

# Sea Braggin'



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

- APRIL 2010 - Edited by Ray Moulang -

*Included in this issue are Dive Reports from : Paul Pacey, Eddie Ivers, Eda and Mike Scotland.  
A big thank you goes to them.*



Shots from Mike Scotland's recent trip

## WHATS HAPPENING IN YOUR CLUB?

## WHATS COMING UP SOON?

**- APRIL 2010 -**

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT AND WHERE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT AND WHERE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
<u>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></u> <u>To Monday 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Easter Weekend Dive Away Trip to Jervis Bay	Ray Moulang 0403437974	<u>Saturday</u> <u>17th</u>	Shore Dive and Breakfast BBQ Oak Park	<u>NatashaNaude</u> 0410 074 677
<u>Saturday</u> <u>3rd</u>	Shore Dive and BBQ The Leap Kurnell	Carol Martin 0431632786	<u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to</u> <u>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	Week Away North Solitary Islands	Mark Ridsdale 95585196
<u>Saturday</u> <u>10<sup>th</sup></u>	Deep Dive From Rose Bay	Peter Flockart 93710265	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>21st</u>	Club Meeting @ Rowers Club	Jason Coombs President
<u>Sunday</u> <u>11<sup>th</sup></u>	Boat Dive and BBQ Frenchmans Bay	Dave Casburn 0405186184	<u>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to</u> <u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></u> <u>Anzac Weekend</u>	South West Rocks	Paul Pacey 95272501

**See what else is on this Year.**

The 2010 Club Scuba Calendar is on the web site.

**The South West Rocks trip is now officially full as we have 16 divers.  
This trip is full (waiting list being taken). Paul Pacey.**

**Coming soon to a Coastline near you end of March, 2010.**

Be at Avoca Beach on 27 March to watch the dramatic sinking of ex-HMAS frigate, the Adelaide. The site promises to become one of the best dive sites along the NSW coast in future years.



## **Palau Trip Organised by Dave Casburn.**

**15 Days /14 Nights Ex. Cairns \$2765 Ultimate Wreck & Reef**

**Diving Expedition 15 Days /14 Nights Ex. Cairns \$2765 Ultimate Wreck & Reef - Diving Expedition**

**- 21 October - 05 November 2010 –**

### **TOUR COST INCLUDES: .**

Return flights Cairns to Palau - (flying with Continental Airlines) - Day Use of room at Ohana Bay View in Guam

. Return airport transfers in Guam

. 13 Nights Twin Share Acc. West Plaza Hotel - Palau

. 12 boat dives (6 days of 2 dives/ day) incl. tanks, weights, belts, dive guide services, lunch and refreshments on diving days - Nitrox for nitrox certified divers

. Snorkel Jellyfish Lake during diving surface interval

. Return Airport Transfers in Palau

. Day Use of room at Ohana Bay View in Guam

. Australian departure and applicable airline taxes ( \$240.00 and subject to change)

Optional Upgrade - Extra 10 boat dives - \$685

**See Dave for more info and to book.**

### **Night dive at Inscription Point**

Gary Dunnett has organised for us to do a night dive at Inscription Point within Botany Bay National Park on **Saturday**

**17 April.** As far as I know, the last time this was allowed was in 1992 when I organised a huge night dive here.

Meet at 6 pm at the car park above Inscription Point (The Steps).

After the dive, we will have a BBQ (sausages onions bread etc) that I hope the Club will supply (sorry Jason, forgot to ask before I sent email). Bring some drinks and we should have a great night.

Please make sure you let me know if you are coming in case we need to cancel or move due to the weather.

Michael McFadyen     Thursday Night Dive Organiser

### **Deco Chamber Visit/Dinner – 4 May 2010**

This has been postponed until September / October as the chamber at Prince of Wales Hospital is being replaced. We will be among the first people to visit the new chamber. I will provide details closer to the time.

