



# NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 453 Hurstville South 2221 NSW

**December 2006**

## **Ulladulla Weekend Diving Trip Report 11-12th November 2006**

**By Paul Pacey**

The motley crew consisted of...

Ron Bryant

Brian Byrnes

Gordon Coops

The Hamburglar (author)

Rob Mapstone

Ray Moulan

Phil Rose (Trip organiser)

Geoff Sanders (supported by Margaret)

Phil had organised three cabins at the Headland Caravan park into which we all settled comfortably on the Friday night. We were diving with Ulladulla Divers who also had a group from Sydney Dive Academy for the weekend. This meant that they had too many divers in total for their boat. The plan called for us to dive in shifts whereby all the SDA's (no, not those SDA's, the diving SDA's) would go out for a dive while we slept in, then they returned to the wharf and, after swapping gear around, we headed out for a dive. This may sound cumbersome but it worked really well because their boat goes fast and the dive site are close by. In between dives they ply you with soup, coffee, muffins and stuff while you enjoy the beauty of Ulladulla harbour from the park behind the boat ramp – very tidy indeed. The service we received from Ulladulla Divers was first class. They have good equipment, a great sense of humour and really enjoy seeing us have a good time too. Their boat is one of those things that can't make up its mind to be an inflatable or a real boat – but

it does the job a treat and sitting on the gunnels is really comfy in a choppy sea.



**Blue Devil Fish**

**Photo by Bryan Byrnes**

## **2007 Calendar**

See the end of this newsletter for the 2007 calendar.

And what a year it looks like being. There are 18 away trips on the calendar including:

- Chuuk Lagoon
- 2 to the Coral Sea / Osprey Reef
- North and South Solitary Islands trips
- 2 to South West Rocks
- Forster, Jervis Bay, Ulladulla, Port Stephens and the Central Coast

As well as diving there's camping, 4WD and skiing!

So now is the time to start planning, start saving and get ready for 2007!

### **Dive 1 (Saturday) – Burrill Rocks**

Viz, at less than 10 metres, was not great. But when we hit the bottom we could see straight away that the topography was sheer walls and huge boulders below – excellent for swim throughs' and for finding things that "lurk" in the dark. Strangely there didn't seem to be a lot of fish life swimming around apart from the usual clouds of small sweep and some Yellow Tails. The scenery is quite colourful but the growth where we dived was not outstanding – we made up for this on later dives though. It was fun exploring the canyons, crevices, tunnels' and swim throughs'. The poor viz quickly had the group split up (we lost Ron at the anchor - oops) so I was not surprised to meet another diver head on whilst swimming through one narrow squeeze. Thanks for letting me through Rob (it might have been Geoff?). Brian was blasting off digital film all over the place but I realised after a few shots with my Sony camera that I was wasting my time with the dodgy viz. In hindsight this dive was the worst viz that we had all weekend.

**Dive 2 (Saturday) – Home Bommie.**

This dive site is right outside the harbour (hence the name, I guess). This is a really nice dive site. The viz was much better at, maybe 12 metres, and even descending we could see that the top of the reef was about 15 metres and then terraced down to about 25 metres. This site is spectacularly coloured with a carpet of gorgonians, sponges and sea whips. There are numerous small caves and plenty of crevices and canyons to explore. You really need a good torch to appreciate this site as the colourful growth is plentiful but it's deep so, without a good torch, you're not going to fully appreciate it – the patchy overcast sky wasn't helping us here either. One advantage of the depth here is that the sponge gardens are in excellent condition and the pounding seas just don't affect these dive sites to any extent. Brian went into a shutter frenzy when we found a Blue Devil Fish that was happy to pose for him. We lost Ron at the anchor again – I don't think he likes us. Brian and I eventually found a cave where, at the entrance, some wag has placed a concrete seal complete with balanced ball. The cave has a swim through but Steve the Skipper asked us not to swim through it as it was a bit squeezezy. For some really weird reason, we didn't swim through it.

**Paul Pacey****Photo by Brian Byrnes****Dive 3 – (Sunday) – North Bommie**

It rained Saturday night and Sunday morning was overcast, but, with an early start we didn't have time to worry about that! Off to the shop at 7:00am to load the boat as Phil had negotiated that we would get the first dive on Sunday. Phil is wasting his time at Qantas - he should be a UN negotiator. He even convinced the Caravan Park manager to give us a bit of a refund for our no-shows. What a guy!

It's a short boat ride to North Bommie and the viz was good again at about 12m. When we hit the bottom I noticed that the terrain was pretty flat and the anchor was in a pretty featureless area. I figured I had zilch chance of finding this anchor again so I'd better follow Karen the DM. This was amazing – everyone followed Karen.

