



## Diving

A very busy week of diving with a total of 35 divers out on the boat for three double dives and given the heat of the last week where better to be. Note also now that the loading jetty has been repaired we are back to loading the boat there - no more trolley runs out to the pen!

Beautiful conditions for the Xmas recovery dive last Thursday, with eleven on board, Wendy as Skipper and Amanda as DO, escaping the heat of the land for the coolness of the waters at Rottneest Island.

Skipper's choice was spot on with the first dive site at Angela's Cave, a deep dive with 15 to 20m visibility, and low swell. Second dive was at Kingston Spit and this site did not disappoint in the slightest. Marine life spotted included a turtle, some passionate sweetlips, a lion fish, fiddler rays, Port Jackson shark, and schools of bulleeyes, and bream. Keep your eye on the UEC Facebook page for some of the photos.



## Dive Schedule - **8am** dep Loading Jetty (beside boat ramp) unless otherwise advised

### Friday 4th - Robbs Jetty Single Night Dive

Chris C/DO TBC

### Sunday 6th - Double Dive - Rex's Rock & Kingston Shark Cave

Chris C/Adrian T

### Saturday 12th - Double Dive - Parker Point Drop Off & Jackson Rock

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### Boat departure

Over the next couple of months, depending on the tides, the boat may depart from different locations around the Swan Yacht club or other locations. This is because the marina behind our pen is silted up and we can have trouble getting out of the pen at low tides. The SYC are going to be dredging but until its done we may need to load elsewhere.

Make sure you pay attention to the [Dive Coordinator's](#) confirmation e-mail/SMS as these decisions often have to be made at the last minute.

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## **Harlequin Fish at Parker Point (with Cleaner Clingfish for eyebrows) - Photo Chris Cunnold**

Saturdays double dive saw the boat head up north to City Beach in near perfect conditions again with thirteen divers on board, Martin A as Skipper and Tom as DO. The first dive was very pleasant with some nice caves, swim thru's and marine life on display. The second dive was a bit of an exploratory dive just west of the Centaur Reef Southerly Cardinal Marker. By this time the wind had picked up and the seas were beginning to rise. The site was pretty flat and uninteresting and probably not one worth revisiting although from a salvage point of view it was pretty good with two boat anchors and 12m of chain recovered. Now I know what a surface marker bouy is good for!

Eleven divers faced the challenge of getting up early on New Year's Day to enjoy a great day out on Cape Cruiser, with Rex as Skipper and Pat as DO. The first dive turned out to be "not" the Opera House, but the divers still enjoyed a new site with gullies at 30m. The second dive was the ever popular Parker Point Drop Off, with plenty to see along the wall. We had a great run and arrived back at the SYC in plenty of time to enjoy a drink together before heading home.

## **New member nominations**

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Dominic North

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## **Pizza Night Saturday 12th January**

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### **BBQ Appeal**

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A few acknowledgements first. Thanks go to Rex for taking the ducky motor to Muhling Marine and spending about 3 hours getting it checked over as its been a bit reluctant to start after getting a ducking a month back. Sure enough there was salt water in the fuel lines and carburetor so after a good clean out and flushing the tank and all the lines its now running nicely again. Special mention goes to Adrian as the DO who steps up most to cover gaps in the crew roster - thanks Adrian. Thanks should also go to Chris and Wendy who likewise step up for skipper duties when we are short. Finally thanks also to Peter Horton who put together the night dive lighting mast.

Unfortunately Fridays nights dive to Robbs Jetty had to be cancelled due to the weather. Sundays dive went ahead with eight divers on board, Geoff as skipper and Adrian as DO. Conditions were far better than expected being overcast but wind-less. There was a fair swell causing a lot of surge though. We went to Parker Point Drop off first, where large numbers of crays were spotted but only four were bagged, the surge was strong and vis was 5-10m on the bottom but clear from the bottom up to the boat. A good dive for the cray men and the photographers had plenty of Nudibranch targets. One diver collected in the ducky (which was purring away happily thankfully).

Second dive was going to be Julie's Cave but the anchor missed the spot so we were only in the vicinity. Conditions the same only vis was even lower, apparently. Two divers had to be collected in the ducky after getting lost and surfacing a ways from the boat, one of them cray-Carl (that's twice in the last month by my counting!). The cray-men weren't happy with the spot, coming up cray-less, bar one bloke who'd managed to bag a cockroach in the mistaken belief that "it looked a lot bigger underwater!" Cocky was thrown back when Adrian collected him in the duck.

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We headed to Parker Point for the first dive with a full boat of fourteen divers, Geoff as Skipper and Carl as DO. The swell was larger than the 1.5m forecast and it was pretty windy so we dived Cray Canyon instead. There was a bit of surge for the divers but not nearly as much as when we dived there four weeks ago. The second dive was Elders Point at Roe Reef where the crew got rave reviews from all the divers, even though no crays were caught.

This coming Sundays dive was fully booked out with a waitlist so Chris has managed to put together a single dive on the Saturday with places still available so if you would like a quick dive back by lunchtime then let Chris know.

### Treasurer and Dive Coordinator Required

Following the announcement by Wendy and Chris last night at the General Meeting that they are off to Bali for seven months to have fun we are now looking for a stand-in treasurer as soon as possible and a dive coordinator by the end of April. If you would like to volunteer to cover either of these roles until the AGM in July then please contact myself at [president@uecwa.com.au](mailto:president@uecwa.com.au) or Wendy at [treasurer@uecwa.com.au](mailto:treasurer@uecwa.com.au).

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David Bond

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### Rotto Four Bed Chalet Available 9th to 15th Feb

We have one of the four bedded Rotto Chalets available for a member to rent for their own use from the 9th-15th at a cost of \$1700. There are also places available on the boat so if you fancy bringing the family or some friends for the week and also doing some diving then let Clive know before the week-end.

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Martin S/Martin A

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### **Boat BBQ**

We have now purchased a nice shiny stainless steel BBQ and it will be fitted on the boat this coming weekend. Rex has also made a nice cover to keep it looking good so thanks to Bob & Zita for kicking off the fund and everyone else who donated to its purchase.

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Last Sunday, a full boat of fourteen divers set out with Wendy and Chris crewing, for a lovely day with the divers enjoying two beautiful dives. The first, in perfect flat conditions, at Swirl Reef had everyone coming back to the boat saying it was wonderful. We decided against City of York for the second dive as the Sou-wester sprung up and was strengthening, so dived instead at Elder Point and it also received good reviews. Four of our divers tried to mount an underwater assault on a nearby dive boat that was serving lunch. Hmm, perhaps they need to revisit navigation 101 or get their specs checked.

This weekend sees a hectic boat schedule. On Saturday morning we have a single dive scheduled to the Mini Swirl and there are still places available. Departure at the usual time and place but the boat should be back by lunchtime. At 4pm the boat goes out for the Australia Day river cruise which is fully booked. On Sunday we have a special double dive organised thanks to Chris and Wendy who are crewing again (I have suggested they take up permanent residence on the boat) and there are still places available. On Monday we also have a double dive organised to Nurses Quarters and Mortimers Lump and this dive is fully booked with a waitlist.

Please note that Chris has a new mobile phone number if you are contacting him about dive bookings. His number is now 0400 832 119.

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Robert Jones

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On Sunday, with Wendy as Skipper, Chris as DO and eight divers on board, we headed back to Mini Swirl by popular request. The sou-easter strengthened so much so that instead of the planned second dive at Jackson Rock or Kingston Spit, we headed to the relative shelter of the island and dived Elder Point. Our divers loved both dives and they even saw three 1.5m port jackson sharks. We tacked back to Fremantle in a very strong southerly that was perfect for yachting. A quiet bevvy at the yacht Club and it was home for a nana nap.

Monday the boat was out again, this time with Chris as Skipper, Gino as DO and ten divers on board including me for a change. We set off from the jetty with a strong easterly blowing, heading for Nurses Quarters. Conditions were not looking too promising but as we crossed to Rottnest the wind died off and seas improved. The current at Nurses Quarters was so strong that getting to the anchor chain without using the rope alongside was almost impossible but once down the effort was worth it with three to four Grey Nurse Sharks in the cave and everyone got a great view. What better way to clock up your hundredth dive! For the second dive we decided to head to Swirl Reef to get out of the current and the SW wind that had picked up during lunch. Another great dive with caves, swim thrus, a large Stingray and a Port Jackson amongst things to see. Finished the day off with a nice pint at the club.

This Sunday is the last dive trip before the boat goes to the UEC Rotto holiday and is not available for a couple of weeks. However this Sunday's trip is already fully booked. The next available dive trip is Saturday February 23rd. This is the Rotto swim day so the boat will

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The second dive was scheduled for Elder Point but there were a couple of boats already on the spot so we decided to try nearby Flat Caves which we haven't dived for some time as the GPS mark has never been confirmed. We anchored in 10mtrs right on top of the reef and the site descends to just over 20mtrs. There were glowing reports by all the returning divers, with an abundance of fish life and a large cave beneath the boat with tube like tunnels big enough for a diver to swim through running off the cave at 45 degrees.

It was an eventful day with a couple of rescues performed. Two of our own divers plus four others whose boat was dragging its anchor and drifting away. Our two divers were lucky someone spotted them way off in the distance and a timely reminder that ALL divers need to carry a surface marker bouy or safety sausage and use if necessary. The simple safety sausages are not expensive and easily fit in a BCD pocket so really should be a must to carry along with a whistle and mirror (an old CD makes a great mirror for attracting attention).