### **Wedding Cake Island 30 May 2010**

The plan is to go out of Botany Bay do a dive at Wedding Cake Island and then stop off on the way back at Magic Point to do a second dive using the balance of the air in the tanks or a second tank.

I am taking names for this dive please let me know if you are interested, Jason Coombs ([J.Coombs@unsw.edu.au](mailto:J.Coombs@unsw.edu.au)).

Boat dive to Barren's Hut for Saturday 8 May – 3 boats available and currently 8 places available (with 4 places being dependent on Dave Casburn being 100% by then – fingers crossed Dave!!).

Contact Natasha if you're interested in coming along.

Email: [natasha@bluecucumber.com](mailto:natasha@bluecucumber.com) Phone: 0410 074 677



## **Want to come and play with the seals in August?**

Jervis Bay seal **weekend Friday 20 – Sunday 22 August.**

Double boat dives Saturday and Sunday (with at least one dive with the seals)

Ulladulla Dive Centre can cater for 12 divers <http://www.ulladulladive.com.au/crew/duckunder.html>

- Retail rates for double dives is \$100. - Airfills for \$7
- If we have 9 divers, one of those will be free of charge (total cost apportioned equally).
- If we have 10 divers or more, we will get wholesale prices of \$85 each, plus one free of charge.

Ulladulla Dive Centre is still to get back to me with accommodation options, but the following is available through Stayz.com. Other options will be made available in coming weeks and suggestions welcome for alternatives: **“Seahaven”** (<http://www.stayz.com.au/11509>) House comfortably sleeps 15 people with 1st bedroom has 1 queen bed, 2nd bedroom has 1 queen bed and a single fold out, 3rd bedroom has 2 single beds. Downstairs 4th bedroom has 1 Double bed and 1 single bed, 5th bedroom has 3 single beds and a double futon. 6th bedroom has 2 single beds, There is also a double fold out sofa bed in the lounge room. There are 3 bathrooms and 3 toilets, the main bathroom has a large spa bath. There is a LUG for dive gear. The house is about a 3min walk to the Vincentia golf club it has a Chinese restaurant, otherwise the closest pub or RSL would be in Huskisson (which is not walking distance and cabs are difficult to catch in this neck of the woods). However the house has a BBQ so we can always make use of that, or some of us can be designated drivers for a trip to “Husky pub”.

Total cost for 12 people for 2 nights is \$580 (plus \$250 refundable deposit).

***Birthday cake will be included at no extra cost ☺***

Contact Natasha if you want to come along, and send Mark your deposit of \$50 to secure your place.

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## **St. George Scuba Club weekend dive trip to Merimbula and Eden. Friday night May 14th to Sunday May 16th 2010.**

The main attraction for divers at Merimbula is the easy access to dive the three tug wrecks – The Empire Gladstone, the Henry Bolte and the Tasman Hauler. Even if you are not a wreck diver I believe that these wrecks are covered in marine life and attract hordes of fish too. The Empire Gladstone and the Tasman Hauler were specially prepared as diving wrecks so it's safe to go inside them even if you're not a die-hard wreck freak.

This trip will be a two day trip including two nights accommodation (Friday and Saturday night) and 2 double boat dives on Saturday and Sunday (4 dives total).

Note that the club program shows that this trip is scheduled for 21st – 23rd May. We had to move the trip forward one week because somebody else grabbed our proposed weekend first.

We will be diving and staying with Merimbula Divers Lodge (MDL).

Here is a link to their website... <http://www.merimbuladiverslodge.com.au/index.html>

There are a few other dive sites in the area as well – check out the MDL website for more information.

The accommodation is at the dive shop and they have three apartments each of which can accommodate eight divers.

The cost is \$260 per diver for accommodation, all air fills and 4 boat dives. If we get 8 divers then we get a “free of charge” which then brings the cost down to \$227.50 per diver. This is almost cheaper than staying home and cutting the grass. If you want Goofy Gas (up to 40% EAN available) then that will cost you an extra \$6 per fill.

