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**1st January 2020**

**Happy New Year (and Decade)!**



**Sky Show January 26th 2020**

The 2020 Sky Show river cruise, fireworks and dinner is back.

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Thank you to all of you who have supported Social and Fundraising functions throughout the year, your participation has been appreciated. Have a safe and Merry Christmas and New Year all, and I hope to see you on the boat very soon,

Liz

**Orphans Christmas Day Dive**

Well the Ammo jetty certainly turned it on for those intrepid souls who attended the annual Christmas Morning Dive. The water was flat and the viz at least 7 – 10 mtrs.

**REFERENCE INFORMATION**

**Dive Calendar**

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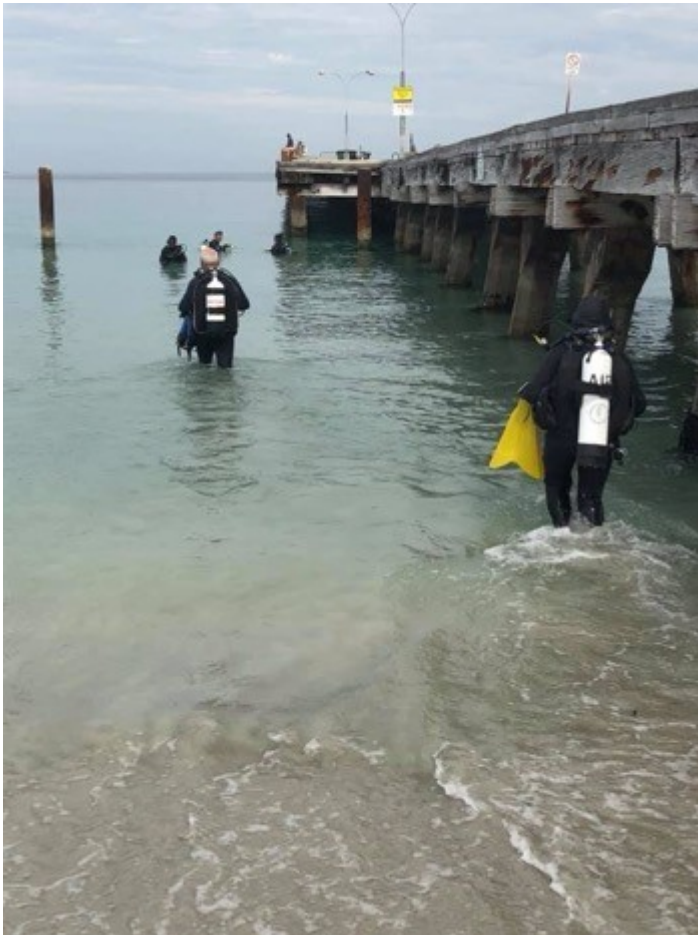
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Although no one had a camera, there was still plenty to see, including 5 types of Nudies, a bubble shell with its magnificent mantle, on full display. At least 2 scorpion fish, a baby moray and a bevy of my very good friends the octopus. Sixty plus minutes of underwater wonders.



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Morning tea was soon demolished and as car parking and shady spots became of a premium, we packed up and surrendered our possies to other deserving souls.. Thank you to all who attended and made Christmas day special.

Liz

### **Boxing Day Dive**

A small contingent opted to work off some of the Xmas turkey with a single dive out to the Sepia wreck, skippered by yours truly with Bernie DO'ing supported by Donna who had to pass on the dive with a head cold. Conditions were pretty nice with not much swell or wind but overcast. We dropped anchor right on the mark and all went wreck exploring.



[divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) to be added to the winter divers list

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Wetsuit

Weights

BCD

Regs

Mask

Computer or Tables

Depth Gauge

SMB (mandatory)

Food & Drink

Towel



One group led by Bernie with Tonya and Todd in tow opted to ignore the instruction (the wreck site is at the anchor!) and went reef exploring for a while but eventually stumbled across the ships remains. Apparently Bernie is a

### **Optional**

Hood  
Gloves  
Dive Knife  
Compass  
Torch  
Camera  
Change of Clothes  
Sunnies  
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Suncream

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### **Club Membership**

#### **Nominations**

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Jono Winsley

Please join me in welcoming them to the club.

Mike Buchanan  
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bit of a comedian underwater and had them all in splits with his antics and magic tricks.



Eventually all returned with great reports of the dive. No beer bottles spotted this time so obviously the sand has covered them up again but lots else to see. As usual for the Sepia wreck the viz was not great but that didn't seem to spoil the dive.



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A short ride home and back at Coogee by 10am. A big thanks to Donna for covering for Bernie so he could go diving and Bernie for DO'ing.  
Mike

**Last Weekends Dive**

Not sure where everyone has gone (Xmas holidays I guess) but we were struggling to get numbers for Sundays dive. In the end we managed to scrape together six willing subjects and headed out in less than favourable conditions, for the North of Rottnest, with yours truly as skipper (again!) and Donna as DO. With a 2m swell, the scheduled sites of the Orizaba and Carlisle Castle were a definite no no so we opted for Cigar Reef and Goon Bag Cave. Conditions on the way out were a little choppy and overcast but not too bad. We dropped anchor on the top of the reef and all jumped in for the dive. Viz apparently was not too great but all enjoyed the dive.



For the second dive we were going to go somewhere on Roe Reef but after ambling across there it was clear the swell was going to be too much so we about turned and headed for Kingston Fish Cave. Viz was a bit murky but all the divers loved the site except one who grumbled a lot

**Boat:**  
Chris Cunnold

**Environment:**  
Jasmine Lyons

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**Coogee Liaison:**  
Chris Cunnold

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about it being too surgy to catch any crays.



Everything ran like clockwork so we were back at Coogee before 2pm after a reasonably smooth trip home. A big thanks to Donna for DO'ing.

Mike

### **New Years Day Dive**

A small group of seven divers headed out this morning for a single dive to Mini Swirl on Stragglers. Conditions were better than expected and everyone had a great dive including two nominations, Francois and SK. Adrian bagged out on Crays so went home happy and Phil and I bagged four between us.



Mini Swirl is a beautiful dive site and although the viz was not great it was still an excellent dive.

Thanks to Wendy for skippering, Pete for Do'ing and Chris for covering for Wendy so she could get a dive in as well.

A great way to clear the head and I think most of us headed home for a wee snooze in the afternoon.

### **Next Weekends Dive**

On Saturday we are going to Marjories Holes and going to explore Salmon Rise. Marjorie's is a very interesting site. An extensive area with shallow and deep holes, all with shallow ledges and great Cray country. There are two main holes with caves at the bottom, both very similar to the point where it took three or four trips before we realised they were different. Salmon Rise is a dive site we haven't dived in a very long time so a bit of exploring, with nothing known about the site.

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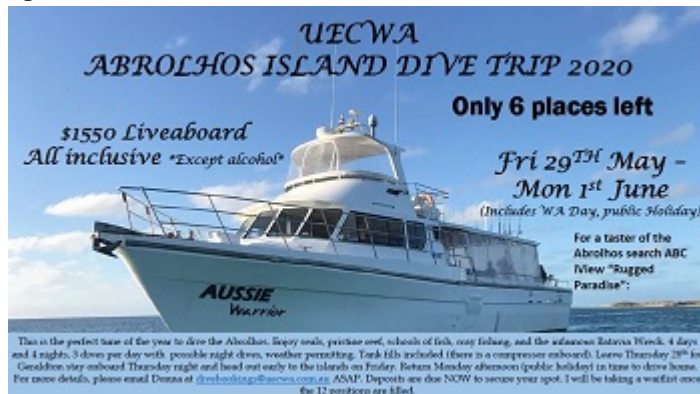


### **Abrolhos Islands 29th May to 1st June 2020**

Just in case you don't know how amazing the Abrolhos Islands are here is a link to the recent doco on the ABC

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/rugged-paradise-the-abrolhos-islands>

The last trip was such a success that we are going back again. See flier below for details.



Four days, three nights, three dives per day with possible night dives, weather permitting. Tank fills included. Leave for Geraldton on Thursday 28th, stay onboard Thursday night and head out early Friday. Return Monday afternoon (public holiday) in time for drive home. Email Donna at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) for more details. Places are already going so don't delay if your keen. There are only six left.

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## 8th January 2020

### Last Weekends Dive

So Mike and I rolled up this morning and figured that we'd get the fuelling out of the way first. Motoring out of the pen, we waved bye-bye to several divers on the dock, who looked as though they thought we'd decided to go diving without them, and over to the fuel jetty....where someone had decided that it was actually a mooring jetty and parked their cruiser on it.

"Feel like moving, mate?", we said to Daddy's little boy, on board.

"Erm, my mate has just gone off but he should be back in few minutes. Can you wait?"

We decided that "a few minutes" sounded an awful lot like "never", so we politely suggested he move the boat back along the jetty so we could get alongside.

"Erm, I suppose I could try that", he reckons, sounding super competent.

So we fuel up and go....and he and his mates are still in the coffee shop well after we've left, while others are trying to get on to the jetty - must have been "a few minutes" in dog years, I 'spose.

Off to Rotto for an exploratory on Salmon Rise. Well.....no Salmon were seen rising, no Crays were seen, period, and the general consensus was: "Welllll, it was nice/ok, but a bit too deep, really..."

Right. Sounds terrific. File that one in the circular file....and forget.

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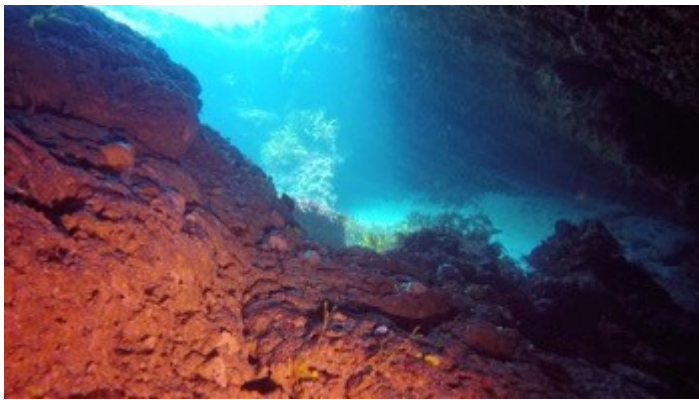
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Trundled off to Crystal Palace, since Parker Point and Julie's Cave were suffering tsunamis, and dropped the pick. Then a few of those tsunamis came there too, so we decided to pick up the pick and move..... Yeah, bad idea. We could see the flag, the anchor was only a few metres deep, but it wasn't going anywhere, no matter what we tried.



Ok, chuck in a couple of victims, with the promise of a non-existent prize, for freeing the anchor. Down Richard and Peter went, on top of the flag....except they seemed to be drifting away from the anchor.... Hmm, maybe the pick has worked itself free....

Victims pop up: "It's gone! There's no anchor!" Erm...what? It's the big metal pointy thing on the end of the long, metal linky thing - pretty sure I saw it on there when I chucked it in the water....

Okayyy, wind in the chain and yep, no pointy thing but there was a twisted, bent shackley thing. Hmm, problem. Right, new plan; we are now doing a drift dive over the spot we dropped the anchor and there will be another non-existent prize to the first person to find the \$800, pointy metal thing!

Fortunately, we'd dropped right on the mark so we went back to the GPS fix, dropped the divers, with lift-bags, off the back and bugger me if, the instant Richard hit the water, he looks down and...."I see it! It's right underneath me!"

Turns out the anchor fell into a perfect, round hole that was never going to release it. Divers went down, lift bag came up, I went anchor fishing and Mike and I performed some bolt cutter surgery on the end of the chain and put

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everything back together. The only down side is that the chain is now an entire, single link shorter, so no more deep anchoring 😊

Divers had a great dive, Malcolm bagged four Crays and Crystal Anchor Dump...er, Palace, is now one of his favourite sites.

We had no problem pulling the anchor this time.....erm, mainly because it was still on the bow, and had a smooth cruise back to Coogee.

Cheers,  
Adrian.

### **Next Weekends Dive**

Sorry but no diving this coming weekend as the boat is undergoing some maintenance that we felt couldn't really be put off any longer. I'm going to check out some of our commercial competition just to see if the lunch is really worth \$90 so should be interesting. Will let you know how it goes next week. In the meantime if anyone fancies organising a shore dive go for it.

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Francois Leuenberger

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### Last Weekends Dive

No diving last weekend as the boat was undergoing some important engine maintenance. Work is still ongoing but is due to be completed on Friday.

### Next Weekends Dive

On Saturday we have a double dive scheduled to Jumbo Cave and Parker Point. Both these sites are on the south side of Rottneest and with a forecast for a fresh south easterly wind I suspect we may end up north of the island. I have a couple of new sites obtained from my trip last weekend with one of our commercial friends which we may go back and visit. As mentioned above this is dependent on the engine repairs being completed on time.

### Night Squid Trip 24th January

Steve is scheduling one of his scintillating squid trips on Friday evening, 24th January, cost \$20. Book on through the website calendar. Please book guests on by selecting how many tickets you require and then input their names and details in the space provided under your own booking.

### UEC Diving Survey

You should have all received an email request to fill in a survey about your diving preferences. If you did not receive this and would like to respond then please let me know.

### Wanted Childrens Life-jackets

At the moment we only have one child's life-jacket on the boat which I think was donated by someone. We do run social and fishing trips where we have children on board so it would be very useful if we had a few more life-jackets of various sizes. If anyone has any kicking around at home that their kids no longer fit we would be happy to give them a home. Drop me a line to [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au) if you have something.

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## 22nd January 2020

### Last Weekends Dive

Unfortunately engine repairs have taken longer than we hoped for so there was no diving last weekend. Good news is we are fixed and good to go.

### Next Weekends Dive

With it being the Australia Day weekend we have a big weekend planned. On Saturday we have a double going out to Cray Canyon and Julies Cave. Both beautiful dive sites and in my top ten. On Sunday we have our river cruise, dinner and firework trip upto Perth Waters. Then on Monday we have a double dive out to Nurses Quarters and a Skippers Choice. The weather for all three days is looking pretty good with swells around the 1.2m mark and the usual summer wind pattern.

### Night Squid Trip 24th January

Due to a less than favourable weather forecast the squid trip will be postponed.

### UEC Diving Survey

You should have all received an email request to fill in a survey about your diving preferences. If you did not receive this and would like to respond then please let me know.

### Wanted Childrens Life-jackets

At the moment we only have one child's life-jacket on the boat which I think was donated by someone. We do run social and fishing trips where we have children on board so it would be very useful if we had a few more life-jackets of various sizes. If anyone has any kicking around at home that their kids no longer fit we would be happy to give them a home. Drop me a line to [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au) if you have something.

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 DO: John

**SPECIAL EVENT - 2 places available**

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Australia Day River Cruise and Sky show  
 Skipper: Chris  
 Deckie: Wendy

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**(Australia Day Public Holiday)**

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Departing Coogee Marina at 3:30pm

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Cost \$45.00 per person, BYO drinks only.

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Liz

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## 29th January 2020

### Last Weekends Dive

#### **Saturday**

With it being a long weekend we took the opportunity to schedule two dives. So on Saturday we had eleven divers head out with Geoff and John. After a few issues with the boat not starting and a call out for Chris who managed to get things fixed after messing with the wiring they headed to Parker Point as Geoff felt that Cray Canyon was maybe pushing it given the problems. With the wind picking up from the SW they headed north to Roe Reef for the second dive and all enjoyed the diving.



#### **Monday**

When your rostered on for the Nurses Quarters you know its going to be a full house. Well yesterday we needed the 2<sup>nd</sup> story. We set off with 18 souls on-board including two Free Divers, two passengers, fourteen divers and Rex behind the wheel.

Was a pleasant run out to Nurses - though a little rocky - which had the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 on-board that would later succumb to dreaded sea sickness over the course of the day. There was a small vessel on the site so we anchored parallel which required a small swim off the starboard with most coming back aboard from a clear dive and reporting the sharks were still there.

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The trip back to Cockburn was a bit bumpy but overall it was a pleasant day (for most). Given the numbers aboard, the boat was not overcrowded and was managed by help from many of experienced divers and skipper, which helped me immensely on the day – so thanks to you all.

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Jeff

### **Sky Show January 26th 2020**

Well what can I say except thank you ?

The weather was amazing, the company, the best 22 hardy souls,

Wendy and Chris did an amazing job skippering.

Everyone on board behaved themselves

, (thank you) and Jaz and Ilonka's shared dips and superb desserts were total crowd stealers.

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Thank you all for supporting YOUR club, it was great to see you all.  
You rock.

Liz

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Next Sunday we are off to Marjories Holes (again - not that I would ever tell Skipper Steve where to go but .....!) and Kingston Fish Cave. The forecast looks good with a sunny 35deg. Wind is up a wee bit but its an easterly to start so should be a nice crossing and then the usual drop

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## 5th February 2020

### Last Weekends Dive

It was a gorgeous summer day aboard Cape Cruiser and in the water on Rotto's, never disappointing, north side.



The first dive for the eager group of 11 divers was Marjorie's Holes. This site offered lots of big and small caves and swim-throughs, some filled with schools of loitering bulls eyes and hiding blue devils.



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The club's second dive was at Kingston Fish Caves, which also delivered good dive conditions and visibility of around 15m. The highlight for Mel, Nathan and Sion was a close up visit by 4 seals who played like puppies, before moving on with their day.



Though the crays were quite abundant, particularly at Marjorie's Holes, most had berries or tar spots. Crayfisher-person of the day was Pete who bagged 2. Damo snared one keeper at Kingston which brought the total to a very sustainable 3 for the day.

