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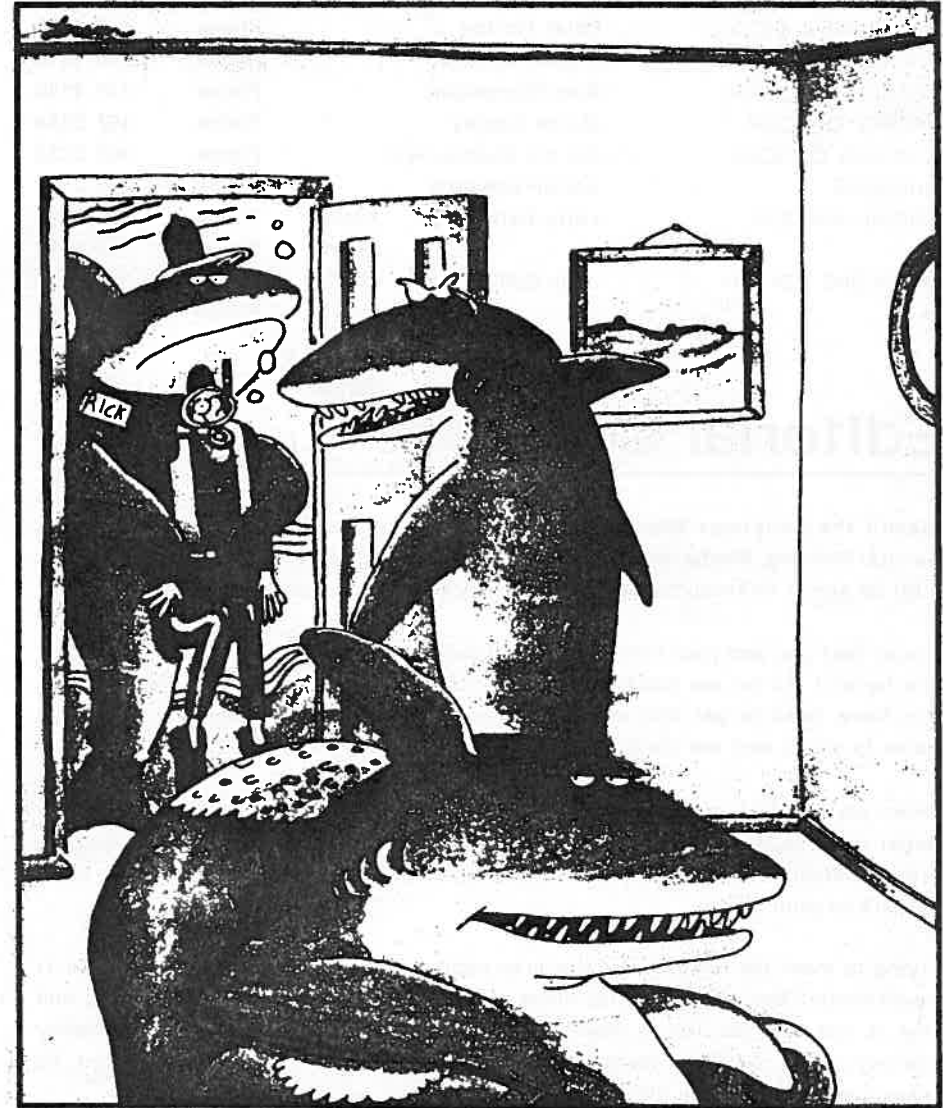
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Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

Wasn't the Christmas Meeting fun! It was great to see such a good turnout to a General Meeting. Maybe we should start more meetings earlier, and get together for a bit of social intercourse before the heavy business begins.

I trust that you and your families have all survived the Christmas/New Year break, and haven't put on too much weight after the ham and Christmas pudding. Those who have, need to get into shape in a hurry. The weather has become great, the water is warm, and the visibility is excellent. No more excuses anyone!

When you read his article this month, you will come to realise what a sick puppy Roger really is. Keep the journalistic talent in practice Roger, please. I do need the articles, and I have heard of families who fight over the newsletter when they know you are in print again!

Trying to meet the deadline for the wrap night on the Monday is just impossible. It would mean I would have to stay home when the weather is only fit for diving, and that is not fair. So, future newsletters will be wrapped on the second Tuesday evening of the month at about 7:45 pm. Your support will still be appreciated. To those who turned up for this month's wrap, please accept my apology.

Club Calendar

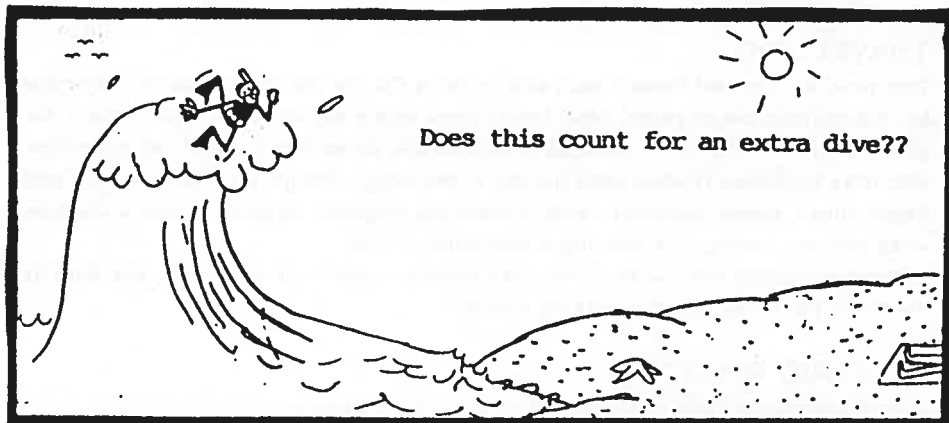
January

Saturday 16	Skippers & DOs training - 8:00am	Skipper: Glen	DO: Ainslie
Sunday 17	Dive "Roe Reef" - depart 8:00am	Skipper: Bob	DO: Geoff
Monday 18	General Meeting at the Club Rooms 7:00pm social, meeting at 8:00pm		
Saturday 23	Dive "Stragglers" - depart 7:00am	Skipper: Richard	DO: Brian
Sunday 24	Dive "West End" - depart 8:00am	Skipper: Peter	DO: Ron
Saturday 30	Dive "Carnac Island" - depart 7:00am	Skipper: Peter	DO: Geoff
Sunday 31	Dive "Angela's Cave" - depart 8:00am	Skipper: Barry	DO: Peter

February

Monday 1	Sky Show Cruise - see details in the Social Section		
Tuesday 2	Committee Meeting at the Club Rooms - 8:00pm		
Saturday 6	Skippers and DOs training - 8:00am	Skipper: Dennis	DO: Ainslie
Sunday 7	Dive "Swirl Reef" - depart 8:00am	Skipper: Dennis	DO: Ainslie
Saturday 13	Dive "Lancier Rock" - depart 7:00am	Skipper: Bob	DO: Ainslie
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Monday 22	Depart at 8:00am for the Labour Day Pilgrimage Contact Maree 457 3333		
Friday 26	Depart at 6pm for the long weekend at Rottneest Island. Contact Maree 457 3333		

Phone Ainslie on 316 1319 for dive bookings or enquires. **DO NOT RING THE CREW.** As of 16 January, and until further notice, the boat will depart from the public jetty across the road from The Left Bank. This is the most westerly jetty of the group.



Diving Report

Ainslie Choate

Summer appeared just a few weeks ago for all you divers who haven't noticed. That means you must shake the cobwebs out of your wetsuit, find all the barnacles in your regs and get rid of them, and get on the boat. For those who have been on the boat already, don't stop coming! The diving so far this summer has been superb, with several nice days enjoyed by the few faithfuls who took a risk on the weather.

The Christmas dive promised to be foul weather, but we were fortunate to have a perfect diving day with practically no wind and no swell. A great day was had by all involved. Other dives during the last week have seen a lot of Straggler's, but this trend will soon become Rottnest as the numbers start to fill the boat. (get the hint???) All these divers have seen plenty of evidence of large numbers of crays ready to be enjoyed as soon as we work out how to catch them.

For those of you planning your summer dive schedule, a few tips - Saturdays will now be a two dive day leaving from East Street at 7:00 am (too early!) and Sunday dives will still be the all day trip from 8:00 am. Final bookings for all dives must be confirmed by 8:00 pm the night before the dive. If you book on my answering machine, you are automatically confirmed on the boat, but please book early to avoid over bookings and confusion. Some suggestion has been made for a fishing day once a month and any interest in this day should be forwarded to me as soon as possible. Please see the calendar for the Jan/Feb diving schedule and Happy Diving.

CHEERS

President's Platform Glen Collingwood

There was a time, so the legend goes when the U.E.C. was a very social club. This was a time when there was as much to do above the water as there was to do below the water. Like all good legends this was a time in the distant, all but forgotten past, when men were larger than life and their deeds were of heroic proportions. And like all good legends the very substance of the legend is shrouded in the mists of time and the vagaries of fading memories. It seems that men no longer cavort with the gods and heroes. It seems that the concept of a dive club being a social club has gone the same way as the feats of prodigious skill and Olympian endeavour. However....

The beginning of a new year brings with it the beginning of a new round of Club activities and this year we will be endeavouring to cater to the non-diver (or at least the non-diving partner) as much as to the diver. Have a good look at Larry Park's offerings in The Social Scene and you will discover a very full year of social and fund raising activities. Of course none of these ideas will work without your enthusiastic support and participation. Purely social activities will be undertaken for no other reason other than to have a good time. Fund raising/social activities will be conducted with the obvious intent of raising funds and well as to have a good time. Each "fund raiser" will have a specific, publicised goal with the reward of seeing tangible achievements as a result.

The boat will, of course, benefit substantially from these activities and while you can expect our beloved Boating Officer to draw up a "wish list" in the near future you might whet your appetite and fire up your enthusiasm with thoughts of weather proofing, seating, a toilet and even remodelling and extending the cabin to achieve a comfortable saloon. You think that's a lot!!! Just wait till you see Dennis's list. And the really good part is that it's ALL achievable with a lot of effort. That's, a little effort from a lot of people.

Also amongst Larry's ideas you will notice a River Clean Up Dive. Each year, as you know, the Clean Up Australia, or some such "authority" runs a general clean up program. Each year, when it comes to the activity of cleaning up the underwater environment, it's some other group who gets the kudos. Not this year, OK!! We can work with the organising group as part of the larger plan and get all the media coverage and high profile exposure that we can handle. The benefits to the Club are inestimable.

In one of my end of year "Platform" dissertations I remember stating (and if memory does not serve me correctly I intended to state) that I believe that this year, 1993, will be a pivotal year for the Club. I, for my own part, see some potential solutions for the apparent woes of the Club (falling memberships, indifferent interest, etc.) in both broadening the Club's appeal by catering to the interests of those non-

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divers associated with the Club and by raising the Club's public profile. Hence the substantial increase in the number of social events for the year and hence activities such as the Clean Up Dive. However, ambitious plans and good ideas notwithstanding, the success (let's face it - the very continued viability) of the Club remains in the hands of you, the Member. Without your enthusiastic, vibrant support and participation the whole thing falls in a heap. We need to face the reality that unless we all get down to it and get behind the Club at a fundamental involvement level we run the grave risk of losing it all. We, your Committee need your support and your involvement. However we WILL make it FUN.

Secretary's Scribblings

Pat Troy

At the Executive Committee meeting held on January 4 1993 Ainslie Choate was formally appointed as a Dive Officer for the Underwater Explorers Club.

Frank and Ernest

by Bob Thaves



FOR SALE

SEASUIT Wetsuit for sale - diamond pattern with plush lining.

Ladies - probably size 14/16 - Hardly used - Cost \$300.00 - Sell for \$190.00 - Excellent condition

PHONE ALISON 242 3919

BY THE WAY...

TRAVELLING.

This time we farewell Peter Leach who departs Oz for the other side of the world for the next couple of years. Pete, I don't know where we will find a replacement for you! I mean, we don't even know anyone else who dives in a dry suit, let alone one who tries to disown it when back on shore. Seriously, though, we wish you safe and happy times ahead, between Saudi Arabia and England. Drop us a line sometime when you are feeling like passing a comment or two.

And did you know that Brian Cruise has quietly slipped off to Ireland, the land of his birth, for a few months working holiday?

WHO SAID WHAT?!?!

Overheard on the Christmas Dive -

"Roger, why is your mask on top of your head?"

"Why, I left my Raybans at home of course!"

APOLOGY - To Nick and Sharon - for the typographical error in the spelling of Max's name in the last newsletter. Maybe I was the only one who noticed, because nobody mentioned it.

IN THE INTERESTS OF PERSONAL HYGIENE - To the diver who hurried to the starboard side of the boat on his way back from Rottnest to rid himself of his lunch, one can only say "He who chuckles into the wind will only get his own back!" Try using the leeward side of the boat next time!

SENILE? OR STILL LEARNING? - One diver heard to be calling his fins "Flippers" - a short time later to be seen to drop the first bite of his ice cream, (the yummy bit with the chocolate dribbled over it) all down his shirt front.

Another diver - same day - tried going for a dive without his scuba gear, then tried to wear his snorkel UPSIDE DOWN! To finish off his day, he wore his mask and snorkel most of the way home on the boat! - All this from a Divemaster! (I hope we see him more often out diving; he is good value.)



ROTTNEST PILGRIMAGE

For those of you planning on going to Rottnest for the March long weekend, please come to the January General meeting and pay Maree the balance for your trip. Costs this year are being kept the same as last year, that is \$130.00 per head for the all-inclusive weekend.

There are limited spots still available, so if you haven't booked, but would like to, call Maree on 457 3333.



... AND NOT ONLY DESIGNER COLOURS, THERE'S ENOUGH ROOM IN THERE TO HAVE A DIRTY WEEKEND WITH A FRIEND.

Training Report

Ron PhonemyInt

I am still hoping to put together a Master Diver Module course for the near future. We can't run these courses without students. If you are interested, please contact me on 417 4140.

Thanks,

The Issue of Cray Hooks....

As a direct result of information passed to us from the Department of Fisheries via the medium of Laurie Caphorn's presentation to our December general Meeting the Committee will consider the use of "cray hooks" on the Club boat. While there is still a substantial grey area between the letter of the law and the policy that will be enforced, the Department will undoubtedly be toughening up from now on. The fact is that taking crayfish with any device other than an approved pot is illegal. However, while cray hooks will NOT be permitted, the use of a "loop" will be allowed provided the animal is not damaged. We are also given to understand that, should an inspector see a cray hook on the boat, the catch will be scrutinised VERY closely for damage and should a punctured animal be found, then prosecution may follow. Your Committee has not, as yet, deliberated on this matter, however, in view of the above, the general feeling is that the implementation of "hook free" cray hunting is inevitable. Pending the Committee's decision all Skipper's and DO's have been requested, at a meeting held on the evening of Monday 11, January 1993, to implement a moratorium on the use of cray hooks on the boat. The Committee's decision, and any subsequent change in Club Policy, will be presented very soon. In the mean time you are requested to leave your hooks at home.

Glen Collingwood



NOTICE OF MOTION

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT AT THE FEBRUARY 1993 GENERAL MEETING, I WILL MOVE THAT THE UNDERWATER EXPLORERS CLUB RELINQUISH ALL RIGHTS TO THE WOODMAN'S POINT TRAINING BASE.

(signed) GEOFF CHARLTON

Safety Report

Maree Casley

Welcome to 1993. I hope that it will be an enjoyable and safe year of diving for you all. One aspect of Club diving that has declined in recent times and is cause for some concern is the buddy system. I'm sure that each of you remember what you were taught but do you do it? From my experience, I would say not. A good buddy does more than accompany you whilst you dart around underwater. A buddy offers assistance in assembling and donning your gear, they give you a thorough check to ensure that you are fully kitted up ready to dive, they offer encouragement, and most importantly, they are safe and reliable. If the need arises (and it shouldn't), they undertake good lost buddy procedures - i.e. look around for a few moments, rise slowly whilst continuing to look for air bubbles and then surface. If everything goes to plan, both divers should bob up at the same time.

Another aspect to buddy diving is hand signals. It is always a good idea to review these before you get in the water. This is important if you wish to minimise confusion underwater and protracted arguments when you get out of the water!

For many of us, scuba diving is the sport to which we are committed. It would be nice to think that we all share the same commitment to the safety and welfare of our buddies. Diving is not a solitary sport - at least not in the U.E.C. - so please take some time to show some consideration to your buddy and I'm sure that they will repay your efforts equally.



"That was fast!..Gunther!
The Diver Delivery guy is here"

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allow the cooling system to work properly at full revs. All this has allowed us to put those 'nice' comfy things back on the agenda that looked like being deferred for quite a while. The first of these might be a modern environmentally friendly dunny, which we are supposed to have anyway and who knows some storm covers if we are lucky. This of course will take some manpower giving a chance for all those who were on holidays a chance to catch up! I will be in touch folks, rest assured!

"Cheers Folks"!

ALTERNATIVE SIGNALS by Rico



Introducing.....

NAME: Glen Collingwood

OCCUPATION: Architectural Draftsman/Computer Consultant

HOW LONG DIVING: Five years

DIVING QUALIFICATIONS: PADI - Open Water, Advanced Diver, Night Diver, Equipment Specialist, Deep Diver, Rescue Diver, Medic First Aid, Wreck Diver, Underwater Naturalist, Underwater Navigator, PADI Master Diver.

FAVOURITE DIVE SITE: 'Lancier Rock' south of Stragglers

MOST MEMORABLE DIVE: First dive in Mexico at Cozumel. Unbelievable clarity of water. Names on tanks could be read from the surface in eighty feet of water.

MOST EMBARRASSING DIVING EXPERIENCE: Doing backward roll from side of boat, then swimming to the anchor line, only to find descending somewhat difficult. My weight belt was still on board the boat.

HOBBIES: Diving, computers, reading (science fiction), appreciating the fairer sex.

Joy of Joys! - No this is not a belated Xmas greeting from a slack boating officer, but a genuine feeling of gladness as I sit, sherbet in hand, in a comfortable deck chair, surveying a Club boat with a fresh, clean, anti-fouled bottom and a full, hot, diving season before us. In a fit of yeast generated enthusiasm, brilliant organisation and dedication of the few members, who were silly enough not to go on holidays, we firmly grasped the nettle and slipped the boat at Pier 21. In two and a bit days her bottom was sanded and double anti fouled, and several items of mechanical maintenance, including fixing of the sum log transducer and modification of the sea water intake to allow proper clearing were done. Peter even tied a broom to his waist and swept the deck while he was working around the engine such was the urgency! This was a much needed and very high value for money exercise which could well be a feature of the early January calendar, to give us a trouble free season to look forward to, with nothing to do but work out ways of using our boat. As usual, that beautiful little craft, responded to our ministrations on post launch sea trials by leaving the participants breathless and agape with her performance. Last time she tramped around Crawley bay like a speed boat, and this time Glen reports she attempted to take off out of the marina on the plane in reverse the moment he dared touch the throttle! That control having to be manipulated with some care at these times, lest she tear off down the harbour and nip some lumbering flybridge cruiser on the fetlock! Successive minor excursions to the mooring are now being organised to finalise the repair and improvement of many of those lesser jobs on boat and mooring which badly needed doing and which will ensure a pleasant and trouble free summer.

The other main reason for my pre Xmas fit of manic depression, reported last month, and my post Xmas Joy (apart from getting my most prized Xmas present) - the engine cooling system - seems to have been successfully repaired without costing a fraction of my nightmare predictions. Mind you, its early days yet but latest reports are more than favourable. Part of the problem was caused by an unbelievable amount of shell and debris jammed and solidly welded into the sea water cooling system intakes, which on examination up on the 'hard' showed we didn't have a hope of keeping clear 'in water'. We actually had to cut the front of the intake out and replace it with a removable punched plate to clear it properly! This will now increase sea water flow and

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Hi! In our last newsletter, I requested you advice in general, of the type of things you would like to do.

Well, it would appear that being your committed member for Social activities is like courting a beautiful woman. So, herewith are just a few suggestions that might entice you to share your fantasies with me. (Hey guys, keep it clean!)

1. **THE SKY SHOW** - Bookings for this event are nearly complete. Details are as follows :
Boat will be departing from East Street Jetty at 3:00 pm on Monday, February 1, from Point Walter at 4:00 pm and from Royal Perth Yacht Club at 4:00 pm.
For a small cost of \$15.00 per head, you will be catered to with a meal of champagne, chicken and salad. Please BYO extra booze if required.
To book for this event, phone me at home - 398 5597 or at work - 493 1700.
2. **VALENTINE'S DAY CRUISE** - at this stage, I expect that this will be another catered for meal on board the 'U.E.' Tentatively, a barbecue on board, after a leisurely cruise on Perth Waters. The cost for this one will also be \$15.00 per head. Once again, BYO any booze you may feel necessary on top of the champers which will be provided. Dress up for this special occasion in red and white. Bookings are as for the Sky Show.
3. **RIVER CLEAN UP DIVE.**
4. **TEN PIN BOWLING NIGHT.**
5. **AN ITALIAN NIGHT - BY RIVER CRUISE OR BUS.**
6. **A QUIZ NIGHT (OR 2).**
7. **ROTTNEST TRIP - DAY DIVE, BARBECUE, AND NIGHT DIVE.**
8. **PROGRESSIVE DINNER - ANY VOLUNTEER HOMES??**
9. **WINE TASTING RIVER CRUISE ON 'U.E.'**
10. **GERMAN NIGHT.**
11. **GAMBLING NIGHT.**

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- 12. ~~LONG WEEKEND DOWN SOUTH - BUSSELTON DIVE - DINNER IN A NATURE RESERVE RESTAURANT AT DUNSBOROUGH - VISIT VINEYARDS.~~
- 13. ~~YANKEE THANKSGIVING (POSSIBLY PROGRESSIVE DINNER?)~~
- 14. ~~CHRISTMAS DINNER (PROGRESSIVE?)~~
- 15. ~~OF COURSE, OUR CHRISTMAS DIVE AND BARBECUE.~~

These are only proposals, but short of not hearing something more tangible from the happy throng of voices out there in the deep unknown, I guess I will plan some courting.

NIGHTMARES ABOUT DIVING Roger Smith

NOT FOR THE FAINT HEARTED

Can you imagine what it would be like if a large crayfish escapes from your catch bag, and in its' panic darts up the leg of your wet suit. Your grasping hands fail to halt its progress as it quickly scuttles up between your thighs. Instinctively seeking revenge, it spreads the cheeks of your backside with its bristly, spider-like legs and backs itself up your bum. The only evidence left on the outside would be two waving antennae, daring you to grasp their brittle tips and drive their owner even further up your rectum. A mouth watering dream can turn into an eye watering nightmare within moments.

How do you fancy being pinned underwater by a large slab of rock. While you are waiting patiently for you air supply to run out, the local wildlife sensing your predicament, prematurely comes out to feast on you. Parrot fish begin the repast by gnawing at your toes, then spitting out remnants of your bones in little clouds of white dust into the water around you. This activity attracts small crustaceans into the area who seek warmth by burrowing through you wetsuit and finding comfort in you armpits and groin. You can feel their tiny armour plated bodies grating together like small change as they shuffle for position in the crevices of your body. They then begin grazing en masse amid you pubic hair, a scuffling live mat of amphibious bugs. Attempting to shut it all out of your mind by closing you eyes won't work either, as a colony of small crabs has gathered on your face and started to chew off your eyelids. Tiny piece, by tiny piece, stuffing the minute bits into their bulging cheeks with their miniature pincer tipped arms. A small army of sea urchins begins to march mechanically across your chest, waving their robot-like spines about in a frenzy as the jockey for position, then begin to consume you nipples with sharp, chisel-like teeth. You feel almost relieved by the silence that follows the final breath of air nervously drawn from your depleted cylinder.

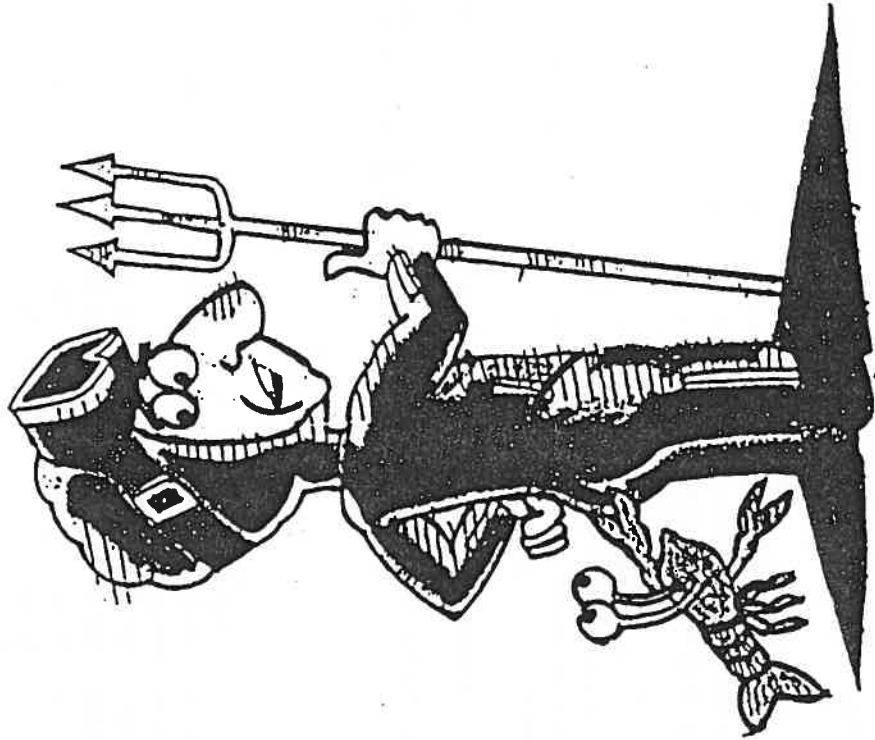
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Or how about this one to put you off diving for life. You poke your head inside a crevice looking for crayfish and suddenly you're confronted by a giant slimy octopus. Before you can react some of its' tentacles have slithered around your head. You feel a multitude of suckers pluck at your skin as they take a firm hold on it. As you recoil in horror the tension in the creature's sinews tighten and you are locked together face to face with this hideous, shapeless mollusc. Unable to match its' strength you are drawn deeper into its' lair. Your shoulders jam into the crevice neutralising your frantic struggles. Salt water floods into your eyes as another ribbon-like tentacle reaches out and deftly pulls away your face mask. With legs thrashing about uncontrollably behind, you fight with all your strength as you feel this grotesque animal slide its' cold body over your face. Its' hook of a beak gently traces over your skin, circling your cheek, as it searches for the soft crater where your eye sits bulging in fear. You can feel its' fleshy body spasm as it forces it hard mandibles inside your skull and quickly devours your eyeball. The clicking sound of its' jaws echo inside your head as the last of its' meal is slowly chewed out. The final thing you feel before you mercifully pass out, is a rasping tongue probing about in the hollow socket. Its' tip seeking a last tasty morsel before it reaches through into your brain for dessert.



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Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

Following on from last month, I can only say again how much more relaxed and enjoyable the meetings seem to be when people arrive that bit earlier to socialise a little before the serious business of the meeting begins. So, let's continue the trend, and get together on Monday at 7:00 pm and have a drink or two.

I can't help but wonder, with a mailing list of about 100 newsletters being sent, just where are our members? Do the majority pay membership just to read this magazine? There are very few who are diving, and not many more attending meetings, so just what is everyone up to?

Once again, thank you, Roger, for yet another journalistic masterpiece. I believe this will be Roger's last article for a while, so if you have any articles, stories, gossip, jokes, or cartoons please call me. I am now desperate!

Till next month, I wish you dives which are many and happy (on the Underwater Explorer of course).

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February

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 Friday 26 Depart at 6pm for the long weekend at Rottneest Island. Contact Maree 457 3333

March

- Saturday 6 Boat returns from the Labour Day Pilgrimage
 Sunday 7 Dive "Roe Reef" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Ainslie
 Monday 8 Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
 Saturday 13 Dive "Hugel Passage" - depart 7:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Brian
 Sunday 14 Dive "Jackson Rock" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Ron
 Saturday 20 Dive "Stragglers" - depart 7:00am Skipper: Bob DO: Peter
 Sunday 21 Dive "Radar Reef" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Maree
 Monday 22 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
 Saturday 27 Dive "Carnac Island" - depart 7:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Geoff
 Sunday 28 Dive "West End" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Nick DO: Ainslie

Phone Ainslie on 316 1319 for dive bookings or enquires. DO NOT RING THE CREW.
 From February 6 we will be back to boarding the boat at East Street Jetty.

Diving Report

Ainslie Choate

This month I have a really serious plea to all of you who enjoy your diving on your Club Boat - the Underwater Explorer. Really, there are a couple of areas that need to be looked at, or the consequences could be quite detrimental to the Club.

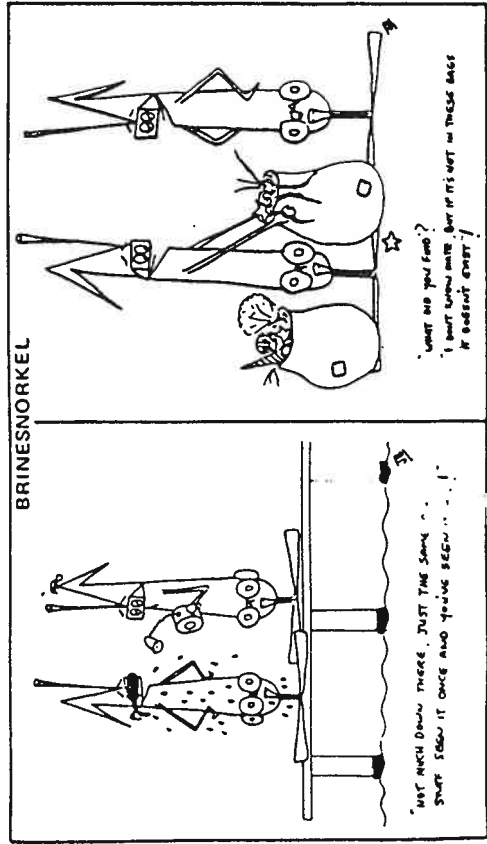
Firstly, there is the age - old plea to come diving, to make as much use of the boat as possible. Without divers on the boat, we -

- a) won't be able to afford the boat
- b) won't need the boat anyway.

Secondly, assuming that we can improve on the number of members diving, we have a depleted supply of Dive Officers. To be able to continue to offer diving to members, we must have both Skippers and Dive Officers available. These are voluntary positions, with dubious rewards. If you feel you just may be interested in becoming a D.O., but perhaps have not done a first aid course, we can organise a St John's Senior First Aid course through the Club for you. Please let me know, because without some new recruits, we are going to run out of crew, and that means no diving.

Please give some serious thought to this. My number is 316 1319. I look forward to your call.

By the way, we are back to departing from East Street Jetty. So no more lugging our gear for miles! (Perhaps that will get you all back on the boat). Cheers.



President's Platform

Glenn Collingwood

The Sky Show excursion was a wonderful social success. Twenty - five people on board for a very pleasant journey up the river. Then a few languid hours while everybody (expect the crew that is) got plastered. Then the culminating of all the wonderful bangs and flashes of a pyrotechnic display extraordinaire. The next morning's hangovers notwithstanding it was wonderful.

SO!! WHERE WERE YOU? Come to think of it where are you whenever something happens? Sure I know that there are always reasons why not. I also know and acknowledge that all events are attended (well most times at any rate). However why, why, why is it always the same few ?? You tell me. Sky Show seems to be just the latest example of a "couldn't care less" attitude that seems to pervade the Club. It's not just social events. It's diving as well. How many glorious days have we had this year when the boat (God bless her keel and prop) has lain languishing for want of sufficient interest from any of you out there. For crying out loud people, we're a DIVE CLUB. Or at least we say we are. I'm not so sure any more. Last year we put it down to the poor weather and long, protracted, wet winter. The year before it was that old UE was too slow and a days dive really should only be four or five hours. OK! We gave you short Saturday dive trips. We gave you a faster boat. So what's the excuse this year. Come on tell me. The fact is that over the last few years there has been a remarkable and alarming trend away from the Club. There has also been a peculiar trend "through" the Club. Think about it. Of something like thirty new faces introduced over the last few years how many remain? Not many, that's for sure. And guess what? I'm not the only one to notice what's happening. You're going to hear more of this later in this edition of the UEC News. Ainslie has seen the trend. So has Larry. And so has Judy. Three contributors to the magazine have each, and independently, been concerned enough to make special comment, each in the context of their own Reports, on the lack of attendance at and support of Club activities. These are just three people who have chosen to speak out quietly.

So now, tell me. What's going to happen? How long do you really think that we can survive as an operational Club of independent means when there is no support from you, the Membership. Why is it that the OIC Public Relations and Social has to beg and cajole people into attending social events. Why should the OIC Diving and the various crews have to plead with people to go diving. This is not the attitude that can reasonably be expected from a Club that prides itself on being the very foundation of diving in Western Australia. This is an attitude that tells me that we are living in the past; gorging ourselves on past glories; growing fat on the activities of the Golden Years; and dying in the present.

I've said it before and I say it again. If we keep going like this we will lose everything. It's up to you people. I can't do it on my own. Your Committee can't do it on it's own. Have a look at this. The January General meeting got us all fired

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up to get involved in the Clean Up Australia campaign. From about twenty - five present we received nineteen enthusiastic volunteers to take part. So what happens? Already we're down to fifteen and that's with four weeks left to run. Maybe if we try really hard we can leave it all to the same ten or twelve who are always there.

Oh, by the way. Congratulations Larry on a job very well done. It's a pity that more of the people that you're working for weren't there to appreciate it.

Secretary's Scribblings

Pat Troy



At the Executive Committee meeting held on February 2 1993 it was moved that we rekey the front door and distribute new keys to those who are authorised to have them.

The reason for this being that over the years we have lost track of who has which keys.

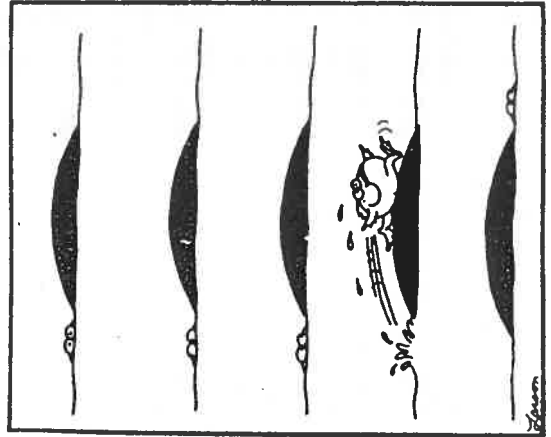
A motion to ban the use of cray hooks on the boat was also carried.

The reason for this being that the Fisheries Department is now taking a firmer stand on damage caused to crayfish, and it is in our best interest to be more environmentally conscious.

ROTTNEST PILGRIMAGE

All monies must be paid at the next Club meeting in February. I will be briefing everyone at this meeting of details of the weekend. So please be there. If you can't make it please ring me for details. See you all (hopefully) on Monday February 14th.

Maree.



Another great moment in evolution

This month we have a slight change of pace; a soup. We start with one of our water's finest delicacies. A Blue Manna Crab; or Blue Swimmer; or what ever you want to call it. You know the one. That aggressive sod, all nippers and fight, that always seems to get between you and the best prawns.

Any way here it is, Plum and Crab Soup.

- 1kg blood plums
- 4 cups water
- 1tbsp soy sauce
- 1tbsp honey
- 1tbsp sugar
- 2tbsp lemon juice
- 450g cooked crab meat
- sour cream
- sprig of watercress

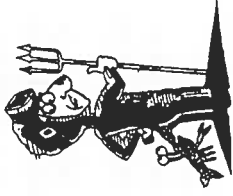
Wash, halve and pit the plums and place in a large saucepan with the water. Cover and simmer until the plums are tender. Remove the plums from the liquid (reserve), peel and puree. Add the puree to the liquid and simmer. Stir in the soy sauce, honey, sugar and lemon juice. Remove from heat and chill.

To serve add the crab meat and mix well. Pour into serving bowls and serve with sour cream and garnish with a sprig of water cress.

There it is; a soup to fill out a complete menu. In the next few months I'll present a couple more soup/entree dishes and maybe a couple of desserts. Fish as desert! Well, may be not, but certainly there are sweets that are ideal complements to fish dishes. See you then.

Happy eating.

OH! by the way. If YOU have a favourite recipe that you are happy to spread around just jot it down and drop it in. I'll be happy to publish it (with correct accreditation of course).



TRAVELLING.

They have been travelling, but it's good to welcome back Peter Moffatt and Peter Bell. Now that they are back, we hope to see them on the boat often.

APOLOGY - To Roger, for the retyping of his article, and having his crayfish seeking revenge when it really only wanted refuge. (I have never been able to tell what a crayfish's intentions really are, myself) - Ed.

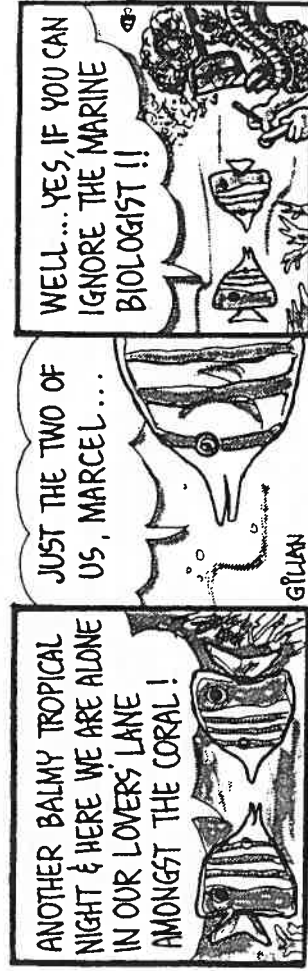
GUESS WHAT! - Heard that, on a recent day out diving, and after reading last month's Safety Report about Buddy Procedure, a series of embarrassments occurred. Firstly, one diver entered the water without his fins on. His buddy, after the dive, popped back in the water to retrieve an item which had dropped from the back of the boat. And guess what he forgot. His fins! Another diver dressed himself for the dive, forgetting to do up his crutch strap on his wetsuit. He removed his weight belt, did up the strap, and forgot to replace his weight belt. I believe a strenuous dive was the order of the day! (Oh Dear! We really must learn our buddy checklists thoroughly, and then put what we have learned into practice!) - Ed.

SKY SHOW - It seems that Pat has lost a dive buddy (again). We hope to see more of Jeannie on the boat.



I am still hoping to put together a Master Diver Module course for the near future. We can't run these courses without students. If you are interested, please contact me on 417 4140.

Thanks,

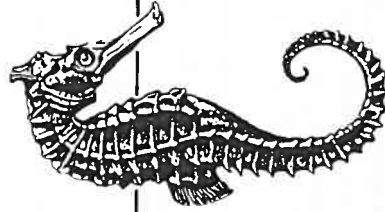


Nominations

Gladys Pinto - Wembley

Murray Simon - Wembley

Colin Harris - Riverton



DIVING ON BUSSELTON JETTY Roger Smith

I had waited over twelve years to do it and listened to countless stories from those that had done it before me. I had also spent endless hours wondering what it would be like when I eventually did get to do it. So after a lay off from diving of nearly five months, due to the worst winter in years, it was with some apprehension that I now faced the reality of it at last. My nerves had not been calmed by the three hour drive through the night, a sleepless few hours listening to Ron Phommyint snoring and the failure of the outboard motor to start, without a hell of a lot of cursing and swearing. Anyway, I had at last had made it to my destination, I was about to dive on the famous Busselton Jetty.

As I descended quickly to the sandy bottom at eight metres, I could see the supports of the jetty spread out ahead of me like a long grey curtain. It's vertical rows of piles fading away into the gloom at either end. Although it was a cloudy morning, visibility was still good at around fifty feet. Even so, I was still unable to see into the shadows beneath the huge structure that stood before me. Cautiously I finned closer, peering into the shaded areas that hung threateningly beneath the jetty. As I got nearer I was able to make more sense of the shapes as my eyes adapted to the dim light.

I think my first reaction to what I saw was anger, as I recognised that each of the individual piles supporting the jetty was originally a large tree. It must have taken several thousand trees to build this jetty. I could imagine how much forest has been cleared; and how much wildlife and other native plants had disappeared along with it? - I could not help asking myself. What were the environmental costs of this single, man made jetty? Luckily with the calmness that comes with diving I managed for the moment to push these negative thoughts to the back of my mind, as I had come to enjoy the scenery, not criticise it.

I had heard many descriptions of this dive, but I was still astonished when I came face to face with the grandeur of these brilliantly coloured columns that almost glowed before me. Every square inch of the timber structure appeared as if richly encrusted with jewels of soft coral. The colours of these unique gems ranged from the palest of yellow to the brightest of reds. Many of the individual polyps had exposed their tiny, white, ribbon-like tentacles. Each a tiny illuminated snowflake, scattered over these cylindrical coral gardens.

As my buddy, Susie, was busy filming various things, I was content to just hover nearby in mid-water and contemplate on my surroundings. Looking back along the piles of the jetty, it was easy to imagine myself in some fairytale forest. The vivid colours of the tree trunks appeared animated, as the soft corals surged to and fro

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FOR SALE

DIVING EQUIPMENT

COMPUTER: Alladin Sport Computer (Sea Hornet badge) - \$250.00

LIGHT METER: Sekonic Underwater Light Meter - \$50.00

ALUMINIUM TANKS: As new 92 c.f. In test (Feb) - \$ 200
Older 88 c.f. In test (Feb) - \$170.00

CONTACT: Martin Smith - ph 458 2224

Introducing.....

NAME: Pat Troy

OCCUPATION: Tea drinking layabout (Public Servant) Teetotaller, Young man about town.

HOW LONG DIVING: Six years

DIVING QUALIFICATIONS: NAUI - Open Water Diver (Extraordinaire)

FAVOURITE DIVE SITE: "Victoria Station" - Roe Reef - Rottneest Island

MOST MEMORABLE DIVE: A holiday in the Turtle Bay area near Dirk Hartog Island in Shark Bay. Every type of marine life imaginable (and a long anchor rope).

MOST EMBARRASSING DIVING EXPERIENCE: Having Dave Kenny pinch my pegs while hanging out my washing, and being photographed drunk and disorderly outside the Shark Bay Pub.

HOBBIES: Diving, Hookers and tinkering with VW engines.

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in the light swell. Above, the shimmering canopy of the surface reflected intermittent rays of sunshine onto the understorey of broken timbers that lay in great heaps, covering most of the sandy bottom beneath the jetty. Again I pondered why so much timber appeared wasted as it lay rotting away on the bottom. The plus side of it is, that this has created the most wonderful cover for small fish and other marine organisms.

Huge shoals of fish patrolled the shady areas beneath the jetty. Bright silvery fish, such as Skippy, Yellowtail and smaller schools of slender Pike. The reflections from their shimmering mirrored sides were quite dazzling as they swallowed me up in their swirling passes. Each shoal consisted of hundreds of fish, each identical to the next, as if they had been mass produced from the same mould in some far off Taiwanese factory. It was hard to look at individual fish as none showed any sign of character. It was only as a group that they came to life. Reflecting their life - force outwards, catching the sunlight and mirroring its energy through millions of silver scales as the shoal undulated past. I often felt lost as I was surrounded and contained within their masses, unable to see about me. My normal sense of freedom as a diver, taken from me by the ease of movement demonstrated by these liquid piscatorial throngs.

It was certainly a dive I will always remember and I look forward to returning there in the future. Going back to my previous feeling about the environmental impact of the jetty and the removal of all those trees, I felt much easier when I looked at it as being one of the most successful ways I can imagine of recycling part of a forest. Besides as serving mankind in a useful way, a remarkable new environment is being created. A marine environment that will remain long after the initial structure has outlived its usefulness to human beings. Unless you're a scuba diver of course.