The tugs are in no more than 30 metres of water. The water should still be warm-ish in May.

I have tentatively booked 8 spots – please get your deposits into Mark ASAP.

Please email me when you decide that you are coming and also when you have paid your deposit..

I'll work out dining arrangements after I make a visit to MDL early next year to eyeball their cooking and dining facilities.

Please note that you need to bring your own linen AND pillows. Paul Pacey ( Home: 9527-2501 )

(Mob: 0431 691173) \*\*\*\* NOTE MY NEW MOBILE NUMBER \*\*\*\*

(Email: [Paul.Pacey@iinet.net.au](mailto:Paul.Pacey@iinet.net.au))



## **June Long Weekend – Dive the HMAS Adelaide and Terrigal**

The planned trip to Port Macquarie has been moved to the Central Coast to make the most of the sinking of the HMAS Adelaide - to get those all important before shots. The trip is from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and will involve :

2 dives on the HMAS Adelaide

2 reef dives at Terrigal (Foggy cave if possible)

1 Shore dive at the Skillion on the Monday (weather permitting)

We will be diving with Prodiver central coast \$90 for a double dive and \$10 a fill. The dive operators for the HMAS Adelaide and any additional cost for diving it haven't been confirmed yet. I will let you know when I hear.

The plan is to stay at Toowoong Bay Holiday Park: <http://www.toowoongbayhp.com.au/>

I expect accommodation to be about \$130 each for 3 nights.

We have 5 people already and can only take 12. A payment to the Treasurer confirms a spot.

Any questions please contact Jason 9345 4599.

**Hello Divers,** The Moreton Bay trip scheduled for June has been rescheduled to July as The Big Cat Reality now only does full liveaboard trips every third weekend. Sorry for any inconvenience, but the trip is now scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Mike Scotland recently did a trip on this boat and had some good reports about the facilities available, and the quality of the dive sites.

Attached are the full details of the trip including costs and inclusions. Please indicate by return email if you are interested signing on for this charter as I need to finalise numbers and reservations with the company.

Please feel free to call me on 0414 701 292 if you need more information or have any questions.



We look forward to seeing some of you up North in July! Regards, Eric Brace 0414 701 292.

Live Aboard on Moreton Bay with 'Big Cat Reality'      Organiser: Eric Brace 0414 701292  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th July 2010 (Depart Brisbane Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July)

#### Details

#### BIG CAT REALITY Includes:

- Up to 8 Dives
- Air fills
- All Meals
- 2 Nights Accommodation
- Linen
- Dive Master Services
- Tanks and Weights
- Arrange your own flights to arrive in Brisbane Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July by 4.00pm
- Group bus transfer to BIG CAT REALITY from Brisbane Airport (aprox 1 hour)
- Boat departs 7.00pm Friday
- Boat returns Sunday afternoon
- Group bus transfer back to Brisbane accommodation
- Sunday night to off-gas and on-beer
- Arrange you own transport to Brisbane Airport (taxi) and return flights to Sydney Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

- Full use of all facilities on board

Costs (estimates only, but will be close)

Charter \$470.00 (\$403.00 if we have 7 divers,

Based on 6 paying 1 x free of charge)

Fuel Levy \$ inc Tanks & Weights \$20.00

Transfers (bus) \$40.00 (approx cost bus transfer Brisbane Airport to Big Cat to Sunday night accommodation)

Accommodation Monday Night \$ 50.00 (approx based on twin share)

Total: \$580.00 (\$517.00 if we get 7 divers)

What's not costed here? Your return flights to Brisbane, dinner on Sunday night, meals and other costs on Monday, taxi or other arrangement from accommodation back to Brisbane airport on Monday morning, soft drinks alcohol and chocolates etc on board the boat.

