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3 Jan 2018

Happy New Year

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Had a small but enthused 6 divers turn up for the first UEC single dive for 2018.

We had a later start of 8-45 to help those who had a late night. We headed off on time to our dive location being South Mole beacon. The wind had already turned souhtlery but was not enough to put off divers. We had a minor incident with one diver not descending and returning back to the boat with breathing difficulties. This was put down in the end being a tight wet suit which hadn't been worn for a while. I think we have all experienced the shrinking wetsuit issue especially over Xmas. A Incident report will be compiled and sent to safety officer for our records..

The remaining 5 divers reported a good dive with plenty to see and even a few crayfish spotted . No loops were taken down. Due to shallow dive most divers had a excess of 1 hour dive and reported 5 mtr Viz.

On return we dropped divers at fisherman's harbour for coffee and treats while crew fuelled boat then a leisurely cruise back to Coogee .

Overall a great way to start 2018.

This week's diving

This week we are heading to Rogers Rock & The Archways there are sill plenty of spaces available so head over to the website to book.

https://www.uecwa.com.au/events/rogers_rock_the_archways/



Dive Schedule

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and Carl the Cray Whisperer's Secret Spot

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Dive Travel

You'll never believe it... the Club is going to the Maldives!!!

Maldives: 15-24th September, 2018

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- Return airfares with Singapore Airlines
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We have 10 spots available, with all 10 booked. If you would like to be added to the wait-list please contact divebookings@uecwa.com.au

If you're interested, you can find more [details here: https://www.uecwa.com.au/diving-with-us/dive-travel/maldives-master-2018/](https://www.uecwa.com.au/diving-with-us/dive-travel/maldives-master-2018/)

Rotto Holiday - 10 - 19 March 2018

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Many thanks, Liz

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Hugel Passage

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We will be providing , nibbles, a BBQ dinner including meats breads and salads , and some yummy desserts. BYO drinks only. The cost for fabulous evening \$45.00. Spaces are limited, so please book on ASAP. Please make your payments to the club, and cc myself and Steve treasurer in when paying. Bookings close 24 January.

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If you would like club clothing, please let me know, I can arrange, hats ,caps, hoodies ,Polo shirts and fleeces, but need a minimum of 10 orders to lodge a club order....

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Please order today by order online at <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/850b21>.

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10 Jan 2018

General News

Pirate Pete's Safety Tips

How To Be A Good Dive Buddy

Most people find that the best things in life are even better when shared with someone. So it is with diving. While we firmly believe all divers should be able to take care of themselves in and out of the water, we also believe the buddy system is a critical aspect of scuba diving safety. From monitoring equipment and skills to providing support in case of emergencies, a good buddy is invaluable. And like other relationships in your life, it takes work to make the buddy partnership a good one. Here are our tips.

Using the buddy system is key for safe scuba diving, but it takes independent effort to be a good buddy.

Speak the Same Language

Planning a dive is more than mapping out your basic profile. A buddy team should decide who will lead the dive, review hand signals and discuss emergency procedures, such as what to do if you get separated and you should have the conversation before putting a fin in the water. Hand signals are the most common way to "talk" to your buddy once you've begun a dive. If your buddy is new, asking if he or she is OK by flashing the universal OK hand signal can be a reassuring way to let him or her know you're paying attention. Ditto for asking your buddy how much air he or she has remaining.

Beyond hand signals, buddies communicate by staying close and making eye contact. We can tell a lot by expressions, breathing patterns and body postures, often unconsciously. The more you dive with someone, the more you learn each other's language.



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The relationship that long time buddies develop results in a kind of mental muscle memory that dictates who leads and who follows, and allows for communicating changes in the dive plan that need to be made on the fly due to unforeseen circumstances.

Not every underwater conversation can be conducted with a simple hand signal or by glancing at your buddy.

Flashlights, camera lights or glow sticks are not only good for night dives, but they also work well on reefs to point out wildlife or get your buddy to look in your direction.

If you find that you need to stop the dive because your buddy is puzzled by what you're trying to tell him or her, make sure you've got some way to scribble a message. A good set of wet notes or a slate is a must on every dive, regardless of unspoken communication skills.

Getting your buddy's attention can be tough when there's a shark cruising past or he's preoccupied with the settings on his camera. Carry some sort of audible device, so if your buddy isn't looking in your direction, you can still get his or her attention.

Wet Behind the Ears?

Your buddy maybe a spouse, friend or fellow dive-club member. You know each other's level of comfort in the water, experience and skills, goals for the dive and you may have perhaps made the same dive together countless times. Even when a dive doesn't go as planned, neither one feels pressure to push your limits and neither one feels badly for making the other one miss out on a dive that you might not be comfortable doing.

That's in a perfect world, one in which you and your buddy share attributes that match, but we divers know that's not always possible.

One of the remarkable things about diving is that it's one of the few activities in which a very experienced person and a very inexperienced person can participate together and both really enjoy it. But the more experienced and qualified diver needs to respect the less experienced diver's limits. Failing to do so at best can take the fun out of the dive, and at worst can lead to an accident. Make sure you and your buddy discuss limitations or issues that could affect how you plan the dive. Respect limits and both divers can have a great time.

Breathe Easy, Set the Pace

DO - Adrian

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Pairing up with a buddy who runs out of air while you still have half a tank can be annoying.

Like skill level and experience, similar air-consumption and swimming rates will lead to a more-relaxed dive, but it's not crucial as long as you communicate. A good buddy team knows what to expect from each other, including gas use, and they check gas together routinely.

What about the speed-demon buddy? Diving is just like going out to dinner with a friend and it makes it difficult when one person is a vegetarian and the other only wants steak. Diving is something we all do to enjoy ourselves and see things that interest us. Signal your buddy to slow down and stay together.

Of course, fining along at a nudibranch's pace can also pose issues. If you're a photographer and your buddy isn't, lingering too long in one spot can also be a problem for the buddy who's hanging around waiting for you to take the perfect photo. When it comes to pace, some buddies just may not be compatible. Be honest, and find a new buddy if that's the case.

The Bottom Line

In the end it comes down to trust. The buddies you can trust are those who stay close and communicate. They stick to the plan. They're not afraid to call a dive if they think it's necessary, and they don't argue if the other does. They stay at hand when the other is task focused, even though for the moment, all they're doing is essentially watching the other. It's clear they have each other's backs.

Courtesy Sport Diver Magazine.

The Value of a Surface Marker Buoy



The value of an SMB was demonstrated on Sundays second dive at Jacksons Arches. During the dive the wind blew up with very rough seas and plenty of whitecaps.

Two of our divers surface a long way behind the boat and probably would not have been seen in amongst the waves and whitecaps had they not inflated their SMB's. The picture below has the ducky and the divers in it and we are already on our way to pick them up so not as far as they

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were originally. You can barely see the ducky in the picture so you can imagine how hard it would have been to see a divers head.

Chris McCoppin set off to rescue in the ducky while we pulled the anchor and took Cape Cruiser to pick them all up. Conditions made the transfer from ducky to boat a difficult operation but apart from a few bruised ribs we managed to get everyone and all their gear back on board.

Diver Table & Cray Table

Mike is stretching his diver lead again after a brief falter.

Place	Diver Name	Grand Total
1	Mike Buchanan	17
2	Gino Ferreri	13
3	Elise Brigden	10
3	David Freemantle	10
3	Geoff Geard	10
3	Pete Northrop	10
7	Mel Turner	9
7	Adrian Taylor	9
7	James Savill	9
7	Josh Evans	9

Craydrian is way out in front on the Crayfish Table. Can anyone catch him?

Place	Diver Name	Sum of Crays	No Dives	Ave per dive
1	Adrian Taylor	30	9	3.33
2	David Freemantle	17	10	1.70
2	Malcolm Roberts	17	8	2.13
4	Geoff Geard	16	10	1.60
5	George Gandossini	11	4	2.75
6	Carl Anders	10	5	2.00
7	James Savill	9	9	1.00
8	Chris McCoppin	5	3	1.67
8	Jeff Weston	5	8	0.63
8	Jarrad Baker	5	4	1.25
8	Mike Buchanan	5	17	0.29

VSAG Fathoms Magazine

Our buddies in Victoria have been busy – including a successful world record attempt at putting the “longest chain of scuba divers” in the water! You can read all about it in their Magazine “Fathoms” (check out a few mentions of the UEC – p4 & p27, plus Pirate Pete’s Safety Tips on p28).

Remember if you're ever in Victoria, Tasmania or South Australia – we have arrangements with Clubs in each state, giving our Members the opportunity to dive with (other) like-minded Clubs all over the country.

If you'd like more details you can contact Mel at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

MUD Scientific Dive



On Saturday we headed out on a MUD Scientific Dive, with Carl as the Skipper and myself as DO. Initially we had 13 divers booked on but after a flurry of cancellations

the day before, we were down to 6 keen divers by Saturday morning.

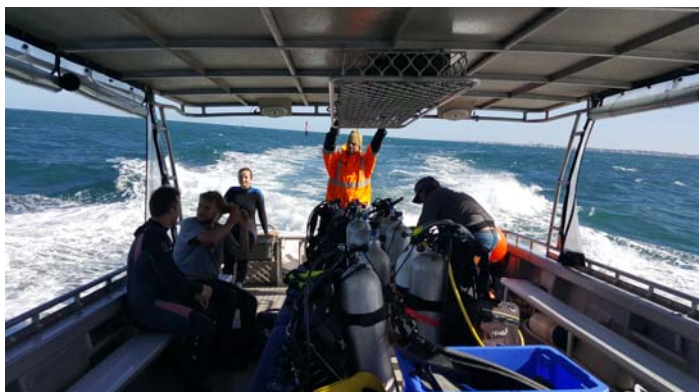
After the usual boat briefing and then an additional briefing on the sciencey stuff by MUD Leader Ian, we were off to the seagrass beds at Southern Flats. It was a breezy morning but our site was nicely sheltered from the wind.

There were three sites at Southern Flats that the MUD team wanted to count, but unfortunately they were all in 1.2-1.5m of water. So we dropped anchor as close to the site as comfortable, and then used the tender (and Ian's portable GPS) to ferry dive flags and divers on each of the 3 sites. The divers then spent 2 whole hours counting blades of seagrass and recording any marine animals living in the seagrass. Meanwhile (back on the boat), Carl and I threw a couple of jigs in and managed to catch a nice feed of squid (well – Carl did, I only caught one).

Once done, the divers gave us the pick-up signal and it was back out to each of the sites where we loaded gear and divers in, and ferried them back to Cape Cruiser. It was quickly decided that they had counted enough sea grass for one day, and a fun dive was sounding very appealing. Given the conditions (the wind had picked up) – we decided to dive the D9. We found the site, dropped anchor, got everything ready to dive – and then looked at

the shot-line, which was indicating a ripping current. After a fair bit of chin scratching it was decided this wasn't a good idea, and we would give the dive a miss. So back to Coogee we went.

It was a great bunch of divers who came along, and Ian did a great job of organising and running the activities – thanks to all on board for an absolute pleasure of a day. And a special thanks to Jemma, David, Mark and Ian for helping us get in and out of the pen.



[Sunday – Rogers Rock & The Archways \(Jackson Rock\)](#)

Cape Cruiser was back out again on Sunday – this time with Steve at the helm, myself as DO and Chris McCoppin continuing his DO Training. Steve had called an early start and we had all ten divers loaded on to the boat ready to go by 7.30am.

We headed to our first scheduled site – Rogers Rock. From all reports it sounded like it was much nicer under water than above, with vis around 20m and not too much surge to contend with. Divers also really enjoyed the topography of the site, and there were 6 crays brought up on board – 4 by David, and 2 by James.

