



Sea Braggin'

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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TRIPS AWAY

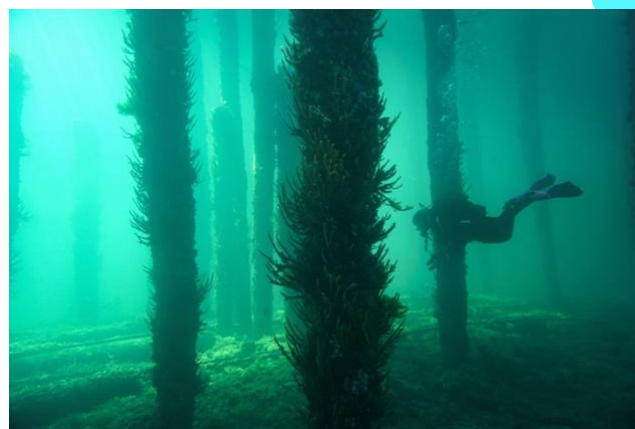
Busselton Jetty, Western Australia.

Article & Photos by Lynne Tuck

In mid February I went to WA for my Dads 80th in Margaret River. I took this opportunity to book a dive with The Dive Shed on the HMAS Swan which was the first Naval Destroyer to be purposely sunk for recreational diving in 1997. The Dive Shed at Busselton is a seasonal business (due to poor visibility through winter) The best diving is October through to May. The boat is a custom built 38ft Dave Jackman Dive vessel that can take 18 divers. Daz, the Skipper, is a local that has worked in the navy and offshore.

The shop has 2 women at the helm that organise everything from tours, travel, courses, retail, equipment servicing and testing. As I didn't take any gear I hired a full set, even my wetsuit, had no problems with any of my equipment it was all in great condition. The boat dives themselves are a bit more expensive than "over east" but this is to be expected being a seasonal business.

I was undecided whether to do the Swan at a depth of 32m (crow's nest at 9m, length 113m) or have longer in the water and dive Busselton Jetty, as it turned out there were only 2 divers booked for that day and the other diver wanted to do the jetty. So, I was happy as long as I got to dive. The Swan can wait till next visit! Busselton Jetty is 1.8km long with most of the "life" at the far end. It can be done as a shore dive with a long walk out or you can catch the train. We were lucky enough to do it as a boat dive. There is an underwater observatory towards the end of the jetty that divers are requested to stay 10m away from the windows. On board was Gaz the Skipper, Polly the DM the other diver and myself. The other diver was a photographer who dives with the shop regularly and was diving solo. Polly buddied up with me. I was so happy entering the water, the night before I had imagined jumping in with a large group, having to follow others, stirring up silt and having to surface when they ran out of air. So entering the water with only 2 others was a dream....it just got better!



Diving amongst the pylons at Busselton Jetty

Visibility was 15 to 20 m. I love the atmosphere of diving through the pylons and the jetty shadows, you just don't know what's hiding where!

Submerging to a patchy sand bottom (no silt in sight) with large areas of delicate light green sea grasses, the first thing I saw was a beautiful bright orange short tailed nudibranch.

(*Ceratosoma brevicaudatum*) It was about 10cm long and stretched out crossing the sand.

The pylons on either side of the observatory are jam-packed with vibrant and colourful life.

Cowfish, trevally, bullseyes, oldwives, sea perch, leatherjackets and morwongs can be easily found.

About 34 min into my dive, I noticed my housing had a bit of water in it so signalled to Polly I was going up. I handed my equipment over to Gaz the skipper, who was experienced with underwater photography and said he would look after it (he expertly removed the camera for me which luckily did not get wet) I resumed the dive, Polly asking if I minded if she stayed on the boat. Polly even let me take the shops camera with me. Talk about happy, I asked if I needed to be back at a certain time, but they were happy for me to go as long as I liked. It was so relaxing exploring the sea grasses and the pylons. A total of 84 min bottom time (max depth is about 9.2m) I got a few more photos but then the camera went flat.



For lunch hot chicken and gravy rolls, salad, soup and hot chocolate. I didn't need as much on my weight belt!