A reminder there is no boat diving for the next two weekends as the boat is on Rottnest for the annual diving holiday. For those not aware, the UEC books three chalets on Rottnest every year in February/March for nine nights and splits this into two trips. The first trip is from the Saturday to the following Friday and the second from the Friday to the following Monday. Many thanks to Pat T, Liz, Tony P and Peter for queueing from Thurs 31st Jan, and Bob and Zita for sleeping out overnight to ensure a successful booking on the 1st Feb. The Rottnest diving week is open to all members with bookings opening later in the year. Details will be advertised in this newsletter. For those of you not going to Rottnest there are usually shore dives organised - check out the facebook page.

### Safety Sausage/Surface Marker Bouy Required for Boat Dives

In light of a number of recent incidents where, due to strong currents, divers have surfaced some distance from the boat it was decided at the Committee meeting last night that the carrying, and deployment where necessary, of safety sausages or surface marker

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Norman Lewis

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### Diving

You will all be aware of the recent diving incidents off Rottnest, one of which had tragic consequences. While details of what went wrong are, at this stage unclear, it is a sobering reminder to all that diving carries risks and that there are guidelines in place to minimise those risks. Incidents don't only happen to the inexperienced. Complacency in the more experienced brings its own risks as we start to cut corners thinking we know better. There are very good reasons why we should maintain our equipment, plan our dive to be on surface with at least 50 bar, why we should continually check our depth, time and no-decompression limit, why we need to do a safety stop and why we should never hold our breath underwater especially when ascending. Lets all keep this in mind the next time we are underwater and stay safe.

I haven't heard too much about the Rottnest week of diving but they certainly can't complain about the weather. The first couple of days saw near perfect conditions with the sea glassing off. Not many crays caught though with only Malcolm bagging a few. For those of us heading out on Friday evening for the weekend unfortunately the forecast is not looking so good but I'm sure a good time will be had by all.

### One Place Available for Rottnest

Due to a last minute cancellation we have one spot available for this weekend on Rottnest. If you are interested then contact Clive on 0421 639 290 or klyfekass@gmail.com. Cost is \$370.

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Well Rottneest week is finished for another year. For those who went to the first part, the weather couldn't have been better. To those who went for the week-end, conditions were more challenging with 2m+ swells, strong winds and poor visibility. Having said that the early morning winds were significantly less than forecast so we considered ourselves lucky! For me it was a first time on a club Rotto holiday and certainly won't be the last. A great time was had by all with five good to excellent dives despite the conditions, good company, great food and much fun playing Jinga. We even bagged (and ate) a few Crayfish with Wayne and Rosie getting their first two on the last day. Thanks to Geoff Geard and Martin Smith for skippering, Clive Cass for organisation and everyone else who helped out with DO duties.



This Saturdays dive is a combination double dive, Rottneest day trip and Rottneest swim support. We have a full boat of fourteen divers plus eight passengers going to the island for the day to enjoy the swim atmosphere and then four swimmers returning along with everyone else. If you are going please be at the SYC for 7:40 and note that it will be a longer day than normal with the boat returning probably after 5pm.

### General Meeting

Thanks to everyone last night for a good turn out and a lively debate on ducky safety. Also special thanks to Pat Swallow, Danny Messom, Amanda Blanksby and Tom Bassett for the photographs and Mick Lee for helping set up.

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A reminder to everyone that the General Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Swan Yacht Club. There are also usually a sizeable group there beforehand enjoying dinner so come along and join in. I would also like to ask everyone for suggestions of topics or presenters for the meetings.

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## Constitution Update

The draft copy of the proposed new club constitution should be ready to send out to the members for comment in the next week or so. I am proposing giving everyone until the next general meeting on 20th March to respond with comments or feedback. Once I receive all the comments and amend whatever is necessary the final version will be sent out with notice of a special resolution meeting for the new constitution to be accepted by the club. This will most likely be at the April 17th General Meeting.

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First dive was at Cigar Reef with light winds and fairly quiet seas of around 2m average. Divers reported 12m vis and very good diving country with plenty of caves and swim-throughs. The three cray divers bagged several crays and everyone had a pretty good dive.

Second dive was at Geordie Bay caves and was a different story - wind and seas had come up with some big rollers starting to come through and they got bigger during the dive. General comment was "washing machine" with around 3m vis. We had three divers having a hurl over the side as a reward for their efforts after they came up. One diver had a good dive, Tracy T, I think, but the others were not enthused. A couple of crays were still caught so all was not lost. All good till we started to pull the anchor and she wouldn't budge. After we nearly pulled the bow underwater a few times, trying to get it loose, we asked Tracy T, who was still mostly geared up, if she'd go down and sort it, which she did in short order - the anchor was ok but the chain had gotten itself under a few ledges and jammed in cracks between rocks.

Then it was back to Thompson Bay where almost everyone jumped off to hit up the local bakery or watch the Rotto swimmers come in. More boats than I have ever seen were in the bay with most people partying on their boats. We added 7 people to the boat for the trip back, making us 28 on-board for a pretty rough trip back with a few beers to help.

This week-end we have a double dive on the Sunday and a single on the holiday Monday. I believe there are places available for both.

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Nomination Dive - \$60

Can everyone also please try to pay by EFT. This makes life easier for the Dive Officer and Treasurer as it avoids time consuming trips to the bank to pay in cash and also makes the Treasurers life easier tracking who has paid. The only exception to this would be nomination dives. Can people also please remember to pay EFT within two days of the dive. The Treasurers role is hard enough without having to chase up divers for non payment of fees.

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Last Saturday was a very pleasant day out with Martin Arrowsmith as Skipper, Carl Anders as DO and an almost full boat. Special thanks to Martin for standing in at the last minute to allow the dive to go ahead and giving up his own plans to dive.

Conditions were close to perfect – low swell, no breeze to speak of, and sunny. First dive at Angela's Cave with a reported 20m+ visibility; plenty of crays and by all accounts a very interesting site. One diver tried in vain to clear his mask after entry and eventually came back to the surface to find the problem. Turned out the mask was missing one of the lenses. Problem sorted with a loan of the Skippers mask, thanks again Martin!

The second dive was at Dave's Spot which was also lauded. Plenty of crays at both sites and lots of the usual 'the one that got away' stories. We contemplated pulling into Thompson Bay to see the Hudu Gurus at the Quokka Arms, but the day had gone so smoothly that we'd have had a three hour wait till they were due to appear, so gave it a miss. The boat was in the pen and all cleaned up by 2:30pm with the help of Tracy Tebbutt and her son Josh.

This Saturday you can get away from the election hype and go for a dive instead! Last I heard there are still a few places left. Thanks also to Geoff Geard for standing in as Skipper.

### New member nominations

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Craig Everest

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Apologies but just realised I have no dive report from last week-end. As far as I know it was a full boat with two great dives at Parker Point Drop Off and Hugels Passage/Stragglers. A boat load of Crays were landed and I believe they even had to put five back! Thanks to Geoff Geard who stepped in as Skipper and to Clive and Carl for DO duties.

Last week also saw an intrepid bunch of UEC members on Lord Howe Island for a magic week and some great diving. The photos on facebook look stunning so if you want to see and hear more about it they will be giving a presentation at next Wednesdays General Meeting.



Photo Gary Browne

This Sundays dive is fully booked with a waitlist and is scheduled to go to Fouteen Metre Reef and Barry's Cave with Geoff as Skipper (again) and myself as DO.

### Ducky Rescues

Following a recent event where a divers leg came into contact with the ducky outboard, fortunately without serious injury, it was agreed at last nights committee meeting that in future any diver rescued must be brought into the boat and not towed along side. If for any reason you happen to be in the situation of requiring pick up then the easiest way of getting into the ducky is to take your weightbelt and BCD off and place in the ducky. Then with your fins still on to give you extra propulsion pull your self into the boat. The boat is big enough to take two divers and all their gear although it does get a little cramped. Dive Officers will be reminded of this as well and asked to include retrieval procedure as part of the dive briefing. Obviously the best solution is to improve your navigation skills and make sure you surface near the boat!

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## Committee Positions

As you are all aware Chris and Wendy are heading off for an extended dive holiday. As a result we have been looking for stand-ins for their committee positions. I am pleased to announce that Steve Day will be taking on the Treasurer role. Please remember to try to ease the burden for Steve by paying fees by EFT and in a timely manner. Many thanks to Wendy for all her hard work in keeping the club finances in great shape and I'm sure she is looking forward to a well earned break.

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## UEC Weekly Email

### Diving

Last Sunday's dive set off with a full boat in near perfect conditions, Geoff as Skipper yet again and myself as DO. First stop was 14m Reef where conditions on surface were flat with little wind and excellent viz. All the divers had a good dive with a couple of Crays bagged and one very nice SARCA anchor (no 4 or 5) which was found right next to our own. Not quite as shiny as the picture but in very nice condition and will make a great spare for the boat. Mel & Mark volunteered to go back down with some rope to tie it off to ours and with a bit of effort it was recovered to surface and placed in the hold.



SARCA Anchor

For the second dive we headed into the sanctuary zone, much to the dismay of the cray fishers, and dropped anchor on Barry's Cave on Transit Reef near the Denton Holme wreck site. Perfect conditions again with viz at 25m+. Given it was only 9m deep, most of the divers had a good long dive and glowing reports as they returned to the boat. Even the cray fisherman reported that it was great to have a dive without crayfishing for a change.

This weekend's dive is Cray Canyon and Swirl Reef, which are always great dives. The boat is full again with a wait list. There are currently two dives scheduled over the Easter weekend, both full so we are looking at trying to get a third on the Friday.

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For the second dive, by popular request, a return to Barry's Cave on Transit Reef near the Denton Holme and Macedon wreck sites. Much better conditions with viz about 20m. Another great dive reported by all.