We had some difficulty getting the anchor up and were about to send divers in to retrieve it when we decided to give it one final, last, “just-in-case” go... it came up! (YAY!) So off we motored the short distance to our next site – The Archways (Jackson Rock).

During this dive the wind started picking up and it became a lot rougher on the surface. Divers reported similar conditions underwater (except the vis was more like 10-15m on this dive), and a slight current that picked up as the dive progressed. This time Geoff brought 4 crays on board, bringing the boat total to 10. We did have a couple of divers surface a distance from the boat, but thanks to their safety sausages they were easily spotted and picked up commendably by Trainee DO Chris.

Once all on board, it was time to head back to Coogee. Given the conditions, it was quite a comfortable ride home thanks to some skilful Skippering by Steve.... an enjoyable and adventurous day out on Cape Cruiser! Thanks to everyone who came along, and special thanks to Mike and Geoff for their help in penning the boat at the end of the day.

This week's diving

This week we have two dives on offer:

Saturday – Penguin Island & Surrounds

This is a really pretty area that we rarely get to dive – full of ledges and grottos to explore, all covered in loads of colour and fish life.

There still a few spaces left on this trip... if you'd like to book on, you can do so here: <https://www.uecwa.com.au/events/penguin-island/>

Sunday – Carl the Cray Whisperer's Spot... with Wendy!

Since we've been making Carl show us all his secret spots (and consequently raiding them) for years – we decided it was time to let him catch a cray or two himself! So Skipper Wendy will be at the helm this week, so Carl and all the other cray enthusiasts can hunt and gather as much as their hearts desire.

There's still space left on this trip too... you can book on here: <https://www.uecwa.com.au/events/carl-cray-whisperer-3/>

Next week's Diving

The following week we're heading out on Saturday (20th January) for a Double on (Club favourite) Carpet Emporium & Mortimer's Hump.

Carpet Emporium always books out fast and as per usual – there are (already) only a few spaces left. If you'd like to come, best get booking sooner rather than later here: <https://www.uecwa.com.au/events/carpet-emporium-mortimers-hump/>

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17 Jan 2018

General News

The Carlisle Castle (1899)

The club was fortunate to have great conditions on Saturday for our trip to the Rockingham area. Skipper Chris made a great call to visit the Carlisle Castle and we all had a fantastic dive.



The *Carlisle Castle* was a fully rigged iron hulled barque, built in London one hundred and fifty years ago in 1868. She sailed from Glasgow with a cargo of rail lines and other general cargo and was due to arrive in Fremantle in July 1899. On July 11th a force 10 Westerly storm swept through the area creating treacherous conditions. Popular belief is that with such a heavy load the ship sunk immediately on contact with the Coventry Reef, and the crew of twenty two men went down with the ship. The *City of York*, on a voyage from San Francisco to Fremantle carrying timber cargo, was wrecked during the same storm with the loss of eleven lives.



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 DO - TBC

Saturday 10th February
[Nurse's Quarters & Eagle Bay](#)
 Skipper - TBC
 DO - TBC



One of the rail lines from the cargo

FULL LIST OF THE CREW.

A complete list of the crew of the barque Carlisle Castle, which was wrecked off Rockingham at the beginning of last month, has at length come to hand. Yesterday Captain T. W. Smith, shipping master at Fremantle, received a copy of the Glasgow Weekly Herald, dated July 22nd, in which the names of the crew who sailed from Liverpool in the ill-fated vessel are published. From her size and class it was thought that the Carlisle Castle had a crew of about 26 on board, but it turns out that she carried 22 only, all told. The number is much below the average for a barque like the Carlisle Castle, but it is accounted for by the fact that no apprentices were on board, all the crew, with the exception of the officers, being able seamen.



The names of the crew are given as under :- .

James Lindsay, master.
 Frederick Houston, first mate.
 Thomas M'Mahon, second mate.
 Andrew Engstorn, carpenter.

Sunday 18th February

[Carl the Cray Whisperer](#)

Skipper - TBC

DO - TBC

Saturday 24th February

[Arch Rock & Barry's Cave](#)

Skipper - TBC

DO - TBC

Saturday 3rd March

[Kerry's Cavern & Flat Top Reef](#)

Skipper - TBC

DO - TBC

Monday 5th March

[South Mole Beacon Marker \(Single\)](#)

Skipper - TBC

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 Andrew Guyan, A.B.
 Robert Jenkins, A.B.
 Peter M'Donald, A.B.
 K. Wilson, A.B.
 Francis Mooney, A.B.
 Andrew M'Fedries, A.B.
 Andrew Andersen, A.B.
 Thomas M'Lean, A.B.
 William Bowles, A.B.
 Duncan Dewar, A.B.
 Oscar Andersen, AB.
 John Telfer Todd, AB.
 Patrick German, A.B.
 A. Jamieson, A.B.
 John Angus Warriok, A.B.
 Dick Bont, A.B.

The master, the report goes on to state, was about 50 years of age, and a native of Aberdeen. It was his first voyage on the Carlisle Castle, but he had sailed to Australia for a number of years. Formerly he was in the employment of Messrs. Trinder, Anderson and Co., London, and had the reputation of being a most experienced navigator, and in social life he was highly respected. He leaves a widow, who lives at Forest Gate, but no children. Fredrick Houston, the first mate, belongs to St. Albans. It was also his first voyage on the Carlisle Castle. Edward Stocks, the steward, and William Yexley, the cook, both belonged to London. They had been some years in the Carlisle Castle, and Captain Robertson, the owner of the vessel, says they were most faithful servants.' The A.B.'s are composed of Englishmen, Scotsmen, and Norwegians. With the exception of German and Jamieson, who were shipped at Greenock, they were all shipped at Glasgow. German and Jamieson were shipping because two of the original crew for some reason or other did not put in an appearance up till the time the Carlisle Castle left Glasgow.

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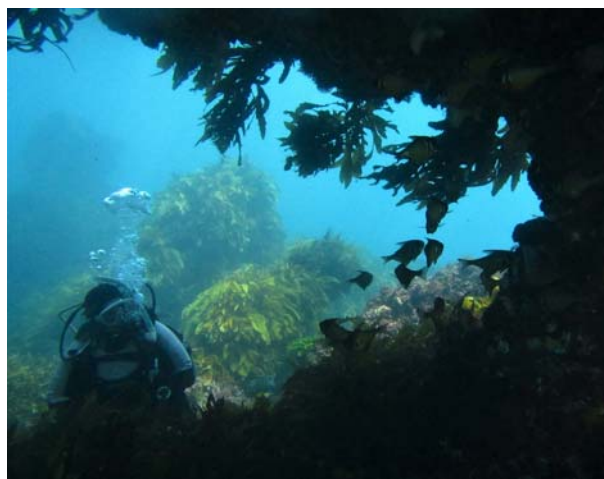
Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Saturday

Saturday 11 UEC divers and 1 nomination diver headed out on CC in light easterly winds and low swell to Coventry Reef to dive the Carlisle Castle wreck and surrounding reef. After anchoring the divers geared up and entered the water. About 50 minutes later they began to return, talking of a 12m dive with 15-20m vis but a bit of surge. Lots of fish were sighted and many overhangs entered and holes checked resulting in 9 crays coming on board. A number of divers found the wreck seeing its anchor, bow, ribs and some of the iron cargo. It has been down since 1899! There were also 3 free divers around the reef and a number of nearby boats fishing, although it unknown if they got any fish.





We then motored towards Penguin Island with the breeze changing to south then south west and starting to pick up. After anchoring in a semi circle of reef, the divers entered the water for mostly around a 60 odd minute dive. The water was a bit shallower here, around 8m and vis was down to around 5m or so, still with some surge. Dave and Andrea entered a large overhang and swam with and watch a large school of buff bream circling them for some time. 10 further crays were brought on board. There were lots of caves and overhangs in the reef complex.

All the divers appeared to have had two good dives and enjoyed the day.

The wind and sea state continued to get up on the return trip to Coogee.

Pete Northrop

Sunday

Sunday we headed out to Carl's Secret Spots for the hunt for some Cray. Under Carl's guidance Wendy got us to Carl's Secret Spot #1. The conditions on the surface were perfect for diving and the water looked clean and clear. It was this stage Wendy & I were both very envious we were not diving.

The site was relative shallow so divers had plenty of time to go out and hunt for crays. After an hour or so we had all divers back however we only manage to get 5 crays. The fantastic site made up for it though with reports of 15m vis, loads on fish life to look at and great country to explore with loads of swim throughs to play in.

After a bit to eat we started the 200 odd meter move to Carl's Secret Spot #2. First though we had to get the anchor up which we had some how managed to wrap the chain around a bunch of rocks. After some skillfull

skipping and guidance from Chris, we managed to free ourselves relatively easy.

With a max depth of around 10m divers had a whooping 75 mins have another shot at the crays. Bec made it back to the boat early with not one but two monster jumbo crays! and shortly after the other divers followed. This site was like cray gold, with all divers bagging out and reaching the boat limit for the day.

We had a great bunch of divers on board and great diving conditions to top it off. Thank you to Georgina & Tristan for coming out and trying out the boat, hope to see you both on the boat again soon.

Thanks to Adrian & Bec for helping us pen CC and to Chris for helping out around the boat throughout the day.

Dylan

This week's diving

This week we're heading to (Club favourite) Carpet Emporium and Mortimer's Hump.

This trip is now fully booked but we have started a waitlist... if you'd like to add your name to the list, drop me an e-mail at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

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Many thanks, Liz

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Sky Show 2018

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For Sale

I am still selling off a few things but also happy to give away some accessories for FREE.

REGULATOR: 1st stage Sherwood; 2nd stage Mirage; Mirage Occy;
BCD attachment hose; TUSA pressure gage plus computer.
All for \$150

REGULATOR: 1st stage; 2nd stage Mirage Pro; Mares Occy; BCD attachment hose \$90

BCD: Sherwood (Size S) \$100

WETSUIT: 6 mm, 2 piece Sherwood (size M/L) \$80

WETSUIT: 5 mm, 1 piece Lady body fit, ankle zips (size S/M) \$60

ACCESSORIES FOR FREE:

Arm wrist compass
Weight belt with steel buckle/weights
'Comfo' weight belt (pockets)
2 x Cray Catch bags - spring loaded
U/W torches
Dive knives
Abalone knife
Optical dive masks - some with close-up lenses.

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24 Jan 2018

General News

New Payment Method

For the next two months beginning in February, we are going to be trialing taking payment via PayPal for dives booked through the website calendar. You will also now be able to register for multiple dives at once and pay for them all in one PayPal transaction.

To pay by PayPal, when you are at the checkout page there will be a second payment option been PayPal. After selecting this you will than be redirected to the PayPal website where you complete the payment using your own PayPal account or credit card. You do not require a PayPal account to process payment you can make a payment without the need of signing up for an account.

If you are having any problems or would like to provide any feedback please email me at communications@uecwa.com.au

Dylan.

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

We headed out to Carpet Emporium unfortunately the current was too strong at this location so we pulled anchor and headed to club favorite Kerry"s Caven. everybody enjoyed this dive with 15 mtrs plus viz reported and all enjoyed exploring the area. 2 crays were brought on board.

After lunch we headed to a more sheltered spot as the wind was starting to pick up and anchored on Easter Lump. Viz was not quite as good here with 5 to 10 mtrs of viz. divers reported the this area was a bit barron.



Dive Schedule

Boat loading is 7:45am to ensure an 8am departure from the Port Coogee Marina Loading Jetty.

Calendar and Online Bookings

Friday 26 January

[Hugel Passage](#)

Skipper - Carl

DO - Mel

Saturday 27th January

[Exploratory Diving Day](#)

Skipper - Mike

DO - Adrian

Sunday 4th February

[Swirl Reef & Catherine's Grotto](#)

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Another 4 crays brought up. Mike Buchanan was able to show up the other cray fishermen with 2 in his bag.