I've never seen so much togetherness on a SGSC dive before. This dive site might be fairly flat but it's very colourful – even better than Home Bommie (IMHO). Brian's camera got a workout when we found the friendliest Blue Devilfish on the coast. Brian had to keep pushing him away from the camera so he could get a shot. Either this fish is a real ham or he's a digital freak and was checking out the megapixels on Brian's camera. We sighted another Blue Devil Fish later in the dive too. On the way back we tarried a little too much and we lost the bunch. To make matters more interesting I hit deco and figured Brian had to be there too. We ascended to the top of the reef and headed back to where we figured we had to be close to the anchor and I was preparing for a clear water ascent when Karen appeared. We still hadn't sighted the anchor but when we got to 10 metres the anchor rope appeared out of the murk – BINGO!

**Dive 4 – (Sunday) – Lighthouse Wall**

This was a drift dive south along a wall that starts slightly south of the Lighthouse. The wall is sheer from (I'm guessing here) 12 metres down to the sandy bottom at 20 metres. The wall is covered in ascidians, small gorgonians, Sea Tulips and lotsa strange colourful things besides. There's lots of Nudibranchs but they all seemed to be the same type to me and, no, I don't know what they're called. There were a few Moray's and the major discovery was a Blind Shark which at about a metre long was the biggest one I've ever seen. With minimal current this was a very relaxing dive with ample opportunity to stop and explore the myriad crevices along the wall. Although I found it a bit too surgy at the top of the wall. An easy clear water ascent and back on the boat – too easy. We were amazed at how far along the wall we'd come – perhaps 500metres from the entry point.

Of course there's more to a weekend away than just diving, right? And the Ulladulla Pub supplied some quality food at reasonable cost as well as a quenching ale or two. The Caravan Park is excellent too and would have to be one of the best positioned parks along the coast. We stayed in cabins but I noticed the Camp Sites are fantastic and the camp kitchens are numerous and well set up too.

Phil, thanks for organising a fabulous weekend.

Paul Pacey (AKA The Hamburglar – see Ray Moulan for details)

**Cod Hole Ribbon Reefs (GBR) Undersea Explorer**  
**November 2006**  
**by Jason Coombs**

On a fantastic trip to Osprey with many notable stories we steamed back overnight to the Great Barrier Reef and the famous cod hole (there is no hole – don't let them suck you in to that one!). The water was flat and clear with a current running so we decided to do a drift from a wall around the corner to the shallow reef.

Peter Trayhurn and I jumped in, and as the bubbles cleared I saw a white tip reef shark swimming 20 metres below me as clear as anything - that's a good start.

As we descended a large school of barracuda came in nice and close and we got some shots. Then a grey reef shark ambled by checking us out.

As we went around the point we had a current with us which was getting stronger. Pete headed out to the pinnacle to have a look and I stayed back near the reef.

Just then I heard tapping. Our dive guide Chris was signalling "shark". As I swam closer I could see a large shark making repeated passes in close to him and Richard from RUC. We had been warned about the resident Bull shark.

As I got closer the shark noticed me and came out to have a look. I lined up the camera and it kept getting closer. I thought I'm going to get a good shot here, and then I realised - actually that's a bit too close!

The shark circled for second pass and that was enough for me. I moved in closer to the other two divers – safety in numbers; odds of being bitten 1/3 instead of 1/1.

Up current Pete had spotted the action and he came charging down. A fearsome sight with twins, yellow hood and his two cameras, double strobe and double torch set up we watched on in awe.

The shark realized he was coming and went out to meet him. By this time Pete was coasting with the current while the shark swam effortlessly against it. They were playing chicken and it didn't seem as though Pete's teeth were big enough.



**Pete meets the Bull Shark – Photo courtesy of Undersea Explorer**

But, in the end it was the shark that turned and on his own turf....



**Pete chases the Bull Shark – Photo courtesy of Undersea Explorer**

Even as Pete slowed his swimming he kept chasing after the bull shark – all 2.5metres of it! Needless to say I left Pete to it as he kept on going snapping away seemingly oblivious to the size of the shark.

Although last laugh to the shark; even after going nose to nose with cutting-edge digital camera equipment (x2) and the latest in strobe and torch technology Pete didn't report any great shots, one of which might have been its tonsils!

After that heart pounding entertainment I found it difficult to take any interest in the potato cod and other reef fish in the very clear water in the shallows.



**Pete still chasing the Bull Shark – Photo courtesy of Undersea Explorer**

Given that there is a growing awareness of what we are doing to the environment and that sharks are the top of the food chain I got a huge amount of enjoyment from some the talks from the marine biologist and satisfaction from what my money was supporting.