[www.bigcatreality.com](http://www.bigcatreality.com)

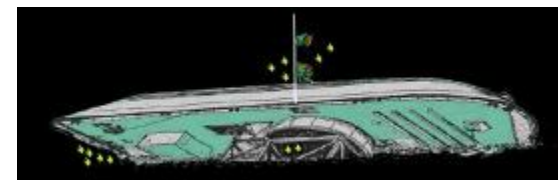
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## **NORTH HAVEN NEWS – (IT'S BACK ON THE CALENDAR)**

HI ALL,

Due to an urgent knee operation to me in mid April I cannot make it to North Haven in early July 2010 for a week. (Yes - not happy - John)

**Plan “B”** - My crew are happy to dive with Peter from “SCUBAHAVEN” divers and he has given me a good price of **\$65 per day, per person** for a double dive (this also includes 2 air fills in the price) this super price is for diveable days only. We now have minimum of 5+ divers with a maximum of 10 divers (to fully book his boat a 7.5M aluminium hull “Orca” with twin 140hp outboards - so you can dive anywhere without any local (divers). Please see his **web site** for all information regards the local dive sites – The main ones are the - **COD GROUNDS** – The largest site off the N.S.W. coast for big grey nurse sharks (100 sharks have been seen here in a single dive about 7 km's from the river entrance and only 18M deep) and the wreck of the “**TITAN**” crane in 40M. Other sites include Perpendicular Point which is just south and the reefs north off Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills.



His boat has been booked for the Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> a total of 6 days of diving total cost \$390 with air. Subject to that you can dive all 6 days (weather wise)

***Accommodation will be with Ray and his crew in a 3-bedroom house - already booked.***

He only has a spare bed for a 1 diving couple or a 1 single diver. **FIRST TO REPLY GETS THE SPARE SPOTS !!!!**

**Dates** – Arrive Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 pm to Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2010

Pay Mark \$65 deposit for (boat deposit \$65) ASAP (cheque for the first day's diving must be sent to Peter sooner than later to book the boat)

Diving Deposit – is \$65 for the first day diving and then the remaining money to the operator per day.

John B.

## **-Recent Club Happenings-**

### **Kiama diving and Camping trip report – 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Attendees: Michael and Kelly McFadyen, Ron Walsh, Peter Flockart, Clara Kelleher, Deborah Cook, Ian and Sharon Gowan, Shaun and Sharon Reynolds, Andrew (Fang) Moulang, Robert Walker, Paul.Pacey (scribe).

When Michael planned a weekend trip incorporating a salt water dive, a freshwater dive, overnight camping and (maybe) some bushwalking, I thought “Wow, that ticks most of my boxes! Put my name down”.

Some people wanted to add canyoning, sky-diving and a bull fight to the list but there’s only so much you can fit into a single weekend.

The weather on the Friday was not good (overcast, showers, etc.) but we awoke on Saturday morning to clear blue skies and, more importantly, no wind.

The drive from Sydney to the dive site at Kiama harbour was pleasant with only a small amount of fog on the freeway.

When I arrived at the Kiama Harbour dive site I walked down to the entry point on the south side of the swimming pool to check the conditions. A cursory glance registered “hey, no worries”.

I then wandered back to the cars to talk the other insomniacs who had also arrived early.

Conversation was difficult though as the local vintage motorcycle club was using the car park as the starting point for one of their rallies. Needless to say there was a lot of engine revving and “Grecian 2000” around.



Entry point washing machine

Once our Fearless Leader arrived we all wandered down to the entry point to have a “group look”.

Hmmmm, this time when we looked, it didn’t look nearly as easy to enter as when I first looked. So, it just goes to show that, just like playing the stock market, safe diving has a lot to do with timing! Consensus was that it was safe as long as you were careful and also made of steel.

Of course everyone entered the water safely and I was pleased to be voted “most inelegant entry” for my belly flop/face-plant combination entry. Thanks guys.





Clara is easy to spot under water!