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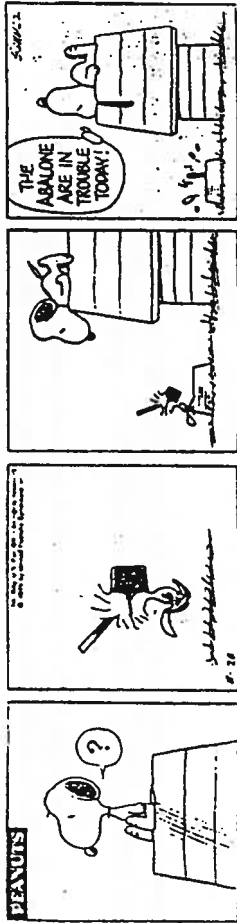
"PRO SUB" BUOYANCY COMPENSATOR

SIZE: Small

STYLE: A.D.V. (with shoulder buckles)

PRICE: \$100.00

CONTACT: Roger Smith - ph 275 8620



Safety Report

Maree Casley

Last month's report was meant to be a gentle reminder that each of us must ensure that we pay particular attention to our buddy diving practices. This month I'm here to report that recent incidents on Club dives illustrate quite graphically how shabby and outright dangerous some divers buddy procedures are. Two incidents have occurred in the last month that have required Committee investigation and subsequent action.

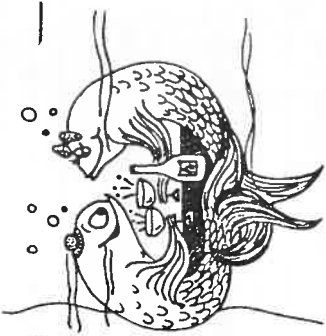
Some time ago, the Club formalised the responsibilities of our Skippers and D.Os. in the event of a lost diver. These "rules" must be strictly adhered to by these officers and in turn, the "rules" of good buddy diving must be adhered to by divers. In brief, the authorities and rescue organisations must be notified if a diver is "lost" for 10 minutes, and the Club then responds to the rescue organisation's directions. It doesn't take much imagination to work out some of the consequences of such action. The skippers and D.O's of the Club take on an enormous responsibility to ensure that we all enjoy a good days diving and I implore all of you to keep this in mind when out on the boat. None of us have the right to subject these officers to the numbing fear that these people have to go through when faced with the very real possibility of a serious accident occurring. Please, observe good buddy procedures and lost buddy procedures on all Club dives.

As part of the Club's ongoing commitment to safe diving, all skippers and D.Os. are currently undergoing additional training and theory sessions. They are a necessary and vital part of the Club's officers skills development and hopefully will result in enhancing the Club's always high safety standards.

Until next month, safe diving folks.

The Social Scene

Larry Park



Monday's Skyshow! That was a beautiful 30 minute extravaganza and it seems, that thousands went out for just thirty minutes of show time and hours of traffic hassles.

But if YOU were ON OUR BOAT, you would have had a leisurely cruise for an hour or so (there and back). Entertained by those (young and older) who took to the mood and music of the night. You would have been wined and dined with plenty of good healthy salad, chicken, bread rolls and champagne, along with plenty of nibbles (in actual fact, the normal brigade that knows that the only good salads are the ones you make yourself, refused their own and partook of the salad supplied).

There were only 10 club members out of 25 people on board.

- a. It was great to have 25 on board supporting OUR Club and making money to buy OUR BOAT.
- b. It could have and should have been you. 15 Club members and 10 guests would have been much nicer.
- c. This is YOUR CLUB and this was one of YOUR social events.

WHAT DID I DO WRONG????

WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHAT DO YOU WANT SOCIALLY???

PLEASE TELL ME. PLEASE! PLEASE!! PLEASE!!!

Sunday February 14 is VALENTINES DAY - BBQ ON OUR BOAT. Nine people have booked - four are possibles - 26 could be comfortable. I am inviting you to come and have FUN on YOUR BOAT. Ring me.

For those great and courageous divers who have committed themselves to OUR Clean up Australia Dive, please come and fill in your registration forms and Monday night's meeting. There are still mor bodies (willing) needed for this. So come and

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register on Monday at the meeting.

This is an opportunity to make a statement to your country, children and a chance to get some free media coverage for OUR Club.

Do not be bashful! Phone me on (H) 398 5597, (W) 493 1700 or Mobile 007 911 895. See - there no excuse, I am always accessible (whilst on land) for your booking and/or suggestions.

Please, be the perfect Valentine, and book on with your Sweetheart for our BBQ cruise on Sunday February 14.

Boat Blather

Dennis Stubberfield

This month's boat report is really a non-event and on that account a good one. With the boat maintenance and operations no news is generally good news! Some minor work was carried out on the shutdown solenoid, which again failed to operate but this has been firmly dealt with and will not occur again - we hope.

An advert was put in the paper for the sale of our "plastic" dinghy, which only generated two inquiries, one leading to an unacceptably low offer. I have had a good look at the "cheapie" non-zodiac type inflatables, with which we were thinking of replacing the nylex dinghy and feel they would be suitable for us with minor additions and used reasonably conservatively. However, they are not nearly as robust as are the "zodiac" types, which are totally out of our price range, even second hand, and therefore we will have to come to some form of compromise. Meanwhile the Club will make good use of the proceeds of the sale.

The boat and machinery has operated satisfactorily and I'm pleased to see a few dive trips and the Sky Show bringing up boat usage. Unfortunately the weather continues to plague us with high swells and unpleasant conditions, but this bad run must end soon and get things moving again.

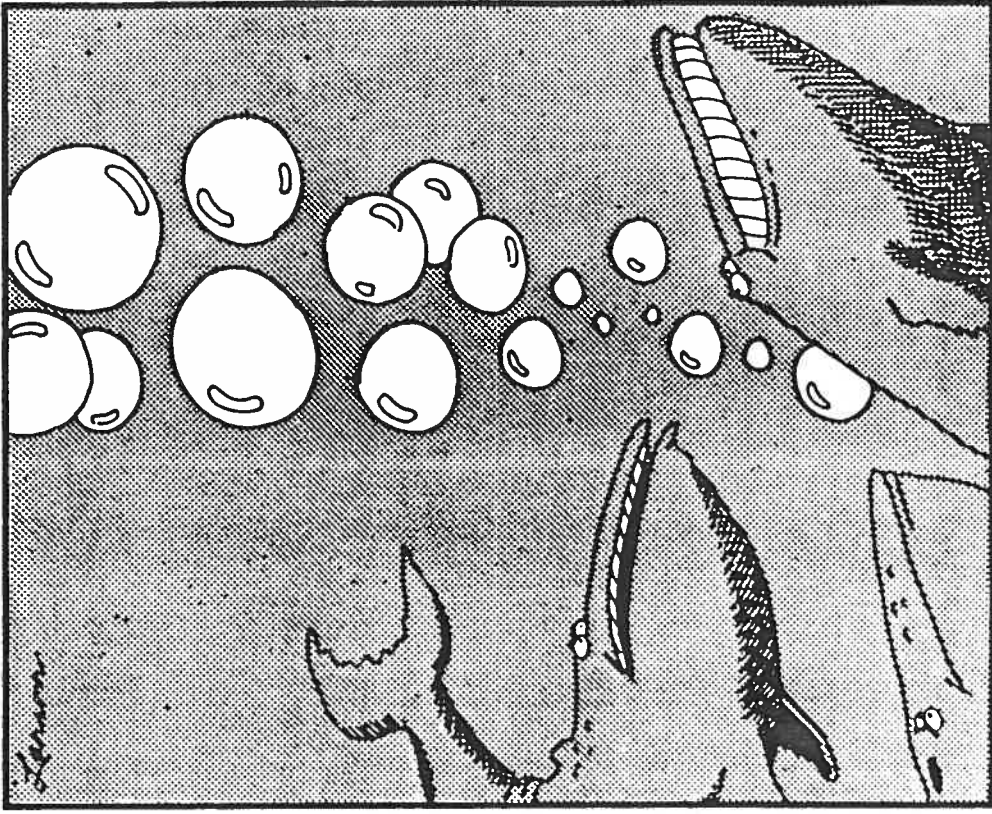
The next social event will be the Valentines Day evening cruise then the Rottneest trips leading to heaps of diving and the boat flat out all the time!

Meanwhile, crew practices for emergency procedures and design work for canopies and dunnies is all the go when we are not diving - something for everybody!

"Cheers Folks - keep in touch"

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Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

I trust you have all survived the annual pilgrimage to Rottnest once again. I believe a pretty good time was had by mostly all.

You'll find another of Roger Smith's examples of entertainment in this issue. You will also note the changes to the calendar - no more Saturdays. Ainslie has explained why.

A really big thank you to both Maree for her Rottnest pilgrimage organisation, and to Larry for his efforts for the Clean Up Australia dive last weekend. Both events required major effort from both people.

It seems that what with all, or almost all, the Committee and regular magazine contributors away for the last couple of weeks, the content of this month's UEC News has suffered. It should return to normal next month (I hope). However even then I will still be needing articles, gossip, cartoons etc. If you have anything along these lines for me, please phone me on 370 2043, not my work number, as I am now unemployed. Very happily for the time being, I might add.

Till next time - safe and happy diving!

COVER STORY

CAPTION - "Kevin.... Was that you?"

The Rottnest weekend was once again a relaxing, enjoyable weekend away. The week following the long weekend was just as enjoyable, even though very few Club members took advantage of the cheap accommodation for the extra time. A handful more people would have made the time and the dives just that little more sociable. It may be worthwhile keeping it in mind for next year - maybe a week's annual leave for that week could be just what the doctor ordered. It is certainly a great way to spend a holiday.

Club Calendar

- March**
 Sunday 14 Dive "Jackson Rock" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Ron
 Friday 19 Bowling night - Melville Superbowl 7:30pm
 Contact Larry Park - 398 5597
 Sunday 21 Dive "Radar Reef" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Maree
 Monday 22 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
 Sunday 28 Dive "West End" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Nick DO: Ainslie
- April**
 Sunday 4 Dive "Roe Reef" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Ainslie
 Monday 5 Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
 Friday 9 to Easter weeks at Yanchep
 Monday 12 Contact Maree - 457 3333
 Sunday 18 Dive "Swirl Reef" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Bob DO: Maree
 Monday 19 General Meeting at Clubrooms
 Social start 7:00pm - Business 8:00pm
 Saturday 24 Progressive Dinner
 Contact Larry Park - 398 5597
 Sunday 25 Dive "Troy's Well" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Ainslie
 Monday 26 No dives scheduled - phone Ainslie to inquire

Phone Ainslie on 316 1319 for dive bookings or enquires. DO NOT RING THE CREW. Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.

The Social Scene

Larry Park

February, 1993 will be remembered by 16 of our Club members and their friends. Between them, they helped raise \$322 to help pay for our boat and along the way, they had a lot of fun. Although they, the members, are all divers, they proved in February '93 that you don't have to dive to support and enjoy your Club.

Pencil into your diaries Friday March 19. This is the night we are going Ten Pin Bowling at the Melville Superbowl. Start time is 7:30pm sharp. We are planning to have 3 games. Supper will be provided, but BYO booze. The total cost of this fun filled evening of skill and/or laughs will be \$17.00 per person, \$5.00 of which will be a direct donation to the Club. Phone me to book for this event as early as possible either at work on 493 1700 or at home on 398 5597.

I am trying to organise a Progressive Dinner for Saturday April 24. We are hoping to have a five course meal, consisting of Cocktails, Appetisers, Soup, Main Course and Sweets. If you have or have not had one of these evenings at your place, and feel that you would like to get involved, please advise me as soon as possible. Maximum numbers for this will be 25, so book early even if you don't wish to help cater. The cost for this will remain as last year, at \$25.00 per person. We will endeavour to hire a bus again for the evening, so you can all let your hair down.

The Clean Up Australia Dive on Sunday March 7 was a great success. I take this opportunity to thank Bunning Bros Maddington store for supplying us with 30 pairs of gloves for use on the day.

(Due to lack of space in this issue, a full report on the Clean Up Australia Dive will be in next month's newsletter) - Ed.

Boat Blather

Dennis Stubberfield

Not a great deal to report this month. The shutdown solenoid problem as mentioned last time has now been rectified, and the boat is running well. Her bottom could well use a bit of a scrub though, as the weed is starting to build up again.

Speaking of weed, or rather grass, the deck of the boat is now quite resplendent in its carpet of Astro Turf. There have been many comments about bringing the mower and practising putting, but I think it has been generally well accepted. If you haven't seen it yet, it must be time you booked on for a dive!

President's Platform

Glen Collingwood

Well people our major event for this month - the Clean Up Australia dive (with apologies to all those who really believe that the Rottneest Pilgrimage is THE EVENT of the year) attracted a splendid turn out. I offer my heart felt thanks to everybody who attended. All twenty seven odd, including four "blow ins" who read of our involvement in the Fremantle Gazette. Thanks guys, your efforts and participation are greatly appreciated. You really must join us sometime.

During the course of the mornings activities I met Bob Newoles (I think the spelling's right), a foundation member of the UEC no less. He's the youngest old guy I think that I've ever met. He was in there boots and all with his boat ferrying divers around and carting recovered rubbish. It might help you to hear that Bob agreed that we, as a Club, need to get involved in this type of high profile activity in order to bring ourselves back into the light and attract new members. I stand vindicated by the man who, with four friends, started the Club.

Let us hope that the stirring turn out on Sunday is the early indications of a revival within the Club and not just the final twitches of a dy.... Nol I'm not going to speak doom and gloom. I'm going to look towards a bright and rosy future.

BY THE WAY - - -

FROM ROTTNEST LONG WEEKEND! Rumour has it that a certain pair of lovebirds shower together with the windows open - much to the delight of other residents on the island!

Who was the young Club Member seen peering through a pair of binoculars at the local lovelies who are only five metres away?

Nomination for Environmentalist of the Year: Toby - for his ingenuity in snaring a seagull with a cardboard box and a piece of string.

Bill Boustead had some difficulty in deciding whether Mickey Mouse on Allison's nightie had grown a wart or if she was just cold. He spent a long time trying to make up his mind.

VALENTINES DAY CRUISE - Sue Whipp looked suitably "flushed" after being advised that the boat toilet was easy to operate, she exclaimed, "I could only see a bucket!" Nice one Sue.

On the subject of Sue - Best wishes to both Sue and Mike on their upcoming nuptials. (Perhaps a Porta Potti as a wedding gift?)

Diving Report

Ainslie Choate

Following on from last month's report, I have to say the response to my plea for more recruits for crewing the boat have not been exactly overwhelming. So, sadly, the consequences are as follows:

We can now only offer diving on one day of the weekend. Dives for Saturdays will be considered if YOU can put together a bunch of divers and we can find crew for the day. With the disinterest shown generally this Summer, we cannot justify having crew on standby every Saturday and Sunday when only a few people book on. So perhaps by only having Sunday diving (as in the past), we may generate enough interest to have regular dive trips again.

On a brighter note, the "Clean Up Australia" dive was supported brilliantly, with about 22 divers and 5 surface support crew. Our divers took part in cleaning up a portion of a massive 22 tonnes of waste on the day! If you weren't there, you missed a fun morning.

I believe Rottneast was, once again, a weekend to remember. Maree has all the guff on that trip in her report.

Safety Report

Maree Casley

This month's report is a bit on the skinny side - everyone is doing a good job on the safety front. I must admit that it is very hard to get enthused about writing a safety report whilst sitting around the kitchen table at Rottneast enjoying good food, good company and for some (not me) good wine. Today's diving was really special, no wind all day and only a hint of swell. It's a tough job but someone has to do it.

Diving over the long weekend went reasonably well. The only thing that spoiled our precision diving plans was the very windy conditions on Sunday and Monday. Nevertheless, I think most people enjoyed the diving and although we were constrained by time, everything went quite well with no major hiccups that couldn't be sorted out. Thanks to everyone for putting up with a few changes to plans and a very big thank you to all the people that volunteered their time to skipper and D.O. over the weekend. Without their help the weekend would have been a disaster.

Well, that's it for a Rottneast long weekend report, thinly disguised as a Safety Report. Keep up the good diving habits and soon I won't have anything to write about.

SUPERGRASS REDISCOVERED

Roger Smith

While washing my diving gear after last Sundays dive, I found attached to the velcro of my wetsuit, what appeared to be an unusual piece of marine vegetation. The first thing that caught my attention was its brilliance of colour. It was a vivid green, such as is seen in the best kept suburban lawns. It was a tiny piece of seaweed but had shown no sign of withering, even though it had been such a hot day. The piece of weed looked vaguely familiar but I could not for the life of me think where I had seen anything like it before. Fancying myself as a bit of a Marine Biologist I decided to investigate further.

I had no luck in identifying this odd plant by looking at various text - books, so I rang a few friends who shared my interest in these things. None of them could help me on the telephone but suggested that I preserve the small amount of material that I had, till they could take a look at it themselves. The suggested method of doing this was to press the plant between the pages of a large book. The idea being, that this proven method would squeeze all the moisture out of the plant material and preserve it for eternity. The problem was that this tiny bit of vegetation refused to lay flat, even in a heavy volume of the Readers Digest World Atlas. Neither was I able to squeeze even a smidgen of juice from this peculiar little weed.

My next effort was to try and dissect it and study it with a large magnifying glass. I was amazed when I found that it was impossible to tear this stuff with my bare hands. It was at this stage that I thought I was on to something big. My imagination went wild thinking I may have discovered a wonder weed that, with a little modern technology could be woven to make new amazingly strong and durable materials. There was probably tons of it growing just off our coastline. Thoughts of riches and fame flashed through my mind. I made mental notes of where I had last dived and how soon I could return there.

With a sharp pair of scissors I was able to cut off a small piece of material to study under the glass. It was then I suddenly understood why it looked so familiar. My dreams crumbled upon realising that I had not made some new discovery. I was never to become rich and famous by developing a new wonder product from this seemingly indestructible plant.

The reason this material looked so familiar was, that I had spent the best part of the day either standing or sitting on it. That is when a small tuft of it must have attached itself to my wetsuit. My fantasy was shattered. No new plant was going to be named 'Weedus Rogerii' in my honour. In fact I believe it already has a Latin name: 'Turfus Astorus', but I won't embarrass myself by telling you what it's commonly known as, you'll have to read 'BOAT BLATHER' to find that out.

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MAGAZINE EDITOR

Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

I don't know about you people, but my Easter has been crammed with activity, not leaving a lot of time to get this magazine out to you. I trust you have all enjoyed a well earned break. But even if you didn't earn it, I still hope you enjoyed it!

Wasn't last month's meeting informative (and a little bit frightening for some)! David John from Lifesport really opened our eyes to some of the dangers of not exercising enough, or of exercising too much. Yes, that's right - you CAN do too much. However, I am not going to give a repeat of David's talk here.

If you are reading this and thinking, "Hey, I didn't know we were having a guest speaker!" it may be time for you to amble along to all the monthly meetings. Sometimes a guest speaker only agrees to speak at our meeting at the last minute, and the event misses the newsletter. And with the terrific job Larry is doing with Social and PR, don't be surprised if there is a guest nearly every month!

You will find Dennis has put pen to paper as only Dennis can, giving us a detailed article on the "1993 Rottnest Pilgrimage". Well done Dennis!

The bowling night was a lot of fun, with a couple of new faces on our social scene, but no where near enough. The supper provided was excellent, and all that marred the evening for some was the standard of bowling. Some of us even tried bowling backwards, but that didn't help! Never mind, we can only improve.

Till next time - safe and happy diving!

Club Calendar

April

Saturday 17 Fishing Trip
Contact Larry Park - 398 5597

Sunday 18 Dive "Swirl Reef" - depart 8:00am
Skipper: Bob DO: Maree

Monday 19 General Meeting at Clubrooms
Social start 7:00pm - Business 8:00pm

Saturday 24 Progressive Dinner
Contact Larry Park - 398 5597

Sunday 25 Dive "Troy's Well" - depart 8:00am
Skipper: Barry DO: Ainslie

Monday 26 Fishing Trip (ANZAC Day)
Contact Larry Park - 398 5597

May

Sunday 2 Dive "Swirl Reef" - depart 8:00am
Skipper: Peter DO: Ron

Monday 3 Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm

Sunday 9 Dive "Radar Reef" - depart 8:00am
Skipper: Barry DO: Maree

Sunday 16 Dive "Roe Reef" - depart 8:00am
Skipper: Richard DO: Peter

Monday 17 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm

Sunday 23 Dive "Jackson Rock" depart 8:00am
Skipper: Nick DO: Ainslie

Sunday 30 Dive "Stragglers" - depart 8:00am
Skipper: Glen DO: Maree

Phone Ainslie on 316 1319 for dive bookings or enquires. **DO NOT RING THE CREW.**
Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.

ROTTNEST 1994

A plea to those going to Rottnest Island next year for the March long weekend to pay sufficient deposit (\$75.00 each) to relieve the financial pressure on the Club.

This is a very serious problem, and if we can't cover the cost between potential participants, we may have to cancel the booking; since it's getting a bit late in the season for diving to pick up and come to the rescue.



"Oh hey! I just love these things!... Crunchy on the outside and a chewy center!"

BY THE WAY ...

FROM THE TEN PIN BOWLING NIGHT There was more happening than just ten pin bowling that night! It was a really fun night with Bob, Maree and Judy giving lessons in the art of backward bowling. (None of them have perfected that yet!) You will have to come next time to learn this trick.

Peter Horton will be starting from a handicapped position next time - I think one foot tied to his left hand should do it.

Robyn saved herself the task of cooking afternoon tea for the following day - the sausage rolls were yummy, along with the rest of the supper.

We had Kevin and Maree playing "snap" with the hot chips - I think Kevin won that one in the final round; Maree won the first couple of rounds.

FROM THE MARCH MEETING Maree wants to know which exercises she can do while laying on her back. Dennis is going to work on lasting for at least 20 minutes at whatever it is that he does now in less than 2 minutes! Glen is going to try a stubby of Strongbow, while Judy will try vacuuming! The HDL's will be stockpiled soon!

President's Platform Glen Collingwood

Yet again this month the crisis seems to grow out of control and I, for one, do not have the answer. I had thought that if we, as members of the Club, would all get together and support every activity that the Club had to offer then everything would be all right. Well, I find myself somewhat chastened when I reflect that, after months of exhorting you all to make that extra commitment to the Club and to support all Club activities and, above all else, to be there for Club diving, I have not, myself, been there at every available opportunity. Now I find myself somewhat more sympathetic towards, and a lot more understanding of, those whose circumstances (work or personal) do not allow them to be model Club Members. However my less than perfect example and all the sympathy and understanding aside, the fact is that the Club has reached a point of real crisis. My friends we have a very real crisis on our hands. To put not too fine a point on it, our outings now are consistently in excess of our incomings to the point where it is doubtful whether even consistent fund raising will provide any long term solution. I do not intend to go on at length here about the details of the problem. The Committee of Management will make a full presentation of the facts at the April General Meeting and the issue will then be opened for general discussion. Right now I ask only one thing of you. If you have any interest at all in the continued viability of the Underwater Explorer's Club then please be at the April Meeting and make your contribution towards finding a solution to the problem.

To change the subject just a little..... As you probably know by now Ainslie Choate, our OIC Diving, has had the good fortune to find herself managing Watersport West. This is excellent news for Ainslie but not necessarily good news for us. A 60 to 80 hour work week does not leave her with a lot of time for a personal life let alone a Club life. Ainslie has put us on notice that she cannot continue as Dive Officer. She will, however, continue to take dive bookings until alternative arrangements can be made. As you know, the Committee can fill a vacated Committee position without going back to the membership for an election. However, the real problem is finding someone who wants the job. In order to make the task more attractive and to try and spread the work load around a little, there is no reason why we shouldn't consider a slightly different approach. Consider this: an OIC Diving to fill the Committee position to be vacated by Ainslie and a separate person who will do nothing other than take the Dive Bookings. This matter will also be discussed at the April General Meeting so please give it some thought.

As you can see, the April Meeting will be a MAJOR meeting. Your support and involvement is earnestly sought. I am quite serious when I say that the future of the Club is at stake. I believe that we have some very hard decisions to be made over the next couple of months and I believe that these decisions MUST be made by the Club as a whole. Please make every effort to be there. Thankyou.

Safety Report

Maree Casley

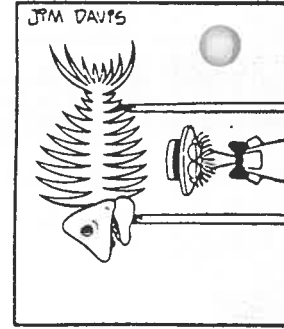
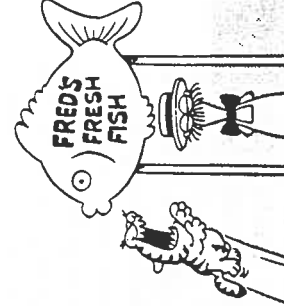
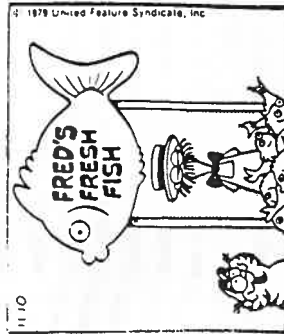
During the two weeks spent at Rottneest and more recently on a dive trip, I was pleased to see that everyone was taking due care with the buddy procedures. I am also pleased that there are now far fewer disputes regarding bottom times and the need to do safety stops. It seems that most people are happy to abide by the Dive Officer's instructions making life easier for everybody. Good work.

It should also be noted that if you intend bringing along friends for a dive with a view to them becoming members, please remember that they must bring along their certification, and log book if they keep one. It is handy for the Dive Officer to see a log book so that they can plan the dive and organise good buddy pairs.

Traditionally, the next couple of months can produce some of the best diving weather of the year. Don't be put off by the cooler weather - the diving conditions can be wonderful - so plan to get out and do some diving in the next few months. The trip home can also be more pleasant if the side cover is attached before departing the dive site.

With Easter upon us, I hope you all made the effort to do at least one dive with the Club, and if you did - I hope you did it safely (and that doesn't mean you have to tote a condom with you!)

Till next month - safe diving.



Nominations

Richard Young - Parkwood

Stuart Cruickshanks - Cottesloe



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UH, OH! DON'T LOOK NOW. OLD "MORNING BREATH'S" HERE AGAIN FOR ANOTHER DENTAL CLEAN.

FOR SALE

DIVING EQUIPMENT

- COMPUTER:** Ailadin Sport Computer (Sea Hornet badge) - \$250.00
- LIGHT METER:** Sekonic Underwater Light Meter - \$50.00
- ALUMINIUM TANKS:** As new 92 c.f. In test (Feb) - \$ 200
Older 88 c.f. In test (Feb) - \$170.00
- CONTACT:** Martin Smith - ph 458 2224

COVER STORY

CAPTION: "Bear! Bear!"

Boat usage for this month has been up considerably, taking into account the week spent at Rottnest and a period in which we are supposed to have our best diving weather. In fact we have had some idyllic diving weather - all of it on Wednesdays! The boat and machinery has operated satisfactorily and no major problems have occurred. However, ongoing maintenance of the hull and mechanics have used all our resources, both manpower and financial, forcing us to delay work on weather covering, even of a temporary nature. There are some bright spots though, one of them being the donation of a suitable toilet and holding tank to the Club by Frank and Kerin Hubbard - thank you from the bottom of our hearts - or is that the other way round!

Then there's the never ending problem of barnacle and algae growth on the hull, the adverse effects of which this boat is particularly susceptible. This is a very important aspect of maintaining our boat and as such I will deal with it more fully here. Such growth seriously reduces handling attributes and speed, raising fuel consumption dramatically, a situation we can ill afford and which necessitates regular cleaning to overcome. Ideally, this may be carried out during dive trips with everybody helping, but which, in practice is quite difficult when sea conditions are not perfect. Nevertheless it must be done and it isn't fair to leave it all to those dedicated few who make a special effort at regular intervals to do this chore. Part of the problem we face is our mooring site, which is subject to fast currents, quickly leaching the anti foul, drastically reducing its effectiveness in about half the time it would take in still water. The cost and inconvenience of mooring elsewhere is so high we just have to cope with it, and to this end I am working on a few ideas to help make it as easy as possible. These include regular periods of short term anchoring in the Bull Creek area, to kill the barnacles and provision of some cute new synthetic fibre scouring pads with handles on, to be kept on board for routine use during dive trips. These pads are great for weed removal and if most of our divers spend just 3 or 4 minutes each, every time we go out, the problem will be kept under control without being a burden to any one person. The anchorage at Bull Creek is subject to quite a bit of fresh water run off, which barnacles don't like so the plan is to get rid of them over the off season by short term mooring in this area. I hope it works!

"Cheers Folks!"
Stubby

Introducing.....

NAME: Dennis Stubberfield

OCCUPATION: Industrial Chemist/Primary Metallurgist, Desk Jockey

DIVING CAREER: Snorkelling and 'untrained' SCUBA diving on "Aqualung" 1960 - 1965, then a long break till 1984 when it became a serious full spare time activity.

DIVING QUALIFICATIONS: PADI, FAUI Open water Diver; NAUI Advanced Diver; SDFWA Assistant Instructor; FAUI/NASDS Level II Instructor No. 820; SDF Level II Instructor No. 007

FAVOURITE DIVE SITE: Rottnest Island - Swirl Reef, Roe Reef, West End. Hugel Passage.

MOST MEMORABLE DIVES: (a) Angela's Cave - and seeing not one but TWO jumbo crabs - catching one of them, with Maree's help.

(b) Green Island Christmas 1986, again with buddy Maree in six feet of water.

MOST EMBARRASSING DIVING EXPERIENCE: Heading due west from the Western side of North Straggler Rocks on a night dive, chasing a light which turned out to be the moon - not the boat!

HOBBIES: Boating, Diving, Talking/Studying/Practising Coastal Navigation, Fishing, Camping, Going to TAFE Maritime College Fremantle (in roughly that order).

FAVOURITE SAYINGS: "I should have bought a crate of that!" - "Now, where the heck was I?"

PET HATES:

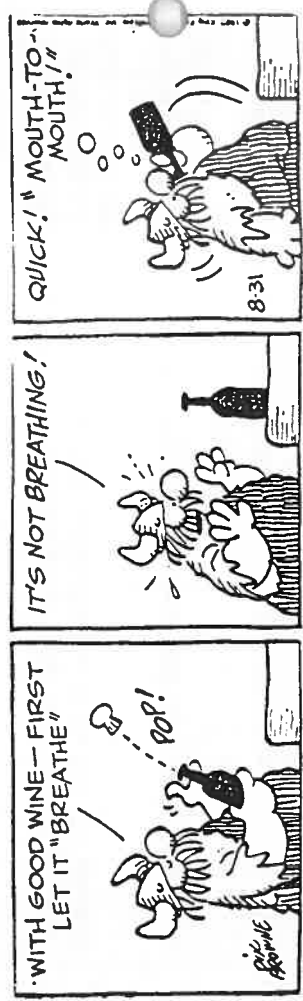
- (a) Vibration, noise and fumes in boats.
- (b) Barnacles/algae.
- (c) Cooling water systems, fresh or salt.
- (d) Diving buddies who won't stick around and go where you want to go!
- (e) Swell and seas above one and a half metres.
- (f) Winds above 10 knots.

DREAM: To retire to a warm climate with a quiet, fast alloy tri-hull, containing every electronic device, a double bed, dry interior, two engines and my gorgeous wife Maree. A crate of Grange Hermitage (any vintage will do) would just about top it off!

TANK FILLS

There are a number of members that have run up an account at the Club for tank fills. Please settle your accounts as soon as possible - we need the money!

Also, please put your name on your cylinder otherwise it will not be filled.



Diving Report

Ainslie Choate

We are still struggling for more diving action. Please get your dive gear out of its cupboard and get wet.

Those divers who are interested in becoming Diving Officers, please let me know. This will involve being in a position of responsibility on the boat for a day's dive. This therefore needs a person with a responsible attitude who is prepared to increase their diving skills and volunteer their time on the day, to ensure that the dives are carried out safely.

To become a Diving Officer, the Club has organised a training course which will include a First Aid course. We have a First Aid course planned for May 22, 23 & 29. The cost of this is most reasonable. To book on, please phone Ron (417 4140).

I look forward to more Diving Officers joining our roster. It can be a rewarding and challenging experience. Please consider.

Till next time, happy diving!

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Our night of fun and relaxation at the Superbowl in Melville went extremely well with the winner beingguess who?! You're right - Peter Horton. But in reality we were all winners, with good mates and a top supper; ask Robin; she took home the leftover sausage rolls and party pies.
More people would be better next time, and you will be very welcome.

I now have only three spaces left for the Progressive Dinner to be held on Saturday April 24. You will have to phone early to be part of this one!

Two fishing trips have now been planned for a maximum of 10 people per trip. Boat, bait and skippers are provided. BYO fishing tackle and food for the day. The dates for these are Saturday April 17 and Monday April 26 (Anzac Day holiday). Phone me to register now, remember 10 is the limit.

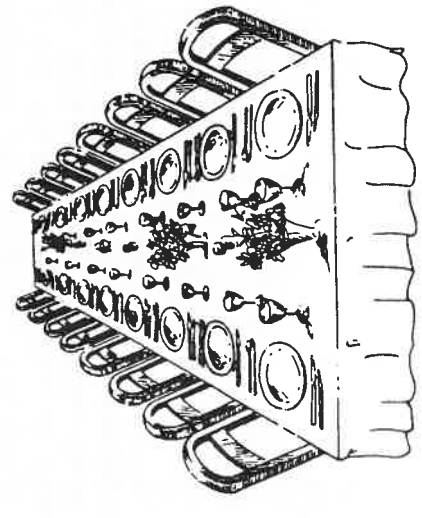
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Italian Night coming up at a restaurant near you!!

If you have a favourite Italian Restaurant or if you would like to join us call me, you have my numbers.

A Quiz Night is now in the planning, and we hope to hold it in June. We will keep you informed of our developments as time goes by.

WANTED - OLD JUNK AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR DONATION TO THE CLUB FOR A SWAP MEET TO BE HELD SOON. BRING IT TO THE CLUB OR PHONE ME TO DONATE.



Two miscreant KNITES of the TABLE - SIR BADALAD and SIR CUMFERENCE (Larry and Stubby) probably also need restraining a little from excessive noise and exuberance. Although fair to state, the former only kept wrecking the pedals on his charger and the latter managed to get through the whole weekend with only slopping his wine goblet contents over himself, passers - by or fellow revellers, just the once.

Well, see you all next year folks, to keep a check on the festivities.

Don't miss out - see Maree NOW!

The Social Scene

Larry Park

Too many unsung heroes for too many unknown reasons. For those who did not attend the river cleanup, your reasons and names are amongst the unknown, not because you didn't feel it important, but because there were more pressing things that had to be done. I guess that some didn't think or care about the danger to life in the river, or to man and our children's futures.

Those that did attend helped to relieve our waterways of some of the refuse the animals left behind in their wake, like batteries, tyres, engine gaskets, plates, cups, bottles, steel, leather coats, paper cups and a hoard of other humanistic waste.

Here is a list of those heroes who cared and had the time to help:

Ross Cooper	Rick Di - Russo
Ainslie Choate	Glen Collingwood
Judy Collingwood	Kevin Collingwood
Robin Shepherd	Jim Robson
Bob McLaughlin	Mary Edwards
Brian Walker	Allison Cooke
Michel Roux	Ron Phonemyint
Roger Smith	Murray Simons
Gladys Pinto	Steven Craig - Bone
Bob Newcles	Geoff Walton
Pat Troy	Mark Slocombe
Geoff Charlton	Andrew Fraser
Jeff Blackwell	

(Note: the last four names mentioned are not Club members, yet, but learned of our contribution to the Clean up through the Fremantle Gazette).
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AVON DESCENT 1993

First of all, congratulations to Ian Cowan and Neesha Copley who have been awarded bravery honours for their heroic efforts in swirling cold waters, while trying to rescue trapped canoeist Blair Shorter in the 1991 Avon Descent. A just and fitting tribute to their fine effort.

Next a timely reminder that the UEC has been asked to provide diving rescue services to the Westrail Rescue Group for the 1993 Avon Descent to be held on August 7 & 8, under similar terms to those which applied last year.

This is a great fillip to the Club and an excellent return for effort on behalf of the Club. If ever we need it, we need it now! Those who would be interested in taking part please see me (Dennis) as I would like to sort things out as early as possible.

The "event" entails training and orientation in the river, inspection of the rapids along the race route and a fun filled weekend camping out for the race itself. You will also see the race from the most scenic vantage points! The camping site and food for the weekend is provided free, courtesy of Westrail. I have 8 committed members out of 14 needed already, so don't be coy; get in early! This applies to women as well as men, so don't be shy girls, your efforts are equally valued, as you may see from my opening tribute.

Training Report

Ron Phonemyint

We have vacancies now for our Diver Lifesaver Course, to be run mid July. To keep the price down to \$110.00, we need sufficient numbers. At this stage I need 3 more divers to commit to this one. Pre - requisites for this Master Diver Module are:

- NASDS Scuba Diver (or equivalent)
- Be medically "in date"
- Have a reasonable level of fitness

For any interested members, we have a St. John Senior First Aid course running on May 22, 23 & 29. The cost of this course is so cheap it is unprintable! Even though the price is low, cost of books, certification and morning tea is included. Call me to secure your place on this 3 day course. It could save the life of someone you love!

I can be contacted at work on 277 8866 or home 417 4140.

ROTTNEST IN MARCH —

By your Ro Raving Reporter

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about 6 years old, skinny and going to pre-school.

Well there you are folks, if you don't know what this ripping yarn is all about you've missed it for 1993 — the March long weekend and two week UEC bash at Rottnest. Glorious fine weather, howling sea breezes, howling morning easterlies, high swell, low swells, medium swells, blazing sunshine and pea soup fog — we got the lot and I have to say — just HAVE to say — IT WAS HELL OUT THERE!!

A select group of intrepid Club divers, definitely in need of an annual holiday and a break from the incessant mind numbing election propaganda, snuck away with your boat — er our boat — on Sunday afternoon, 21/2/93, for the annual pilgrimage to Rottnest. A lazy, calm crossing — bloody amazing — welcomed us invitingly to Cottage Young where the assortment of Curries, Goulashes, Stews and pasta dishes — reds, whites, ambers and ports were panfried for a week of epicurean ecstasy.

Monday, while you lot were working your butts off and being scared witless by GST — mania, we idled gently off to the West End on glassy seas and negligible swells to dive, dive, dive. I'll shout it AGAIN — IT WAS HELL OUT THERE! The view was magnificent — no surge — big crayfish — territory fascinating, and company delightful, at West Patch. Second dive under the outer break of West End was no less spectacular and memorable.

This tended to set the pattern for the next few days while the Island prepared itself for the Rottnest Festival weekend and we for the onslaught of the rest of the Club.

Rough weather in the form of a sea breeze of some 30 knots greeted the weekenders necessitating 2 trips to ferry them. However, the jury rigged side cover kept most people dry and an excessively exuberant, ebullient lot gathered for the first council of war and barbecue at Cottage L on Friday night. Competing with the rock band and throngs of happy tourists we also got "amongst it" and partied. Toby, poor lad, spent most of the weekend in a state of nervous exhaustion derived from peering through binoculars at likely prospects — bird watching I think — in the day time from the cottage verandah and straining at the leash (which was installed upon him early in the piece) at other times. Some people were extraordinarily hard to please — my own efforts to don the festive, multi coloured, avant garde Rottnest festival gear — loud shorts and T shirt failed to meet with Karen's approval whatever combination I tried. After several changes I gave up suitably crestfallen and retreated into a navy blue track suit. Others amongst us occasionally didn't wear anything at all — and gained quite a deal of approval, rumour has it. Of course yours truly failed to see any of these shenanigans. Martin was kept busy looking after his two beautiful grown up daughters who I remember only yesterday as being

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Then of course we dived — all over the place. Larry joined us with friends from Longreach, Frank Hubbard and Adrian and Mary Edwards arrived in their own boats and joined us until the event bulged. Most notable diving was had at Swirl Reef, Roe Reef and South of Dyer Island at Crystal Palace. Barry's loves on Kingston Reefs proved popular since we haven't been there for years and most had forgotten what a pretty dive it is.

Then at night, the rock bands — and Tommy Emmanuel — wall to wall concert goers and boats and lighted kites and much merry making and song. A contingent of ever useful UEC members helped in efforts to right an overturned catamaran towed in by "Sentinel". We failed, but gained some television coverage we heard! Ah! The excitement of it all.

Glass calm seas and subdued faces accompanied the weekend revellers back home — Susie was nearly crying — she didn't want to go home! Neither did I — and I wasn't going home — gleefully grabbing Patrick and luggage at the wharf after waving fond farewells we bolted back to Rotto as fast as we could.

The next few days produced some high swells and we, being just about "dived out", were content to laze around, one dive per day — if we felt like it. Andy Senior joined us on Thursday and Ron went home — his Thai sore throat finally getting the best of him. Andy jazzed us up and we got diving again.

Sadly, Saturday morning came up all too soon with a Northwesterly change. At least the wind was behind us. A thick convergence fog lay on the water and we groped through it. Maree kept a very sharp radar look — out but somehow failed to notice the Rottnest ferry closing us at 30 knots. She said she thought the ferry "blip" was hidden behind that big green vertical line which goes from the centre of the screen to the top of the display!! The ferry appeared out of the gloom quite close — although I'm sure he had us on radar and would not have hit us — would he?

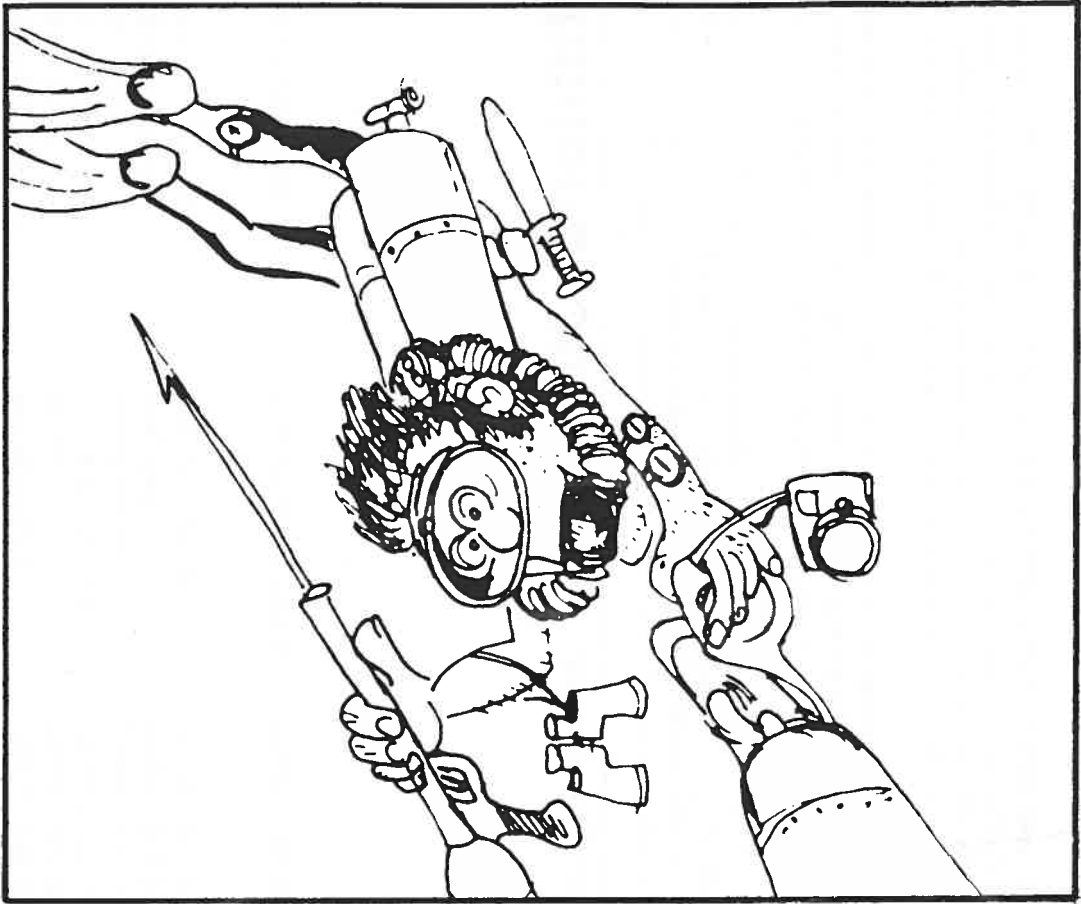
Unpacking is such a bloody chore — but next year is already in the planning — back at Geordie Bay next year — a bit away from it all but not too far, a delightful set of chalets with balconies overlooking the rest of the mob.