They caught nautilus, krill and baby flying fish for us to discover and talk about. If you genuinely believe that the next generation should see all the great things we are seeing underwater then the Undersea Explorer is the trip for you.

And Kelly has it on the calendar for next October, it's a big trip - big things with even bigger teeth!



**Bull Shark (Carcharhinus leucas)**

**Photo by Jason Coombs**

## **A shark by any other name...**

**By Jason Coombs**

The Bull Shark is one of the trinity of the most feared sharks along with the Great White and Tiger shark.

The case for the bull shark being "numero uno" is its adaptability - omnivorous diet and wide range. It is thought to be responsible for many unreported attacks in Africa and South America.

A bull shark attacked a race horse in the Brisbane River and it was the species blamed for the death of a swimmer last year at North Stradbroke Island.

The Bull Shark has been recorded in a wide range of habitat, from the surf to depths of 150m.

It has also been reported 4,000km from the ocean in the Amazon and as far north in the Mississippi as Illinois. It inhabits rivers in Australia and India as well.

Female bull sharks grow to 3.5metres and males to just over 2metres. I guess the females in charge then!

Due to its wide range the Bull Shark goes by many names including:

- River Shark
- Freshwater Whaler
- Estuary Whaler
- Swan River Whaler
- Sunderbans (India)
- Ganges shark (India)
- Zambezi River shark (or colloquially as Zambezi)
- Nicaragua Shark
- Cub Shark
- Shovelnose Shark
- Bull Whaler

And who says common names make things easier! Just for the record its scientific name is *Carcharhinus leucas*, but that doesn't really roll off the tongue.

In fact it's our old friend the Grey Nurse Shark that should be called a bull shark. Its scientific name is *Carcharias Taurus* – Taurus the bull!



## Diving the SS Yongala

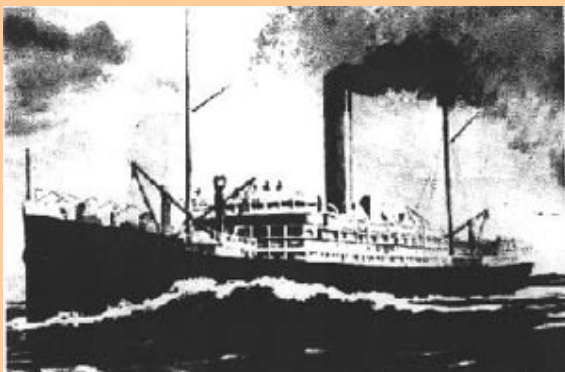
**Carol Martin & John MacPherson**

After a wonderful week diving on the undersea explorer, I travelled down to Airlie Beach with Robyn and John to catch up with some other girlfriends from Sydney who were meeting us there for some well deserved R&R.

Following a couple of days swilling cocktails and lounging about the pool, John and I decided that we should go "do" the Yongala as we were in the neighbourhood.

We drove up on the Tuesday morning back to Ayr and met up with the crew from the Alva Beach Dive Shop. After the usual gear sorting and dive brief, we travelled over the sand dunes to where the boat was being launched. The boat is a 10 metre ridged hull inflatable lovingly called the "Yongala Express" and takes only about 40 mins to get out to the wreck. The weather on the day was sunny, seas were a bit bumpy but otherwise fine - this is a very weather dependent dive site.

### Some facts to keep the "wreckies" happy



The SS Yongala lies within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, only 12 nautical miles from Yongala Dive's base at Alva Beach.

She sank in 1911 with the loss of all aboard, creating one of Australia's most intriguing maritime mysteries as she lay undiscovered for more than half a century.

Lying in 14 -28 metres of water and over 100 metres long it is one of the largest and most intact historic shipwrecks in Australia.

There are a max number of 12 divers on the trip so you don't feel as if you are part of a large diving mass. They split us into 2 groups depending on dive experience with both groups having a dive guide. When we arrived at the site, there was a very strong surface current which required lots of lead and cross over lines to the wreck mooring, thankfully below 5 metres there was little to no current at all.

What can I say about a dive that other people have waxed lyrical about? It really is one of the most amazing dives I have done both here in Australia and overseas. The deck and rafters are covered in soft corals with sea whips, hard coral and fans interspersed along the whole of the ship. Schools of barracuda, a solitary large dog toothed tuna and a big school of jacks were the first fish to greet us, then came the batfish, sea snakes, groper, large potato and greasy cod, turtles and large rays and this was in the first 5 minutes! We slowly moved down the ship to the bow then along the hull back to the stern - nice easy, slow diving. Just when you think it's all about huge fish, there are nudibranchs and small critters that I've never seen before. Amongst everything else are large colonies of anemone's and their cranky fish friends with other small tropicals who have all made the ship their home.