Once all safely back on board we headed to Fremantle for refueling. This gave the divers the opportunity to have a quick stretch of legs and purchase coffees and ice cream.

Overall a great day and a special thanks to Dylan, Adrain And Geoff for helping out on the day.

Regards
David carter

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This will be a bit of an earlier start (7.15am meeting time), so that we beat the wind that is due to pick up in the afternoon.

If you'd like to join us, you can book on here: <https://www.uecwa.com.au/events/exploratory-diving-day-2/>

Next week's Diving

Next week we head out on Sunday to Swirl Reef and Catherine's Grotto. Swirl Reef is always a popular site, so it's likely this will book out quickly.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances a single bed has become available for the Rotto long Week end 16 – 19 th March (costs indicated above)
Please contact me ASAP if you are interested.

Many thanks, Liz

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Here is all the information you will need to make it a great trip.

- Be ready to board Cape Cruiser, at the Coogee Marina by no later than 4.45 pm 26 th Jan .
- Bring a cushion, (UE's, seats can get hard after a while) a hat, some sun screen and drinks of your choice.
- We depart 5 pm sharp !
- We will leisurely cruise down to Rockingham, where Chris C, our skipper for the evening will moor UE, and the fun will begin.
- I will be providing, Nibbles, BBQ meats, salads, breads, and some yummy desserts.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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31 Jan 2018

General News

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Last week's diving

12 divers headed out for an Australia Day morning Single Dive, with Carl as Skipper and yours truly as DO. As we left the marina we were greeted to a light breeze and virtually no swell... good start!

We headed over to Stragglers, to one of Carl's very secret spots. We dropped anchor in the sand bordering the reef and the divers hopped in, with the instruction that they were welcome to extend their dive to 90 minutes if they wished.

Carl and I sat on the fly bridge and watched the bubbles make their way over to (and all around) the reef... that is, except for one pair of bubbles that stopped at the (sandy) anchor. We were scratching our heads at this... what were they doing? Were they counting grains of sand? After about 40min the bubbles moved over to the reef but then returned to the anchor – and back towards us on the boat.

Dave and Andrea (ACDC) appeared with grins from ear-to-ear... why were they at the anchor for practically the whole dive? Because they had spent their dive with a WEEDY SEA DRAGON!!!! And not only that – they had proof in the form of photos and video! Even better (upon viewing these photos) – it turned out ACDC's little Weedy friend was a male with a heap of eggs! YEEEEOOOWWZAAAAA!!! Carl delivers yet again!!!

By the time we had partially calmed down (there really was a lot of cheering and high-fiving), others were



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returning to the boat – all reporting a stunning dive in terms of both conditions, vis and topography. Plus, there were 10 crays brought on board, making for a boatload of happy divers.

The anchor pulled up no hassles (gotta love anchoring in sand!) and it was back to Coogee in time for lunch.

Thanks to Geoff, Elise and Craydrian for helping us pen the boat, and big thanks to Carl for another phenomenal day out on the boat (“Who do we love...? CARL!!!”) J

Mel



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Saturday 3rd February – Possible Dive

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Sunday 4th February – Swirl Reef & Catherine Grotto

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There's already only one space left on this trip... if you'd like to nab it, you can do so here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/nurses-quarters-egle-bay-01-18/>

Sunday 11th February – Squidding Trip

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Our Squidding days are hugely popular and this trip has already booked out. But we don't have a waitlist yet, so if you'd like to be the first on this list, you can drop me an e-mail at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

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No, not a deliberate mistake , and due to an unavoidable incapacitation ,another vacancy has become available , this time for the Rotto week.

Why not come along and join us? Prices above. Contact me using the address below , first in best dressed.....

Many thanks, Liz

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Sky Show 2018

Thank you to Chris and Wendy for skippering and crewing, Ilonka for providing yummy dips and Brownies, Jasmine for cooking all the meats, and to all who attended and assisted in anyway.

Despite the choppy start the evening metamorphized into one of the best ever, especially the fabulous mooring which allowed us to sit beneath the fireworks... see the attached photos...thanks to Ilonka for these.

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7 Feb2018

General News

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

10 divers and two passengers went Sunday morning on CC for two dives at Rottneest. The crossing was comfortable with a mild south easterly blowing and a low south west swell.

Upon anchoring on Cray Canyon the breeze had come around a bit more to the south at about 10 kts and the swell was around a meter with the occasional larger set, but still comfortable. Divers entered the water

for around a 50 to 55 minute dive, in between 16m to nearly 18m of water with vis around 10 to 15m. There was quite a surge running because of the swell. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the site, with only 7 crays being brought on board.

We travelled down and placed the dingy on the mooring for the upcoming Rottneest trip, then out the Victoria Station, or one of them on the GPS, for the second dive.

The wind had come around to a south wester but had dropped in strength, with very little swell running. Divers experienced better vis and no surge here. Lots of caves and overhangs where checked out, in 16 to 20m depth,

with dive times of 45 to 50 minutes. Most thought this was a lovely site with plenty to see. A further 9 crays came aboard for a days total of 16.



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A good day was had by all.

Pete Northrop DO and Carl Anders Skipper

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Please note: both of these sites are in the sanctuary zone (if the weather doesn't allow us to visit both, we will look at a non-sanctuary dive).

We've had lots of people booking on, then cancelling, then more bookings, then more cancellations! So the moral of the story here is - give booking on a go (here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/nurses-quarters-egle-bay-01-18/>) and if you don't have any luck - drop me an e-mail at divebookings@uecwa.com.au and I can start a waitlist.

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Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Saturday

Well, it was a fine, sunny morning for Saturday with Sexy Rexasaurus Burke at the helm, me wandering around the deck trying to remember what I was forgetting and ten divers turning up to stare down the strong wind warning for the day... which is why we piked it and had everyone turn up early so's we could get away and back before it got really narky, given my aversion to hurling my cookies whilst trying to pull anchor.... not that that's ever happened, of course.... well, not more than once, anyway.

Mel was kind enough to give me some extra time to sort out all the paperwork before we left dock, while she tried to find the park brake in her car (turns out that some rocket surgeon decided that it was a good idea to make the brake, battery powered and only able to be released when the battery was functioning, which it wasn't). Designer bloke/blokette probably got a bonus for that piece of ridiculousness! Yeah, I know, I made the word up.

After Rex asked me for my opinion on going out to the scheduled west-end dive sites and I finished laughing, we decided to head for the north side of the east end where we could find ourselves a nice, sheltered spot where we could actually go diving and we toddled off to Angela's Cave where conditions were spot on. Seas were no more than a metre and whilst the wind was there, we were sheltered enough that it wasn't a factor.

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great dive with some of the best vis experienced this season (20m or so). Everyone found the cave and loved it and the only complaint was that the NDL didn't allow enough time to fully explore it completely (forward complaints to the committee, I just work here). A couple of divers thought that the ocean was a tad cold at 19 degrees - guess someone left the water heater switch off (forward complaints to the committee, I just work here).

The Crays remained extremely thin on the ground with not a single keeper coming up for a tropical BBQ holiday. Personally, I blame Murderous Mike Buchanan, Cray catcher extraordinaire, whose reputation must have preceded him, terrifying the Crays into only leaving the babies out for inspection and rejection.

After pulling the pick without any puking involved, we motored in closer to Rotto and parked up on top of the City of York wreck. Unfortunately, Rex missed the mark by an entire 2m (pretty piss poor effort that!) so the divers had a long swim to the wreck. Another good dive was had before the wind throttled up and started to have a solid effect, even as sheltered as we were.

Josh got to play with an Octopussy that came out to play and gave him the chance to take a few happy snaps but again, pictures were all that came back to the boat, divers aside, of course, so counting and checking the non-existent Crays was a breeze!

We had a couple of bites at pulling the pick due to the chain running around a Bombie but the water was clear and shallow enough that we could see the chain from the surface and just drove the boat around the rock to free it up.

Then it was a simple, if bumpy, trip back to harbour for an early finish. Everyone happy, no one dead and thanks to Mel for helping us put the boat to bed!

Squidding Trip

Sunday saw 16 keen fisher-people head out for a day of Squidding shenanigans, with Steve at the helm and yours truly as "deckie". Our fisher-people consisted of Clive, Liz and family, old Member John De Boer, and Steve's lovingly named "rent-a-crowd"... a really fun and excited bunch. We wasted no time motoring around the South and North Moles, to the seaweed patches just off Port Beach.

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A few more babies were brought up and returned to the water, before our first keeper of the day was caught. The fantastic thing about squidding is – even those of us with no talent for it can catch one of these things... you just have to have a line in the water. I was solid proof of this – after chucking my line in, I decided to go have a drink/wee/bite to eat/chat. 5min later I returned to my very bent over rod, and I figured I'd caught me a piece of seaweed. No – there was a stonker of a squid on the end of it! I put that one down to the lucky jig I found on a night dive the Thursday night prior...

So this continued for some time – we'd motor back out to the seaweed patches, motor goes off, lines go in, we drift and pull up a squid or two, then repeat the process. It was a lot of fun!

After a couple of hours we decided to head into Fishing Boat Harbour for some lunch/coffee/ice-creams. Once our bellies were full it was back out to sea again, but this time we floated further south (between Bathers Beach and Coogee). We hit a patch of big squiddies here and so a few more were brought on board, as well as a nice cuttlefish by John!

The wind was picking up by this time so we decided to make our way back home, where we divided up the day's catch and then put Cape Cruiser to bed. The day was a roaring success, with plenty of comments like "when can we do this again?" and "why hadn't I booked on to one of these days earlier – that was SO MUCH fun!"

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New Nominations

The following people have nominated for membership of the UECWA:

Scott Allen
 Paula Black
 Katherine Brown
 Graham Butler
 Georgina Cardaci
 Peter Everett
 Jason Findlater
 Peter MacCrae
 Mike McGowan
 Bernie Riegler

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at membership@uecwa.com.au

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

With one cancellation, one missed booking, one last-minute show, and a couple of paperwork errors to boot (go me!) – we finally settled on 10 divers for the day, with Chris as Skipper and yours truly as DO. The conditions were fabulous and so it didn't take long to decide to forget the scheduled (Roe Reef) sites and head straight to the West End, for Nurse's Quarters.

It was a nice and calm crossing, and Chris anchored us spot on the site. I think you could have heard a pin drop on the boat as we all watched the shot line go in, hoping with all our might for no ripping current... YAY!



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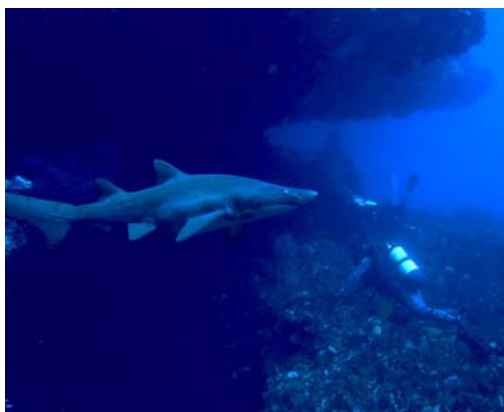
In the divers went, and Chris and I watched the bubbles all potter their way slightly north of the anchor, where they stayed... for ages... good sign! After 42min our first divers (ACDC) returned to the boat with grins from ear-to-ear... there were LOTS of sharks to be seen! As the divers returned, all were smiling – everyone had seen sharks, the consensus being 12 in total – a few with fishing tackle or other injuries (all photographed for our research friends Alex and Glen). Also spotted were the resident bull rays, a supermarket full of untouchable crayfish, and a turtle! The only complaint came from DC, who had hoped to get a photo of a nudibranch, but complained that the “damn sharks kept getting in the way!”