We'll have to blindfold Toby — he just won't know where to look first, such is the popularity of the area. Our two delightfully eligible single ladies, Karen and Alison will also require some restraint I think — they pinched too many male bottoms I've heard!

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DIVE BOOKINGS

Nick and Sharon Wasley Phone 364 8059

Editorial Comment Judy Collingwood

I am looking forward to this month's meeting, to hear our guest speaker tell us all about how they forecast the weather. Please remember that weather forecasters are only human: they only forecast the weather, not create it, so no rotten tomatoes will be permitted at the meeting.

Wasn't the Progressive Dinner great fun? I believe Larry has another one up his sleeve for later in the year, so those of you who missed out on the last one because it was booked out, can get in early and join in for the next one.

The fishing trip could have been better. According to some, huge seas + no fish + seasickness = a miserable day out. Well, I didn't get sick but I didn't get any fish either. I did enjoy the day out, and Larry deserved his catch of the day, for his efforts in putting the day together. I'm looking forward to trying again next time.

I haven't mentioned it lately, but I am still looking for articles, cartoons etc. If you can help out, please let me know.

Club Calendar

May
Sunday 16 Dive "Roe Reef" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Peter

Monday 17 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
 Guest Speaker Malcolm Young of the Weather Bureau
 "How we Forecast the Weather"

Sunday 23 Dive "Jackson Rock" depart 8:00am Skipper: Nick DO: Ainslie

Sunday 30 Dive "Stragglers" - depart 8:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Maree

June

Sunday 6 Dive "Angela's Cave" depart 8:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Maree

Monday 7 Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm

Saturday 12 Fishing trip - Garden Island. Contact Larry 398 5597.

Sunday 13 Dive "Crystal Palace" depart 8:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Judy

Tuesday 15 Wrap Night at Clubrooms - 7:45pm

Sunday 20 Dive "Hugels Passage" depart 8:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Ron

Monday 21 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
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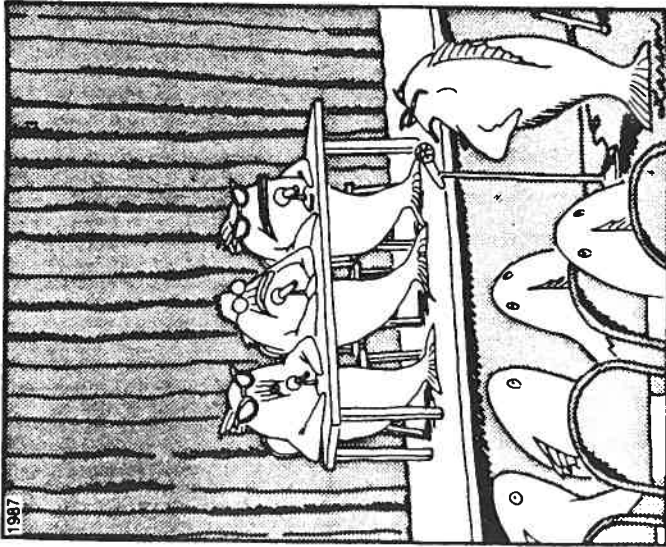
Sunday 27 Dive Geordie Bay area - depart 8:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Peter

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquires. DO NOT RING THE CREW.

es will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.

Cover Story

OK so it isn't Gary Larson and it isn't really funny (but then who said Larson was funny). In fact it's been swiped from a well read text on Diving and Depth. What it really does is to point up those occasions when we hit the water with so much garbage hanging from, on and around ourselves and with so much "essential" equipment in hand that we couldn't "valsealva" if our life depended on it. Think about it; maybe one day it will.



The committee to decide whether spawning should be taught in school.

President's Platform Glen Collingwood

Firstly let me say thank you to all those who attended last month's general Meeting. The turn out was really quite something for a meeting that was foreshadowed as it was by clouds of doom and gloom. Well, we might not have all the answers yet but what we do now have are your views and opinions. The Questionnaire that was canvassed on the night didn't really have many surprises but it did bring home to the Committee the individual needs of Club divers. Apart from the regrettable national economic circumstances that have caused most of us to be extremely frugal with our sheckles and about which there's not really much that we can do, rest assured that the Committee will be looking at a variety of initiatives directed towards making Club diving more affordable. Then there's the well voiced opinion at diving used to be fun rather than that diving is fun. OK, expect to see, over the next few months, a series of fun activities linked to the normal diving activities. And then, of course, there is nothing that we can do about the weather apart from wait until it breaks. I don't know why it should have come as a surprise that UEC Club members have well developed social lives outside of the Club! Maybe we all figured that we were the only ones to be juggling a heavy portfolio of social engagements with diving. Now we know that we are not alone. The other notable aspect of last month's meeting was the willingness of you all to embrace, at least at the conceptual level, a number of adventurous, innovative and maybe even radical fund raising proposals. The Committee will, over the next few months, present, for your consideration, a series of revenue generating schemes that will be targeted at both Club Members and the outside populous at large. All in all the April General Meeting was, in my opinion, one of the most successful and productive working General Meetings that we have had in quite a while. Once again, my thanks to all those who attended.

On the managerial front; Geoff Charlton has, upon his volunteering for the position, been appointed, by the Committee of Management, the new Officer in Charge of Diving filling the vacancy left by Ainslie Choate when she was obliged to resign because of work commitments. Congratulations Geoff. Geoff will be ably assisted and supported by Nick and Sharon Wasley who will be the people to contact for dive bookings. Please read Geoff's Diving Report for the full details on how to book a dive, how to confirm your dive and how to verify if the dive is to proceed. The new procedure may take a little time to get used to but it will, I am sure, prove to be and extremely convenient and workable arrangement. If you have any questions please feel free to ring Nick, Sharon, Geoff or myself.

That's about it for this month. There are lots of exciting activities in the pipeline for the months ahead and lots of good diving between now and the worst of winter.

Let's all look forward to a prosperous, busy and involved future

Diving Report Geoff Charlton

Well folks, I'm back in print, albeit in a different job. Let me start by thanking Ainslie for doing such a sterling job. I only hope that I can do as good a job. Not much to say this month, so I'll keep it short and to the point.

We have reorganised the procedure for booking on for dives, and it goes like this: To book for a dive ring Nick and Sharon Wasley on 364 8059 (DON'T RING ME). The crew of the day will, between themselves, decide if the dive is to proceed after they have checked the 6:30pm Weather Report on Saturday afternoon. You must ring Nick and Sharon between 7:00pm and 9:00pm on Saturday evening to confirm the dive (that is if it is ON or OFF). This is also the time during which you should confirm your place on the dive trip or if you are cancelling. If the Wasleys are out for the night an appropriate message will be left on their answering machine. This should take care of all problems that should arise except the possibility of all hell breaking loose with the weather on Saturday night/Sunday morning.

That's all - except to remind you that if you can put a dive trip together for any other day - GO FOR IT!!!

Introducing.....

NAME: Peter Horton

OCCUPATION: Fitter and Turner

DIVING CAREER: Snorkelling in Spain during the 60's then as an 'untrained' SCUBA diver on "Aqualung" and Hookah in the 70's. Trained formally with the Club in 1974 and updated to NAUI a couple of years ago.

DIVING QUALIFICATIONS: SDF of WA Open Water Diver; NAUI Open Water Diver

FAVOURITE DIVE SITE: Rottneest Island - "West Patch"

MOST MEMORABLE DIVES: Those memorable days with the "Bottom Scratchers" Esperance - Deep and hairy; 50knt winds, 40m and no boat when we came up (he'd gone to shelter in the lee of the island)

MOST EMBARRASSING DIVING EXPERIENCE: Other than forgetting my weight belt a couple of times who gets embarrassed?

HOBBIES: Diving, Ten Pin Bowling, Fishing, Swap meets and scrounging for junk.

PET HATES: Getting sea sick
A dive going wrong

Hagar



A TOP CLUB NIGHT OUT

Susie Ashton

I must say...THAT WAS A MOST ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENT Larry organised for us. Thank you! I'm talking about U.E.C.'s annual PROGRESSIVE DINNER event, with Larry shaking cocktails and driving the bus! I think this year was better than ever. Could it have something to do with the 'green thing' in the tall glass that was served on arrival at the Club rooms? It certainly got us all started on the right leg, and if you wanted something alcoholic in your left leg as well, there was a white cocktail waiting for you in the bar. I heard from Larry's wife Sue that this was her favourite, and I believe we have the same taste when it comes to drinkies, because I had three of them! (Never noticed how many Sue managed to score.)

Boisy mob of 25 climbed aboard the mini bus. Whoops! Not enough seats! Never mind, there were plenty of eskies you could sit on. Nick found one in the middle of the bus, from where he could conduct his creative 'orchestra' to our amusement.

First stop was at Judy and Glen's new townhouse in Maylands, where we had a choice of two delicious soups: Pea or Potato. I picked the pea and am willing to admit that it was the best pea soup I have ever had in the Southern atmosphere.

Next to Alison's in Mt Hawthorn. A bit of a long wait for the entree at her place, but well worth it, when we finally tasted the oven-baked seafood filo parcels that had taken her the whole day to make.

Back south of the river and to Mt Pleasant, where the main courses were served in Bell and Wendy's recently rebuilt home. While we waited for Wendy's last preparations, some of us conducted some wild sort of dancing on the spacious kitchen/lounge/dining room floor. The Spag, Marinara, Bolognese and Lasagne and all the different salads were great stuff.

At this stage it was hard to believe that you would be able to find room in your stomach for the desserts at Dennis and Maree's place, but when you saw the delicious cakes, it was impossible to resist the temptation to taste at least one of them. So I did, and swallowed it down with freshly brewed coffee and a port (or two).

I'm already looking forward to next year's U.E.C. Progressive Dinner Party! (Needless to say I have started a diet period again!)

Susie




We have vacancies now for our Diver Lifesaver Course, to be run mid July. To keep the price down to \$110.00, we need sufficient numbers. At this stage I need 2 more divers to commit to this one. Pre - requisites for this Master Diver Module are:

- NASDS Scuba Diver (or equivalent)
- Be medically "in date"
- Have a reasonable level of fitness

I can be contacted at work on 277 8866 or home 417 4140.

Thanks



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Kerry & Susie Ashton

Our Progressive Dinner went extremely well and as I am led to believe there are others of the 25 that went along who would make comment about it. So I shall only say, ring me if you want another one. (This was a great night!)

Our ITALIAN NIGHT won't happen before this article is finished for the mag, so I will report back on it in next issue.

The QUIZ NIGHT is coming into fruition, but slowly, as there is lots to do to make it work. I'll keep you informed.

At our last meeting you asked me to check out the possibilities for running a SUPER RAFFLE. To hear what I've found out, come to this month's General Meeting.

If you would like to be involved in a MURDER MYSTERY PARTY at Rottneast one weekend, tell me. This would be a trip to Rotto for around 16 people, an overnight stay, a leisurely afternoon doing your own thing, then dinner, wine (or whatever), and a chance to test your prowess in finding out Who Dunnit.

We have a GUEST SPEAKER for this month's meeting. We will be hearing from Malcolm Young from the Weather Bureau, who is going to tell us "How we forecast the weather".

JUNE 12 - WANTED - Competent and enthusiastic fishermen to fish for HERRING and GARFISH. Location: On our boat, around Garden Island. Departing from East Street jetty at 7:00 am. Bring your own BBQ, Bait, Tackle, Drinks Tucker and Children. Max numbers - 16. Book early for this one.

JUNE 26 - For the brave at heart - and those ardent fishermen. DEEP SEA FISHING day, departing East Street jetty at 6:00 am for the elusive Jewies that are out there somewhere. Again, bring your own fishing gear, drinks and tucker. Bait (octopus only) is provided. Max number 10.

JULY 7 - For your pleasure, this night is reserved for those ladies and their gentlemen who wish to partake of a little INDIAN CUISINE. You are urged most sincerely to make a reservation at you earliest convenience - please. With respect, your night will start at 7:30 pm and will cost only \$25.00 per head (for the meal only). BYO drinks. Location T.B.A.

JULY 10 - 'Tis time again to CRUISE the Swan and PARTY! On this day, it is predicted, we will follow the Swan and moor in a secluded spot, light up our barbies and eat, drink and be merry. Departs East Street jetty at 6:00 pm.

WANTED - OLD JUNK AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR DONATION TO THE CLUB FOR A SWAP MEET TO BE HELD SOON. BRING IT TO THE CLUB OR PHONE LARRY TO DONATE.

Catch & Cook

Glen Collingwood

A couple of weeks ago I had the good fortune of partaking of the most enjoyable Lobster Thermidor that it has ever been my pleasure to partake of. It just happened that a friend and I got together to whip up a seafood extravaganza. Entree was the Poo Jar (remember the stuffed crab shells that I introduced to you some time ago) followed by Garlic Prawns on a savoury brown rice. Main course was the Lobster Thermidor and my Mango Mousse (maybe you remember this one as well) for dessert topped it off. So folks, this month I'm going to give you a truly professional (by the way my friend is a chef) recipe for the lobster. It takes a bit of preparation BUT believe me, it's worth all the trouble.

Bercy Sauce

15g butter
24g diced onions
60ml white wine
60ml fish stock
lemon juice
chopped parsley

Make a mild fish stock using powdered "seafood booster" and water or cheat and use chicken stock. Make a roux by melting 50g butter or margarine in a pan, adding 50g flour and cooking to a doughy consistency. If it goes beyond a fine sandy texture start again. Bring some of the stock to the boil and gradually stir in the stock over a moderate heat to make a silky smooth sauce. Make about 250ml.

Now, melt the butter in a pan and add the onions allowing them to sweat without colouring. Add the white wine and fish stock and reduce by half. Add the previously prepared sauce and simmer to a smooth consistency. Add a small squeeze of lemon, season with salt and pepper, strain the sauce and add a small quantity of chopped parsley.

Mornay Sauce

45g butter
30g flour
300ml milk
10g chopped onions
1 whole clove
small bay leaf
1 egg yolk
40g parmesan cheese

Make another roux with 30g of the butter and flour. Allow the roux to cool. In another pan bring the milk, onion, clove and bay leaf to the boil and infuse for 5 minutes. Set the roux over a moderate heat and strain in the milk. Stir with a wooden spoon to a silky smooth sauce. To the hot sauce add the egg yolk, cheese and the remainder of the butter. Do not boil.

Lobster Thermidor

2 medium sized cooked crayfish
or
500g cooked crayfish tails (meat)
30g butter oil (ghee)
300ml Bercy Sauce
300ml Mornay Sauce butter
4g mustard

Cut the crayfish lengthways, remove the meat and cut into even sized pieces. Heat the butter in a frying pan and saute the crayfish lightly to heat through. If a little dry then moisten with white wine. Add the Bercy Sauce and mustard blended with a little water and bring to the boil. Add the hot Mornay Sauce and bring to simmer.

Heat the cleaned Crayfish shells by plunging into well salted boiling water for one minute. Drain and set in an oven proof serving dish. Carefully spoon the crayfish and sauce into the shells to make even portions. Avoid spilling the sauce over the serving dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese and gratinate (lightly grill) under the grill.

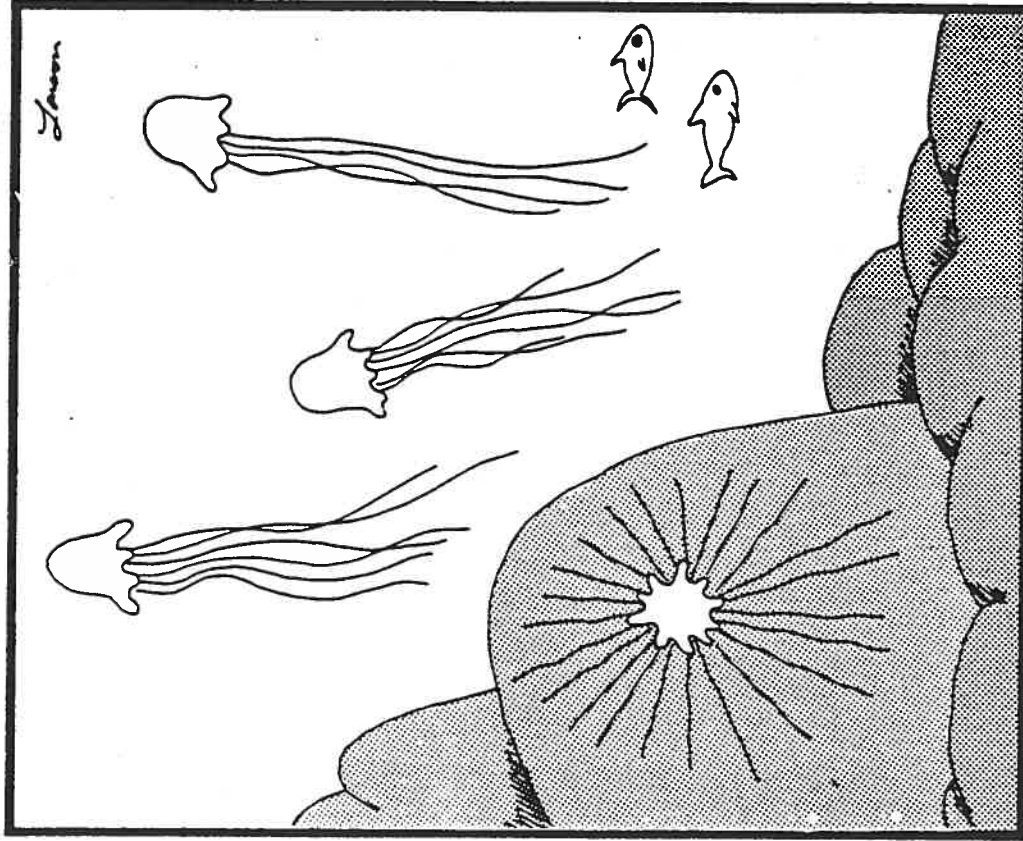
Serve the Lobster Thermidor with a garden salad with a vinaigrette dressing and you have a dish fit for a king.

As I said, it's a lot of work but it IS worth the effort. Serve this and you'll find friends where you didn't know they existed.

Next month the Garlic Prawns; then try the whole Menu.

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Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

I guess you have all heard about the tragic deaths of two scuba divers in the eastern states in the past couple of weeks. I mention them here only to bring to mind the odds of ever being taken by a shark. It would be a very sad thing indeed, if we allowed these two deaths to sway us away from diving ourselves in the future. We are still more likely to have a motor vehicle accident on the way to the boat, than to be attacked by sharks.

I must say, it is good to be back in the workforce. Even better to say, given the job that I now have. It is certainly a change of stress level from The Overnights. Please note that I have a fax number, so any reports, articles etc can be sent to me that way if you wish.

A side effect of employment is that I can now afford to go diving again. Yippeel! Only a couple of hindrances to that. One being that the boat is out of the water for its annual assault by enthusiastic Club members armed with grinders, scrapers, brushes etc. (You, too, could become one of the team by phoning Dennis and registering yourself as an assistant to the cause.) My other problem is no different to anyone else's. That is, the weather has definitely turned wintry. Beautiful days, with blue sky and sunshine, and a three metre swell! Drat!

It is great to see our membership growing, if only slightly. Winter is a good time to have friends join the Club, as they will now qualify for the longer membership. (Join now, membership is current until November 1994.)

Hope to see you on the boat on the weekend - at Royal Perth Yacht Club that is!

Club Calendar

June

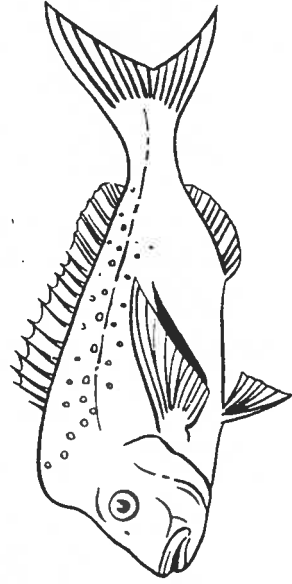
- Saturday 19 Work on boat at Royal Perth Yacht Club - Contact Dennis 457 3333.
- Sunday 20 More work on "UE" at RPYC - Contact Dennis - 457 3333.
- Monday 21 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
Guest Speaker Margaret Neville NASDS Instructor
DCIEM Decompression Tables Workshop
- Sunday 27 Dive Stragglers Area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Peter

July

- Saturday 3 Demolition of Woodmans Point Training Base followed by a Barbecue
Wake - Contact Dennis - 457 3333.
- Indian Night - A warming meal to follow a days hard work. Contact Larry 398 5597
- Sunday 4 Dive Hugels Passage - depart 9:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Judy
- Monday 5 Committee Meeting - at the Clubrooms at 8:00pm
- Saturday 10 Swan River Cruise and Barbecue - contact Larry 398 5597 for details.
- Sunday 11 Dive Carnac area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Ron
- Tuesday 13 Newsletter "Wrap Night" at the Clubrooms - 7:45pm
- Sunday 18 Dive Stragglers area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Peter
- Monday 19 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
Guest Speaker Claire Davey PADI Instructor
Slide Show and talk of diving overseas.
- Sunday 25 Dive Hugels area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Maree

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquires. DO NOT
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Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.



President's Platform

Glen Collingwood

Application fees:	a) function permit	\$ 50.00
	b) permit of continuing nature - (3 months)	\$ 75.00
Production costs of tickets @ say 20,000		\$ 850.00
First Prize		\$ 8,000.00
Second Prize		\$ 1,000.00
Third Prize		\$ 200.00

TOTAL COSTS (excluding cost of newspaper notice)

\$ 10,200.00

Expected Sales achieved

\$ 40,000.00

Anticipated profit

\$ 29,800.00

To make the above work we need to sell tickets. To break even we need to sell 5200 tickets or 520 books of 10 tickets. This equals 40 books per week or 58 tickets per day.

That's frightening isn't it? Well not really, because there are three ways to market this:

1. Each of us takes a number of books to sell, and get our friends to help us.
2. A number of people each week make a concentrated sales effort.
3. We employ a company to sell the tickets for us. To cover the cost of this one we would have to increase the number of tickets.

I am now looking at companies that can do this and by this time next month maybe we can vote and make a decision.

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Cover Story

Caption: "When jellyfish travel at unsafe speeds".

This month I find myself still somewhat dislocated having spent the past two or three weeks being preoccupied with some very sad family business. I was, unfortunately, unable to attend the last Committee of Management Meeting and I am still playing "catch up tag" so to speak. So I trust that you will bear with me if I am a little out of touch for a couple of days.

However, with Winter well and truly upon us, and with the Underwater Explorer slipped for maintenance there is not a great deal going on anyway. That is if you can ignore the usual feast that Larry has dished up for us. As well as his dependable calendar of social activities he has in hand the organisation of a number of major fund raising ventures. The Quiz Night we have done before and we can be confident that with diligence and effort the rewards will be basically as for last year. However this year Larry has proposed an adventurous, and arguably risky, initiative.

If you have been to the last couple of General Meetings you will be aware that we have been discussing a proposal to run a substantial raffle. I do not propose to go over, again, the same "old" ground. I do, however, want to encourage you to spend a little time giving SERIOUS thought to the general concept. Whether we target ticket sales of \$40,000.00 or only \$5,000.00, or whether we sell the tickets for \$5.00 a piece or only 20 cents, is not the issue here. The detail can be worked out in due course. What I want you to think about is whether or not we, as a Club, should be running the raffle at all. Elsewhere in this issue of the UEC News Larry has proposed a typical sales/profit scenario and as you can see there is the opportunity to yield a considerable return. I, myself, find this a very attractive consideration and I find myself reacting enthusiastically to the proposal and I would encourage you to share my enthusiasm. However, we must also acknowledge that with the possibility of large lumps of money to be made come some very real risks. What happens if we don't sell enough tickets? What happens if we can't cover costs? What happens if.....? Inherent in any high yield venture is an element of risk and this must be clearly recognised. But the existence of risk does not necessarily mean that the endeavour should be abandoned. It simply means that the risk should be minimised and dealt with. I believe that we can sell enough tickets. I believe that we can make this the most successful fund raising venture in recent times. I believe that we can. There is no denying that CONSIDERABLE effort will be required and there is no denying that the task will fall to a small core of individuals but there is also no denying that with the active support of ALL Club members the venture can be an outstanding success.

For now I would like you all to stop for a moment and consider both sides of the issue and at the June General Meeting I believe that we should decide whether or not to take the plunge.

Boat Blather

Dennis Stubberfield

Well its that time of the year again - annual maintenance of the Club boat, 'UNDERWATER EXPLORER' who by the time you read this will be up on the hard at Royal Perth Yacht Club. She was slipped on Friday, 11/6/93, and is scheduled to stay up till the end of June, while we swarm over her in our hordes and put her in top condition - wont we !! The work required will not be extensive and costs have got to be kept well down, so we will need heaps of volunteer labour, maximum scrounging, borrowing, begging and everything but outright thieving. Hands up you entrepreneurs we need you now!

The main items to be done will include, but not be limited to, are anti-fouling (DRP type), weather proofing, minor mods to the cabin and wheelhouse, 'dunny' installation (naturally Frank will be consulted at length on this), minor mechanical work on motor and running gear, corrosion prevention, minor electrical repairs and additions and whatever else we can think of, can pay for and have time for. Please ring me to find out what's going on, how you can best help and what things you can ideally scrounge or get really good deals on. We wont forget our resident Shipwright and life member Dave either, he's pretty good at this sort of thing, although he'll probably be tearing his hair out, what's left of it, by the end of June!

Following the launch at the end of June it is proposed to moor her on a borrowed mooring (with permission of course) in Bull creek, north side, kindly organised by Richard Young. This will preserve the anti-foul for as long as possible over the winter months when the boat gets little use and will keep her handy for working on. She will eventually be moved back to Fremantle when the season picks up, boat crews get driven mad by the long run to the harbour and or extra fuel usage gets to be a significant item of cost. While the boat is at Bull creek I would urge all members to keep watch over her as they go past. Hang about, go out and check her out, walk about the decks and generally give onlookers the impression she is well watched, as the area is not as isolated as Fremantle and 'U.E.' may attract more unwelcome attention. Training runs for the crew working parties and boat trips on the river are particularly recommended while she is close at hand during this period! I may be contacted on 274 9606 during the day and 457 3333 after hours, so don't hesitate to call me with any offers!

"Cheers Folks"!

Stubby.

The Social Scene

Larry Park

The QUIZ NIGHT is still progressing.

It's now been a full month since the last magazine; as yet I have no response to the potential MURDER MYSTERY PARTY. Does that mean no one is interested? You are allowed to contact me, and say yes, if you are interested!! For you who believe that that idea was useless, please phone 398 5597 and make a recommendation; something you would love to do.

Well, the weather bureau came up trumps at our last meeting. Their representative gave a wide coverage of what and how they reach their predictions, and guess what? We responded well with sufficient questions to keep him on his toes.

This coming meeting brings yet another guest speaker on Monday June 21. Margaret Neville will discuss the DCIEM tables in detail and if you haven't got your DCIEM table, you can phone me and reserve one, which Margaret will bring for you on the night.

The following month, on July 19, Claire Davey will show slides and discuss diving at Cocos and Christmas Islands. (Claire also has scuba equipment available for hire at reasonable rates)

Our plans for the 2 fishing trips for June have now been shelved due to the necessity of putting the boat into drydock for its annual workover. We'll replan when the work on the boat is complete.

Our night of Indian cuisine is starting to look good, but please don't wait till the last moment to make your booking. My phone can be dialled any time to make a booking. And by the way it should read for Saturday July 3 (not the 7th).

Likewise for the RIVER CRUISE. This one will be a barbecue on the boat, with drinking and merrymaking, departing at 3:00pm. This is on July 10. Phone me to register your interest.

As a result of the discussions at the May General Meeting regarding our proposed SUPER RAFFLE the following figures will illustrate the various costs and anticipated profit associated with a scheme of this type. I have only shown the figures based on \$40,000.00 of ticket sales (at \$2.00 per ticket) but of course there is an endless of variety of options available to us (more or less total sales, more or less for each ticket etc).

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Diving Report

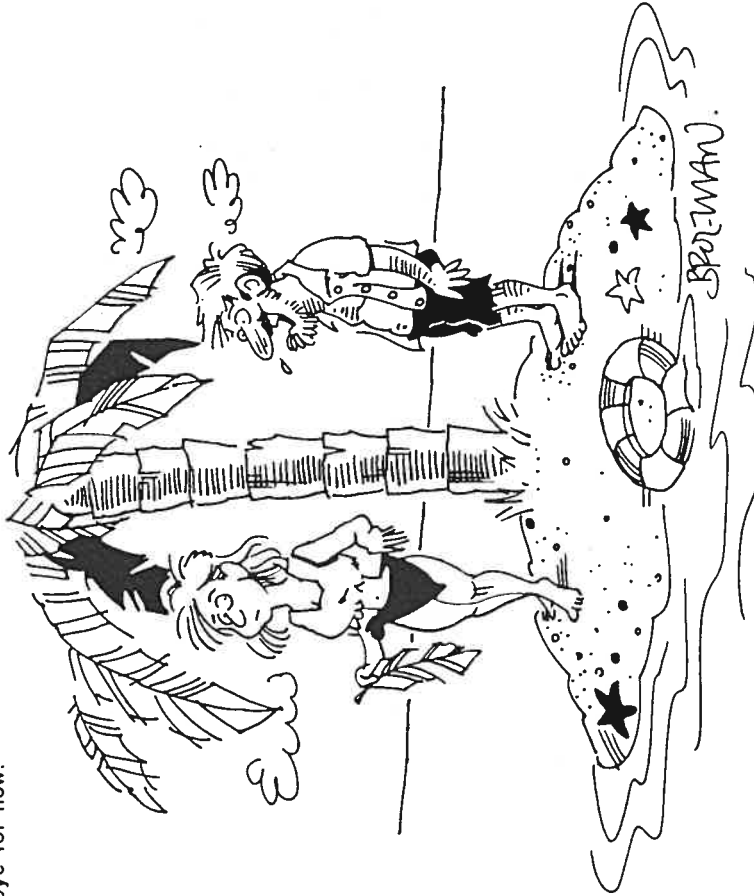
Geoff Charlton

By the time you read this, diving activities will be well and truly on hold due to the fact that UE will be well and truly out of the water for her annual major slipping. As a result, this month's report will be suitably brief. Only two items rate a mention.

Firstly, I would like some more D.O.s, the qualifications for this being organisational skills and "suitable" rescue training (this will be carried out inhouse as the need arises. Remember, the D.O. is as important to the dive as the Skipper is, and the further we can share the responsibilities the better for all concerned. For mor info, contact me on 332 6270.

Secondly, I am more than happy to take bookings at meetings for up to a month in advance. If you do this, you are guaranteed a spot on the day.

Bye for now.



★ "It's OK. I'm an obstetrician."

AVON DESCENT 1993

Soon a select band of foolishly intrepid U.E.C. divers will begin training as in water rescue teams for the above event, which will be held this year on the 7th & 8th of August. I am now starting to organise the team and will be contacting all those mad impetuous fools who offered to help out while they were warm in summer, clutching a nice cold can of - cool drink of course!

This is a great week end for keeping bored divers off the streets and quite warm apart from the odd sally into battle with chilly white water to assist some unlucky competitor or clear away wrecked craft - for which the U.E.C. has become famous. Certainly it is an uplifting experience for all those who do take part and extremely worthwhile for the Club and the Avon Descent.

But - there is always a but - we do have to practice our dulled skills and get accustomed to the somewhat awe inspiring conditions of fast flowing cold water. This means at least 4 Saturdays - 5 if possible, including combined sessions with the Westrail Emergency Rescue Unit, to whom we are attached for the event and who feed and shelter us for the weekend. This also includes a full days run through the Avon valley to check out the hazards and practice at the more likely trouble spots. The Saturday sessions normally start at 0900 hrs., sharp, at Bell's Rapids and end promptly, following the luncheon B.B.Q. and thaw out. (the meat packs silly!). The finishing times on the run through the valley and the 1 session at Emu Falls gets a bit later.

It's not easy and your half century aged leader, Yours Truly does not look forward eagerly to the chilly bits, but it is very rewarding, great for the club and vital to the well being of the contestants in the event! Incidentally, girls, you too are more than welcome - we will have no discrimination in this club, you too can freeze your butts off -- No No! I mean assist in the rescue work as you have shown you are equally capable. However, all team members need to be fit and active - but then you only have me to beat - which shouldn't be too hard. (Although be warned - old age and treachery nearly always overcomes youth and skill!).

I may be contacted on 274 9606 during the day and 457 3333 after hours, so don't hesitate to call me with any offers!
"Cheers Folks!"
Stubby.

BY THE WAY ...

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS! First the good news: Geoff has a new job, and so does Judy. The bad news: Larry had one, but was retrenched. So if you know of anyone looking for an enthusiastic, positive Salesman, give them Larry's phone number. (It is 398 5597)

IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING, YOU SHOULDN'T DIVE! - The Commonwealth Department's social club recently published the following list of reasons employees have given for taking sickies:

Apses in the face; blocked station tubes; bowel construction; direa; early stages of parkings disease; expectorant mother; flew; gasbag inside; general cheque; migrant headache; discouragement; missiles.

There's more: Mumps; nerfs; removal of ovaries; rivetted uterus; stomach unconfinement; texticle disorder; undescended tenticles; virginal reapires; virus new mania.

Now we know why doctors never make their handwriting legible.
(The above courtesy of The West Australian June 1 1993)

PATRICK BAKER - Professional Underwater Photographer has a retrospective exhibition of his underwater photographs at the WA Maritime Museum in Fremantle on display for 6 weeks from June 4. Named "The Underwater Eye", this exhibition should be well worth viewing.

DID YOU KNOW that the average life span of a dolphin in the wild is 45 years, yet half of all captured dolphins die within their first two years of captivity. Once in captivity, dolphins live an average of only five years. Every seven years, half of all dolphins in captivity die. Capture shock, pneumonia, enteritis and chlorine poisoning are just a few of the ills they face. (Courtesy The West Australian May 24 1993)

Nominations

Gavin Frener - Mosman Park
Jeannie Bradshaw - Como
Kym Russell - Yangebup

Training Report

Ron PhonemyInt

It is getting closer to July and the Diver Lifesaver course. There are still vacancies for this one, to be run mid July. To keep the price down to \$110.00, we need sufficient numbers. Pre-requisites for this Master Diver Module are:

NASDS Scuba Diver (or equivalent)
Be medically "in date"
Have a reasonable level of fitness

Please give me a call if you are at all interested. I can be contacted on 277 8866 at work or 417 4140 at home.

Thanks,

Ron.



Who'll be mum?

LONELY marine mammal seeks sympathetic, motherly woman to make him feel secure and loved.

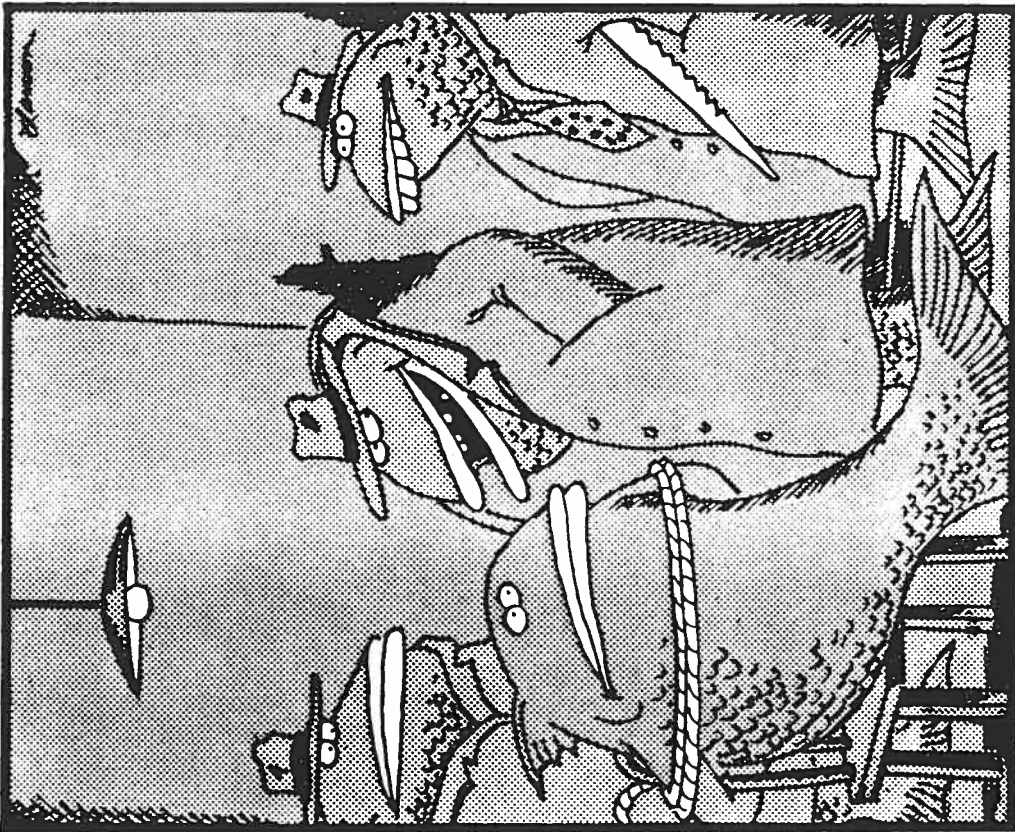
Moo Noi, a baby dugong unintentionally caught in a fishing net in the southern Thai province of Surat Thani, is in serious danger because he refuses to drink milk and will eat only grass, according to Thai marine officials.

"Right now we have a male scientist working with Moo Noi but the dugong doesn't feel quite happy," said Plodprasop Surasawadi, director-general of the Department of Fisheries.

"Our scientists' experience in the past is that dugongs seem to be happy to stay with females. They feel that dugongs have feelings. They need love very much," Plodprasop said.

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Club Calendar

July

- Sunday 18 Dive Stragglers area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Peter
- Monday 19 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
Guest Speaker Claire Davey PADI Instructor
Slide Show and talk of diving overseas.
- Sunday 25 Dive Hugels area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Maree
- Saturday 31 Family fishing trip - Garden Island area
- departs 9:00am. Phone Larry to book. Skipper: Glen

August

- Monday 1 Dive Carnac area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Ainslie
- Monday 2 Committe Meeting - at the Clubrooms at 8:00pm
- Sunday 8 Dive Stragglers area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Nick DO: Judy
- Tuesday 10 Wrap night at Clubrooms - 7:45pm
- Sunday 15 Dive Lancier Rock - depart 9:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Maree
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Guest Speaker Claire Davey PADI Instructor
Slide show of Cocos and Christmas Island diving.
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- Sunday 29 Dive Carnac area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Ron

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquires. DO NOT
RING THE CREW.

Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.

Cover Story.

CAPTION: "Won't talk, huh?... Frankiel Hand me that scaler."

Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

Now that the boat is back in business (back in the water, that is), I am hoping we will get record numbers of divers on board. A lot of (noticeable) hard work has been done, and dodgers fitted to keep us drier on our travels to and from the dive sites. The working party has yet again done a sterling job for the multitudes.

Regrettably the size of this edition is down somewhat. But I guess that that is to be expected this being winter and all. You know; no diving to report on, no safety issues to discuss etc. It's times like these when an Editors task is particularly tricky. Of course contributions do help.

By the time this is delivered to your mail boxes, Winter will be officially half way over! What a great thought! The Avon Descent is almost upon us again, and once that has been survived by the brave team of rescuers, we can concentrate once more on beginning a DIVE SEASON! We need your dedication to the sport for just one season, to get our Club really on its feet again.

President's Platform

Glen Collingwood

The Underwater Explorers Club is, like any other club, a dynamic financial organism. Money comes in and money goes out. And, if the gods smile upon us, the amount of money going out is not more than the amount of money coming in. Then again, if we are truly blessed, if the amount of money coming in exceeds the amount of money going out we build a buffer for the future.

The sources of fixed outgoing costs (that is our fixed debts) are reasonably predictable and, like taxation, dependable. Our variable debts are less predictable and consequently less easy to budget for but they are, fortunately, considerably less significant than the fixed debts. The sources of income are, on the other hand, less predictable and most definitely less dependable. Indeed the only "fixed" income is Club Subscriptions. Even this is far from dependable. Now, in an ideal situation, the fixed income should at least equal the fixed outgoing. Then the variables will look out for themselves. If this parity can not be achieved then there is increased pressure on the variable income to make up the short fall.

Let's now have a quick look at these fixed costs: On the other hand the dependable incoming amounts are:

Land Tax	\$ 100	Quiz Night	\$ 1,200
Electricity	\$ 800	Rottneest Pilgrimage	\$ 1,000
Club Rooms Insurance	\$ 400	External Services	\$ 1,000
Rates	\$ 430	Total	\$ 3,200
Body Corporate charges	\$ 400		
Magazine expenses	\$ 500		
Water Rates	\$ 500	The short fall of \$5,800 must be	
Rottneest Landing Fees	\$ 50	derived from Club Subscriptions and	
Mail Box Fees	\$ 70	special fund raising activities.	
Boat Slipping	\$ 1,000		
Boat Loan repayments	\$ 4,000		
Boat Insurance	\$ 800		
Total	\$ 9,000		

When this whole issue was discussed in open forum at the May General meeting the Committee of management received clear direction that you, the Membership, would rather see an increase in subscriptions rather than be called upon for fund raising activities. Therefore, at the July Committee of Management Meeting the following Annual Subscription fees for the 1993 - 94 year were set:

Ordinary Membership	\$ 75.00	Social membership	\$ 25.00
Family Membership	\$ 120.00	Country Membership	\$ 25.00
Junior Membership	\$ 35.00	Nomination Fee	\$ 25.00

However, built into this new fee structure is a rather attractive bonus package that will be offered to you at the July general Meeting. See you there.

WANTED - OLD JUNK AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR DONATION TO THE CLUB FOR A SWAP MEET TO BE HELD SOON. BRING IT TO THE CLUB OR PHONE LARRY TO DONATE.

Nominations

Warren Cummins - Kardinya

Catch & Cook

Glen Collingwood

Here we are back again. You will remember (you will, won't you) that I promised you all a recipe for Garlic Prawns. But first of all cast your mind back to the complete menu; Poo Jar (Thai stuffed crab shells), Garlic Prawns, Lobster Thermidor and Mango Mousse. All these dishes support each other very nicely with the overall result being one of delicacy and balance. Now, if you haven't yet tried any of these offerings it's time to do so and if you have it's time to put them all together for a gastronomic treat that will prove worth every effort. Anyway, here is the Garlic Prawns.

1kg Green Prawns Peel the prawns, split them lengthwise and
Seasoned flour for coating de-vein them. Heat the butter and oil in a
30g butter (for frying) frying pan and sweat the onions and garlic.
20ml oil (for frying) Coat the prawns in flour and fry quickly to
1 clove garlic - crushed golden brown on both sides. Using a hot
20g finely chopped onion serving dish, dress the cutlets on the rice
10ml lemon juice pilaf. Add the lemon juice and white wine to
100ml white wine the pan and reduce by a half. Add the garlic
15g garlic butter butter and parsley. Shake well and pour over
chopped parsley for garnish the prawns. Serve at once.

Serve the prawns on a bed of rice pilaf or other savoury rice and re - garnish with fresh parsley sprigs. Well, nothing could be simpler.

Enjoy

Boat Blather

Dennis Stubberfield

The annual maintenance slipping of "Underwater Explorer" has come and gone without too much drama. That does not mean we have finished the annual maintenance however, just the bits we could manage while she was conveniently up on the hard standing. Maintenance never really ends on a boat but at least it can be reasonable pleasant as our boat has proved to be - no more painting, sanding, filling and painting again.