The guide was pretty good and after watching how we dived, pretty much left John and I to explore on our own. Usual rules about coming back with 50 bar, no deco time etc etc. They do check your air when you get back - and they think I am a freak! Back on board for surface interval and nibbles, I asked about the shark life. There is apparently a resident bull shark that sits just off the bow and stays there while there are divers about - they do occasionally get tigers and white tips cruising past, but the bull is there all the time.

### 2nd Dive

Not to be missed. Same surface current - bit stronger this time but easy to manage because of the lines. Same profile as before but this time the guide signalled me to follow him out from the bow. He pointed at a school of small fish but I couldn't distinguish anything else at first - then it materialised like one of those 3D puzzles. A big bull shark that slowly started to move towards us. Me not being as brave as Peter T (or just not as daft), I moved back to the safety of the bow - followed rather quickly by the guide. He was big!! (the shark that is, not the guide).

Anyway, with that bit of excitement over, we slowly made our way back along the wreck, watched the smaller of the turtles munching away at the soft corals, totally oblivious to us being close by and just enjoyed the rest of the dive. Another large school of barracuda stayed with us at the 5 metre safety stop, which we prolonged as long as possible.

Once we were all back on board, it was another quick journey back to the beach and shop where we helped unload the boat, washed the gear and were then treated to a BBQ.

Excellent days diving with a extremely professional, organised but still pretty laid back and friendly dive team. They do have accommodation upstairs from the shop which is basic but fine and they also provide special deals/packages for diving/accommodation which includes breakfast and BBQ lunch post dive - contact details below. It's the way I would go the next time as John and I then had to unfortunately drive back to Airlie beach that evening (2 and a half hours) which was the last thing I felt like doing. Would be also good to avoid the early start - 5.30 that morning to get to the shop on time.

We made it back though and as hard as it was, met up with the rest of the gang for beer and pizza.

As for the rest of the trip.....well you know what they say, "what goes on tour, stays on tour"!

### **SCAN DAY - 26 November by Michael McFadyen**

Unfortunately, the fine weather from the Saturday disappeared overnight and a raging wind and sea prevailed Sunday morning. John Beddie had to cancel a few days earlier as he was ill and on Sunday morning Ian Gowan could not make it from Port Hacking around such were the seas. As this would then mean that Le Scat would have to be used for all 30 plus St George divers, I decided that it was not worthwhile and made the executive decision to can the boat dives.

We arrived at La Perouse to find that the seas were indeed not good but you could get over to Kurnell and dive near and south of The Leap. There were no boats there at this time so I spoke to all the St George members and advised that a shore dive was the only option

unless they wanted to try for a dive on the other Clubs' boats if they arrived. I also tried to phone all the members diving at 9:30 to let them know what was happening but was only partially successful.

Soon most of the St George crew was off to Bare Island. Everyone reported having a good dive. Kelly and I took Andreas and Hazel off to Isolated Reef One but we soon had to take them back to the main reef as Hazel was low on air.



**Red Indian fish – Ron Walsh**

Kelly and I then returned to the reef and saw two red Indianfish, two firefish and more. We ran into a few of the

gang out here and told them where to find one of the RIF (which they did).

After the dive, we got back to Frenchmans Bay to see that two boats were parked on the road and two in the water. Another turned up soon. I was really surprised to see that Robbie Mapstone had bought the DOUTS boat around from Sydney Harbour, better him than me.



Anyway, some St George members hitched rides on other boats and soon the BBQ was underway. The weather started to get a bit better and in the end it was quite nice. As well as St George, South Pacific Divers Club was present in large numbers (about the same as us), Ryde and Port Hacking had a few members present and the University clubs of NSW and Wollongong and the Australian National University also had a few members present. DOUTS and URG were also present. All up, I estimate that there were about 120 people present.

Thanks to the two Daves (from Ryde and our own Mr Burns) for doing most of the cooking. A great day despite the weather caused problems.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Monthly Meetings

The next meeting of the St George Scuba Club will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at the St. George Rowing Club, 1 Levey Street Wooli Creek at 8.00 pm. Come along about 7 pm and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

### Thursday Night Dives

These continue to be very popular, with at least six divers every week. Recent dives have included an exploration dive at The Monuments (very good) and a drift dive from Oak Park to Bass and Flinders.

If you are not on the email list for these dives, email Michael McFadyen and he will notify you every week about the week's dive location. The Club web site also has up to date information about the dive.