### Denton Holme (Wrecked 25/9/1890)

Belfast built. Carrying 1275 tons of iron pipes for Perth waterworks, cement and 250-300 tons general cargo. Value £20,000. Arrived at the island in the evening, requested a pilot, but before receiving one got in too close. Stuck fast it began disintegrating in the swells and broke in two

### Macedon (Wrecked 21/3/1883)

Built in Liverpool, serviced Melbourne to Fremantle run. Engaged to transport the Kimberley survey party with horses and equipment to the NW. With the Kingston Spit missing ran aground after calling in to Rottnest to offload sand. Sold to H Atwell ( of Atwell Arcade in Fremantle fame) he was initially successful, but later lost his diving equipment and 'hard hat' in a storm. Wreck found Barry Martin UEC (presumably after whom Barry's Caves are named).

This weekend sees a very busy program with dives on the Saturday and Monday, both fully booked and a last minute dive arranged for the Friday now also fully booked. The weather forecast is looking good for all three days with sun, easterly winds and swell dropping from 1.7m on Friday to 1.5m on Monday.

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Damian Herbert

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Saturday saw a full boat head out with Rex as Skipper and Adrian as DO. We had pleasant, sunny weather for the day with very light wind, barely ruffled waters and 15 divers on board. The wind did pick up pretty strongly when everyone was down for the second dive and so we had the usual rough trip back.

First dive was at Cigar Reef where some complained of cold water. The viz was shocking at about 2m or less but very good Cray country with lots of gullies and caves to crawl around in. Three of the the four Cray divers scored with two each to Adrian and Caroline Haynes and four to Jon Anderson. Second dive was at Barry's Cave as the viz was significantly better (15m) there than at the programmed site. Everyone had a good dive there with plenty to see and do.

Easter Monday and the boat was out again with 15 divers on board, Chris as Skipper and Tom as DO. Again an absolutely beautiful Autumn day with little wind and warm sunshine. First dive was a new one for the club at Blueys Ridge. A beautiful dive site with lots of caves, swim thru's, nooks and crannies to poke into. Loads of Crayfish as well with some real biggies although the Crayfishers only bagged a few. Only downside was the site was deep at around 25m so bottom time was not as long as I would have liked and the viz was not great at around 15m. Second dive was at Mortimers Hump and again a stunning dive site. As the name suggest this is a hump rising up from the seabed with lots of low flat caves, swim thru's and interesting rock features. With the boat moored on the top of the hump it was easy to find our way back. After a bit of a fight to get the anchor released which required a diver back in the water (thanks Wendy) we headed home.

This Sunday we have a double dive scheduled for Cigar Reef and Kingston Spit and there are still places available. After a great run of weather unfortunately the forecast is not as good with a 2m+ swell but hopefully it will get better.

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## Mussels on the Moorings now at Bicton Baths

Apologies for the lack of details on this social event. A slight change in plan with the venue now at Bicton Baths (see Map) at the end of Braunton Street this coming Saturday night (6th April). The evening will kick off at 6pm with a selection of Mussels done in Chill Red Sauce, White Wine and Lemon Sauce and a Thai Green Curry Sauce (sounds fantastic). There will be Salads and Crusty Bread to go with the Mussels. It will be BYO drinks and seats and all for only \$15/head. After the Mussels anyone who is interested can go for a night dive off the shore. Please book with Jasmine at [socialbookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:socialbookings@uecwa.com.au) or 0439 697 693 by Friday evening.



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Sundays dive was not looking too promising according to Seabreeze but surface conditions turned out much better than expected. A dedicated bunch of ten divers with Martin Smith as Skipper and Tom as DO set out expecting a challenging day and were not dissatisfied. First dive was at Cigar Reef (not one of my favourite dive sites) and although surface conditions were not too bad, underwater it was like diving in pea soup. Visibility was so bad that between entering the water and swimming forward to check the anchor I failed to find it until the end of the dive.

Next stop was Fishhook Bay at the West End. After an exhilarating entry into the bay through the 2.5m swell, conditions in the bay were not too bad. Visibility was slightly better but given its shallow water this was not so much an issue. The group I dived with thoroughly enjoyed the dive after finding the large cave on the eastern side of the bays entrance. With some big swells coming through the cave system, it was on occasion a case of hanging onto the rocks with grim determination but all in all a very enjoyable dive and one that everyone agreed is a must to repeat in better conditions.

This Sunday its Nurses Quarters and Mortimers Lump if conditions allow and with a 1m swell and low wind its not looking too bad at the moment. Rex is Skipper and Tracy T will be doing her inaugural DO trip so be please be kind to her and don't get lost! I'm off to the US and Scotland for four weeks so won't be on the boat for a while but will endeavour to keep the newsletter coming. Tom will be chairing the meetings in my absence.

### General Meeting

Speaking of meetings a reminder that this months General Meeting is next Wednesday 17th April at 7:30pm upstairs at the SYC. Special guest speaker is Chris Holman on Cave Diving. Sounds like an interesting topic.

### Tracy H and Paul are getting married....

And now to much more important announcements. Tracy asked me to include the following note of thanks and invitation:

"Before the big day we would like to thank UEC for the good times we've had with the crew whilst getting to know each other. If you don't know we met on a UEC trip to the Abrolhos Easter 3 years ago organised by Wendy. During our time at the UEC we have met some great friends and had a blast. UEC has given us lots of opportunities

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We are getting married on Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> April) at 1:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, in Highgate and you are very welcome to join us. Looking forward to seeing you out on the boat post honeymoon as Mr and Mrs J"

I'm sure everyone at the UEC will join me in wishing Paul and Tracy all the best for their wedding on Sunday and may their future together be filled with happiness and joy.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUQO6ymGiPs&feature=youtu.be>

### Swan Yacht Club

All UEC members are reminded that they are also social members of the Swan Yacht Club. This brings certain benefits and responsibilities. The benefits are that we can, and are encouraged, to use the clubs facilities for food and drink. As a club it also means as well as having a pen to berth the boat, we have rooms to hold both the general and committee meetings. The responsibilities are that we need to treat the facilities and other members with respect and take an active role in supporting the SYC including participating in club events, functions and busy bees/clean ups.

In particular I must point out that the new automatic gates must not be held or forced open. The hydraulic mechanism that operates the gate is easily damaged and once the gate is moving it must not be interfered with, interrupted, forced or pushed. If damaged we will be responsible for the cost of repairs and instant dismissal of the members involved. If trolleys are used to transport equipment to the boat in the pen they must be returned back to the car park and not left on the jetty.

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## Exploring & Diving

We're called the Underwater Explorers Dive Club and a couple of our members have recently been trying out new sites "just to see what's there". Separately Michelle Mann and Malcolm Roberts used Google Earth to find an old jetty with a nearby access road called Riseley Road and went for an exploratory dive. Old growth ascidians in a kaleidoscope of colours adorn its aging pylons. This site has an amazing variety of fish life with all the usual suspects and a whole lot more. Loving what they found, it was definitely a dive to revisit. This they did with the Tebbutt family and five of them went for a dive. In the shadow of the industrial area dolphins swam past before they even got wet.

Whilst the viz is normal for Cockburn Sound, the old bulk jetty at Riseley Road is, according to our intrepid explorers, 'wonderful'. With only a 7m max depth and no current or surge, Malcolm described it as '100 minutes of bliss and fish'. Tracy shared some photos on Facebook. The amount of growth and creatures to see and find make it likely to become a new club shore dive favourite. Old Bulk Jetty, Kwinana. Accessed by a very short walk from the end of Riseley Road.

Informal diving is one of the benefits of being a member of the UEC. This dive was put on Facebook for anyone to join, but other dives happen through other ways such a direct phone call or text. A list of

member's numbers is available on request.

Last month, some members went on a club diving trip to Lord Howe Island 2 hours flight east of the NSW coast. You can view Malcolm Roberts's video of the week here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmcZ9mkK0VI>

Trips like this are a benefit of club membership. Thanks to Jo Bull for organising this one. If you've got a trip you'd like to run and all you lack are a few buddies, put a proposal, including the costs, together and present it to the committee for approval. It's only through the hard work of members across many areas that we have such a great club.

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This is going to be an even shorter bulletin than last week as I am still on my travels so haven't been chasing up people for dive reports. I believe it was a full boat and a good day out with Martin & Clive as crew and some Grey Nurse sharks spotted but that is all I could glean from Facebook.

This Saturday its Swirl Reef and Dark Cave with Rex and Tom, conditions are not looking too ad with sun, 24 deg and 1.5m swell. Please note we are now onto the Winter dive schedule with a 9am start.

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Last Saturdays dive went out with twelve divers, Rex as Skipper and Tom as DO. I had twelve Divers on the boat last Saturday. A moderate Easterly was blowing but very little swell and surprisingly light sea. First stop was Swirl Reef with visibility around 10 to 21 meters and conditions improved as the day progressed. The wind decreased more and more so next stop was Cray Canyon. The viz was about the same but on the surface, near perfect conditions. There was some surge, but nothing severe. Divers had two great dives and we had a very smooth trip home.

As most of you are probably aware Mick Lee has generously volunteered to take on the Dive Coordinator Role while Chris goes on extended leave. Mick will be organising the May 18th dive onwards so please note the change in contact mobile number in the right column of this newsletter. I would also like to thank Chris for all his hard work and diligence in organising diving schedules, making up the crew rosters and handling all the weekly bookings and paperwork to ensure the weekly diving runs smoothly. Thanks Chris and enjoy your vacation.