### **NIGHT SQUID TRIP... ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT**

WHEN: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb leaving the marina at 5-30pm

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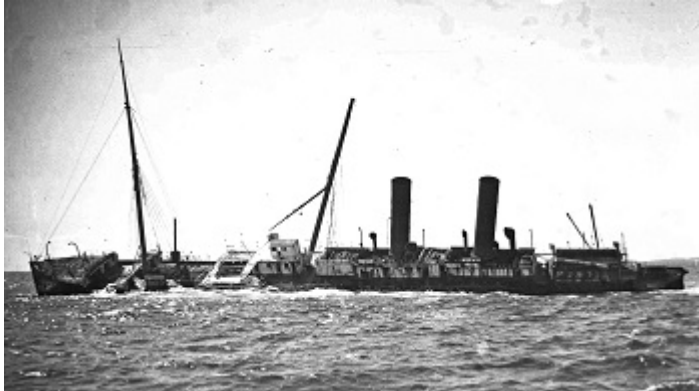
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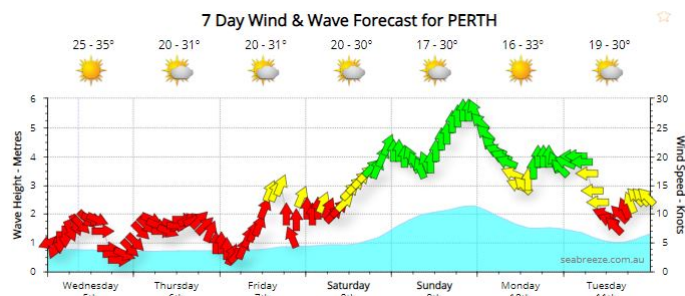
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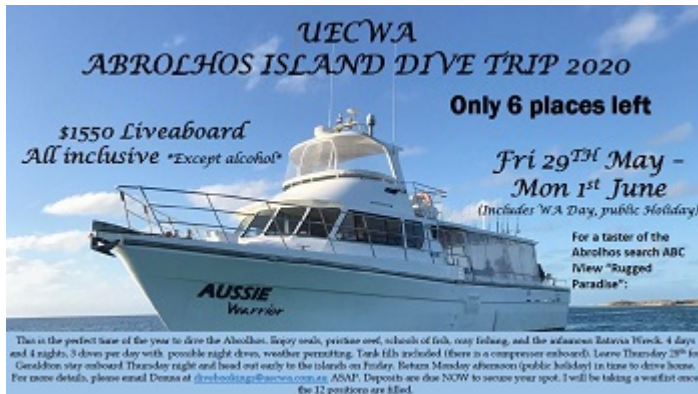
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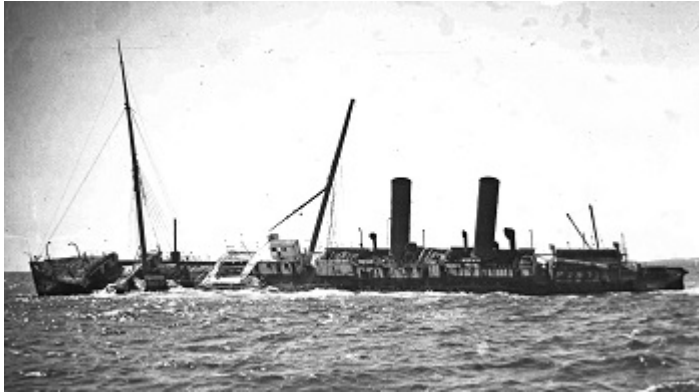
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### Last Weekends Dive

Ventured out to the Orizaba Wreck and the Carlisle Wreck on Coventry Reef on a slight breeze and no swell which is essential for diving these 2 sites.



Wreck of the Orizaba



It's not often the club gets to dive these 2 sites so it was a treat for all 11 divers aboard.

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DO: Donna

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Carlisle Castle

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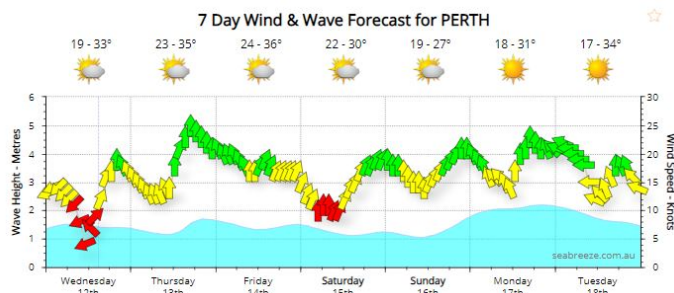


Railway line from Carlisle Castle

But as we always say... no cray on deck or photo evidence – it didn't happen LOL. Maybe next time Nathan.  
Jeff

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A late change in dive location for next Saturdays dive. As we managed to do the Orizaba last weekend and didn't get to Nurses Quarters we have changed this weeks location to go see the sharks. These dives always book out fast so get in quick to secure your spot. The forecast is looking okay for a trip to the West End with low winds and a 1.2m swell and dropping.



### **Carnac Island Family Day - March 29th**

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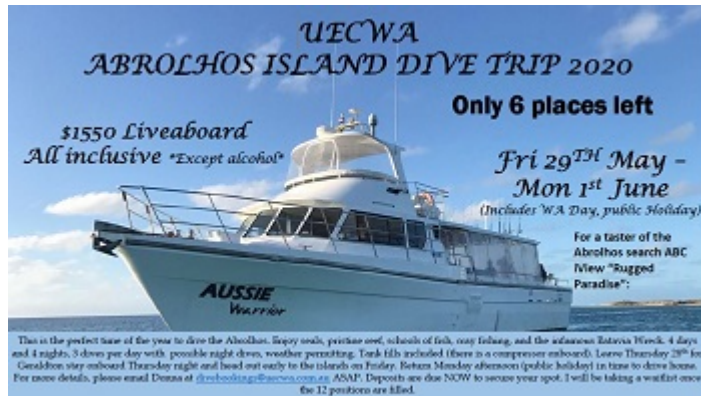
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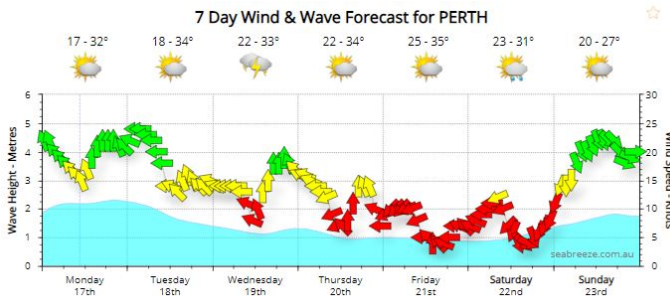
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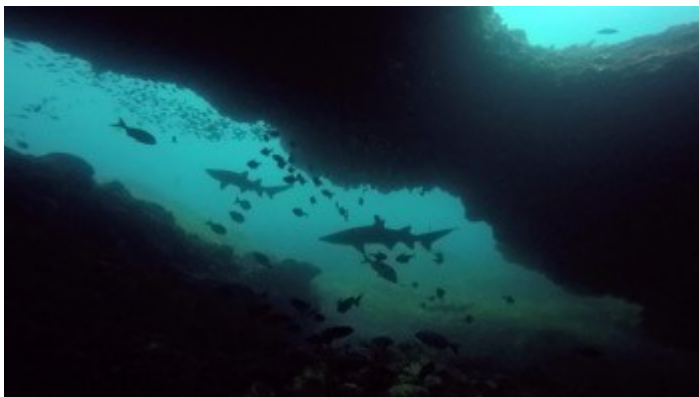
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### Tonight

A social boat trip tonight departing 6pm to watch the Queen Mary depart Fremantle. BYO food and drinks. \$20pp and only a couple of spots left.

### Last Weekends Dive

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I then made my way back to the cave to find it empty of divers and the Nurses were still there. After a couple of close swim bys it was time to head back to the boat.



Double Dive - Exploratory Dive & Parker Point  
Skipper : Wendy  
DO: Jeff

**Saturday 28th March**  
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After a leisurely lunch and a bit of a snorkel while Donna went diving we all went exploring. As usual it didn't disappoint, the highlight being the big cave at the point.



What is it? Spotted in the big cave at Fish Hook Bay this enormous black and silver Nudi slug like creature was hanging out doing not very much. At about 12 inches long its not something I have seen before.

Being a relatively shallow dive, air is never the problem here and before I knew it time was up and it was back to the boat for the run home. Even though the sun never came out it was still a brilliant days diving. A big thanks to Rex and Donna, our crew for the day, and to all the other divers for a very special day of diving.

### **Next Weekends Dive**

Saturday is Rottnest Swim day so we are laying on an island run for anyone who wants to go see the finish line. While they are watching the finish we are going to dive Crystal Palace area, have lunch at the snorkel trail, clean the plinths and then dive the fabled Julies Cave before

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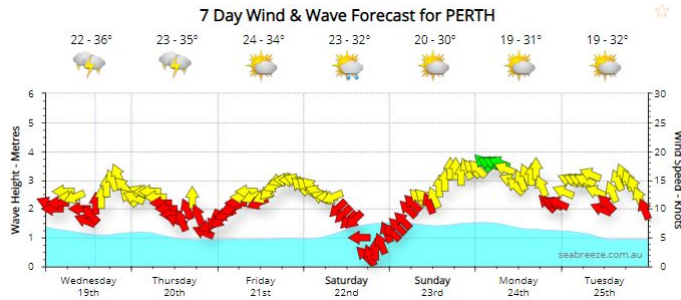
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The entrance to Julies Cave

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### **Reel it in Clean up event - Sunday 23 February, 9am-12pm, Nedlands foreshore**

Hold the date:  
**Swan River Clean-up**  
23 Feb 2020  
Jo Jo's Café Jetty  
In water and land based  
Contact Jasmine @  
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I'm pleased to invite you to be a part of our *Reel it in* Clean-up Event on Sunday 22 February from 9am – 12pm. The event is designed to be a lead-in event to Clean-up Australia Day activities the following long-weekend.

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We'll also be putting on a free sausage sizzle for volunteers that come down and lend a hand on the day.

More details to come, but for now, please save the date and time.

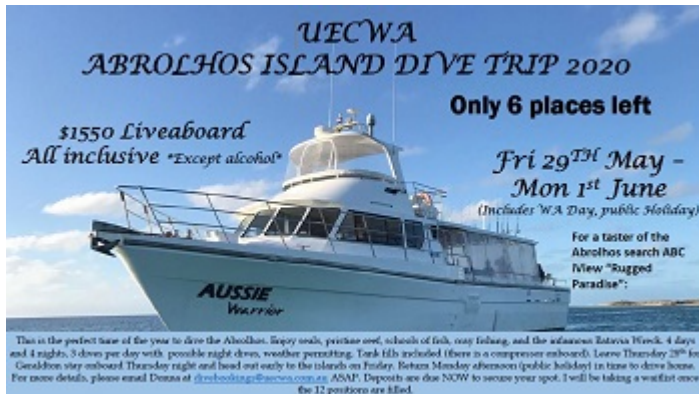
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## 26th February 2020

### Last Weekends Dive

We made a relatively late change to the dive day so that we coincided with the Rotto swim to allow any passengers a drop off if they wanted to watch the race finish. As it turned out we only had Andrew and Karlie for the drop off complete with bikes. The rest of us (nine divers including birthday girl Mel celebrating a big one, DO Donna, and me as skipper), headed round the corner to Julie's Cave and a bit of shelter from a fresh NE wind.



We dropped the anchor right on the mark at the entrance to the cave and everyone went diving. As it's a relatively shallow site most to their whole allotted hour and came back with smiles and great review is the site. The cave itself is nice, although not huge, but the area in general is very interesting with lots of small caves, gullies and overhangs.



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For the second dive we headed around the Point to Crystal Palace area and the dark tunnel cave system last seen with a couple of baby Port Jacksons hanging about. The viz looked stunning from the surface with the Reef clearly visible. Again all came back with big smiles and raving about the site so all up two great dives. By this time the wind had dropped off completely and it was a beautiful calm day, although a bit overcast. Perfect Rotto swim weather.



We had had planned to clean the plinths but the bay looked pretty full with boats and everyone had had enough in the water so we headed back to Thompsons to pick up our passengers.



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We finally made it back to Thompson's Bay, picked up our passengers and had a very pleasant calm trip back to Coogee.  
Mike

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Three places left for the family day to Carnac. Book through he website calendar.

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## 4th March 2020

### Last Weekends Dive

Saturday's dive went out in splendid weather. We were a little late taking off after a shaky start to the morning as some of the crew could not decide who was supposed to empty the dishwasher.

With 10 divers and 4 passengers going to Rottneest for a day excursion, we set off in wonderful conditions. After dropping off the passengers at Rottneest we decided to go to West End and do a dive on Carpet Emporium. As usual this site did not disappoint lots of fish, crays and a couple of sharks in residence which was a bonus for everyone going down.

<https://youtu.be/KuxIubYtuJk>

Not so fortunate for some of the crayfish who managed to find their way onto the boat. We did hit a slight snag called the reef and after numerous attempts to remove the anchor we had two brave souls go down and release it so a big thank you to Bernie and Nathan for doing that dive.

Then off to the next dive site which was Green Wall. Everyone enjoyed the dive, lots of fish to see, and some crayfish ended up on the boat. Two of our divers wanted to see what the back of our boat look like from a distance and surfaced a reasonable distance from the boat. Chris, the ever inventful man, released the mermaid line and sent it drifting back to the divers who happily hooked on. Chris took on a new role in the boat called a winch and did a wonderful job of pulling them in. They did complain about not being able to waterski and I think Chris will just have to increase the speed next time.

Back to Rottneest pick up our landlubbers and then back to Coogee Marina to end a wonderful day.

John

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UEC Rottnest Holiday 2020  
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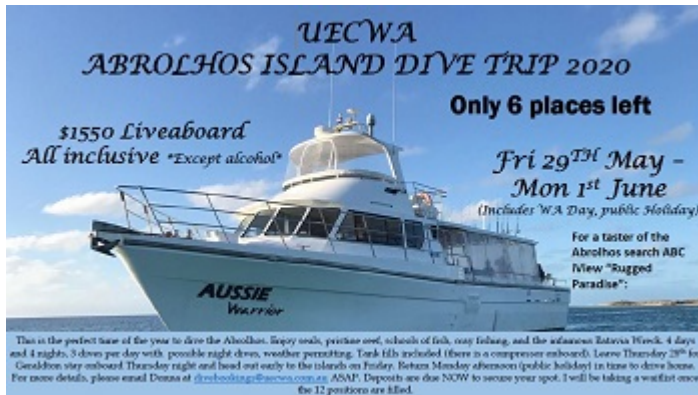
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Space is limited to 14 people, so get in quick.

Deposits of 50% are due before December 1st.

*The Week: 7th-12 13th March - \$499 (incl. 10 dives \$300)*  
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UECWA  
ABROLHOS ISLAND DIVE TRIP 2020  
Only 6 places left

\$1550 Liveaboard  
All inclusive \*except alcohol\*

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May -  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June  
(Includes WA Day, public holiday)

For a taster of the Abrolhos search ABC View "Rugged Paradise".

*AUSSIE Warrior*

This is the perfect time of the year to dive the Abrolhos. Easy seas, pristine reefs, schools of fish, easy fishing, and the fabulous Rottnest Week. 4 days and 4 nights, 3 dives per day with possible night dives, weather permitting. Tank fills included (there is a compressor onboard). Leave Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> for Geraldton stay onboard Thursday night and head out early to the islands on Friday. Return Monday afternoon (public holiday) in time to drive home. For more details, please email Donna at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) ASAP. Deposits are due NOW to secure your spot. I will be taking a waitlist once the 12 positions are filled.

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## 11th March 2020

### Rottnest Week

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## 18th March 2020

### Coronavirus Update

Just a brief note as you all know what you should and shouldn't be doing. At this stage we will continue a normal dive calendar so Sundays dive will go ahead. We will take all the expected precautions such as having additional hand washing facilities, hand sanitiser (if we can find any), asking people not to come on the boat if they are showing any symptoms or have been in contact with any known cases, to keep some distance on the boat and not to share food or water. Please ensure you bring your own cups, water bottles etc and please use your own towels to dry your hands.

### Rottnest Week

The UEC Rottnest Diving Holiday 2020 began with beautiful Perth autumn weather.....and stayed that way the whole trip.



### **Saturday**

Fourteen excited divers departed Coogee Marina mid-morning on Sat the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Arriving at Geordie Bay, we unloaded the boat into our chalets and the divers headed to Roe Reef to blow bubbles. The dive was enjoyed by all and we returned with the boat limit of crays to share towards pasta night dinner.

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Skipper : Mike  
DO: Adrian

### **Sunday 29th March**

Social Family Day Carnac Island  
Skipper : Steve  
DO: Donna

### **Sunday 5th April**

Wreck Diving Double - The Orizaba & Carlisle Castle  
Skipper : Chris  
DO: TBA

### **Friday 10th April (Good Friday)**

Double Dive - Nurses Quarters & Jumbo Cave (Sanctuary)  
Skipper : Geoff  
DO: John



### Sunday

Marjorie's Potholes was the site for dive 1 this morning and some of us found both the big and small caves located here amongst the field of 'potholes'. A bagged out boat on

### Sunday 12th April

Double Dive - Cray Canyon & Midway Anders & Kerry  
Skipper : Rex  
DO: Jeff

### Monday 13th April (Easter Monday)

Single Dive - Stragglers Mini Swirl  
Skipper : Wendy  
DO: Donna

### Saturday 18th April

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### Monday

Named after UEC member Kerry Ashton, Kerry's Caverns is a stunning labyrinth of canyons, tunnels and caves on Horseshoe Reef. Our second dive was an exploratory site for us called Troy's Well. Turns out he's not. As the Underwater Explorers Club, members are always up for an exploratory dive, but this one won't get added to our list, despite nudging the boat limit of crays again. Tonight was seafood galore and as usual we all met in 949 for a sunset toast to Huey and a communal dinner.