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

### Boat Dive – Wattamolla 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006

If you are interested in this dive please call Les Caterson on Ph. 9520 9421.

### Boat Dive – Black Streak 17<sup>th</sup> December 2006

This dive filled at the November meeting. Michael McFadyen will contact everyone who booked on in the week leading up to the dive.

### Shore Dive Bare Island - Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Come along and have a great pre-Christmas dive. See red Indianfish, sea horses and sea dragons and maybe even pygmy pipe horses. Meet at 9 am above the island. Bring some bacon, eggs etc along and afterwards we will have a BBQ breakie. Contact Michael McFadyen ph.9558 8181 if you are interested.

### Boat Dives Christmas to New Year

Les and Michael will be taking the boat out most days between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve. If you are interested, contact Michael or Les.

### Shore Dive – The Leap 7<sup>th</sup> January 2007

If you are interested in this dive please call Jason Coombs 9345 0488.

### South West Rocks – Boat Diving 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007

We have booked for a trip to South West Rocks where you can enjoy some fantastic diving including diving the World famous Fish Rock Cave which is rated in the top ten dive sites in Australia. If you haven't dived SWR before, you are in for a real treat. Plenty of Grey Nurse shark action too! In between dives the SWR area itself is really pretty and there's quite a lot of things to do.

Accommodation will be in the Divers lodge above Dive Shop from Sunday night

21st January 2007 until Thursday night 25th January (5 nights). This is very tidy diving - after breakfast, walk downstairs, throw your kit in the boat and they take you diving. Only a live-aboard is more convenient.

Diving on Monday (22nd), Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (25th) - all double

boat dives.

Cost will be \$485.

See [www.SouthWestRocksDive.com.au](http://www.SouthWestRocksDive.com.au) for more info.

Please let Paul Pacey know if you want to come along ASAP.

### Shellharbour – Boat Diving 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Now full but taking names for reserve list.

Shellharbour is only just over an hour from Sydney and has really great diving. We are planning a weekend there starting Friday 2 February and ending Sunday 4 February.

Accommodation will be in cabins at the Warilla Bowling Club (\$50 each person including Saturday BBQ) and we will use Club boats (four available).

Contact Michael McFadyen (michael@michaelmcfadyenscuba.info) if you are interested.

### Girls Weekend - Shore Diving 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2007

See flyer at the end of the newsletter.

This newsletter reconfirms its position as an equal opportunities publication and in no way condones separation of male and females on trips.

## OTHER NEWS

### St George Scuba Club Away Trip Policy

Away trips are one of the key activities of the club allowing members to dive different destinations cheaply and with other members in a social environment.

Arrangements for trips including advance bookings for accommodation and diving services require members to commit months in advance. The ability to deliver trips cheaply and effectively based on discounts due to numbers of divers.

While unforeseen circumstances (sickness and emergencies) cannot be helped members withdrawing from trips at a late stage are a significant disruption.

A deposit of \$50 (or 20%) is required to book a trip and the club has a policy that cancellations within a month of the trip will incur the full cost unless:

- 1) You find a replacement; or
- 2) The organiser can get a discount from the operator(s)

If you do cancel please do it by phone call to ensure the person organising receives the

message. E-mails as we know can be lost in cyber space.

Bookings for trips and dives may be made at any time throughout the year so check your dates! Clipboards will be at the club meeting for bookings 3 months before the trips.

Remember that members go to a lot of effort to organise club trips for no reward. Your cooperation and consideration of this are greatly appreciated by the Club.

### Trip Organiser Guide

Payment to Operators can be made with a Cheque from the Treasurer, where possible.

A Trip Calculation Sheet can be downloaded from the Website.

The Club provides a \$5 per member only away trip subsidy. Traditionally this has been used to provide a BBQ but can be used to reduce the cost of the trip or for a free air fill.

Additional subsidies apply from time to time, ask a committee member if an additional subsidy applies for your trip.



### St George Scuba Club Annual Ladies Week-end Away

The Ladies trip is on again this year, for the week-end of February 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. High tide will be 8:45 am and 9:30 am, which is perfect for shore diving at Port Stephens.

Easts Holiday Park at Soldiers Point (not our regular lodgings) have come to the party, with pool side Cabins and a late (3:30 pm) check-out.



Have a look at <http://www.eastholidayparks.com.au/index.html> for more information. Easts are also next to the Bowling Club, which will be the location for our Saturday night feed.

Accommodation cost will be \$85 for the week-end, possibly less depending on numbers. St George Scuba Club members will receive a \$5 club subsidy off the accommodation cost.

Diving will be at Halifax Park, Fly Point or The Pipeline, at high tide.