On the second dive, Polly came in for the first half hour then signalled she was going back. I spent 94min exploring the other side of the observatory, I must have seen 10 short tailed nudibranchs.

The floaty lime green weed that covers the sea floor looks barren at first glance, but if you swim slowly over the top you'll find there are an abundance of shy fish hiding in, above and around the weed.

The only negative was my housing that leaked (I lost a camera in November when it flooded so am happy to have rescued the camera this time) and thankfully we did not dive the Swan as I think it would have flooded at depth.

I can't wait to return, with my camera and back up go pro. I keep seeing all of the things I wanted photos of... dolphins and mermaids also regularly sighted at the jetty... maybe next time! Would I dive with them again MOST DEFINITELY!

Jervis Bay.

March 7th to 14th 2019

Article by Ian Hittmann

Photos by Mike Scotland.

We had two boats and eight divers travel to Jervis Bay for a week of diving. Phil Short and Ken Ridley supplied the boats and the divers were Phil, Paul Pacey, Eddie Ivers and myself, then Ken, Maxine Hayden, Mike Scotland and Mark Arrowsmith. We rented two houses in Sanctuary Point as a base, bought our park entrance tickets to Murrays Beach, and on dive day one we were up with the sun and on our way early.

It's always nice to do some of the "outside" dives at JB, and while the weather and seas were a bit too much to do any of the caves on the north side, the Arch was OK in spite of the very sloppy surface conditions. Our GPS put us right in the exact spot, and the anchor was perfectly in the opening to see below the arch itself. We were all diving 32% nitrox so that kept us off the sand below, but there was plenty to see on the sides and top of the arch itself. A large colony of Tiger Anemones were attached to sea whips, and there was good growth all around, in spite of limited viz.



As the wind had strengthened from the NE it was back into the bay where we all had morning tea at The Docks, then dived the double decker cave before checking out the wall etc. Mike saw two mating Eastern Blue Devil fish, but the terrain in this area shows evidence of the hundreds of divers who are bought here every week by the dive shop boats from Husky.

The next day was at rest as the weather had turned bad.

Next day we ventured outside again and did the Whorehouse (also politely referred to as the Labyrinth) and there were lots of fish in the passageways as we swam through. There were hinge-back shrimp hiding under the ledges, easily spotted with a torch reflecting off their eyes. Another good dive, followed by a trip back into the bay to shelter and dive away from the NE wind, under Point Perpendicular. This area has large boulders and swim-throughs with good bottom growth as you go deeper.



Yours truly in Spider Cave.

On day four we elected to only do one dive as the weather forecast that afternoon was not really good, so we decided to dive at North Bowen Island for some protection should the predicted southerly change arrive early. Viz straight under the surface was poor so each boat laid a get-back line from their anchor to the deeper area where viz was vastly improved, then we spent the entire dive around the boulders. Great bottom growth, lots of nudies, sponges and ascidians all over. A perfect dive for nitrox.

On day five the weather report was ominous, but the actual weather was great, so we left the bay and headed south to Spider Cave, which was surrounded by glassy conditions protected from

the wind, so we could anchor near the cliffs for the short swim to the cave itself. I think it is a long time since there have been spiders in the cave, but because there was very little surge it was possible to swim under the big boulder on the way in, ascend the chimney, then penetrate the back of the cave. There was also plenty to see outside the cave and under the boat.



Argonaut anchored just outside Spider Cave.

Then it was off to Point Perpendicular again because the weather forecast was a bit wrong and the wind was now blowing strongly from the NW and temps were climbing into the high 30's. Phil's team elected to dive to the deeper areas, and Ken's team decided on the shallows, but we all saw good stuff for our final dive of the trip.

The weather prediction for the last day proved to be true, so we packed up and came home. We had a great time with each house hosting dinners for the whole group. Our night went really well with chicken curry and massaman beef, but we were trounced by Ken's house because their table looked like Master Chef had prepared it. They even had place mats. How posh was that?

SGSC Girls Weekend away. Jervis Bay.

Article by Tordis Bulger.