For those of you who complain (silently of course) that I am always on your back for assistance, or who feel we haven't saved much with this alloy boat I would ask you to reflect on a couple of points. One of those is that we have only had some 1 1/2 seasons from her and already she is almost up to the same standard as our first boat after 6 or 7 seasons. It took a mighty effort and considerable resources to achieve this and the Club and I do greatly appreciate it. Secondly, the enormous potential for future improvement which we have in our hands. With a Club containing the large pool of talent and resources as we have, such improvement is possible at minimum cost so that we will not run the risk of over capitalising our investment in the way that actually did occur with our first boat. Rest assured that we have reached the pay off stages and those who have put in enormous amounts of effort can see how much easier it has been to achieve this high rate of progress. Meanwhile we have a large debt to service and pay off and the cry from now on will not be, "down to the sea with a paint brush" but let's use our boat as much as possible - BBQ's, diving, fishing, diving, more diving, trips up and down the coast and more diving. That is what the Club needs of you now, not painting and more painting!

Any ideas you have for boat usage, any cute tricks to get the folks out on the water that you feel are worthwhile please don't hesitate to put them forward. If it's legal, we'll do it!

Finally, thanks to all those who helped on the boat during the slipping at Royal Perth. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Especial mention in despatches is due to Luc Fauvet and Jeannie Bradshaw who personally mopped out the oily bilges until you could have eaten off them. Anyone who does this chore deserves a special mention. Also special thanks are due to those who accompanied me back to an unfamiliar mooring in the cold, dark, wet, windy conditions of last Monday (27/6/93). We all got soaked. Bill Boustead met us to ferry us back to RPYC - in the back of his Escort with a bottle of Royal Reserve Port for company. A delightful and much appreciated touch Bill!

The Social Scene

Larry Park

Well I have to say that I'm a little disappointed! From last months magazine we didn't get a lot of response to the Murder Mystery Party at Rotto (but guess what? It is going ahead). Our night at The Turban (Indian) Restaurant showed only 10 socialites. I guess that I am partially to blame for the lack of numbers. Due to my continued unemployment I find that my finances stumped us.

I gave some tongue in cheek consideration to employing people to come and socialise with us but due to the fact that our Club funds don't allow, I gave up on that idea.

JOB VACANCIES

WANTED: 12 Ordinary people of varying ages and gender to participate in an exciting day ...BBQ, Fishing Trip.....Bring your own drinks, BBQ food, Fishing tackle and bait location will be on and around Garden Island in sheltered waters and Glen will be our skipper. Date: July 31. Departs East Street Jetty, Fremantle at 9:00am. This is intended to be a fun family event so bring the kids. Contact me to reserve seat (bring your own).

I have confirmed Clare Davey will be showing slides of diving in the Cocos and Christmas Islands at our July meeting on July 19.

There was a mix up with Margaret Neville, but we have confirmed that she will now be talking about the D.C.I.E.M. tables at our August meeting. If you want copies of the tables please let Ron know. This will be something of a workshop and while the UEC does not (at this stage) use the D.C.I.E.M. tables it's always a good idea to keep up with what's going on out there.

After discussions with two professional Fund Raiser companies regarding the promotion and sale of raffle tickets, I now draw completely away from that idea. The up - front costs are horrendous. This idea is now buried, for me at least, forever.

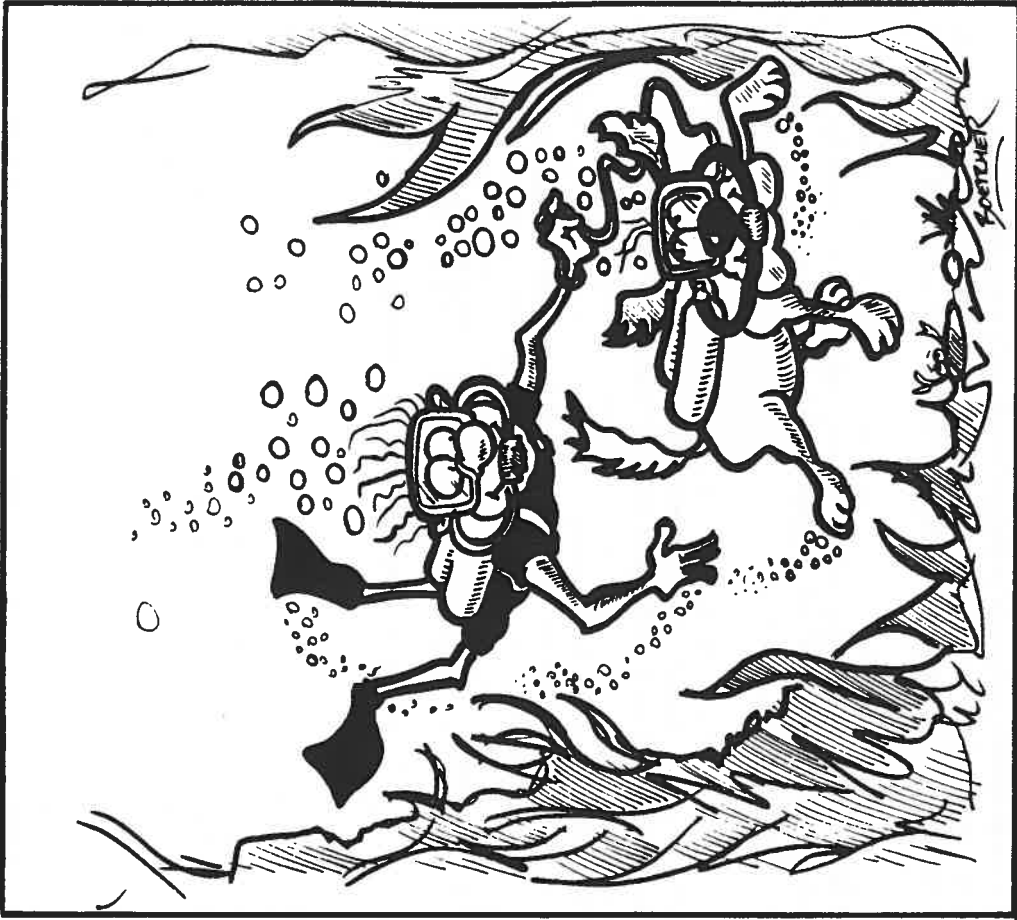
The date for the Quiz night has been set for Saturday 11 September. Keep this date free in your Diary. We can guarantee you a good time.

As I and my good wife will be away from Perth for the first two weeks of August would you please speak to Glen and Judy regarding social occasions. They are very much alive and willing to guide.

See you at our August General Meeting.

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Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

Please Note! The cover is not a Gary Larson cartoon! There is not even a hint of a shark! There is not even a caption anywhere to be found for this one! This cartoon was done exclusively for us by Gordon Boettcher, a cartoonist who just happens to be one of my workmates. If you like his cover, you should see his caricatures done from photos (for a small fee). They make ideal gifts, and Gordon features favourite hobbies, pets, pastimes etc as an inclusion in his portraits. (Hence the doggy diver for me I guess!) Interested? Contact Gordon on 481 3177 (bus hrs).

As I sit and write this, the Avon Descent will be just finishing for another year. I trust that all involved have had an incident free, but exciting and enjoyable time. A big thank you to the U.E.C. team of rescuers for doing a huge, freezing job, for all of us who are allergic to the cold!

I really hope, that before I prepare the September newsletter, that we will have some DIVING to report on. I have nearly forgotten how, I think! I know I am dehydrated, and have been having withdrawal symptoms, especially when my boss came to work last Monday, telling me what a fabulous week of diving he had at Exmouth. And Claire Davy's slides really got me drooling for some clear, warm water. Claire was saying she has many more slides, not only of Cocos and Christmas Islands, but from somewhere around Egypt as well. I would really love to see them.

Club Calendar

August

Sunday 15 Dive Lancier Rock - depart 9:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Maree

Monday 16 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
Important for YOU to attend.

Sunday 22 Dive Hugel's Passage - depart 9:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Peter

Sunday 29 Dive Carnac area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Ron

September

Sunday 5 Dive Stragglers Area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Ron

Monday 6 Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm

Saturday 11 QUIZ NIGHT at the Willagee Hotel Ph Larry for details.

Sunday 12 Dive Hugel's Passage - depart 9:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Maree

Tuesday 14 Wrap night at the Clubrooms - 7:45pm

Sunday 19 Dive Carnac area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Judy

Monday 20 General Meeting - venue to be arranged - 8:00pm

Sunday 26 Dive Lancier Rock - depart 9:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Ron

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquires. DO NOT RING THE CREW.

Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.



Fiery death for diver

A SCUBA DIVER was burnt to death after he was plucked from the sea and dropped into a raging forest fire by a Greek firefighting plane.

The freak accident occurred when one of a fleet of firefighting planes swooped down to collect water from the Aegean Sea to fight a fire in the Parnassos Mountains, according to London's Daily Star newspaper.

The diver — an unnamed tourist — had been swimming only about a metre underwater when he was scooped into the craft's water tank.

The pilot then flew 80km back to the fire where he jettisoned the water. Firemen found the man's burnt body, complete with flippers and aqualung, in a routine clean-up after the blaze had been extinguished.

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FOR SALE

COMPLETE SET OF SCUBA GEAR

- Apollo Mask with Snorkel
- Mares Plana "Avanti" Fins - Large
- Mirage Gloves - Large
- Sea Quest ADV Style Buoyancy Compensator - Extra Large
- US Divers "Conshelf 21" Regulator
- "Delta" Octopus
- Uwatec Digital Depth Gauge/Dive Timer
- Weight Belt with weights
- Dive Bag
- 2 x 95 cu ft Aluminium Cylinders - tested January 1993

All of the above is in "As New" Condition, having been used only a handful of times.

\$ 1,900.00 ONO

Contact Judy or Glen, 370 2043 (a/h)

President's Platform

Glen Collingwood

Well folk, were do I start???

It's several months now since we, the Committee, bought to your attention the real financial difficulties that the Club faces. It's also several months of ideas, talk and more talk. So more talk here is not going to solve anything.

The issues have been gone over repeatedly. All the solutions require time; and time is just something that we do not have any more. What we do have is something in the order of \$4,000.00 of financial obligation that needs to be finalised by the end of September, at the very latest. In recent years past we have scrapped through this annual period of financial drought but this year it does not appear possible. Of course fundraisers such as the Quiz Night will help as will the recent hike in subscriptions. I've no doubt that in the very long term an income based on realistic subs and supplemented by fund raising and other income generators will bring the Club back to financial viability. However in the meanwhile we have a problem of prodigious proportions.

They tell me that every cloud has a silver lining, and that every problem has a solution. There IS a solution. But maybe not one that everybody will be comfortable with. The August General Meeting is the time to discuss the solution. I cannot overstate the importance of this meeting both to the Club, as we know it today, and to you as a member. This meeting has to be your TOP PRIORITY for this month. Please be there.

OK. That's all I going to say for now. The rest can be said on Monday August 16.

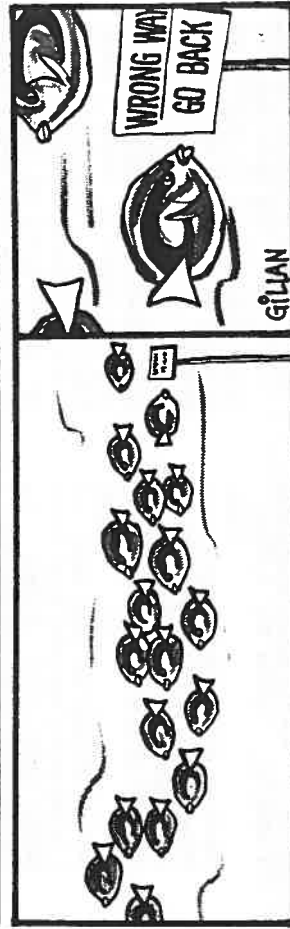
Thank you

Glen

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by PETER GILLAN



The Social Scene

(for) Larry Park

The quiz night is taking shape solidly now, and is on target for September 11. We will have tickets for you at the September General Meeting. So start getting your tables of six together. Workmates, relatives, friends, neighbours - ask them all. Remind them it's all in a good cause. We found last year that more than our 150 tickets could have been sold, so this year we are targeting 200. We need your support for this.

Claire Davy's presentation was an excellent display, enjoyed I believe, by all who witnessed it. It may be worth thinking about a Club excursion to Cocos. Claire has volunteered her services to organise it.

It is good to see some "old junk and paraphernalia" arriving at the Clubrooms. Please keep it coming, we need a fair amount to make it worthwhile.

The fishing trip for July 31 was abandoned due to inclement weather. However, another is planned for the next Saturday that brings suitable weather when the boat is not booked for something else. So far we have six starters (if you count the Skipper and deckie), so there is plenty of room for more. Contact Judy or Glen on 370 2043 to keep up with this one.

WANTED - OLD JUNK AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR DONATION TO THE CLUB FOR A SWAP MEET TO BE HELD SOON. BRING IT TO THE CLUB OR PHONE ME TO DONATE.

Fishy downpour

IT didn't rain cats and dogs - it rained fish. At least, it did one rainy American summer morning in Lincoln City, Oregon. That's when a bunch of 7.5cm-long fish flopped down on someone's front lawn.

Sounds fishy? The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife thought so, too - until they examined the small fry.

Wildlife specialists said the fish were Pacific sand lance. Sand lance swim near the ocean surface and also bury themselves in the sand.

But can they fly over lawns? No, answers wildlife authority Bill Hastie. But birds can - including those with a belly full of sand lance.

What's the verdict? "It was a bird beach," said Hastie.

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Ice evidence is disturbing

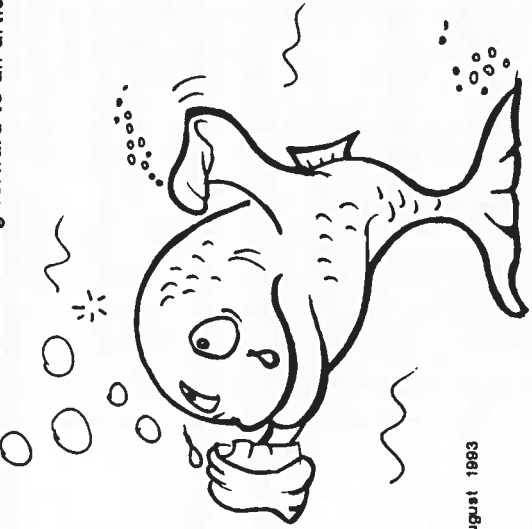
POLLUTION of the world's atmosphere could trigger huge temperature changes such as those before the last Ice Age, according to new research. Reports in the science journal Nature this month said researchers had discovered that the warm periods between the last two ice ages were characterised by volatile temperature changes lasting from 70 to 5000 years.

Scientists examining ancient glacier samples from the international Greenland Ice Core Project found that when temperatures during the last warm period rose an average of just 2C above current levels, they also started fluctuating by as much as 10C.

BY THE WAY...

CONGRATULATIONS! To Ainslie for attaining her One Star Instructor (or Assistant Instructor) status. She thought no one would find out!

FAREWELL - To Brian Cruise, for quite some time, apparently. It seems he has found an Irish maiden fair who has somewhat distracted him. He will be bidding his time in his Mother country for the next year or two, convincing her that the weather is really much nicer here. We are looking forward to an article or two from him.





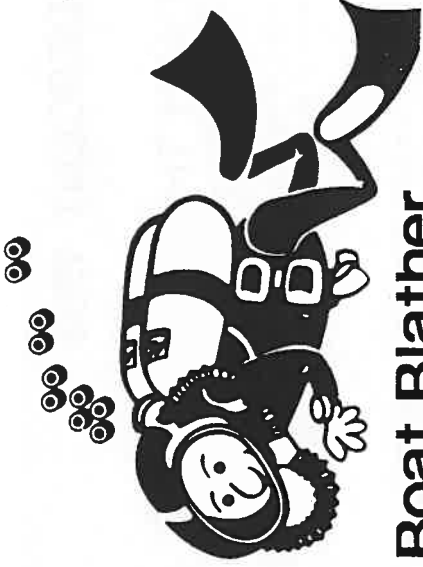
Amorous dolphin

IT'S not too often that the US National Marine Fisheries Service starts a sexual assault investigation. But then, it's not too often that a dolphin is captured on videotape making an indecent proposal to a human female.

The federal agency has spent three months looking into the operations of Dolphins Plus, a private marine research-oriented park in the Florida Keys that allows visitors to swim with dolphins. After the agency received a five-year-old videotape of a dolphin named Fonzi becoming, well, excited, in the presence of a female swimmer.

"This is actually very common with dolphins," NMFS spokesman Brian Gorman said. "They're very sexually active creatures, among themselves and with anyone else — sort of like the family dog that embarrasses your dad when Aunt Julie comes to visit."

When the woman tries to make a graceful exit, the smitten aquatic mammal throws himself in her path in a pathetic attempt to prolong the encounter.



Boat Blather

Dennis Stubberfield

There is little to report this month, since the boat has not been out except for a delightful BBQ on board anchored up in Crawley Bay, out of the wind and in the sunshine. The weather has been too inclement for diving or maintenance progress, which will be on the agenda again after the Avon Descent. The new mooring area has proved to be a real boon for convenience and security, particularly for the type of operations, ie. BBQs, which are appropriate at this time of year. Also I notice that the usual line of green algae has not appeared on the water line as is normal at the Fremantle mooring.

Meanwhile our boating emphasis has shifted somewhat over the last few weeks with the involvement in the Avon Descent rescue group. U.E.C. has been asked to provide Skippers and crews for the two inflatable dinghies which form part of the rescue group's equipment for that wild race down the Avon River. Both crews have diver lifesaver, or higher, qualifications and the skippers, Bill Boustead and Peter Harrold, heaps and heaps of experience in handling small, outboard powered dinghies. Yours Truly of course just had to have a go and at the race scrutineering, where the two inflatables were used as 'rescue' craft for the swimming tests, we all got plenty of practice — boating not swimming! Ainslie couldn't be prised away from the tiller of her boat once installed, and so we have excellent back up when the boys want to take a coffee break.

While that is a lot of fun, I can't wait to get back to bigger boats and go out to sea again diving. Even out on the river partying would do me — anything! Come on folks, ring up and get a BBQ cruise going — it'll only cost \$5.00 each! Bring your families — Uncles, Aunts, in-Laws, Outlaws and kids — it's warmer on the water... exhort, exhort!! Spend the afternoon — spend the day — spend the night — spend all weekend if you wish — it's nearly spring!

Cheers Folks!

Stubby



Now! This situation begs a comment.

Come on guys let's put a caption to this one.

I'll publish the best 5 next month.

AVON DESCENT 1993

THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY

An elite bend of foolishly intrepid U.E.C. divers actually did lay their home comforts on the line and presented themselves as water rescue teams for the above event, which was held last weekend.

It was a great weekend for keeping bored divers off the streets, boring them even sillier and it was reasonably warm apart from the odd sally into battle with chilly white water to assist some unlucky competitor or clear away wrecked craft – for which the U.E.C. has just, in the last few days, become thoroughly famous.

Most of the group made it to the Western Quarries campsite on Friday evening without too much drama, although one or two did take the long way round through Northam! The promised fine weekend appeared to have been deferred by the Gods and annoyingly frequent showers were the general order.

However, duly assembled was the best, strongest and most well equipped U.E.C. rescue group thus far. Matching this we were led to a well appointed, big white tent with camper stretchers and blow up mattresses provided for our exclusive use – marvellous we had finally made the full rescue group status! The tent was huge, you could have held a barn dance in it; it was dry and the sides went the way to the ground – ah such luxury – and it was much appreciated!

The first day dawned bright and clear, with more sunny breaks than rain and everyone was on their toes, eager and excited. This very quickly turned to alert boredom, a relatively happy and safe state of affairs for a rescue believe me. No major accidents were reported, and only two minor casualties occupied our attention on the first day. Events were lively at the start as usual, and extracts weir provided the only other real entertainment. Our boat crews settled down well and demonstrated excellent skills in the conditions and will be a highly professional feature of our involvement in future.

Back at the camp on Saturday afternoon and evening much letting down of hair and mild mayhem occurred with Yours Truly very nearly getting a bucket of cold water tossed over him in the shower, but for a timely warning from Maree, "thanks kid!" An unlikely duo of rescuers were "married" at the camp fire by the Very Right Rev Kevin Walker complete with reversed collar, beer can rings and full ceremonials!

They were forced to spend the wedding night in separate tents and come morning the honeymoon was well and truly over!

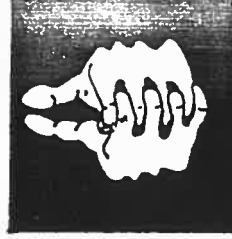
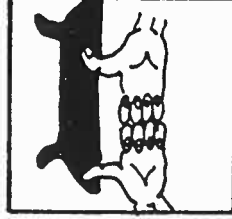
The second day saw a quickening of the tempo, with a number of competitors and canoes being "rescued". The boat crew (only one being required on the second day) went well at Emu Falls despite a few mechanical problems with motors and propellers – mostly the total lack of the latter at one point when Peter could not fathom why he was still going backwards with the motor going forwards at several thousand revs. There was also the odd usual abusive and ignorant spectator who seemed to think the rescue divers were there for the sole purpose of their entertainment and assisting to disqualify the race competitors by retrieving canoes and paddles and returning them to their owners. You simply can't get by without a few of them!

Finally the pay off – Channel Nine's hour long 'Special' on the 1993 Avon Descent at 6:30 pm on Sunday night – no doubt watched by most of the rescue team over a glass of their favourite beverage. In it this program gave extensive, and I mean extensive, coverage to the Westrail rescue team and the "20 elite divers.....", who were at the pointy end of the Rescue effort. A great moment for us all and not before time! The only thing wrong was the failure to mention the U.E.C. in this program, but I rang Channel Nine the next day and told them who we are, so that they can refer all inquiries for new members to the right people.

Certainly it was an uplifting experience for all those who took part and extremely worthwhile for the Club and the Avon Descent – my personal thanks to all members of the diving rescue team for your time, your efforts and your support in doing a very fine job – it was much appreciated.

"Cheers Folks"

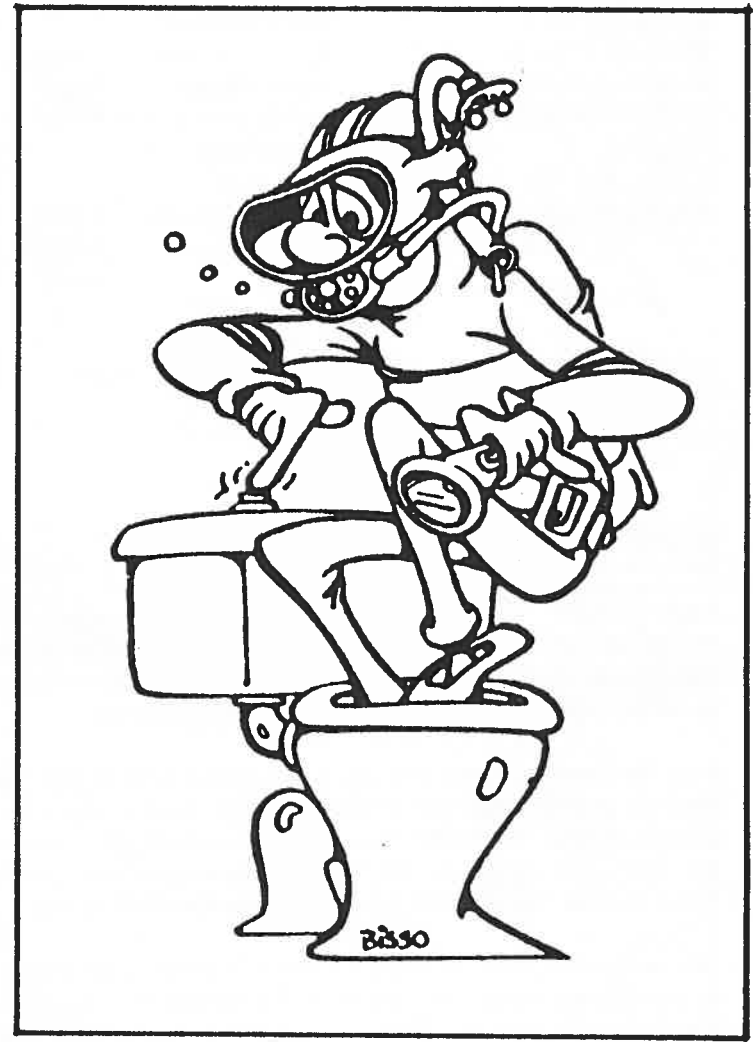
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"LOOK AT THAT." "OH, A NUDIBRANCH!" "SEE THE FISH!" "A GIANT CLAM!"

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Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

Today is September 12, and on this day, I was one of the fortunate people who was aboard "UE" for the third time out since her Winter refit. We are being blessed with some beautiful weather; although I must admit, not consistently, yet. I can only say, an awful lot of you are missing some excellent days out.

After our Special General Meeting, on September 6, I can only feel that our Club is about to undergo some vast changes. One of those changes for me, this year, is going to be that I will be on the boat every weekend that I can. I am sure that if a few more could commit to that, we could once again have a really "together" Club. Either that, or Pat and Luke are going to become tired of me!

One thing I have found as Editor, is that it is easier to get people on the boat than to get contributions for the newsletter. We have had two dive trips in recent weeks; the first produced 10 divers, the second 4 divers. However, I have had not a single response to my request for a caption for the diver going down the toilet! Surely we have some readers with imagination. I will run it again this time, and please, it only takes a phone call to tell me your caption. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

Club Calendar

September

- Sunday 19 Dive Carnac area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Judy
- Monday 20 General Meeting - at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
- Saturday 25 Deep Sea Fishing - Contact Judy/Glen
- Sunday 26 Dive Lancier Rock - depart 9:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Ron

October

- Sunday 3 Dive Stragglers Area - depart 9:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Maree
- Monday 4 Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
- Saturday 9 CLEAN UP and Wake at Woodmans Point - contact Dennis
QUIZ NIGHT at the Willagee Hotel Phone Larry for details.
- Sunday 10 Dive Hugel's Passage - depart 9:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Ainslie
- Tuesday 12 Wrap Night at the Clubrooms - 7:45pm
- Sunday 17 Dive Roe Reef - depart 8:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Ron
- Monday 18 General Meeting - at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
- Sunday 24 Dive Jacksons Rock - depart 8:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Peter
- Sunday 31 Dive South of Rotto - depart 8:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Judy

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquires. **DO NOT RING THE CREW.**

Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.

COVER STORY: Let's try it again. Ring Judy with your captions for this cartoon. The best will be published.

Secretary's Scribblings

Pat Troy

At the Special General Meeting held at the Clubrooms on September 6, 1993, the following motions were moved and carried by members present:

1. That the Clubrooms be leased as soon as possible and that they be leased to a suitable Tenant who will protect the existing asset, that is, the building.
2. That a Task Force of five members be established to:
 - a. Study the use of the boat.
 - b. Study future activities of the Club, relative to the changes and trends in this industry.

The Task Force should include the President and one Life Member. The Task Force should report to the Committee during January, 1994.

It should be noted that prior to the Motion to lease the Clubrooms, a feasibility study was conducted. Items examined during the study were:

- * Overhead expenses on the Clubrooms.
- * Approximate returns on the building if leased.
- * Taxation to be paid on the returns.

As yet, no response has been forthcoming to a letter sent to the Taxation Department. However, verbal advice from an officer of the Department indicates that we will be exempted from paying Tax.

BY THE WAY...

Pat is one of an exclusive group of fishermen who can catch fish whilst they are snoozing at one end of the boat, and their fishing line trails aimlessly out the other end. He did at least have the courtesy to appear surprised at the catch.

Someone should give Judy a compass and a chart. That way she will know if Carnac is North or South of Stragglers! (Can't win 'em all!)

A tip for diving in a current - Hold on to the anchor rope until on the bottom. (You had to be there!)

President's Platform

Glen Collingwood

It's not often that one is aware of being involved in the occasion of the making of history. However, such an occasion was the evening of Monday, September 6, 1993. Remember that date. That is the date on which the Underwater Explorer's Club changed it's direction.

At a Special General Meeting last Monday the UEC chose to step out boldly into an unknown future with hope and determination. Have a quick look at the SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS for the nuts and bolts of the two motions passed (virtually unanimously I might add) then reflect a moment or two on the underlying implications. What is really exciting about these motions is that we have demonstrated clearly the courage to turn our back on a failing traditional system; a system that worked well in the past but that is no longer relevant; and to face the future with grit and with a resolve to build a new system to take us into a bright new future.

While the decision the lease the club rooms appears to be merely an expedient to pay the bills, in reality it showed that we have recognised the need to burn a few bridges. There has been a lot of talk in recent times about the future of the Club and just where we are going. But it seems, to me at least, that while there HAS been an eye to the future there has also been a great deal of wistful looking back over our shoulder at what once was and an unconscious desire to maintain the comfortable status quo. The trouble with looking back is that you end up not going any where and the trouble with maintaining a comfortable non functioning status quo is that one can slip into oblivion without really noticing that anything is awry. But, when the bridge is burnt there is no where to go but forward.

The decision "to lease" appears to have been THE radical action of the night, wouldn't you say. OK, now give a little thought to the second motion; particularly the discussion that preceded the motion. Concepts such as "affiliation with sailing clubs", "getting together with a fishing club", "a joint venture with a commercial outlet", "putting the 'Underwater Explorer' in survey and running our own charter operation" etc. were all tossed around. This, not the issue of leasing the Clubrooms, tells me where we are really at. NOW, my friends, we are really talking radical action. We're talking about re-appraising our values; we're talking about re-assessing our priorities; we're talking about Constitutional change; we're talking about being winners not just survivors. The open and stimulating discussion that generated the motion to set up the Task Force to examine our future directions proved without doubt that we really do have the guts to do the job properly.

The next few months are not going to be easy; they're not going to be comfortable; but they are going to be exciting. It's like our vessel's been adrift in a raging storm and now we've got the motor going. We turn her head into the gale and drive into the future. Congratulations.

Diving Report

Geoff Charlton

STOP PRESS! It's Official, the 1993/94 Diving Season has started, with a most enjoyable dive at Mewstone on August 22. So it's time to get the moths out of your mask, the dust out of the demand valve, and the bugs out of the BC (I know it's corny - but it is my first report for a while). Now all I want you to do is GET DIVING - any time, any day - all you need is a boat load (and a crew of course).

I am more than willing to organise "special" dives for you - be they deep, night, or specific shipwrecks that you know of. If you have any ideas please call me on 332 6270 (home) or 381 0433 (work). Remember, I'm in this job to work for YOU, just tell me what your diving needs are, and I'll see what I can do.

Once the Quiz Night is out of the way, we will have a go at getting a few dives in at Rottnest, that is, going back to the 8:00 am start, and do 2 dives a day. Of course, if this meets with majority opposition, we will review it! The new dodgers have been tried and tested, with great success. So, with the boat now being fast and dry, there should be no excuses.

We will be trying a few fun things like Boogie - boarding, and/or visiting Rotto on future dives, so come out and pass your comments, and have FUN!

Bye for now.

Boat Blather

Dennis Stubberfield

Just a "Quickie" for this month.

The boat and machinery operated well on the two outings we had in August and the "new" mooring site has successfully preserved our anti-foul, at this stage.

Good progress has been made on making her dry and comfy with Glen installing the starboard side cover. (That is both sides done now.)

All we need now is heaps of boat usagel

Cheers Folks!

Stubby

Nominations

Gordon Magee - Maylands

David Leigh - Bunbury

The Social Scene

Larry Park

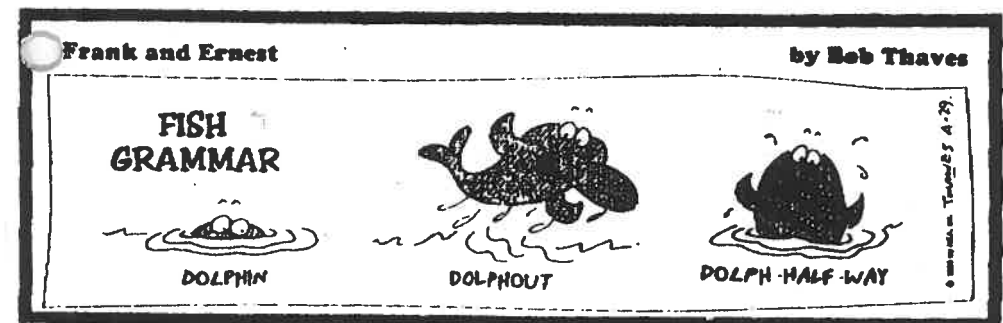
THE QUIZ NIGHT - It is now official. It will be held on Saturday, October 9 at 7:30pm at the Willagee Park Hotel (cnr Leach Highway and Stock Road). We need your help to make this as much fun and as successful as last year. We need you to persuade your employers to sponsor us with any small donation (or large) they can offer. We are also planning to raffle a hamper again. Please bring to the September meeting, any donations for this, whether it be cash or goods. A bottle of wine or two, groceries, anything.

Tickets and fliers for the Quiz Night will be at the meeting on September 20. We will be charging the same as last year, that is \$5.00 per person, with tables of six. If you can't put together a full table, that's OK, we will be able to put you with others in the same situation. Please don't stay away because of that. So don't delay, ask your friends, rellies, workmates, bosses, or neighbours to set aside one night of their lives to have a good time with us.

I am also looking for volunteers to be markers, scorers etc on the night. Please give me a call if you are willing to do that.

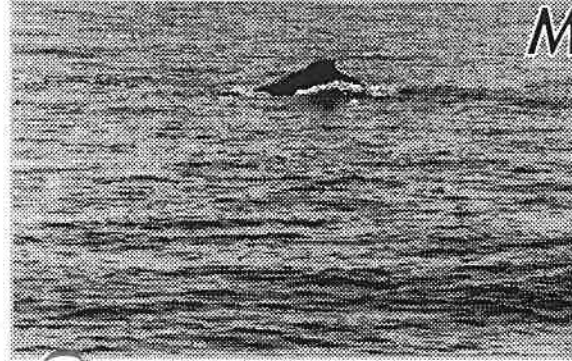
For anyone who can't make the September meeting, and wants tickets, please phone me on 398 5597.

WANTED - OLD JUNK AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR DONATION TO THE CLUB FOR A SWAP MEET TO BE HELD SOON. BRING IT TO THE CLUB OR PHONE ME TO DONATE.



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Editorial Comment

Judy Collingwood

I was delighted with the response to the diver who was feeling a little flushed. You will find a whole bunch of captions to go with the cartoon. I was going to select the ones I thought were the best, but thought better of it. After all, I am sure you all need a giggle as much as I do.

We have a new cartoon in this time, which promises to be a regular. Look for "Flash's Corner". I believe Flash has a series of situations to make us smile.

I hope you all enjoyed the Quiz Night as much as I did. It certainly did the trick as a fund raiser. Hopefully the \$1500.00 raised will keep us from diving down the toilet as a Club for a little bit longer! Now we need to concentrate on using the boat, be it for fishing or diving, ie. just being an active Club.

See you on the boat.

Cover Story – Things you see at Club Events eg Fishing, Quiz Night.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 1993/1994 YEAR ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS AT OCTOBER 31, 1993.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE ABOVE PERIOD HAVE BEEN SET AS FOLLOWS:

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$	75.00
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OR BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING WITH YOU.

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CHEQUE ATTACHED FOR \$ _____

Club Calendar

October

- Sunday 17 Dive Roe Reef - depart 8:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Ron
- Monday 18 General Meeting - at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
- Sunday 24 Dive Jacksons Rock - depart 8:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Peter
- Sunday 31 Dive South of Rotto - depart 8:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Judy

November

- Monday 1 Committee Meeting - at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
- Sunday 7 Dive Angela's Cave - depart 8:00am Skipper: Richard DO: Ron
- Tuesday 9 Wrap night at the Clubrooms - 7:45pm ALL WELCOME
- Sunday 14 Dive Swirl Reef - depart 8:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Peter
- Monday 15 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
PLEASE ATTEND THIS ONE TO SELECT YOUR COMMITTEE
FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS
- Sunday 21 Cray Dive - Rottnest - depart 8:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Judy
HAVE YOU GOT YOUR CRAY LICENSE?
- Saturday 27 ANNUAL REUNION & PRESENTATION - at Dennis & Maree's
Start 4:00pm, Presentations 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm
BYO Drinks. YA JUST HAVE T' BE THERE!
- Sunday 28 More Crays! - Rotto - depart 8:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Maree

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This is the second time this year that my Platform has been delivered from out of town. In June I was, sadly, called to the death bed of my son's mother (my first wife) and now I am grieving at the passing of my mother on Thursday, October 7. However, by the time that you read this I will be back in Perth and all systems will be (hopefully) firing again. This month's Platform will be something of a "catch bag" what with the Quiz Night, the Presentation Night and the AGM all topical. I'll try not to let this get too disjointed.

OK! Firstly the Quiz Night. From all reports (I wasn't there unfortunately) it was a roaring financial success thanks to the efforts of Larry and Judy, and, of course, to the skills of that Quiz Master and wallet loosener supreme, Dave Kenny; and maybe in spite of the general lack of support from Club members. Anyway, to all those who made this event such a success please accept the heart felt thanks of myself and the Committee. Thanks guys; You done good.

Elsewhere in this edition of the UEC News you will find detailed information regarding the up and coming "Annual Reunion and Presentation Night". This evening is regarded by some to be the premier social event of the year and as such is usually very well attended. The opportunity to "chew the fat" (or maybe "splice the mainbrace") with the history makers of the Club is generally something that most people don't want to miss. This year promises to be a fine occasion with a home venue format similar to last year. With the appalling diving season this year, awards may be a little "thin on the ground", however be assured that awards will be made for merit and not just because they're there to give away. This will not be an Olympics with a major nation boycotting. I'll see you there.

Well, well, well! It's that time of year again, people. The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. I do not propose to go through the procedure of whipping you into a patriotic voting frenzy as I did (or at least tried to do) last year. You all know the importance of the AGM; you all know the importance of a Committee that has the welfare of the Club and your needs at heart; and you all know the importance of the democratic process. It is once again in your hands. Don't let yourself down. There is work to be done on November 15.

And speaking of work to be done. The Task Force is in place and has conducted its first meeting. Members of the TF are: The President (myself until November), Brian Price, Ken Kennedy, Dennis Stubberfield (either one providing the presence of a Life member) and Ainslie Choate. An enthusiastic "brain storming" session resulted in a host of options to explore and avenues to investigate. At this stage all I'm prepared to say is that the Task is being tackled with vision and determination and that we can virtually promise a new direction for the Club and some Constitutional change. There are interesting days ahead.

Boat Blather

Dennis Stubberfield

This month slightly more to report with two good outings to start the season proper. "Underwater Explorer" is now back on the Fremantle mooring - a much more convenient location for working crews during the season. Her bottom is still scrupulously clean, giving good sea performance and all other machinery and systems are operating satisfactorily. There is no doubt the use of the Bull Creek mooring has contributed greatly to this advantageous situation and will be followed up with thanks to John (its' owner) and a zero visibility practice dive later on to check it out and perform any maintenance required - its just too good to let go! (It's also a good place for Club members boats short term mooring as John is happy to let us use it.)

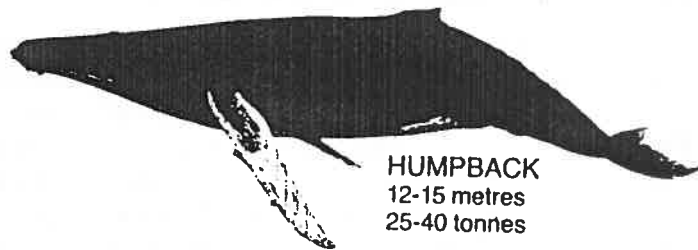
Our own mooring at Fremantle has been cleaned up, by Peter and Yours Truly in another almost zero vis. dive, the first of the season for me. The barnacles have been removed, new bridles installed and the chain checked - should be good for another 3 months of use by the "Queen Mary"!

The other most important report is the dryness of our boat following the installation of the new clear plastic weather dodgers for which Glen and Judy have your's and my heartfelt thanks. This is great and will hopefully lead to more enthusiastic dive bookings. Comments like "She's a different boat" and "How did we put up with it before" have been bandied about! Right then - let's get cracking me hearties, and work her butt off, if that's the case.

Finally, future working parties on the boat are imminent for even nicer mods and maintenance, also, I think some practice at handling and navigation would be in order - so stay in touch friends, don't leave town!

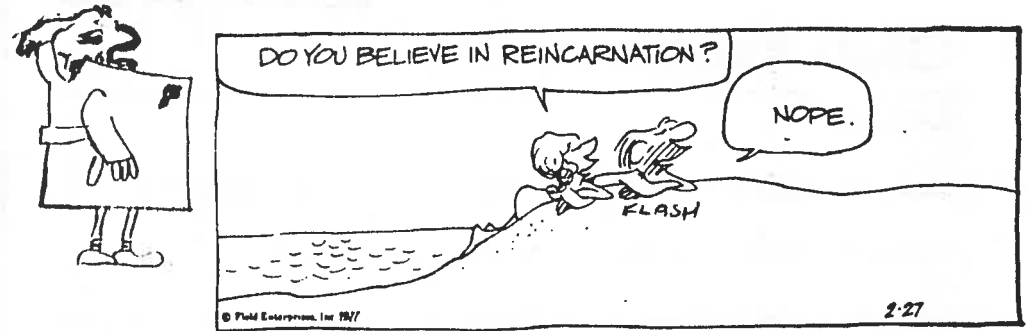
Cheers Folks!

Stubby



HUMPBACK
12-15 metres
25-40 tonnes

FLASH'S CORNER



The Social Scene



FISHING – There have been a couple of fishing trips in the past month, the first on Saturday, September 25. What a glorious day that was. From memory, about 8 of us headed out at 7:00am for the clear calm waters west of Rottnest. Barry had only to request that "Someone please catch a fish" and there it was, a neat little Jewie on the end of his line. A couple more Jewies were caught during the day, but were just undersized, and lived to tell the tale. A few Sweep and other assorted fish made the day worthwhile. The highlight of the day was a visit by a couple of Humpback Whales. They came very close to the boat, did a circle around it, then gracefully travelled South.

Another group of fishermen tried for the big ones again on Monday, October 4, and although there were no whales visiting, some terrific Queen Schnapper and a couple of Jewies were among the fish caught. The sea breeze came in early in the afternoon, which caused the drift to be a bit fast, so the lines were hauled in, and East Street Jetty was looking good.

We will certainly be having more fishing trips in the future. Certainly until the enthusiasm for diving improves. If you are interested in putting your name down on a list of "People to be kept informed of fishing trips", contact Judy on 370 2043, and leave your name and contact phone number.

THE QUIZ NIGHT – What a night! About 100 members and friends/associates, and two barmaids had a really great time on Saturday night. For those who went last year but decided against it this year, all that can be said is that we learned much from last year, and sorry, but you missed out. We had, this time, a terrific venue, plenty of room, bar service in the room, more prizes (donated by about 155 sponsors) which were of more value, and we raised more money!

A huge THANK YOU to all those who attended. Thanks to you, we raised just over \$1,500 for the evening. With the minimum expenses associated with running a Quiz Night yet to be taken into account, we have still beaten last years result. That is exciting news.

A special thank you to Dave Kenny, who again did a superb job of Quizmaster, even though he had to contend with some strangely worded questions. Also to Larry Park, who has blisters both on his feet and car tyres from all the running around he did to secure the donations. Thanks as well go to the Charlton family who kept score for the night, and Marcus for his help on the Tea/Coffee stand.

As you can see, it does not require a large number of people to put on an event like this, but it sure does take some dedication by those who do take the task on.

Rottnest 1994

Places for the 1994 Rottnest Weekend are filling up. There are several places available for this fun filled weekend on March 5th to 7th.

This year the group will be located in Geordie Bay. This poses some problems logistically but generally the weekend is very enjoyable nevertheless. The more intrepid amongst us will still wander over to the main settlement to take in the entertainment. In past years these organised events have been popular but the music is very loud for those wishing to catch up on a few zzz...s. Luckily, in Geordie Bay, this problem is overcome.