Halifax Park Dive Site

A deposit of \$50 is required to book your spot.

All of our Ladies week-ends have been great trips away, with good diving and lots of laughs. So, contact me to book on 9558 8181 or 0410 599 186 or [kelly@michaelmcfadyenscuba.info](mailto:kelly@michaelmcfadyenscuba.info)

This specially formatted article from Dave Burns didn't fit our columns!

*Swansea Drift and Bridge Dive.  
November 19<sup>TH</sup> 2006.  
By Dave Burns and Bram Harris.*

*These two dives are very popular club dives usually picked up on the return journey from Dive Weekends north of here like Foster or Nelsons Bay or dive weekends to the Central Coast. Arriving in the morning around 0800 and quickly overcoming the logistics of doing this dive with only one car, Bram and I were soon standing on the wharf at Swansea RSL ready to go. Plunging into the incoming tide we soon dropped to the bottom of the channel and headed upstream to the famed Swansea Bridge. Its no wonder that this bridge is a popular fishing spot with under the bridge teeming with KINGFISH, LARGE BREAM, SWEEP, LARGE RED MORWONG, SEA PIKE, ESTUARY COD, SEA MULLET and some lost and forlorn Puffer Fish. Gliding through the pylons and abandoned construction material we continued on up the channel sweeping across the channel from side to side hardly spending a cent of energy and after a bottom time of around 35mins we surfaced just near where I had parked the car earlier.*

*Unfortunately Bram's computer went AWOL but the change over time was minimal and it wasn't long before we both joined Kelly, Heinz and Michael for the scheduled second dive, the Bridge Dive, at the Boat Shed ramp.*

*This was also enjoyable but the recent work by the RTA has squeezed up the tide times and now the bottom time that you can spend under the bridge has shortened by about 10 to 15 mins. Apart from that, these are definitely two dives that you should do when the opportunity arises.*

*Dave Burns.*

### The Committee for 2006 – 2007 is:

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Kelly Jandik	9558 8181	<a href="mailto:kelly@michaelmcfadyenscuba.info">kelly@michaelmcfadyenscuba.info</a>
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT:</b>	Phil Rose	9543 0748	<a href="mailto:pvrose5@bigpond.net.au">pvrose5@bigpond.net.au</a>
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Elly Caterson	9520 9421	<a href="mailto:lescat2@bigpond.net.au">lescat2@bigpond.net.au</a>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Mark Ridsdale	9523 8166	<a href="mailto:MSRConsulting@aol.com">MSRConsulting@aol.com</a>
<b>ASST SEC / TRES</b>	Eddie Ivers	9526 5910	<a href="mailto:eddieivers@aol.com">eddieivers@aol.com</a>
<b>EDITOR:</b>	Jason Coombs	9345 0488	<a href="mailto:j.coombs@unsw.edu.au">j.coombs@unsw.edu.au</a>

Please send items for the Newsletter to me by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month [J.Coombs@unsw.edu.au](mailto:J.Coombs@unsw.edu.au).

## TIDES: DECEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec
H 43	H 141	H 244	H 349	H 450	H 0543	L 0008
L 601	L 702	L 812	L 930	L 1047	L 1156	H 634
H 1238	H 1334	H 1438	H 1546	H 1654	H 1757	L 1300
L 1939	L 2036	L 2133	L 2229	L 2320	L	H 1857
3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec
L 0054	L 0140	L 0225	L 0310	L 0355	L 0440	H 7
H 0722	H 0810	H 0856	H 0942	H 1028	H 1114	L 0528
L 1358	L 1453	L 1544	L 1633	L 1722	L 1810	H 1201
H 1954	H 2048	H 2139	H 2228	H 2318	H	L 1856
10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec
H 0056	H 0146	H 0238	H 0334	H 0427	H 0516	H 0559
L 0619	L 0712	L 0810	L 0915	L 1024	L 1128	L 1224
H 1247	H 1333	H 1421	H 1515	H 1613	H 1711	H 1805
L 1941	L 2025	L 2109	L 2154	L 2237	L 2320	L
17-Dec	18-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	22-Dec	23-Dec
L 0001	L 0042	L 0124	L 0207	L 0249	L 0332	L 0416
H 0640	H 0721	H 0802	H 0842	H 0923	H 1005	H 1049
L 1316	L 1403	L 1446	L 1528	L 1611	L 1654	L 1739
H 1857	H 1947	H 2034	H 2120	H 2204	H 2249	H 2336
24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec
L 503	H 0027	H 0119	H 0215	H 0316	H 0418	H 0518
H 1135	L 0556	L 0654	L 0800	L 0916	L 1037	L 1152
L 1826	H 1224	H 1316	H 1414	H 1519	H 1632	H 1743
H	L 1914	L 2003	L 2053	L 2147	L 2242	L 2336