Please note there is no dive this weekend as its the annual reef life survey booking. Next weekend its Parker Point Drop Off and Jackson Rock.

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### Constitution

The new draft UEC constitution dated April 2013 was passed by a unanimous vote at last night's special resolution meeting. It will now be submitted to the Department of Commerce and once accepted will come into force.

We are also working on a new set of club bye-laws which will detail all the decisions made by the committee with regards to day to day club activities. These will be issued in due course.

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### Rottnest Island Boating Management Strategy

Public Comment Period extended to 31 May 2013

For anyone interested in boating at Rottnest the document below might be of interest. <http://www.rotnestisland.com/docs/default-document-library/boating-management-strategy.pdf>

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After a very quick look through, the main item that I found that might impact UEC activities was the section shown below. I was not aware that the mooring at Kingston Reef was available for public use and having similar moorings at other popular dive sites I think would be beneficial in reducing anchor damage.

### 3.2.7 Courtesy moorings

The Authority maintains one courtesy mooring for vessels up to 24 metres on Kingston Reef near a popular dive site wreck. Use is free for up to two hours. In response to a matter raised in the RIMP, the Authority completed an assessment to identify priority dive sites within the Reserve in 2010 where courtesy moorings would be of benefit. Crystal Palace and Roe Reef were identified as locations which would best contribute to the boating visitor experience and reduce the risk of reef damage. There are opportunities to seek external funding from the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme for the installation of additional courtesy moorings.

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Unfortunately with dredging operations underway around our jetty and pen last weekends dive had to be cancelled. We will obviously be monitoring the situation closely and will advise as soon as possible regarding the dive on Sunday to Blueys Ridge and Annies Abbey with Martin S and Tom.

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Next stop was Parker Point Caves but with a lot of surge and poorer viz overall not as good a dive as the first. A light North West wind for the trip home and to round off a good day, a few drinks in the club.

A special mention and medals for going well beyond the call of duty must go to Rex and Martin S for dealing with a problem toilet. Following dismantling, the problem was identified as a knackered macerator. A replacement has been sourced and hopefully repairs should be complete before the week-end to allow dives scheduled for Saturday and Monday to proceed. Spaces are available on both dives and forecast is reasonable with sun and a 1m swell.

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### Diving

For Saturdays dive we had eight divers on board after two cancelled at last minute with Geoff as Skipper and Adrian as DO. Conditions were cold for the day with the wind running steady at 18 kts all day complete with freezing razor blades. First stop was Flat Top where we had rather difficult surface conditions (about 1.5m swells running crosswise to 1.5m wind waves) that had us all bouncing from one gunwale to the other but all divers in safely. Apparently conditions under were pretty reasonable with low surge, around 10m vis and the usual good Flat Top cave country. A couple of size Crays were taken and Peter brought back a bag of Cockroaches and Woodlice, that "looked bigger underwater".

We nearly lost two divers when they managed to surface 150m from the boat. They were disappearing into the distance, and were totally invisible in the surface conditions. This is a good reminder as to why safety sausages are mandatory as that's the only reason that we spotted them and even then, it was only by luck. We recovered the other divers and Carl got the dinghy headed their way whilst we pulled the anchor and headed over to collect everyone.

Second dive was an exploratory dive on a 11m deep bombie in surrounding deeper water. On the way to Flat Top, we noticed a dinghy with a dive flag anchored on the spot and decided to check it out on the way back. Surface conditions were near flat in comparison to the first dive. Swell was near nil and so were the seas, even with the wind still up. Conditions under were about the same as for the first dive although the vis was a bit better. Reports were a mixed bag with some saying they liked the spot and would dive it again and others not being that impressed - predominant opinion was that it was a spot worth repeating.

Mondays dive started off well as ten divers headed out to Rotto in a moderate north-easterly breeze and negligible swell with Rex as Skipper and Clive as DO. A change to the planned dive meant we ended up at Parker Point in glorious sunny conditions. The site did not disappoint, catering for both photographers and crayfishers. The stories abound of the big one that was just out of reach. At least they could see them in the 10m viz.

With minimal swell the second dive was at Stragglers Ltd, a site first identified in March. The crayfish were not as plentiful, however some good size ones came back to the boat. All were checked and the tails cut. The divers reported wonderful caves, swim-throughs and fish life. We returned about 2.30pm and were met by fisheries at the SYC

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This Saturday its Cathedral and Dark Cave with Martin S and Tom as crew. We need just one more to go so drop Mick a line. Forecast is looking great with light E to NE winds, 22 DegC and mostly sunny after an early morning shower.

### New member nominations

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Thomas Greenbank  
Yuri Verbaan  
Monique Moermond

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### Safety & Training Officer

Gary Browne is standing down as Safety and Training Officer and Rob Jones has kindly volunteered to take up the position. Rob recently returned to Perth from Doha and joined the UEC in January. Rob is a BSAC qualified dive leader and open water instructor as well as a qualified boat handler and TDI Trimix diver. I am sure his knowledge and expertise as well as his international diving experience will be a great asset to the role. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Rob to the committee and thank Gary for his time in the role.

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What a day the 16th of June turned out to be. With Martin as skipper & Tom the ever mindful D.O. you could not ask for much better service. The number diving was small, only six to be exact but we were all in for a special treat.

The morning commenced with a farewell from two pods of dolphins as we cruised off on our adventure, always a good sign. The sea was reasonably flat so we arrived to our first destination in quick time. Unfortunately due to conditions below the dives that were listed were not a good idea. Now where were we to go I hear you ask? Well I am sworn to secrecy on this & I will be hung, drawn & quartered if I reveal the dive spot, as I am about to make you all green with envy. The phantom plotter had come to our rescue.

Martin could not reveal much information, apart from depth & Tom was a little lost for words as to what we were about to encounter, except that there was an obvious strong current below & our dive time was to be the standard 60 minutes or 50 bar. It is rare for a dive to proceed with out some drama and it was Pat's turn to provide a hiccup as his vintage equipment from the turn of the century decided to play up. True to his form though he managed to rectify the problem and was able to proceed.

In we all go. The water temperature was 19 degrees, which was tropical compared to the 15 degrees on the surface. Now as this was a totally new secret spot there was an abundance of new things to see even though the current below was strong & visibility was no so great, even Mr McGoo without his glasses would have been impressed with the new found scenery. Bombies galore, lots of reef to explore & since we were not in a sanctuary zone more crayfish than at Kallis Fish Market. I am not talking Kackers either, these were the Godfathers of the crayfish world. Some females were so big they were given a second chance in life, not so the males. Whilst down under I could have sworn I heard one of our Cray divers singing One Hundred Crayfish Sitting Under a Ledge. I am elated to announce that there is definitely less than a hundred there now. Now you all you crayfishers must be cursing yourself because I can not reveal this spot or reveal who or how the co ordinates to get there were made available. Even as a non crayfisher it was a fantastic feeling to observe the grins on the crustation catchers and the tongue in cheek comments on who's got the biggest one.

Now for some lunch and more bragging rights in the chilly out door 15 degrees. We all keen mustard to jump back into the tropical 19

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Once out of the tropical water it was time to leave our secret hideaway and head home with a bounty that would make King Neptune jealous and whilst the catch record for the boat was not broken I have a suspicion weight wise it was, as the smallest was going to feed a family of Italians at a christening party, that is fact I am quite sure of. Once back to port the mandatory and well deserved refreshment took place along with fantastic fellowship.

A heart felt thank you to the Skipper Martin & the D.O. Tom. The phantom navigator with the secret destinations gets a special thank you also.

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4. Best places and businesses to teach you how to scuba dive

### **Rotto 2014**

Two places have become available for the week on the Rottnest Summer holiday 2014. The cost is \$710, from Sat 22 to Fri 28 February 2014. The deposit of \$350 is due now. Final payment \$360 due on 1 December 2013. Cost includes diving, tank fills, accommodation and transport from Swan Yacht Club to Rotto ... and

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### Entertainment Books & Clothing

If you have bought Entertainment Books or clothing through Liz can you please remember to make your payment to the club account and send details of payment to Steve at [treasurer@uecwa.com.au](mailto:treasurer@uecwa.com.au) and Liz at [fundraising@uecwa.com.au](mailto:fundraising@uecwa.com.au)

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Winds were from the north east and due to the swell dive sites were limited. Our first dive was at Kingston Spit (surprisingly only one of the divers on board had dived this site before) and although conditions were rather sloppy, visibility was reportedly very good at 12m, all had a good dive and a couple of grey nurses and lion fish were also spotted. Carl bagged a good cray and also reported Cuttlefish too large to fit in the loop.

We thought conditions were improving so we decided to give Parker Point a look for our second dive, however we soon realised the swell was still too high to dive there. We were close to Rex's Rock which is a site discovered by Rex and Chris some years ago and I believe never before dived by the UEC. It is a fourteen metre lump going down to twenty two metres with a small cave. A pretty site with an abundance of fish life. This was confirmed by the divers who enjoyed the great visibility and fish life there. Carl snagged a second Cray and also a large Cuttlefish. Overall a great warm sunny day out with conditions far better than forecast.

This Sunday sees the boat heading out to Elder Point & Point Clune. The forecast is pretty good with low E winds, swell under 2m and sun all day so come on and make the most of these beautiful conditions.

### General Meeting Vote on Cancellation Fee

Last night the committee discussed about bringing in a cancellation fee for anyone cancelling after 4pm the day before the dive. This happens fairly regularly and in summer can prevent those on a wait list from getting a place and in winter can result in divers turning up on the morning of the dive only to have it cancelled or being asked to pay extra to cover those who have cancelled at the last minute. As this is a significant change to our current booking procedure we felt it should be taken to a discussion and vote at the General Meeting on the 17th July.