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**Rottnest Report:**



### Wednesday

Today was the first of our two dives on Nurses Quarters at West End. Found and named by UEC, NQ is a large deep cave usually host to Grey Nurse sharks. It did not disappoint, with sixteen sharks in residence. That's an equal record for me. Such an incredible experience to share a space with them. After spending time with the sharks, I took several divers to experience Malcolm's Wormhole nearby. Named because entering the cave at one end is so different to the fish-filled amphitheater to pop out at on the other side of a dark twisting tunnel. I left Nathan and Jeff admiring a sea star with 1m long legs and went hunting unsuccessfully for a double-chambered cave I'd found in the area previously. I returned to the anchor for some final 'shark time' until my air or NDL called it a dive. Our second dive was at Cray Canyon. One of my favourite sites, CC was discovered as an exploratory dive on the Rottneest holiday in the early 2000's. We dived on an 'interesting looking' piece of reef and we all came back raving! Thus was born Cray Canyon as a firm club favourite. Tonight's dinner was the traditional curry night with all the accompaniments. Crayfish Rogan Josh? Decadent coz we can.



Malcolm Roberts

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Today was windier so the boat went to Roe Reef followed by tucking in close to the island and diving Geordie Lump. Some people took the day off diving and explored the island in their own ways. Rottnest is lovely like that. It doesn't matter what the weather, there's always something amazing to do. The evening was our final balcony toast to Huey with a big thanks for the fine weather all week. A delicious dinner hosted by Liz Davey once again followed.



### Friday

There was only one dive at Geordie lump again in the morning, before the boat loaded up and most people headed back, having enjoyed a fun week of diving and much more. I didn't have to head back, so took the chance to jump out of a plane on a tandem skydive over Rotto. Great freefall views followed by a soft beach landing.







The weekend crew arrived to unpack, relax and then enjoy the results of Liz's hard work preparing a delicious pasta dinner for all. A few drinks were enjoyed as we anticipated a great weekend ahead.

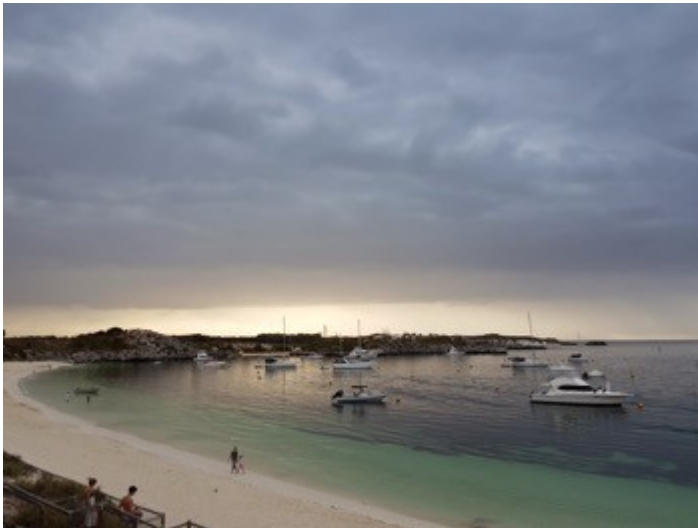


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The weather turned beautiful and the lead-out dive was a return to Nurse's Quarters. Today there were twelve sharks in the cave. They were placid and in no hurry to swim off, as they do if people wear shark shields or go bubbling their way into the middle of the cave. Neither happened and they stayed around as we observed them from the cave periphery. I then showed another entourage Malcolm's Wormhole, and after being awed by a huge rock arch over schools of Buffalo Bream, I hunted again for the double-chambered cave and found it. Unfortunately there was a big Wobbegong Shark blocking access to the second chamber so it will have to wait, but I now know where it is for next time. We returned to the sharks, and again wrung our max time or air out of the dive. Dive 2 was Flat-top Cave, another club favourite. This aptly-named site is just that, a flat-topped reef riddled with caves and an intricate network of tunnels. A surface current had Chris and Ria surface a long way away and need a tow back for what was the only 'rescue' of the holiday. A few more crays and dinner tonight was sorted.

**Sunday**

We had 35mm of rain overnight but by the time we left, things were looking up. With a lack of wind today, the skipper took us to the south side of the island to Crystal Palace. This is a club favourite and I'll admit I'm coming around on this one. It's beautiful and everyone had a great dive. Our second dive was in the Thompson Bay sanctuary over the three wrecks. We dived on the Macedon. Sunk in 1883, there is a surprising amount to be seen with the ship's ribs still sticking skyward after all these years. Tonight Steve Day and Chris McCoppin went for a night dive in Geordie Bay, happy to experience the night wandering of crayfish they'd heard about. (There's a reason you can't take them at night time.) Dinner was served on their return, and together we all celebrated the last night of a safe and enjoyable UEC diving holiday.

**Monday**

Monday saw us making the most of the windless conditions with a short trip out to Angela's Cave on Northpoint Reef. This spectacular canyon is 25 m deep along the bottom, but it's an amazing site. It was so still with wind, that the boat was just sitting there with the anchor hanging straight down. Back in plenty of time to do what was needed before our early afternoon departure it was a lovely end to the holiday.



More than great diving, it's times away together like this that the benefits of being in a club shine. With members sharing the workload around the boat, helping others here and there, communal meals around the long table at 949 with a list of contributors assisting Liz on different nights and not to forget sunset drinks and evening hangouts each night we had a fantastic social week too.



No trip like the wonderful holiday we all had would be possible without the club members who volunteer their time to make it happen. I particularly wish to thank our club skippers Geoff (who did the whole 10 days), Chris Cunnold, Carl Anders and Steve Day who all came and

lent a hand to drive the boat. With some last-minute withdrawals, I know there were some anxious moments in the time leading up to the holiday. Thank you too to our club DO's, always there to assist the skipper of the day and to help around the boat with what's needed. I will however, reserve my biggest THANK YOU to life member Liz Davey, who once again, over the last year, not only coordinated the whole week and made it happen, but kept you fed by filling your chalets with condiments and made sure there was delicious food for our communal dinners. I know I speak for everyone who came when I say again, 'Thank you.' If there's ever to be a 'Queen of Rottnest' I'm voting for you.



Thanks too to Huey, our benevolent weather god, for a holiday where beautiful weather meant we didn't miss a single dive. Safe and enjoyable diving made for a memorable holiday.

Hope to see you next year at the UEC Rottnest Diving Holiday.

Editors Note - for those interested there were 141 Crayfish caught over the 10 days of diving with 24 brought back to Perth so they ate 117 Crayfish or almost 12 a day!!!! Think I would be looking forward to a nice steak after all that.

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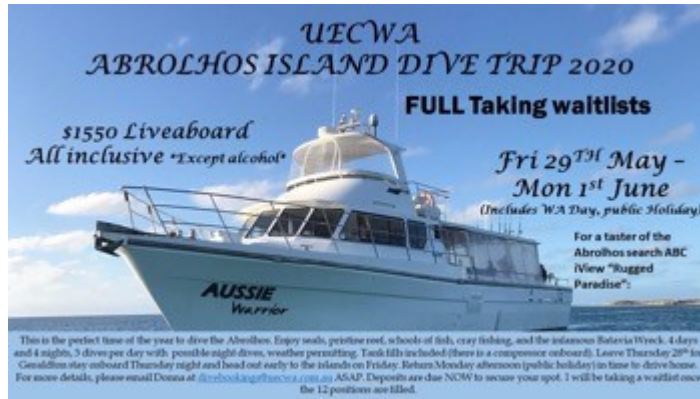
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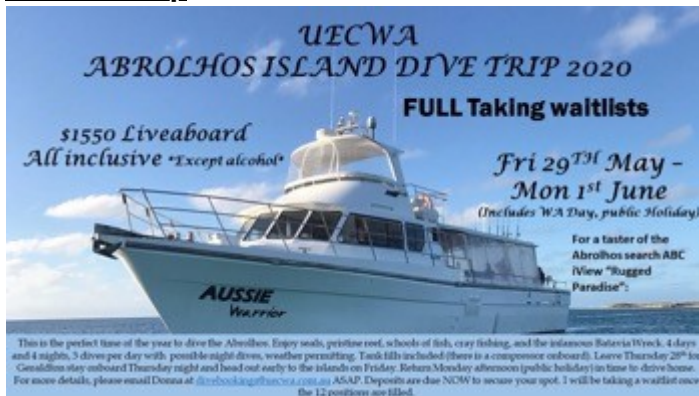
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## 29th April 2020

I hope all our members and friends have survived the last six weeks of isolation without going crazy. With hints that life may be returning to some semblance of normality I thought it timely to send an update on the clubs plans to restart diving.

Before we can do anything we have a leaking fuel tank to repair. This will involve lifting the boat and welding the tank. While out of the water we will take the opportunity to clean and antifoul the hull. We are looking at when this can be scheduled and hopefully can be done in the next few weeks.

While this work is being undertaken we will review the numbers that we can safely bring on board and maintain social distancing. We will also need to look at procedures for maintaining distance while divers are entering and returning from the dive.

As soon as we are in a position to restart diving we will let you all know.

### **Boat Officer and Vice President Positions**

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Chris Cunnold has decided to stand down from the committee due to work commitments. As such we are looking for volunteers to fill these positions. If anyone would like to volunteer or would like more information then please let me know at [0457 825 074](tel:0457825074) or [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au). I would like to thank Chris for all his hard work to maintain the boat over the last few years.

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### **Boat diving under review**

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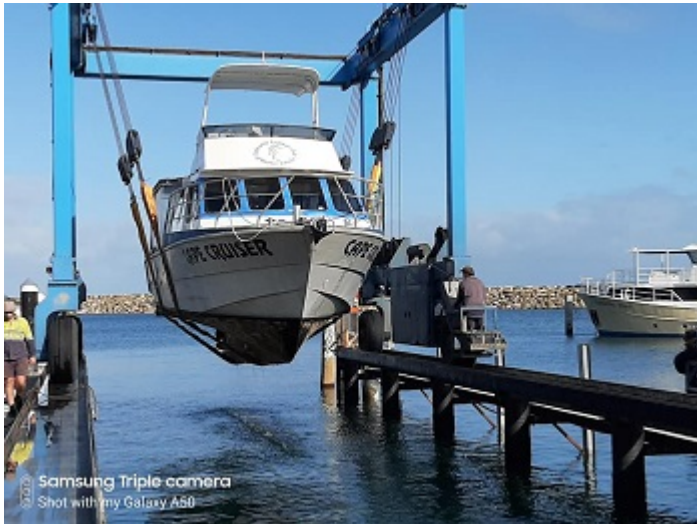


## 13th May 2020

### **Boat Lifting & Repairs**

If you follow the club on Facebook you will have seen the boat coming out of the water for some annual maintenance and repairs to the hull/fuel tank.

A big thanks to Steve Day for taking over the organisation of the lifting and coordinating the repairs at short notice. We are almost finished but not quite. Having removed the old patch on the hull we elected to go for a more expensive but more permanent repair where the entire wall of the fuel tank that makes up part of the boat hull will be cut out and replaced. We decided to go this route as we suspect that if we just continue to patch what's there we will keep having to do this repair every few years. As a result the boat has stayed on the hard stand for a few days more than planned but should be back in the water and back to Coogee tomorrow.



Samsung Triple camera  
Shot with my Galaxy A60

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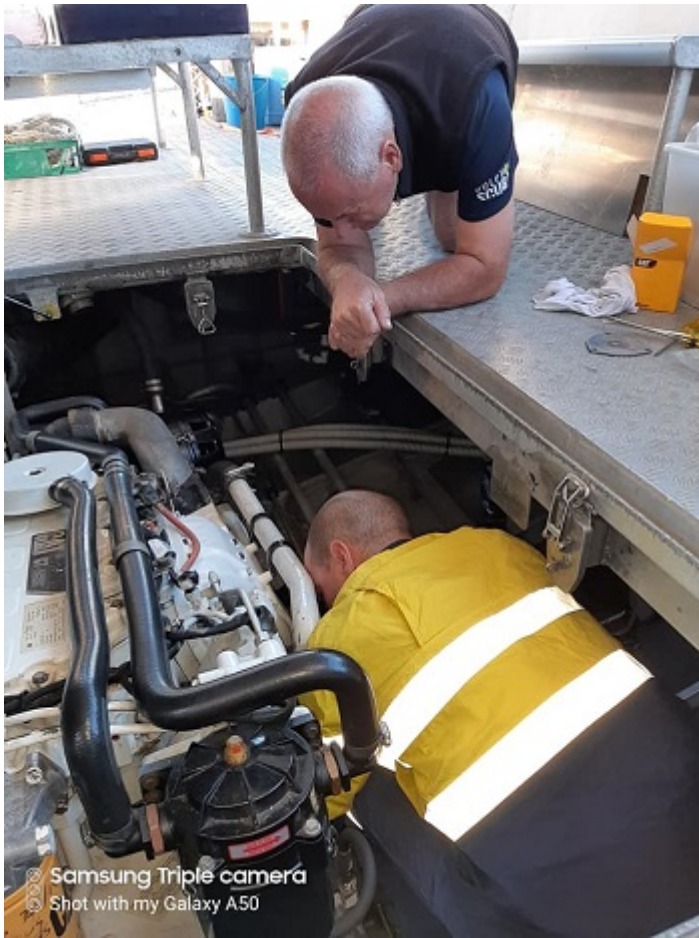
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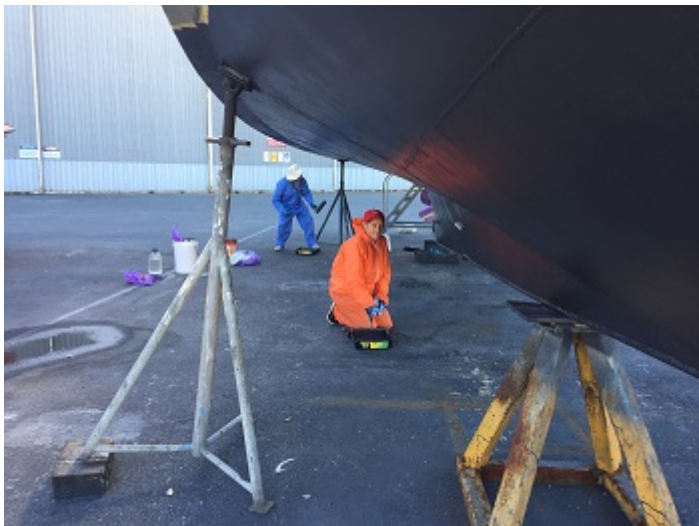
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A big thanks also to all those who came down to help. A special mention to Liz and Pete who cleaned out the fuel tank which involves working under the deck. Not a particularly easy job.

Hopefully I haven't missed anyone in the following list

Steve Day  
Pete Northrop  
Liz Davey  
Tom Basset  
Chris Wilkinson  
Kate Wilkinson  
Nathan Cox  
Shane Penny  
Geoff Geard  
Carl Anders  
Mark Weber  
Jonathan Anderson  
Sue Haste  
Georgina Cardaci  
Donna Gratton  
Bob Dobson  
Zita Dobson  
Michele Hardesty-Munday  
Peter Stock  
Me (Mike Buchanan)

As well as the hull/fuel tank repair we cleaned and repainted the hull with two coats of anti foul, we cleaned,

polished & treated the propeller with Prospeed, we replaced all the engine filters, we touched up the blue paint on the boat, we replaced all the anodes, we swapped the anchor chain around, marked it every 10m with blue paint and fitted a new swivel and I'm sure there are a few other jobs I missed.

With all that work we were hoping to organise our first return to diving this weekend following the relaxation of Covid-19 rules but the weather didn't want to play ball. We ask everyone to be patient and we will get out diving as soon as possible. With the closure of the Rottneest Island waters we will be limited in where we can dive and this is of particular significance when we have less than idea weather as we have no island to tuck in behind.

Initially diving will be limited to six divers and two crew to maintain social distancing. We will continue to monitor the state regulations and react accordingly.

### **Boat Officer and Vice President Positions**

A big thanks to Tom Bassett who has nominated and been accepted for the position of Vice-President. We are still looking for a boat officer. Please note that this position does not require a huge amount of knowledge and hands on work. Great if you do have it and can get stuck into fixing stuff but the role is more about coordinating and managing work on maintaining the boat. As such the boat officer can select a boat committee made up of experienced hands to help and support them in the role. If anyone would like to volunteer or would like more information then please let me know at [0457 825 074](tel:0457825074) or [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au).

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### **Happy 80th Birthday!**

I believe two of our younger members have just celebrated a big birthday. Happy 80th wishes to Pat Troy (May 10th) and Dennis Stubberfield (May 11th). A couple of recent photos below:



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## 21st May 2020

Just realised its Thursday and I forgot the newsie. That's what comes from living under a rock so long!

### **Boat Lifting & Repairs**

So the boat is back in action and the lucky buggers were out today. Some of us had to work so couldn't join in but will be there on Saturday. By all accounts it was beautiful out there although the viz was pretty dodgy.



We have a double dive lined up for Saturday and I believe all six places have been booked. If you are interested drop Donna an email at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) to be wait listed.

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DO: Donna

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## 27th May 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

To make the most of the boat being back in action we organised a Thursday special crewed by Steve and Pete:

Six divers and two crew left Coogee Marina this morning on CC's for outing for a while in these Covid times. The wind was light easterly and the sea was flat, out a Stragglers Mini Swirl, our first dive site, there was the occasional swell. Diver entered for the dive, Liz had to return to the boat straight away with a popped high pressure hose and took no further part in the days diving. As the other divers came back to the boat they advised a fair surge and very low vis at about 2m or so. Jeff returned with 3 crays.



Second dive was just south of Straggler Rocks with the wind dropping and a flat sea. 5 divers had a fairly long dive due to the shallower water. The vis was a bit better at around 4m. After staying so long he looked like a wrinkled prune, Jeff finally returned from the west side reef, complaining of a huge surge around the reef, with another two crays, taking the cray count for the day, being the only one fishing.