The weather at this time of the year is wonderful and generally we can find dive sites reasonably easily. We can also do night dives if you have enough energy left.

This weekend is a bargain for approximately \$130.00, with nothing more to pay. Transport, fills, food etc is all included. If you do no other diving for the year, get in on this one early.

Phone Maree on 457 3333 to book.

Diving Report

(for) Geoff Charlton

This is to remind you that with all of the hard work out of the way (clearing Woodman Point building and the Quiz Night) we can now get on with the real purpose of the Club – DIVING.

As was mentioned recently, with the days beginning earlier, we will once again try having two tank dives to Rottnest, to get into practice for the CRAY SEASON, which begins on November 15. Don't forget that you must have a current cray license, to be produced on request by the Fisheries Department. That means you must take it with you on the boat. If not, sorry, no crays for you!

For newcomers to the Club, or oldcomers who may not know, the procedure for booking on for a dive with the Club is as follows. Phone Nick or Sharon Wasley on 364 8059 to register your name. If they are not home, leave your booking on their answering machine. That is, your name, contact phone number, and which day you are booking on for. Then, the night before departure, AFTER 6:30pm, but before 9:00pm, phone the Wasleys again to confirm that the dive is going ahead. It is that simple. Any cancellations to be advised to Nick and Sharon by 7:00pm on the night before departure at the very latest.

Assuming that the dive is going ahead, all you must then do is make sure you are at the departure point at least 10 minutes prior to departure time, complete with your dive gear, eats and drinks.

CREW MEMBERS – please note: Nick and/or Sharon must be notified of any changes to the roster.

LEST WE FORGET...

OR - A COUPLE OF THINGS TO REMEMBER .

FIRST - We will be holding the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club on Monday, November 15, at the Clubrooms. We had a terrific response to the question of leasing the Clubrooms. It would be wonderful if we could believe that as many people could show the same interest in who will be making the all important decisions for the next twelve months. It can be disheartening to be on the Committee of a Club, to find less than half the membership attending meetings. But that is not nearly as bad as finding so very few members turning up to Annual General Meetings. Nobody is ever forced onto the Committee (except Peter Horton, because he is a softie). All that is asked is that you care enough about the Club to attend this one very important meeting.

SECOND - The ANNUAL REUNION AND PRESENTATION NIGHT will be held, this year, at Dennis & Maree's place on Saturday, November 27, 1993. It will be a 4:00pm start, with Presentations at 5:00pm, then dinner at 6:00pm. This is the social event of the year for the Club, a time for all to let their hair down and have a really good time, reminisce about the "good old days" and plan some "good new days". The cost for this night will be \$10.00 per head. BYO drinks. What a bargain! See you there!

THIRD - A gentle reminder that your subscriptions are due and payable by October 31, 1993. For those who have not paid, there is a payment slip elsewhere in this newsletter.

END OF AN ERA

On Saturday, October 9, 1993, a bunch of UEC members extraordinaire met at about 8:00am at the Woodmans Point base, formerly the home of the Underwater Explorers Club.

Armed with assorted tools, ranging from the humble hammer to the brilliant bobcat, this band of vandals attacked and destroyed what was once the glorious Clubhouse. There was Nick springing about on the roof like a monkey, levering off timbers, while Peter had a huge time cutting up bits of metal with his oxy acetylene gear. Barry blitzed the field with his bobcat and truck, scoring three massive loads of rubble which was dumped in a useful place, which was discovered by Bill Boustead. Bill's discovery saved us many dollars. Nick, Luc and Jeannie made use of Nick's big trailer and took other bits and pieces to the South Fremantle tip. Dennis, Maree, Richard and Ron all worked their tails off as well, to have the job all finished in time for a Barbecue lunch in the barbecue area of the Cockburn Power Boat Club. Max brought his mum, Sharon, to help out too. Oh yes, Pat was there somewhere too. I think he was looking for things to take home.

To each and every one of you who took part in that cleanup, THANK YOU for your terrific effort.

The Issue of Sink Holes....

From Nick Wasley:

"GREENPEACE SAID MY FIRST JOB WOULD BE A SMALL JOB!"

"I TOLD THE WIFE TIME & TIME AGAIN NOT TO WEAR HER WEDDING RING WHEN SHE'S CLEANING THE TOILET!"

GREENPEACE SAID IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT IF RAW SEWERAGE WAS BEING DUMPED IN THE OCEAN!!"

From Tibi Czomay:

"NOW FOR A QUICK DIVE AT OCEAN REEF".

"IF THIS WORKS I WILL FORM MY OWN CLUB".

"IF THE SCOTTS CAN DO IT SO CAN I".

I HAVE HAD MANY WORSE DIVES THAN THIS".

"THIS WAY, I DON'T GET SEASICK".

"THEY MADE ME DO IT, FORCING ME TO PULL UP THE ANCHOR ALL THE TIME".

"SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD ME THAT I CAN NOT GO DIVING".

"P.T. IS MY NAME - DIVING IS MY GAME".

"PITY, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR A BUDDY".

"BIT SMALL FOR CLUBROOMS".



From Toby Klein:

"THE CRAP WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO GET A DECENT DIVE".

"DUNNY DIVING DOWNUNDER".

From Gordon Magee:

"A GOOD CAPTAIN ALWAYS GOES DOWN WITH HIS SH.. - ER I MEAN SHIP".

"NOW I KNOW WHERE TINY TIME GOT HIS INSPIRATION FOR 'TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS'".

WANTED - OLD JUNK AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR DONATION TO THE CLUB FOR A SWAP MEET TO BE HELD SOON. BRING IT TO THE CLUB OR PHONE LARRY TO DONATE.

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Diving Report

Ron Phonemyint

Over the past month some of the Club regulars have kept up the Club tradition and had some good diving at some of our popular spots, with reasonable weather conditions.

Now the weather has improved and we are coming into some good diving weather I would like to see more members on the boat. Remember we can arrange any type of diving if we have enough interest, so please ring me if you want a particular type of diving, eg. Night diving, Wreck diving, trips away etc..

If you wish to book on for a dive, please ring Nick and Sharon Wasley on 364 8059. And remember, if you wish to take crays you must have your license with you on the boat; Fisheries officers can come on board to check.



* "I don't throw everything back!"

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Talking about Nudibranchs, did you know that the W.A. Museum recently published a 184 page, soft cover book "Sea Slugs of Western Australia" with not less than 220 colour pictures. A "must" to have, if you are as hooked on Nudibranchs as I am.

We had splendid weather conditions the whole weekend, and all seven of us had a terrific time! Actually, I forgot to mention that we had a sumptuous CRAYFISH lunch on Sunday before leaving our comfortable chalet. At last I have seen a JUMBO!

We might arrange another weekend trip to Dunsborough in January or March. Please let me know A.S.A.P. if you are interested. We can also do a full day's diving on the "30 mile Naturaliste Reef".

Yours in Diving,
SUSIE ASHTON

CLUB BOAT LOG BOOK & NAVIGATION PHOTOS

The Club Boat Log is missing from the Clubrooms and along with it some three years of hard won experience and irreplaceable Club history! We believe it may have been borrowed by an interested member who has forgotten to bring it back or thought they've returned it but in fact haven't. It was last seen on the night of the August general meeting. While many of us occasionally whinged about filling in that log, we would all now give almost anything to have it back - it's priceless! Please! Please! would everybody who has ever borrowed that book search once more and make sure you've returned it! - even me the author! There will be no castigation imposed - we'll be so pleased to see it!

That brings me to the other point - the Club navigation photo book. The Committee, bearing in mind the loss of the boat log (a relatively useless document to all but the U.E.C.), has decreed that the same thing will not happen to our Navigation Photo Book (Of great value to many). It has been resolved that the Club Navigation Photo Book shall not leave the Clubrooms except in the company of a Club Skipper on an official Club dive only. Since the information in that book is vital to Club operations and gives us a distinct edge, apart from costing a fortune to replace, it must be secure. However, Club members may of course peruse the book (at the Clubrooms) and even make notes from it (that's part of the advantage of belonging to the Club) but it must not be taken away from the Clubrooms!

By
Past and Present Boating Officers and your Committee!

DOWN SOUTH DIVING

Have you ever sat down and really thought about how fortunate Perth people are, living so close to so many marvellous dive sites of such varied natural beauty spots!

We have just spent a weekend down at Dunsborough and what a treat; four boat dives including WHALE WATCHING for no extra cost!

Saturday's first dive was planned to be a crayfish dive underneath the Lighthouse off Cape Naturaliste. However, by the time our 35 foot launch arrived, the swell was up to 4 metres, so for safety's sake, we turned back and did an exciting deep dive on the SCALLOP BED instead. My buddy and I managed to catch seven brown beauties, but the more experienced local, KIM HANCOCK, surfaced with a loaded catch bag. (I was too distracted by studying a cute pipefish in the sea grass - relatives of "my" seahorse, you know.) It's a lot of fun trying to catch scallops; they jet propel themselves along by discharging a blast of water through their shell, and you only have seconds to catch them between each movement of water. Half a bucket full of scallops were kindly given to us, which my buddy, RICK BROOK steam cooked in the most scrumptious way.

The second dive took place on "The Old Shoreline" which offers an interesting terrain. Amongst the more exciting things we saw on that dive was a Circular Stingray, a Black-spotted Catshark, and the fairly rare Boarfish. Another interesting sighting was a dead shell full of transparent cuttlefish eggs! Really cute.

The visibility was great and the surface absolutely flat as a pancake. Just as well, because by buddy and I snorkelled 300 metres back to the boat! (Anyone who wants to join me in a NAVIGATION SPECIALTY course this summer??)

Sunday's first dive took us out to "Four Mile Bank" in Geographe Bay - a really cruisy dive with lots of great first time sightings, e.g. the poor Wrasse finning back and forwards under a ledge and in pain because of the lice family stuck on his head. But that's nature and we shouldn't interfere.

The obligatory dive at the end of the 2 km Busselton Jetty was next and great as usual, even though the visibility was not the best I have experienced. I started off with getting tangled in a heap of fishing line as well. I suppose, caused by having my hands full (a video light in one, and my "snappy" camera in the other). However, you soon forget your troubles when you see the beautiful array of colours on the old pylons, and Nudibranchs scattered everywhere.

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President's Platform

Dennis Stubberfield

My first official duty as your new President was to present Glen with his golden Past Presidents' pin and on that note I would like to pay a tribute to his Presidency. Glen has just steered us through two of the most difficult years in the Club's history, in which we saw the replacement of our boat and modifying her for diving, inevitably at a greater cost than planned. All this while coping with one of the worst recessions this country has ever seen and two seasons with about the worst diving conditions, with respect to sea and weather, in a decade. No mean feat! and some very hard work, with even harder decisions taken to keep us afloat. Glen's leadership and the committee of the last two years by dint of extraordinary effort, has kept us viable and put us on the launch pad to a new era of better boating and diving, if we take up the challenge. Glen has now opted for a more restful place in the Club's affairs - as Boating Officer! In former happy times that would have been anything but a rest, however, due to the wise, albeit tough, decisions made during his presidency, that may indeed come to pass. I hope for all our sakes it does - good luck and many thanks Glen!

With the leasing of the Clubrooms and changes to the constitution, detailed later in this magazine, it is hoped to relieve the burden of so much fund raising, improve our diving and boating quality and broaden and increase our membership base, to the greater good of the Club and the joy of its members.

After all, it is supposed to be recreation, a worthwhile hobby and loads of fun, to be part of a Dive Club with it's own boat - Your boat! Your past Committees', assisted by a core dedicated members, have sweated blood over the last couple of years to set it up that way, so lets do what they are begging you to do - come diving and enjoy yourselves!

On that note, I commend you to our next major event - the Xmas dive on the 19th. of December. It will be close in and followed by a Barbecue on Garden Island, a one tank dive, family and friends welcome and hopefully a couple of members boats to increase the availability of places.

Contact Nick and Sharon on 364 8059 and reserve your much sought after place right now!

Finally let me say a few words about the changes planned for the Constitution. The first is to open up a Student grade of membership, which we hope will make it possible for our young people to join the Club and enjoy diving. These are the members who will carry on the Club traditions and so we need to help them as much as we can.

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The second is merely a modification of our Country membership which takes into account the fact that there are people who live outside Western Australian country districts who would like to be members of the Club. This grade of membership is proposed to be called "Non-Resident" membership and would be open to all persons living more than 60kms from the Perth G.P.O.

The third change is more complicated and seeks to set up the mechanism for affiliation of other dive clubs to the U.E.C. We would restrict such affiliates to non commercial clubs who have similar diving and boating interests, such as M.A.W.A. and W.A.U.P.S. The same qualifications for membership will apply and such members would receive all privileges except voting rights and Committee positions. Affiliates would also be eligible to hold non committee positions such as D.O. and Skipper within the Club. All this is designed to broaden and increase our membership base, which in turn will bring economies of scale in the cost of services provided by the Club. The changes will also bring in fresh ideas, new friendships and expand our social horizons as well as our diving outlook. I commend these changes to you and exhort you to be present to vote for them when the time comes in January.

Meanwhile I look forward to seeing you all on dive trips and meetings.

Cheers Folks!

Stubby.



Reminder

Annual subscriptions are now due and just to assist in getting you in the mood to pay we have enclosed a real fair dinkum account.

Some people are particularly prone to invoices so we feel it will assist the Club greatly to give you all one - if you haven't paid already that is!

However, it has another purpose, and that is to inform you of our Diving fee structure; all the good things you get for your money.

Needless to say only members will get the account - Libraries and other interested parties will not be billed for reading the magazine!

Now be good and pay soon!

the evening. Dessert, port and coffee capped off a delightful evening at Alison's, the piece - de - resistance in my opinion being the melt - in - the - mouth chocolate mousse.

Bill Boustead, who was so very well cleverly disguised as Father Christmas was on hand to present the Christmas gifts to all the revellers.

We arrived back at the Clubrooms at 1:30am, very tired after a very enjoyable evening out. Many thanks to all the people who helped make the evening such a roaring success.

ROTTNEST 1994

We could do with a few extra people at Geordie Bay next year. The week before and after are now fully booked with a reserve list but the long weekend still has a few places left. The more people we have, the more fun we have - it's also more economical. So give Maree a ring and secure your spot soon.

The Social Scene

Larry Park

Well, it looks as though I'm "IT" again this year, that is, your OIC Social & PR.

Due to a shortage of space, I will just briefly outline my proposal for the first few months of 1994.

Monday January 24 1994 - **The Sky Show.** We have room for 20 people and 16 have already booked. This is always a popular night, so get in early. A light meal is provided, but BYO drinks.

Friday February 14 1994 - **Valentines Cruise.** A theme of Red and White dress. BBQ & Salad provided. BYO Drinks.

Saturday March 12 1994 - **Family Fishing Day & BBQ.** Fishing for Herring and the like around Garden Island, and a BBQ lunch on the Island. BYO fishing tackle, bait, food and drinks.

Saturday April 9 1994 - **Progressive Dinner** - Come along for a good time.

Saturday May 28 1994 - **Quiz Night.** Let's make this one even better than the last one!

Once again, I am open to suggestions from you. We will try anything (within reason) once, and all I really want to achieve is that YOU have a lot of fun.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

The last couple of weeks have been very busy with social activities and Club members treating themselves to a good time.

The Presentation Night was well attended with current and Life members willing away the time, eating drinking and reminiscing. This night is a very important event on the Club's calendar as it is here that we formally recognise the achievements and efforts of our Club members. This year two of the donors of trophies agreed to give perpetual trophies rather than annual trophies. This means that recipients of both the Club Person of the Year donated by Bob Wallis, and Boat Person of the Year, donated by Dave Kenny, will have their names inscribed on trophies to be displayed at the Club rooms and also receive small replicas for their homes. Winners of trophies and awards for this year were:

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR -
BOAT PERSON OF THE YEAR -
APPRECIATION AWARDS -

LARRY PARK
DENNIS STUBBERFIELD
BILL BOUSTEAD
GLEN COLLINGWOOD
JUDY COLLINGWOOD
PETER HORTON
BARRY KENNEDY
PAT TROY

Congratulations to all recipients and thanks to everyone who assisted with the catering arrangements.

Jim Robson and a group of friends took advantage of some good weather to have a social outing on the river. From all accounts everyone had a good time taking in the ambience of the Fishermans Harbour and then up river at the Mosman Bay picnic area. The only "dampener" on the day was when Jim had to perform a rescue on the Club dinghy that came adrift. Jim advises that the current in the river can test anyones stamina.

And most recently a group of people went on the last progressive dinner for the Year. As usual, everyone was treated to some fine fare and good company. Most people got into the spirit of the evening by wearing fancy dress - well, in most cases not that fancy! After a few cocktails to whet the appetite we jumped on the bus for soup beneath the stars at Kings Park. Larry was the chef on this occasion and he staunchly refuses to divulge the recipe for his delicious tomato and orange soup. Next we were off to sample some fabulous lamb kebabs, lovingly prepared by Ron. And for the uninitiated, Ron's rustic outdoor furniture was a real eye-opener. Then off to Ric Young's, where a delicious roast selection and vegetables was served. Ric had done a wonderful job preparing the decorations and the seating for

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Secretary's Scribblings

Geoff Charlton

At the December Committee meeting, the following motions were passed.

That Larry Park be seconded to the Committee in the position of O.I.C. Social.

That in view of the changing nature of the UEC, and the difficulty that would be likely to be encountered at a later date, the Base Station Radio License will be retained.

Boating Bits

Glen Collingwood

It is with great joy and not a little pride that I accept the helm of our beloved UE from the very capable hands of that "old" sea dog extraordinaire Dennis. His is an act that's going to be very hard to follow. But then again none of us have exactly the same style in anything that we do so I'm sure you will understand if my footsteps wander somewhat from the trail that he has so ably laid down.

UE is running beautifully, as always, with her bottom having been recently attended to by Pat, Geoff and yours truly. A very fast and successful trip to the "Lancier" wreck on Sunday ahead of a strong wind warning for the afternoon demonstrated once again the admirable performance characteristics of this boat. However, the anti-foul will need redoing very soon (late this month or mid January) so, please, if anybody can spare a little time, let me know that you are available to help.



This year, with the Committee's endorsement, I'd like to see our fund raising efforts directed to specific projects aimed at the continued development and enhancement of UE. It seems to me that raising money to achieve specific goals will be much more satisfying emotionally and moral wise than just eternally trying to maintain general revenue. Anyway, I'll give this a lot more thought over the Christmas period and let you all know what I have in mind in the New Year.

Have a very HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS my friends and a prosperous and successful New Year.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Notice to all members is hereby given of proposed amendments to the Constitution of The Underwater Explorers' Club of W.A. Inc..

1. Clause 12. MEMBERSHIP: Delete part (c) and replace with:-

(c) NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS:

Members normally residing outside a radius of 60 kilometres of the G.P.O. Perth, will be called Non-Resident Members. Non-Resident Members shall be subject to all the provisions of Ordinary Membership.

2. Clause 12. MEMBERSHIP: Add

(g) STUDENT MEMBER

Members whose age is over 18 years and are engaged in bona-fide full time education. Student Members shall be subject to all the provisions of Ordinary Membership.

3. Clause 12. MEMBERSHIP: Add

(h) AFFILIATE MEMBER

Members who are financial members of an Organisation which is an affiliate of the Club. Affiliate Members shall be subject to all the provisions of Ordinary Membership except the right to vote or to hold positions on the Committee of Management. Affiliate Members shall cease to be members upon the Affiliated Organisation ceasing to be affiliated to the Club.

4. Add Clause 28, as follows:-

28. AFFILIATION:

(a) Affiliation of another Organisation with the Club may be brought about by a two thirds majority vote of the General membership at a special General Meeting or ordinary General Meeting following a seven tenths vote for the affiliation by the Committee of Management at a preceding committee meeting.

On a successful vote for the motion to affiliate, by the Committee of Management, a notice of motion to affiliate shall be placed in the Club magazine for the matter to proceed to the general membership.

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(b) Such affiliating Organisations shall be similar in nature to the Club in that activities and aims will be diving related. The affiliating Organisation shall be non-commercial or have no ties or connection with any commercial organisation.

(c) Any affiliating Organisation shall be required to have at least three of its members be Ordinary Members of the Club. The affiliating Organisation will be required to pay an annual fee, per head of its financial membership. Such fee to be set annually by the Committee of Management of the Club. The term of the affiliation shall be on an annual basis with the year ending to coincide with the Club accounting period. All other terms and conditions of affiliation shall be set by mutual agreement and entered as minutes of the Club Committee of Management meetings.

17. PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE:

Delete part (a) and insert the following:-

(a) At meetings of the Club the following only shall be entitled to vote, namely Life Members and financial Ordinary Members.

25. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Renumber this Clause to become Clause 26.

26. EXPULSIONS:

Renumber this Clause to become Clause 27.

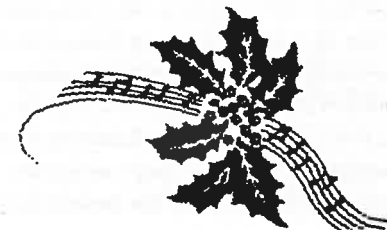
5. Insert Clause 25, as follows:-

25. NON - PROFIT:

The assets and income of the Club shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the Members of the Club except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Club.

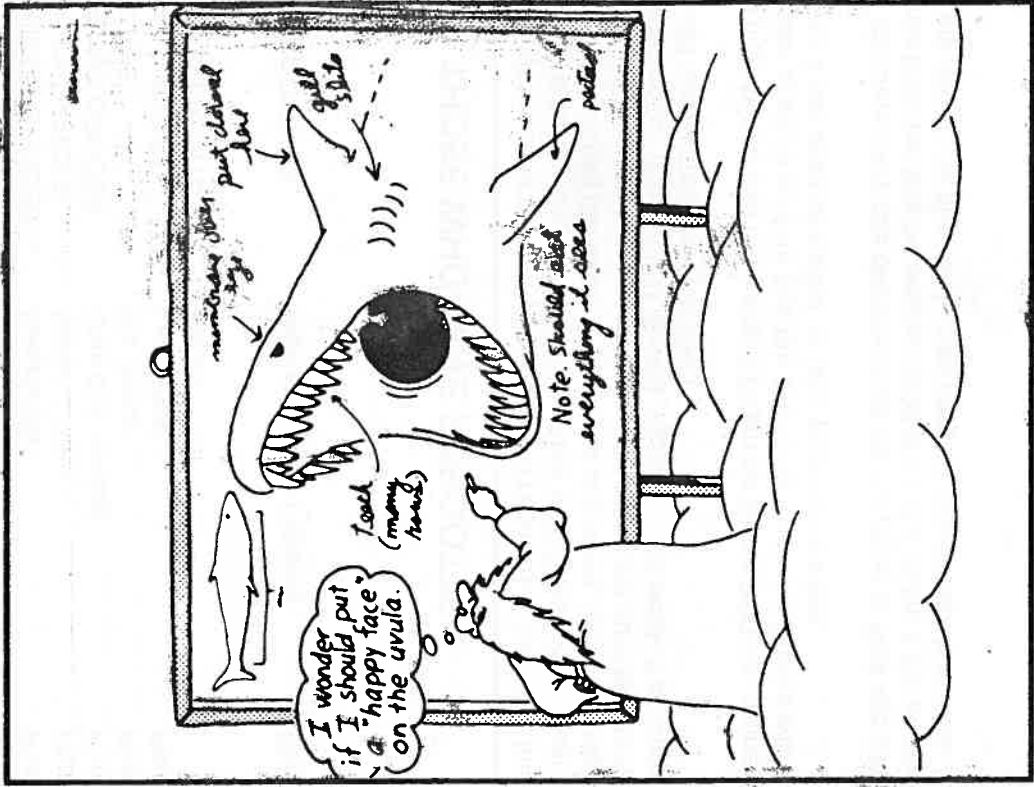
The motion to adopt the above changes will be put at the January general meeting of the Club, which will be held on 17/1/94.

Hon. Secretary.



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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN

Just a reminder for those of you who haven't booked on for a dive for a while. The procedure for booking on is to phone Nick and Sharon Wasley on 364 8059 at some stage during the week. If there is no one home, the answering machine will be on. In this case, leave your name, contact phone number and when you are booking on for. (Even if you leave a message each week, it is appreciated if you will still leave your phone number.)

The night before your dive, after 7:00 pm but before 9:00 pm, phone the Wasley's number again to confirm that the dive is on. Nick and Sharon will leave a message if it has been cancelled, or take your confirmation.

For the crew - Any late changes must be conveyed to Nick and Sharon. Please advise Nick and Sharon between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm if the weather conditions etc are OK for the dive, and when phoning, collect names of those booked on.

Club Calendar

January
 Sunday 16 Dive Swirl Reef - depart 8:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Kerry
 Monday 17 Working Bee at Pier 21 to renew Anti-fouling on "JE"
 Contact Glen if you can help. Ph 370 2043
 Monday 17 **GENERAL MEETING** - at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm
 PLEASE ATTEND THIS ONE
 Sunday 23 Cray Dive - Rottnest - depart 8:00am Skipper: Barry DO: Ron
 HAVE YOU GOT YOUR CRAY LICENSE?

Wednesday 26 **SKY SHOW** Refer to Social Scene for details.

Sunday 30 More Crays! - Rotto - depart 8:00am Skipper: Rich DO: Geoff

February

Sunday 6 Dive Martin's Arches - depart 8:00am Skipper: Glen DO: Judy

Monday 7 Committee Meeting - at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm

Friday 11 **VALENTINES CRUISE** - Contact Larry Park 398 5597

Sunday 13 Dive Rottnest North - depart 8:00am Skipper: Peter DO: Ainslie

Sunday 20 Dive Jackson Rocks - depart 8:00am Skipper: Dennis DO: Maree

Monday 21 General Meeting at the Clubrooms - 8:00pm

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquires. **DO NOT RING THE CREW.**
 Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle.

Cover Story: God designs the Great White Shark

DROPPING A LINE

December 24, 1993, about 11:00 pm. Off to bed with great anticipation. OH! What will Santa bring this year. I have tried so hard to be good all year. (I didn't always succeed, but I DID try!)

December 25, 1993, about 8:00 am. Out of bed, anticipation having not been slept away, tear downstairs and check out the Christmas tree. Eyes wide with disbelief! Nothing new to my eyes! What is this? Some conspiracy? Ah well, might as well pop in next door and get the presents left there for the family. Then might as well go and pick up the kid who is to have Chrissie dinner at home. Arrive home sometime before lunch. Oh! Such surprise! Santa must have been running late, because he called in while I was out! There, next to the tree, was an almost two metre long present for ME! After all the frantic tearing of paper and squeals of joy and delight by all family members, I was at last able to sit back and play with my beaut new blue and gold deep sea FISHING ROD! Of course it came complete with new Reel, already loaded with 40lb line. Can't wait to give it a good try out. January 3, 1994, about 4:00 am. Alarm buzzes in ear. Have I already had five hours sleep? I'm sure it was 5 minutes. Drag the body out of bed, stagger to the bathroom. The shower helps to revive the brain a little, to the extent that HEY! I'm going FISHING today! Bewdy! Race around the house, throwing on some clothes, packing some food into the esky. Don't forget the bait. Got the landing net? Don't forget the thermos of coffee. What about the dog? She'll be right. Let's go! Light southeasterlies accompany us out from the harbour as we head out in the dawn light, quickly becoming daylight. The boat heads for the south end of Rottnest.

January 3, 1994, about 10:30 am. I am wondering why Santa gave me a fishing rod. Especially one with a reel that tangles my line and doesn't catch anything. Not even a nibble. Santa, you are not my favourite person right now.

January 3, 1994, about 10:45 am. Bang! What the heck has hit my line? Wow! I start to reel it in. Something on the end is trying to pull me into the water. (Maybe it is Santa, who had read my mind). I struggle with my new reel, trying frantically to wind this monster of the deep on board, seeking help from my hero skipper. (He didn't have to make it look THAT easy)

As my fish, my first fish with my new rod, came up to the side of the boat, I deftly whipped the landing net under him and lifted him on board. What a beauty. A Jewfish. A Jewfish which had lost its baby stripes (only just, but don't mind that). A real fish on my new rod. What a christening!

I was really pleased to have my Jewie, as after that, all I caught was a small black arsed cod.

I'm going to go fishing again soon.
Thanks Santa.

Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

Well folks, things in the U.E.C. may be looking up as the summer season starts in earnest. A few successful dive trips and some good weather is all we need to surge ahead. There may be some good news on the administration front as well with a good deal in respect of the Clubroom leasing possibly in the offing. At this stage I must plead 'Commercial sensitivity' and refrain from giving details here, but you can find out all about it at our January meeting on the 17th. If it comes off we may not only receive a good rental income but be able to use the Clubrooms at nights and weekends and keep our gear there as well. Too good to be true - well let's keep our fingers crossed!

This January meeting is also very important for the Club, as we will be voting on proposed amendments to the constitution detailed in your last magazine. We must make a special effort to be at that meeting to make the vote truly representative of the Membership. Having just over a quorum as we have done for the last two meetings is not really good enough for such important business and very demotivating for the workers of the Club. Therefore lets make a special effort to be present at this meeting.

Our new Boating Officer Glen has taken to his job with great enthusiasm and no doubt you will already have seen the effect of his fresh approach - a change is as good as a holiday, an old adage which can turn sour if we don't keep up our support of not only Glen, but all our committee members who need help from the general membership to do their jobs fully. In Glen's case the boat will be put up on the hard standing at Pier 21 on Monday, January 17 for a quick anti-fouling and clean up and he will need many hands to help him finish the job as quickly as possible. This is a classic case of 'time means money' and we need to spend as little of it as possible!

Finally a plea for one more committee member. In this case the all important job of magazine editor. We have an urgent need to fill this position as it fulfils one of the most important functions of the Club, that of communication and compliance with our constitutional requirements under the terms of the Club's Incorporation.

It can be an exacting and frustrating job at times but one which is most rewarding and puts the incumbent right up front and in the know of all Club activities. To make the job easier and to preserve the very high standards of our current magazine, Glen and Judy have volunteered to do the technical work of producing the master copy, leaving the photocopying and posting to the new editor. The editor will also have the job of collecting, collating and

deciding order, layout and what actually goes into the magazine as is traditional. He/She would then give this to Glen and Judy to produce the master for photo copying.

Magazine Editor is a committee position and as such requires the incumbent to share in the joys and tribulations of the Club Management. If any one is interested please contact me as soon as possible. I would also welcome even mild expressions of interest and will be only too pleased to discuss more fully what is required with any such interested members.
Cheers Folks! Stubby.

The Social Scene

Larry Park

Just a reminder and to advise you of a couple of changes -

The SKYSHOW will proceed on WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26. We will be departing from East Street Jetty at 3:00 pm, and will do further pickups at Royal Perth Yacht Club at 4:00 pm. Please phone me before Wednesday to advise which departure point serves you best. The cost will be \$20.00 per head to cover Chicken, Salad, Nibbles and a complementary glass (or plastic) of champagne. Otherwise BYO booze.

The VALENTINES CRUISE will be on Friday, February 11, not 14 as previously advertised. A theme of Red and White dress. Catering will be as for the Skyshow Saturday March 19 1994 - Family Fishing Day & BBQ. Fishing for Herring and the like around Garden Island, and a BBQ lunch on the Island. BYO fishing tackle, bait, food and drinks.

Saturday April 9 1994 - Progressive Dinner - Come along for a good time. As usual the cost will be \$25.00 per head.

Once again, I am still open to suggestions from you. We will try anything (within reason) once, and all I really want to achieve is that YOU have a lot of fun.

Boating Bits

Glen Collingwood

The main news of the month is that on January 17, that's right, this coming Monday the UE will be going up on "the hard" to have her nappy changed. Well, at least we'll clean her bottom, re-coat her with anti-foul, replace the anodes and generally do a bit of maintenance. Then back in the water on the 20th.

Mostly it's the anti-fouling and the replacement of the two rear engine mounts that need to be done at this time. The various other bits and pieces will be done if time allows. If I can get the promised materials in time I'll install the much talked about Life Jacket Lockers. We can but hope.

There really is a lot to do to make the most of this slipping so any assistance that you can offer will be gratefully received. Please ring me (370 2043 at home or 481 3774 at work) to offer your help. She comes out of the water at Pier 21 at 9:30am so by lunch time she should be clean and dry enough to work on. It's TLC time folks.

On a different tack. On my last few days as skipper it has been my pleasure to be involved in the continued training of three of our trainee skippers. Bob, Luc and Geoff; it's good to see you guys out there getting that all important experience.

And yet a slightly different tack. This time a whinge. We all know that Crew enjoy a few perks that most other Club divers don't. Well, what we (and here I mean, "We, the Crew") seem to have forgotten is that the perks are a reward for the extra effort involved in crewing. It seems to me that the Skipper of the day really has his work cut out for him. There really isn't a time when he can relax until the day is over. The concentration and attention go with the job; and because of the special skills that the skipper brings to the job there is not often opportunity for any one else on board to ease the load. Now that's fine. There is a joy in providing a successful days diving. My complaint is that too many DOs are letting all those willing volunteers do the nasty bits of the job for them. You know the nasty bits; retrieving the anchor, tidying up the boat, tying up and all those other boaty bits that someone else will do if you slack off. Come on guys; earn your perks (or else relinquish them). Oh! by the way. If you're not sure if you're one of the lazy ones then ask me. I'll be happy to tell you

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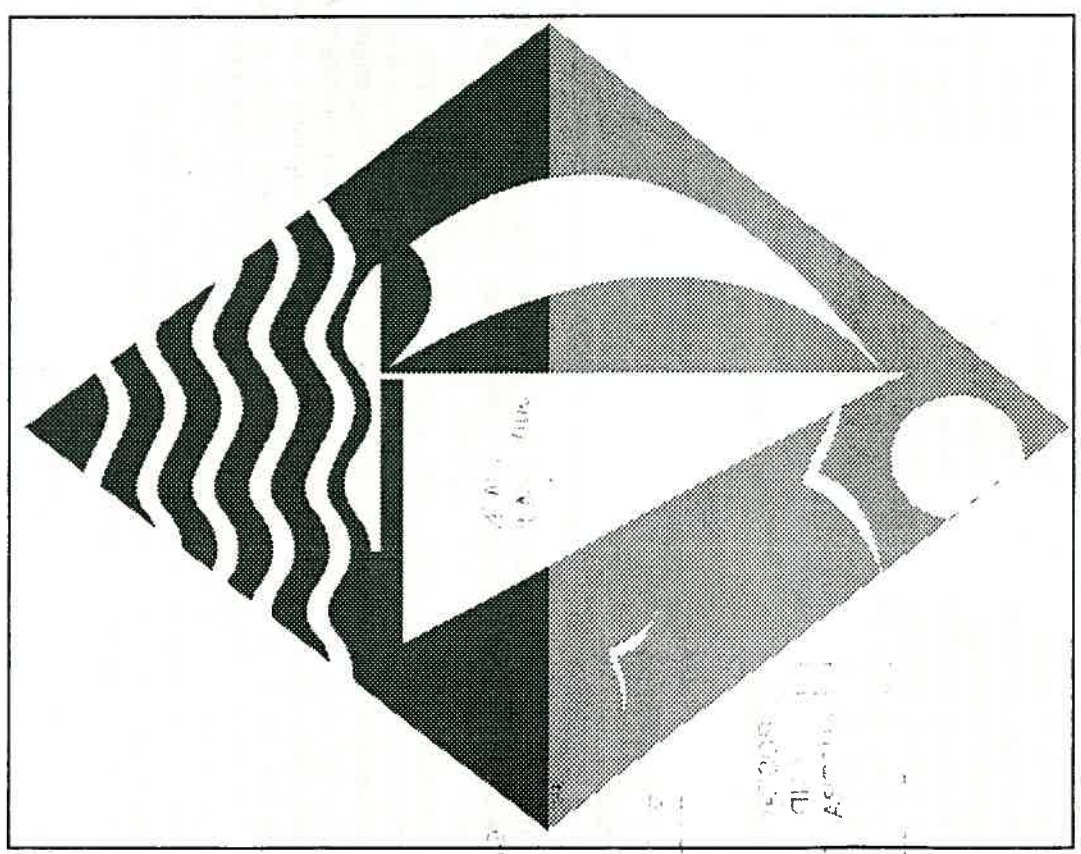
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Editorial

The magazine has been edited by a bit of a consortium this month and a new computer programme and operator - all rather halting lead by yours truly. I hope we can maintain some semblance of the quality and standard set by Glen and Judy. Fortunately this particular computer/printer combo is fairly advanced, which will allow a reasonable presentation without taking up much time or programming genius.

The main thing is to keep the magazine going as a vital communication for the membership, so I hope you will understand if we keep it a short and to the point, no frills publication - until we find an Editor to take the pressure off what is unfortunately, becoming a one man band in this Club! As you will appreciate this not a healthy situation at any time, apart from the risk of working such members to destruction, the Club risks losing some its true democratic spirit under the pressures to get things done - and this of course absolutely not on!

D. Stubberfield and 'Production crew'!



Club Calendar

FEBRUARY

Monday 21-2-94	General Meeting	Clubrooms
Saturday 26-2-94	"Reunion" dive Carnac West	Skipper: Dennis DO: Maree
Sunday 27-2-94	Swirl Reef	Skipper: Dennis DO: Maree
Monday 28-2-94	Boat leaves for Rottnest a.m.	Skipper: Peter

MARCH

Friday 4-3-94	Boat leaves for Rottnest p.m.	Skipper: Dennis
Saturday 5-3-94		
Sunday 6-3-94	LONG WEEK END AT ROTTNEST	
Monday 7-3-94	Boat leaves for FREQO p.m.	Skipper: Peter
Saturday 12-3-94	Boat leaves for FREQO a.m.	Skipper: Dennis

Sunday 13-3-94	West End	Skipper: RichardDO: Kerry
Monday 14-3-94	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms
Saturday 19-3-94	Fishing Trip	Skipper: Peter
Sunday 20-3-94	Angela's Cave	Skipper: Barry DO: Brian
Monday 21-3-94	General Meeting	Clubrooms
Sunday 27-3-94	Straggler Rocks	Skipper: Peter DO: Geoff

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquiries.
DO NOT RING THE CREW.
 Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle at 8.00 a.m.

Cover Story:- There isn't one! This is a computer picture called "Summer"

Rottnest 1994

Maree

At last! it's on again, that great escape, that payoff for all the hard years work, that pilgrimage - I refer of course to the annual Rottnest week and weekend in March, which is only a couple of weeks away!

Unfortunately, or fortunately, for some lucky people, we have had a late cancellation for the week prior and the week after, THE LONG WEEKEND.

If you find that you can cadge some leave from work and DESPERATELY need a couple of weeks of total relaxation, mixed with diving, fishing socialising - and who doesn't - give me a call on 457 3333.

For the rest of the crew coming over for THE long week end, I've listed the main things you need to bring below:-

1. Dive gear, including 2 FULL cylinders, IN test please!
 2. Sleeping bag or a pair of sheets, plus a pillow case(s)
 3. Cutlery - fighting irons are NOT provided.
 4. Clothing (If you wish - we don't mind if you don't but the other tourists may be a bit uptight about it!)
 5. Special foods, drinks, medication (eg 'Kwells) or treats:- such as choocs, for me and a bottle of 1988 Metala cab sav for the ancient mariner!
 6. LABELS Please have all you gear and things labelled - personalised waterproof tags for cylinders and dive gear are a must and are available for \$2 per set of 4 from Mel (ring me with you requirements and how you like your name spell!)
- It's not enough for you to know your own gear - we all have to know it too!

The boat will pick up on Friday evening, March 4th from CHALLENGER Harbour (not East street) next to the oil rig escape training facility at the western end of the marina. We leave at 6.15 pm, or earlier if all are present. Please have tea organised, if not eaten, because the Friday night meal is not provided! The boat will return you to Fremantle on Monday 7th, about mid-afternoon.

This year we will be staying in Geordie Bay, cottages 437, 438, & 440. I will draw up final details of accommodation and advise everyone on their arrival. We will also have a quick meeting or 'council of war' after you settle in to thrash out some housekeeping rules and your itinerary preferences.

If you have any queries regarding the WEEKEND, please call me before the 28th February. (because I'll be basking in Rottnest sunshine or catching my usual Jewish after that date).

In the meantime, I will be contacting some of you for payment and will be seeing you at the February General Club meeting on the 21st, or when you arrive at Rottnest.

Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

This month takes us well into the diving season and at last some good diving weather, just what we need to rejuvenate the Club. Now is the time to take every advantage of the season and get in as much diving and boat usage as possible, with the boat in good shape and virtually no inhibiting factors. It's been "West End" weather for the last two weeks folks so and conditions seem good for the immediate future. Lets leave the fund raising and renovating and such mundane stuff till the winter when we can't dive - or at least till the next spate of bad weather. Noticeable lately has been a pattern of strong easterlies in the morning, which abate by mid morning leaving calm conditions right through to late afternoon when the sea breeze finally freshens, but without its usual early summer bluster. I would suggest that if we are prepared to stay out a little longer in the day, we will be richly rewarded with superb diving which the early morning easterly tends to delay.

I suppose every silver lining has its cloud and at this moment we also have ours, with the loss of our boating officer and hard working Club member Glen Collingwood, who has decided to move to south Australia. The loss of such a key member of the Committee, our Vice President and Boating Officer, and a hard working Club person is a blow to us at this time when we need all the help we can get.

We wish Glen all the very best, and on behalf of the Club and the membership thank him for the outstanding effort and enormous amount of time, money and sweat he has given to the Club and therefore to us personally, over the past 4 or so years he has been in Perth. A great effort, much appreciated, he will be missed.

This means we need a new Boating Officer and Vice President, both of which may be appointed by the Committee to serve the rest of the Club financial year. These appointments will be discussed at the February general meeting and any thoughts which come out of that discussion will be taken into account when the committee makes the appointments. However, before we can appoint anybody we must have a willing candidate and I urge you to think about the possibility of holding office in the Club and phone me with any expressions of interest or questions you may have. We desperately need to fill the vacancies for Magazine Editor, Boating Officer and Vice President, all of whom will have plenty of help from the membership and the committee to settle in. We may even have to have a "Cabinet reshuffle" so to speak, to cover the more vital positions adequately with the existing Committee members, if we can't fill the vacancies.

Don't grind your hard workers into the ground, come forward and give us a hand. Your Club needs you - Now!

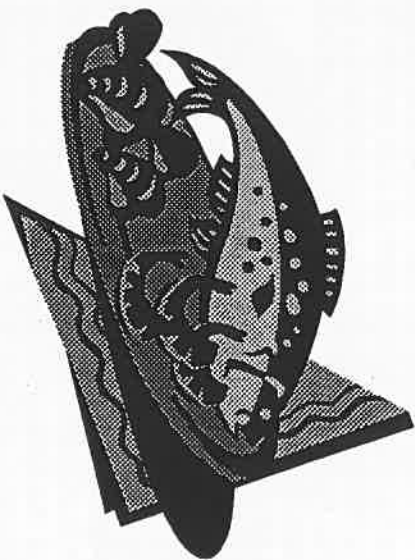


Diving Report

Ron Phonemyint

We had some excellent diving weather in the past month, but the Club Boat is still not going out with a full complement. There is still much good diving weather ahead of us and I would like to see the Boat full on Sundays. Remember if you have enough divers and a Skipper and D.O. we can arrange for you to take the Boat out any time during the week except for Sundays and booked Saturdays. If you wish to arrange a dive trip during the week please contact me. I am still looking for more trainee Dive Officers. If you are interested (even a little bit) **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU**. We will provide you with any additional training at minimum cost.

The Boat is now leaving from **EAST STREET JETTY**. If you have booked for a dive please go to East Street Jetty not Left Bank.



NEWS & COMMENT ON FISHERIES by Dennis Stubberfield

The new rules regarding size limits for crayfish are proving to be somewhat complicated and seemingly difficult for us amateur fishermen to comprehend.

The minimum legal size for Western Rock lobster, up till the 1st of February is 77millimetres and after that for the rest of the season reverts back to 76 millimetres. One may ask, what difference is 1mm going to make - the answer is quite a lot as it may make the difference between spawning or not spawning. This means having two gauges (or guessing the extra 1mm).