Underwater photos by Jill McKenzie

Ladies Weekend 1 – 3 March 2019



Lynne, Jill, Eda, Kelly, Michelle, Donna & I headed off to the gorgeous Jervis Bay for a weekend of dining & diving. After no major hold ups on our way down, a 10 minute stroll took us from Clyde St straight into the pub for a decent feed and a couple of drinks on the balcony. Beautiful sunset and then ready for next day out with Dive JB. Keen to dive the outside, the skipper and DM on the boat did not share our enthusiasm, and calmer water was found on Point Perpendicular, with a second dive at Point Perps swim throughs with wobbies, shrimps, Eastern Blue Devil fish with a brittle starfish in its mouth looking anxious someone was going to steal it from him. We also found some upside-down leaf pipefish in a crevice. Both dives were great with good viz.



Dinner under the stars at Kanpai Japanese topped off the Saturday. Sunday morning brought about an unexpected, lazy morning on the wharf, awaiting an improvised dive vessel which turned up in the shape of a fishing boat. The upside was it was perfect for the remaining five of us, so we had the boat and the skipper to ourselves, who took us to Pyramid Rock

(outside Bowen Island) and Point Perp Cathedral. Both dives were superb.



This is Skipper Andrew's summary sent in an email to our webmaster:

I just wanted to say thanks for sending your fittest and finest down this weekend to go diving. It's not often I get a group like this on the boat, and it is very rewarding when I do. You can take them anywhere, any conditions. They use their brains, they pre-empt you when you want to shift weight around the boat and just move around to adjust the trim. When they surface close to the rocks and the wind is blowing the wrong way, they swim out without being asked. Their gear all works, nothing breaks, they know how to use it. Make sure you book the whole boat next time you come please, makes life much easier for making good divers happy.

So, I'm doing a live drop, usually this is a bit of a challenge, gotta goad them into getting ready, help everyone with their gear, stuff around at the "drop zone" etc... however with these ladies, "we're doing a live drop, get your gear on". "OK we're ready, can we get in yet?"

Easily in the top 1% of switched on divers. Plus, when you're a skipper and you need the weight forward, you just get a warm fuzzy feeling when you're surrounded by cool lady divers ;-)

Thanks to everyone who came along and made it a super weekend. Hope to see more girls join us next year.

Tordis Marie Bulger
Trip organiser

Busselton Jetty, & Rottnest Island. Western Australia.

**Article by Geoff Ward.
Photos by Jill McKenzie.**

Jill and I found we had the opportunity to visit the Busselton area in February and immediately saw the chance to dive the Busselton Jetty and, we had hoped, The Swan, before heading to Rottnest Island. Before leaving we went over the list of dive operations between Dunsborough and Perth and eventually decided we had enough flexibility over a 16 day period to leave final arrangements until we arrived in the West. However, this didn't work as well as we had hoped and, in the end, meant we missed out on the Swan. So here is a brief summary of what we learnt to help you if you are planning to dive these sites anytime soon.



Firstly, we highly recommend Busselton Jetty for the spectacular growth on the pylons. The A large part of the jetty was destroyed in cyclone Alby in 1978 and about 50% was then rebuilt, finishing in 2011. The warm Leeuwin current sweeping down the coast supports a subtropical environment far to the south. The telesto soft coral was spectacular with rich colours provided by the orange encrusting sponge, the rose sponge, and other. The cyclone left a great number of piers and rail lines on the bottom than have become home to an abundance of marine life. The moonlighter, western talma, schooling old wives, short tailed nudibranch (*Ceratosoma brevicaudatum*) and molluscs were very entertaining. This site offers excellent opportunities for photography with good visibility most of the time (20m plus) no current or surge and warm water; 19 degrees when we were there. With a maximum depth of 9m at the end of the jetty you can reasonably expect dive times to exceed an hour.

Our suggestion is to use Jetty Dive that have a van onsite at the end of the jetty and run the undersea walks. The jetty train service is great, friendly staff, great views to shore and tank holders under the seats for divers. Tank and weight hire was \$25; the people at Jetty Dive were more than helpful assisting us with our gear and happy for us to use wash facilities at their van. We cannot recommend these people highly enough. (closed on Tuesdays).