After pulling anchor we decided to head back to “Carl’s secret spot” on Stragglers, so our crayfisher-people could have a crack at a few crays, and our non-hunter-gatherer’s could enjoy the magnificent topography of this site.

Divers reported a lot of surge here, with dive times varying greatly between 30-61min. There were 10 crays brought up on board – Dave Freemantle cleaned up with 5, Andrew with 3, Nom diver Damien with 2, and all-round talent Wendy rounding in with a cray bagged for dinner.

A detour to Fremantle to refuel and eat/drink ice-cream/coffee/fish & chip break, before a comfortable ride back to Coogee.

Thanks to Wendy for helping pen and clean the boat at the end of the day (and for helping set up in the morning, too). And big thanks to Chris and to all our divers for a corker of a day out with the UEC!



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They're back!!! After the excitement of Malcolm's Blue Ringed Octopus article in the West this week, we've decided to reignite our Monthly Shore Night dives – kicking off with a dive at the Coombe tomorrow (Thursday).

Meeting time is 7pm for 7.30pm dive... BYO drinks and nibbles for afterwards. This is a free event, and all Members, non-Members and "shore supporters" (i.e. non-divers) are welcome.

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Monday we head out for a single dive in the morning, to South Mole Beacon Marker: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/south-mole-beacon-marker-lygnern-samuel-plimsoll-wrecks/>

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League Tables

Need I say more! Not a lot separating the rest of the field.

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1	Mike Buchanan	29
2	David Freemantle	18
3	Geoff Geard	17
4	Malcolm Roberts	16
5	Gino Ferreri	15
6	Adrian Taylor	14
7	James Savill	13
8	Mark Itzstein	12
8	Elise Brigden	12
10	Josh Evans	11
10	Pete Northrop	11
12	Dave Carter	10
12	Mel Turner	10

Competition is pretty fierce at the top of the Crayfish ladder.

Place	Diver Name	Grand Total	Average per dive
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8	Mike Buchanan	9	0.3
8	James Savill	9	0.7
10	Jarrad Baker	7	1.4

Weekly Diving

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After the disappointment of the dive being cancelled on Saturday due to lack of bookings, Sunday made up for it with a full boat of fifteen divers. Our friends at Curtin University made up the majority with eight divers, and one passenger from the frozen Norwegian Fjords, coming along for the ride.

The weather forecast was not looking too great with showers and a possible storm but the sea conditions were pretty good with a 1m swell and not too much wind. Skipper Wendy, ably assisted by Chris and myself had the boat on the jetty in plenty of time for our eager uni divers and UEC'ers to board. A quick discussion on where to go and we set off to look at an interesting contour on the map on Five Fathom Bank. After motoring over it a few times with the depth sounder we decided there was not too much to see there so we headed off for our new club favourite of Seaward Reef.

We dropped anchor a little to the West of the main Reef and everyone jumped for the dive. The site did not disappoint with everyone reporting lovely country with Caves and gullies from below the boat and across to the highest point of the Reef. Crays were patchy with some reporting lots (of course they were all the people who weren't crayfishing) to others only seeing one or two. David pulled up a nice Jumbo which was the only Cray he saw the entire dive.



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named Pig Trough Bay on the North East side of Garden Island. At this point the weather was looking like it was going to live up to expectations with a bit of a wind and a few raindrops. On the horizon we could see a big storm sitting over Rockingham with lightening flashes so it wasn't looking like a BBQ and Bombie kind of day. However we pulled up a mooring in the bay in the lee of the island and it was idyllic. No wind, warm and humid.



After a while the sun even broke through and we were set for a perfect few hours of chilling over lunch. With the BBQ fired up, the smells of food wafted over the bay and we all had a great time. A few keen swimmers headed for the island and later on we had three or four bombers leaping from the roof.



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Suitably chilled out, well fed and with a few beers quaffed, we dropped the mooring and made our way back to the Marina. A great day out, enjoyed by all and a big thanks to Chris and Wendy who did most of the crewing duties.

Mike

This week's diving

This weekend it's the Labour Day long weekend, and so we have two dives on offer...

Saturday 3 March – Nurse's Quarters & Crystal Palace

We're giving Nurse's Quarters another crack, given the awesomeness of the dive we had there the other week!

We actually have some (limited) spaces left on this trip so if you're interested, best get booking ASAP:

<https://uecwa.com.au/events/nurses-quarters-crystal-palace-3/>

Monday 5 March – South Mole Beacon Marker (Single Dive)

South Mole Beacon Marker is home to the Lygnern & Samuel Plimsoll Wrecks, which were both demolished to clear the way for the shipping channel nearby. It is a very extensive wreck site with bits of rusty plate and beams going on and on... a very interesting (and different) dive!

Heading out at our usual time in the morning, we'll be back for lunch. Bookings can be made here:

<https://uecwa.com.au/events/south-mole-beacon-marker-lygnern-samuel-plimsoll-wrecks/>

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Next week's Diving

Next week Cape Cruiser commences her annual holiday on Rottnest. As such, there will be no boat diving over the next two weekends.

But never fear! We have a plan to put together a shore dive at Point Peron, followed by morning tea at Jazz's house (thank you for the offer Jazz!) We will decide on a date in the next week and will keep you posted in the newsletter, on Facebook and on the website's dive calendar.

Dive Travel

Geraldton – Easter Trip (29th March – 2nd April, 2018)

Geraldton just didn't get the numbers at such late notice, so we've decided to cancel that idea. Instead, we will be organising a day trip to dive Busselton Jetty. This will be on either Saturday 31st March or Monday 2nd April –

depending on weather/conditions.

The plan is as follows:

1. Depart Perth early, so we arrive at Busselton Jetty no later than 8.30am (we can arrange to carpool)
2. Kit up and trolley our gear out to the end of the jetty
3. Dive for as long as the water temperature/our air allows us
4. Trolley our gear back to our cars
5. Eat fish & chips / drink coffee
6. Drive home – arriving home around 3pm latest

If you're interested let me know at divebookings@uecwa.com.au and I'll keep you posted on the details.

Maldives: 15-24th September, 2018

We have one spot left for anyone that would like to share with Clive...

This spot has been opened up to other groups outside of UEC, so it is a case of the early bird gets the worm!

Cost includes:

- Return airfares with Singapore Airlines
- 7 nights on a luxurious live-aboard
- 3 dives + 1 night dive a day
- Tanks, Weights & Dive Guides included
- Nitrox available
- All the food and (non-alcoholic) drinks you could ask for – and all for slightly over \$4,000.

If you're interested, you can find more details here: <https://www.uecwa.com.au/diving-with-us/dive-travel/maldives-master-2018/>

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7 Mar 2018

Rottneest Week - Vacancy

We have a last minute vacancy come up for the Rottneest week. Departure is [next Saturday 10th March at 10am](#) returning [Friday 16th March](#) at approximately [4pm](#). Cost includes luxurious accommodation at Geordie Bay with stunning bay views, fantastic company and double dives each day including tank fills. This is a fabulous opportunity to join us on the club highlight trip of the year.

The long range forecast is looking great with temperatures in the 30's and blue skies all week. Its shaping up to be a great trip.

If you are interested in coming along please contact Liz Davey as soon as possible on socialbookings@uecwa.com.au or on [0411 704 966](tel:0411704966) for more details.

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Saturday's Double Dive

Eleven divers turned up to risk their luck today in the face of strong wind warnings so Sexy Rex and I, in a repeat of the last trip we had, scrapped the planned dives at west end in twenty knot winds and pounding swells (oh, so attractive!) and headed for the north side of the island to Swirl Reef. The pointy thing got dropped right on the spot and, although a few big swells rolled through, the seas were far calmer than expected, given the wind.

Most divers came back reporting a huge Ray wandering around as well as very enjoyable country of swim-



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throughs and gullies to explore with around 10m of vis. Some pussies complained of being cold but I think they were exaggerating as I wasn't the slightest bit chilly on the deck, in the sun.

Once again, the Crays remained thin on the ground with few being seen and even fewer enjoying our western hospitality (I mean, what sort of Aussie Cray doesn't enjoy a good Barbie?!). That well-known couple of big buggers sitting safely under a rock, several metres out of reach, were spotted having a laugh at our expense, Jeff brought back one keeper and one prawn and that was it.

We pulled the pick without issue (I blame the two crew) and trundled up the road to Elder point where it was even calmer on the surface than at Swirl, which was nice for us surface dwellers ☺ as well as for the divers.

All back in and again, everyone had a great dive with almost every diver commenting on what a great site and dive they had had, with one even saying that it was the best dive he had had in the season. Vis was a little less than at Swirl but all of the interesting holes, ledges, caves and crannies more than made up for it and no-one was unhappy about missing out on getting smashed around at west end.

No anchor issues again - always a nice change! Then it was back to Coogee for the boat and down to the bow for me for one of my favourite pastimes, as captured in photographic perpetuity!

Cheers,
Craydrian (not that I've caught a Cray in weeks cos you have to be diving for that!)

Monday's Single Dive

The Public Holiday saw only 6 keen dives and one passenger head out, with Mike at the helm and yours truly as DO. It was a breezy morning but being an easterly (and no swell) – it was still a very comfortable 20min ride out to South Mole Beacon Marker. We knew it was going to be a great morning of diving when we spotted a turtle before even leaving the marina!

It didn't take long for the punters to hop in for an extended, 90min dive. It certainly is a site you can spend a good 90min exploring – the wreckage of both the Lyngern and Samuel Plimsoll wrecks are scattered far and wide, attracting loads of fish life, and resulting

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in lots of “nooks and crannies” to explore.

While the divers tootled around the beacon marker, Mike, (passenger) Yvonne and myself all watched the boat traffic flying in and out (and around) Fremantle – it was a busy morning on the water! After 60min divers started returning (dive times varied between 60-90min). By all reports it was fantastic! The vis was reported to be around 10m, and there was lots to see – the highlights being massive schools of pomfrets, bullseyes, old wives all hanging out together, sting rays and stingarees, baby bald chin groupers, some unusual nudi's and loads of crays (5 of which were brought on board by Malcolm).

After everyone was back on board we headed into Fishing Boat Harbour to refuel – both the boat, and our bellies. We also bumped into Stubby, Maree and Carl there, who were waiting for the wind to drop so they could head out to Stragglers (I hear they had a thumping day of cray hunting after we saw them too).

Once refuelled it was back to Coogee, where we were cleaned up and on our way home by lunch time... what a great way to spend a Public Holiday morning! Big thanks to Skipper Mike and to all our divers for a great morning of diving, and special thanks to ACDC for your help penning and cleaning Cape Cruiser.

Mel

This week's diving

Cape Cruiser is off for her annual holiday on Rottnest, and so there will be no boat diving this and next weekend.

We will be organising a shore dive down Point Peron way (the details are being finalised now) – so if you're interested you can drop me a line at divebookings@uecwa.com.au, or watch out on Facebook for more details.

Dive Travel

Easter – Busselton Jetty Day Trip

We just didn't get enough interest at such late notice for Geraldton, so instead we are going to head down to Busselton for a day-trip, to dive the Jetty.

The plan is to leave Perth early so that we arrive in Busselton by [8.30am](#) latest. We will head out (with gear in trolleys) to the end of the jetty, complete a



(long) single dive, and then finish up with some fish & chips for lunch – before heading back home.

(Don't worry if you don't have a trolley – we can organise a loan one for you, or they can be hired from the local dive shop).

The day we'll do this is either Easter Saturday (31st March) or Easter Monday (2nd April) – weather/conditions dependent... we'll make a call on this a bit closer to the time.