It also means some very irresponsible, greedy and unscrupulous, dumb professional fishermen have been able to rot the system. They catch the 76mm crays before the 1st of February and hold them in tanks, pots or whatever till after that date when they can be sold legally!

This is obviously not what the Fisheries Dept. intended and is quite illegal! According to a recent article in the West Australian Fisheries Inspectors have caught and will prosecute a number of professionals for doing just this.

Considering the vilification and sometimes blatant persecution heaped on the amateur by the Industry this is outrageous and I hope incurs very severe penalties. I hope it isn't just the tip of the iceberg either!

It is also pretty stupid, since the fishery is reported to be down to about 20% of its original stocks and there is a real risk of destroying a multi-million dollar export Industry for the majority of the "good guys" in the professional arena, to say nothing of the local job losses and the amateur needs! We amateurs are only credited with about 3% of the catch and could do nothing to influence it even if we didn't catch another cray!

I know amateurs, in view of this, feel we have been given a raw deal when it comes to cray fish bag limits and capture means - and we probably have - but we cannot use this to justify abuses of the system (as some of us may have done in the past) with the fishery in such a precarious position. Those days are long gone. Furthermore, we lose an enormous amount of credibility and sympathy if we do blatantly abuse the system as one group at Rottnest were caught doing recently. This bunch of dumb vandals were seen blatantly pillaging the reefs off Longreach Bay with giddies and Fisheries nailed them with breaking every rule in the book!

How can we possibly defend ourselves as an amateur group if we seen doing such things, and we will be seen, because Fisheries as well as the general public simply won't sit by and allow it. Inspectors are making a big effort to protect the fishery and at least two Club Members have had boat and gear thoroughly searched during routine operations, both at sea and at the ramp.

So do not be tempted to break the rules as the risk of prosecution is very high indeed and you do great damage to the amateur cause, contribute to the destruction of the fishery and cop a heavy penalty! Club Skippers have strict instructions from your committee of management, apart from other normal requirements, to check all size and quantities of fish brought on board and ensure the rules are not broken.

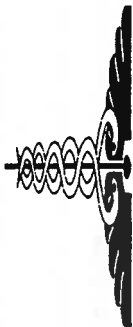
Safety Report

Maree Casley

This is my first report for some time so it is safe to assume that until now I haven't needed to give any gentle reminders.

An incident on a recent dive highlighted the need for all of us to "Plan our Dive and Dive our Plan". Several divers went very close to their times, when they found a hole and decided to investigate. This reduced their bottom times and although they returned to the boat within the time specified by the D.O., they had not taken into account the deeper depth attained. For those of us who don't dive with a computer it is essential to have a contingency plan in the event that a deeper depth is encountered, or better still, take a set of tables down with you. The D.O. of the day can only give you a guide as to depth - it is the responsibility of each diver to be vigilant of their bottom times and depth and to modify their dive profile accordingly.

Another aspect of diving procedure that needs attention is tidiness. As soon as possible after your dive is completed, your gear has to be stowed away. Tardiness in aspect can have several undesirable repercussions for both your gear and other divers. So please put your gear away promptly. Until my next report safe diving.



Building Blocks

Ric Young

As reported in the last magazine and at the last general meetings, the Club is embarking on a rental arrangement for the Clubrooms, on a 'pay as you use', 'as required basis'. The agreement is with a small private company, which carries out safety training courses and provides for the 'tenant' to keep his gear secured at the at the Clubrooms and run daytime courses, (and perhaps later on a selected few week nights - excluding Mondays). We will not visit the Clubroom when these courses are run (Our sign will be covered by his at these times) but other than that we have our usual unrestricted access - except of course to our tenants property. A great arrangement and one which we believe will give us the best of both worlds - some much needed revenue and our Clubrooms.

With this in mind, a hardy group of members got together for a big spring clean. You will notice a few changes next time you visit the Clubrooms. It is now a lot neater and cleaner - the carpet even received a shampoo! Many thanks to all who helped, especially Larry, who practically did all the work on his own to start with and inspired us to great heights with his example.

There are locks on both the storeroom and the large Fridge for security reasons. Now that the Clubrooms have been spruced up its up to us all to make the effort to keep it that way as I'm sure you will when you see how great it looks!



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Boating Bitts

Glen Collingwood

Yet again I report to you from Adelaide. This time, however, as a result of several personal and employment reversals over the last several months, I have taken the decision to move to Adelaide permanently. Therefore I have, regrettably, resigned my position as Boating Officer of the Club and this report will, as a result, be my last. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the U.E.C., both as an ordinary member and, over the last few years, as a member of the Committee of Management. It is with a sad heart that I have to say goodbye.

However, to business. The baby is back in the water after a brief slipping, as most of you will be aware. Sporting a fine coat of anti-foul she went back in on Friday, 21 January. I was able to perform a temporary installation of the toilet and I trust that it worked well for the Sky Show and indeed will continue to work well for the foreseeable future. I was also able to complete most of the installation of the Life Jacket lockers. With the fitting of doors (cut from the remainder of the material) this work will be complete.

The bad news is that the echo sounder has "carked it". Dennis will have more details for you in due course regarding the future of the existing unit and/or it's replacement.

I have very little else to say as it is, of course, no longer my concern. However, please remember that you all have my best wishes always. The Club has as much potential today as it did at conception. It's just a matter of finding a way to realise that potential. And remember, the "Underwater Explorer" is a fine vessel that will serve you far into the future. Love her well.

And so my friends, it's now goodbye. I will always remember you fondly.

Editorial Note: We have traded in the old echo sounder along with all our old electronic "junk" and the sounder, donated by Life Member Ken Kennedy, for a new Kodon 6" colour sounder similar to, but better than, the G.M.E. we sold with our old "U.E." The deal was exceptionally advantageous to the Club but for reasons of "commercial confidentiality" details cannot be published here. Come to the February meeting and all the interesting gossip and wheeling and dealing will be revealed!

A short boat slipping occurred at Pier 21, to fit the new sounder transducers and those concerned who responded to our appeals for expertise and help, are herewith gratefully thanked for their assistance.



The Social Scene

Larry Park

The Sky Show, now that was a show, 28 showed up and made me feel that it was worth organising. We made a little money for the Club, but more importantly a great time was had by all who attended. Thanks to the Guys' that installed the toilet and the new storage for our life jackets (which gave us more cabin room) and for making sure the boat was ready for us.

A very special thanks to our Skipper for getting us there and for getting us in to a great position (which could not have been bettered through a reservation) how he managed to get us back so fast I'll never know but the home trip seemed to take no time at all. A big thanks to Dennis!!

was great to catch up with almost forgotten faces (like Karen) and great to see children on the boat enjoying themselves. I can only assume you all enjoyed dinner as it all seemed to disappear with nothing really left over.

Time flies when you're having fun Larry! Ed.

What for the Future:-

Friday February 11 Will be cancelled as I have only 4 bookings! and it needs more than that to make it happen, sorry Barry! (all four were yours). [The cancellation is of the Valentine cruise not Friday the 11th!]

Saturday February 19 This fishing trip is almost booked out with only 2 positions vacant, come on give me a ring, I only need 2 more!

Sunday March 6 This is the clean up day and so far we have only two divers. Are there any more interested parties? I have to know early for planning purposes.

Saturday March 19 Another fishing trip, as advertised, ring me and book yourself on, it will be a great day!!

If we are going to have a Progressive Dinner in April, as planned, I have to have the reservations in so I can book the bus. For those that have been on past one's, you know what to expect, for those that have not been on one, you're missing a great night!

Since I am now not operating solely from home, those who wish to contact me, can do so through:-

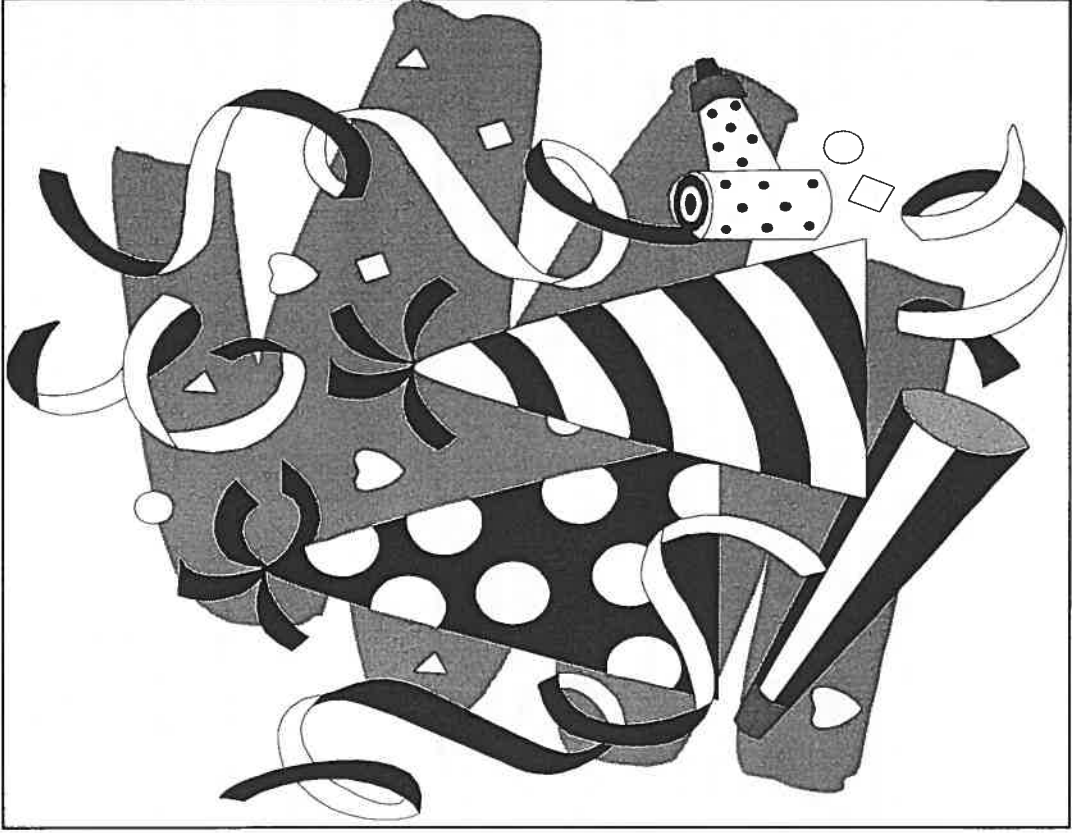
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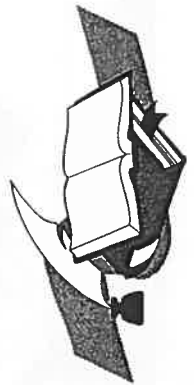
This month the magazine is late because all the Club workers were away at Rottneest having a well earned rest, apart from organising and fund raising for the Club! Well if you are going to have to do it you might as well enjoy it as much as you can!....the fund raising I mean!

Those members who attend the March general meeting will get their mag. then and whats left over will be posted out.

Maree has done most of the typing and editing this month while I tried to get the master copy produced on a motley collection of computers and printers. Fortunately Larry has organised the printing for **free**, from his workplace - or actually for the price of a back page advert for his employer. Since our benefactor has nothing to do with commercial diving and thus does not compromise our independence we are delighted to assist Mr L J Hooker in this way! Meanwhile we are still looking for a **proper** magazine editor who now has a production person to make the master copy **and** a printer to produce it, to assist them - surely with such high quality help this will induce someone to take it on!

Cheers folks !

M. Casley and 'Production crew'!



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Club Calendar

MARCH

Sunday 27-3-94 Jackson Rock

Skipper: Peter DO: Judy
Crew Mike Spearman

APRIL

Friday 1-4-94 Easter Long weekend:- to be advised.

Sunday 3-4-94 Dive Trip:- West End

Skipper: Barry D.O.Ainslie
Crew Geoff. Charlton

Tuesday 5-4-94 Committee Meeting

Clubrooms.

Sunday 10-4-94 Straggler Rocks

Skipper: Dennis D.O.Maree
Crew Ross Cooper

Sunday 17-4-94 Roe Reef

Skipper: Richard DO: Brian
Crew Luc Fauvet

Monday 18-4-94 General Meeting

Clubrooms

Sunday 24-4-94 Kingston Spit

Skipper: Dennis DO: Kerry
Crew Bob McLauchlan

Monday 25-4-94 Anzac Day. To be Advised.

Sunday 1-5-94 Radar Reef

Skipper: Peter DO: Ron
Crew Mike Spearman

Monday 2-5-94 Committee Meeting

Clubrooms.

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DO NOT RING THE CREW.

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Cover:- This is another computer picture called "Party"

Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

The annual Rottnest bash is over and we've had our holiday - considering how time dragged before we were due to leave it's just not fair that it flew by so quickly. My first 3 days back at work felt like three weeks! The Rottnest in March, 1994 was a great success, earning some much needed revenue, and was marked by the best weather overall that we can remember - that's a change.

However, the general Club diving scene has slumped to an all time low despite the good holiday attendance, because the dive trips both before and after "Rottnest in March" were cancelled due to lack of numbers. This is a bad thing for the Club as it illustrates just how short of regular divers we are. Our top priority must be recruitment of members - the more we have the more diving days we achieve and the cheaper our involvement in the Club and diving becomes. Not that we always want the cheapest but to be a regular and **frequent** diver (regular can mean only once per year) one needs a sack full of money these days and it is one major advantage and attraction to the diving public that we have. The other the is safe, interesting diving among a cheerful and caring crowd. Humans tend to be social animals and that last point cannot be too strongly put. The **absolute** single most attractive thing we can offer is the company of others as cheerful, safe, attractive, and interesting as ourselves! Therefore when we do get the opportunity to entertain guests and potential new members we must go out of our way to welcome them and make them feel at home. We have, sadly, mucked up our chances in this respect on occasions and I wish to exhort you all here and now to pay particular attention to this aspect of our operations.

You may ask why I seem to have picked on this of all topics right now! Well it was as a result of going on our recently held "**reunion**" dive. This was a spectacular event for us all and it was because we, the regular and frequent divers, on that dive went out of our way to make it the best dive ever for our old mates. It worked, and the key comment was "it was great to be back and hear laughter and joy on the boat once again".

This is not to imply that I think we have lost our image for having fun (at least not entirely) but it is something that always seems to be last on the list of what makes a good dive Club! I say lets make it **first**, and I know we will be richly rewarded - and we can still have safe and interesting diving.



Secretary's Scribblings

Geoff Charlton

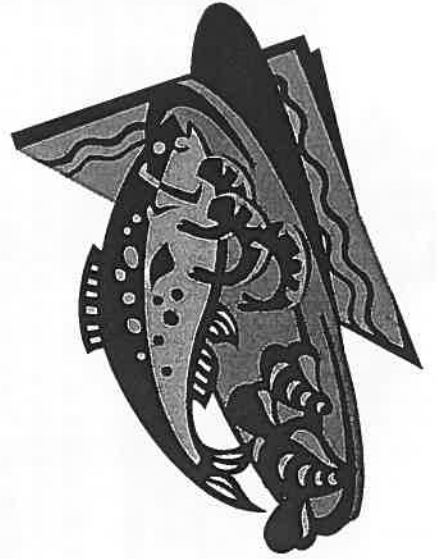
It was agreed to rescind the Club's current policy on emergency procedures in relation to lost divers and allow the Skippers and DO's to use their discretion in taking appropriate action. Guidelines will be established at the next Skippers and DO's meeting.

Diving Report

The Club boat had a busy month with it being over at Rotto for 2 weeks, a fishing trip and a reunion dive for 14 old and long-standing members at Geordie Bay caves followed by a picnic.

The weather over the past month has been fairly good and with low swells we had some good diving conditions that should continue for the next couple of months. So if you are thinking of going for a dive now is a good time and take advantage of the good weather. I am looking for a list of divers to go on a night dive at short notice for those nights when the weather is too good to ignore.

I am also arranging a dive trip to Busselton Jetty on a weekend late in the year. The cost will be minimal and places will go quickly so interested people should ring me on 417 4140.



Rottnest 1994 the report

Maree

Wow! What a great weekend we had. The weather was perfect - probably the best weather we have had for a long weekend. The good conditions allowed us to do some excellent dives, Swirl Reef, Angela's Cave, Roe Reef and a really eerie dive at the West End on the last day. I think everyone would agree that it was just a little bit spooky but fantastic all the same. This year we had the cylinders that had been filled at Dive, Ski and Surf delivered to our Villa and this turned out to be so much more convenient than in previous years where getting cylinders was a real problem. The usual plan of barbequeing at one of the Villas had to be abandoned this year because of a total fire ban on the Island so we all ate down at the shelter at Geordie Bay. It took a bit longer because everyone else had the same idea but it was a lot better than eating raw porterhouse.

As usual, the success of the weekend relied on everyone pitching in and doing their bit. Thanks to everyone for preparing salads and nibbles for the evening meal and a big thank you to those people that voluntarily gave up a half day of their holiday to Skipper and DO. Without you, the weekend would not be the success that it is every year. There is tons of gossip also but because I am typing this with 2 fingers and I am shortly going to turn into a pumpkin (some say I already have) I'm not going to tell you. So there.

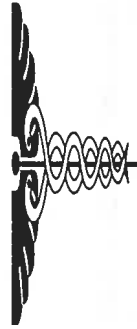
Accommodation at Rottnest for next year's long weekend is now non-existent. We secured the last 3 Villas on the Island thanks to Bill and Sharon getting in and doing a booking for us. Unfortunately, they are only 2 bedroom villas, which means that next year we can only accommodate 18 people maximum. We have booked 2 villas for 2 weeks so we will be able to have more people stay over before and after the weekend. I have already started to take bookings but I need a deposit beforehand. These bookings are costing the Club \$1200 so we need to recoup the money as soon as possible. See me at the next general meeting with money in hand and a berth is yours. Space is already filling up for this one - so be quick.

Safety Report

Maree Casley

You will be aware after reading Geoff's note that the Club is going to allow Skippers and DO's more discretion in calling on emergency aid in the situation of a lost diver. This is as a result of a recent incident where 2 divers were considerably over the allotted dive time. On this occasion it was decided to delay calling for aid because of several factors eg. the extreme shallowness of the dive , the dive site , the fact that 2 divers were "missing" and the experience of the people involved. As it transpires it was the right decision as the divers eventually returned safe and sound. They had forgotten to look at their watch. Nevertheless, there were some nerve-wracking moments as we all waited and worried for their safety. However, this situation highlights the need for crew to be given more flexibility in these types of situation. The Club would have been very embarrassed if we had made an emergency call. This relaxation on time constraints for the crew in no way diminishes the divers responsibility to abide by the directions of the DO for the day . All divers can still assume that in the normal course of events emergency assistance will be called for if they are late returning from a dive. Especially if only 1 of the pair returns.

Just a quick note also on safety on the boat. At the last general meeting several people complained about the location of the radar in the wheelhouse. Until we got the new echo sounder, this was the only place where it could be located and as soon as time permits it will be relocated. In the meantime for those of you that are not height disadvantaged remember to duck your head! It is also a good idea to remove your hat before entering the wheelhouse as your vision can be obscured. Just ask Larry - he managed to not only crack the sun screen on the radar but also his head. Now we all know just how thin-skinned he really is - on his head at least that is. Until next month safe diving.



Building Blocks

Ric Young

There is little to report regarding our Clubrooms this month except to mention that the duel use of the Clubrooms by the UEC and a private company involved in industrial safety training is working well with no problems to date.

The Clubrooms was also the kicking off point for the annual Rottneest pilgrimage that the UEC makes. An intrepid group of members assembled there on Monday 28.2.94 with all manner of paraphernalia ranging from the expected scuba gear to bicycles, bottles of dubious liquid and an inflatable mattress, or was it a doll?
 Anyway, with a minimum of fuss all this equipment was loaded (you could tell that some members were old hands at packing equipment) and transported down to Challenger Harbour and transferred to the Underwater Explorer for the journey to Rottneest. On the way to the island a large leatherback turtle was observed swimming on the surface creating great interest and anticipation for the further sighting exotic creatures during the next couple of weeks diving.

My expectations were fulfilled with terrific diving at such places as the West End, Angela's Cave and Victoria Station. All in all a marvellous time was had by all.



Boating Bitts

Dennis Stubberfield

Not much to report this month, which is usually a good sign that all is well. That is indeed the case and the boat performed very well running backwards and forwards to rotnest about half a dozen times. Crew work, of particular importance on these trips, was especially good with all taking advantage of the occasion to get plenty of practice. Some of those many jetty landings were pretty hairy at the start of the rotnest holiday but by the end of it, were getting very slick indeed. The boat received a bottom clean in Geordie Bay and performed well mechanically and in sea handling. A couple of minor mechanical problems were discovered and will be dealt with in due course - but when is that not a fact of life! Overall, I am pleased to report our investment is in good shape and in good crew hands!



The Social Scene

Larry Park

Not much to report this month, but we've had fun on fishing trips, the reunion dive and at Rottnest bash. Fishing trips are the go it seems but we'll do anything you want just let me know! At this stage we dont have a particular social event planned as all the intended ones for the near future were cancelled for one good reason or another. However, you haven't heard the last of me this season, so watch this space for your next sally forth into social adventure!!

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

It is with a great deal of sadness that I report that one of our most revered members has recently undergone a very serious operation. You may remember Barry Kennedy - you recall the bloke with the black footy shorts, checked shirt and thongs - well he's virtually unrecognisable now. Although it cannot yet be classified as a complete success, the signs are certainly there. What am I referring to? - Barry's yuppyendectomy that's what! He is secretly turning into a yuppy. I believe he is quite embarrassed about the whole situation, however, news like this is just screaming out to be told.

This unfortunate turn of events came to my attention at the last general meeting when Barry was observed slinking into the Clubrooms clearly trying to conceal the offending (offensive?) device. When later questioned, he turned a deep shade of red as he explained that he needed it for work. Well, even to the untrained eye it didn't even closely resemble a bobcat or a tip truck and it was even too small to be a thermos flask. The offending item? - a mobile phone.

However, the news is not all grim. I am reliably informed that for elevation into the heady world of yuppydom to be wholly successful, certain other signs need to be observed. Briefly, if you see Barry wearing Country Road trousers and sports jackets, driving a BMW, or wearing Raybans, he is in deeper trouble than initially thought. Please, it behoves us all to be vigilant and report any further symptoms of the march of this insidious disorder. You never know, we may be able to save him after all.

"FOR SALE"

11.4 WC aluminium cylinder. As new condition date 11/91. Done very few dives, looks brand new and in test 2/94. Only \$200 ono. Ring Warren Cummins 337 8337.

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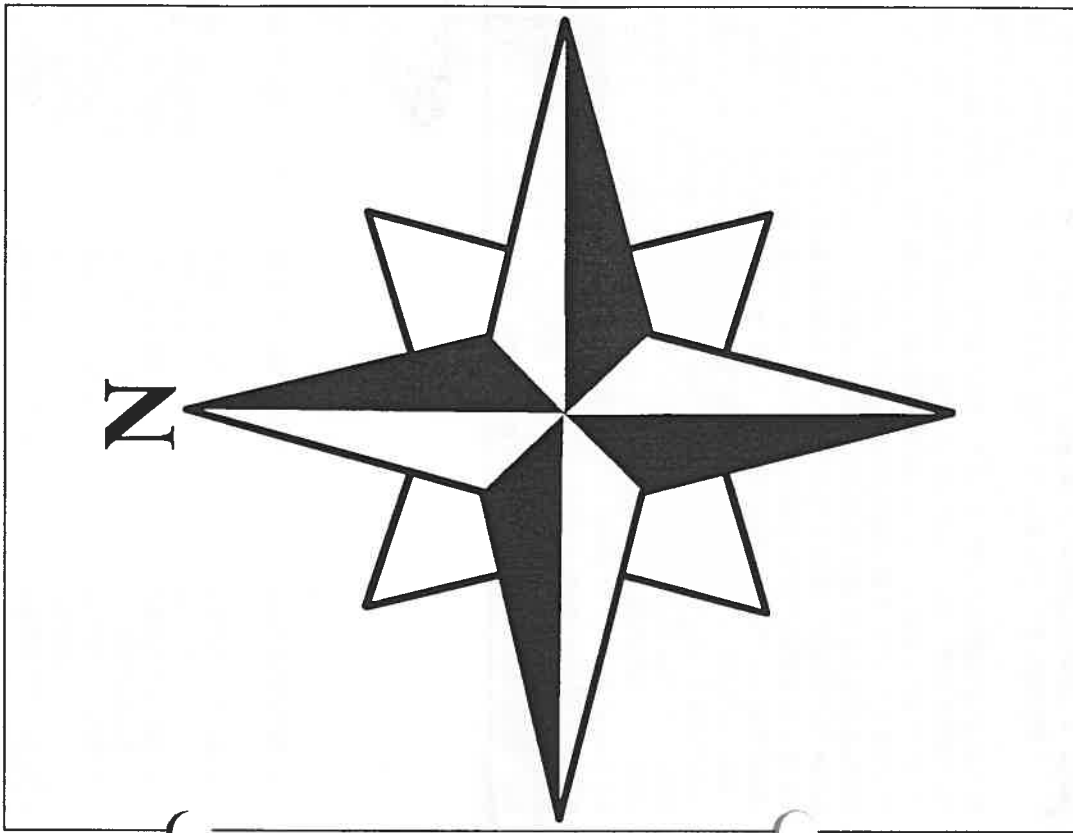
The owner of a Neptune wet suit size 3 which has been at the Clubrooms for several months. I have a young diver interested in purchasing the above item. please contact me if you have any information. Rick Young Phone 457 5206.

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COX Lester Desmond South Fremantle Social Member.

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Nick & Sharon Wasley Phone 364 8059

Editorial

This month the club has received a copy of the draft amendments to the Navigable Waters Act relating to diving, with a request for us to comment on the proposed changes to the Act. A preliminary look at this draft reveals some very controversial ideas and, as usual, an attempt to restrict divers by somewhat complicated and at times quite impractical legislation. Such things as buoying the limits of the dive site if a group of divers intend to dive outside 50 metres from the boat or carrying a floating buoy if this is not done. All this to save divers from lunatic boat handlers who might run over them when such boat handlers do not and, are not required to know, the first thing about their responsibilities on the water. Another less controversial but even more restrictive clause banning people from leaving a boat unattended while diving. The ramifications of this seem fairly reasonable until the full impact of such a law is considered. It will be almost impossible to police, will lead to even more unsafe practices, such a diving alone or divers not putting up a dive flag for fear of drawing attention to themselves, and once again all because some idiot can't anchor a boat properly or dives down weather of his boat - a definite No! No!

Education not legislation should be our response to this draft we believe! Copies of the draft will be available at the next meeting and a short discussion will take place to consider the Club's response which then will be sent off via our Secretary.

Cheers folks!

M. Casley and 'Production crew'

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Club Calendar

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Sunday	17-4-94	Roe Reef	Skipper: Richard DO: Brian Crew Luc Fauvet	Clubrooms	
Monday	18-4-94	General Meeting			
Sunday	24-4-94	Kingston Spit	Skipper: Dennis DO: Kerry Crew Bob McLauchlan		
Monday	25-4-94	To be Advised.			
MAY					
Sunday	1-5-94	Radar Reef	Skipper: Peter DO: Ron Crew Mike Spearman	Clubrooms.	
Monday	2-5-94	Committee Meeting			
Sunday	8-5-94	'Angela's' Cave	Skipper: Barry DO: Geoff Crew Ric Young		
Sunday	15-5-94	Swirl Reef	Skipper: Richard DO. Maree Crew Ross Cooper	Clubrooms	
Monday	16-5-94	General Meeting			
Sunday	22-5-94	Parker Point	Skipper: Peter DO. Ron Crew Luc Fauvet		

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquiries.
DO NOT RING THE CREW.
 Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle at 8.00 a.m.

Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

Continuing in the same vein as my March theme, that is, how to generate a younger more lively image within the Club and to have more fun, we, your Committee and a couple of interested members are developing a few ideas to achieve this.

One is to provide better and more regular access to the Clubrooms, for members to visit and socialise, fill cylinders and organise parties - both diving and other. Knowing the Clubroom is open on a regular basis and there will be someone to talk to about diving, etc in attendance is a good start. Michel, one of our more fit and qualified divers has offered to conduct a "training" swim water fitness swim session in a heated (moderately) nearby pool each week and then back to the Clubroom for a short get together with biscuit and dip nibbles to oil things along. The night for this is yet to be determined but hopefully will be a Thursday or Friday. This will give us the opportunity to improve swimming skills, fitness and socialise; Maree and I will attend just to try and get back into shape if nothing else! It will also generate a little work for the compressor and provide us with an income which goes well towards paying the Club's power bill.

Another major concern we as a Club have in attracting new members is our system of diving, requiring two tanks for a days outing. Unless the new member buys 2 cylinders immediately, he has the added expense of hiring gear, which makes the cost of diving with our Club almost as much as with a commercial or charter group. This is not going to attract members initially, so that people can't become aware first hand of the advantages of diving with a Club such as ours - so we and they lose out. Hence we are attempting to address this matter by providing a pool of members cylinders to be made available to other members who can't afford to buy that second cylinder or new members who won't, at least for a while. Members who volunteer equipment to be used in this way will have the meshes and boots maintained and any damage rectified so that a small hire charge will be incurred to cover this, but it will be very much less than commercial hire rates. Please understand this arrangement is strictly voluntary and so far we already have several cylinders available to provide this service to both old members and new. Therefore if hire costs are preventing you from diving more frequently, contact a Committee member and organise a suitable system. Naturally this is only available to Club members and their bona fide guests and we would expect a much higher degree of care and respect for such borrowed equipment than is usually shown to hired gear by the general public. Keep in touch members to learn the latest on these initiatives and help your Club to become a lively social entity as well as a top diving organisation.

Diving & Safety Report

Maree Casley

In the absence of our erstwhile Diving Officer, Ron, who has buzzed off overseas to Burma for a couple of weeks, I will quickly jot down a few notes on what's been happening. The boat has been out a few times this past month, firstly on a snorkelling trip organised by Ron and subsequently on two scheduled Sunday dive trips. By all accounts the snorkelling trip was hugely successful with the participants going to Duck Rock and Pocillipora Bay. Barry (yuppy) Kennedy proved that his mobile phone was more than just a "talking point" as he and Dennis conversed regularly during the day to sort out a minor problem with the fuel filter on the boat. The weather on the two dive trips were far from ideal but we did manage to get some diving in. On the first day it was found that diving on the lee side of Stragglers was the best option and considering the conditions, whilst on the second trip we tried something a bit different by diving in Salmon Bay at Rottneest. Apparently there is some pretty hard corals there but our divers failed to find it. If anyone knows the exact spot please let Dennis or me know so that we can add it to our repertoire of places to go in really lousy weather. Although the diving wasn't top-drawer we all had a nice day anyway followed by a couple of drinks at the Clubrooms afterwards.

In Ron's absence he has asked me to take over his duties for a while. Skippers and diving officers can give me a ring if you have any problems. The Anzac Day long weekend is coming up soon and we are hoping that the boat will be going out on both the Sunday and Monday so give Nick and Sharon a ring to book on.

On the safety side there is little to report. Our diving operations are so safe that my job will soon be made redundant but rest assured that I will be keeping a close eye on what goes on. As winter draws near and the mothsballs get resurrected I will give our newer members a few hints on how to store their gear. You never know though - we may be diving all year if this glorious weather keeps up. I have noticed though that a potential hazard exists at the East St. jetty. The rubber buffers on the jetty pylons have become broken and are deteriorating badly with the constant bashing that they receive from the ferry also operating from there. We are not blessed with a gangplank and need to use the pylons in order to get on the boat. so please be careful when standing on them. There is no more news on the diving or safety front so I will catch up with you in the next edition.

Queensland recently passed legislation banning all oil drilling in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage area, yet Ningaloo, with similar bio-diversity and abundance of marine organisms, remains vulnerable because it is more remote and less well known.

As Scuba divers we should be aware and appreciative of the underwater environment. We are privileged to experience it first hand and not just in photographs and on TV documentaries. To us it is a real world that we can experience and enjoy with relative ease as long as it exists in its present form.

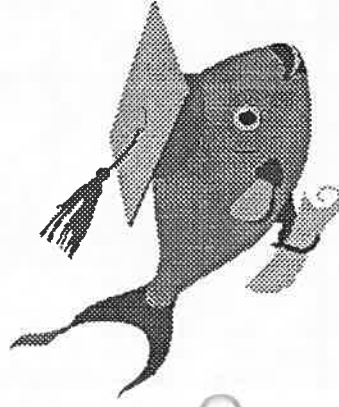
Do you care and if so what can you as an individual do?

You can ignore it and pretend it isn't happening allowing others with their own vested interests to make decisions on your behalf.

You can rush up to the Ningaloo Marine Park and have a look before things get too bad. (This might even prompt you to take some action).

You can take positive action now, by writing a letter of protest to the Premier and the Minister For the Environment.

You can help others who care to act on your behalf by joining, or making a donation to Greenpeace.



ARE YOU AWARE? DID YOU KNOW? DO YOU CARE?

BY ROGER SMITH

Are you aware that a mere 1200 km north of Perth is one of the most beautiful and spectacular marine parks in Australia, if not in the world? The Ningaloo Marine Park is home to more than 180 species of coral and 460 species of fish. It is also one of the few habitats of the whale shark, the largest fish on earth. Each year in late summer these harmless giants come into the shallows to scoop up the rich soup of countless spawning corals and the tiny fish which feed on them. Growing up to 13 metres long, little is known about the migration patterns of these gigantic filter-feeders, or where they give birth.

Did you know this world class coral reef is presently under threat from profit driven oil drilling companies and a State Government that is interested only in the short term gains that these companies may possibly bring.

Ningaloo reef also supports a large population of sea turtles, as well as humpback whales and dugongs. The drilling area is located near important sea grass beds on which the turtles and dugongs feed. Prawn fisherman are also heavily reliant on the ecological health of the area, for a fishing industry worth \$11 million annually.

A letter received by me from The Minister for the Environment Kevin Minson states: *"This Government is aware of the value of the Ningaloo Reef and there will be no drilling on the coral reef areas of the park in any circumstances. Any proposal for drilling in the areas of the park away from coral reefs will be subject to full environmental assessment by the EPA."*

Despite a report from the WA Department of Conservation and the Environment, which said that the Ningaloo Marine Park had global and ecological significance, the WA Minerals and Energy Department has granted a permission to drill just 7.5 km from the marine park. This ignored a recommendation by the Commonwealth Government Australian Nature Conservation Agency that drilling be no closer than 50km. This buffer zone is based on how far an oil slick can move in 24 hours.

It appears that the West Australian Government has taken on the attitude of "It will never happen southwards from the North-West Shelf towards the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. This flies in the face of Australia's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This was made when Australia signed the international Climate Change Convention, which aims to stabilise greenhouse emissions to where they no longer interfere with global climate systems.

Building Blocks

Ric Young

All is satisfactory with the Clubrooms, which makes reporting short and sweet. We are attempting to resurrect regular Club social gatherings and use of the compressor and will keep you informed of progress in this area.

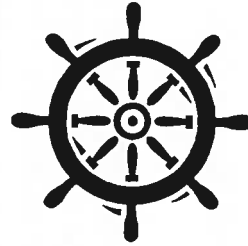
Boating Bitts

Dennis Stubberfield

The boat and its machinery is operating well and, despite a significant build up of gunge under the hull, still seems lively on the water. A minor scrub was given to her bottom last Sunday, which also improved things a little. A change of fuel filters on the engine seems to have fixed what appeared to

be a serious loss of performance, which sent a ripple of panic through the committee and me off to Westrac for advice, because fixing CAT diesel engines isn't easy or cheap! The removed primary filter was almost totally blocked by a massive deposit of dirt and muck, while the secondary filter remained reasonably clean. How we managed to get any fuel into the engine is a bit of a mystery, but in future it will be changed much more frequently.

A number of minor and very low cost improvements are planned for the boat in the near future to make her quieter and more comfortable - we'll even try to get a deck chair or two on board to provide better seating. If you have any useful items of equipment or ideas you would like to contribute to the better running of the boat please let me know and we'll look at them.





DIVE BOOKINGS

NICK AND SHARON WASLEY - 364 8059

JUST A QUICK NOTE FROM NICK AND SHARON RE DIVE BOOKINGS. OCCASIONALLY WE HAVE SOME HICCUPS SO IF EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE POINTERS BELOW, IT SHOULD BE SMOOTH SAILING!

- 1 PHONE US TO BOOK YOUR DIVE ANY TIME BEFORE 6.30PM ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT.
- 2 PHONE US BACK AFTER 6.30PM SATURDAY (& BEFORE 9.30PM) AND WE WILL INFORM YOU IF THE DIVE IS GOING AHEAD.
- 3 SKIPPERS/DO'S PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE CALL US PROMPTLY AFTER THE 6.30PM SATURDAY WEATHER FORECAST TO ADVISE IF DIVE GOING AHEAD, AS PEOPLE START TO RING US AT 6.35PM! (ALSO WE MIGHT BE WAITING TO GO OUT AND CANNOT LEAVE OUR HOUSE UNTIL YOU CALL)

PS: Our answerphone is always on if we are unavailable so please either leave your dive booking as a message or, in the case of Saturday nights, listen to the message we have left.

PPS: **Call us - we won't be calling you!** We're not being rude or unhelpful, it's just that we have no idea whether a dive is going ahead or not until a skipper or DO rings us at 6.30pm on the Saturday!! (And even then, it is your responsibility to call us to see whether there is a dive on).

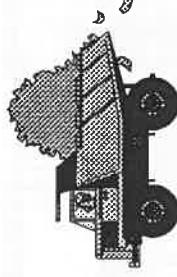
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Nick & Sharon

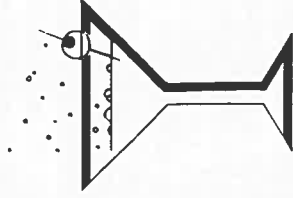
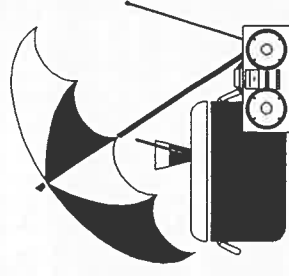
Rottnest!

As I was putting pen to paper (or should I say fingers to computer!) about dive bookings, I would like to say a few words of thanks to those who take the time out to organise our Rottnest trips each year at the end of February/beginning of March. We all turn up at Rottnest, have a wonderful time whether it be diving, drinking, sleeping, swimming, dancing, eating, chatting, gossiping etc. etc.(or all of the above!) but neglect to realise the effort that's put into getting us all there! It's a job full of hassles I'm sure with bookings, collecting money, organising food quantities, collection of food, boat pickups, skippers, DO's, last minute cancellations (guilty!!) etc. etc. so I'd like to say a big THANK YOU on behalf of everyone to Marie for transforming our lives for a few days from

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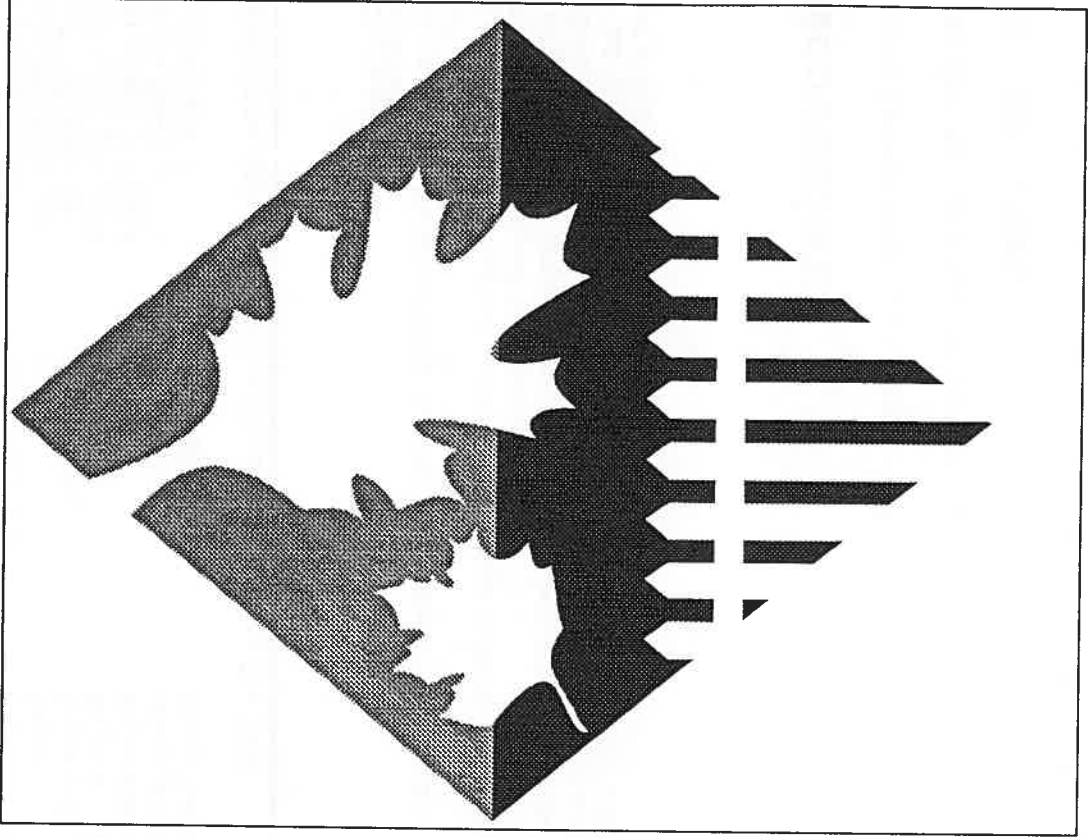
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Editorial

We have a new Magazine Editor, recently joined Sandra Dee (Sandy) Jackson. She doesn't know us well yet, but is keen and eager to learn. Please help her as much as possible and make her welcome! Sandy will probably produce the June magazine, with all the help she needs, although she may not have access to a computer which will mean going back to typing on computer generated blank sheets - but the standard will be high and after all its the content that counts.

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Sandra Dee (Sandy) Jackson Hamilton Hill.

Paul Cox Katanning Country Member.

Peter Taylor Yangebup

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Sunday 15-5-94 Swirl Reef Skipper: Richard DO. Ron
Crew Ross Cooper

Monday 16-5-94 General Meeting Clubrooms

Sunday 22-5-94 Parker Point Skipper: Peter DO. Ainslie
Crew Luc Fauvet

Saturday 28-5-94 Fishing trip (Deep Sea) Skipper: Barry

Sunday 29-5-94 Parker Point Skipper: Dennis DO. Maree
Crew Mike Spearman

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Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

Fellow Club members, we have come to a crisis in our Club's history - one of many I hear some say, but this one is real, is current and could be disastrous. All of the hoped for improvements in the Club's situation, including Financial, Social and Diving, which we have been attempting to implement, just have not eventuated.

The commercial diving interests who, a few years ago, could not offer anything like the quality of Diving and Club services that we did, have now outstripped us with big, fast, comfortable boats and good dive sites easily navigated to with G.P.S. Furthermore, one of our major advantages, that of convenience and cost, has now been eroded away to the point where, for only a few extra dollars, one can get it all!

Finally, the one thing that we cannot afford is to have our boat, our beautiful boat, sitting at the mooring on great diving days with not even enough divers to make up a short trip!

This means those few regular divers who would dive with us through thick and thin, cannot even Dive! unless they go elsewhere.

In fact our last boat trip was a waker! - I mean it - a genuine, sober paying of their last respects to a dear friend, type waker!

Come on members, unless we do something quite drastic right now we will be paying our last respects to U.E.C.!

However, I am not going to peddle doom and gloom or give in to it, nor am I going to let you lot either!

So, your Committee has taken some tough decisions to reverse this down hill slide and I believe we can weather the storm and bounce back by putting these into effect. I will briefly outline the most dramatic of these and refer members to the various Club Officers for the details of these and others.