We enjoyed the Saturday morning dive so we booked with The Dive Shed for the 'night' dive the same Saturday, leaving the Busselton Marina at 6pm. Prices; \$40 tank and weight hire and paid an additional \$89 per diver for the boat and guide. The boat was a large planning hull vessel with enough room for a square dance, a void mid deck (nothing to hold onto) but more than adequate for the flat water of Geographe Bay. Our guide had 4 people to oversee and was more interested in timing the dive to 40 minutes (!) than spotting critters; Jill reported a contaminated fill, which the proprietor put down to high humidity, and said they would change the filter on the compressor. Retrospectively the craft beer fair in the afternoon may have been a better option.

Needing to make up for the beer festival we then toured the Margaret River wine region and beaches for two days. We highly recommend the Beer Farm, Wise winery that had an excellent wine tasting as well as fine dining, Fishbone wines for the Japanese cuisine at Wilyabup, The Grove distillery also at Wilyabup and lastly but not least Caves House for an excellent dinner on the Terrace after watching the sun set on Yallingup beach. Well, someone has to investigate these places, don't they? Next, we set about getting to the Swan, and our options dwindled rapidly. If you are planning to dive the swan the weekend is really your only

option, and by weekend, I mean Saturday. The full story if you are interested is –

The Dive Shed had a single on the Swan and another on the Jetty for a price, and this is the only midweek option we could find. Cape Dive Dunsborough were closed over the weekend we arrived. We were unable to contact them until Monday midday but eventually found they went out on Saturdays. Dive Surf and Ski in Fremantle use Cape Dive. Dolphin Scuba Perth do the Swan one a month. Perth Scuba had nothing listed for the Swan. Final advice then is to look hard before leaving home think Saturday and expect to pay around \$230 for a double dive with Nitrox per diver.

Unable to dive the Swan and it being a Tuesday we took the next best option which was the Jetty again and a hire from the Dive Shed. Another 'tasty fill' from the Shed was not the best, nor was watching them top up the offending tank without emptying the cylinder first. Given a choice use Jetty Dive every time.



We then booked with Perth Scuba for a double dive on Rottnest Island and the diving gods came to our aid. The Blue Destiny is a first class boat backed by an excellent crew. Holding around 30 divers the twin hull double deck vessels is the bee's knees for divers. Carpeted dive deck, marlin board that raises and lowers, the best lunch ever (roast beef in gravy, lasagne, potato bake salads, rolls, tea, coffee, biscuits, sweets – get the picture) and a skipper who put the needs on the divers first (it's OK for you two do 70 minutes plus and why not with a 12L steel cylinder Nitrox fill to 240 bar). We dived the Tuna Hut a spectacular labyrinth of caves and overhangs in flat water, no wind and 20m plus visibility absolutely perfect but appreciable surge. Abundant fish life and Grey Nurse habitat into the bargain made this a truly memorable dive. Luckily, we were first in and Jill spotted a nurse and 3 large rays very soon after

entry, then some bright sparks hit the water with shark shields and that was the end of that. This site has our highest recommendation.

The second dive was on the seaward side of the island in about the middle of the island and approximately 300m from shore. This was also good but, the topography and marine life was not of the same standard as the first site. We finished with 3 days in Fremantle and had a ball. From the food to the cinemas from Little Creatures Brewery to the historic precinct and markets it really offers great choices. Our pick was the Western Australia Shipwrecks Museum for a gold coin donation. The display from the Batavia will take you half a day to see and is exceptional. To see the remainder of the wreck displays you will need more than a single visit.



For a travelling diver the coast from Margaret River to Fremantle is ideal and if you are really lucky you may just catch a one-way airline ticket to Perth from around \$200.

LOCAL DIVING

Shiprock
23rd Feb 2019
Article Paul Pacey

On Saturday 23rd February 8 dauntless divers braved the mediocre weather to survey Shiprock's finest.

The weather on the day was pretty ordinary with frequent rain showers and strong SW winds blasting away at us.

Dauntless attendees were Helen Price, Kevin Doherty, Kelly, Donna and Ron, Bill Rowland,

Ken Ridley and Me (Paul).