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Elder Point & Point Clune  
Carl A/Clive C

#### Saturday 13th July

Swirl Reef & Barrys Cave  
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#### Sunday 21st July

Skippers Choice  
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## UEC Weekly Email

### Diving

Unfortunately we didn't have the numbers for a dive last Sunday which was a shame as the weather was great and I for one was keen to go. I guess its a sign that the Crayfishing season is over.

This Saturday its a trip to Swirl Reef and Barrys Cave with Martin and Tracy as crew.

### Medical Declaration

Last week I mentioned that there was some discussion about bringing in an annual medical declaration and we would be discussing this in more detail at the next General Meeting on Wednesday. I have received a number of emails on the subject and I need to clarify that we are not looking at having everyone do an annual diving medical but simply ticking a few boxes and signing a declaration that you are fit to dive.

### By Laws, Solo Diving and Fishing

Thanks to everyone that has given feedback on the By Laws. There have been a number of members who have questioned the ban on solo diving. This has been a contentious topic for a number of years both in the club and in the wider diving community. I think it fair to say that it is now becoming much more widely accepted with both PADI and SSI among others offering solo diving courses. Before we get into more debate on the subject I think it worth viewing the video link below which Monique kindly sent me.

<http://www.tdisdi.com/wpsite/2012/11/solo-diving-coming-out-of-the-closet/>

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## UEC Weekly Email

### Diving

No diving again last weekend due to the weather and low numbers. This Sunday its Martin A & myself crewing for a Skippers/Divers choice. We have seven divers booked so far (no UEC though - shame on you all). The forecast is not too bad considering what we have just had in the last few days with light winds, 1.5m swell and some sun forecast.

### AGM & New Committee

Thanks to all who attended last nights meeting. The new committee has been elected as follows:

President: Martin Smith  
Vice President: Tom Bassett  
Secretary: Pat Swallow  
Treasurer: Steve Day  
Membership Secretary: Mike Buchanan  
Dive Coordinator: Tracy Tebbutt  
Boat Officer & SYC Liaison: Rex Burke  
Fundraising Coordinator: Liz Davey  
Environment Coordinator: Mick Lee  
Communications (Webmaster) Coordinator: Chris Wilkinson  
Social Events Coordinator: Malcolm Roberts  
Training & Safety Coordinator: Rob Jones

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome in the new members to the committee and thank everyone both on the old committee and the general membership for their help and support over the last year.

The following awards were also made:

Club Person of the Year: Pat Troy  
Boat Person of the Year: Rex Burke  
Diver of the Year: Tracy Tebbutt with 54 dives

Martin Smith's contribution to the club over many years was also recognised through the award of Life Membership.

### Revisions to By Laws

At last nights General Meeting the members agreed to ban Spear Fishing and line fishing from the boat before and during boat diving.

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 24th July 2013

#### Diving Report by Mike B.

The forecast for Sunday was not too bad and so we had eight brave MUD/RLS divers put the UEC membership to shame and book on for a Skippers Choice dive. A last minute no show left us setting off with seven, Geoff at the helm, myself as DO and Steve on his first trainee DO trip. It was a cold morning with a biting wind, reminiscent of Aberdeen on a summers day, when we dropped anchor at Parker Point. With little swell and reasonable viz the conditions below water were probably better than above. The water temperature at 19 deg was certainly warmer than the air temp. The magnificent seven stepped off armed with tape measures and clipboards to survey the reef while the crew took shelter in the cabin out of the wind. The dive apparently was good with a large stingray and a turtle spotted, along with much other marine life, all duly recorded for the records.

After a rather cold surface interval and the application of some heat packs (these are an absolute must for anyone diving in winter - currently on sale in Kathmandu - three packs of two for \$20 and reusable) they set off again, this time at Crystal Palace. While underwater the wind dropped off and the sun came out, turning a rather cold and windy day into a very pleasant one and one that even I would have been happy jumping in for a dive. Most found the cave and reported a good dive with reasonable viz at over 10m. With a change into dry clothes and a bit of sunbathing up top most of them returned to a normal shade of pink by the time we were back at the SYC. Overall a pleasant day out and nice to get out in the fresh air.

This Saturday its a trip to... ah... Parker Point and Crystal Palace again.... woops. Having said that with a 4-1/2m swell, 25 kt winds and rain forecast I can't see this one getting out of the pen.

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 31st July 2013

#### Diving Report

Last week-end the weather lived upto the forecast and was an absolute shocker so needless to say the boat stayed in the pen. This Sunday its a single dive out to Stragglers and home in time for lunch. Weather is looking good with 1.6m swell, light winds, sunny and 23 degC.

#### Presidents Report

First and foremost I would like to thank our past president Mike Buchanan and the committee for doing such a sterling job leading the club through a very active 2012/13. It has left me, and the incoming committee, with a very big task to match their performance.

Looking ahead to the next years' goals and achievements, improvements to our second biggest asset, the boat, come to mind. Of course you, the UEC membership are our number one asset. Without you there is no club.

I welcome all members to come forward and participate with the care and operation of Cape Cruiser'. We will actively be looking for more skippers and dive officers so please put your hand up and let the existing crew members or committee know you would like to have a go.

I would like to thank the past president, Mike Buchanan, for putting in much time and thought into the new By-laws. This is a living document so if you have anything you would like to discuss or contribute to them please let me know.

It is exciting to see the club embrace a new era of diving with the vote to accept Solo Diving for those who hold the relevant certification. I'm sure there will be quite a few photographers and crayfishers in the club who will be signing up for the next available course.

I am looking forward to working with the committee and all UEC club members to help make the next year an exciting one.

All the best.  
Martin Smith

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#### Diving Report

Unfortunately numbers conspired to stop the boat going out last Sunday. This Saturday its a double dive but the weather is not looking to great (2.5m swell, 15kt wind & rain) so a fair bet it won't be going.

#### Presidents Report

Thanks again to Clive Cass for organizing the winter Rotto weekend. Not only did he organize the chalets but also the weather, which was superb.

Jazz and I arrived on the Friday morning and walked down past the lake to the airstrip. To our surprise the joy flights were not too expensive (\$108/person to Perth and back) so we enjoyed a wonderful flight. We all did the usual Rotto things, walking, wining, throughout the weekend. In all there were 14 of us who had a relaxing weekend.

Unfortunately there were not the numbers for the boat to go out, so again no diving on Sunday. Business is pretty quite at this time of the year. The next main event will be the slipping of "Cape Crusier" for it's annual anti fouling

Martin

#### Solo Diving

As you should all be aware solo diving was approved by the General Meeting last month with the appropriate certification and equipment. Anyone wishing to solo dive must first register their qualification with myself so can you please send me a scan/copy of your certificate to [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

We are also looking into the possibility of running an in-house solo diving course so hopefully more details to follow in the near future.

#### Medical Declarations

Following discussion at the General Meeting, the Committee last night approved the new annual medical declaration form. I will be emailing a copy of the form out to all members so if you could please sign and return to me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au) that would be appreciated. Copies will also be available to sign at the General Meeting and on the boat. Please note that you will not be able to dive until you have signed the form.

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### **Vice President Nominations**

Unfortunately Tom Bassett has decided to step down from the position of Vice President so the committee are calling for nominations for the post. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else then please drop me a line at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom for all his hard work over the last few years in the role.

### **Rottnest Swim 2014**

It has become something of a tradition for the UEC to enter a team in the Rottnest swim on Saturday 22nd February 2014. We are now looking for expressions of interest in joining the UEC team. If you are interested and would like more information then please contact Rex Burke at [boat@uecwa.com.au](mailto:boat@uecwa.com.au).

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#### Diving Report

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#### Presidents Report

Well you could have guessed it, the weather was against us again, so no diving. Not a lot to say this week except a couple of things from the committee meeting last week. Following on from the last general meeting, the by-laws have been amended again, and this time we got it right.

Independent [Solo] diving seems to be gaining momentum. Anyone interested in doing a course to gain their qualification can give me a call as Jazz and I are going to do it.

The "Diver Medical Declaration" has also been adopted. As new members join it will just be a formality for them to sign the declaration as part of their membership. Existing members will be encouraged to do so as they re-new their membership. That's it for now.

Martin

#### Solo Diving

As you should all be aware solo diving was approved by the General Meeting last month with the appropriate certification and equipment. Anyone wishing to solo dive must first register their qualification with myself so can you please send me a scan/copy of your certificate to [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

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#### Presidents Report

Well that month has gone quick, and guess what, almost no boat diving. Not a lot of news from me, things are going along just fine. A date to keep in mind is the Queen's Birthday long weekend (Sept 28-30) as Cape Cruiser (the Boat) will be out of the water at North Port Marine for its annual maintenance and antifouling. Many hands make light work rubbing and painting. It's a good time to show your skills. If you are interested please contact Rex, our Boat Officer.

Martin

#### Social News

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**28th August 2013**

### **Diving Report by Alton Tebbutt**

What a glorious day last Saturday turned out to be. During the week the long range forecast predicted a cracker of a day and Ra, the sun god did not let us down. The eight divers who signed up were in for a treat. Somehow our D.O. went AWOL but a trusty old sea dog in Pat stepped up with a helping hand.

Seas were calm with little swell, the sun was shining and it was warm. With our newly elected president Martin at the helm we were on our way to our first destination, Kingston Spit. The visibility was so good even the blind could see 20 meters. In we all go with two newbie's included, and no sooner are we in the water when King Neptune delivered his first special for the day.