This is my second shore dive outside Kiama Harbour and I've got to say, it's a pretty dive site but in a barren kind of way. It's pretty because of the interesting rock strata and it's a relaxing dive if the visibility is good. Luckily the visibility on the dive was excellent at over 15 metres (until we got down to about 16 metres depth where we hit a wall of dirty water). The rock in the area is basalt and it's harder than steel (they use it as "blue metal" to make concrete). So there is not much weathering of the rock to create caves, crevices, etc (except for the nearby "Kiama Blowhole"). This means that there are not many places for small critters to hide so you don't see teeming schools of predator fish hanging around waiting for an easy feed. Also, there is hardly any sponge/ascidian life either.

Maybe the seas are too rough or maybe the basalt rock is to blame? There were some small schools of One-Spot Pullers and some Sergeant Bakers lying around. The sand filled gutters attract many types of rays. We saw a couple of small Eagle Rays, many Common Stingarees, and a few Banjo Rays.

On my previous dive here I found a Blind Shark but no such luck this time. I noticed Andrew pick up an old fishing reel along the way. The thing had obviously been underwater for years. After studying it for a while he decided that no amount of time, energy or money would resurrect it - it's still on the bottom outside Kiama harbour. Michael navigated us to the harbour entrance and then we cruised around the inside of the harbour on the south eastern side.

I find it's a bit unnerving to look up at the fishing people on the harbour wall above you and wonder where their lines and hooks are deployed! I'm sure they see our bubbles and think...(hmmm, let's not go there).

An easy exit via the cobble-stone divers exit ramp at the harbour entrance, a cold shower in the amenities block and we are ready for coffee in town with all the other tourists. Many of us settle for a coffee and a deco-pastry. Fang goes for the “Big Breakfast” and manages to finish it before the rest of us have emptied our coffee.

Our final destination was to our secret camp site on the escarpment. But first we needed to investigate the view from Saddleback Lookout. It was such a beautiful day and the view north overlooking Jamberoo and to the east over the coastline was simply stunning. What a beautiful country we are blessed with. Highly recommended.

Upon arrival at our secret campsite we discovered that it's not really all that secret. There were two other groups already setup for the night. Luckily, the camping section that was still available was perfect for our group. Some people set about having lunch whilst others sorted out their camping arrangements for the night. Many of the club members are keen campers and it was interesting to see the variety of camping equipment being used. Sleeping quarters varied from swags, dome tents, hike tents and the tree-top campers of Kelly/Michael and Ron.

The next task was to rinse the dive gear by going for a dive in a nearby freshwater pool.



We first sent Andrew in with his mask and snorkel to test the toxicity of the water. Every time Andrew surfaced it reminded me of the film “Creature from the Black Lagoon”. After Andrew survived for a few minutes the rest of us deemed it safe to enter the water. This was quite a treat as the viz was surprisingly good (maybe 3 metres) and I was amazed at how many critters were to be seen.

The Creature from the Blue Lagoon

There were small freshwater shrimp about 40mm long.

Later on around the campfire, there was some discussion about whether they were shrimp or yabbies. I could not see any nippers so I'm calling them freshwater shrimp, especially since I'm writing this article!



Kelly looking for critters in the lagoon.

There were also underwater flies - no, I am not making this up. These critters actually “flew” around in the water column using their wings – really weird. Their buoyancy control was absolutely amazing. There were also small water spiders and some really ugly bug-eyed things wandering around on the bottom. I also managed to find a car battery (flat) and the front mudguard off a '76 Ford Falcon.

Before dinner, some of the guys set off in different directions to explore the walking trails in the area. The trails do not cover a large area but the walking is very pleasant and the walk grades are very easy. Again, highly recommended.

The next challenge was to organise dinner. I realised that I brought the gas bottle for my BBQ – this was good.



Divers don't like getting their feet wet!

Then I realised that I had forgotten to bring the BBQ itself – this was bad. Cooking a casserole on a BBQ plate is a bit tricky but it had to be done. The next problem was that the BBQ plate at our campsite was too badly warped to use the camp oven on it.