This was supposed to be a dive at The Steps (Kurnell) but the sea Gods had other ideas about that happening.

The high tide was about midday and there was nowhere else to dive this would guarantee a real parking problem at Shiprock. So, a sneaky plan was hatched that we would get to Shiprock 2 hours early and take all the best parking spots. After which we'd walk up to the D'Lish cafe for CACB (Coffee And Cake Before) the dive.

This plan was executed by 5 of us and would have been a masterstroke of genius if it had not rained for the whole 15 minute walk up to the cafe and most of the walk back!

After we grouped up back at the dive site we geared up along with about 12 other divers from random places and headed for the entry.

Ron and Donna set off from the north steps to check out Donna's, now famous, Black Angler fish whilst the rest of us attacked from the swimming pool entry.

The "poolers" elected Kelly as our guide due to her amazing eyesight (and our crummy eyesight) and off we went. Wherever Kelly went, we went, which worked a treat on the day.

Vis was good, about 10 metres, and water warm at 20C so we were definitely off to a good start.

Spotted along the way was a Pineapple fish (twice), Helen found a small Wobby, various nudibranchs, Upside-down Pipe fish, Convict Goby out in the open, and all the usual suspects. Thanks Kelly.

Donna could not find her beloved Black Angler, so she found a yellow one instead!

After about an hour we hopped out, straight back into the wind and rain - Oh Yay!

Some of the crew couldn't stand to just go home after the dive so they decided to return to D'Lish for another round of CACA!

UPCOMING DIVE TRIPS

Puerto Galera, Phillipines.
11th to 18th May 2019

Organiser: Carole Harris
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Just a few hours drive south of Manila and an hour boat ride to reach Puerto Galera, which boasts almost 50 dive sites between 1-12 minutes away from the resort which schedules 4 day dives and options for night dives.

We've been diving in Puerto Galera regularly for about 20 years, why? Because it has the richest marine life being in the middle of the Indo-Pacific Coral Triangle region, there are numerous direct flights from major hubs into Manila (one flight/one check-in, etc) and the ease of being shore based and still being able to do up to 5 dives a day

The local diving is mixed with beautiful coral reefs, a few wrecks, drift dives and muck diving, and a 2-tank dive trip over to Verde Island usually has gin clear waters with amazing drop offs and lots of pretty fish life. There is something for everyone, there have been rare sightings of Mantas, Threshers and Whalesharks, and don't expect the squadrons of hammerheads/sharks, etc. The deepest dive site for "fun divers" is about 30m and most dive sites have sloping reefs so you can do multi-level diving.



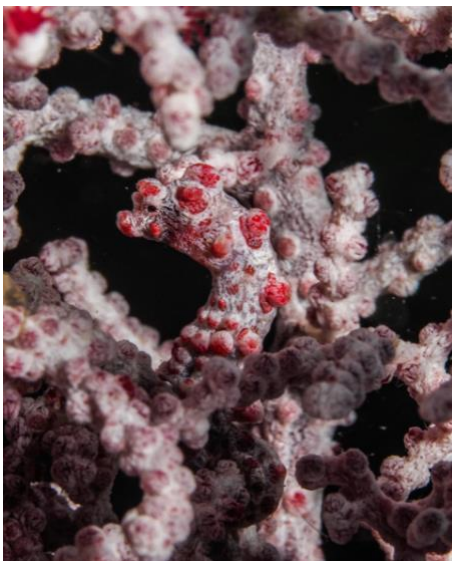
Some of the things you can expect to see;
Various kind/colours and sizes of
Frogfish/anglerfish and nudibranchs, mimic
octopus, wonderpus, flamboyant cuttlefish, blue
ring octopus, flatworms, seahorses, sea kraits,

crabs, shrimps, turtles, hard corals, soft corals, and over 2,800 fish species have been recorded in Philippines.

I had written this up in mid December and a dive on Christmas day included, wonderpus, mimic octopus, blue ring octopus, robust ghost pipefish, nudis with hitchhiker shrimps, flamboyant cuttlefish, yes it was an amazing dive to see all this on one dive. No promises for every dive though!