There were enough sharks to supply Cicerello's for a year & they were not scared to put on a show, gracefully gliding past in their caves. You can't beat Mother Nature when a shark swims up to you with its full set of smiling teeth less than a meter away and content to do it repeatedly. Unlike the Grey Nurses unfortunately we had to surface eventually and vow to catch up another day.

All aboard and anchors away. Well not quite, anchors stuck and a quick dive and then away. After a couple of passes, Martin dropped anchor near the Denton Holme/Macedon wreck site and in we all go again. Now Martin said go left off the anchor & so we did for about five minutes. We soon realised it was the other left, so a quick spin 180 degrees and bingo, there was the plaque saying Denton Holme. A great hunk of steel built way back in 1863 only to run aground in 1890. Then right beside it was the Macedon, built in 1870 and run aground in 1883, only seven years earlier.

With visibility this good, exploring the wreck was absolutely majestic, no concern about losing your buddy as you could see Fisherman's Harbour from Rottnest. Alas with only tanks and not gills, King Neptune told us our time was up. All aboard, anchors away and back to port. Back on shore and a bevvy or two and some comradeship. A heartfelt thank-you to el Presidente, and an even bigger thank-you to that old salty dog Pat for stepping up when it counts.

### **Presidents Report**

Well, guess what, we went diving on Sunday. I was skipper and we headed out to Kingston reef for the first dive. There was eight divers on board and two passengers. The weather was great with light

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Martin

### **Urgent Help Needed to book Rotto 2015**

With changes to the booking process we can now book for Rotto 2015 from next Monday 2 September. Clive will be at the RIA at B-shed on Monday 2 September at 5am to get an early chance to book our chalets and he needs someone to join him. There is free hot chocolate on offer and no wind or rain that morning.

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#### Diving Report

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#### Presidents Report

Jazz and I attended the Swan Yacht Club AGM last Wednesday. It was quite an eye opener and highlighted the complexity of the SYC and the amount of time and effort that goes into running the Club.

Time is fast approaching for the slipping of "Cape Cruiser" at the end of this month and we are looking for skilled hands to carry out mechanical and electrical tasks. We also need as many people as possible to help with painting and general cleaning of the boat. A volunteer or two to help with lunches for the workers would be greatly appreciated too. If this is you, let our Boat Officer, Rex, or myself know.

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#### Rotto 2015

Clive and Alton were down bright and early to book the Chalets for 2015 (I know, its a long way away but thats the system now). Anyway we have an eight and a six bedded chalet in the usual prime location so many thanks to the two of them for making the effort. Well done Guys. More details of the 2015 week will be published soon.

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### Diving Report - Tom Bassett

On Saturday the 7th of September. Henceforth known as Tony Abbott Day !!

Even though the conditions did not look promising, seven divers went out with Carl Anders Skippering and myself as D.O. However we we very pleasantly surprised with only a very light breeze blowing, no surface waves to speak of and a strong but steady 1.5 m swell. Still a bit cloudy but that started to break up around 11.00am

Fist dive was on Flat Cave on Roe Reef. As I understand there was quite a lot of surge and the vis was very poor but we put the Anchor right on the spot so the Divers did not have to go too far from the boat. The second dive was at Jackson Spit. Vis a bit better, still quite a lot of surge. Lots of large fish around but no Sharks.

We were even questioned about how all was going by Sea Rescue as we logged on but they assumed the divers were going straight in but still had some 30 mins to go before commencing the second dive. Appreciated their vigilance. Very comfortable trip home but the weather was cooling off.

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### 18th September 2013

#### Diving

The weather continues to spoil any chance of diving. Last Sunday there was a brief weather window and I was game but the wind & rain in the week before put the dampers on any desire by the majority to dive.

This coming Saturday its meant to be a double out to Fish Hook Bay and Roe Reef but to be honest, it doesn't look promising with a 2m swell, 25 kt winds by 2pm and rain.

#### Presidents Report

Unfortunately due to the weather there is not much to report on the dive scene this week. We did take the opportunity to do some work on the boat though. Thanks to Pat Troy & Gary Brown. Rex & I have taken the old winch off the boat but no decision has been made yet as to replacing or repairing it.

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Cheers

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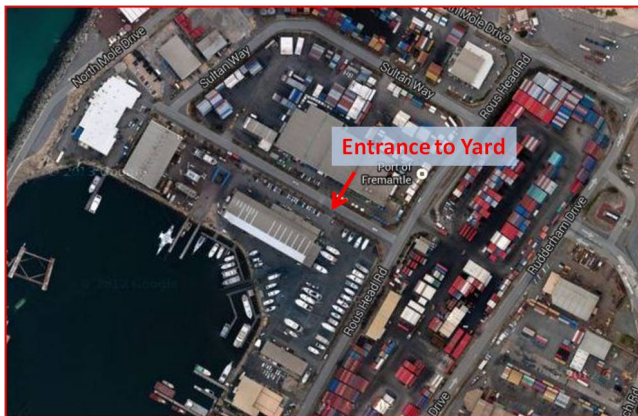
## UEC Weekly Email

### 25th September 2013

#### Diving & Boat Maintenance

No surprises that the boat didn't get out of the pen last weekend.

This week-end it will be out of the pen and sitting on the hard stand at North Port Boat Lifters on Sultan Way (same as last year) close to the Rottneest Ferry Terminal for its annual clean and paint so please all hands on deck to help out. It will be an early start Saturday morning 9am to be able to get a coat of anti-foul on before midday so those who want to can get away to watch the footy. For those coming down Sunday and Monday Rex will be there from 10am. If you have any scrapers please bring them with you.



#### Presidents Report

Hi All,

Once again the weather was against us so no diving last weekend. I hope the weather will be kinder next weekend when we take "Cape Cruiser" out of the water to anti-foul her bottom and get her all ship shape for a busy dive season ahead. As usual this will be done at North Port Marine over the long weekend. So come along and lend a hand.

I am sure all those that were at the last club meeting thoroughly enjoyed Maureen Cox's presentation on diving in Antarctica and on behalf of the club I want to thank her for sharing her experience with us.

Many thanks too, Jazz, for putting together the Pizza night. The pizzas were awesome. It was a fun night with lots of laughs. We really are lucky to have such a great bunch of people in the UEC.

That's it from me for this week. Sorry Jazz & I won't be here to help with the busy bee but we are heading off to Tulamben for a week of warm

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 2nd October 2013

#### Diving

The boat is scheduled for a double this Saturday out to Swirl Reef and Kingston Spit with Rex as Skipper and Tracy as DO. Note we are now into spring and its an **8am** departure.

#### Boat Maintenance

During the Queens Birthday long weekend eighteen dedicated members of the UEC gave their time to help out with the annual maintenance of Cape Cruiser at Northport Marine. On behalf of the UEC I would like to thank Pat Troy, Geoff Geard, Tom Bassett, Martin Arrowsmith, Liz Davey, Bob and Zita Dobson, Phil Good, Ashley Renney, Jan Fischbacher, Clive Cass, Pat Swallow, Peter Horton, Sue Haste, Malcolm Roberts, Gary Browne, and Carl Anders for all their goodwill and support in completing all the jobs planned for the weekend.

One of the main tasks was to complete the removal of the old winch and repair the front deck in readiness for the installation of our old winch once it has been overhauled. The port fuel tank was found to be leaking seriously so a decision was made to repair it by welding a 60cm crack in the side of the boat and then welding a plate over the top to reinforce the area. To do this the port fuel tank had to be drained, inspection plate removed, the tank washed out with detergent, rinsed and dried. The tank was then filled with Argon gas before welding.

Three coats of antifoul were applied to the hull over the weekend, sea water intake grate and strainer removed and cleaned and antifouled as was the rudder, shaft prop sanded and anodes replaced. The toilet bowl was refitted and completely sealed to prevent water which was entering the front storage compartment. A new toilet door latch was fitted also which should please the ladies. Battery terminals were replaced and battery electrolyte levels checked. Engine oil, coolant, and power steering top up bottles filled. Seats retrimmed.

Rubber ducky leak was found and repaired and a new floor put in. Both forward compartments were emptied, water sponged out, dried and vacuumed. Just in time as steel objects carelessly thrown into the compartments were rusting and eating into the aluminium floor of our boat. The

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Swirl Reef & Kingston Spit  
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An estimated one tonne of unnecessary excess weight was removed from the two forward compartments. Barbecues, vacuum cleaners, oil and coolant drums, anchors, ropes and boxes of parts etc are now stored at Pat Troy and my places. Subsequently, today our boat achieved a never before 16knts at less than 2400rpm on the plane.(yes, it has a planning hull, it is not a displacement vessel) at a very low fuel ltrs/hr rate showing 92 degrees. Wow!

In a couple of weeks time we change the engine oil and engine and fuel filters and water pump etc and then it will be ready for the diving season. Thanks again for all those who helped.

Rex

**Further to Rex's report, the Committee last night voted unanimously to make special recognition on behalf of the club for all the hard work that Geoff Geard put in to make this boat maintenance a great success. In particular, mention was made of the time he spent pumping out the fuel tank so that the repair could be carried out. Well done Geoff and a special thanks is on its way.**

### **Social Report**

Our first social event went off well, with 15 UEC members enjoying each other's company, delicious wood-fired pizzas and interesting YouTube clips on the big screen. Thank you so much to pizza maker extraordinaire Jasmine and her trusty baking buddy Martin who manned the oven while Jas churned out the pizzas. Thanks for hosting us.

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### 9th October 2013

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#### Presidents Report

Hi everyone. I can report that the diving over the last couple of weeks was awesome. That is if you were Tulamben like Jazz & I were. We are back in Perth now despite our flight being cancelled at short notice due to the APEC meeting. We were almost forced to extend our stay a few days but managed to get booked on another flight only a few hours after the original. Jazz is still upset about this. (Not that our first flight was cancelled but that we found a second one.)