The most important and immediate is to reduce our diving fee to \$20 and to allow the Skipper of the day to take the boat out with less than the viable minimum number of divers when he deems the circumstances are warranted.

These limits have been reduced to 4, for a short trip and for an absolute minimum in all circumstances, and 6 for a Rottnest trip - all inclusive of the skipper and D.O. The Committee has accepted, that on some occasions, and at certain times of the year, numbers drop and it is better to let the boat go out at break even or a slight loss at these times to keep our regular divers and boat crews operating, making up for it in the good times, rather than let the boat sit idle at the moorings!

Other moves include financial arrangements to reduce our overall debt and monthly payments and more active efforts to lease the Clubrooms on a daily basis.

The boat will not be slipped until September, which means a few bottom scrubs, (to be organised as picnic events), with fishing trips, short Saturday dive trips and overnight exploratory trips to be actively pursued.

Finally, the AVON DESCENT has 'arrived' to provide some interest. We have been invited to do our usual thing on the 6th & 7th of August and I will be twisting your arms to take a winter dip or two and some training for this event!! Lovely! You will be amazed and delighted to hear that the American TV show "Code 3" has donated some \$A600 to the Club for the rights to screen the rescue of a canoeist, in which Tim Moore played a key part. This was organised by Tim himself, who graciously waived a cash offer for his rights to the screening, suggesting a donation be made to U.E.C. instead. Many thanks Tim! All I have to do now is get you involved again! You see folks, it's not all bad news, we just have to hang in there!

Cheers!

Safety Report

Maree Casley

No incidents or accidents to report on this month, which means you have all been diving safely - I hope!

The latest issue of S.P.U.M.S. has arrived and it contains a list of all the Diving Medicos in Australia. The list is reasonably complete and copies of the Western Australian section of that list are available at the Clubrooms.

Building Blocks

Ric Young

The Clubroom grounds and surrounds could do with a good clean up of weeds and surplus/discarded gear and rubbish. A Barbecue and busy Bee will be organised shortly to rectify this matter - don't town leave town!

Avon Descent

This years AVON DESCENT will be held on the 6th & 7th of August 1994, and the Club has been formally approached to provide rescue divers and dinghy crews. Please see me to indicate your interest as soon as possible as I will need to organise some sort of training programme which, this year, will include some pool swimming sessions - heated pools of course! I have taken the liberty of indicating our willingness to do the job, so now I've got to come up with the goods - more arm twisting I'm afraid folks!

D.R. Stubberfield (Phone 274 9606, fx 274 4307 :-wk & 457 3333 H)

Boating/Diving

Dennis Stubberfield

The boat is generally running very well except for a serious barnacular fouling of the underwater hull! I will be calling for a working party to clean her off shortly, combined with some sort of picnic/BBQ outing to which families and friends are welcome.

It is not intended to slip the boat until September, because of the tight financial situation and because boat usage tends to reduce at this time of the season. We will be using the Bull Creek mooring after the rains and or when boat usage comes to a virtual standstill. This is also a convenient place from which to organise working parties and social boat outings.

Diving during the last month has been a bit light on with at least one good day being held on Jackson Rock and the wreck of the "Janet". Conditions were quite good and a short stay on the island made the day a very pleasant one - just like old times.

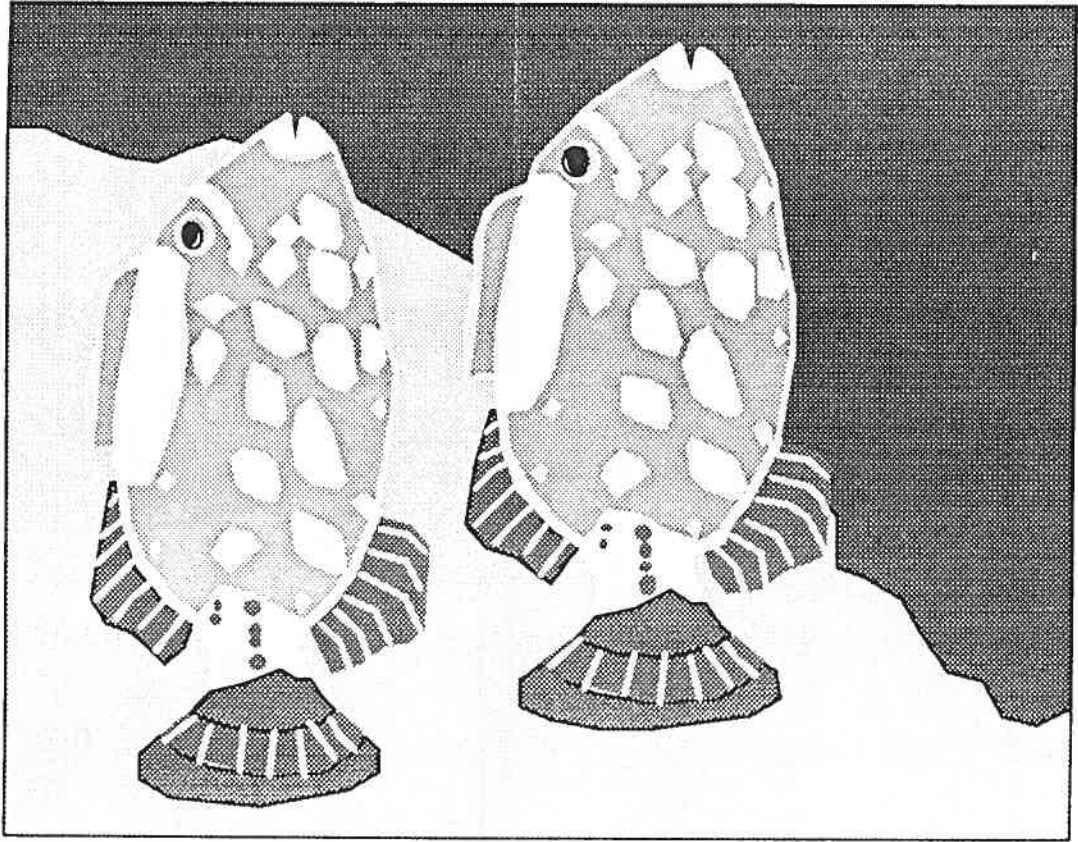
Please note the changes to Club diving policies outlined in the PRESIDENTS REPORT and the new lower diving fee of \$20 established by the Committee to take effect from 10/5/94. This fee is for a full day with two dives. Other diving fees which apply are \$15 for a single dive and night dive. The Usual discounts for family diving of two or more family members will also apply as per the list on the Club notice board.

Members are reminded that loan cylinders are available for \$5 per day, including air fill, on a "no splash no cash needed" basis. Members may organise this through any Committee Member, Dive Officer or Skipper.

Ron and I are attempting to ensure we do not have to cancel dives at the last minute due to lack of numbers. With the new lower minimum crew numbers set by the Committee we hope this will not occur again. Other options we have, are to attempt to pick the weather and/or the preferred day to go out (Saturday or Sunday) choosing the best day if possible to suit the maximum number of people. This means a greater degree of flexibility, but is of course more difficult to organise. Members are asked to keep in touch with Nick and Sharon as early in the week as possible to find out what may be in the offing. Hopefully we will be able to provide better and more certain diving by this means.

Regular fishing trips, short Saturday dives (in addition to Sunday diving), exploratory dive trips, which entail leaving Friday night and returning late Saturday and Social days are also intended to be organised whenever possible.

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Editorial

Hi folks,
 As stipulated in the last magazine, I have taken over the role as Editor. So please bare with me. For those of you who are interested in what's happening with the club, it's AVON DESCENT time, and we need adventurous members to assist with the safety aspects of the Avon Descent. So please give your name to Dennis at the next General Meeting. A new dive site has been found, for more details see the Dive Report. On Thursday nights between 6:00-7:00pm, at the Fremantle Pool you can increase your diving fitness with a leisurely swim, for more details ring Michel or Alison on 450 - 2229. Don't forget that you are entitled to a free dive every year, and seeing that the season is nearly over, it may be too late for this year. Finally Pat Troy has been given the job of New Membership Liaison Officer, so if you have any friends or work mates interested in diving bring them along for a dive or give them Pat's number 328 - 8163 HM. That's all for now, see you soon.

Sandy and Staff

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As I have not received the calendar for July please contact RON on 417 4140 regarding any activities for this month.

How ever on the 2 July at 6 pm we will meet at the club rooms for the start of the Progressive Dinner.

Sandy.

Well, things are looking up a bit within the Club, finances are not scraping the bottom of the barrel as they were at this time last year and a glimmering of regular social activity is beginning to emerge and gain momentum.

Michel has started swim training on Thursday nights at Fremantle heated pool and is keeping statistics on how well we are progressing with our swimming. Following the swim we socialise by attending one of the many interesting establishments in Fremantle town, then move on to a short relatively inexpensive meal. This, I hear you say undoes all the good we do in the pool!! Not so - I've actually lost a pound or two and improved my swim times significantly! Mind you some of us could only move upwards!!!

There has been a trickle of members attending the swim nights, including our country member from Kalgoorlie, Karen Gurry on one occasion - Bubbly as ever - and attendance's are slowly building up. Many of us swim in mask snorkel and fins, I use my special cut down 'Avon Descent' ones, which allow me to walk around in, and it is surprising the amount power they impart to the average mug swimmer like me!

So it's anything goes - lap swimming in the 27°C main pool followed by relaxation for 20 minutes or so in the under cover wading pool at 32°C. Come and join us each Thursday evening from 6 till 7 pm, at the Fremantle pool and then if you wish, socialise after till about 9 to 9.30. I wouldn't be surprised if most of the Club's general business doesn't get discussed at these sessions. Certainly some interesting dive plans have originated from the Thursday night swim sessions - notably last Monday's "Dive 'n' Breakfast" outing.

There has been further advertising locally to get some interest in using our Clubrooms, for a fee, on a daily (or nightly) basis and some interest has been shown. One such group wish to use the Clubrooms on Monday nights for a 10 week course, for some \$400. It would be the committee's intention to accept the offer and reschedule meetings to suit. This could mean our next two general meetings may be held at another (Free) venue as has been done with some interest and success on previous occasions. Should this be the case plenty of advance notice and publicity will be given.

Finally the Avon Descent starters will soon be called upon to begin a few training sessions now that there is a trickle of water in the river. The major training effort will take place in the heated Fremantle pool, with only 2 or 3 sessions in the cold rapids!, IF everybody turns up and gets in some good swimming training. I think I'll do most of my fitness build-up in the pool leaving the river for brief orientation and skills honing!!

Cheers Folks!

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Diving Report

Not much to report this month. Due to bad weather the club boat has gone out a couple of times, over the past month. The club has added a New Dive Site to our list of excellent dive sites. We found the site on one of our regular Sunday Dives, the site is believed to be one of the clubs best dive sites. I am about to make up the rosters for Dive Officer, Skipper's, and Trainees, for the next half of the year. So if you are interested in becoming a Dive Officer Trainee, this is your last chance to be placed on the Roster. Please ring me if you have ANY interest at all.

Pen.

Safety Report

All's well that ends well.

Building Blocks

It was nice to see one person to turn up to assist with the cleaning of the clubs area. Thanks to Sandys assistance the area around the door looks much better.

Ric YOUNG

Swim at your own peace, enjoy the warm water and come for a drink or a bite afterward.
To register your interest contact Michel and Alison on 450 2229 or better
turn up next Thursday.

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IF YOU ARE between 7 and 77 years of age or older,
IF YOU ARE a active club member, a social member or not a member,
IF YOU ARE very fit or very unfit or in between,
IF YOU ARE a good swimmer, a bad one or think it's about time you learned how to swim,
IF YOU ARE looking for fun, a friend, lost properties or something to do on Thursday nights,
IF YOU ARE getting bored at club meetings and rather be diving,
IF YOU ARE thinking that all, some or none of the above applies to you,

WAKE-UP TAKE THE PLUNGE HAVE FUN JOIN THE MOB GET FIT !!!

Giant lobster off the menu

LOS ANGELES: An 8kg lobster thought to be more than 100 years old will be flown 5000km to freedom on Monday after being struck off the menu at a Californian restaurant.

The crustacean, known as Rudy, was destined for the steamer until a local television station highlighted its plight.

Steve Ryan, the owner of the restaurant in Rancho Cordova, with the help of an animal rights group, has arranged to fly the lobster to the east coast, where it will be released into the Atlantic Ocean.

"We have all grown attached to him and would hate to see him end up as someone's dinner," Mr Ryan said.

Since lobsters gain an average of 450 grams every seven years, Rudy could be more than 120 years old.

But Rudy is less than half the size of the biggest lobster on record.

According to the Natural History Museum in London, a 19kg lobster was caught off Nova Scotia in 1977.

It measured 106cm from the tip of its claws to its fanned tail.

WA's Croatian wreck

A PLAQUE marking the wreck of the Croatian barque *Stefano* 119 years ago was unveiled on North West Cape on Saturday last week by Croatia's Ambassador to Australia.

The *Stefano's* crew of 16 Croatians and a Welsh cabin boy struck Black Rock Reef off Point Cloates, during a cyclone on October 27 1875.

Seven drowned but only two of the others survived a three-month search for civilisation.

Aborigines guided the survivors to where a passing pearler, Jessie, skippered by Captain Tuckey, of Mandurah, took them to Fremantle.

The plaque was erected by Croatian communities in Carnarvon, Perth and Fremantle.

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Boating Bitts

Dennis Stubberfield

A small but significant amount of boat usage has occurred this month, with no problems emerging. One dive trip (with bottom clean), one social event and one fishing trip sums up the activity for the last 4 weeks, which just keeps us afloat and our hands in, so to speak!

We will have to do a bottom clean again soon as barnacles will build up quickly now that anti-foul isn't working any more. As the weather deteriorates and the rains wash into the Bull Creek mooring area, we will soon be thinking of bringing "Underwater Explorer" up river closer to home and those glorious snug winter social trips. Some of our best times have been had during those early afternoons afloat, with a light wine, or two, and a sizzling hot B.B.Q. steak - perhaps even a gutsy red or two!

Then there's prawning in the river - no reason why we couldn't anchor strategically and catch prawns from on board - rather than dive for them. A frisky little Chablis would suit after boiling 'em up on board!
You want it! - We can organise it!!

The Social Scene

Larry Park

A good time was had by all who went on the dive on Monday 6 June. Congratulations to all who came on the dive, these people are: Alison, Michel, Sandy, Toby, Peter, Carl, and myself. Roth Mick H. and Geoff didn't dive, but they enjoyed themselves just as much. Carl caught a cray and I caught a cray with a gloved hand. Mick accidentally scratched a scratch on his leg, we thought it might need first aid, but it was nothing to worry about, just a lot of blood. If any diver has lost a Scubapro knife and sheath over at Stragglers Rock,

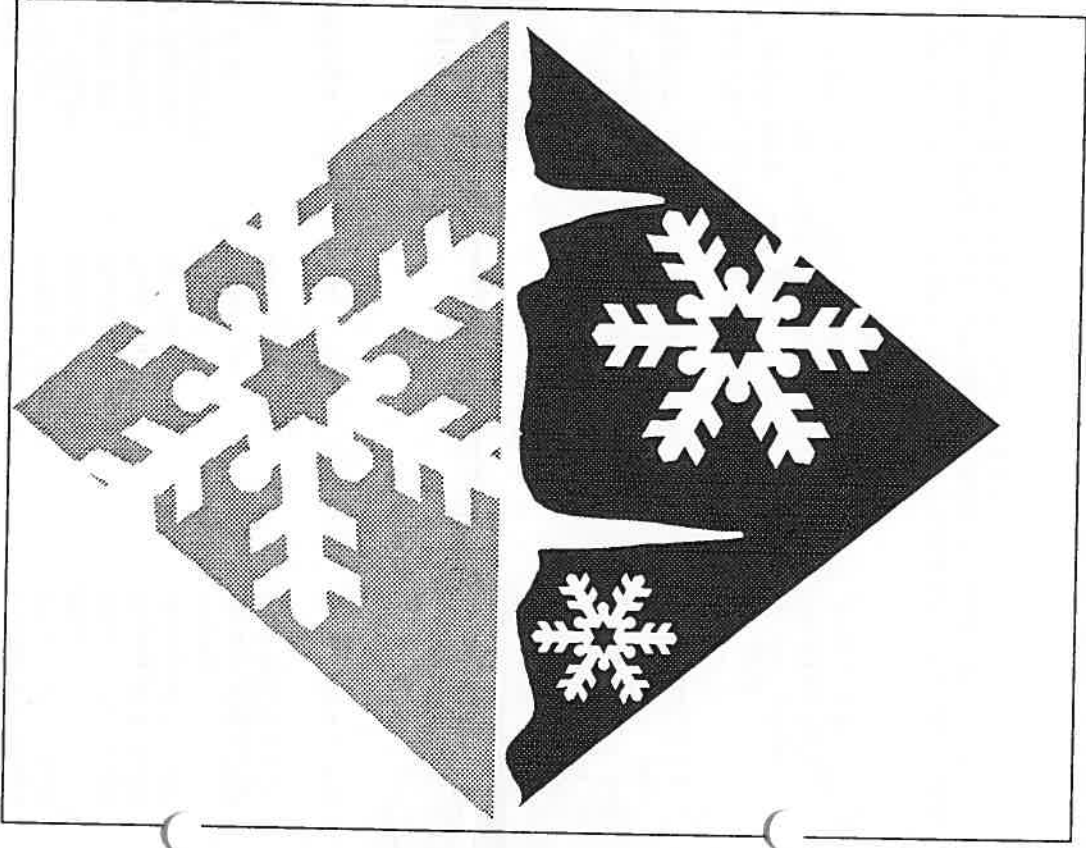
Toby has found one, it may be slightly rusty but it is still cleanable. There is no truth to the rumour that Sandy did not get wet on the dive, someone had to rescue the dive flag when it went overboard, I even thought about sending her overboard when we lost one of the life jackets, but Peter turned the boat around instead. The fishing trip on 30 May didn't go to well, only 6 people turned up and yet again Carl was the only one who caught anything. It seems as though Carl is the only one who can catch anything these days, Well Done. The progressive dinner is on 2 July, a deposit is needed by the next meeting for those who wish to go. There are limited spots available and I need volunteers for SOUP, MAIN COURSE, and DESERT. The people who have already booked are: Kerry, Sue (ENTREE), Alison, Michel, Geoff, Sandy (Karen, Ray + ?), Mick x 2, Dennis and Maree, Ron, and myself., so far there is 15 people going and the bus can only take 20, so book early.

I have had one enquiry regarding the casual use of the clubrooms. Unfortunately, negotiations fell through, however, I will continue to pursue the matter, of the club rooms being rented on a casual basis.

Larry.

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Editorial

Hi folks,

Unfortunately the Progressive Dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of response. Its good to see people supporting the clubs activities. SHAME!!

Members please let your committee know of any change of address, so you don't miss out on your magazine. The boat is now moored at Bullcreek thanks to Pat, Dennis, and myself, the boat is secure.

The note that was in last month magazine, regarding payment of fees was for those members who as yet not paid there fees since Nov 1993.

Sandy and " Staff "

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- 15-8-94 General Meeting

This month marks the low point in our annual diving calendar, but should not mean we as a Club will close down - after all the sun is now coming back to Australia and has been for nearly a month - by the time you read this!

We have a boat slipping to organise and look forward to in September and an AVON DESCENT to man for August - the former to spend the money we gain from the latter! Both of these events are capable of generating quite a bit of Club interest. Financially we are not in the dire straits we were at this time last year, if you don't count the boat insurance bill and the fact that we still haven't slipped that boat. Nevertheless, we are still better off and hopefully a good season will get us out on top.

On the social side there's always Thursday night swim sessions followed by sea and solving the Club's and the nations problems if nothing else. However, I hope we can improve on that since the boat is still available for local trips on those cosy afternoons, afloat on the river when the sun is shining and there's no wind - while out to sea the swell is up and seas are raging. (We have to give the surfies a go sometime)!

To t his end I will attempt to stretch our funds to get enough clear plastic for the boat to make her virtually weather proof for 12 - 14 people, so we can spend a few cosy afternoons afloat during the winter.

On a slightly more serious side, I intend to run a limited number of sessions on seamanship as applied to our diving operations and particular boating needs for any one who is interested. We have many new members who are simply unaware of what may be expected of them for the way we operate and what part they might play in that operation. I know these members really do want to help in the running of the boat and do the right thing on board. We could incorporate a small segment on such matters on our meeting night while we are currently not having regular guest speakers to address us. Please let me know your feelings on this matter and I will organise myself or somebody to assist us, with this or other topic, such as an advanced diving aspect.

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This month, we managed to get in one attempted dive trip and succeeded in going fishing (catching at least one Jewfish) with no problems emerging, before the season more or less closed!

With weeks and weeks of bad diving weather forecast we decided to move the boat up river to the mooring at Bull Creek where "Underwater Explorer" now sits quietly swinging in calm water. This was done after the fishing trip on 25/6/94 and also after our intrepid and unflinching hero Patrick checked the mooring chain while Sandy and I cleaned the muck off the ropes and floats from "Espirit" (Maree's and my boat). I'm wrong, Patrick did flinch a bit when he hit that cold water - he certainly had plenty to say!!

Our next job will be a picnic (with B.B.Q. hopefully) bottom clean - our last before the new antifoul. We will have to do this before our next trip because she is impossibly dirty underneath.

Meanwhile we do have river trips to look forward to and I will attempt to stretch our funds to get a couple more clear plastic dodgers made, so we can at least enjoy those sunny but a mite cool calm days on the river! Don't be shy folks please come forward and give us your ideas and requests for winter boating.

Avon Descent

Avon Descent training on the river will start on Saturday the 16th of July. Our first session will be at **Bell's rapids** with the **H.B.F. Rescue Unit** - formerly the Westrail rescue unit, with the same personnel - to start at **8.00 am** sharp (to get it over with early) with an early B.B.Q. lunch afterwards. Meanwhile those of you who swim during the week at your various locations, and I know most of you do, keep up the good work. I would like to see all the team members at the July general meeting to discuss the forthcoming programme and event, and to sort out any gear or other relevant matters which may be bothering team members.

Sharks' Smorgasbord

HOBART: The cookie cutter shark sucks on to big prey and bores out a plug of flesh to eat. They also eat their own teeth for the calcium.

Female blue sharks have developed skin twice as thick as the male's to guard against their cumbersome courtship bites.

And male chimaeras, or ghost sharks, come complete with extra sexual organs on their heads.

These insights into the secret lives of sharks, and others with greater significance to the industry and the environment, have now been collected by two CSIRO scientists in the most comprehensive guide yet to Australia's sharks and stingrays.

"As far as knowledge of the shark and ray environment, we're still about where Captain Cook was when he first discovered Australia," said Peter Last, who researched and wrote the 600-page book, *Sharks and Rays of Australia*, with John Stevens.

The book is the result of 13 years of research by the two scientists, which took them a kilometre under water and thousands of kilometres offshore.

Dr Last said the research doubled the

number of known species of sharks and rays around Australia to 300 and provided information which would allow easier identification — something which could lead to more lawsuits in fish substitution cases.

The two scientists also hope their work will lift the negative image of sharks in the community and avoid wasteful killing by alerting the fishing industry to the gourmet possibilities of various sharks and stingrays.

"We probably have the world's most disgraceful record of throwing back killed sharks and not using them," Dr Last said.

"In parts of Asia, where research is not so good, they use virtually everything. In a lot of instances, these things are quite edible too, it's just a matter of educating the Australian public to be a bit more adventurous."

Many people feared sharks without knowing much about them, such as their eyes being used for human cornea transplants, their skin for leather, liver for cosmetic oils, lubricants and paint bases and flesh for Friday-night fish and chips.

"Hopefully, our research can help generate a better understanding of them," he said.

Safety Report

Building Blocks

Well our club rooms are all secure again. after a problem with the front door, following our last general meeting.

Apparently when the door was closed the lock didn't catch properly, leaving the door free to blow open with the wind. Thanks to our friendly neighbour who noticed it the next day, reported the fact to Maree.

This information led to yours personally and Dennis to make a late night visit to the club rooms where the problem was rectified by a minor adjustment to the lock. However unknown to us an error on my part created another problem where the door locked beautifully but wouldn't open from the outside which was not noticed until Saturday when members on the fishing trip attempted to enter the building. Unfortunately this caused much inconvenience with the result that a glass panel had to be broken to enter the premises and arrangements made for Dennis to repair the damage. I would like to apologize to the members on the fishing trip and thank Dennis for making the repairs while I was unavailable due to work commitments.

Ric Young

ROTTNEST LONG WEEKEND 1995.

As mentioned a couple of months ago, places are going fast for next years pilgrimage, Only 4 places remain for the long weekend, so get in quick quick - with money of course - to secure your place.

There are also some places left, still available for the week before and after the long weekend. These weeks are also very popular - a bit more laid back and relaxed but heaps of fun for all. Give me a ring for more details.

Maree...

Diving Report

Nothing to report on diving due to bad weather but apparently the fishing trips are doing better. So now is a good time to start that yearly task that we all hate, especially at the hip pocket, servicing our gear, so it is ready for next season.

The Busselton long weekend, last weekend in November, cost approx \$100.00, this will include accommodation, 2 tank boat dive, 2nd tank free air fill and Saturday meal with Sunday breakfast. That's about all.

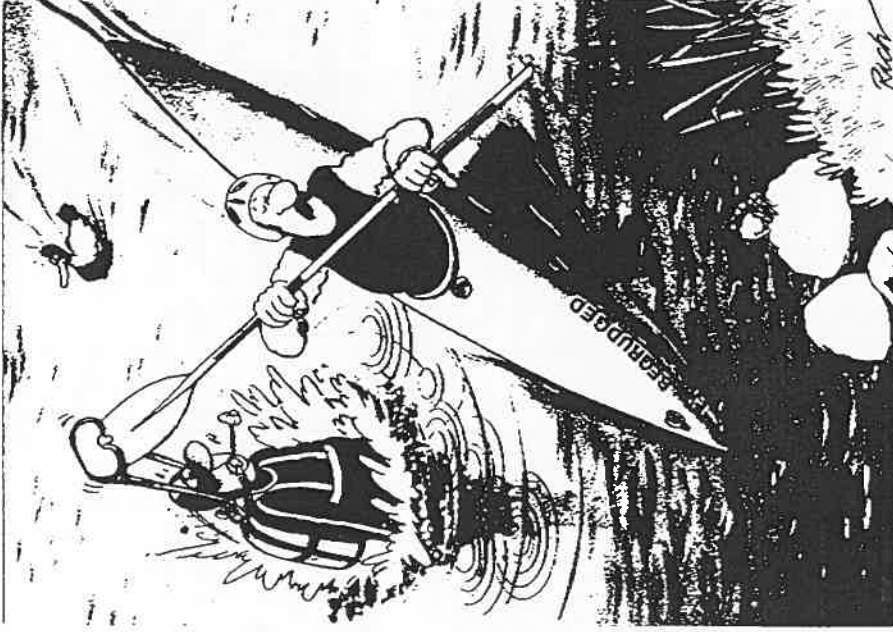
Ron.....

The Social Scene

Larry Park

Due to the lack of numbers needed for the Progressive Dinner, unfortunately the dinner had to be cancelled. Hopefully there will be a better response for the next social activity planned, watch this space for all up and coming social activities.

Regarding P.R. there is nothing to report at this stage, but I will let you know if anything happens.



All Avon Decent rescue team please make sure that you don't need rescuing your selves.

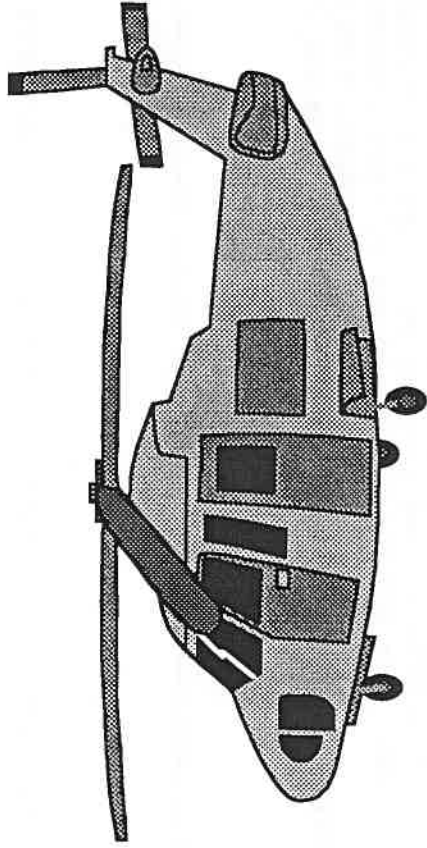
Be cautious of all new decenters when in the water, Avon Decent Rescue Team.

Jim Robson

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Editorial

Due to the Avon Descent I have been a bit slack in getting out h this months magazine. Unfortunately there is not much happening now until the scrubbing of the bottem of the boat and slipping her. Hopefully I will see lots of helping hands and unknown faces during these busy bees. Its great seeing the same faces at all the meetings but it is a bit hard for me when I don't know everybody in the club, and someone new turns up and I have to be introduced to a member. So please remember to come to the club meetings.

The hats that were organised for the Avon cost the club \$72 each hat cost \$4. so a profit of \$5. was made for your club.

Sandy and " Staff "

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Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

The BIG EVENT for this month was the AVON DESCENT, which has occupied myself and others almost full time for the past few weeks up till the day after the event on Sunday 7th of August. (The day after, for extensive clean up!). This year an excellent crew of members and friends, who have been made Honorary Members of the Club for the 3 months ending 30th September, turned out to train and take part in the rescue exercise. It was a perfect weekend, weather wise and, because of the lower river levels, almost uneventful from the point of view of the rescue teams. This has to be regarded as a very good thing despite being a tad boring for highly trained, strong, fit, rescue divers eager to rescue somebody - anybody! For team leaders and race organisers, a totally uneventful rescue situation is a much appreciated phenomenon I can assure you. However, the Channel 9 TV Special on Sunday night showing highlights of this years event, did catch us at odd moments and presented the rescue divers well.

The uneventful river scene in the daytime, was balanced by a very active social scene back at the campsite in afternoon and evening periods! Extremely eventful in some quarters if the stories told are factual! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of 19 or so rescue divers and support staff, for your dedication and time spent both at training and the weekend. You are a credit to the Club, have earned the respect of the race organisers and the public and presented yourselves in the best of lights. I am certainly proud to have been your leader.

A special thanks must go to those of the team who are not members of the Club, but who likewise trained hard and gave up their valuable time on our behalf. On behalf of the whole Club many thanks! You have been made honorary members of the club till the end of September, until which time all Club activities and amenities are available to you including diving facilities. if you are a qualified Diver.

The AVON DESCENT has distracted a major proportion of our active, working membership, fortunately at a time when it could best be afforded, but now we must (take a short break then) bend our energies to the forthcoming diving season. Winter is almost over and we must get the Club going again, starting with the boat and our diving equipment. The first major necessity is to get the boat seaworthy and clean, which needs a bottom scrub accompanied by a river trip and BBQ, hopefully on the 20th of August. This will last about a month when she must be slipped and properly antifouled. The next and equally important thing is to get our Divers out of hibernation and into the water, and or socialising. This is also when our advertising will serve us best and I hope to get as much of it going as possible with our thinly stretched resources. Meanwhile I look forward to seeing you all at the August meeting!

15 August	General Meetin	Club rooms	8 pm
20 August	Boat scrub	Mt Henery Bridge	
5 September	Committee Meeting	Club Rooms	7:30
19 September	General Meeting	Club Rooms	8 pm

NEWS FLASH

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Kaloorlies local Florence Nightingale - Karen Gurry, has found herself a new dive buddy - her new son, MICHAEL JAKUES, born on Bastille day 26 - 7 - 94.
CONGRATULATIONS KAREN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Building Blocks

There is little to report this month, in regard to our club rooms. Except to mention that the front door, and frame is in the process of being repainted. with a bit of luck the repainting of the door might spruce up the club rooms a bit.

RIC YOUNG.....

Boating Bitts

Dennis Stubberfield

Now that the AVON DESCENT and most of the winter is behind us, getting the boat up to speed (literally) for diving, fishing and social events is paramount and to this end a working party is to be organised for Saturday the 20th August at 1000 hrs by the Mt. Henry jetty. We'll proceed to clean her up then take her down river to a shallow, calm, sandy spot and scrub her bottom. Following that perhaps a BBQ somewhere along the shoreline or afloat and a bit of a trip with some manoeuvring practice and socialising for the afternoon. Depending on the weather conditions, a refuel and mooring at Fremantle may take place. The events of the day are to follow generally the wishes of the working party which turns up - we will make this as democratic as possible! I have elected to run a 3 night navigation/seamanship course at the Clubrooms to be held on Wednesday nights starting 24/8/94 at 7.30 pm., the topics to be restricted to diving operations such as anchoring, use of transits, Radar, compass, charts and some boat handling. A practical session on the boat will follow on Saturday 10/9/94. Please see me at the meeting to indicate your interest and any special topic you may want covered. The course could extend by one night if the interest and topics demand. Finally - the boat will be slipped at Pier 21 on 16/9/94, where she will be antifouled, minor underhull repairs made and returned to the water as soon as possible thereafter. Details of our work programme, which is tied very strictly to the bank balance, will be discussed at the August meeting.

Cheers Folks!

Stubby!

Safety Report

AVON DESCENT

The Avon Descent Rescuers thought they had died & gone to heaven, when they rocked up to the camp site on Friday night; real crockery, cutlery, tables and chairs; unheard of in the past. Shame about the long queues for food though.

You couldn't miss the crew at the camp site - they all glowed in the dark, with their hats. Thanks Sandy for your organization of the hats a job well done.

A good time was had by all at this years Avon Descent, even with the curfew's installed - 10 pm Friday night and 11 pm Saturday night. As far as I know a few people went to the Kareokee on Saturday Night, I hope they had fun.

Apparently we have a new star in the club, sorry Tim I didn't mean to take your lime light, but I was just doing my job. For those of you who don't know Sandy was on the Avon Special on Sunday night 7-8-94.

I hope next years Avon is just as successful. Also thank you to those people who are not club members for your assistance on the weekend. Apparently you have all been made honorary members. So WELCOME to the club.

The latest edition (June) of the SPUMS Journal has just arrived - and what a good read it is. The U.E.C. has one of the most extensive libraries of these magazines in the State, and it is well worth looking through them occasionally. Unfortunately these journals cannot be removed from the Club rooms. The June magazine has several particularly interesting articles and letters to the editor. The first article of interest relates to a report on diving-related deaths in Australia in 1991. Although the circumstances vary in each of the 14 scuba deaths reported, it is staggering to note that 10 of those deaths occurred after divers became separated from their buddies or dived alone. That's 71%! Scary isn't it?

The conclusion that I have drawn is that by employing good buddy diving practices each of the buddy pair is diving in a safer environment. This does not mean of course, that each of you should be less vigilant of your own personal safety. It does mean though, that in the event of an incident occurring, your buddy could be in a position to help. None of you should become complacent about keeping up your diving skills or regard " good buddy diving practices ", as a well worn cliché'. Buddy diving could be a matter of survival.

The other interesting point made in this current journal was made in a letter to the editor. In it, the writer Gerry Stokes, talks of the importance of a Club diving environment. He preaches what we already know and put into practice. Unfortunately, the writer lives in Ireland, where Club diving is probably the norm and not a rarity as it is in Perth. Essentially, what he says is that in a club environment the more experienced divers " look after " the inexperienced. He claims that many novices are inadequately trained " for the diving they think they can do ". He also contends that often diver training standards are influenced by such weighty factors as money and how quickly students can be taught and put into the water.

cont.....

Diving Report

In my experience, he isn't far off base. Too often we see novices that need the Club to complete their training properly.

I often wonder what happens to newly trained divers that are plonked on a boat, carted off to a dive site, buddied with goodness knows who and then expected to perform with the best of them. My suspicion is that only the most persistent and dedicated novices go on to become passionate and competent divers.

Our diving Club ranks with the best. We go out of our way to assist novices and improve their diving skills, and we can be justifiably proud of our good safety record. Spread the word, and you never know we might get new members eager to give us a go.

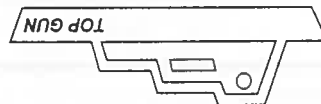
Maree.....

BUSSELTON:

The trip to Busselton is on the weekend of 26-11-94. the cost per head is \$120:00, which includes a two tank dive on the Saturday, accommodation, meals and free second air fill. A deposit of \$50:00 will be required by the next General Meeting (August), as there is only 10 positions available and at this stage 8 places are already taken. SO please pay to secure your spot.

Ron.....

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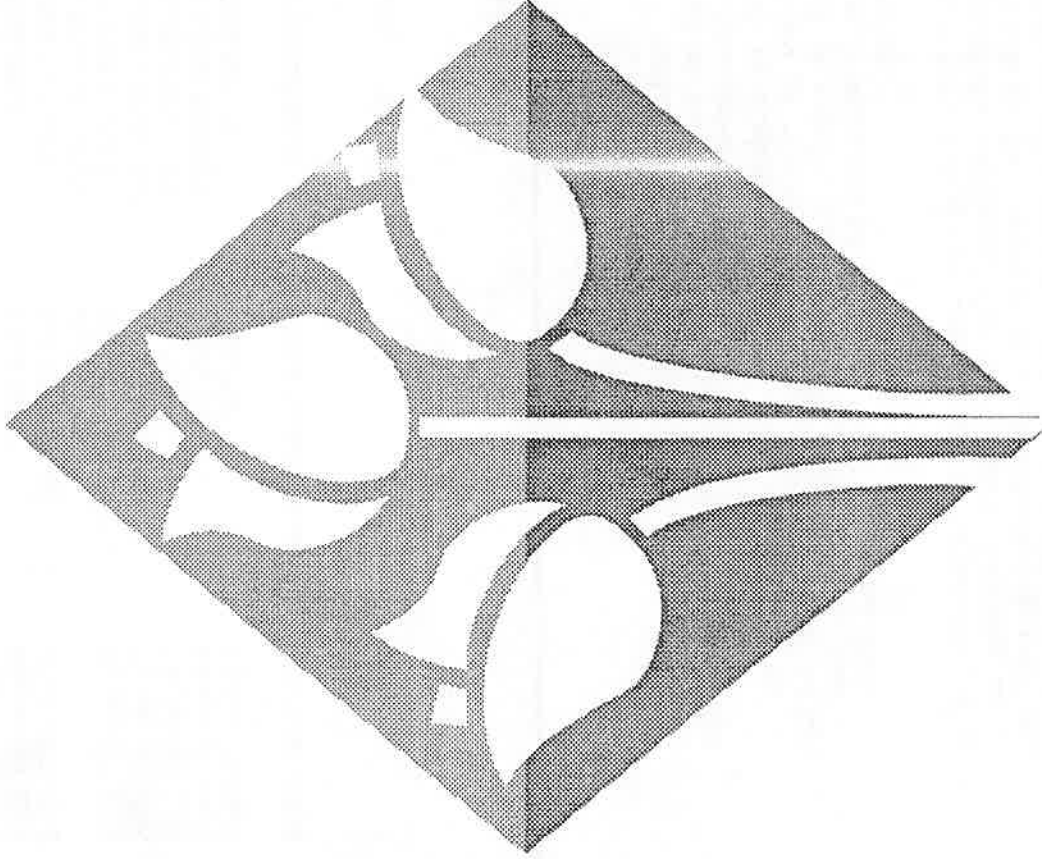
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COVER:- "SPRING"

Editorial

I DON'T have much to say this month, shocking, as it is but I would like to thank those people who helped with the boat scrub. It is also great to see people letting me know of their address change, please keep it up. If you don't tell me your address change how am I supposed to send you your magazine each month.

One more thing the Committee is organizing a talk on whale watching, for the general meeting in October. This should be very interesting. It will also be informative, in case we should ever bump into a whale while out diving.

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SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 17-9-94 Practical Nav. & Seamanship Day outing Skipper: Dennis
- Sunday 18-9-94 Dive Trip Details to be advised
- Monday 19-9-94 General Meeting Clubrooms
- Saturday 24-9-94 Fishing trip (Deep Sea) Skipper: Barry
- Sunday 25-9-94 Parker Point Skipper: To be advised

OCTOBER

Long Week End of 1st, 2nd & 3rd of October Dive & Fishing Trips To Be Advised

Sunday 2-10-94 NB:- Dive trip to replaced by Harbour trip with Champagne & Chicken breakfast to Farewell the 'H.M.S. Endeavour'. (Ring Maree, 457-3333 to book on)

Tuesday 4-10-94 Committee Meeting Clubrooms

Week end of 8th & 9th and 15th & 16th Dive & Fishing Trips To Be Advised

Monday 17-10-94 General Meeting Clubrooms

Please note that calendar details are subject to change and weather conditions and members should keep in contact with Nick & Sharon Wasley

Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on 364 8059 for dive bookings or enquiries.

DO NOT RING THE CREW.

Dives will be departing from East Street Jetty, Fremantle at 8.00 a.m.

Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

The BIG EVENT for this month is hopefully the start of **THE 1994/95 DIVING SEASON**, which will, I hope, occupy us all full time for the forthcoming Summer!!

By the time you read this our boat will be back in the water after a brief slipping and ready for action, so lets use her as much as possible for social, fishing and most important, all kinds of diving excursions. The latter does not have to be the standard Sunday 'off to Rottneest somewhere' but may be anything you as Club members and part owners of the boat desire! Some members are keen to start the Saturday early start, early finish, close in days and others are looking at taking the boat out for overnight exploratory dive trips. These commence after work Friday afternoon and finish any time you like, as long as the boat is back at East Street Fremantle, ready to go again at 8.00 am. Sunday morning. Another plan is to visit three dive sites in our normal days diving, starting with a deeper dive for those who wish for something a little bolder, or to get some experience, followed by a 'normal' dive at our usual moderate depths and finishing off with a close in 'pretty' dive such as on some of that beautiful stuff in the various marine parks we haven't seen for a long time! Divers to have a choice of TWO of the three sites visited.

I am keen to hear you thoughts and ideas for Club and or Boating events including diving, to get us out on the water and keep us there.

As soon as the boat becomes available I also want our advertising and promotion campaigns to start hotting up, because NOW is the right end of the season for that activity - if we start promoting the Club we must be able to come up with the goods. More on that later.

Meanwhile I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting!

The Social Scene

The only thing to report this month is the Endeavour trip which has been organized by Maree. For more details see the Safety Report.

Larry.....

NOMINATIONS

Stephen Parkins SSI

Boating Bitts

Dennis Stubberfield

The boat has been slipped and antifouled in short but intense effort, confined strictly to those things that can only be done with the boat up on the hard. This means of course that all work which can be done 'in water' will be done there and so the annual maintenance of the boat is not necessarily complete just because she has come off the slips! In fact we have lots to do and I will be badgering Club members to help as usual in the coming weeks before the season really takes off. Therefore folks don't leave town!

Meanwhile many thanks to those who helped in our last working Bee, held on 20/8/94, when the boat was taken off the Bull Creek mooring and cleaned of the large amounts of bird poo from top to bottom. It was hell out there, she absolutely stunk. A pair of martins had almost completed a mud nest under the wheel house roof!! Next year we will have to think of some way to prevent this problem. On the good side though it appears the barnacles and growth under the hull do not like freshish water, since when we came to clean underneath there was hardly a thing to do. She was taken to Bicton for the bottom clean then refuelled with 200litres of diesel in the hope of a days diving the following day. Unfortunately, the weather turned cold and we couldn't get a crew together to take her out. 'Well them's the breaks' - maybe next month!

Cheers Folks!
Stubby!

Building Blocks

Well the door has had the final coat, and everybody says that the door at the club rooms looks a lot better. That is about all I have to report regarding the building.

Ric.....

AVON DESCENT

On Friday 2 nd Sept. the reunion of Avon Descent Rescue team was held. Peter Harold opened his home, with the consent of his lovely wife Lois, a great time was had by all of those who attended. A few faces were missing, not to mention any names, but thank you to Dennis, Maree, Geoff, Jim, Dave, Serena, and everybody else who come. Also many thanks to Peter and Lois for having us,

SWIMMING IN WINTER !, OUT DOORS. NAH ?