No problems - Ron gave us a demonstration of how panel beating is done with the back of an axe – he did a real nice job too! After Ron finished and our hearing returned to normal we set about cooking up a banquet for dinner. Next the nibblies appeared,



Carrington Falls

“The Sharon’s” set about Champagne, some people set about testing some home-brew and Peter, Ron and Paul set about working their way through a few red wines – it was going to be a long night!

Dawn arrived. Some hours later, Andrew was still in his swag. Sharon.R managed to get him out of bed by waving a bacon and egg sandwich under his nose – works every time!

After a hearty breakfast we toddled off for a small bushwalk which wandered through the forest to Nellies Glen before returning to camp.

Now came the bad part – packing up. Why does the stuff never fit back into the same car that it came in? Next it was off to Carrington Falls to check out the scenery. The falls are spectacular and the surrounding landscape is very pretty too.

Thanks to Michael for organising a great weekend with a variety of interesting activities.

I’m looking forward to the next one.



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## **The Leap Shore Dive at Kurnell**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Dive Organiser:- Eddie Ivers -**

Divers : 11:

Non Divers: 2

Max Depth 22 metres, Dive time 65 minutes.

**All Pictures by Brian Byrne.**



With a 1.3m high tide at 11.50am of our plan was to meet at The Leap Car Park and commence the dive at 10am.



Most of our group has dived this spot previously however this was Shelly's first dive at the Leap.

Ron and his group of photographers, were in first closely followed by the second group with Paul as tail end Charlie

I lead this next group NE and dropped down the wall to 22m and then along to the sponge gardens where we appreciated seeing a yellow seahorse, a few weedy sea dragons, a group of blue serpent pteraeolidia, and a black margined glossodoris



Maybe due to the small high tide there was virtually nil current requiring a swim all the way to the exit at The Steps and a unusually cool 16 degree minimum water temperature ensured no one stayed deep for very long. Thankfully the sea was flat which made the exit easy for those with cameras

Coffee and cake after was a nice way to finish a pleasant dive. Eddie



### **Brazilian night 27 March 2010 by Eda.**

On this Saturday night 24 hungry bodies made their way to Norton Street Leichhardt to taste the delights of Brazilian cuisine (once again) as well as to either watch or participate in some Samba dancing.



This time we tried the Brazilian restaurant down the road where we could stay and eat all night if we wanted and which also had the floor show.



A little voice commented that they thought the restaurant would go broke if our members stayed there eating all night! The food did keep coming and it was very good.



Every sort of meat that you can imagine as well as fish and salads.

I know it is unusual but everyone seemed pretty full by the end of the night.

Even Andrew M. said he had enough food! Yes *its true!* Poor old Dave C. had let his brace out as much as he could but couldn't let it out any further so he had to stop eating.



Then came the Brazilian dancing. Am glad to report that quite a few members **willingly** participated in the Samba dancing. It might have had something to do with the **tiny** outfits the dancers were wearing.



There were a few female members drooling over the male dancers (not mentioning any names as us females have to stick together).





Digby and Sue S. looked as though they had done it all before (& often). Not sure what the other male members were doing as I was too busy!



Sure enough after dinner we ***just had to*** have ice cream and coffee. Half of us piked out when it came to the ice cream and just settled for coffee.

Peter T. did his usual and bought a bucket of ice cream instead of just a cone (he just can't seem to do things in small measures!) Pete did share though.



I think we all wobbled home around 11.30 pm. All in all it was another great night thanks to everyone that came and made it such fun.

### **Big Cat Reality Trip Jan 15 to 20 by Mike Scotland.**

I boarded the boat at Bundaberg Qld. We steamed to Lady Musgrave Island overnight arriving at dawn. The first dive at Manta Ray bommie was excellent.

No mantas but lots of fish, especially Angelfish, Coral trout and Coral Cod.