I would like to thank all the members who put their time and energy into doing such a great job on Cape Cruiser last weekend. Special thanks to Rex for organizing the event and to Geoff for his effort with the fuel tank. It is great to see that the club spirit of getting things done is alive and well in the UEC. Well done to all who helped. I am very sorry I was not there with you.

This coming weekend is the Busselton Jetty cleanup trip which is being organized by Pat Swallow. This is always a great event and lots of fun. Thanks Pat, for your enthusiasm in putting this event together again. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

I look forward to seeing you at the club meeting next week.

Cheers for now  
Martin

#### The Giant Dive

On Saturday 7 December 2013 at 10:00 am The Giant Dive will take place at Point Peron, Rockingham. The aim is to get in excess of 100 scuba divers in the water at the same time to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

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With a few minor diversions on the way to check out some whale sightings including a full breach some distance off we headed to the Roe Reef area. Conditions were too rough so after some debate we headed to Parker Point Drop Off. Conditions were a bit better here so all six divers jumped in and had as good a dive as you can have at the most boring dive site on Rottneest. Highlight was a Turtle swimming past and the recovery of a nice anchor.

Conditions improved over lunch so we headed to Jackson Rock. Unfortunately there was a lot of surge on the site with sand flying everywhere so viz was pretty crap. Overall a pretty average dive but good just to get out on the boat.

The boat is scheduled for a double this Saturday out to Parker Point and Mortimers Lump with Geoff as Skipper and Tom standing in as DO (thanks Tom). Forecast is not great with 16kt wind, 2m swell, 19 DegC and rain but it is an early start to Cray Season so that might bring a few more divers out of the woodwork!!!! Note we are now into spring and its an **8am** departure.

#### Busselton Clean Up

Nine UEC divers took to the water on Sunday for a fun dive under Busselton Jetty, also keeping an eye out for any rubbish. Cuttlefish, nudibranchs, octopus, and lots of other interesting fish and critters were there to entertain us and keep the photographers happy. The second dive was a proper clean-up dive and we were dropped in groups along the length of the jetty. Plenty of rubbish was collected, including chairs, mobile phones, a CD player, sunglasses, and metres of fishing line, lures, tackle and other bits and pieces.

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Now for some good news & bad news. First the good news. The Cray season opened early this year on the 15th of October. The bad news, the early opening caught us on the hop and for the first time in living memory we did not have a dive organised for the first day of the season. So make sure you have your cray loop and a current license and book on for this Saturday.

Also on this Saturday 19th October, Dolphin Dive in Welshpool will be hosting an open day and members of the UEC will be manning a table and telling anyone who will listen just what a great club we have. More details at the club meeting this week.

I look forward to seeing you all the the General Meeting.

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Malcolm

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### 23rd October 2013

#### Diving

No diving last week-end due to the weather which was a shocker on Saturday. It was wetter above water than below. To this weekend and things are looking better. A low swell of 0.7m, 13kt winds, sunny spells and 27 DegC looks pretty good. Carl A is Skipper and yours truly is DO so looking forward to a great day out on the boat. Note that the Crayfish season is now open but you must have a valid licence.

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Sadly the Whale Watching cruise that was to be held last Sunday was also cancelled. Thanks to Malcolm for all the work you put into this event. Shame it didn't happen.

Dolphin dive held their open day on Saturday and it was a huge success. Thank you to our intrepid Membership officer, Mike and all the other UEC members who attended and handed out brochures to just about everyone who walked in the doors. I'm sure we will see quite a few new members join the UEC from this event.

Well here's to hoping that we are finally seeing a return to good diving weather and we will be filling the boat with happy divers every weekend. Don't forget to check that your Cray Licence is valid before you bring your loop on board.

Martin

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#### Diving

With almost perfect weather conditions last Sunday's dive was always going to be a good one. We had eight divers booked on (a bit disappointing that the boat wasn't full given the forecast), Carl as Skipper and myself as DO. The swell was non-existent at less than 0.5m and almost no wind meant that we pretty much had the choice of anywhere to dive. With six out of eight divers keen to catch Crayfish Stragglers was selected as the best option. We dropped the anchor for the first dive and on entry discovered we were right on top of the Ulidia wreck although Carl is adamant that it was in the wrong place. Either somebody moved it or we discovered a long lost wreck never recorded before! The divers all reported a great dive with excellent viz and bagfuls of Crays including one in Geoff's bag that was so big he could close the top.

With a quick move to the other side of Stragglers the crew managed a dive while everyone else had lunch. Underwater conditions were superb with great visibility and no surge. Stragglers really is a stunning dive and it's a shame that we don't dive here more often but it really does need no swell to do it justice. The second dive produced another haul of Crays to the point where we exceeded the boat limit of 24 and had to return about five lucky individuals to fight another day.

With a short journey home we were back at the club by 2pm in time for a beer or two on the lawn outside. Oh what a perfect day.

This Saturday it's Skippers Choice with Martin S and Tom B. Forecast is hot and sunny but a little bit windy. Still should be a good one somewhere on the NW side of Rottneest in the lee of the island.

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Cheers Rex

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Good to see the boat went last Sunday, and they got their quota of Cray's. This Saturday is the S.Y.C. clean up day. This usually incorporates an underwater sweep of the jetties. We usually meet at the club at 8.00am. For more info give either myself or Tracy a call.

Martin.

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First dive was a try for Cray Canyon but there were some very large swells rolling through and so we went to Swirl Reef which was far calmer. Everyone had a good dive with great vis. Plenty of baby and female crays reported but with only a few legals taken.

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Overall a good day had by all and back to Freo.

This Sunday its looking perfect with sun, 34 DegC, almost no wind at midday and only 1/2m swell. It doesn't get much better than this so better book on quick.

#### SYC Busy Bee

Thanks to all the UEC members who helped out last Saturday at the SYC busy bee. I counted at least eight UEC members which was about 15% of the total turnout. We had four divers in the water pulling up the usual rubbish (bottles, crab nets, concrete blocks, chain etc) along with some not so usual items such as an airconditioning unit.

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Andrew Fox

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#### Defibrillator

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While nursing the Cape Cruiser back to her pen it was timely for our divers that a stop to refill the coolant was at Stragglers, where another very pleasant dive through broken reef with swim throughs was enjoyed by all. Conditions were so perfect a couple of snorkelers on board also enjoyed a few of those swim throughs. A few crays came on board at both sites and a beaut 60cm+ Dhui was spotted at one of the locations. Geoff Geard getting best in water in the cray department.

Did I mention the lack of wind, swell and current? ABSOLUTELY MAGIC!

Tracy T.

This Friday its the Crayfish special. We have a crew and we have divers. Now all we need is a boat that is working. Hopefully we will be up and running but if you have booked on please make sure you check your emails for confirmation.

Saturday is a trip to Fish Hook Bay (make sure you find the stunning cave system on the east side entrance) and also Roe Reef with Martin A and Adrian T. The forecast is looking pretty good with 32 DegC, sun, 0.8m swell and 7 kt wind at midday. Won't get much better than this.

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On another note, the committee has decided to replace the current winch with a new Muir 3000 much to the joy of the skippers and DOs as the winch we have has shown to be a safety hazard with its chain configuration. We also now have a defibrillator on board the boat to add to our list of safety equipment. Hopefully we will never have to use it.

Congratulations to Malcolm & Erin on their wedding which was held on Rottnest last weekend. All the very best wishes for your future together.

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Jan Fischbacher

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 20th November 2013

#### Diving Report

No diving last week-end due to mechanical problems with the boat. Geoff Geard and Rex put in a stirring effort aided by Jack the diesel fitter to repair a cracked water housing. Geoff spent last Friday morning removing the power steering unit, pulleys and shroud to make it easier for the water pump to be removed. There were no spares in Perth so the housing was ordered and arrived Sunday.

The water pump was repaired and refitted to Cape Cruiser on the Sunday. On Monday night, Ryco made up a new hydraulic steering line and Rex fitted it to the pump, topped up the fluid, purged the lines and ran the motor and all seems well. The only thing left to be done before the boat can leave the pen is the bilge needs to be pumped out and the waste disposed of. We are looking for some volunteers to help with this.

So all up a big thanks to Rex and Geoff whose hard work has made diving the Sunday possible. There is still more work to be done but we are in a much better place than a week ago. This Sunday its a double dive to Cray Canyon and Kingston Spit with Geoff and Clive crewing. Weather is mixed with some showers forecast, 25 deg but most important a low swell of 0.7m so conditions underwater should be good.

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## UEC Weekly Email

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#### Diving Report

The dive Sunday started with a boatful of 14 divers and a sightseer. With swell under a metre we headed to Kerry's Caverns expecting a comfortable dive with a moderate Southerly breeze. The wind changed to a Westerly and made the surface quite choppy.

The divers had excellent visibility at Kerry Caverns and the sighting of a two-metre groper was a highlight to add to great conditions underwater and a few crayfish came on board.

With the wind picking up we headed to Geordie Bay for lunch and respite. The second dive was at Channel Marker Caves - always a good dive. The swimthroughs and fish were enjoyed by all who got wet.

Malcolm finished with his limit of crays and the site was enjoyed by all. A few drinks and good conversation at the SYC finished off a good day out.

Clive

This Saturday (St Andrews Day) is a double out to Stragglers and Crystal Palace with Martin S and Tom.

#### Presidents Report

Good news that the boat is back in action, thanks to Rex and Jeff for their sterling effort.