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21 Mar 2018

Rotto Round-up 2018

14, as it turned out, very fortunate souls intrepidly departed Coogee Marina on March 10 for the annual UEC Pilgrimage to Rotto, full of intrepidation and excitement for the week ahead of them.

The sun shone, the crossing one of the smoothest in UEC history. As we had made such good time, only one of the chalet keys was available, fortunately it was the community Chalet so off we chugged to Geordie Bay, where unloading was able to proceed.

The keenest of souls, ducked off for a dive at City of York break, and returned triumphantly proclaiming the beauty of the spot with an abundance of crays.

We feasted royally that night, the usual Spag Boll, supplemented with a delicious Cottage Pie made by Donna. There was plenty of Spag remaining, but no Cottage Pie. No further comment needed I think, except, you have to join us next year too Donna. (please)

The sun continued to shine upon us, the diving was amazing, sites visited included, Marjorie's Potholes, Cathedral Rocks, Kerry's Caverns, The Stable, Transit Reef, Crystal Palace, Kerry's North, Swirl Reef, Nurses Quarters (yes they were there), Flat Top, Arch Rock, Elders Point, Duck Rock Reef, City of York break, Malcolm's Maze, Catherine's Grotto. Our salutations to Heuy worked a treat this year. Thank you Huey.

Those who only signed up for the week, departed for Perth at Friday lunch time, to be replaced by other intrepid souls keen to sample all of the delights Rotto has to offer both above and below the water. Their crossing too was smooth and enjoyable, they arrived back on the Island in record



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Sunday 8th April

time.

Some of this years high spots included, an abundance of crays, and a good supply of fishermen and women, to catch them. Well done Georgie, you did so well ..

Malcolm's amazing ability to prepare and cook Cray Curry and BBQ cray, on which we dined most nights.

UEC,s victorious win at the Quiz Night (again) at The Governors, receiving , 2 entries in to the big draw, and a \$50.00 voucher for use at the Governors. This translated into a free beer each on Movie night Thursday 15 th March.

Marie's fabulous Chicken Curry, proudly supported by Malcolm's Cray Fish Rogan Josh, both now an integral part of the weeks activities..

Our wonderful crew of Skippers and DO,s, who found the best spots to dive, and who got us there and back safely.

The way in which everyone pulled together , sought and found solution when our Air fill supply became in question.

Everyone who helped in any way, be it ropes, assisting with food, washing up, cleaning gear , lifting and transporting tanks, and helping those whose bags were too heavy for them.

And last but certainly not least, Clive Cass for joining us at the weekend to assist in D O ing, and Chris Cunnold, who was our volunteer skipper for the weekend , we could not have dived the weekend without Chris, and who slept on the veranda, as the chalets were full. Thank you.

It was an awesome 10 days , thank you to all who attended, I enjoyed the camaraderie, and the laughter, so much, it is so good for the soul.

Liz

socialbookings@uecwa.com.au

PS. we already have a booking for 14 beds for the Rotto 2019 expedition ...

Kerry's Cavern & Flat Top Reef

Skipper - Chris
DO - Bec

Saturday 14th April

Hunting for Crays!!

Skipper - Wendy
DO - TBA

Sunday 15th April

Shark Day!!!

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Weekly Diving

This week's diving

Cape Cruiser is back from her holiday and so to celebrate – we have two dive trips on offer this weekend...

Saturday – Carl the Cray Whisperer's Secret Spot

For those who don't know Carl, he can sniff a cray out from our pen in Coogee, and he can catch them with no hands – just big toes.

We still have spaces left on this trip, and bookings can be made here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/carl-the-cray-whisperer-03-18/>

Sunday – Swirl Reef & Catherine's Grotto

On Sunday we head out to (Club favourite) Swirl Reef and Catherine's Grotto...

Swirl reef is virtually formed like a crater with a hollow in the centre and many awesome swim-throughs to explore, while Catherine's Grotto contains numerous caves, gullies and swim-throughs.

We still have spaces left on this trip, and bookings can be made here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/swirl-reef-catherines-grotto-2/>

Next week's diving

Next week is the Easter Long weekend, and we have some great dives of offer:

Saturday 31st March:

Carpet Emporium & Parker Point Drop-off:
<https://uecwa.com.au/events/carpet-emporium-parker-point/>

Monday 2nd April:

Robbs Jetty Single Dive - \$20 special:
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and pick you up after the double dive at about 2:00pm.
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Busselton Jetty Day-trip:

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- Complete one long (single) dive
- Walk gear back to cars (with trolleys)
- Eat fish & chips/burgers/bacon & eggs/cake and drink coffee
- Drive home – be back by 2-3pm

We haven't decided on a day yet, however we are watching the weather closely and will make a decision ASAP.

You can register your interest by e-mailing me at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

Dive Travel

An update from our Victorian Buddies (VSAG)...

Our friends in Victoria have been enjoying some lovely local diving over summer, as well as some awesome travel to some amazing places!

You can read all about it in their Fathoms Magazine.

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Rotto Photo Album 2018



The Macedon Wreck



Zita and Sarah go paddling



The Nurses



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Sara gets a Quokka selfie



Mel, Marie and Dennis snuggle up



Departure time



Marjories Big Hole (finally found it)



Drinking the quiz winnings



The first dinner



Quiz night (we take 1st place again!)



Salute to Uey



More sharks out and about



Not more crayfish for dinner!



We set off



A red sky at night - Uey delivers the goods



and yet more crayfish, beautifully presented by Malcolm (I am sick of crayfish)

League Tables

The results are in following the Rotto trip (note does not include last weekends diving). No changes at the top but Malcolm comes racing up the league into a strong second place.

Place	Diver Name	Grand Total
1	Mike Buchanan	48
2	Malcolm Roberts	34
3	Adrian Taylor	25
4	Wendy Hutchison	21
5	Trevor Higgs	19
6	Georgina Cardaci	19
7	David Freemantle	18
8	Liz Davey	17
8	Geoff Geard	17
10	Gino Ferreri	15

and we have a new leader at the top of the Cray board. A special mention to Malcolm who, to my knowledge, didn't bring a single undersized Cray onto the boat during the Rotto week. All up we bagged 91 crayfish on the Rotto week with Malcolm getting 45 of them.

Place	Diver Name	Grand Total
1	Malcolm Roberts	81
2	Adrian Taylor	59
3	David Freemantle	35
4	Geoff Geard	22
5	Carl Anders	20
6	Mike Buchanan	14

7	Clive Cass	11
7	George Gandossini	11
9	Bec Johnson	10
10	James Savill	9

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Saturday

So Crayfish Carl and I rolled up on Saturday morning for a mystery dive as the Queen of bookings was apparently deep in a few bottles of rotten grapes and forgot to send us the booking sheet!

So, given that we had no idea of who, if anyone, was going to show, the roll call took the expedient form of, "Anyone who is here, raise your hands and anyone who isn't, don't!", which worked perfectly well.

The end result was the two halves of AC/DC, two recent club additions in the form of Richard and Damien and a Higgsy, one of, issued to us for DO training.

Higgsy was charged with not sinking the boat and the rest of us were charged with getting the Cray boat limit....which was looking like a hard ask given the three loops onboard, one of which was mine for a surface interval dive.

Despite the forecast, we still headed for Stragglers and Carl's secret spot, number 372A, apparently 🤔
Surprisingly, although windy, the seas were relatively calm and very diveable, so we chucked the pick and the divers in.

Good country and good conditions saw Damo bring back a bag of keepers and Richard caught his first ever Cray....which just happened to be a jumbo! Happy days and an unhappy Cray! Good stuff mate!

We pulled anchor and moved over a few metres to secret spot, number 372B, set up again and I hopped off the boat like a frog off a hotplate, to get hunting.

Crays seemed a bit thin on the ground, then found four, bagged one, missed the next in line (there was a hole in my loop), missed his mate (I slipped on a Banana Prawn) then found, in a little cave, a jumbo that I had dead to rights and managed to miss him (my wrist misfired when I pulled the trigger, the sun was in my eyes, a Bull Ray got

in my way and my fins missed a gear).

I cast around empty handed for most of the dive, ready to give up, when I found three in a little, well-lit archway on the sand. Got one and the other two tried to hide in shallow rock depressions with nowhere to go, presumably hoping that I was blind. Sadly, for them, I just reached in and uprooted them for a nice little boat trip.

So back with six, while Damo bagged out with eight for the day and Richard came in with a very good showing of three for his first catch day. Seventeen for the day so Carl was a bit miffed that he wasn't keeping up his boat record but not bad for three fishers!

Up anchor with no issues, got a few hundred litres of motion lotion for the boat and back to the pen! Great day had by all 😊

Craydrian

Sunday

Sunday saw 7 divers and 3 passengers head out to Rottnest for a passenger drop, followed by a double dive. There was a reasonable easterly blowing as we left Coogee, so it was a slightly bumpy but dry trip to Rotto, where we said goodbye to our passengers and headed out to check out (the scheduled site) Swirl Reef. Deep down we knew it was going to be too swirly, and this was confirmed when we arrived at the site. It didn't take Skipper Mike long to decide "no way" – so off to Roe Reef we went, dropping the anchor at Victoria Station.

In the divers went and it didn't take long for our first "lost-buddy" diver to surface... he reported the vis was so bad that it was hard work just keeping track of one another under there. Proving that the lost buddy procedure does actually work – diver number two surfaced, buddies were reunited, and off they went again.

Well the dive times varied from 20min to an hour – with reports of the vis being 5m in holes that gave some protection from the surge, 2m outside of these holes. Despite this, divers did actually enjoy the site... there was the usual Bull Rays hanging about, and reports of "I saw... fish!" Always nice to hear in the ocean! Craydrian lived up to his reputation bringing back 6 and Bernie also bagged a keeper.

We decided to shelter in Geordie Bay for lunch and the surface interval. The wind had dropped during the first dive, and so it was more pleasant after our little sojourn in

Geordie. We decided on Geordie Bay caves for the second dive, with 4 of our 7 divers jumping in for this one. Reports were the vis was even worse on this dive – around 0.5m (and I think our divers were being polite). But despite the pea soup-like conditions, these brave, hardy souls took us up on our offer of an extended dive time, smashing out dive times of 60-70min... I don't think I've ever been so impressed in my life.

I don't know how he did it, but Craydrian managed to bring up another 2 crays (bringing his total to 8 for the day), and Lee also bagged a keeper on this dive.

Then it was time to pick up our passengers (who had enjoyed a lovely morning snorkelling Salmon Bay), and off for a smooth ride back to Coogee. Big thanks to Craydrian for helping pen and clean the boat, and to Mike and our divers for a great day out on Cape Cruiser.

Mel

This week's diving

This week we are celebrating Easter in style, with two dives on offer...

Saturday – Orizaba & Carlisle Castle

A popular choice, this trip is now booked out. Watch the website for cancellations (here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/orizaba-carlisle-castle/>), or register yourself on the waitlist by e-mailing me at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

Monday – Robbs Jetty Single Special

Avoid the dune of death!!!

For only \$20 we'll take you around to the jetty for a single dive, then have you back before lunch.

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Next week's diving

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Better Late

4th April 2018

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Saturday

After weeks of planning with MUD to do a dive on the Orizaba and Carlisle Castle (always a long shot with the weather), the weather gods conspired against us with a strong wind warning with 20-30kts forecast. I hate having to make those decision to disappoint a full boat of eager divers but it really wasn't going to be a pleasant day out on the water so we canned it the night before. While the wind didnt make it to the 30kts they weren't too far off the mark so I think it was the right decision.

Monday

With it being the long Easter weekend we took the opportunity to have a second single dive on the Monday. The weather was much nicer than the Saturday so we did try for a last minute change from a single to a double but that wasn't going to work for everyone so we stuck to the plan.