Is this true, people actually swim outdoors, in the winter. Yes, perhaps, in some far off country were they have slave labour, concentration camps, national conscription, satellite t.v. and other awful things like that. But not hear, not in Perth, not Perth Western Australia. Home of solid and sensible men , of fair and virtuous women, clean air and mid week Lotto. Where the sun sets crimson and the wind blows free.

Yes, it's true, and we have been having a good time of it to mate! Each and every Thursday some of us, if not all of us, have been off to Fremantle Aquatic centre in search of camaraderie, good fellow ship, health wealth and fun, not to mention a quick feed and a bottle of cheap plonk. It is still going on and looks set to continue for some time yet. So if you want to join for a swim and/or a feed and/or a drink then any time before 7pm is the go, we usually arrive around 6pm or so (very so) do a bit in the big 26 degree pool and relax in the hot 34 degree pool, and try to decide on the eatery we shall go visit. Not every one goes so don't be put off coming for a swim and a yarn. After the fun bit comes the hard work. Eating and drinking everybody's favourite past time (well two out of three). The conversation is wide and varied if not entirely factual. We have swum for fourteen weeks visiting twelve restaurants varying in price from seven dollars to twenty dollars for a feed for at least two courses. Here is a brief summary of places and our general opinion.

NAME	NATIONALITY	COMMENTS
VANG TAU	VIETNAMESE	GREAT VALUE
ROMAS	ITALIAN	TRY NEXT DOOR
BENGAL	INDIAN	GREAT
BUNGA RYA	MALAYSIAN	NOT THE BEST
MANDALAY	BURMESE	NOT BAD
ROCCOS	ITALIAN PIZZA	GOOD
SONG TAM	VIETNAMESE	GOOD CHEAP
OLD PAPAS	ITALIAN	GREAT/SMART
IL CIAO	ITALIAN	GOOD UP MARKET
GINOS	ITALIAN	EVER POPULAR
SALA THAI	THAILAND	BRILLIANT
PIZZA BELLA ROMA	ITALIAN	GOOD

If a bit of non violent exercise is what you need a group of people (mainly from action outdoors) walks from the ferry landing at South Perth round the river past the city, I have done this on several occasions and it is very enjoyable, 9.6Km in length it takes between one and a half and two hours, depending on whom you walk with, it sounds a long way (and it feels like it the first couple of times) but you soon come up to scratch, it has been on going for three years. No arrangements or money required, just motivation. p.s. some of them have a feed at the Windsor, on the verandah out side the bar great meals, about six or seven dollars.

hope to see you soon Bill Boustead.

Safety Report

GOODBYE ENDEAVOUR

On Sunday 2nd October, the Endeavour will be leaving Fremantle to sail to Sydney, and the club has organized a fun - filled, action packed day to farewell her. The day will start at 8:30 am with a chicken and champagne breakfast on board the Underwater Explorer. The Endeavour leaves Fremantle at 10:00 am and it is proposed that we follow her out to Rottnest. From there we will pull in at the Island and feast on a fabulous BBQ lunch. All of this for only \$30:00. All you have to bring is your camera, chair, and champagne of your choice. Food and fun will be plentiful, so don't miss out. So this day promises to be as exciting as the launch. Places are limited, so give me a ring on 4573333 to secure your place.

On safety there is not much to report as the boat has only gone out once. But when the season starts hopefully I will have something / will not have something to report.

Maree.....

Diving Report

There is not much to report again this month. due to the weather, the club boat has only gone out once in the past month, but the weather is starting to look like it is improving, and I am confident we will start to get some good diving weather. The boat should be going out on a regular basis, e with support of the members.

The Busselton weekend is now full.
For all bookings for diving please ring Nick Worsley again this year or until notified other wise.
Also please ring me for all the club diving activities.

RON.....

Pericles, a challenging dive

Some 6km off the coast of Augusta there is a shipwreck that a local diver likens to the diving equivalent of climbing Mount Everest.

The Pericles rests 30m beneath the open sea where it has lain since striking an uncharted rock on March 31, 1910.

Intermittent salvage operations on the Pericles continued for years after the wreck and Augusta charter diver, Tom Pike, played a large part in salvaging lead cargo from the ship.

Today Tom Pike operates a charter service to take qualified divers out to the wreck that he labels "a challenging dive".

"The Pericles is quite a deep dive and about halfway down you can't see the surface anymore and then suddenly she looms up at you," Tom said.

Though a dive to the Pericles requires a charter service, many of the wrecks on the Cape are visible from the coast and accessible by scuba or snorkel from small boats.

The area stretching from Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin has been the graveyard for many ships as treacherous winds and rocky coastlines have trapped the most clever captains.

The Hamelin Bay Wreck Trail features four visible wrecks within a square kilometre of the bay.

The wrecks are identified by plaques that detail the way in

which they were wrecked.

One of the most heroic and gripping legends of early Margaret River surrounds the tragic wreck of the steamer, Georgette in 1876.

The Georgette was wrecked off Redgate beach and was spotted by Aboriginal stockman, Sam Isaacs and 16-year-old Grace Bussell.

Together they urged their horses down the cliff at Redgate and into the water, using the horses as a ferry to take passengers from the foundering ship to safety on shore.

On clear days The Georgette can be seen lying in 5m of water at the surf line, about 90m offshore.

Four die in drowning incidents

SYDNEY: The manager of Sydney's Channel 7 station, Paul Cavanagh, was one of four people drowned in heavy seas off the New South Wales coast yesterday.

Two anglers were washed off a popular Sydney rock fishing spot and a woman drowned during a family boating expedition on the South Coast about 150km south of Sydney.

Their names have not been released.

A Westpac rescue helicopter spokesman said Mr Cavanagh, 43, from the northern peninsula suburb of Queenscliff, lost consciousness while scuba diving in 41 metres of water about 2km north-east of Long Reef beach about 9am.

A doctor and paramedic dropped into the water tried to revive Mr Cavanagh but he failed to respond.

Channel 7 managing director Chris Chapman said Mr Cavanagh had worked for the station for 15 years.

A police spokesman said the rock anglers, aged 28 and 36 from inner south-west suburban Marrieville, were in a group of four friends fishing at Cape Banks, on the northern headland of Bot-

any Bay, when a wave washed them into the sea shortly before noon.

One man's body was found but conditions were too dangerous to retrieve it and divers would have to wait for the sea to subside.

He said there was no sign of the second man's body.

On the South Coast, a 60-year-old woman drowned when she was washed overboard with three other people after a big wave hit the 3.6-metre fibreglass boat they were in about 9.15am.

They were in a two-boat family fishing expedition which had left Gerringong Boat Harbour, south of Kiama, about 6am and were trying to return after seas got rough.

A man, 47, and his son, 14, who were in the boat were washed on to rocks and climbed to safety, helped by a bystander, who called police.

The woman, from Greenacre about 20km south-west of Sydney, and her son, 26, were washed out to sea with the upturned boat and brought back by members of the Gerringong Surf Life Saving Club.

The three males suffered cuts and shock.

Word Sleuth - 1.

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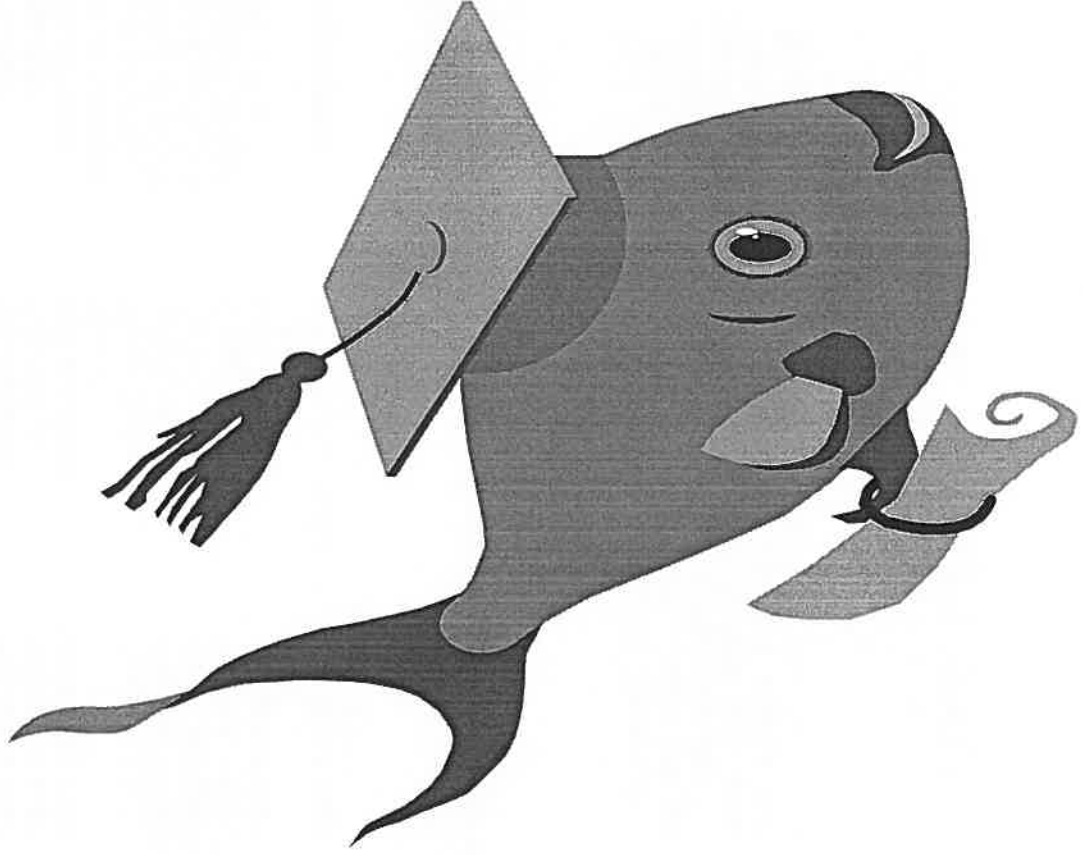
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Editorial

Well this month is full of supprises and imporant facts that concerns all club members. Also the so solution to the Word Sluthe. Your committee has been working vary hard this month to keep you upto date with what is happening and special events for ALL club members. So please read on.

Sandy and ' Staff '

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Club Calendar

OCTOBER

Saturday 15-10-94 Practical Nav. & Seamanship Day outing Skipper: Dennis

Sunday 16-10-94 Dive Trip Details to be advised

Monday 17-10-94 General Meeting Clubrooms
Talk on whales and whale watching.

Week end of 22nd & 23rd and 29th & 30th Dive & Fishing Trips To Be Advised

NOVEMBER

Dive & Fishing Trips To Be Advised

Tuesday 7-11-94 Committee Meeting Clubrooms

Monday 21-11-94 Annual General Meeting Clubrooms

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Phone Sharon or Nick Wasley on **364 8059** for dive bookings or enquiries.

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Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

The social season this year seems to have started well, if not the diving which will pick as soon as we get decent sea conditions - I hope! Traditionally September and October are quiet months for diving but nevertheless it is the right time to advertise and promote ourselves. The two social events were a great success and will certainly help too promote and advertise us, so if nothing else happens in diving let's at least have more of them.

We have discovered a truly excellent spot on the River to tie up and go ashore for a BBQ, picnic - sheltered from all weathers, with good grassed areas and toilet facilities I think it will serve us well. I'm not going to tell you where it is you'll have to come out with us if you want to know that!

The Social events have highlighted our boat's lack of home comforts, the importance of which cannot be taken too lightly, if we are to attract members to her both for diving and social events. Gone are the days when even our staunchest members will accept cold, wet, noisy and uncomfortable extremes, just for the sake of the Club. I firmly believe we have to start paying a lot of attention to this, especially as our promotional activities start bringing in new members, who will expect a high standard of presentation as well as diving practices. To this end I intend to start putting some pressure on in this direction - members who do get involved with improvements to the boat can look forward to great satisfaction in the results of such work, which will bring about a dramatic increase in comfort with very little effort!

The same could be said for the Club rooms! Modifications to install a small shower alcove with - that marvel of modern comfort - hot running water, would go a long way to making our Base a pleasure come home to, lounge around in and stay and socialise! A couple of comfortable lounge chairs and a three seater or two would make all the difference! What about members giving this some thought and coming up with a few good ideas for inexpensive ways to achieve such a goal. Even if we still wish to lease the Club this could only make it easier and perhaps increase the income!

Look forward to seeing you at the October meeting Folks and learning more about Whales and how to watch them!

Diving Report

Well the boat is back in the water, and has gone out a couple of times. But we still need more divers for the Sunday dives.

For any club diving activities please contact me, and remember contact Nick & Sharon for bookings, for all Sunday dives. Now that the boat is back in the water lets use it.

If there is any one interested in Prawn Dives please contact me.

Ron

Note: All of those who have confirmed for the Bosselton trip ^{full} Payment due at G.M. 17-10.94

Annual Reunion and Presentation Night

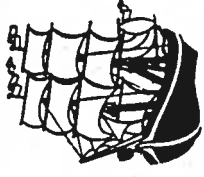
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FAREWELL "ENDEAVOUR"

Social Outing

We had a great time aboard U.E.... again! The early morning chicken & champagne breakfast was superb. Instead of the ordinary KFC or Chicken Treat, Maree had put together a selection of different style marinated chicken pieces (from a real delicatessen), served with croissants and a huge fresh fruit platter. Excellent!

RICHARD NAYLOR was our Able Skipper of the day, cruising down the Swan River with much skill amongst a thousand other boats, and the magnificent replica of Captain Cook's "Endeavour" in the middle. Due to weather conditions, we only followed her a bit up the coast line, before we turned around. A wise decision had been made to enjoy our BBQ lunch up river instead of crossing over to Rottnest.

We tied up by the jetty in Mossman Park, and Sandy took charge of the grilling of the snags and steaks. Plenty of food for all, and even some Sarah Lee desert. When the rain came down again for a short while, we were all "saved" by this incredible Chinese Pepper tree, that gave us total shelter. Only Sarah Lee was left out on the table and got a bit soggy.

We had a good turn-up of "old" and new members with friends. I feel proud to have been a participant in such a historic event as this, and part of the Perth peoples' celebration. WELL DONE, U.E.C.

Sarah

I would just like to add my thanks to Richard for a job well done, on Sunday 2 Oct. All of the people on board 'U.E.' had a great time, and Richard even gave those people with cameras a chance to take some fantastic photos, of the Endeavour sailing out of Fremantle.

All of the people on board the U.E. knows about the photo competition. If you would like to par take in the 'Farewell Endeavour' comp, please arrive at the General Meeting 15 - 20 mins before start time, with photos.
All members at the meeting will be asked to judge the comp. by voting for their favourite f photo. More information will be given at the meeting. I am submitting so good luck to everyone else.

Sandy

Well folks it is that time of the year again Club membership fees are due. Also the Club Presentation night is fast upon us. I look forward to see your faces at the presentation night, which is being held next month.

It is also time for Nominations for your next Committee. You can submit your nominations before the AGM on Nov. 21, or by posting them to the club.

The talk on whale watching is going to be held at the next general meeting 17 Oct at the club rooms.

Sandy

COME TO OUR OCTOBER MEETING AND BE THE JUDGE OF OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION!

Most of us aboard U.E. had a camera with us for the occasion, and we were happy snapping away like mad. In the spirit of the moment, it was decided to announce a photo competition, as we all thought we had taken some pretty good pictures to show off. Therefore, we now need YOUR help to judge the winning photo. So, PLEASE, come to this meeting and have a look at our collection on the "Photo Wall". All you need to do is to write down a number on a piece of paper and put in the box. Simple but necessary. There are two categories: (A) showing the best picture of "Endeavour" and (B) a people or person photo. Five submissions in each category will be accepted.

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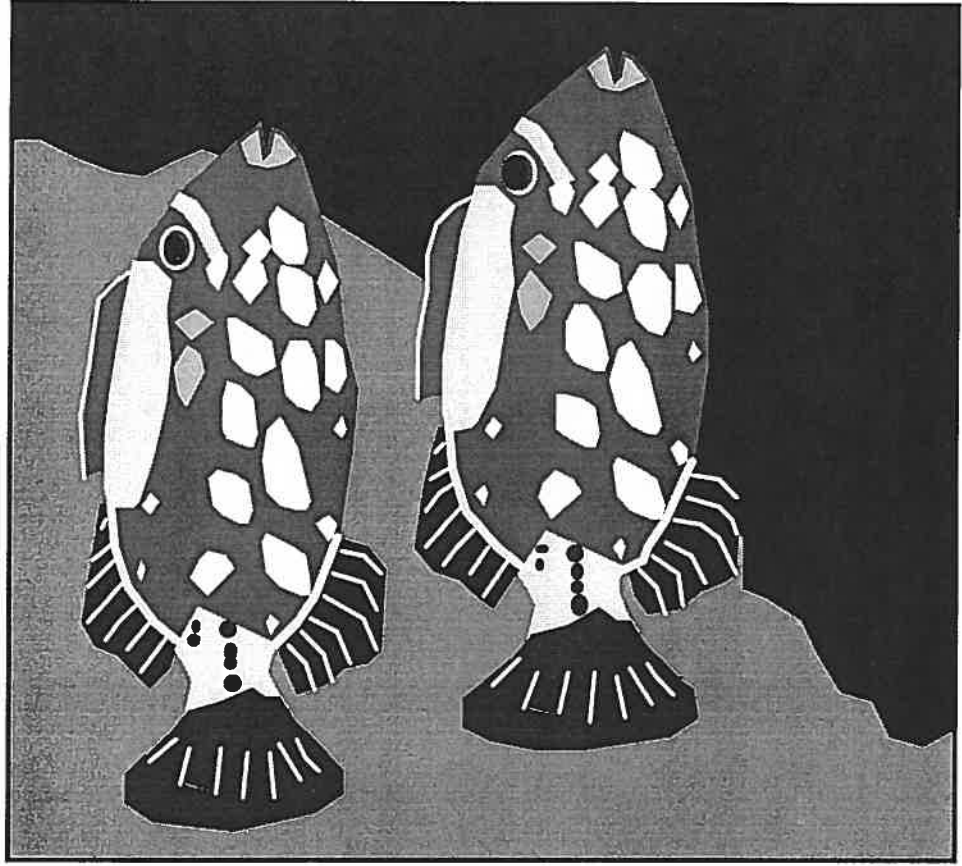
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Editorial

Hi folks, well it's that time of the year, with the AGM coming up this might be my last magazine. If so I would like to thank a few people who have helped me since taking on the job:

Maree Casely for her understanding and persistence in helping to point out my mistakes.

Dennis Stubblefeild for his assistance in producing the front cover and certain reports.

Tibi Csomay for sending me all of the interesting newspaper clippings I have used through the year.

With out these people and the others not mentioned, I could not produce such an interesting Magazine for your reading pleasure.

Hopefully I will see you all at the Presentation night or at the A.G.M., which is to be held this month.

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Presidential Notes

Dennis Stubberfield

As this will be my last report as your President for the financial and administrative year, I will take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and assistance I have been given in my year of office. It can be an onerous and thankless task, requiring a mountain of work, but it can also be very rewarding and fulfilling. This year the President's job has been all of the above and mostly the latter, and I will look back on it with some satisfaction.

We have achieved some notable objectives - not the least of which was to stay afloat financially - we seem to stay afloat physically well enough! But to do so meant getting a little more 'street wise' as it were and much hard work by a dedicated few. By altering our constitution to free up membership opportunities, allowing affiliations and non-resident membership and short term, daily renting of the Clubrooms we have earned some lifesaving funds. We will inevitably have to gain more of this from the real estate that we own, whether by renting or leasing. Obviously we would prefer the former but we must be prepared for the leasing rather than risk losing the Clubrooms, which is what will happen if we don't get it working for us. We, the 'older' membership have absolutely no right to expect a new generation of Club divers to accept a burdensome debt of work and money that may become the Clubrooms, merely because we put it there. They won't wear it! They will go elsewhere to dive - depend on it! Therefore we have to make it self perpetuating if we can and the only way to do that is by leasing or renting long term.

On the social side we have seen some notable events such as the Sky show, boating trips up the river, the 'Endeavour' launch and sailing and the Xmas and 'Reunion' dives. Fund raising this year was noticeably less onerous and I feel because of that, lead to a freer and more relaxed membership attitude. Even the Avon Descent, which is really fund raising, turned into fun' raising this year. Our meetings, however, have tended to be a bit boring of late, due to lack of guest speakers, so we really should jazz that part of the club up a bit! The notable exception was the talk on whales, which generated heaps of interest.

This all goes to show you need an active and innovative Committee with many hands and full participation to lighten the load. I have seen encouraging signs that next years Committee will just what the Club needs to pick up and expand. New Membership is the other major key to our survival and I exhort you all to give this aspect of our activities the highest priority - rank it up with diving itself! We have just got to get used to performing to a somewhat cynical and discerning, diving public to maintain our membership. This in itself will have benefits in that we will become more professional - thus safer - in our diving, if we are ever conscious of being watched and assessed by potential new members.

If we do all this, we cannot possibly fail, so keep up the good work Folks and I look forward to seeing you all next financial year!

Club Calendar

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Saturday/Sunday Dive & Fishing Trips To Be Advised

Saturday 19-11-94 Presentation Night 391 Metcalf Rd PARKWOOD

Monday 21-11-94 Annual General Meeting Clubrooms

Monday 5-12-94 Committee Meeting Clubrooms

Sunday 18-12-94 Xmas Dive

Monday 19-12-94 General Meeting Clubrooms

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Diving Report

The signs were all there - a high pressure system slowly drifting over the coast a trough forming, lowish seas and swell, high temperatures and low winds Sounds perfect for diving doesn't it? Well folks it was. Bookings with Nick and Sharon were brisk (although many people did not record their new number and on Sunday 14 members turned up. First dive: Crystal Palace. Conditions were great - very little surge and good visibility. With his usual skill, Dennis put us right on the spot, so we could spend all our allocated time enjoying the site, not looking d for it. This spot is one of the best at Rottneast and a must for those who haven't beenthere yet. There was even a report of a sighting of the fabled Pineapple Fish that inhabits the caves. Lunch was a laid back affair at Parker Point, slumming it with some very ordinary craft. The bay was packed and we were hard - pressed to find an anchorage. The standard of food on board ranged from the extravagant to the dreary, Steve Parkin kept producing endless containers of gourmet goodies whilst Susie produced 2 Weet - Bixs, Susie claims that she mistook the breakfast cereal for something more exotic, but we were not deceived. We suspect that this was acleaver ploy to separate the more discerning diners, from some of their food.

GOOD TRY SUSIE!!!

On the way to our second dive we came across a group of stationary boats watching some whales so we joined in. The whales, a mother and calf were some distance away, but they kept us enthralled for a few minutes whilst they continued on their journey south.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. of the U.E.C. will take place on Monday 21st November, at 8pm. The Committee of Management for the forthcoming year will be elected, so it is imperative that all members are present to have their say. Only financial members are entitled to vote and to be elected, so bring along a cheque (or cash will do). As usual the Committee exhorts you all to consider being nominated for a position on the Committee. The success of the Club depends heavily on an enthusiastic and innovative Committee, so please consider taking on a position. It is not an onerous job and it can be very rewarding for the right person.

CLUB FEES

The November Committee Meeting resolved to keep all Club fees the same for the forthcoming year. Our fees are very moderate and reflect good value for money. However, for the Club to remain in a good financial position and to improve on our situation, it is essential that our member base increases and that we all endeavour to dive as often as possible.

Maree

CHRISTMAS DIVE

This year's famed Christmas dive will be held on Sunday 18 th December. We will be heading off to Rottnest for a single dive, followed by a BBQ lunch at Geordie Bay. This is always a fun day and ideal for families to attend. Mark this one in your calendar and ring Nick and Sharon.

ROTTNEST 1995

Just a quick reminder that there are still a few places available for a week at Rottnest in March. This week always produces lots of fun and diving at a very moderate cost. Give me a ring if you can get a week off work in March and I'll give you all the details.

Maree

DIVE REPORT Cont.

Our second dive was at the northern end of Stragglers Reef. We have often dived here in the past on night dives but rarely during the day. This also was a good dive. Plenty of swim - throughs and small caves to explore and myriads of soft corals. These were reports of some large Dhufish and a monster jumbo crayfish. The days diving was perfect and everyone had a good day diving. I hope that there will be many more days like this for the club, this coming summer, and maybe we will see some more divers coming out to join in the fun.

Maree!!!!

NOMMINATIONS:

Nick Hunter	PADI
Rikki Luckman	PADI
Keith Luckman	PADI
Simon Luckman	PADI

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

In the recently published report of the Select Committee on Ancient Shipwreck, special mention was made of the U.E.C. The commendation is reported below:

" Firstly, special attention needs to be given to the Underwater Explorers Club. This organization has played an important role over the years in underwater exploration and discovery. In fact, some of its divers have been involved in the discovery of some of the shipwrecks currently under review. The professionalism and enthusiasm shown by these people has been a credit to both themselves and to this state. "

The report lists 16 wrecks that have been discovered by either the U.E.C. or its members. The Club has a long and rich history in wreck research and discovery, yet sadly many newer members are unaware of this. During the 1950's, 60's and 70's the club had many dedicated divers and researchers amongst its ranks and it is through their efforts that these wrecks were discovered. Over the years the focus of the club has changed and the enthusiasm and sheer hard work involved in wreck discovery is no longer amongst high on our list of diving activities. Still the good news is that there are still 156 wrecks lying in their watery graves waiting to be found off the W.A. coast.

Maree!!!!

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Maree Casley on 457 3333

This year the Clubs premier evening where awards are presented will be held on Saturday November 19, starting at 4 pm. Ric Young has kindly agreed to host this event - his address is 391 Metcalf Rd, Parkwood - So all we need is a large turnout of members and their families to make this evening a success. The cost is only \$15 a single or \$ 25 a double, for a feast that Ric reckons will be second to none. Please make the effort to be there and be part of all the thrills and excitement. This night is important for 2 reasons. Firstly, it perpetuates a long Club tradition and secondly, it recognises the individual efforts of Club members. Ring Maree on 457 3333 to book for this night.

Boating Bitts

Dennis Stubberfield

The boat and its machinery operated satisfactorily this month, giving excellent service on the two dive trips which occurred. These trips were almost fully attended and with magnificent weather and sea conditions proved to be just the great diving days we have been waiting impatiently for.

A **working Bee** on the boat will be required on **Saturday 19th of November**, to catch up with a few modifications we didn't get time for during slipping and to check on those which were done!

I know I wasn't boating officer, but I still want to thank those who helped run and maintain the boat with me this year - without you we wouldn't have a boat. But it is **your** boat after all so that's as it should be. It requires a team effort and that's what it got. The way the boat is running and has been kept up is a credit to you all - **BUT** - don't go away folks there's always plenty more to do!

Stubby!

Cheers Folks!

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FAREWELL ENDEAVOUR PHOTO COMP.

As you were informed last month, there was a photo competition for the best photo of the Endeavour leaving our shores: well the photos are up on the wall at the club, and at the general meeting last month they were voted on.

Catagory A: The Endeavour Prize

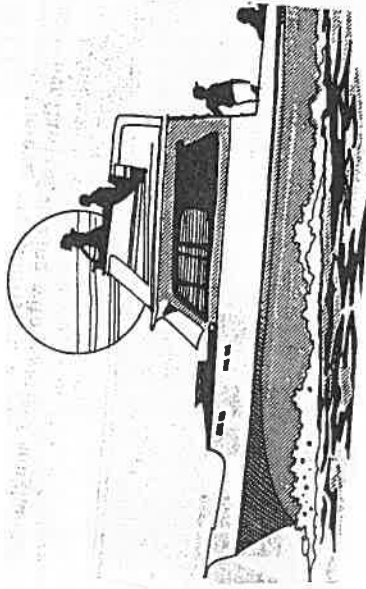
1st Maree Casely	Free Dive
2nd Warren Cummins	Free Tank Fill
2nd Sandy Jackson	"
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You will notice two people got equal second on there photos this is due to the way people voted on the night.

Catagory B: People Present Prize

1st Susie Ashton	Free Dive
2nd Sandy Jackson	Free Tank Fill

Congratulations to all of the people listed above and for those who participated in the competition



A Sobering Reminder...

Most people would agree, the heart beats a little faster when pulled over for a random breath test, even if one has not even had a drop to drink.

Spare a thought then for how people from other countries must feel when confronted by the local constabulary to check if one is under the influence. Here is a list of drink driving penalties from other countries which I read about recently:

Malaysia - male driver gaoled and if married the wife joins him in prison.
Russia - licence revoked for life.

South Africa - 10 years in gaol, \$10,000 fine or both.

Poland - gaoled and forced to attend political lectures.

Bulgaria - second offence, the driver is executed.

El Salvador - first offence, the driver is executed by firing squad.

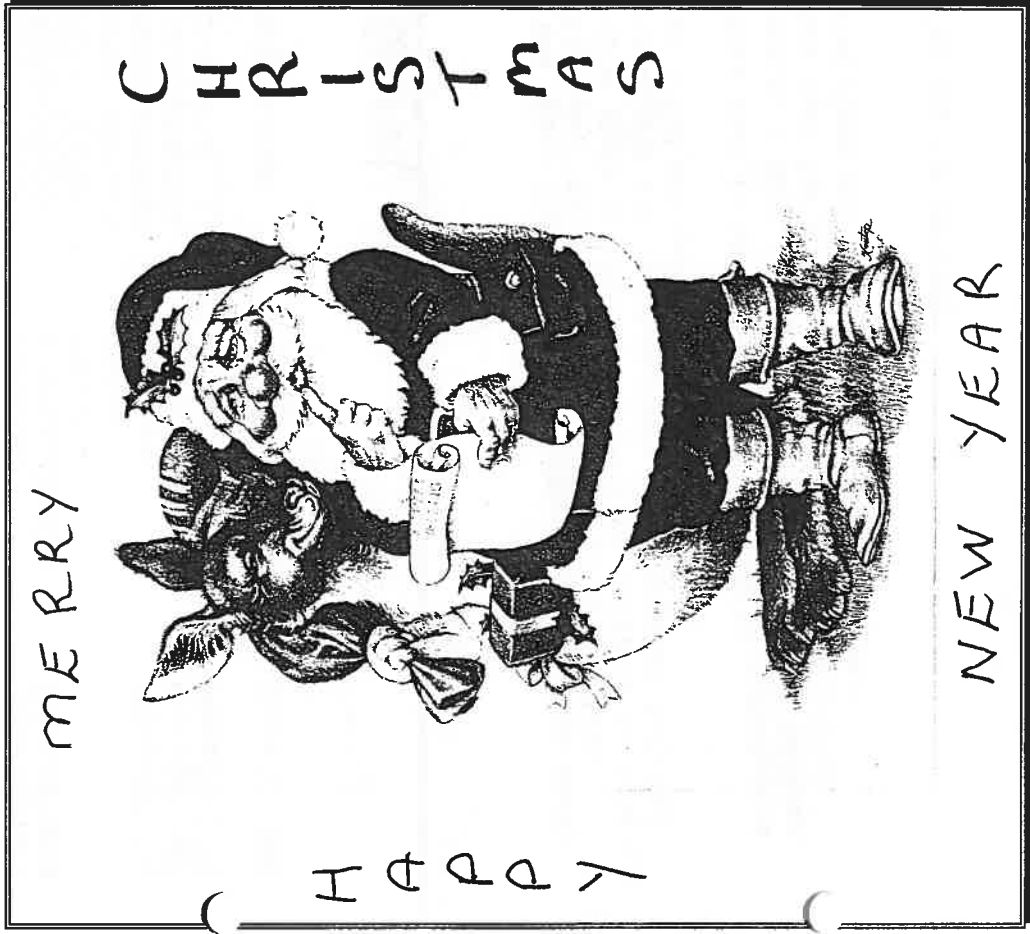
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Editorial

Yes folks I have returned again, but still no spell checker. This months mag. is full of surprises, with lots of new and interesting articles to read and enjoy. By the way I enjoyed the Busselton Trip and no I did not get HAPPY .

Well that is about all I have to say this much,oops month. I hope to see you all at the General Meeting, the last for this year, by the way have a joyful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

See You All In 1995

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Monday	16-1-95 General Meeting	Clubrooms

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A quick look at the inside cover will reveal the make - up of the new committee. Welcome to Susie, Kerry & Bob and thanks to Larry and Ron for all their efforts during the past year. Dennis has opted to move to Boating Officer (he was doing the job anyway) and I am now the new , slightly used, President. Thanks to Dennis presiding over the Club this past year and for keeping everything ship - shape.

Summer appears to have started early this year, here's hoping that it continues and we can really get in some good diving. Watch out for Kerrys' plans for diving. He has some new ideas that he is keen to try out.

Susie has also been quick out of the starting gate. She has already had an article published in the local paper about the Club and has also been busy working on the social calendar. She is planning events that in the past have been very popular and will also be trying some new functions.

With the new year about to start it behoves us all to support the Committee in every way we can. Try to get involved in our new diving related activities and social events, as the club needs a good mix of both to be truley successful. We also need money to continue with our activities, so if you haven't already done so , please pay your annual subs as soon as possible.

Christmas is almost with us, so I will end my report by wishing you and your families a wonderfully happy and safe Christmas and New Year. See you bright eyed and bushy - tailed in 1995.

Safety Report

Everything is running smoothly as far as safety is concerned except that I have had some complaints from DO's and Skippers regarding some sloppy practices. Specifically, when returning to the boat always hand up your weightbelt before removing your fins. With a wetsuit and full kit on it is impossible to swim with no fins, so in the event that you lose your grip on the marlin board, you could end up in difficulty. It is a small point, but from a safety point - of - view, very important.

Another practice that is becoming increasingly prevalent is divers turning up without all the regulation gear, eg: watches and knives. Clearly if you have a computer or dive timer a watch is not necessary but in all circumstances a knife certainly is.

NOMINATIONS:

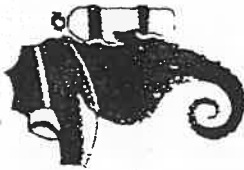
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The magazine editor would like to apologise to any member who has tried to contact her at home, unfortunately I have not been at home. If you can't contact me on 3375451 then please try 3371105.
Sorry about that.

SANDY!!

BASIC HINTS - SOME SAFETY ASPECTS

Already we have had some magic dives coming out of winter through spring with brilliant visibility. For those of you slow to get started this season, please follow a couple of simple rules: Take it easy and slow. That is, check your gear, suit up slowly, don't attempt a deep dive or hard dive straight off. "What's a hard dive" did I hear you ask? Perhaps it's surge or distance or night or... Remember, diving is experimental, so dive within your limitations and desires (the fun part). While on this subject, you more experienced divers, remember your first dives - what was it like for you? Anxious, frightened, excited, full of anticipation? Be helpful to your buddy(s) - not bossy; dive within their limitations as well as your own.
DIVE SAFE AND HAPPY!



Kerry

PRESENTATION NIGHT!!!!

Ric Young recently opened his home to host the Clubs Annual Presentation Night. About 30 members turned out to enjoy good food and good company, and to applaud the recipients of Club awards. On the evening the following awards were made:

Club Person of the Year, donated by Bob Wallis, was presented to : Dennis Stubblefield.

Boat Person of the Year: donated by Dave Kenny, was awarded to: Geoff Charlton.

Most Improved Diver, donated by Dave Kenny, was awarded to: Warren Cummins.

Appreciation Awards, were presented to : Kerry Ashton, Maree Casley. Peter Horton, Sandy Jackson, Pat Troy and Ric Young.

Life Membership was also presented to Maree Casley.

Congratulations to all recipients of awards for a job well done and also to Ric for supplying a superb meal and venue for the evening.

Maree !!!

BUSSELTON DIVE !!!!

A good week end was had by all who went on the trip to Busselton. Even after a comedy of errors, which started when Ron forgot the bread and for two shelets brought one 2 lt of milk to share.

On Saturday 26th the diving was cancelled due to the weather. So an alternate plan was to do what we were planning for the Sunday, which for some was the wine tour, for the rest the caves proved to hold some interest as well as the cheese farm. The decision was to meet for lunch at the Marron Farm at 1pm, but the group who did the wine tour accidentally ran a little bit late (45 mins exactly). after lunch we regrouped for a special dinner to be cooked by Ron. But unfortunately the Marron he had for lunch got its own back, Ron is allergic to crustaceans, oh well no more crayfish or prawns for you Ron.

On Sunday we found out that the boat skipper decided to cancel all dives, geuss who was nearly hanged, luckily the dive shop had just brought a new aluminium zodiac, so we went diving off the Busselton Jetty in their zodiac instead. Every one enjoyed the dive and I would recommend the trip to anyone who has never dived off the jetty before.

Sandy!!!!

UCC Divers are Safe
Divers.

So come and join in on
the fun of safe diving.

Diver lucky to survive

A DIVER was lucky to survive after drifting 10km from a boat off Binningup Beach near Bunbury yesterday.

Colin Nichols, 30, of Australind, went diving alone at 11.30am after his diving partner, Todd Norton, found a fault in his equipment.

Mr Norton, of Benger, became concerned when Mr Nichols had not returned by noon and contacted the nearby power boat club and police and sea rescue services, which launched an aerial, ground and sea search.

Nothing was heard until 5.40pm when Mr Nichols' brother-in-law rang police to say he had turned up after swimming to Myalup Beach, about 10km north of Binningup.

4 nabbed with 1100 undersized crayfish

By NICK TAYLOR

ber 15 and the end of January to conserve breeding stocks.

Fisheries Operations director Ernie Little said: "It is our belief that these fishermen were attempting to stockpile smaller rock lobsters to consign them after the minimum legal size reverted to 76mm on February 1.

"We regard these offences as serious. Despite record prices for rock lobster, the industry is facing one of the toughest periods in its development, and the rebuilding of the breeding stock is of paramount importance.

"It seems a significant number of fishermen on certain stretches of coast have been taking undersized rock lobsters.

"They must realise they are not doing themselves or their mates any favors.

"Any fisherman found attempting to hold undersized rock lobsters this season for consignment after the end of January will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

● Dongara fisherman David Hand, convicted of having 87 undersized crays in a separate prosecution, was fined \$859 and ordered to pay \$183 costs.

MORE than 1100 illegally caught undersized crayfish were found in holding tanks in Geraldton by Fisheries Department officers.

They believe the crays were part of a haul being held to cash in on an impending change in the legal size limit.

The crays were found in tanks belonging to four of the city's commercial fisherman.

More than 600 were held by Paul Starling, who was fined \$7209 in Geraldton Magistrate's Court this week. He was also ordered to pay \$233 costs.

Ken Lovedee was found with 476 undersized crays and was fined \$5636 with \$233 costs.

Don Lane, who had 57 undersized crays, was fined \$1027 with \$150 costs and James O'Byrne, who had 20 undersized, was fined \$450 with \$233 costs.

All pleaded guilty to offences under the Fisheries Act covering the illegal taking of undersized rock lobsters.

The court was told the men were all caught with 76mm crays last January.

The legal minimum size was raised to 77mm between the opening of the season on Novem-

Wheelhouse Wrap

Dennis Stubberfield

Well it's back to the ranks again folks for me, hopefully with more time to get the boat plans moving. We have had two working parties this month, but these merely got us back up to scratch. My thanks to Richard, Adrian and Geoff nevertheless. With boats it tends to be 2 paces forward and 1 pace backwards most of the time so it takes quite a while to see much improvement! My instinct for worry over little things, perhaps, served me well this time because little things can often indicate impending trauma and if ignored or overlooked, disaster. The boats heat exchanger was almost completely clogged with rust and was just beginning to show the ghost of an idea that the temperature for a particular set of operating conditions was rising. It certainly was! Please Skippers, or anyone, if you get the faintest inkling that all is not well - tell somebody or write in the log or ring me. These things caught in time can be quick and easy to fix!

Apart from that all seems well, with the boat and machinery operating satisfactorily - all we have to do is give her some work to do!

Cheers Folks!

Stubby!

DIVING DELIGHTS

Kerry Ashton

Hi all,

As your new Dive Officer, how about a little profile then. I started my diving here in W.A. nine years ago. Developing slowly but surely to become an Instructor some four years ago, it never ceases to amaze me how much there is to learn and absorb about the varied conditions and environments we dive in - a continuous learning curve. What a great privilege to experience the wonders of our oceans which seem ever capable of revealing some new critter or scene.

DIVING:

Stay in contact - DIAL DIVES ON 331 2385!

The "Underwater Explorer" goes out each Sunday and rather than designate dive sites (because of our weather dependency), I will be presenting a "style" of diving in the schedule, e.g. deep/exploratory/crayfishing/marine reserves/photographic, and so on, for the next magazine.

GET WET:

PRAWN DIVES IN THE RIVER - a Perth speciality - the beauty of a night dive with the action of the catch. This will be arranged every first Friday each summer month, with cook-up on the beach, lots of tall tails (opps) tales, and laughs.

P.S. Please let me know if you need an "intro" or a "brush-up" regarding night diver skills.

OVERNIGHTERS:

A balmy night, the boat swaying gently, sleeping under the stars, ten minutes to the early morning dive site. What a great way to start the weekend! "U.F." leaves third Friday each month (if available).

Log your interest on my "Adventure List".

IMPROMPTU DIVES:

Dial Dives on 331 2385 to be on my "Short List".



DIAL DIVES - 331 2385

**U.E.C. 1995 SOCIAL EVENTS
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE THE FIRST SIX MONTHS**

JANUARY 26

Australia Day Sky Show
- "U.E." on the river -
Theme: Green & Gold
(Chicken and Champagne)

FEBRUARY 18

FESTIVAL OPEN AIR CONCERT
- "U.E." on the river -
Theme: Red for "Valentine"
(Cheese and Red wine)

MARCH 17

RIVER PUB CRAWL
- "U.E." ferries us around
Theme: Green for St. Patrick

APRIL 14-16

EASTER DIVING IN YANCHEP
- Bill Bousted's house -
(limited numbers)

MAY 20

THE ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER
- bus between houses -
(limited numbers)

JUNE 23

VIDEO NIGHT: "THE BIG BLUE"
- at Susie & Kerry's place -
(Pop corn and Hot dogs)

Details regarding time and price for each event to be announced in prior monthly Newsletter.

NEXT EVENT:

AUSTRALIA DAY SKY SHOW - THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

We provide the Chicken and Champagne. You dress up in Green & Gold to honour Australia Day. We are all going to have a pleasant outing on the river, enjoying the sky show from the best position - on the river! Pick-up from East Street jetty at 4 PM. Bring a deck-chair (and extra drinkies?). Max. 20 persons; Price = \$20 (must be paid before or at the General Meeting on 16/1/95).

SOCIAL SECTION

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BACK IN THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S CHAIR AGAIN!

I promise I'll do my best to please you all. As you can see from the schedule, I have already thought about a few things we could have fun doing together next year. I have also submitted an article about the Club to our "local rag" to try to hook in some more members and fresh blood. Hopefully it has been published by now.

Another project underway, that I feel excited about, is a gorgeous "party boat flag" I have seen, and definitely think the Club should have for our social fun functions, so.....

1) All sizes of \$ donations will be gratefully accepted.

2) We will raffle out Maree's free dive for two dollars a ticket at the next meeting. (You know, that first prize she won in the Endeavour photo competition.) Our next party on the boat will be Australia Day Sky Show, and we should definitely have it by then! Don't you agree?

Together with the brains of our Vice President 808 and Building Officer RIC, we are going to make the club rooms a bit more "club-like" and "nautical atmospheric". Do YOU have an old fishing net to spare? Or some other old stuff?

There will also be nibbles served at our meetings from now on, and I will try hard to get some sort of show going. Occasionally, we will hold the meeting somewhere else! PLEASE make an effort to come along in the future. We want to meet you all! Who could believe that we actually have more than 70 names on our membership list!

Another "new" thing happening this season is that, in conjunction with our Dive Officer KERRY, there will be a social scene on our river banks every first Friday in the month. Family and friends of the "prawn catchers" and "crab hunters" are welcome to keep the pot boiling, have some drinks and nibbles, waiting in anticipation for the divers to return from the dark waters with their catch. Lots of laughs and new friends guaranteed!



Susie