A special package has been put together for St George Scuba Club, details were sent in an email recently; reminders are a 7 night package with accommodation and brekkie, unlimited day dives (Nitrox if qualified), 2 dives to Verde Island, tanks, weights, boat and guide approx. A\$1,106. Extras are flights, hotels, park fees, lunch, dinner alcohol and transfers. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: carole_underwater@yahoo.com.au or contact the resort directly on: admin@asiadivers.com



MEMBER PROFILES

The next 2 Member Profiles to feature are Peter Flockart and Cody Sheridan.

Peter Flockart



- **How long have you been a member of SGSC?**
About 20yrs
- **What inspired you to get into scuba Diving?**
Watching Sea Hunt about 1962 with Lloyd Bridges as Mike Nelson.
- **When did you first get certified?**
1975
- **How many dives have you logged?**
As at 21/01/19 – 2978
- **Level of certification?**
Dive Master and TDI Decompression Diver
- **Favourite type of diving?**
Reef and Wreck
- **Favourite dive sites?**
NSW Coast and Truk Lagoon
- **Favourite critters to see?**
Most small things but really like sea spiders and all wrecks
- **Have you been on any dive holidays?**
Truk in 2018 (8th) Kalinda Nov 2018 FNQ – to Great Detached reef

Oh shit!! Moments?

Coming up from a dive in PNG in 1996 at 5pm and finding the boat was not where it was supposed to be and then spending 45

mins adrift before being located and taken back to boat.

- **Things you've learnt?**
Always carry an SMB and do not panic if a dive goes pear shaped.
- **Has diving changed your life? How so?**
Yes. I live breathe and talk diving when not working in the office and even there I'll happily talk peoples ears off about it. I like to share my images with people as I get to go where very few venture.
- **Does anyone else in your family dive?**
No.
- **Anything else you'd like to add?**
Hope to be diving and taking underwater photos for many years to come.

Cody Sheridan



- How long have you been a member of SGSC?

This is my second year in the club, I joined after reading about the club on Michael McFadyen's website in my initial research on Sydney diving.

- What inspired you to get into scuba Diving?

I have always had a fascination with nature, having been President of the Marine Aquarium Society of Sydney and keeping many fish tanks over the years, both tropical marine and a variety of African and south American Cichlids. I had never really considered diving, nor had I considered how wonderful the diving could be in Sydney. I was on a family trip in Mexico on the Yucatan peninsula meeting my soon to be Brother In-law for the first time, before heading to Detroit for the wedding! There was a dive shop at the resort we were staying at and my

father wanted to have a go. So, the 5 of us all hopped in the pool for a try dive. Unfortunately, it didn't take long for mum to give up, even though the instructor did a very good job of trying to get her through her fear. So now there were 4. Me, my old man, sister and soon to be brother In-law. The next day we hopped in a van (after having eaten way too much at the buffet breakfast... again) and then onto what was effectively a large tinny with a cover. In the water we went, wow! 30 minutes under water! How little I knew. Unfortunately, I only had time for one more dive before we left and I certainly wasn't going to be diving in Detroit where the weather was -26c, I didn't check the water temp because I couldn't get the probe through the ice.

- When did you first get certified?

I would love to say that when I got back to Sydney I did my course straight away, but I didn't. That was a year later on another family trip to Cairns in August-September 2016. 24 Dives later I was back in Sydney with AOW certification, yay PADI!

- How many dives have you logged?

What's a log? Maybe 150?

- Level of certification?

TDI Advanced Nitrox and Decompression Procedures.

- Favourite type of diving?

Macro shore diving

- Favourite dive sites?

Kurnell, Clifton gardens... are there others?

- Favourite critters to see?

Ummm... ahhh. Where do I start? Perhaps a statement. Macro is the best! Ok so seriously now, maybe I could break this down a bit. I have a long list of critters that I want to see, unfortunately that list dwarfs the creatures that I have seen. But I still have time! In Sydney the Pygmy Pipehorse takes the cake by a mile, followed by the Weedy Sea dragon and most types of pipefish. Throw in a nudibranch and I'm anyone's. Outside of Sydney I would have to say the shrimp and fish that have symbiotic relationships really top my list. Examples of this such as the Watchman goby (among other species of goby) and pistol shrimp I saw on the Great Detached reef. Anything that lives in an anemone for that matter I just find fascinating to

watch. Hopefully I'll be able to see some pygmy seahorse one day, that'd make my year (possibly decade)!

