewals.

Renewal forms will be sent out with the December Wet Rag. Your early attention to this will help balance our financial affairs. Do not use any old forms. The new renewals have been completely changed so as to suit the Data Base.

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More President's Message

I am now looking forward to the big push with the photographic presentation night and working with the photographic committee, Peter Flockart, Lee Harvey, Paul Howlett and Leo Bergagnin. I only hope this list will get bigger as the needs arise so as to meet the challenge ahead. Without you, the members, it cannot succeed to the heights we wish to achieve.

Further to this every member within the club will be expected to be Ambassadors and Public Relations Officers in lifting the exciting profile of the event to the public or whoever you may come in contact with. I think this is an integral part of the club's future and will be a major contributing factor in the progress and development of all the club activities.

We are at present looking for members thoughts on this matter and encourage discussion on this at our meetings. If possible forward your comments to me in writing. All ideas and comments will be discussed by the Photo. Committee.

So make the effort come to the meetings and express your feelings and ideas, this is where the real success of the Presentation Night is Born

The presentation night has now started. Peter Flockart has launched our advertising campaign, with major publicity in DIVE LOG, SPORT DIVER and various other publications in Australia and overseas. So full speed ahead, pull out all stops.

THE WET RAG.

Because of circumstances at this time, this months Wet Rag expenditure will be as follows.

Stamps and postage	\$ 83.20
Envelopes & Labels	\$ 14.25
Photocopying 180 x 7 x 10c	\$126.00
Correlating stapling	\$ 64.80
	<u>\$288.25</u>

Total cost per member = materials only.

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well out of Breath till next time.

Don't forget John Szwecow's slide presentation next Monday.

Socialising Socialites

Debbie Davis



Pre-Christmas Dinner

Saturday night 15th November,
7.30pm at Greenfield Station
Restaurant at Bankstown Sports Club
Enjoy a pre-Christmas dinner and drinks with your club members. From then on it is go go go over the silly season. Also, this can be a "thank you" to the Bankstown Sports Club for the use of their facilities during the year for our meetings.

For bookings phone:
Debbie Davis 982 13740

Max Western's Sea-Tamer II Dive Charters

Bookings and Information
Phone Max on 9524 1818

★ THE Christmas Party ★

*** Sunday 14th December ***

Starting time 8am until you finish.

Further details see the lift out section of the newsletter.

Indulge yourselves - join us!!!!



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Committee Members for November 1997

Club Phone: (041)134 3200

Position/Group	Name	Home Number	Work Number
President	Gordon McDonald	9519 7850 ph&fax.	(017)811 422 (mob)
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Photography Group	Bob May Training Co-ord	(045)79 1053	
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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.

