



UEC Weekly Email

Dive report

Cape Cruiser headed for Rotto on Saturday 28th August and found perfect conditions for diving - Pat Swallow reports...

A perfect day out on the boat, the sun was shining, the swell non-existent with outstanding visibility in and out of the water! All in all, great diving conditions at Jacksons Rock and Crystal Palace. The boat was very comfortable - especially the grand staircase coming up from the water onto the marlin board! Whales were spotted at Crystal Palace and then two more close by near the heads on the way home. When we saw the murky waters of the Swan River we congratulated ourselves on booking onto the boat - so be smart and book on soon!

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2010/2011 Membership Dues

Annual membership renewals are now due and you must be a financial member to dive from the club boat. Subs for 2010/11 are:

| Membership type | Annual sub |
|------------------------|------------|
| Ordinary member/Single | \$160.00 |
| Family | \$220.00 |
| Student/Social/Junior | \$45.00 |
| SYC (per person) | \$70.00 |

Payment can be made by EFT to the Club (don't forget to put your name on the deposit and email confirmation to treasurer@uecwa.com.au)

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Dive Schedule - Book now!

Sun 5th Sept - Roe Reef/The Archways

Crew - Martin S/Carl A

**This will be a crew familiarisation trip*

Sat 11th Sept - Angelas Cave/Daves Spot

Crew - Kerry A/Steve L

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September General Meeting

Wednesday 15th Sept at SYC - 7:30pm

Guest speaker is our own Malcolm Roberts

MelvilleWA6956

Finally if you are not intending to renew your club membership please let Amanda know on membership@uecwa.com.au so we can ensure that the membership list is kept up to date.

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Pictures are worth a thousand words - so check out this great video Malcolm made of a club dive just a couple of weeks ago...then book on for a dive to get into this yourself!

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnX9f1BQFI> to see it.

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Club members Malcolm Roberts and
Amanda Blanksby spent 6 weeks
exploring China and Tibet.

With highlights including BIG cities, The
Great Wall, Tibetan monasteries, and
more than half way up Everest; this is
Malcolm's fast-moving 20 minute DVD
slideshow with music of his favourite
images from the journey.

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Seven lucky divers enjoyed a great day out on Cape Cruiser last Sunday revisiting Catherine's Grotto (not dived in the living memory of anyone aboard!) and Crystal Palace. Good ground, good conditions and a toasty 18c plus Port Jackson sharks, cuttlefish, wreckage (or was it junk?) and dolphins (well, the crew saw them while we were diving!) made this a great day out.

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Crew - Martin S/Amanda

Still a 9am departure

Sun 3rd Oct - Parker Point/Rogers Rocks - Wendy/Malcolm

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It's whale-spotting season on Cape Cruiser! Whales spotted breaching and also coming within about 50m of the boat whilst anchored on Roe Reef! Add another great weekend of diving for 11 divers on board and it all makes a very successful trip.

Photo Competition - *now closed*

The photo comp is closed to new submissions - now its time to get your calendar orders lined up. We're on track for delivery in November and they'll make a fab stocking filler for Christmas! Or for your work/office Secret Santa...or just for the back of your dunny door!

Direct flights to Kota Kinabalu

Malaysian Airlines is launching direct flights from Perth to Kota Kinabalu - gateway to Sipadan Island which a number of club members rate as one of the top overseas diving destinations. UECWA representatives have been invited to the launch featuring a display from Sabah Diving - look out for more info.

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October General Meeting

Wednesday 21st October, 7:30pm at SYC. Details of guest speaker next week... mark your calendars now .

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What a great day today. The first dive at Nurses Quarters didn't disappoint, lunch in Fish Hook Bay, a dive at Crystal Palace and back at SYC by 3.30.

Deeper diving

Gino Ferreri will be talking about the use of SMB's - that's Surface Marker Bouy's - at the next General Meeting which is applicable to all of our diving but especially the deeper diving scheduled for Sunday 31 October - come along and hear all about it.