- Have you been on any dive holidays?

Yes. The Kalinda, Wooli and Jervis bay. All of which I would do again in a heartbeat.

- Oh shit!! Moments?

None yet!

- Things you've learnt?

Don't go with the flow, experiment and make your own mind up on everything.

- Anything else you'd like to add?

Gear Configuration... When I got back to Sydney, knowing I would be a diving tragic for the rest of my life I bought myself the following to get started. Halcyon BP/W, Scubapro Mk25/a700, Scubapro everflex wetsuit, Shearwater Perdix/transmitter, Seawing Nova Fins, 2x 12.2L Faber. This configuration has served me very well through the beginning of my diving endeavour with almost everything performing as I was hoping. I've fairly recently been trying other options to see what I like. My biggest issue has been wetsuits. The Everflex was a 5/3 which was insufficient and didn't really last wonderfully. I then moved to an 8/7 aqualung with integrated hood... still not ideal as far as fit was concerned. Fortunately, I was able to sell this to a friend whom it fits very well. I recently got a Seatec suit. For over 18c water problem solved! Before the Seatec I picked up a hot 'n' dry trilaminate drysuit. I use this with my Fourth Element Arctic expedition undergarments. I only have around a dozen dives in it and I find my air consumption increases a fair bit when I use it (to over 10l/min!). I think this is because of increased drag, heavy jet fins and extra lead weight. Hopefully this improves, I expect it will. Fins. This has been my biggest hunt at the moment, with so many to choices I was a bit overwhelmed. I was having no luck with back finning in my Nova's and I needed something new to go with my drysuit rock boots. I tried Nova, Nova Gorilla, Jet fins, X-deep, Zeagle and I am currently using Deep 6 Eddy fins with my wetsuit and jet fins with my drysuit (I haven't tried the eddy fins with it yet). The Eddy fins are a light slightly positively buoyant Jet fin with a different foot pocket and a stiffer blade. Sidemount or backmount? I suppose we'll find

out soon. During my deco course I used twin 12l with manifold. It wasn't my favourite as I get a sore back even with a single tank. Recently I have been playing with an X-deep stealth Tec sidemount harness and wing. I am enjoying playing with this, hopefully it all goes to plan.

Well, that gives a pretty good synopsis of me and my diving.

BOOK BUDDY

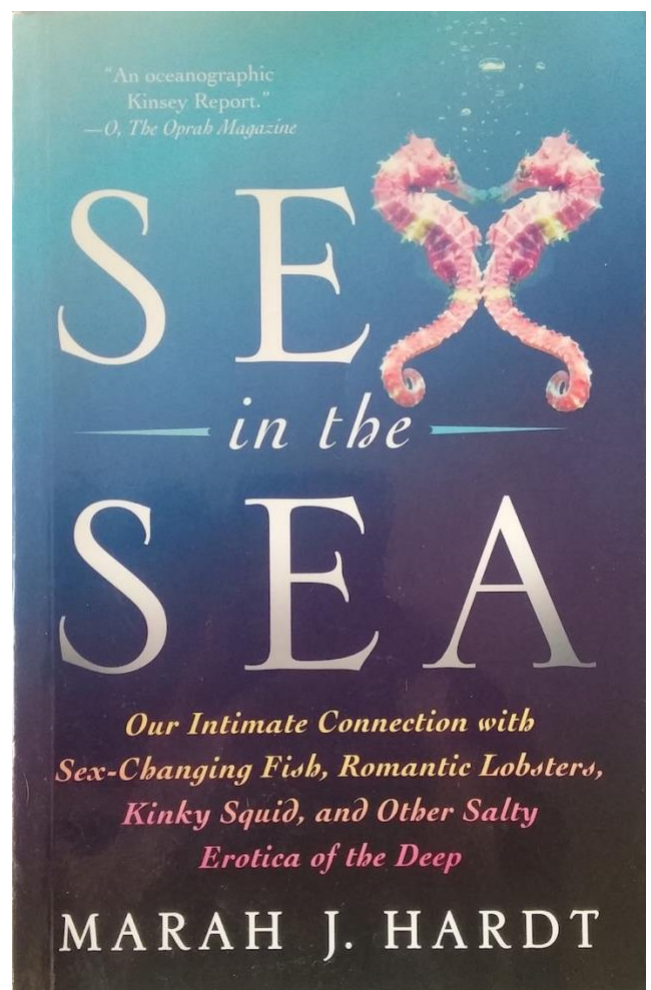
Another new edition to 'Sea Braggin' is a section called 'BOOK BUDDY'.