Cheryl celebrated her birthday on the boat.

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Pete Northrop  
DO

### **Saturdays Dive**

With a forecast for Sunday of a 10 year storm we managed to sneak in a couple of dives on the Saturday in almost perfect conditions. A little breezy to start off but the wind dropped through the day and it was a pleasant balmy Autumn day. The calm before the storm so to speak. Six divers and with Steve skippering again and DO Donna we headed out to Mewstone Rock to tuck in the shelter of the stone on the south side. We have dived the north side a few times but this was the first time I'm aware of that we have dived the south side. It didn't disappoint. Not a spectacular site but more than enough holes, small caves and overhangs to keep us all amused for the full hour.



Crayfish virgins Kate and Chris managed to bag their first two crays so lots of photos taken at lunchtime. John bagged two and I managed one.

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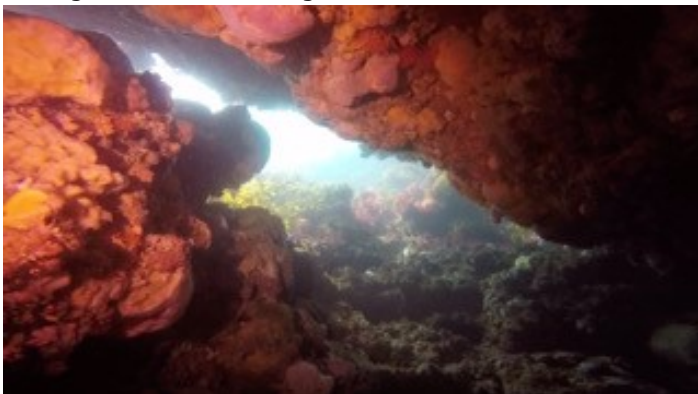
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It was then a short hop back to Coogee soaking up the warm Autumn sunshine. A big thanks to Donna and Steve for crewing and the rest of the divers for making it a nice return to diving for us.

Mike

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## 3rd June 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

Unfortunately the bad weather put paid to last weekends dive.

### This Weeks Diving

This weekend the forecast is looking excellent for diving with low swell and no wind. The dive is scheduled for Sunday and is up on the calendar. We are in the process of working up new dive numbers allowed on board so hopefully there should be room for everyone who wants to join the dive. With Rottnest opening from Saturday we are also able to visit all our favourites again - woohooo!

### Abrolhous Trip

Apparently they enjoyed it - who knows why. Anyway here is a taste of what they got up to. Maybe one of them would like to share their stories with the rest of us.



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## 10th June 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

Well things are getting back to normal in the club dive world. The boat went out last Sunday with eleven divers onboard, just shy of our new diver limit of twelve and headed to Rottneest (yaaay). A strong forecast current meant visiting the sharks at Nurses Quarters was not an option so instead they headed to Parker Point. A dragged anchor near the end of the dive gave some a little bit more of a surface swim thna they bargained for. Damo showed he hasn't lost his crayfishing prowess with four bagged on the dive.



After weathering a surface squall they headed for Jackson Rock and all had another good dive. It was then back to Coogee for an early arrival and a chance to check out the new drinking hole of the Australian Brewhouse. Finally a pub within sight of the marina and I'm sure to become a club favourite haunt.

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**This Weeks Diving**

This weekend the forecast for Saturday is currently do-able but we will be watching the front due through Thursday and Friday and will make the final call on Friday. The dive will be posted on the calendar shortly and as with last week we will be restricting numbers to twelve. Destination to be decided but almost certainly Rottneest.

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## 17th June 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

unfortunately the weather was not great so we cancelled the dive.

### This Weeks Diving

This week its looking reasonably good on Saturday so we are hoping to get a Rottnest double dive in. Please book on through the website calendar.

### Abrolhos 2020 Trip Report

While the decision to continue with our trip this year in the face of the COVID 19 pandemic was not made easily. It seemed that intrastate borders as well as dubious weather following severe storms were going to stall the trip. We had people booking on then booking off as their circumstances changed from day to day and week to week. However, with the passionate support of our tour operator Dave McShane from Abrolhos Island Charters to make the trip happen, along with the determination of those booked on, the trip finally went ahead.



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The trip out from Geraldton was very rough, everyone had fingers crossed all the way there hoping that things would settle. They did, and we ended up with all four days of not only dive-able, but great conditions. The dive sites did not disappoint sharing with us plenty of crayfish, so many in fact that we stuffed ourselves with crays on the boat and still could not catch anymore on the last day as we were on our quota. We had a short boarding from fisheries and they of course gave us the nod to continue as we were.



Food was (as it has been in the past) brilliant and plentiful. Damo bagged the biggest crayfish of the trip and in fact the biggest many of us have seen caught, it was a horse, in fact the fisheries guy commented on the size and

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A few of us exhausted from diving stayed on the boat for the final dive of the trip, we were not disappointed with our decision at all when we were visited by an inquisitive humpback whale, coming right up to the boat and investigating Sigourney (our Dive Master), giving us the opportunity to take some great pictures.



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### Last Weeks Diving

Another weekend of no diving - bring on summer!!!

### This Weeks Diving

We are hoping to run a double dive on Sunday. Just watching the forecast to see if the weather holds good. I will send out an email if its going ahead.

### International Women's Dive Day

To celebrate International Women's Dive Day, Steve and Pete will be donning their dresses to take the ladies out on a midweek dive on Tuesday 7th July (not 8th as shown in flier below). This will be a single dive followed by lunch at the Australian Brewhouse in Coogee. Men are welcome but need to wear something pink if they want to come along. You can come for the whole event by booking through the website or if you just want to meet for lunch then let Donna know you are coming so she can make sure you have a seat.



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## 8th July 2020

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Yet another weekend of no diving due to poor weather but the ladies braved less than ideal conditions on Tuesday. Well done - I think you earned your nice lunch

### UECWA International Women's Dive Day

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July a group of seven divers braved the less than perfect conditions heading out to Carnac for a single dive. We were jumping in early to celebrate International Women's Dive Day, and yes, for all those asking it IS a thing 😊. Thanks to Tracey Hughes for this great suggestion.



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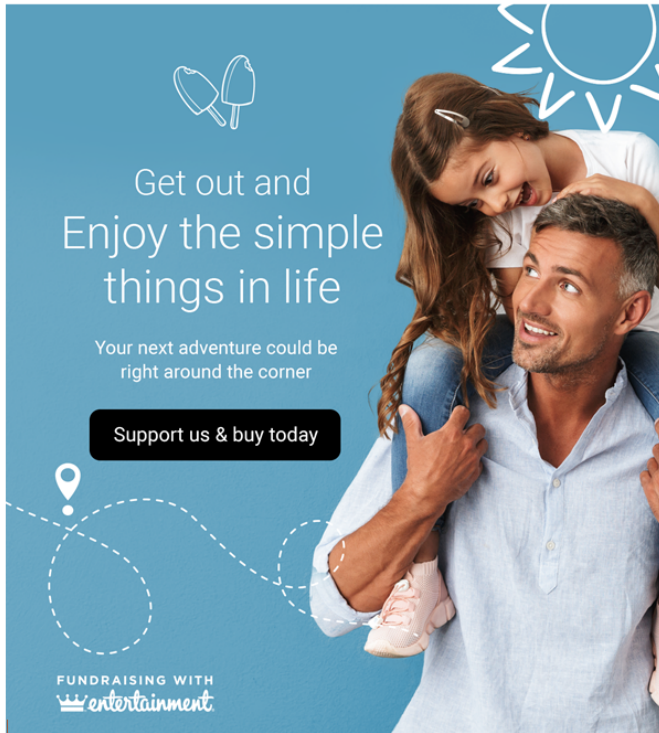
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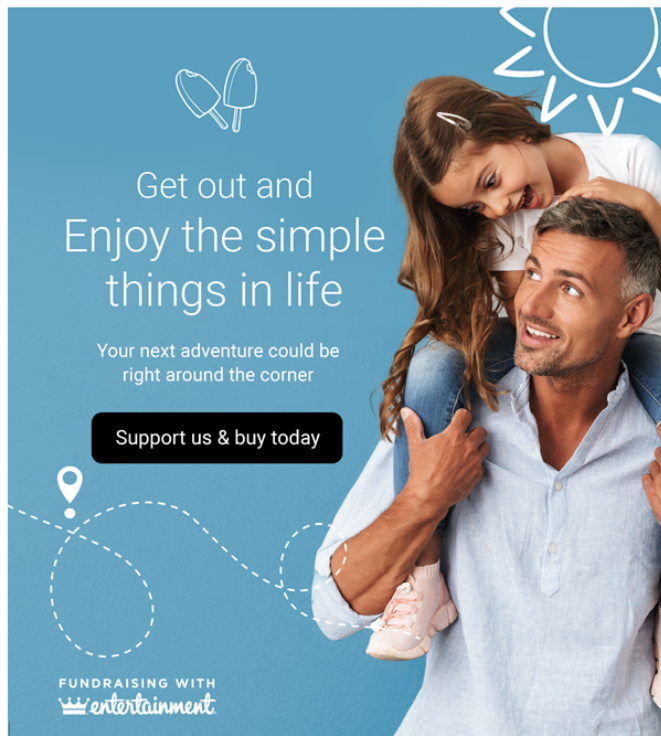
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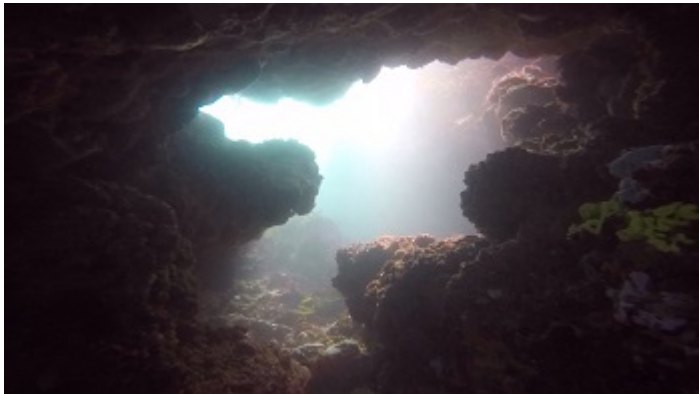


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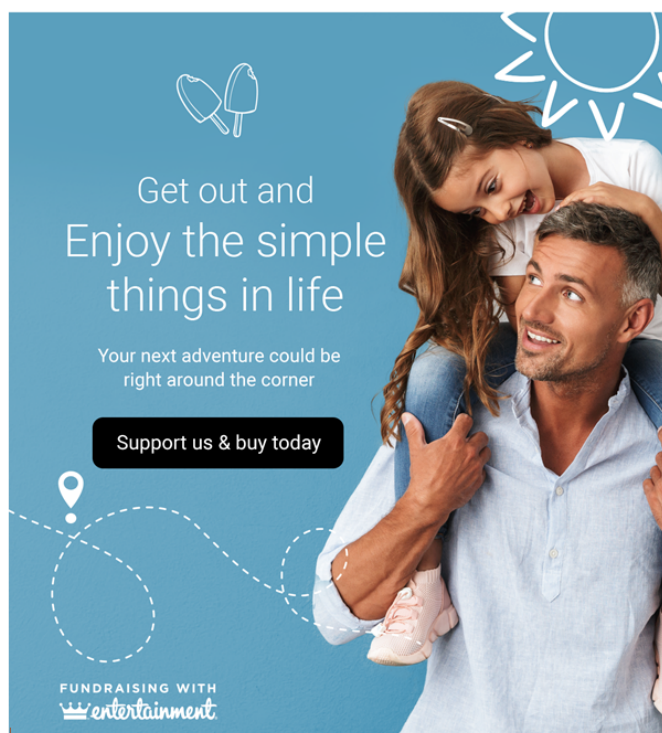
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## 19th August 2020

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No diving last weekend due to weather again!

### This Weeks Diving

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Unfortunately the Esplanade Hotel are no longer prepared to offer us the use of facilities free of charge so the meeting will be held at my house in Swanbourne. To get an indication of numbers I am asking everyone attending to **RSVP** by email to [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au). This will be a bit of a social get together as well so please BYO drinks and a plate to share.

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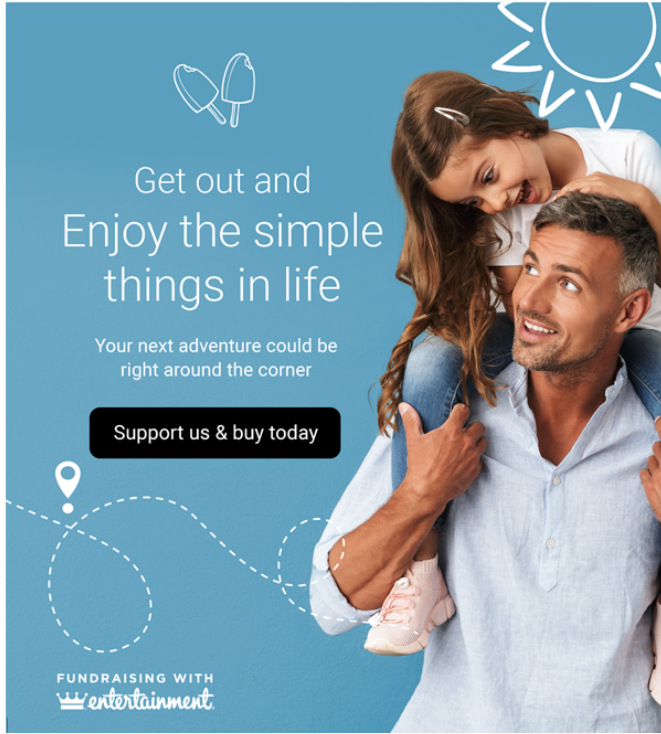
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**Swan-Canning Estuary Mussel Reef Project**

The Nature Conservancy and Partners invite you to a **Community Forum** on our Mussel Reef Project, aimed at helping revitalise the Swan-Canning Estuary through nature-based solutions.

- **When:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 6:00 – 7:30pm (6pm arrival for 6.15pm start)
- **Where:** Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, 1 Hobbs Place, Peppermint Grove
- Light refreshments provided
- Parking available on site
- Seats limited and **registration essential**. Please **RSVP** to Fiona Valesini ([fiona.valesini@tnc.org](mailto:fiona.valesini@tnc.org)) by 20<sup>th</sup> Aug



In July 2019, The Nature Conservancy and partners began working on a three year project aimed at helping support the ecosystem health of the Swan-Canning Estuary through building native mussel reefs. These important habitats help restore vital ecosystem functions such as water filtration and fish production, and provide an overall boost for estuarine biodiversity.

With less than 10% of our natural shellfish reef ecosystems remaining in Australia, this project is part of The Nature Conservancy’s National Reef Building Program to restore and protect 60 shellfish reefs across southern Australia, bringing them back from the brink of extinction

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## 26th August 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

So it's a chilling Sunday morning when I rolled up to the dock and looked around, sadly in vain, for a skipper (Chris was going to be a few mins late) with a pass fob to the gate. Since there was a fairly stiff breeze blowing that was about as warm as a new and soon to be ex, girlfriend's eyes when you tell her, on Valentine's Day, that you don't subscribe to the exploitatively commercialised rituals of said day, I stuck myself in the lee of a metal storage box doing the "homeless man huddle", as Chris put it.

I must have looked a bit pathetic in my hoodie and beanie as, a few minutes earlier, a seagull with a pitying look on its face, had toddled up, threw ME a chip and squawked a few words which google translated as something akin to "This too shall pass", then toddled off again.

Anyways, we broke up enough of the ice in the pen to get the boat out and loaded up with five silly....erm, I mean "intrepid", divers and set off into relatively clear weather and reasonable seas.

Sea Rescue, after we gave our log-on call stating that we were diving on Roe Reef, asked us for the "co-ordinates" of our dive site.... We looked at each other with "Really?" expressions and decided that "north of Rotto, in the water", were reasonable coordinates and went with that.

First site was The Maze, or thereabouts, as the divers seemed to miss the actual site; must have made a wrong turn in the maze...

There was also a near miss for one heavily-clothed DO, namely me, when we were throwing all the usual gear into the water and the dinghy slid off the transom faster than expected, which wouldn't have been a problem....if I hadn't still been holding onto it. So now I'm a suspension bridge between the boat and dinghy, face down over the water with the dinghy drifting rapidly away from the boat, cold, green water staring hungrily at me and a bunch of divers starting to laugh in anticipation of the faceplant.

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Double Dive Skippers Choice  
 Skipper: Wendy  
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Squid Trip 9am departure  
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Throwing in of "intrepid" divers commenced with various screams, shrieks and adult words I didn't understand, to the effect that the water was "cold".... This was, apparently, a surprise to those in the water so I feel that I should explain this phenomenon.

Our planet, due to having an axial tilt and it's orbit around a star, receives varying amounts of incoming solar radiation during that orbit, which creates seasons. The higher temperature season is called "summer". We can dive in this season without turning blue and becoming hypothermic. The lower temperature season is called "winter". In "winter", the lower temperature means that it is "cold". Surprisingly, in "winter" the water is also "cold" or "very cold" and will cause great shrinkage to appendages and much screaming when immersed in it.



People who remain on the boat during this season, are apparently known by the acronym: SOFT, which I believe stands for Safely Out of Freezing Temperatures. For those of us who are SOFT, those who go into the water are known as those who Don't Understand the Meteorological Bureau's Excellent Reports - not sure if there's an acronym in there somewhere....

I attribute this periodic loss of meteorological understanding to the fact that "winter" only occurs once per year and therefore, it can be easy to forget that it is "cold" in this season as it has been several months since the previous "winter".