General meeting - Wed 20th

At SYC commencing at 7:30pm. Meals available and there are usually a couple of tables of UEC members there from about 6:30 getting stuck into lamb shanks or fish & chips.

Guest speaker this month is from the Dept of Conservation & Environment, Marine Planning Policy Division.

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Another terrific day out on Cape Cruiser. We certainly have been spoiled for fabulous diving weather. First dive at Nurses Quarters but the nurses must have been doing their rounds because they weren't in the Quarters! Second dive around the corner at Flat Top - great conditions with lots of fish life.

Cape to Cape Cleanup

Pat Swallow reports that the weekend was, once again, very successful with 2 dives on the Swan in great conditions. Cleanup activities were conducted on the beach as the Busselton Jetty is still a building site and diving underneath not allowed.

Busselton Jetty

The Busselton Jetty refurbishment is almost complete. The old piles are still in place with all their beautiful growth and we understand a number of other piles have now been left on the seabed to start some new growth. To make sure divers get a little bit (at the end) of the jetty to enjoy without fishing lines check out the article in the October newsletter and follow [this link to make your opinion known](#).

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Deep Dive - this Sun 31st October...

Cape Cruiser is fully booked this Sunday! There is a waiting list so you can still book with Mike but its a good lesson to book on early if you want to go.

Obviously this is a popular initiative from our Training Officer Gino and if it goes well we'll be scheduling a monthly deep dive location - stay tuned.

New Member Nominations

Piotr Lukasik and Tracy Tebbutt have both applied for UEC membership. If any member knows of any reason why their application should not be accepted they are requested to email membership@uecwa.com.au

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Dive Report by Malcolm Roberts

What a great day out on the boat last Sunday. Gino's planned deep dive had us exploring a reef north of Rottneest at depths of around 30m.

Our journey to Geordie Bay was interrupted by a pod of Humpback whales. One pod became two, became three, became four pods of 3-4 whales each. Amazing! We had 12-15 whales in front of us, beside us and behind us. We even had one come right under the boat.

We never made it to Geordie Bay and instead spent our surface interval having a whale of a time! Before we knew it we were in sight of West End.

Our second dive was spent surrounded by the seals of Cathedral Rocks. There were playful pups galore and their inquisitive interactions made it a magical dive.

We have world-class diving, a great club and a fantastic boat. See you on it soon.

Booking on then no-showing - it's not on!

We've had a number of instances of members booking on then just not showing up for the dive. This is unacceptable. Last Sunday the boat was fully booked and members who wanted to get on the dive were unable to only for three divers who were booked on to fail to show. Not only were three members denied the opportunity to dive but the club missed out on \$150 of diving fees.

Every diver knows the Dive Coordinators mobile number - its published every week! In addition the Skipper & DO's numbers are advised. There are no excuses for simply not showing up.

Members who no-show three times will now go onto a permanent wait-list for diving - you'll only get on the boat if its not fully booked. We're a club not a commercial operator and its important our members respect that,

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Advance Notice - The Rottneest Mile

Sunday 5th December

Are you a swimmer? If we can get

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drop the swimmers off, have a single

dive & then pick the swimmers up for

the trip back. \$20 for swimmers & \$35

for single divers. Book on with Mike

now.

their fellow members and the people who spend their personal time running it for their benefit.

Freo Festival

The Cape Cleanup crew are supporting a float in the Fremantle Festival parade on Sunday 14th November. If you have a couple of hours to help out or want to support them Anita Kelly is the volunteer coordinating the project. Her contact details are <projectshorelines@gmail.com> and mobile 0432895007.

Christmas Meeting

Advance notice for our Christmas party which doubles as our December general meeting. Sat evening 18th December at Gary Browne's house - thanks Gary! Bookings will open soon but pencil in the date now.

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General meeting - 7:30pm Wed 17th @ SYC

Our guest speaker this month is Tim Nicol from the Conservation Council - Marine Division.

Environment news

Premier Colin Barnett and Environment Minister Donna Faragher have announced four new marine parks, a new national park and additional conservation reserves will be part of the new Kimberley Wilderness Parks.