Dive Schedule

Boat loading is 7:45am to ensure an 8am departure from the Port Coogee Marina Loading Jetty.

Calendar and Online Bookings

Sunday 8th April
[Kerry's Cavern & Flat Top Reef](#) (or maybe The Orizaba and Carlisle Castle)
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Standing in as a last minute DO rather than a diver I had the pleasure of watching eight divers push their endurance limits with a 10 minute ride to Robbs Jetty. Barely time to get the wettie on. A strong easterly made it feel cool but in the lee of the beautiful heritage listed building that looks like it's out of the set of the Walking Dead, the sea was flat.



We dropped anchor on Chris's east mark and on Mel's advice sent volunteer Darron on a snorkel mission to make sure the jetty posts were there (not much else to see at this site if you don't get the posts). Apparently the anchor was right on the spot but before we could all jump in we had a wee visit from a MUD diver asking us not to nick all their Easter eggs which they had concealed along the jetty.

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Divers all jumped in (eventually) and Sandbank Steve and I enjoyed the beautiful Autumn morning with hardly a ripple on the water. Fifty mins later they started reappearing and all enjoyed the dive. A boat dive certainly beats the dune of death if you are planning on doing this one. A few eggs were spotted but were left in place for the muddies to find. Richard spotted an eel (Steves long list brother?) but no sea horses.

We pulled up anchor and made the long way back to Coogee in time for smoko at eleven. All in all a very pleasant way to spend a morning.

Mike

This week's diving

This weeks dive calendar has a trip to Kerry's Caverns and Flat Top.

This week we are heading out on Sunday (8th April) for a double dive, and the weather looks AMAAAAAZIING!!!

However, to make the most of what looks like a perfect forecast, we might make a call on the day to go to the Orizaba and Carlisle Castle. These are two fantastic wreck sites that we so rarely get to visit that we really need to take advantage of a great forecast and go for it.

No firm plans yet but wherever we end up, it looks like it's going to be a stunner – and there's still places left. If you'd like to nab one, you can do so by booking on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/kerrys-cavern-flat-top/>

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11th April 2018

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Sundays forecast didn't quite live up to expectations but still delivered a great day's diving. Eleven divers showed up for the magical mystery tour, a surprisingly low number given the great forecast. To dive the Orizaba or not, that was the question. A quick poll of the divers showed the majority in favour of sticking to the calendar and going for Kerrys Caverns and who could complain. This is a site that just keeps delivering surprises, well at least for me.

We set off with Chris C at the helm, newly graduated DO Bec, Chris McC as trainee DO and Mel keeping them all in line. A pleasant but somewhat bumpy ride out past a busy Nurses Quarters and around to Kerrys. The swell was a bit more than we expected but still very diveable.

With Wendy rediscovering Stubbies spiral cave during the Rotto week, we anchored slightly off the usual mark to try and confirm the location. We all jumped in with the the suggestion that the spiral was to the left of the anchor.

Well I had a stunning dive, in new territory that I have not dived before and I have dived Kerrys about six times in the last few years. A beautiful series of caves and gullies with lots to see but, unfortunately for me, no spiral cave. Back on the boat, a few were more fortunate with the spiral located only about 10 metres to the right of the anchor. Bec and Mel jumped in for a quick surface interval dive and of course, found the cave as we now know pretty much exactly where it is.



Dive Schedule

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Oh well, maybe next time.....

The wind dropped and it turned into the kind of day the forecast had promised, but the swell was definitely more than the metre expected. Definitely not Orizaba conditions so a good call on the day.

We motored over to Flat Top and (almost) all jumped in for another great dive. Having dived Flat Top many times now I thought I knew it pretty well, but like Kerrys, this one still has a few surprises in store. Although nothing like as extensive an area there are still plenty nooks and crannies that provide a delight for the dive.

Crays were in abundance but most on the small side so our take for the day was limited to eleven. Once back on the boat we decided to call in at Thompson Bay for a coffee before heading home on nice flat seas for Coogee. All in all a great days diving.

A big thanks to skipper Chris, DO Bec, trainee DO Chris McC, Wendy and Mel for a great day's diving, running the boat and putting her to bed for the night.

Mike

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Our meetings are held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle – with pre-meeting dinner/drinks around 6-6.30pm, and the meeting kicking off at 7.30pm... hope to see you there tonight!!!

Breaking News - Possible Single Dive Saturday Morning

This is a long shot but if anyone has looked at the forecast for Sunday its not looking too promising at the moment. There is a possible short window of opportunity to smash in a quick single on Saturday morning before it all goes belly up. We are looking to see if we can organise a single dive to the South Mole Beacon Marker (wrecks of the Lygnern and Samuel Plimsoll). We have dived these twice now in the last few months and everyone has glowing reports. Although shallow they are extensive wreck sites with lots to prod around and see. We need to find crew and divers so if you are interested in coming along then drop Mel a line at divebookings@uecwa.com.au. Cost will be a bargain at \$20.

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Shark Day's are always our most popular dive trips and last Sunday was no exception. A full boat of fourteen divers with Skipper Steve, DO Bec (again!) and trainee DO



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Jeff W turned up on a pretty chilly and breezy morning to go looking for sharks.

We set off with Nurses Quarters as our destination. Seas were more lumpy than expected with a stiff SE breeze blowing. After what seemed a long journey we arrived and dropped the anchor and with the some trepidation we watched the drop line flag to see what the current was like. It was there with the flag flying at 45 deg but deemed just diveable. After a quick dive briefing where we reiterated "go to the anchor, the dive site is at the anchor NOT at the back of the boat" we all jumped in.

Sure enough the anchor was sitting pretty right at the left hand side of the shark cave. Viz was pretty crappy and the current had made it a bit of a swim to get there but we were treated to about five to seven sharks in residence (due to the crappy viz it was difficult to get an exact number).



After watching them for a wee while I decided to go and try to find the double decker cave, which according to both Malcolm and Adrian was just to the left of the wormhole. Finding the wormhole was no problem and a quick poke of the head into the tunnel made me decide that the current and surge was just a bit too much to risk swimming through so it was off to find the cave. Well I swam around the area two or three times, through some lovely small caves and gullies, coming across the occasional Shark, who had obviously tired of the attention but no cave that matched the description. With air running low it was time to head for the boat.

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There is nothing to beat swimming round in circles to screw up the sense of direction so after swimming towards what I thought was the anchor location, I eventually surfaced to find I had overshot by about 200m. A quick bearing check then back down. Swam the 200m but no boat so back up to the surface. Here is the lesson for me. If you have a strong current flowing from your side then when you swim a bearing you need to take it into account. I ended up the right distance but about 30m behind the mermaid line so it was a hard swim into the current to catch the line. If I thought it was a hard swim poor Adrian had it even harder as I caught the rope on my leg and as I pulled myself to the boat I kept pulling the buoy out of his reach.



Back on board and yes there were some who didn't find the cave and the sharks. You can lead a horse to water.....



For the second dive, after a (very) quick discussion, the



'skipper' wisely decided against Parker Point Drop Off and we headed for Crystal Palace/The Vault. Again the anchor was right on the mark, in fact I had to pull the chain out of the cave but we still had divers who didn't find it. A stunning dive along the scarp with back to back caves, and a couple of small Port Jacksons just to make it special before heading back to the boat.

The weather had finally caught up with the forecast and it was a nice flat run back to FBH for a refuel, coffee and ice cream before home to Coogee.

A big thanks to our wonderful crew of Steve, Bec and Jeff for a great day diving with the sharks.

Mike

[This week's diving](#)

This week it's Exploratory Diving Day! WOO!!!!

We're not the Underwater Explorer's Club of WA if we're not out there exploring! Come along and be a part of the excitement of discovering a new site - we don't know where we'll go or what we'll see, but it will be a load of fun!

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ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Clive Cass is organising a club representation at the ANZAC Day dawn service in Kings Park on Wed 25 April to recognise the divers who lost lives and risked lives so we can live safely. While the original ANZACS were Army Corps, Anzac Day now includes other armed services in recognition of their involvement. The Frogmen are an important part of the defense of Australia, and it would be wonderful for the UECWA to take a morning to acknowledge them.

Please note the link to clearance divers and their initiation 1951.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ClearanceDivingBranch>

It will serve the club well for all members to attend the Dawn Service in Kings Park and then meet up for breakfast in Leederville afterwards.

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Dive Officer Training

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We have one spot left for anyone that would like to share with Clive...

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Cost includes:

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- 7 nights on a luxurious live-aboard
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25th April 2018

Weekly Diving

Last week's diving

Unfortunately the weather was only good for diving if you were a duck last weekend.

Here's hoping for some better weather this week...

This week's diving

This week we are scheduled to head out on Saturday to Cray Canyon and Cathedral – two BEAUTIFUL sites! We still have plenty of spaces left on this trip so if you'd like to join us, you can do so by booking on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/cray-canyon-cathedral-2/>

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Karlie Duchow



Dive Schedule

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Calendar and Online Bookings

Saturday 28th April

[Cray Canyon & The Cathedral](#)

Skipper - Chris

DO - TBA

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Andrew Keary
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This week's diving

This week we're heading to Club favourite Swirl Reef, and a site we rediscovered (much to the delight of those there) on our Rottnest Trip – City of York Outer Reef... it is a beauty!

We've taken a lot of bookings for this trip but there's still a couple of spaces left. If you'd like to join us you can do so by booking on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/swirl-reef-cityofyork-outer/>

Next week's diving

Next week we head out for a single dive to the North Mole (Gareenup-but-not-the-Gareenup) wreck. There's also been some sightings of baby Weedy Seadragons at North Mole lately, plus there's always the (ever-allusive) Pygmy Pipefish to search for...

We still have space on this trip, and bookings can be made here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/north-mole-gareenup/>

This single dive concludes our normal "summer season" Roster... the following weekend the boat will be heading over to Rottnest for the annual Reef Life Survey, and then after that we kick off the winter roster.

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Last Weeks Dive

Finally after three weeks of crap weather we finally got a chance to get wet. It was great to see the boat full this late in the season and the forecast didn't disappoint us.

We left Coogee with rex at the helm and Adrian assist by Jeff as DO and Trainee respectively. After what seemed like a long trip we pulled up at Swirl Reef and dropped anchor. With a full boat it took a while to get everyone in but eventually we all got in the water. Well conditions above were great but below the viz was shocking at 5-10m.



Just as well its difficult to get lost at Swirl Reef as with viz like this it was still difficult to keep track of where I was. it was still a great to be back in the water after a break of three weeks so no complaints. Back on board we pulled anchor and moved across the the City of York Outer Break. This is a site which is greatly under valued as we discovered on the recent Rottnest week. It doesn't matter which direction you go in from the boat, its all great diving. Having explored along the outer break during the Rottnest week I decided to explore the reef between the anchor point and the actual wreck site.