Now that that's cleared up, the screams died off when the divers submerged and they found plenty of good ground, large amounts of the usual suspects (Blue Devils, Bullseyes, Buff Brim and others) and pretty good vis, albeit somewhat surgy, perhaps due to the mountainous rollers periodically swinging by.

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Another good dive was had although only Joanne came out warm, probably because she was smart enough to be using a nice, thick neoprene drysuit (she later spilled a bit of drink on her shirt and chirped "That's the wettest I've been all day!").

Another easy anchor pull and we headed back just before the rain came in. Same number back as left in the morning and four of us off to the pub for a drink and chips!

Now, where's that seagull that I owe a chip....

Craydrian

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We have a double dive scheduled for Saturday so fingers crossed the weather plays ball. We also have the squid trip on Sunday so even if we don't get diving you can still get your fix of Vitamin D on Sunday.

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## 2nd September 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

No diving due to weather

### This Weeks Diving

We have a double dive scheduled for Saturday so fingers crossed the weather plays ball. We are going to try and rediscover the real Cathedral which as far as I know we haven't dived in the 11 years I have been in the club. Its a bit exposed out near Eagle Bay and difficult to get the boat in so we will need near perfect conditions to do it.

Heres Stubbies description from his impressive work "Navigating Perth Dive Sites":

"The Cathedral" is a large domed cave, so named and graphically described in Dick Beilby's book "Perth Dive Guide". It has been dived on a few occasions by U.E.C. divers who have had some difficulty in finding it. However, the area is spectacular and it has been included in this book more as an obligation as much as for other reasons, since it is almost a pilgrimage to dive "The Cathedral" if weather conditions are sufficiently calm.

This area shows evidence of the heavy pounding that 'normal' conditions of sea and swell impose, with broken shell and silted areas of marine growth every where. The more sheltered regions though, are incredibly pretty and provide a fascinating ramble through caves, gullies and swim throughs.

"The Cathedral" itself, is impressive and well named, with the holes and fissures creating a lighting effect certainly reminiscent of a church interior.

The marine life is also interesting, among the extensive patches of kelp weed which shelters a wide variety of species. The fish seem less shy here than usual, no doubt because of the rare visits of divers to the area!

And here is Dick Beilby's description taken directly from his book:

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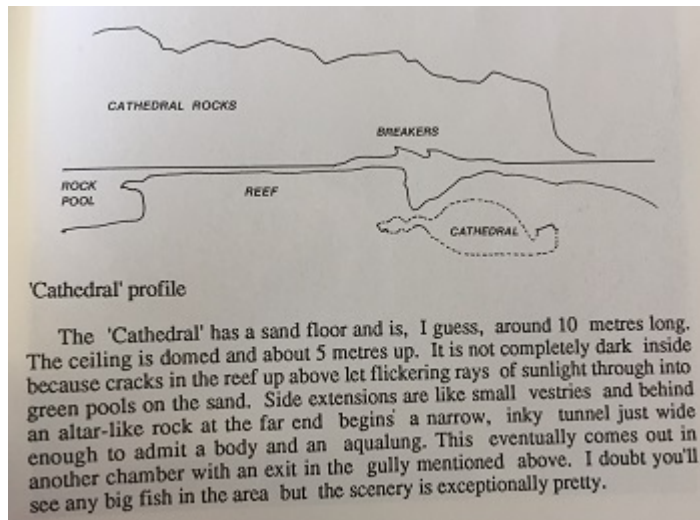
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A beaut day on the water with twelve people including two toddlers (twins). Seventeen caught with Mike bagging six in a purple patch. He took the bow with an improvised seat (see pic)



The twins took a while to find their sea legs in the morning and as a result the boat towels required washing but after a bit of a snooze they made a remarkable recovery and happily perked up and got into it for the rest of the

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#### **Optional**

Hood  
 Gloves  
 Dive Knife  
 Torch  
 Camera  
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Thanks to Mike for deckhand, and Clive & Francois for putting CC to bed



Hat  
Suncream

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**Environment Update**

I attended the Swan-Canning Estuary Mussel Reef Project held at the fabulous Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club this

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week.



Fiona Valesini discussed the 3 year project that has actually commenced 2019 to focus on restoring mussel reefs systems in the river. The purpose of this is to improve biodiversity, fisheries and water quality for people and nature for the rivers 2021- reef construction and monitoring will be occurring and in this stage volunteers will be needed to commence muscle monitoring. This may be something that some of our members may like to be involved in I will keep us all up to date.



Just a interesting fact on mussels their health can be observed by them being open and feeding closed my be a indicator for poor health. The brochure will be available on the dive boat.

Tangaroablue Clean up dates 10th 11th of October will start looking into this for us.

That's all for now.

Sue Haste

### **Boat Battery Replacement**

A big thanks to Steve, Jonathan, Francois, Carl and Gary Haste for taking on the heavy and awkward job of replacing four 6v batteries to ensure the old Caped Crusader keeps starting in the morning.





### **Upgrade to Boat Electronics**

We have started looking at updating the boat GPS plotter and sounder including tidying up the dashboard on the boat, removing obsolete equipment, and possibly installing clears upstairs to provide an all weather skippers position. If anyone has any specialist knowledge on this type of equipment and would like to offer any advice please drop me a line at [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au).

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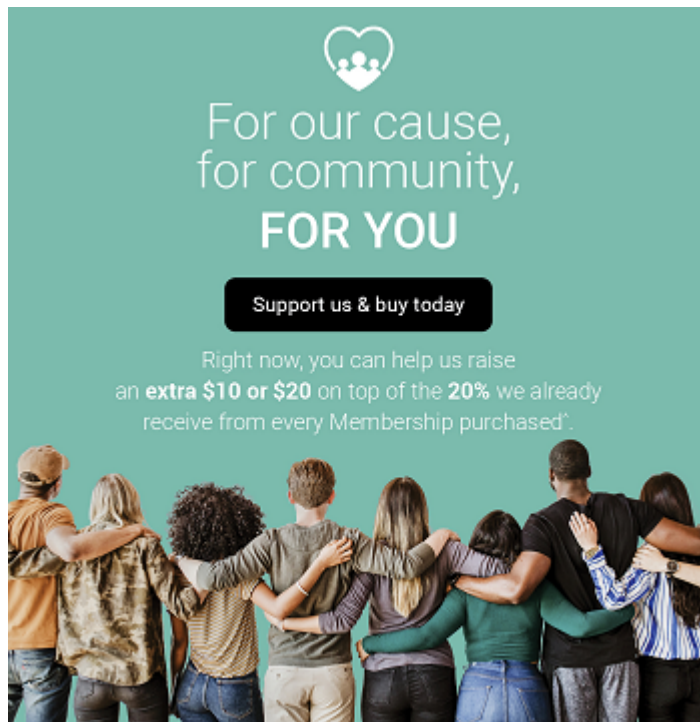
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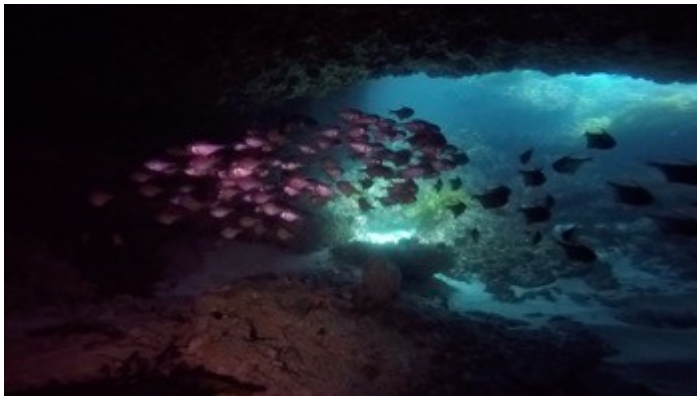
### Last Weeks Diving

For all of you that stayed home in your comfy beds instead of heading out on the Cape last weekend missed out BIG TIME.

As we left Coogee with only 5 divers on-board we were met by dolphins including some new borns which set the tone for the day. Then followed by a whale breach right beside the boat and a total glass off as the sun emerged in perfect conditions.



We dived Parker Point 1<sup>st</sup> off and you could see the bottom as clear as day from the deck. Divers returned to report 20m visibility and the free Taxi service was engaged as 2 divers were so overcome by the conditions they almost reached Cottesloe.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> dive was the awesome Crystal Palace which never disappoints.

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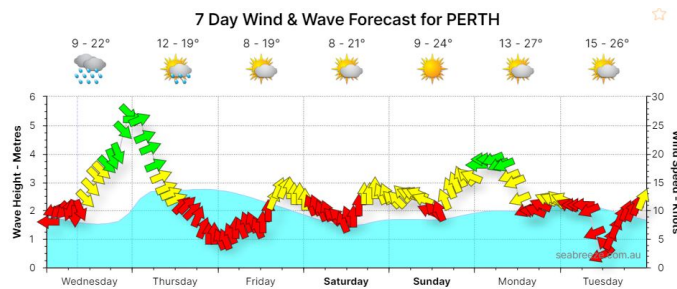


Now, whilst some of this reporting maybe considered fake news, the overall message is get out on the boat as the conditions in the water are excellent this time of year.

Time to wake up from your winter slumber.  
Jeff Weston

### **This Weeks Diving**

Sunday is looking nice with a balmy 24 deg, sunny, low wind and lowish swell so instead of the single we were planning its now a double Rotto dive. If the viz is anything like last week (20m++) then should be a stunning spring days diving.



### **The Annual UEC Pilgrimage** **Rotto 2021 March 6-15th**

Bookings are now open for the UEC Annual Pilgrimage to Rotto.

Choose the week or the long weekend, but hurry as spaces are disappearing fast. If needed I will create a wait list.

## UEC Rottnest Holiday 2021

6<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> March

Join us for a week, weekend (or both) of diving, relaxing and socialising at Rotto.

Included in the price is your accommodation, transport (ex Coogee), diving and air fills. Non divers are most welcome.

Space is limited to 14 people, so get in quick.

Deposits of 50% are due before November 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Please note: Refunds after December 1<sup>st</sup> will only be made if a replacement person is found to cover you.

**Cost:**

The week 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - \$850 (non-divers \$800)

The weekend 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - \$430 (non-divers \$380)

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These works are necessary to continue protecting the structural integrity of a critical infrastructure asset, which is one of the biggest grain ports in the southern hemisphere that exports grain to more than 30 countries worldwide.

During this time, CBH requires the public to stay at least 50 meters away from the jetty when participating in water-based activities. The jetty remains safe for pedestrians accessing the beach.

We understand this may be an inconvenience, however safety is a top priority for CBH, and we need to restrict public access to this area.

If you have any queries, please email our Corporate Affairs team at [corporateaffairs@cbh.com.au](mailto:corporateaffairs@cbh.com.au)

Regards,  
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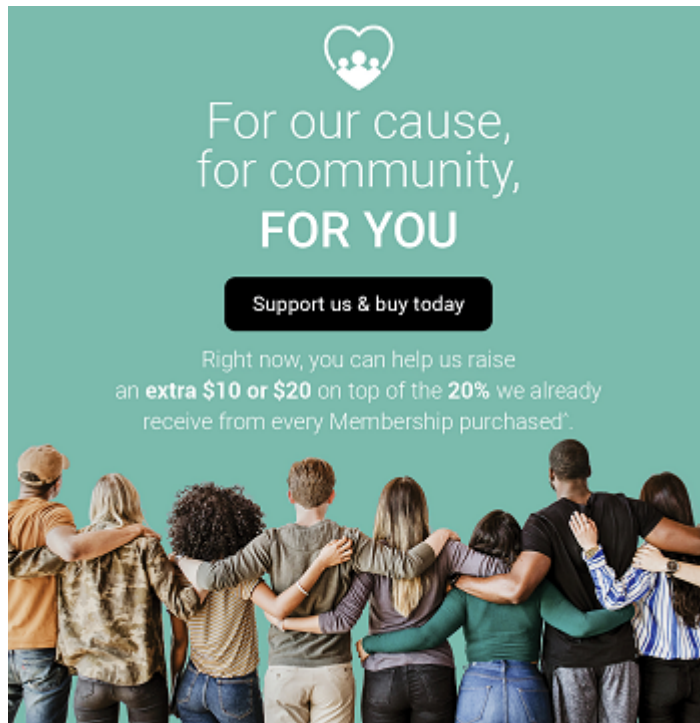
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## 9th September 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

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##### **Skipper's choice**

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Skipper: Carl

DO: Jeff

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Tuesday 22 Sep, 7:45 am – 11:45 am

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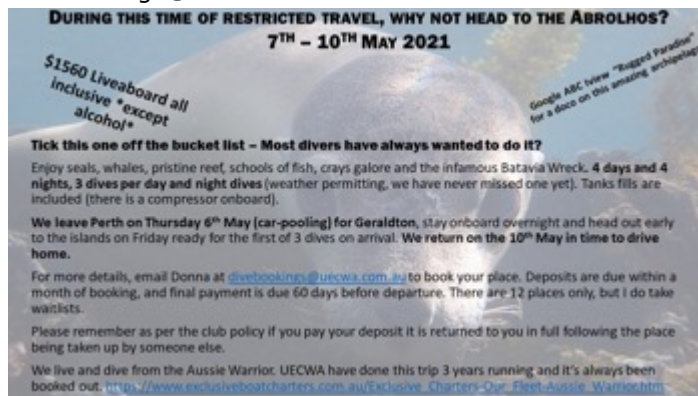
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BCD  
Regs  
Mask

Thanks  
Liz

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You will be as excited as I am that Cape Cruiser is back in the water again and we can go diving. But it is winter and can be a bit chilly, so maybe its time to buy that club hoodie, beanie or the wind and waterproof hooded shell jacket. Those of you who went to Rotto in February may remember Jeff Weston modelling the jacket. Or maybe you need something different in clothing, either way just let me know. To place an order or to just inquire about clothing in general, email me and I will arrange it for you.

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Hope to catch you in the water very soon

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## 23rd September 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

Yet more crappy weather at the weekend put a stop to any boat diving.



However for those who have some flexibility regarding work, we did manage a cheeky little single out to Robbs Jetty yesterday. The conditions were perfect with next to no wind or swell.



Just a shame that we wasted such a beautiful day on one of Perth's less exciting dive sites .... oh well .... as they say, any dive is better than no dive and at least Robbs Jetty is quick to get to and no dune of death when done by boat.

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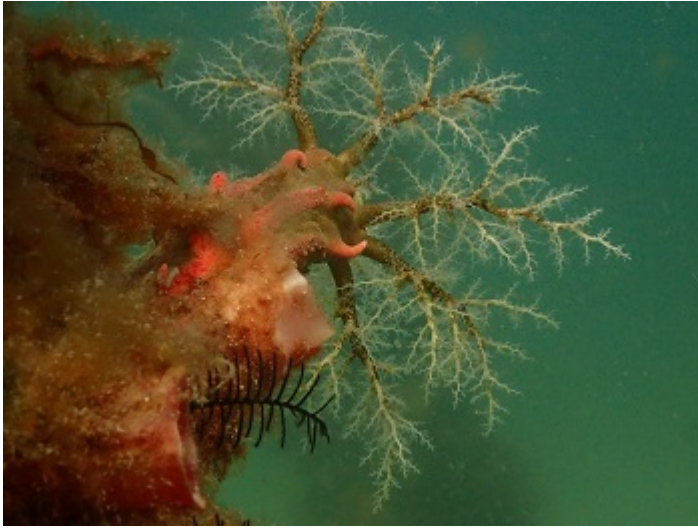
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Viz wasn't great and the water was cold at 17 Deg so for half the divers it was a relatively short dive. Those that love diving muddy puddles stretched it out to almost the hour - well done!!!



It was then a short hop back to Coogee, a quick refuel and then off for the afternoons entertainment, Slippery Steve's Squid Spectacular. Well not so spectacular this time with only six of the inky little critters coming back with us. Prize of the day went to Georgie who copped a face full of ink.

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**We leave Perth on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May (car-pooling) for Geraldton, stay onboard overnight and head out early to the islands on Friday ready for the first of 3 dives on arrival. We return on the 10<sup>th</sup> May in time to drive home.**

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We live and dive from the Aussie Warrior. UECWA have done this trip 3 years running and it's always been booked out. [http://www.exclusiveboatcharters.com.au/Exclusive\\_Charters-Our\\_Fleet-Aussie\\_Warrior.htm](http://www.exclusiveboatcharters.com.au/Exclusive_Charters-Our_Fleet-Aussie_Warrior.htm)

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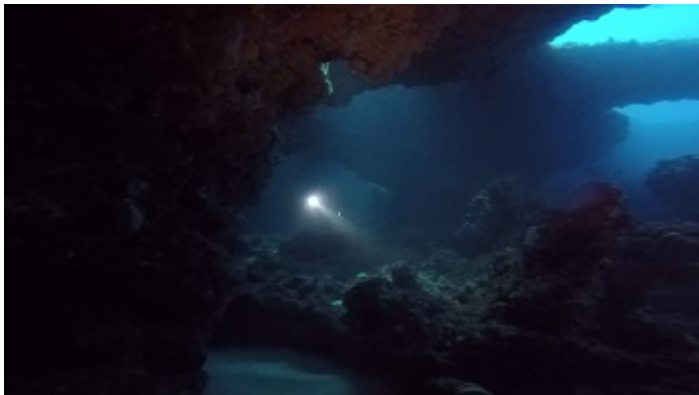
## 30th September 2020

### Last Weeks Diving - Saturday.

Finally a better than good forecast for the Saturdays trip to Midway and Swirl. We had eight divers come along for one cracking day of diving (where were you all!!!!). It meant plenty of space on the boat for those who had the sense to come out.



First stop was Midway, so called as its midway between Kerrys Caverns and Anders Meander. However with the way the wind was blowing and with the more than enough chain that Adrian let out we ended up hanging right over Kerrys Caverns and the Corkscrew. Nobody, and I mean nobody could miss the caves!