Name	Home Number	Work Number
Geoff Cook	9543 5817	(018)294 891
Mark Dietz	(046)482 511	(046)482 254
Martin Kandilas	9725 7808	9725 7808
John Fardoulis	(043)422939	(041)9230 244
John Beddie - Magnetometer	9820 4272	(046)201 746
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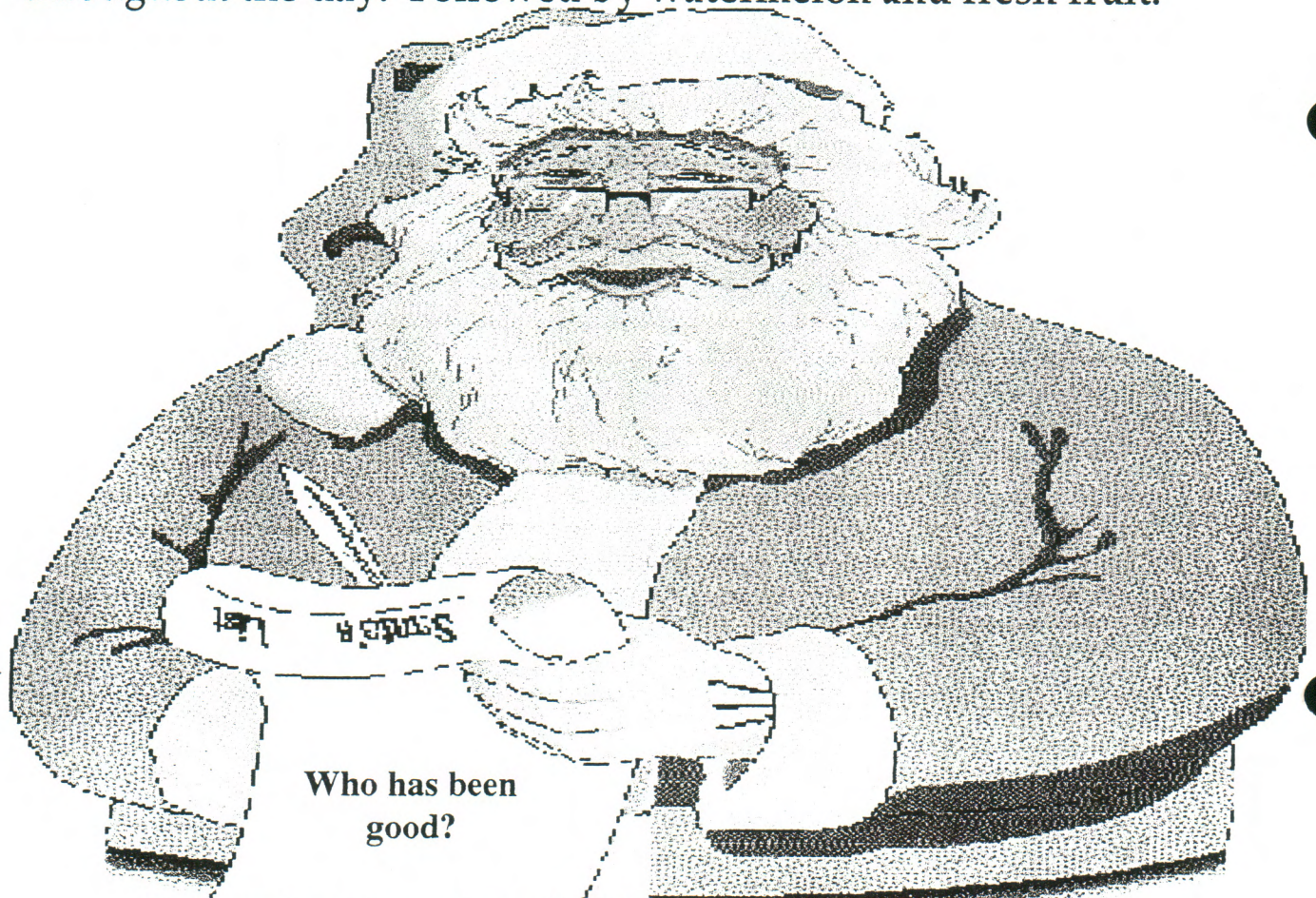
Some of our Club Sponsors

A BIG Thank you to the following South Pacific Divers' Club sponsors:

Sponsor Name	Contact	Phone Number
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Dive Quest, Mullaway	Chris or Gary	(066) 54 1930
Max Western's Sea-Tamer II - Charter	Max	9524 1818 or (018)280 791
Shiprock Dive	Lilli Pilli - Leo or Lesley	9526 2664
Southern Cross Divers	The Spit Marina - Barry	9969 5072
South West Rocks Dive	Noel or Belinda	(065)666 474
Twofold Dive Charters	Eden - Peter or Lorna	(064)961 778

CHRISTMAS PARTY
NEILSON PARK
VAUCLUSE
(Vaucluse Rd)

See you there from 10am on Sunday 14th December. The banquet lunch to start at 12.30pm. Delight in the succulent, golden beef spit roast with jacket potatoes, sour cream, choose from the three garden fresh salads, and dinner rolls. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day. Followed by watermelon and fresh fruit.



Who has been
good?

Red and white wine, the liquid amber will be supplied.

You will need to bring along drinking vessels and cups.

Santa will be making a surprise appearance, if he is in a good mood.

WHEN MAKING YOUR PHONE BOOKING YOU WILL BE GIVEN
A NUMBER, THIS WILL ENTITLE YOU TO YOUR MEAL.

9519 7850 (NO BOOKING NO FOOD.) 9519 7850