A fun night was had by all who turned up for the barbi at Bicton Baths on Friday 22nd. Thanks to Malcolm and Erin for the food and organising the event. At the general meeting last Wednesday, Tim Sawyer gave a very impressive presentation on wave power and how W.A. is leading the way in this field.

Don't forget the Christmas party at Gary Brown's place on the 14 Dec. See you there.

#### Social

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 4th December 2013

#### Diving Report

Unfortunately diving was cancelled last weekend due to the weather.

This Saturday its Nurses Quarters and Roe Reef, weather permitting, with Martin A and Tracy T. It is also the Rottnest Swim Thru so if anyone would like to go across to the island to either cheer on the swimmers or just have a look around all for \$20 then book on with Tracy at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au).

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On Sat 7 Dec, the Cape Cruiser headed over to Rottnest with just six divers. Also on board, were fourteen day trippers taking the opportunity to spend the day on the island supporting our UEC competitors, Rex Burke and Clive Cass as they competed in the Rottnest Mile. They also enjoyed snorkeling at the Basin and general sightseeing.

The wind whipping up during our crossing to the island had us settling at Elder Pt for the first dive. We then tucked into the island at a site known as Near Geordie Caves for the second dive. While surface conditions were blustery, the divers reported nice conditions with 15mt viz below. A few nice crays came on board.

Skipper Martin Arrowsmith did a sterling job of bring the Cape Cruiser home with wind and substantial waves coming side on from the south.

A good day had by all!  
Tracy T (DO)

This Saturday its Blueys Ridge and the Macedon Wreck with Carl and Tom as crew. Forecast is excellent with a scorching 39 deg C (coolest place to be is underwater), sun , 1m swell and almost no wind at 11am. Also a reminder about the UEC Xmas party on Saturday night - details below.

#### Safety Incident

On a recent dive we had a potentially serious safety incident. One of the divers was using a new BCD with integrated weight belt. On ascent at the end of the dive the BCD would not inflate and the diver was unable to release the weights. The Dive Officer had to enter the water to assist in removing the BCD which was dropped and subsequently recovered by another diver.

This is a timely reminder about checking your equipment, whether new or old and especially if it has not been used for sometime. Before every dive (and preferably the day before the dive so you don't get out to the site and then find you can't dive) you should always ensure that your tanks are full, your BCD inflates and deflates, that you can breath easily through both regulators and that you can release your weight belt or integrated weights. You should only put small weights in pockets for trimming purposes.

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A few UEC members attended The Giant Dive charity event last Saturday to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor service. They were trying to get 100 divers in the water at the one time and almost succeeded with 95. This was a stirring effort and lots of fun had by all.

On another note, a group of us are doing our solo dive course on Saturday down at Rockingham Wreck Trail. Thanks for organising it Malcolm.

Anyway that's all from me, see you at the Chrisie party.

Regards  
Martin

## Will you join the Fight for the Great Barrier Reef?

Hi there,

The future of the Great Barrier Reef hangs in the balance.

[I've joined the fight to protect the Reef and I thought you would like to join me.](#)

The World Heritage Centre is so concerned it has called for an immediate halt to any new industrial development along the Reef's coast, and tougher laws for its protection. I was shocked to hear just how much development is going on – new and expanded ports, millions of tonnes of dredging and shipping superhighways. It's just not right.

If you've got 30 seconds, [watch this short video message](#) from Bob Irwin and Reef community members to hear about the alarming and unprecedented scale of industrialisation along the Reef:

<http://fightforthereef.org.au/take-action/>

Mega-developments are in the pipeline and if we don't do something about it now, our Reef could be ruined. Please check out the video and join me at <http://fightforthereef.org.au/take-action/>

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**What's provided?** Salads and sweets – comestibles and condiments - plates and cutlery. If you can assist with bringing something such as your favourite salad or dessert, please let Malcolm know. It would be helpful. Anything else on that night? We'll have the December UEC monthly meeting on the night. Short and sweet and then cooking.

**Why?** It's always fun and a good chance to catch up with all your UEC buddies prior to Christmas.

**How to go?** Email Malcolm at [socialbookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:socialbookings@uecwa.com.au) to advise your attendance. You will receive the address in your confirmation reply email. Please do this NOW while you think of it. Early RSVP will help those organising food to have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

### **Rottnest Week**

There are four places available for the Rottnest diving week. Accommodation as usual is a prime location in Geordie Bay. Arriving Saturday 22nd and departing Friday 28th February (six nights) for \$710 per person. Cost includes transport to and from Rotto, accommodation, all boat diving, tank fills and great company. A not to be missed trip. Payments are due 1st December after which refunds can only be given if replacements are found.

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## UEC Weekly Email

**18th December 2013**

### Diving Report

Last Saturday we headed out with twelve divers to Bluey's Ridge and Stragglers with Carl as Skipper and Tom as DO. The weather was near perfect with little wind, low seas and hot sun. Bluey's Ridge has some nice country with gullies and small caves but is pretty deep ranging from about 25m at the top of the ridge down to 30m+. It was therefore a pretty short dive but vis was good and everyone enjoyed it. For the second dive we headed to the Ulidia Wreck (1893) on Stragglers which was the opposite in terms of depth ranging from about 3m to 10m.

<http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/maritime-archaeology-db/wrecks/ulidia>

Again vis was great and countryside around the reef is always interesting. There is not much of the wreck left to see other than a few bits of growth encrusted steel, one of which comes dangerously close to the surface. An early return to the SYC and then off to the UEC Xmas party for many.

This Sunday's dives are to Swirl Reef and Point Clune with Martin Smith and myself crewing. Weather is looking great with low swell (0.7m), low winds, sun and 29 DegC.

Mike

### XMAS / NEW YEAR DIVING

We have a couple of extra dives over the Xmas, New Year period. YAY.

Friday 27 Dec 2013 - Double Dive - Skippers choice  
Wednesday 1 Jan 2014 - Double Dive - Skippers choice  
Our scheduled dives for Sat 28 Dec and Sun 5 Dec are also on.  
The night dive previously planned for Fri 27 Dec will be rescheduled to January.

These extra dives are very popular so book on at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) asap.  
Tracy

### Rottnest Week

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### Dive Schedule

**8am** Departure  
Loading Jetty

#### Sunday 22nd December

Swirl reef & Point Clune  
Martin S & Mike B

#### Special Friday 27th December

Double Dive Skippers Choice  
Crew TBA

#### Saturday 28th December

Double Dive Skippers Choice  
Martin A & Adrian T

#### Special Wednesday 1st January

New Years Day Double Dive  
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### Dive Bookings

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**Please provide your contact number, plus emergency contact name & number (if not previously supplied).** If you want to take a risk and try a last minute booking you can call or SMS Tracy on 0438 907 295.

### Please note:

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- if you book on please turn up! The Skipper will make any call on weather on the morning of the dive.
- Make sure you pay attention to the Dive Coordinator's confirmation e-mail/SMS for loading location as conditions may dictate a change.
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about 2:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

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### **January General Meeting**

Wednesday 15th January 7:30pm  
upstairs at the SYC. Tables booked as usual for dinner for those wanting to eat beforehand

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## UEC Weekly Email

25th December 2013



## Merry Christmas to our UEC Members

### Diving Report

With one last minute cancellation, an almost full boat set out on Sunday for Swirl Reef and Point Clune with Martin Arrowsmith at the helm, myself as DO and my son, Lewis, helping out with DO duties. Conditions were a bit choppy for the crossing to Rottneest with a stiff NE wind whipping up the waves. The wind started to drop off by the time we got to the dive site and steadily improved while the divers were in the water. There was little swell and visibility was good so the diving was excellent. Swirl Reef is a lovely site with big caves, gullies and rock formations making for interesting diving. A few crayfish were snagged as well. Lewis and I had a quick dive during the surface interval and then it was off to Point Clune. The seas had dropped off to near flat by the time we dropped anchor in crystal clear waters near the Geordie Bay Channel Marker.

All the divers reported great diving and being a shallow site most were in for the full hour plus. Consensus was the best diving was to the west towards the channel marker. Malcolm landed the biggest Cray I have ever seen but as it was missing its eyes it probably didn't put up too much of a fight! The Souwesterly picked up while everyone was in the water and between the cloud cover and the wind it turned from a very pleasant day into a bit of a chill one. A bit of a rough return to the SYC, dropping off everyone at the jetty before a trip upriver to refuel and then back to the pen. All in all a great day out.

A busy week of diving ahead with a special skippers choice double dive this Friday, Saturday is the normal scheduled double and then the

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#### Sunday 5th January

City Beach Dives  
Geoff G & Mike B

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Two lucky people can reserve beds on this holiday with awesome  
views, company and diving in. Just \$390 each come diving, partying  
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Contact Clive Cass [klyfekass@gmail.com](mailto:klyfekass@gmail.com) or 0421 639 290

### **Diving League Table**

Curious about who is heading for diver of the year? Well here is the  
current league table. Plenty of dives left especially for those going to  
Rottnest so all to play for!

Jan Fishenbacher	14
Tracy Tebbutt	10
Nigel Hobson	8
Colin Nelson	8
Mel Turner	8
Mike Buchanan	8
Dominic North	6
Ross Henderson	6
Mick Lee	6
Adrian Taylor	6
Sue Haste	6
Damien Herbert	6
Malcolm Roberts	6

### **Raja Ampat**

Pictures from Ian Robertsons trip  
<http://www.aquashutterbug.net.au/UWImages/ian/RajaAmpat2013/index.html>

pick you up after the double dive at  
about 2:00pm. Cost is \$20 per  
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