This is a place where members can send in reviews about any great dive related books they've read or even simply a suggestion of a good book you've read.

It could be a good novel or a book about sea animals... anything dive related!

The 2nd book suggestion is another by Lynne Tuck.

"Sex in the Sea" by Marah J. Hardt



MEMBERS BOATS

There isn't a featured boat for this edition because no boat owner has sent me any details of their boat?

If any other boat owners would like to have their boat featured in the next newsletter, please let me know via email.

NOTICE BOARD

This space is for any news or notifications or gear for sale. So feel free to send in anything along those lines!

*Here's a handy Buyers Guide by Scuba Doctor.

<https://scubadoctor.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8bfd1b031b8c01ddf8ccaa126&id=4f02c6191b&e=123b7b2bc7>

*An article about flash photography.

http://divemagazine.co.uk/hotshots/8423-flash-photography-harmless-seahorses?awt_l=EiBY0&awt_m=3lkB.2c8V0gV46Q

MEMBERS PHOTOS & VIDEOS

I know that there are quite a few keen photographers in the club so, get on board and send me some of your photos or links to video clips to be featured here!

REGULAR EVENTS

Monthly Meetings

The next 2 meetings of the St George Scuba Club will be held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 and Wednesday 15th May 2019 at St. George 16ft Sailing Club, Sanoni Ave, Dolls Point at 8.00 pm. Come along about 7 pm and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

Other Dives

Many other dives are advised in the news section of the Club's web site.

If you are interested in a dive, have a look at the news section a few days before a weekend and you may find others already planning a dive.

You can also place your own news item there (but remember it may need time to appear as it needs to be authorised by a web site administrator).

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Anzac Day BBQ / Shore Dive.

Thursday 25th May 2019

Bare Island.

Contact: Mark Arrowsmith

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Australian International Dive Expo.

1st to 5th August 2019.

Exhibition Convention Centre.

Darling Harbour.

www.australiadiveexpo.com

Deep Diving Weekend.

Jervis Bay.

9th to 11th August 2019

Contact: Bill Rowland.

bill@rowland88.com

Boys Weekend Away.

5th to 8th April 2019

Port Stephens

Contact: Ray Moulang

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Overseas Trip.

11th to 18th May 2019

Puerto Galera, Phillipines.

Contact: Carole Harris.

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CALENDAR DIVES

Friday 19th April 2019

Boat Dive

Underwater Wilderness

Contact: Eda DiCamillo

edadicallo@bigpond.com**Saturday 20th April 2019**

Shore Dive

Shiprock

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Anzac Day BBQ / Shore Dive

Bare Island

Contact: Mark Arrowsmith –

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Shore Dive

Oak Park

Contact: Paul Pacey

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Shore Dive & BBQ

Frenchman's Bay

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Boat Dive

Voodoo

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Deep Wreck Dive.

The Tuggerah. (100th Anniversary)

Contact: Michael McFadyen.

michael@michaelmcfadvencuba.info**Friday 17th to Sunday 19th May 2019**

Deep Wreck Weekend away.

SS Catterthun, Forster.

Contact: Bill Rowland.

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Deep Wreck Dive.

The Tuggerah. (100th Anniversary)

Contact: Michael McFadyen.

michael@michaelmcfadvencuba.info**Saturday 25th May 2019**

Boat Dive.

Pizza Reef.

Contact: Peter Flockart.

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Shore Dive.

Dusky Whaler Sharks / Shelly Beach, Manly.

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