## TIDES: JANUARY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31-Dec	1-Jan	2-Jan	3-Jan	4-Jan	5-Jan	6-Jan
H 0613	L 0028	L 0120	L 0210	L 0258	L 0343	L 0425
L 1259	H 0706	H 0756	H 0845	H 0930	H 1012	H 1053
H 1849	L 1359	L 1451	L 1536	L 1618	L 1658	L 1736
L	H 1950	H 2043	H 2130	H 2213	H 2254	H 2335
7-Jan	8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan
L 0508	H 0016	H 0057	H 0140	H 0226	H 0318	H 0414
H 1132	L 0551	L 0637	L 0726	L 0823	L 0932	L 1048
L 1813	H 1210	H 1248	H 1327	H 1413	H 1510	H 1620
H	L 1849	L 1923	L 1958	L 2037	L 2122	L 2215
14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan
H 0510	H 0601	L 0005	L 00057	L 0146	L 0233	L 0319
L 1155	L 1253	H 0650	H 0737	H 0822	H 0906	H 0949
H 1731	H 1833	L 1342	L 1427	L 1509	L 1549	L 1631
L 2311	L	H 1928	H 2016	H 2101	H 2144	H 2227
21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan
L 0405	L 0453	L 0545	H 0048	H 0140	H 0238	H 0344
H 1032	H 1117	H 1205	L 0643	L 0748	L 0903	L 1030
L 1712	L 1755	L 1838	H 1254	H 1350	H 1456	H 1617
H 2312	H 2359	H	L 1922	L 2009	L 2102	L 2204
28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb
H 0452	H 0557	L 0015	L 0113	L 0203	L 0248	L 0328
L 1152	L 1301	H 0655	H 0748	H 0833	H 0914	H 0951
H 1740	H 1850	L 1356	L 1441	L 1519	L 1553	L 1625
L 2311	L	H 1947	H 2033	H 2112	H 2149	H 2224