For those who have dived Kerrys, they know it just goes on and on. First task was to check the anchor and boy did it need some sorting out. The chain was draped over reef, under ledges, wrapped round bommies and just about everything in between. Seventy bar of air later sorting it all out meant a slightly shorter time to enjoy the rest of it but still a great dive and the viz was amazing.

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We popped up from the dive to a very different world with the rain pouring down so the trip home was spent huddling/sleeping in the cabin or sitting out the back. No beer garden today.



Thanks to Chris and Adrian for crewing on a great days diving.

### **Last weeks Diving - Monday**

With it being the holiday weekend we had a cheeky wee single scheduled out to Carnac for the Monday. Although the forecast was for showers, the swell and the wind were non existent so clearly it was going to be a great day for diving. Skipping from my usual seat up on the flybridge, I eyed the approaching rain front fearing that I might be forced down into the cabin. Fortunately we were able to escape Coogee ahead of the rain and with the great conditions opted for a dive at Stragglers rather than Carnac.

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We dropped the anchor on Mini Swirl and everyone jumped in. All returned raving about the dive so happy divers.



A short run back to Coogee and we were finished and off the boat by 11am. Thanks to Donna for DO'ing and Pete for helping put the boat in the pen. Always good to have an extra pair of hands on the ropes.

### **This Weeks Diving**

We have a double scheduled for Saturday to Rogers Rock and the Archways so hoping the weather plays ball.



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**6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

In this time of Covid we need to keep diving for our physical and mental health. As we know, options are limited, BUT how about tropical warm waters in the Western Australian Territory? There are no Covid restrictions for West Aussies here.

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Tristan Stanley-Cary

The UEC is offering a 7 day stay, and 4 days diving (2 dives per-day), including flights, accommodation, tanks, fills, weights, lunch (for divers) and car hire.

Included for non-divers is a motorized canoe trip, divers need to pay \$130 for this.

Depending on your choice of accommodation, prices will be from \$2286 - \$2479 (non divers) & \$2956 - \$3149 (divers).

A \$100 deposit is to be paid immediately to UECWA to secure your place. This is non-refundable unless someone takes your place.

**Types of accommodation are:**

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Jonathan Anderson

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Sue Haste

**Communications:**  
Jasmine Lyons

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more info after next committee meeting check out [www.containersforchange](http://www.containersforchange)

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Liz

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## 14th October 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

Unfortunately the swell meant that the scheduled dive sites at the Orizaba and Christmas Caves was not possible so Skipper Steve, ably assisted by Pirate Pete opted for one of his favourites Marjories Holes. Being out at the west end it was a long trip out but conditions were not too bad. We arrived and dropped anchor at the big hole and all jumped in.



Not quite sure what happened but we seemed to miss the spot as no one found the big hole. Still lots of holes to explore and a fair few Crayfish around. It was a little bit surge but not too bad in the holes.



Yours truly forgot his catch bag and of course found one hole packed with Crays. In the end I stuffed one in my pocket and carried the other two in my hands until I eventually made my way back to the boat. Not sure it was worth the effort but they were pretty nice on the plate, with a Marie Rose sauce and some salad.

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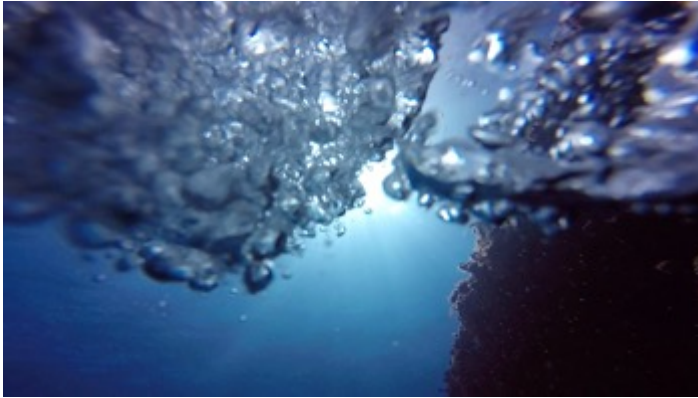
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The obligatory Stingray was circling the boat looking for manna from heaven (aka as flying Crayfish) when I got back and gave me something to watch while I did my 3 minute stop.

Back to Coogee and another great days diving. Thanks to Steve and Pete for crewing

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## Environment Report

Two cleans ups left in October:

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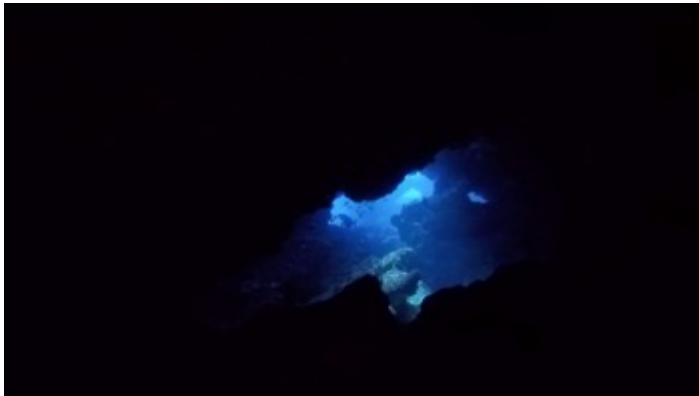
## 21st October 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

With a scheduled trip to Nurses Quarters it was no surprise that we had a full boat. The forecast was looking promising and as its a sanctuary dive everyone was told to leave the loops behind. We headed out to sea with Carl at the wheel and Adrian as DO.



After the usual long ride out to the west end we rocked up to the mark and dropped the anchor. However the boat was a wee bit off the mark so skipper Carl decided to reposition. We moved and then dropped the mermaid line. There was some current but initially we thought it was doable so everyone kitted up and started jumping in. With a few of the divers almost waterskiing off the back it was clear we had underestimated the current strength so unfortunately the hard decision was made to can the dive.



A quick confab and Flat Top was selected as the alternative. With a short ride around the end of the island we were soon on Flat Top and off we went again. A lovely dive had by all with great visibility.

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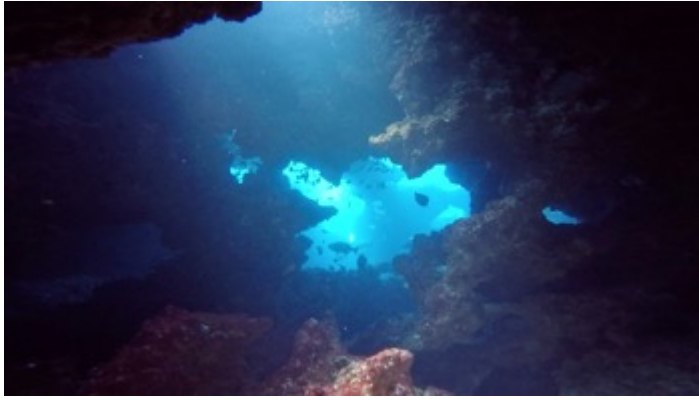
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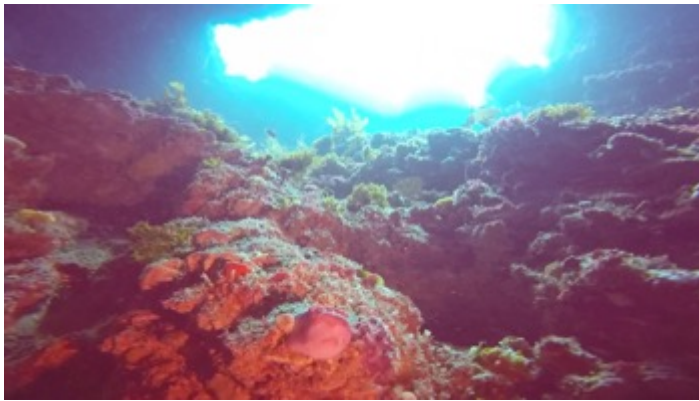
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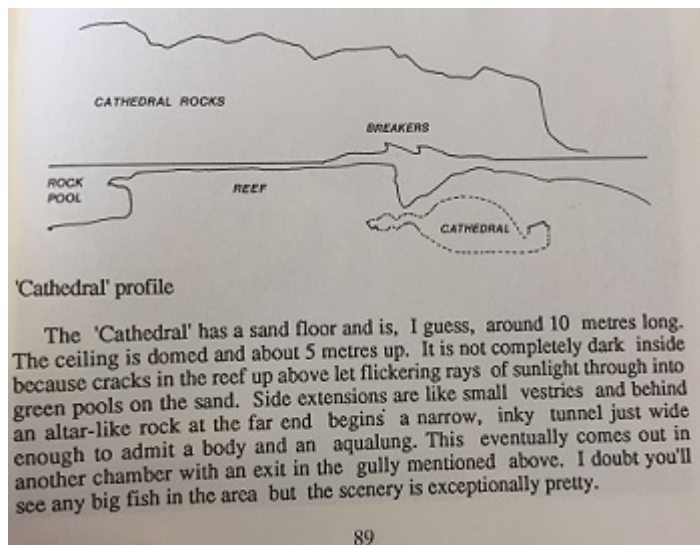
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LARGE BOAT DIVE Snorkelers.. Grade 2.  
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On a fine summer day the north side of Rottneest will be calm and attractive, sheltered from the prevailing sea. It's worth the extra mile or so to take this northern route to Cathedral Rocks for pleasure and speed of travel. Take care as you approach the rocks which make an unmistakable line out to sea, indeed more unmistakable than ever with a wrecked tuna boat now lying on their western side. Enter Eagle Bay on their eastern side, cautiously watching for rocks and swell. There is a passage through the reefs into the bay and once in, you are safe and well sheltered.

The whole of Eagle Bay is interesting and safe for diving, but the Cathedrals are the highlight. That's where the caves are. The Cathedral may be found under a large outcrop just seaward of the Rocks' reef platform. There are two entrances. A tunnel leads in from a gully at the side of the platform, but that's very small. The other end opens to a sinkhole which comes out halfway up the eastern side of the 'Cathedral' outcrop. You'll have to look hard, but it will be an enjoyable process as you stumble on other, smaller caverns in the process. Take an underwater torch.



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## **Environment Report**

Two cleans ups left in October:

### **Lucas Legacy** 25<sup>th</sup> of October

Would be great if we could get 4 divers involved in this to be under Mandurah Bridge contact person email [Jason.menzies@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:Jason.menzies@dbca.wa.gov.au)

### **Narc 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dive Club Clean Up**

Will be over 2 days 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of October in Fishing Boat Harbour. Would be great to get some club members there shore help is vital for going through and sorting the stuff and putting critters back in the ocean.

For Info go to Facebook: **Tenth Narc Dive Club Annual Land and Sea Cleanup.**

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Hope that this message finds you safe and healthy during these strange times!

We are writing to invite you to participate in a new community-driven research project called SeadragonSearch! Our project collects photographs of seadragons taken by anyone who wishes to send them for analysis, and uses artificial intelligence tools to assist matching photographs of individual seadragons. We plan to use this data to track seadragons through time and space over the next 10 years across all the Australian states where they occur, to improve conservation and management actions.

SeadragonSearch is being co-led by the Western Australian Museum in Perth and Scripps Institution of Oceanography in California, and has connected and partnered with locally-based projects and people across southern Australia, including Dragon Quest in Victoria, Dragon Search South Australia, and the Dragons of Sydney Citizen Science Project in New South Wales. Through this national network of partners, we hope to share photographic data, exchange seadragon research updates, and collaborate in improving conservation outcomes for all seadragon populations.

We hope that you'll join us and let your community know about this project! We will be sending magnets and posters to interested dive shops and organizations. Anyone who is interested in participating can find lots of

information on our website: [www.seadragonsearch.org](http://www.seadragonsearch.org), and also join us on social media through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@seadragonsearch). Photos can be shared through the website or by contacting us directly at [admin@seadragonsearch.org](mailto:admin@seadragonsearch.org).

Please reach out with any questions, or just to chat seadragons and marine conservation. Thank you very much for taking a moment to learn about our work, and we hope to connect and collaborate with you going forward!

Best wishes,  
Chrissy Tustison  
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## 28th October 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

Glorious day for diving on Sunday.



A N/NW breeze sent us on our way to the 1<sup>st</sup> drop of the day at Nurses Quarters. All divers came back to the boat raving about the viz and of course the sharks.



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The 2<sup>nd</sup> drop was intended to be Cathedral's but we anchored just outside Eagle Bay to have lunch and decided to use this position to dive the surrounding area including the seal colony. Several divers made the journey around the reef to find Cathedrals and Wendy won the prize by finding the cavernous wonder. Apparently it is enormous.



We have a better understanding of where it is now, but where to properly position the boat given its susceptibility to swell being the biggest barrier. Overall a fantastic spot for future consideration for a whole day of activities – perhaps a family day – to dive, snorkel, swim to the beach and BBQ would be worth discussion given the protected

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Jeff

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## 4th November 2020

### Last Weeks Diving

What a change from the previous week. With a forecast of rain it was a brave bunch of divers who showed up on Sunday to get wet. With a couple of last minute no shows who obviously preferred their beds to the rain we ended up with six brave or crazy souls. And wet we got, both above and below water but I have to say the diving was great.

A quick discussion before leaving and all agree that a trip out to Kerrys at the West End was probably a trip too far so we opted for Parker Point and Mini Swirl on Stragglers.



As most know I like to skipper from the flybridge so although it was raining I plonked myself down with towel on seat and off we set. Well I lasted as long as the Mewstone before being forced to shelter in the cabin along with everyone else.

With limited visibility we picked our way through Hugels Passage and eventually found Rottnest Island through the Scottish Mist. With a reasonably low swell it was not too surgy and all had a great dive. As Carl was on board I managed a cheeky surface interval dive before we upped anchor and headed to Stragglers.

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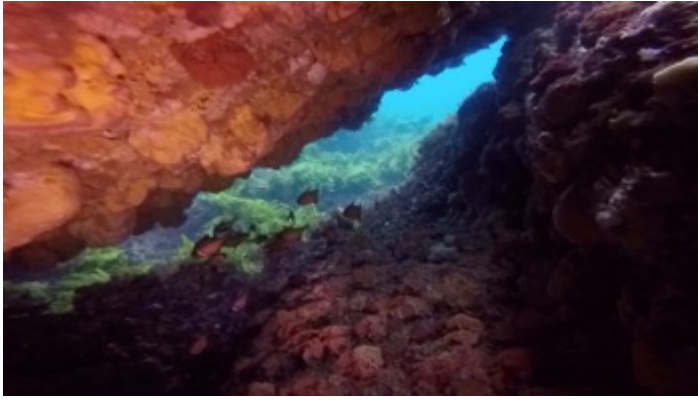
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Mike

### **This Weeks Diving**

Its the Mindarie Diving Bonanza and the forecast is looking pretty good. Saturdays dive is full but there are still places for Sunday.

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**MINDARIE DIVE AND FISHING TRIP**  
**FOUR DIVES OVER TWO WEEKENDS, A MID WEEK DOUBLE DIVE**  
**AND FISHING FRIDAY**

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 Please see the calendar.

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Bookings for both are as normal, jump on the website to book your place (14 maximum divers on all days). If the trip is weathered out you have nothing to lose and will be given a credit. All you need to do is meet us up at Mindarie. Book on for any days, payments are as follows:

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## 10th November 2020

Don't worry - you haven't lost a day somewhere - its still only Tuesday but with some changes to the dive calendar we are sending this bulletin early

### Tomorrows Dive - Mindarie

The double dive from Mindarie Marina will still be going ahead tomorrow. Don't be put off by the weather yesterday and today, the forecast is actually looking pretty good for tomorrow with low winds and dropping swell. There is plenty of space and we are usually back in the Marina before 1pm so why not jump on board for a quickie. Its a great way to recover from Gastro (just in case you need an excuse for work).

### The Weekends Diving

The forecast for the weekend is probably not ideal for Mindarie as there is little shelter from the wind so we have decided to bring the boat back to Coogee after the diving tomorrow. Instead there will be a double dive to Rottnest on Saturday and no dive on Sunday. Apologies to those who were looking forward to some more Mindarie adventures

### Last Weeks Epic Mindarie Diving

Well although the weather is not playing ball this coming weekend, we couldn't have asked for better last Saturday and Sunday. After bringing the boat up from Coogee on the Friday with Nathan and Pete, Steve kicked off the Mindarie shenanigans with a double dive on Saturday to the Twofold Bay Trawler wreck. Conditions were good with a low wind and swell and some warm spring sunshine.

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### **Mindarie Dive Week**

Wednesday 11th November -

Double Dive

Location TBA

Skipper: Mike

DO: Pete

Friday 13th November - Fishing Trip

**Cancelled**

Saturday 14th November -

Double Dive

**Rottnest Double Dive**

Skipper: Mike

DO: John

Sunday 15th November - Double Dive

**Cancelled**

### **Julie's Cave & Parker Point -**

**Double Dive**

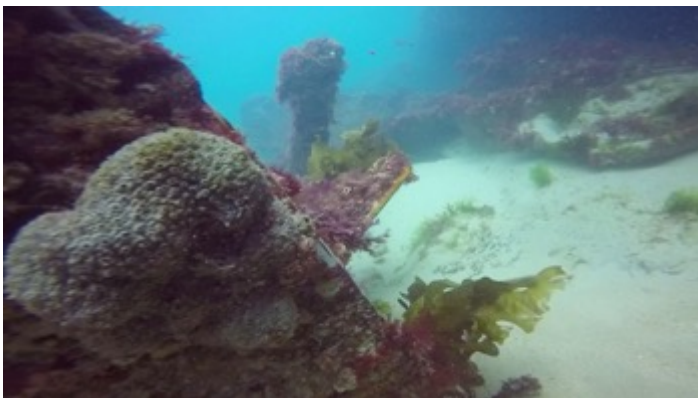
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Skipper: Carl

DO: Jeff



With ten divers on board, Skipper Steve at the helm, ably assisted by Donna and trainee Chris masquerading as Grandpa Smurf, we loaded up and cruised out of the Marina. I have to say Mindarie wins hands down over Coogee as Marinas go. Apart from the better (drinking) facilities, the other advantage of diving at Mindarie is the short run out to the dive sites so in no time at all we were dropping anchor and gearing up.