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Calendar and Online Bookings

Sunday 20th May
Departure 8am (or earlier - please check email confirmation)

[North Mole Gareenup Wreck - Single Dive](#)

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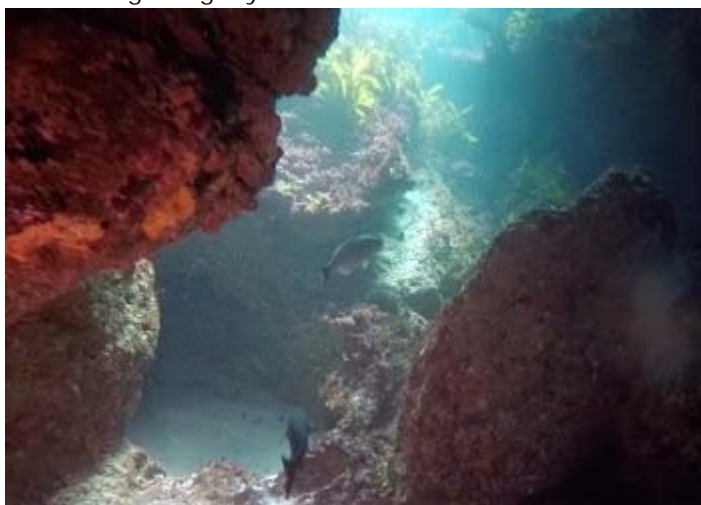
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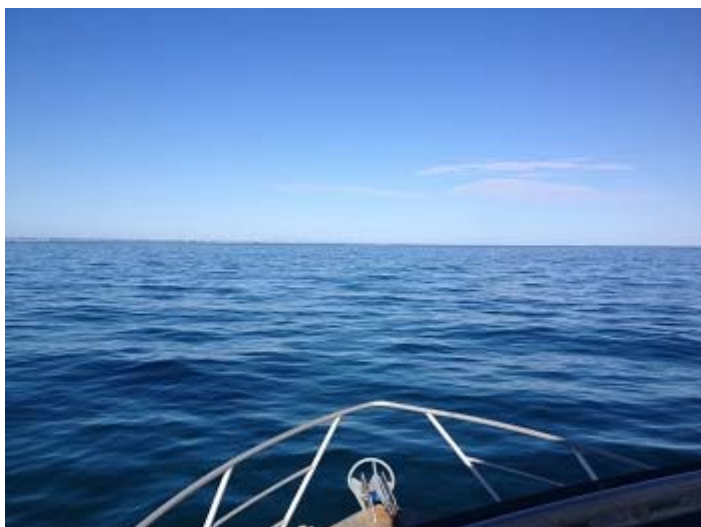
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By the time we all got back on board the wind had dropped to nothing so it was time to head for home in glass off conditions.



A quick stop off in Geordie Bay to pick up the Orange tinny (kept on the Rottnest mooring over summer) and then it was homeward bound with Pete having a turn at the wheel.

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We had a great day out on the water on Sunday, kicking off with a single dive on the "Gareenup-but-not-the-Gareenup" – at North Mole. We had 9 divers plus one passenger (Andrea) on board... Andrea coming along to practice her photography skills above (rather than below) the water, thanks to a persistent ear infection.

It was a nice calm morning and so we were able to spot the wreck from the bow of the boat. As such, we anchored spot on the site. One by one the divers hopped in and (much to my amusement), there was a variety of screams and swear words as they hit the water... the general consensus was that it was chilly upon first impact, but lovely once you were in. The wreck itself is not huge, and dive times varied from 30min to 56min, those diving the longest having spent some time exploring the weed surrounding the wreck.

Reports were vis at around 15m, and no current or surge at all. Highlights were occies, a big cuttlefish, a school of skippy passing through, a sand eel, loads of colourful sponges & corals, and a cormorant bombing divers from above (we enjoyed watching this from the boat too). Also worth noting were the three lots of rubbish that came up with three different buddy pairs – nice clean-up job team!

Once back on the boat we did a quick stop in to refuel Cape Cruiser (not even a time for a coffee!) before we steamed back to Coogee – where we bid farewell to our single divers, and said hello to our double divers... we were making the most of this magnificent day and heading back out for some more diving shenanigans!



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We moved the boat to a different part of the reef and Steve and myself (i.e. the crew) plus Mork hopped in for a look during the SI... it was just as the divers reported – very milky and extremely surgy. Despite this we had a ball spotting crays for Steve while he expertly looped them. They were a bit thin on the ground, but he managed to nab 2 in the loop and scare one into my super-ninja hands... great fun.

Then it was time for our divers to hop in. Dive times varied on this one from 20min to 57min, and we did see another cray come on board in Chris McC's catch bag. There were a few cool sightings on this dive, including a small gummy shark, plus Carpet and Wobbegong sharks, but overall the consensus was that it was a much nicer day above the water than below it.

It was then back to Coogee Marina, where Chris McC and Mark helped Steve and I pen and clean the boat... big thanks fella's for your help here.

Also big thanks to everyone who came along for our epic day of diving adventures. Special mention to Pete and Mike, who came along for all three dives. Thanks everyone, and thanks Skipper Steve!

Mel

Lost Property

We have a lot of Lost Property starting to accumulate, and we'd really like to start reuniting some of this stuff with its owners.

So on this note... does this top belong to you?

If it does – please let Mel know at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

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Dive Officer Training

We desperately need some new dive officers. For various reasons we have lost or are losing four dive officers from the roster in the last two months. That leaves us with two at the moment. We have a couple just finishing training but we need about eight to spread the load so we need at least another four to start training. If you would like to go diving for free and help the club out at the same time then drop me a line to president@uecwa.com.au.

Weekly Diving

This weeks Diving

This week Cape Cruiser is over at Rottneest for the annual Reef Life Survey. We are looking to organise a shore dive on Sunday morning but to be honest – the conditions aren't looking very flash, so there's a good chance we'll be diving the river, followed by a coffee/cake/brunch stop somewhere afterwards.

If you'd like to join us you can either book on via the website, or drop me an e-mail at divebookings@uecwa.com.au and I'll keep you posted on the details.

Next week's diving – Winter diving roster

CALLING ALL WINTER DIVES!!!

The following weekend we kick off the Winter Diving Roster...

In the past we have set a roster which always gets changed around last-minute due to weather conditions and/or numbers. This year we are going to set the dives week-by-week... we'll check the weather on Monday and if it's looking like a go-er – we'll send a call out to all our winter divers and crew by Tuesday (latest) to pull a trip together.

We've had a great response so far... if you're name isn't on the list yet and you'd like to join in the fun – drop me a line at divebookings@uecwa.com.au and I'll add your name to the "Winter Divers List".

Dive Travel

Maldives – September 2018

This trip is now fully booked!

Komodo – September 2019

UEC is going to Komodo in 2019...YEEEEEOOWWW!!!

More details to follow in the coming week...

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Last Weeks Dive

With Cape Cruiser booked for our annual Reef Life Survey last weekend, three brave souls (Mike, Gino and yours truly) headed down to Blackwall Reach on Sunday morning. Admittedly, even I wondered "what on earth am I getting out of bed for" – but upon arrival at Blackwall Reach, it was pretty obvious the effort it took to get out of a warm cosy bed was well-rewarded... the skies had cleared and the river looked VEEEEERRRY dive-able. So we wasted no time kitting up and hopping in.

And it was pretty darn spectacular! The water was clear (we had expected a decent tannin layer after all the rain and storms), and it wasn't freezing cold – even by my, non-drysuit standards! We made the long swim along the



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cliffs to the row of markers that lead us down to the barge – where we found a couple of seahorses, a huge nudibranch, and lots of fish and crabs. Then we followed the line to the “little” boat off the barge – where we were treated to more fish, seahorses, and another ginormous nudibranch.

At this point we decided to head back, but this time we took our time – exploring all the caves, nooks and crannies the cliff face provide... holy moly – there were SO many fish! The ledges were home to massive schools of bream, and we even managed to spot a few Zebra Fish! Along with the bustling fish life, we found more seahorses, nudibranchs, and LOADS of colourful sponges... there is just so much to see in this part of the river. After our 55min dive we came up a tad cold but beaming... what a fantastic river dive!

We were met on the shore by Yvonne (Mike’s wife) – and after pulling apart our gear we headed to nearby Zephyr’s Café, where we enjoyed hot coffee/soup/scones/bakery goods – as well as a pretty awesome chin-wagging session. You can’t beat it – a stunning dive and awesome (belly-warming) food – all in the presence of lovely company... I’m pretty sure that’s what they call living.

Big thanks to Gino, Mike and Yvonne for coming along!



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The shirt is a size 3XL, has never been worn, and has our new logo on it...

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Weekly Diving

Last Weeks Dive

Reef Life Survey Annual Rottneest trip

It was an anxious week leading up to this year's event with a contingent of people booked to fly in from Tasmania and Victoria and the first big cold front of the season bearing down on Perth. Added pressure the 10th Anniversary of Reef Life Survey and there were celebrations planned. By Thursday the east-coasters had arrived and made it onto the last ferry to Rotto before they stopped for two days due to the weather. Sunday was still to rough for *Cape Cruiser* but having been through this a few times now and having added an extra day to the trip this year, the backup plan was beginning to be rolled out.

The Reef Life Survey Foundation (RLS) is based at the University of Tasmania and for the last ten years one of its main activity's has been to conduct nationwide underwater surveys using the same techniques, the same dates, the same dive sites and do it year after year to build robust sets of data encompassing diversity and numbers of fish life and invertebrates (slugs, shells etc.).

The work is funded by government and charity's and is nearly entirely carried out by volunteers - citizen scientists. After 10 years they have expanded internationally with teams in Spain and most recently Canada and close to 11,000 surveys completed in 53 countries. UEC has been involved in WA since 2011 when RLS became an affiliate of the UEC. They have used *Cape Cruiser* and a UEC crew for the last 7 Rottneest surveys and the enthusiasm is still building.



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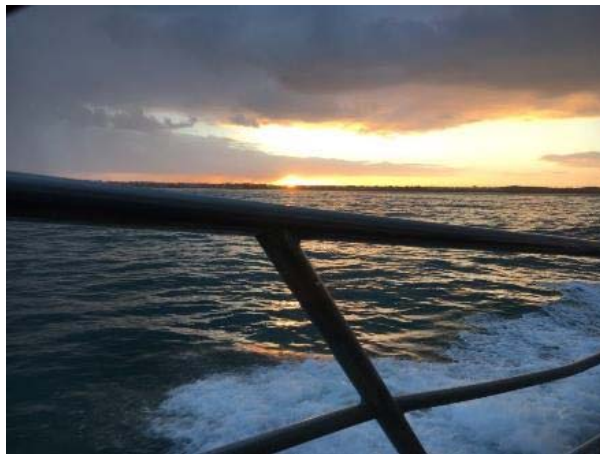
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We finally left Coogee at 7am on Monday; it was a cold and wet but there was a strong determination to get some key sites surveyed. For the maximum site coverage a couple of divers decided to give the boat dives a miss and do some sites from shore. The boat headed to Parakeet Bay where three RLS surveys sites are in close proximity and could all be done at the same time. The second dive at Crystal Palace was a challenge but everyone was in the water before there was time to ask "do you think this is a bit?" They are a hardy lot of divers; only focussed on the job.



The job involves rolling out a 50 metre tape measure underwater, trying to get it as close to the same GPS point as possible each year. Two divers swim down each side of the tape counting fish, then returning to count invertebrates and a final sweep to photograph each quadrat (a couple of square metres) on both sides of the tape. The fish and "inverts" are counted and identified, with the names being recorded on a slate underwater using their scientific names. It must be interesting writing *Caris auricularis* or *Glaucosoma hebraicum* on an underwater slate while being rolled back and forth by 2 metre swell and then trying to decipher what you have written back in the research station after a few drinks.

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The final dive on Monday was nice and gentle one at The Count, the real Count and not the dodgy spot in the UEC GPS as we discovered. Monday ended up with a pub meal and an early night for those of us not in-putting data and downloading endless photos.

Still determined to get as many sites done as possible, Tuesday was an early start. The 7am departure challenged some of the team. A nice protected dive at Green Island followed by a not so protected one on Roe Reef saw the working part of the weekend over. Nine sites out of RLS's twenty three at Rotto were ticked off for the year. Some keen members had done 2 sites the weekend before so 11 sites in total was a good outcome when it had looked like none would be possible a week earlier.