An [indicative management plan \(9.7 MB\)](#) for the first marine park to be created, at Camden Sound, is available for public comment.

SYC Busy Bee

Can any members help out at the SYC Busy Bee this Saturday - 7:30 - 11:30? No in-water help is required - just some general tidying up around the club. Just turn up and make sure you let them know you're from UEC.

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Sun 14th - despite the presence of large fish hanging around dead whales in previous days, 6 brave divers ventured to Jacksons Rocks on Sunday for a great dive.
Mon 15th - Cray Season opener - 11 divers ventured out in search of the elusive Western Rock Lobster for the season opening. A few of the little red critters must have ignored their calendars because our crew brought 12 aboard!

Christmas Meeting

Book for the Christmas Meeting now - you'll be emailed details.

Saturday 18th December - 6:30pm

BYO drinks & meat/fish/substitute

The club will provide salads, bread & dessert.

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Mark your calendars - the UEC Summer Delight! Sat 12th February 2011

Dinner, dancing (no diving) but lots of fun at the inaugural UEC Summer Delight to be held at the Point Walter Recreation Centre.

Great food, live music - not to be missed. Look out for more details soon!

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Sat 20th - We had extraordinarily good conditions for the dives today; almost no seas on hardly any swell with the lightest puff of breeze and 25m visibility at the first dive, Angela's Cave. The divers loved the cave system. The second dive was a semi-exploratory dive near a site from Dennis' folder, 14 Metre Reef; another great dive site from all accounts. At this second dive site one could imagine that we were parked on the whale freeway as they just kept cruising by.

Special Notice - Underwater Book Launch

UEC are hosting the Conservation Council underwater book launch of the Icon Report this Sat morning - book on with Mike for an early (6:30am - to be confirmed) single dive and you could be on TV! See booking info opposite for more details.

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Dive Schedule - Book now!

Special Single Dive - \$35

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clear...Crew - Chris/Tom

Note - 6:30am start for this dive

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Crew - Chris/Clive

Note - 8am start for this dive

Sat 4th Dec - Clive's Creek/Stragglers
Rocks

Crew - TBC

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Advance Notice - The Rottnest Swim Through

Correction to previous notice

Saturday 4th December

Are you a swimmer? We'll be doing a standard double dive for the day and dropping swimmers off too - \$20 for swimmers & \$50 for divers. Book on with Mike now.

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Dive Report

Sat 27th - UEC hosted the Conservation Council's underwater book launch of "Atlantis Found" - their report on underwater icons of the south west. Check it out on [YouTube](#) and check the report [here](#). On top of that a great dive at Jackson Rocks.

Sun 28th - a ripper double dive at The Canyon and Swirl Reef in great conditions.

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UEC 2011 Caledars have arrived!

and they look great! \$15 each (cash or EFT)

To get yours they will be available at the following checkpoints:

Central Park, Perth (work hours Wed, Thursday) Tracy Hagen (0419291996)

Gloucester Park (work hours) Pat Swallow (0407512 251)

Attadale (after hours) Tracy Hagen (0419291996)

25th December – Christmas Day Dive – Robbs Jetty. Pat Swallow (0407512 251)

27th December Swan Yacht Club – UECWA Dive boat. Pat Swallow (0407512 251)

2nd January Swan Yacht Club – UECWA Dive boat. Tracy Hagen (0419291996)

or at the January UEC General Meeting.

If you are unable to arrange a pick up – I can try and arrange drop offs depending on your location and when you require them.

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has been cancelled for this year but we'll get onto it earlier next year and see if we can't get it going...

Australia Day Fireworks River Cruise

The traditional UEC Australia Day Fireworks Cruise is back with Kerry at the helm as usual!

Details

Date: Wednesday 26th January

Time : 3pm

Where : Swan Yacht Club (with a N.O.R. pickup tba)

Cost : tba (depending on catering arrangements)

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If you'd like to help organise any catering for this trip please let us know.

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