Unfortunately the viz was pretty average so the dive was

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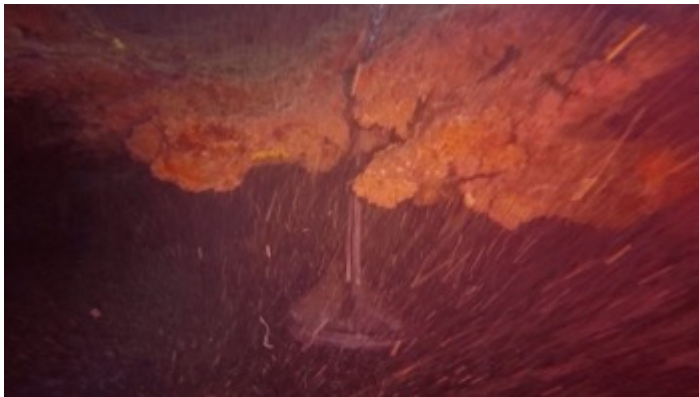
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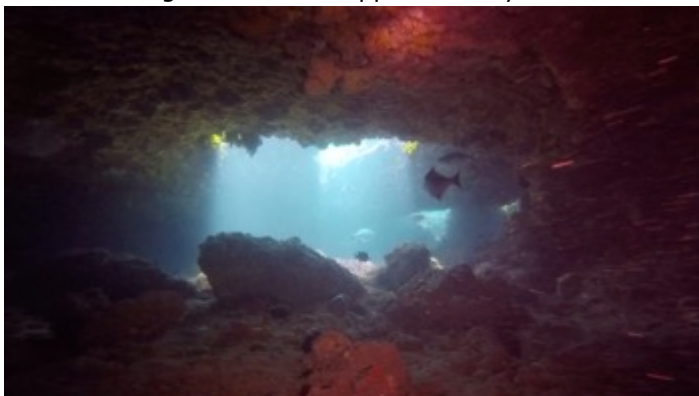
not as good as it could have been but with the wreck to poke around in and an interesting reef edge with plenty of Crays hiding in the nooks and crannies there was something for all. All up fourteen crays joined us for the rest of the trip, with Damo, as usual bagging the most.



For the second dive it was off the my favourite dive site in the Perth area, Gordon's Grotto. The site has one of the best cave systems I have seen with one set comprising a series of about four chambers, starting off with a very pretty wide cave with a sandy bottom, and then getting progressively smaller and darker before exiting close to the reef break. It's a shallow and exposed site so the swell really needs to be low to be able to dive it. Saturday was borderline even though it was only about 1.4m but we went for it.



I started with a check on the anchor. This one was clearly going to require some intervention (not a very clear photo above but that is the anchor dangling through the cave roof) but I decided to leave that to the end of the dive in case it just got into more strife. Right next to the anchor was a shallow hole with four Crayfish stuffed into it. No loop required, this was like picking them off a supermarket shelf with only one of the four having the sense to vacate after watching his mates disappear one by one.



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After the excitement of the washing machine I really didn't need anymore but in the middle of lifting the anchor to a better spot my fin strap broke and I was left holding my fin in one hand and a cray loop in the other. Swimming with one fin is an interesting experience but definitely better than no fins. Clearly the anchor could wait for someone else so I headed back to the boat, my dive effectively terminated. Fortunately a few of the other divers sorted the anchor out and in the end it came up with little problem.

A short run back to the Marina, a quick boat wash down and then into the pub for a quick throat washdown. A perfect way to end a perfect day.

Sunday morning found us back at the Marina again for a very similar day, weather wise. This time I was skipper and Pete was DO. First dive was the Gemini, a barge deliberately sunk as a deep dive training site set at 30m. Conditions were a near perfect glass off with great looking viz so eleven divers jumped in to check it out. It was easy to see on the surface exactly where the wreck was with a mass of bubbles hitting the surface 10m to the north of the boat.



Ross decided to try and set a new trend in diving attire having decided wet suits were for wimps. Not sure it will catch on though.

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The barge delivered nine crays, with three Jumbos starting a competition of mine is bigger than yours. Not sure who won that one but they all looked pretty similar to me.



We then slowly cruised back to Gordons Grotto for another go on it. I think the swell was slightly lower than Saturday but still pretty surgy. Everyone came back happy though so it certainly delivered on a great dive site.

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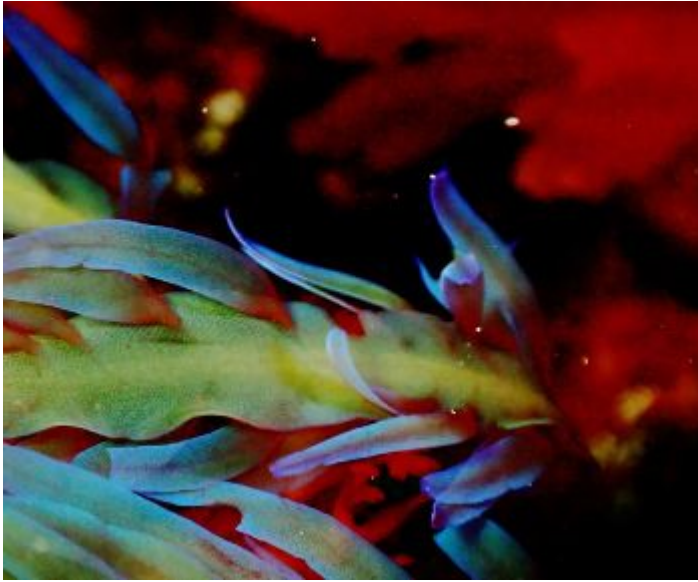
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Groundhog day, back to the Marina and back to the pub.  
Living in paradise.

Mike

### **Rowley Shoals Trip Report**

A big thanks to Sandra O'Hara for compiling a trip report with photos of the recent club outing to the Rowley Shoals. You can access it [here](#)

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Another big thanks to whoever it was that donated the first containers for change payout to the club with \$4.10 into our account. It might not sound like much but if everyone does it then it will quickly add up. To donate all you have to do is quote the reference number or scan the QR cube in the side panel when you deposit your containers.

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### Last Weeks Mindarie Dive - Wednesday

We finished off our excursion to Mindarie with a couple of dives on Wednesday. With the forecast set to deteriorate on Thursday through to Sunday we made the decision to bring the boat back to Coogee early, so Wednesday was to be the last days diving. Steve and Pete parked at my house at 6:30am to share the ride up to Mindarie so they could bring the boat back down.

With only five divers booked on for the final fling it was a pretty spacious boat for everyone. The question was where to dive. Monday and Tuesday had been pretty wild and although Wednesday was calm there was still a 2m swell running. That meant pretty much anywhere on or inside the reef was out including our favourite Gordons Grotto, so we opted to check out a new site called Kingston Rise. Not entirely sure where I got the coordinates for this dive and how reliable they were so it was very much an exploratory dive.

We dropped anchor on the site and all five jumped in. They all pretty much surfaced immediately complaining about the viz. Cheryl and Francois decided that they really couldn't be bothered diving in pea soup but Steve, Jono and Rachel all persevered. All came back saying on a good day it would be a nice site but in soup it was pretty average.

For the second dive we moved slightly south to 20m ledge. We dived this last year and I was pretty unimpressed so was in two minds as to whether to bother but as Steve had volunteered to mind the boat I decided what the hell...

Well I have to say I enjoyed it much more this year than last year. Not sure if we were on a slightly different spot but it was an interesting ledge coming out of the sand, with sections that had fallen forward to open up a nice large crack behind. Some lovely hard and soft corals, all very colourful even in the pea soup, and a few Crayfish,

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one who accepted my offer of a warm bed.

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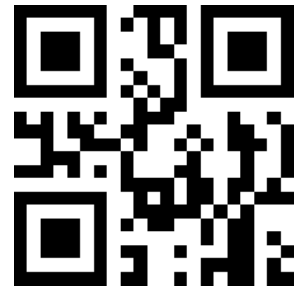
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Last weekend saw nine divers head out for a double dive with Carl, the Cray whisperer at the helm and Jeff as DO. First port of call was the Fremantle Barge but not too many Crays to whisper at with only two making it back to the boat. Next up it was Kingston Reef with eight Crays caught, Jonathan being the king of Crays with four on this dive.



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Camera



**Environment Report**



Well this week Liz and myself were able to assist on one of the marvellous community projects held by Oz Fish called Seeds for Snapper. Divers harvested the seeds around the west end of Woodmans Point. The following weekend seeds are back on the ocean floor by snorkelers and off boats were they sink. The group had a marvellous last weekend planting around the Omeo Coogee.



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Thanks

Liz

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Dave Kenny (UECWA President in the 70's) sent me an amazing video of Christina Zenato removing fish hooks from the mouths of sharks. Watch it [here](#)

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**Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @ Type 1 Diabetes Centre @ 12 noon to 3pm.**



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## 2nd December 2020

### Last Weeks Dive - Augusta

Unfortunately a strong wind forecast put paid to the Perth dive but for the luck fourteen who chose Augusta it was a great weekend of diving.

For a smaller group the diving shenanigans started off on Friday with a 10am dive on Busselton Jetty. Conditions looked pretty good as we walked out to the dive platform but the viz could have been better. It was still a great dive with the highlight being the bright yellow frogfish.



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**Double Dive**

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DO: Pete

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Skipper:

DO:

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DO: Adrian

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Dive

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Yes that yellow blob in the photo is a frogfish (below in more detail)



Damo apparently doesn't like walking with dive gear so took his Kayak instead. We were all very impressed when he managed to get back onto it at the end of the dive.



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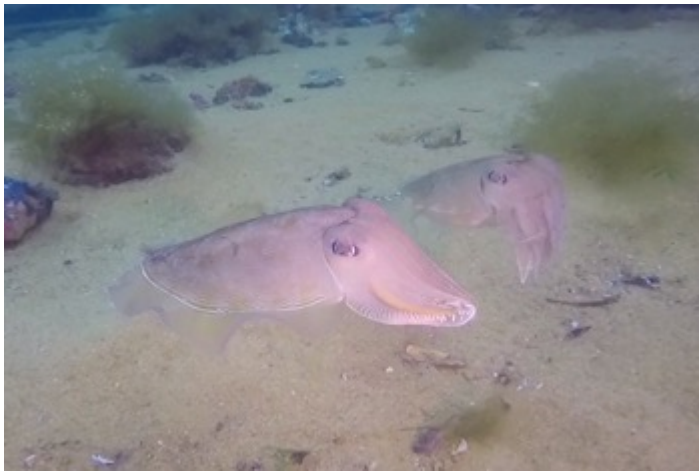
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Coming back out of the water the weather had changed and it was a cold a drizzly walk back to the carpark. Then on to the main act - Augusta.



People arrived in the usual dribs and drabs and out host Eamon put in an appearance with his delightful daughter, Florence. A quick discussion about the next days diving and then we headed off to the pub for the customary dinner. All suitably stuffed it was back to the house for a few drinks and then early to bed as it was a 6:00am start on the jetty as Eamon had to be back at 11am for a dance routine with Florence in the afternoon.

### **Optional**

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First dive site was St Alouarn Island and what was meant to be a shortish drift swim dive down to Port Jackson Canyon and Cave. It didn't quite work out that way as between an interesting start with some nice country, we all had a bit of a long swim, much of it over some pretty flat seaweed until we came to the Canyon and Cave. Not as much time to explore this area as I would have liked but still a good dive. Not everyone made it back to the boat so it was pull the pick time and go and rescue a few stragglers.



With the clock ticking towards 9:30 we headed off at speed to Bessies Reef and some Crayfishing. Unfortunately

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the viz was poor but still a good haul of Jumbos back on the boat. We pulled into the harbour at 10:50 and Eamon was off the boat by 11:05 so all good on the scheduling.

The good thing about an early start is it means you have the whole afternoon to go and play. Some opted for a shore dive, some opted to catch up on sleep and some, like me went for a drive.

I had read an interesting article in one of the very old UEC magazines from December 1966. In it they talked about an apparent wreck on the beach close to Augusta along with a map. Not exactly a treasure map but interesting none the less.

WRECK OF THE MONTH (No. 3) Bruce Melrose

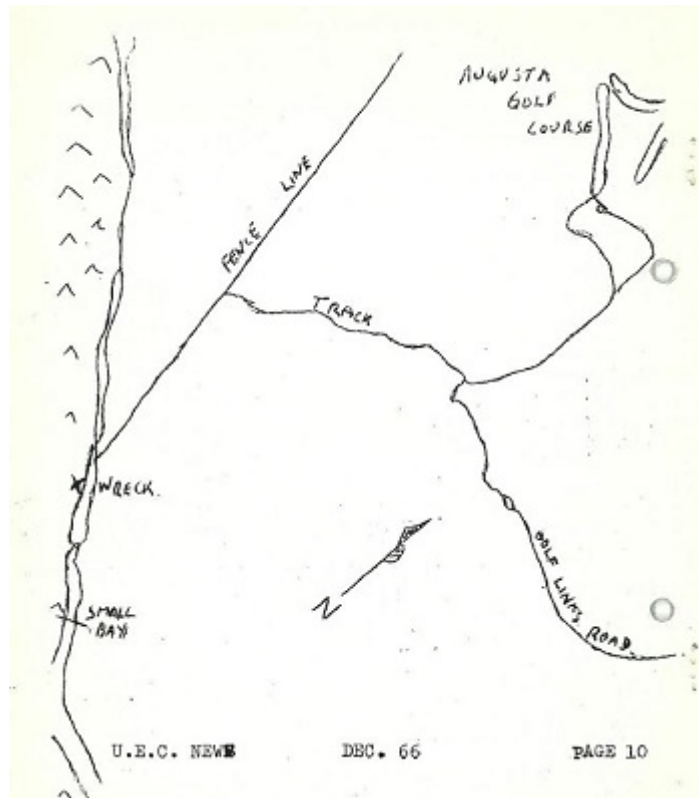
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Over the last Xmas holidays, several of us examined the shoreline pertaining to the site. It was noticeable that a lot of material which was confined to about two hundred yards of beach, included small pieces of copper and timber.

The most interesting feature however, was that a large rope was loosed and spliced around a big boulder on the beach. The other end was buried in the sand near to the waters edge and we could not shift it to determine its length. This rope gave the appearance that it was once heavily tarred or oiled and was in excellent condition. From its situation around the rock, it conveyed the impression that it had been used either as a mooring or as a link to the beach for either rescue or salvage purposes.

From that date of the field book and the location of the site, I am led to believe that the wreck may be that of the vessel "Cumberland" which went aground on March 6th. 1830.

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So a couple of us set off to see what was there. After a bit of a trek down a very steep track we reached the beach in

the location determined from the sketch map above. Well maybe the map, or the interpretation of it was wrong but there was certainly nothing left to see. Mind you it is 54 years since the article was written so not surprising that whatever little that had been there was long gone as this is a wild stretch of coastline



For dinner Eamon had kindly invited us to his house for a BBQ so we duly all cleaned up and headed round. We had heard about his shed but I think it surpassed even our expectations. Now that's what I call a man shed. The shed was bigger than most peoples houses, with a large storage room, an office, a drum kit along with a host of boys toys, old engines and quad bikes.



We had not long arrived when we were treated to an impromptu performance by his 80 year old neighbour who gave us a quick drum session. The rest of the late afternoon/evening was very pleasant with great food and company.



For the last day we were hoping to get back to Geographe Reef, a site Eamon had taken us to the previous year as an exploration dive. It was so good that we were all really keen to dive it again. Its is a very exposed site being about 7km offshore. The site comprises two surface breaks joined by a ridge, all rising up almost vertically from about 40m. Again we were lucky with the weather having little wind and low swell. Due to the nature of the site this dive involves jumping in from the boat, swimming along the reef and then being picked up at the other end so it can be challenging.





It didn't disappoint with stunning deep blue viz and lots to see both on the wall and at the SW end with the caves and tunnels (see last years videos [here](#) and [here](#)). Everyone came up raving about it, the only downside to the site being the surface wait for the boat. The divers with shark shields were very popular.



For the second dive we debated going to an old favourite, the Egyptian Tomb or an exploration dive. Being the UEC we opted for the exploration dive at a site affectionally named by Eamon as MMG (My Mate Geoff). An interesting site right on another surface break coming up from 16m but after the previous dive it seemed a bit of an





I have 23 people booked but there is still room for a few more. You will need to book on.

The cost \$25.00, per person, BYO meat and drinks , UEC will supply the rest.

Booking is essential for catering purposes.

### **Christmas Day Orphans Day Dive.**



As usual the Orphans Christmas Day Dive will take place on 25th December, commencing at 8.30am, at the Ammo Jetty.

This is a free event and is open to friends and family alike, but it would help me if you could book on so I can look out for you. I will erect the Banner so I wont be hard to find. Please bring a morning tea to share. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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## 9th December 2020

### Last Weeks Dive

While the forecast last Saturday was not brilliant, it was not bad either. It was therefore a surprise when we only had two divers book on. Fortunately we had ten passengers booked on for the Rotto swim thru which meant the dive could go ahead. As I was already on Rotto I met the boat in Thompson Bay as the passengers got off and our nom diver Dave, and I went diving.

First stop was The Arch on Roe Reef which didn't disappoint. Viz was good and no surge so a lovely dive.