## St. George Scuba Club - 2007 Calendar

Dates	Description	Venue / Meeting Place	Organiser	Phone No.
Jan 7th Sun	The Leap Shore Dive	Kurnell	Jason Coombs	9345 0488
Jan 17th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Jan 20th Sat	Boat Dive - Pizza Reef	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Les Caterson	9520 9421
Jan 22nd Mon - 26th Fri	South West Rocks Boat Diving Away Trip	South West Rocks	Paul Pacey	9527 2501
Jan 26th Fri	Australia Day BBQ at the Catersons	Heathcote	Elly Caterson	9520 9421
Jan 28th Sun	Boat Dive - Tabbagai	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Ian Gowan	9525 5942
Feb 2nd Fri - 4th Sun	Shellharbour Boat Diving Away Trip	Shellharbour	Michael McFadyen	9558 8181
Feb 16th Fri - 18th Sun	Girls Weekend Away Trip	Mystery	Kelly Jandik	9558 8181
Feb 17th Sat	Shore Dive - Shiprock	Shiprock Road	Paul Pacey	9527 2501
Feb 21st Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Feb 22nd Thu - 1st Mar Thu	Liveaboard Boat Diving Away Trip - Coral Sea	Cairns	Peter Trayhurn	9546 5112
Feb 24th Sat	Anniversary Dinner	To be confirmed	Elly Caterson	9520 9421
Feb 25th Sun	Boat Dive - The Wreck of the SS Hilda	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Michael McFadyen	9558 8181
Mar 4th Sun	Boat Dive - Minmi Trench	Kyeemagh Boat Ramp	Jason Coombs	9345 0488
Mar 9th Fri - 11th Sun	SCAN Weekend Away Trip Port Stephens	Nelson Bay	Les Caterson	9520 9421
Mar 18th Sun	Boat Dive - Marley Point	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Ian Gowan	9525 5942
Mar 21st Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Mar 25th Sun	Double Boat Dive - Wollongong	Wollongong Harbour	Philip Rose	9543 0748
Mar 31st Sat	Night Boat Dive - Port Hacking	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	John Beddie	9820 4272
Apr 5th Thu - 9th Mon	Easter Jervis Bay Away Trip	Jervis Bay	Ray Moulang	4620 5210
Apr 8th Sun	Shore Dive - The Leap	Kurnell	Paul Pacey	9527 2501
Apr 15th Sun	Boat Dive - Duckenfield Wreck	Rose Bay Boat Ramp	Peter Flockhart	9371 0265
Apr 18th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Apr 21st Sat	Social Evening Chinese	To be confirmed	Peter Trayhurn	9546 5112
Apr 25th Wed	Boat Dive Anzac Day - Middle Ground	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Michael McFadyen	9558 8181
Apr 29th Sun	Double Boat Dive - Coolooli / Apartments	Rose Bay Boat Ramp	Paul Watkinson	9531 7684
May 6th Sun	Boat Dive - North Head (Sydney Harbour)	Rose Bay Boat Ramp	Peter Flockhart	9371 0265
May 13th Sun	Boat Dive - The Colours	Rose Bay Boat Ramp	Jason Coombs	9345 0488
May 16th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
May 19th Sat	Shore Dive - The Leap / BBQ	Kurnell	Paul Pacey	9527 2501
May 26th Sat	Shore Dive - Bare Is. Michaels last Bachelor Dive	Bare Island	Michael McFadyen	9558 8181
Jun 8th Fri - 11th Mon	Queens Birthday South Solitary Is. Away Trip	Coffs Harbour	Eddie Ivers	9526 5910
Jun 17th Sun	Boat (Deep) Dive - The Wanderers	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Peter Flockhart	9371 0265
Jun 20th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Jun 24th Sun	Boat Dive - Tulip Reef	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Peter Flockhart	9371 0265
Jun 30th Sat - 1st Jul Sun	Swansea Dive / Watagans Camping Away Trip	Swansea	Michael McFadyen	9558 8181
Jul 8th Sun	Boat Dive - Barrens Hut	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Kelly Jandik	9558 8181
Jul 18th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Jul 20th Fri - 22nd Sun	Forster / Seal Rocks Away Trip	Forster	Jason Coombs	9345 0488
Jul 28th Sat	Christmas in July	To be confirmed	Peter Flockhart	9371 0265
Aug 5th Sun	Bass Point Shore Dive / BBQ	Bass Point	Philip Rose	9543 0748
Aug 10th Fri - 12th Sun	Jervis Bay Liveaboard Away Trip	Jervis Bay	Peter Flockhart	9371 0265
Aug 15th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Aug 17th Fri - 19th Sun	Ski Weekend	Somewhere cold	Eddie Ivers	9526 5910
Aug 26th Sun	Photo Competition Shark Point Shore Dive / BBQ	Clovelly	Peter Trayhurn	9546 5112
Sep / Oct	Chuuk Lagoon Away Trip	Micronesia	Paul Watkinson	9531 7684
Sep 6th Thu - 9th Sun	APEC Holiday Norah Head Away Trip	Norah Head	Michael McFadyen	9558 8181
Sep 16th Sun	Boat Dive - The Apartments	Rose Bay Boat Ramp	Jason Coombs	9345 0488
Sep 19th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Sep 23rd Sun - 28th Fri	North Solitary Islands Away Trip	Mulloway	Mark Ridsdale	9523 8166
Sep 28th Fri - Oct 1st Mon	South West Rocks Boat Diving Away Trip	South West Rocks	Kelly Jandik	9558 8181
Oct 6th Sat - 12th Fri	Undersea Explorer Coral Sea Away Trip	Port Douglas	Kelly Jandik	9558 8181
Oct 17th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Oct 20th Sat	Crab and Oyster Cruise	The Hawkesbury	Kelly Jandik	9558 8181
Oct 26th Fri - 28th Sun	Ulladulla Away Trip	Ulladulla	Philip Rose	9543 0748
Nov 4th Sun	SCAN Day Boat Diving	Frenchmans Bay	Les Caterson	9520 9421
Nov 11th Sun	Camp Cove Shore Dive / BBQ	Watsons Bay	Peter Flockhart	9371 0265
Nov 17th Sat	Double Boat Dive - Wollongong	Wollongong Harbour	Philip Rose	9543 0748
Nov 21st Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Nov 24th Sat - 25th Sun	Swansea Dive / Stockton Beach 4WD Camping	Swansea	Ray Moulang	4620 5210
Dec 2nd Sun	Christmas Party	To be confirmed	Philip Rose	9543 0748
Dec 9th Sun	Boat Dive - Wattamola	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Mark Ridsdale	9523 8166
Dec 19th Wed	Club Meeting (8pm)	St George Rowing Club		
Dec 23rd Sun	Boat Dive - Osborne Shoals	Yowie Bay Boat Ramp	Michael McFadyen	9558 8181

Regular night dives are held every Thursday night. Contact Michael McFadyen on 9558 8181.  
 Deeper wreck dives for suitably experienced divers are usually held on the 1st Saturday each month. Ring Les Caterson on 9520 9421.  
 Mid-week dives are held most Wednesdays. Ring Les Caterson on 9520 9421.