We had five dives that day all of which were outstanding. The water was around 25 degrees and clear with enough current to get the fish active and liven up the diving. The corals around here seemed to be healthy and the fish life had

definitely benefited from the protection of the GBRMNP.

From here we sailed to Lady

Fairfax to dive on the North wall.

We saw big green moray eels, a friendly Cow-tail ray and some huge turtles. The night dive here was excellent with sleeping Parrotfish and Barramundi cod.



In the morning we dived on a Cabbage coral reef with schools of millions of baby Cardinal fish, Red Emperor and a Leafy Scorpion-fish.

After breakfast we sailed to Hoskins reef where we went for a walk on the island and a snorkel in the lagoon instead of the afternoon dive. This was a bit of a waste of a dive as far as I was concerned but it was pleasant enough.



Next stop was Llewellyn Island.

Three semicircular angelfish were feeding off the anchor chain as it rubbed the coral. Another spot at the same island had very strong current but it was a sensational dive with wall diving and caves every now and again.

The caves were covered in Yellow daisy coral and black coral trees. Our next stop



was Lady Elliot Island. We had crystal clear blue water and sunshine all the time here.



Sleeping arrangements are two large, long air-conditioned cabins, each sleeping 12 people. Big challenge for romantic couples! The food is basic good tucker but has plenty of salad and fruit and vegs and heaps of it.

To further enhance the dive, manta rays kept getting in the way of Coral cod and Mantis shrimp and giant Loggerhead and Green Turtles. I followed two Imperial angelfish around the bommie. The Blowhole was another wonderful dive!

The boat is 37 years and used to be a floating hotel and sometime brothel. It is well looked after and has a good skipper.



The dive rules are very strict and you get the same treatment whether you are a novice diver with 20 dives or a veteran instructor.

I finally realised why Bob Halstead calls his dive column in Dive Log, The Adult Section. He always talks about treating experienced guest divers as adults with commonsense. Sadly, the Big Cat failed miserably on this score. Be warned!



Anyway apart from this problem, the crew did go out of their way to give us the best diving each day and made an extra effort on the last day to give us 3 dives before steaming back to Australia. I did 21 dives in five days.

I rate the trip as a 9 out of 10. Naturally, the weather as always plays a major part in diving. We had excellent weather, excellent visibility and excellent diving.

## **Gear for Sale**

- 1 x Moray Wetsuit jacket. Suit person size 5 to 6 Slim' In good condition with elbow pads. Colour - Pale blue / silver - Price \$30.
- X Moray hood. Size 4 - Colour - Dark blue / black - Price \$10
- 1 BC (Dacor Outback) - Setup for twins (will take up to 12L tanks) Bands included, Softpack design with integrated weights. Size XL. Price \$275. If interested in any of these items please contact Peter Flockart either ph (0409 304 959) or email ([pjflockart@speednet.com.au](mailto:pjflockart@speednet.com.au))

I have 2 Strobes – Morris Aqua F-III TTL for sale if anyone is interested.

- Take 4 x AA Batteries - Have a power & a ready light
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- Never flooded to the best of my knowledge
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- Currently setup for cables but could possibly be converted to other triggering systems.
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- Going very cheap at \$20 each.
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- If you need a strobe as a slave or for some other requirement at cheap price this is maybe what you are looking for.
- Contact Peter Flockart : [pjfflockart@speednet.com.au](mailto:pjfflockart@speednet.com.au)

### **For Sale**

Tank pressure Gauge - Yoke fitting, In good condition,

No longer required as I have changed over to DIN fittings, Calibrated in BAR

Asking price \$100. Contact me either by email [pjfflockart@speednet.com.au](mailto:pjfflockart@speednet.com.au) or by ph 0409 304 959

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### **Regular Events**

#### **THURSDAY NIGHT DIVES**

We have had some record turnouts for the night dives.

Most of the dives have been very good, with nice visibility and good fish life.

Contact Michael if interested.

#### ***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 take time to appear as it needs to be authorised by a web site administrator).

**The Committee is:**

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