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 DO: Mel

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 Sunday 27 December  
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 DO: Donna

**Nurses' Quarters & The Cathedral (Sanctuary Dive) - Double Dive**  
 Saturday 2nd January



We then trundled back to Thompson Bay and took a run past the swim. Skipper Chris and DO Pete then dropped Dave and I off and went to kill a couple of hours waiting for the swim to finish. We went to the pub and enjoyed a nice drink in the warm summer sun until it was time to go.

Mike



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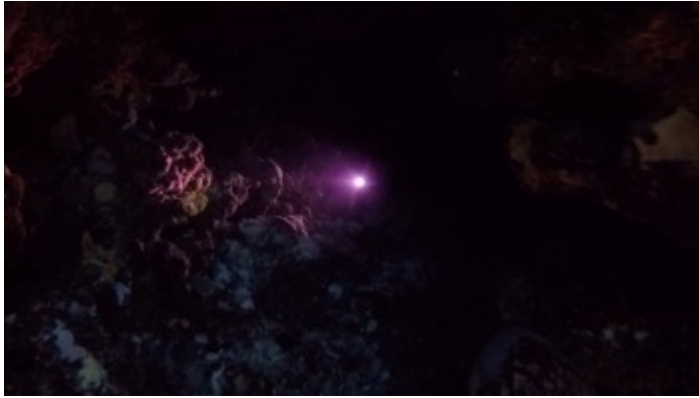
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**Next Weeks Diving**

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**Free Rusty Diver Day 12th December**

We are offering a free "Rusty Diver's Day" on the 12th December 2020. This will be a boat dive off Cape Cruiser at Robbs Jetty. This is open to all divers, no requirement for UEC membership and Open Water certification accepted. **Places are limited and bookings are essential through the website.**

If it has been some time since you have been in the water, join us for a re-lubrication of your dive skills and increase your confidence. The dive is quick to get to, a single, shallow and easy one to navigate. We will have a number of experienced divers to help you out on the day and help you re-ignite your passion for this sport. Please see the

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**Calling all Rusty Divers - Shake Off The Winter Let's get ready for summer – It's free, and open water divers' welcome**

DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> December  
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With the water starting to get a bit warmer, it's time to shake off the winter blues and start diving with UECWA for a dive to re-lubricate your love of the sport!

If you are feeling confident but things are a bit more awkward, don't worry, you can help yourself, and they are very generous about diving for free if doing so.

Are there some skills you would like to practice on a shallow site before venturing further afield? We can run some skills and drills – just let us know at the day!

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For those that were unable to make the event Steves' speech is below

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Finally have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Liz

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#### **Christmas Party Speech - Steve Day**

Welcome members and partners to our Club's Xmas lunch.

This annual party is the result of the very hard working Liz Davey so many thanks again to Liz

Roll back to February, March and there was no certainty we would be here today. Covid's appearance turned everyone's world upside down and has continued to do so despite the absence of the virus in our homes

Our club welcomed four new Committee members this year: Michele, Sue, Jonathan & Tristan. Returning to the fold this year was Tom & Jasmine. Those who survived the fiercely contested AGM ballots were Mike, Donna, Liz, Pete and myself

In the absence today of the other three Executives and on

behalf of our members I want to express my gratitude for the commitment and hard work your new Committee have put in since the AGM

Our Club saw some milestone birthdays this year. Dennis Stubberfield and Pat Troy notched up 80 whilst Mike Buchanan hit 60

On our diving front Jonathan & John have commenced Skipper training, Chris McCoppin will shortly be a newly minted DO and Mel is returning to DO duties shortly.

I also want to thank the many volunteers who gave of their time to assist in the maintenance of Cape Cruiser. It was particularly pleasing to see so many new faces at Northport when we undertook the annual refit. This continued with the battery replacement and recent dive ladder modifications

Many thanks to ex-member and SUPERWOMAN, Rebecca Johnson for offering this excellent venue to hold our Xmas party

Before handing over to our other Super woman, Liz Davey for the award ceremony I am happy to report that year to date our club is sound financially with a healthy membership base

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, I wish each and every one of our members a Merry Xmas and Covid safe New Year

Steve Day, Treasurer

#### **Rotto 2021 deposit reminder**

Hi All you 2021 Rottoarians, it's now time to pay your deposits (30th Nov).

Please make your payment to UEC BSB 066136 Acc no: 0090 1972

Please advise Treasurer Steve and myself when making the payment and put your name and Rotto 2021 in the dialogue box.

A big thank you to those who already have made their payment.....

Thanks

Liz

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## 16th December 2020

### Last Weeks Dive

Sundays forecast was not the greatest, low(ish) swell but windy so I guess no great surprise we only had six takers for the trip. We were meant to head to the Orizaba and Carlisle Castle but with the forecast wind that was clearly not going to happen. Instead we headed for North Rottneest with Skipper Wendy and DO Adrian, ably helped out by Chris, who came along for the ride.



We reached the Roe Reef area and it was blowing straight from the west so while it would have been okay underwater with little surge, with fairly rough seas it was not going to be pleasant above water. A quick confab and we opted for the shelter of Barrys Caves, the Macedon (wrecked 21/03/1883) and the Denton Holme (wrecked 25/09/1890). This is a site in the sanctuary so we don't dive there very often but its a lovely site. We pulled up the courtesy mooring and five out of six jumped in (one

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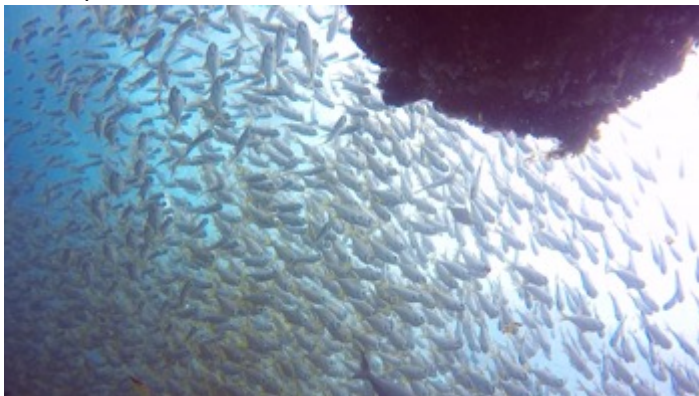
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deciding that even the shelter of Thompson Bay was not enough enticement).



One of the things I love about this site is the ease of navigation. Swim east to pick up the wrecks, both almost on top of one another and then North to Barrys Caves. The caves are usually beautiful as they sit on white sand and on a calm day is like swimming in an aquarium. Unfortunately with the choppy weather there was a lot of weed swirling about so not as nice as they can be but still a lovely dive.



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For the next dive we headed to Kingston Reef and the Fish & Shark caves. Well Fish Cave lived upto its name and was swarming with Pomfrees, Bulls Eyes and Old Wives. Unfortunately Shark Cave didn't deliver and was empty.



Our Crayfishers, Adrian and Jeff, did manage to bag eight Crays between them so something no one was disappointed.



The ride back to Coogee was a bit lumpy but overall a good days diving.

Mike

### **Next Weeks Diving**

On Saturday we are heading to Nurses Quarters and Jumbo Cave so fingers crossed the weather forecast holds good. This is always a popular dive and the boat is filling fast so don't leave it too long to book. Please note this is a sanctuary dive so no crayfishing.

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25<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30am  
A short trip in our backyard on Ammo Jetty in Coogee.

You will have the rest of the day to do your thing, but Christmas morning will be all about YOU. Out under the water and experience the things that keep us going and keep us inspired.

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**23rd December 2020**

## Merry Christmas



### Last Weeks Dive

Our scheduled dive trip to Nurses Quarters is always one of our most popular and last weekend did not disappoint. The forecast for the day was mixed with an almost perfect morning but a strong seabreeze to pick up around lunchtime.



So we headed off with nine divers (surprising the boat wasn't full), with trainee skipper John at the helm, and Skipper Steve, brushing up on his rusty DO skills.

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We all jumped in and played follow the leader until we arrived at the North entrance. It did not disappoint with three Nurses in their quarters. Prize for the best footage goes to Kate, who posted some lovely videos on our Facebook page.



By the time we all made it back to the boat the wind was freshening so we opted for lunch in the tranquility of Fish Hook Bay.



While sitting enjoying the warm sunshine we could see the steadily increasing white caps out in the bay, so instead of going looking for Jumbo Cave, for which we don't have the most accurate mark, we elected instead to stay in the calm waters of Fish Hook Bay.

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This is a site we don't dive often as its in the sanctuary but it has to be one of the best around Rottneest. It starts in spectacular fashion with a lovely big dark cave just at the mouth of the bay.



This was the calmest I have dived this spot as the chimney at the back is usually a surging cauldron but on this occasion was relatively still and could be explored all the way to the surface.



The other big hole in the cave roof was swarming with a large school of Pomfrees so made for a photogenic spot. As usual the photos don't do it justice but it was mesmerising to watch.

- Compass
- Food & Drink
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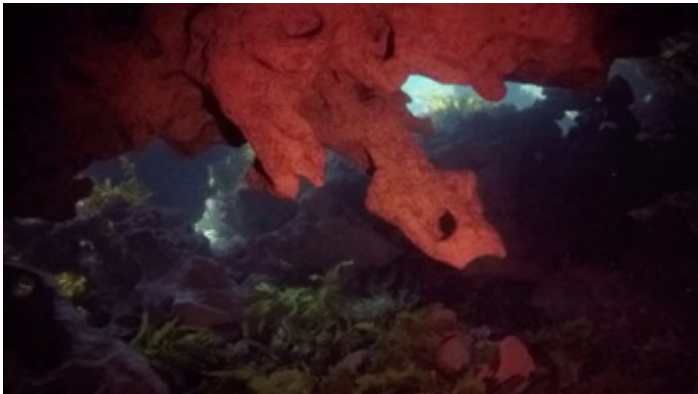
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We then continued around the headland, exploring the many other small caves and dark tunnels that honeycomb the area.



One of my favourites is the dragons head, pictured below, which reaches down from the roof trying to grab you as you swim through.



The other great thing about this dive is you just cannot get lost. Reef on the left out, reef on the right back and there's the boat



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we poked our noses past Kingston Reef where the full force of the wind could be felt. The beer garden stayed relatively dry so a few of us, including trainee John at the helm, stuck it out for the duration. The calm waters of the Marina were a welcome relief to the rock and rolling of the journey home

A big thanks to John and Steve for a great day out.  
Mike

### **Next Weeks Diving**

This coming weekend, to help burn off all that Christmas binging, we have two trips schedule. First off on Sunday is a cheeky wee single out to Hugal's Passage on Stragglers. This is a great dive spot and you will be home for lunch.

On Monday we have a double out to Parker point and Swiss Cheese 2, including a Rotto drop off for some day trippers. We all know Parker Point with its drop off and the nice gully running towards the island but Swiss Cheese 2? This is the area close to Julies Cave which we explored fairly extensively while searching for the elusive cave. As the name suggests it is pockmarked with small caves, tunnels and gullies and makes for a very interesting dive.

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### **Christmas Day Orphans Day Dive.**

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As usual the Orphans Christmas Day Dive will take place on 25 th December, commencing at 8.30 am, at the Ammo Jetty.

This is a free event and is open to friends and family alike, but it would help me if you could book on so I can look out for you. I will erect the Banner so I wont be hard to find. Please bring a morning tea to share.

I already have some bookings so come along and join us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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The estimated cost \$45.00 per person. If you are interested ( and I will need numbers ) please register your interest by emailing me on [socialbookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:socialbookings@uecwa.com.au)

Finally have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Liz

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### **Diver Table**

Place	Diver Name	Total
1	Mike Buchanan	22
2	Laura Thompson	13
3	Shane Penny	12
3	Sae Kat Ng	12
5	Cheryl Petty	11
6	Ross Henderson	8
6	Jonathan Anderson	8
6	Rachel Standish	8
6	Nathan Cox	8
10	Michele Hardesty-Munday	7
10	Jeff Weston	7

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## 30th December 2020

### Goodbye to 2020

Another year over and one, I'm sure, most would like to forget. However, if there is one thing I can guarantee, it's that you will all remember 2020. As we all say good riddance to a year like no other spare a thought for the rest of the world as we live in our Covid free bubble. Stay safe and hopefully 2021 will see the world return to some degree of normality.

### Last Weeks Dive

With eleven passengers for Rotto, the majority of which were Skippers Steve's clan, and ten divers, it was a busy boat on holiday Monday.

We headed out of Coogee with a strong Easterly behind us heading for our drop off in Thompson Bay. The bay was busy with hardly a spare mooring to be seen and some seriously big boats in Xmas party mood.

We dropped our passengers off on the nice new shiny fuel jetty and headed out past Phillip Rock for Parker point Drop Off. As usual with this site you have the choice of diving the wall or heading toward the shore and up the lovely gully with its small caves and swim thru's. This was my choice and its an exceptionally pretty dive. Not spectacular like some, but beautiful country and lots to poke around in and explore.



Before long the hour was up and it was time to head back to the boat. For lunch Skipper Steve took us round the point and into the relative calm of Porpoise Bay. A leisurely

## REFERENCE INFORMATION

### Dive Calendar

**Boat loading 7:45am**  
**Port Coogee Marina**  
**Loading Wharf (end**  
**Pantheon Ave) except**  
**Special Events**

[Link to Calendar and Online Bookings](#)

Please note that the new online booking system requires you to re-register i.e. your user name and password from old system will not work

### **Nurses' Quarters & The Cathedral (Sanctuary Dive) - Double Dive - Boat Full**

Saturday 2nd January  
 Skipper: Martin  
 DO: Donna

### **Kingston Spit and & Roe Reef - Double Dive**

**Rotto Day Trip Passengers welcome**  
 Sunday 10th January  
 Skipper: Mike  
 DO: Jeff

### **Orizaba & Carlisle Castle - Double Dive**

Saturday 16th January  
 Skipper: Carl  
 DO: Pete

### **Squid Trip**

Sunday 17th January  
 Skipper: Steve

### **Midway Point & Swirl Reef - Double Dive**

Sunday 24th January  
 Skipper: Geoff

lunch and warm up in the sun and then it was a short hop to Swiss Cheese 2.



As avid readers will know we spent some time over the last year or two searching for the elusive Julies Cave. On the quest to find it I found out a lot about changes to GPS coordinates and also to read the description properly for clues. In the end we found it but also covered some beautiful diving country as we went. Swiss Cheese was one of these. To be honest, there isn't really a single point that is Swiss Cheese. The whole area, including Julies Cave is Swiss Cheese, full of holes and small caves and aptly named.



We dropped anchor on the mark and jumped in. While the anchor was on Swiss Cheese, the boat was right on top of Julies Cave so it was impossible to miss. Another stunningly beautiful dive, and given its relatively shallow depth, a full hour was easy on a tank.



It was then back round the corner to Thompson Bay. Skipper Steve made a special request, would we all mind having an hour in the Bay to give the passengers more time. The thought of having to kill an hour at the pub was a big ask, but in the end we all reluctantly agreed. The pub was heaving. Definitely one of those occasions where you thank your lucky stars you are living in the

DO: John

### **Marjories Holes & City of York Break**

Saturday 30th January

Skipper: Chris

DO: Donna

#### **Please note:**

- Unless doing a nomination dive; you must be a financial member to dive and have no outstanding dive fees (you can pay cash on the boat to clear these)
- Dive fees are \$80 per double dive trip (even if you don't dive or only do one dive) and \$45 for a single dive trip
- If you book on please turn up! You may be charged for the dive if you don't give us sufficient notice. The Skipper will make any call on weather on the morning of the dive.
- Designated Rotto Day Trips are open to all UEC members, affiliate club members and their guests. The boat will drop you at Thompson Bay about 10:30am and pick you up after the double dive at about 2:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

#### **What You Need To Bring**

- AOW Certification (if Nom Dive)
- Two tanks (if double dive - note club can provide tanks at \$20ea)
- Alternate Air if Solo
- Fins
- Boots
- Wetsuit
- Weights
- BCD
- Regs
- Mask
- Computer or Tables
- Depth Gauge
- SMB (mandatory)
- Compass
- Food & Drink
- Towel

#### **Optional**

- Hood
- Gloves
- Dive Knife
- Torch
- Camera
- Change of Clothes
- Sunnies
- Hat
- Suncream

#### **Containers for Change**

If you would like to donate your

safest place on the planet!

Last drinks were called and we headed back to the boat for the bumpy journey home. Big thanks to Steve, Adrian and John for crewing.

Mike

### **Next Weeks Diving**

Well we are heading back to the most popular dive site in our calendar, Nurses Quarters. Yes, even though we were there last week we are going back and the boat is already full with a waitlist. The other site is the fabled Cathedral, recently rediscovered by Wendy. This site requires exceptional conditions so fingers crossed the weather delivers.

Please note both sites require the boat to anchor in the sanctuary so no Cray loops on board.

**Please also note the boat is full with a waitlist. If you cannot manage please be courteous to our waitlisted divers and give us at least 24 hours notice or you will be charged for the dive.**

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### **Membership Fees**

Fees for 2020-21 are as follows:

Ordinary: \$230  
 Ordinary Family: \$380  
 Student & Junior: \$50  
 Social: \$45  
 CIO: \$25  
 Nomination Fee: \$80  
 Double Dive: \$80

### **Payments to the Club Account**

We get some pretty cryptic payments into our club account which can make life difficult for Steve, our long suffering treasurer. If you make a payment can you please reference along the lines of **surname & reason** e.g. Smith Augusta, Smith Membership, Smith Dive 17Oct.

### **Bank Details**

Underwater Explorers Club of WA (Inc)  
 Commonwealth Bank  
 BSB 066 136  
 Account No [00901972](#)

### **Club Membership**

#### **Nominations**

The following people have nominated for membership of the UECWA:

Please join me in welcoming them to the club.  
 Mike Buchanan  
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