Not enough to spend two days being pounded around on a boat and rolled around underwater, the activity's kicked on with a celebration of 10 years of RLS and 10 years of Rottnest surveys on Tuesday night at *Little Creatures* in Freo. There was recognition of some amazing individual volunteer efforts from across the country, some great gifts to recognise volunteer commitments and some very funny awards. A slide show of the achievements of the 10 years was very interesting and included the story of the unexpected and out of control media frenzy when RLS discovered a new population of Red Hand Fish in Tasmania, doubling the known population in the world to 70 specimens – and the 51 million Twitter hits this created.



Another successful RLS weekend over and plans for next year already underway.

<https://reeflifesurvey.com/>

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June General Meeting

Wednesday June 20th 7:30pm

The Esplanade Hotel

A somewhat belated reminder that we have the June General Meeting tomorrow (Wednesday 20th June) at 7.30pm at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle. Tables will be booked for dinner beforehand from 6pm onwards.

We have a special guest speaker, Kevin Edwards, who will be giving us a fascinating talk on the wreck of the VOC vessel Zeewijk

At 7pm on June 9, 1727, the Dutch East India Company (VOC) vessel Zeewijk struck Half Moon Reef, on the western side of the Pelsaert Group of the Houtman Abrolhos, some 60km off the coast of Western Australia.

Most of the crew subsequently made their way to what is today known as Gun Island. Here they remained for some 10 months, surviving on supplies retrieved from the wreck, and limited local resources such as muttonbirds and seals.

Ultimately, some 82 survivors managed to reach Batavia (Jakarta), in a small sloop that they had built themselves from salvaged timbers and mangrove wood.

In his talk, Kevin Edwards will provide an overview of the history and archaeology of Zeewijk's dramatic story. He'll also discuss the various processes by which the current collection of archaeological material from Gun Island – housed in several Australian and international institutions – was assembled over the last 300 years.

Kevin Edwards graduated from UWA in 1991 and is currently a post-graduate student in the Maritime Archaeology program

at Flinders University. His research interests include: the archaeological potential of near and offshore disposals of military material (in wartime and post-bellum contexts), the application of social theory to shipwreck survivor camp studies, and the documentation of archaeological collections using a variety of 3D digitisation technologies. He hopes to expand his research to study the social and material agencies that influenced the creation of 19th century maritime archaeology museum collections.

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Last Weeks Dive

Well it was a sunny morning but about as warm as a Polar Bear's bum as we set up the boat for five fools...erm, I mean stoic divers who like ice diving.

Motored over to Fishing Boat harbour to take on some go-juice then anchored up at the Lignern wreck just outside the harbour and threw everyone in. Two people decided that a weight belt wasn't necessary to dive but rapidly revised that opinion when in the water.

Seas were pretty calm but there was a cold breeze going through.

The dive conditions turned out to be quite good with 10m vis, the water at 19 degrees and everyone reported a nice dive with plenty of nooks and crannies to explore.

Paula came back waxing lyrical about how WARM it was here in the water compared to Tasmania whilst the rest of us reflected on the fact that this was being said by a

Tasmanian... 

Damo brought back the only Cray keen on attending a BBQ - the others were busy doing their hair...

We upped sticks, bringing a piece of wreck with us, threw the wreck back then trundled out to Stragglers where the water looked a trifle like green, pea soup.

Mike decided that our drop line now had an automatic tie-on feature and threw the whole thing in. Unfortunately, the



Dive Schedule

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Fortunately, Damo dived in and managed to grab the end of the line before it disappeared from our lives and then we

tried again....with it tied to the boat, this time 😊

These newbies take the term "drop line" a little too literally.

Four divers in, this time, and the pea soup turned out to be the same down below as it was on top. All divers commented that it was a nice site but bad sight (yeah, I

know, but it amuses me 😊) and it would have been great if they had been able to see it. There was also a wicked surge plus a strong current kicking in after the divers went down.

A short drive back, then threw my sunnies in the water, just for fun, while docking, went for a swim to retrieve them and we were done just after two o'clock, thanks to Pete helping put the boat to bed.

All good, no-one dead! Yay!

Craydrian.

This Weeks & Next Weeks Diving

If you're not already on the "Winter Divers List" – drop me an e-mail at divebookings@uecwa.com.au, and I'll add your name to the (BIG and ever-growing) list!

Social & Fundraising

Its Entertainment book time again

Underwater Explorers Club of WA Inc. is fundraising with the Entertainment fundraiser this year, and we'd appreciate your continued support.

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Please see the [flyer attached here.](#)

I have 4 books in my possession for sale, which I can distribute if members advise me they would like one.

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There are 4 caps and 4 bucket hats on board UEC, ready for purchase. Caps \$15.00. Bucket hats \$20.00.,

If you buy from the boat please advise the skipper or DO who will invoice the treasurer for you.

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4 July 2018

Last Weekends Dive

Two weekends in a row in winter - that's pretty good going. So it was on Saturday we headed out for a single dive with myself at the helm for the second weekend in a row and Pete as DO. With seven keen and hardy divers on board there was some discussion about where we were going to go. The forecast was for a cold start and with a fresh NE wind supposedly dropping off during the morning so we thought we would go for Seaward Reef as this is a nice site (if you can find it) and not too far to go for a single.



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We headed off but as soon as we cleared Carnac Island and sailed over the Sepia wrecksite it started to become clear that this was not going to work. The wind was a very fresh 20Kts and with the seas coming from the North and the swell from the SW it made for a pretty unpleasant ride. A quick poll of the divers and it was about turn and heading for more sheltered waters. The south end of Carnac looked inviting as it was sheltered but we have no known dive sites here. We decided to take a look anyway but the sounder just showed flat reef so we decided to head for the D9 wreck.



We pulled up and dropped the pick right on the wreck and everyone jumped into the nice warm water. Pete and I at this point were quite glad we were staying on board but to

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be honest it was probably warmer underwater than above.



All eventually came back and everyone seemed to enjoy the dive. Along with lots of life, beautifully captured above by Leanne on her humongous camera - looks more like a mini-sub than a camera, there were also about eight anchors caught up (including our own so Chris McC repositioned it). Damien just couldn't resist bringing a couple back. They make a change from Crayfish and there is no boat limit but they don't taste as good).

The nice thing about single dives is not hanging around cold and wet for the second dive so it was back to Coogee in time for lunch. A big thanks to Pete for DO'ing and Tonya for staying back to help wash down the boat.

This Weeks Diving

Well, the weather has been kind to us for the last two weekends – but it's not looking so this week. Here's hoping for a change next weekend...

Update from the UK

One of our wonderful Members (Richard) is back in the UK, and he kindly sent us a link to a video depicting a typical day of UK diving... check this out!

<https://youtu.be/8jVql2k92-M>

Here's what he said about the video:

"Here is a typical UK dive video showing how different things are on this side of the world! Typical vis although not too many critters on this particular dive. Sea mist came down as we were setting off hence the low light levels (no red filter on camera)"

Thanks so much for the update Richard! Kinda makes you realise how lucky we are here (and how wimpy we are complaining about the cold! Haha)

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Crayfishing Season

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Now all we need is for a change to the boat limit rules - why don't you drop the Minister for Fisheries, the Hon Dave Kelly MLA, an email at the address below and ask him to abolish or increase the boat limit from 24.

Minister.Kelly@dpc.wa.gov.au

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Diver of the Year - Final Table

Another year over and here is the final top 20 places

Place	Diver Name	Grand Total
1	Mike Buchanan	57
2	Malcolm Roberts	34
3	Adrian Taylor	31
4	Wendy Hutchison	22
4	David Freemantle	22
6	Gino Ferreri	21
6	Liz Davey	21
8	Trevor Higgs	19
8	Pete Northrop	19
8	Georgina Cardaci	19
11	Geoff Geard	17
12	Bernie Riegler	14
12	Dave Carter	14
12	Donna Gratton	14
15	Mark Itzstein	13
15	James Savill	13
15	Damien Mcateer	13
18	Maree Casley	12
18	Jeff Weston	12
18	Andrea Carter	12
18	Elise Brigden	12
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Last week's diving

Weather forecast wasn't looking to great earlier in the week so we didn't try to organise anything. As it turned out Sunday arvo was beautiful down at the beach so we could probably have done a later single. Oh well...

This week's diving

Sadly, the weather's just not playing nice again for the weekend.

Surely we'll catch a break next week... fingers and toes crossed!!!

Another Update from the UK

Richard has been touch again – this time with some awesome footage of the diver "lift" they have at the end of their Club boat:

<https://youtu.be/oeJR0y4iwDc>

Here's what he said about the video:

"I promised you a video of our diver lift on the stern of our dive boat. Would look good on the Cape Crusader. Essential when you are in a dry suit with bailout cylinder and all the trimmings."

But – before anyone gets any ideas, we'd have to shovel A LOT of sheep poo to see one of these on our boat any time soon!

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18 July 2018

AGM Tonight 7:30pm Esplanade Hotel

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25th July 2018

Committee

A big thank you to everyone who made the effort to come along to last weeks AGM. Unfortunately numbers were pretty low but we still managed to vote in a new committee for the next year.

A huge thanks to last years committee who put in a lot of time and effort to make it another successful club year, and thanks in particular to those committee members leaving us, Mark Weber, Dylan Keys and Rex Burke.

A big welcome to our new committee members, Bernie Riegler, Trevor Higgs and Iain Walker. Bernie and Iain joined the club very recently and its great to see new club members get involved so quickly. Trevor is the old hand having joined the previous year.

The 2018-19 Committee is as follows:

President - Mike Buchanan
 Treasurer - Steve Day
 Secretary - Wendy Hutchison
 Vice President - Chris Cunnold
 Dive Coordinator - Mel Turner
 Safety - Pete Northrop
 Social & Fundraising - Liz Davey
 Training - Trevor Higgs
 Environment - Bernie Riegler
 Communications - Iain Walker
 Membership - Mike Buchanan
 Boat & Coogee Liaison - Chris Cunnold

I would also like to thank all our crew for their time and dedication to keeping the boat going out every weekend. Without you we would have no dive club. Our last years and current roster crew are as follows:



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1 August 2018

General Meeting details... SAVE THE DATE!!!

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Last week's & this week's diving

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Dive Roster: August - October

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Dive Travel - Busselton Jetty Clean-up Weekend (12th-14th October)

SAVE THE DATE!!!



We will be heading back down to Busselton this year for another Tangaroa Blue Clean-up under Busselton Jetty. The plan is to head down Friday night, dive either the Lena or the Swan on Saturday, and then clean up under Busselton Jetty on Sunday.

Details are being finalised now... save the date!

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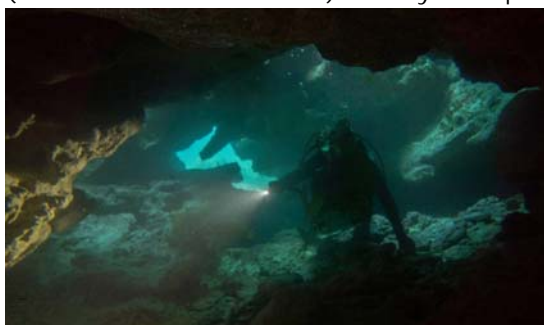


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UEC Merchandise

One of our lovely Members has purchased a Club shirt that is waaaaaayyy too big, and would dearly love to offload this to another Member.



The shirt is a size 3XL, has never been worn, and has our new logo on it...

Best of all – it's going for a bargain price!

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Last week's diving

Sheesh we've had an unlucky run! But it looks like we're having a change in luck this weekend... bring on the nicer weather!!!

This week's diving

This week we are kicking off our return to the normal roster with a visit to one of Carl the Cray Whisperer's super secret spots. For those who don't know Carl, he can sniff out a cray with a blind fold on from 500m away - and he can catch them with both hands and feet tied together.

We haven't taken many bookings for this trip so if you'd like to join us - please do so by booking on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/carl-cray-whisperer-4/>

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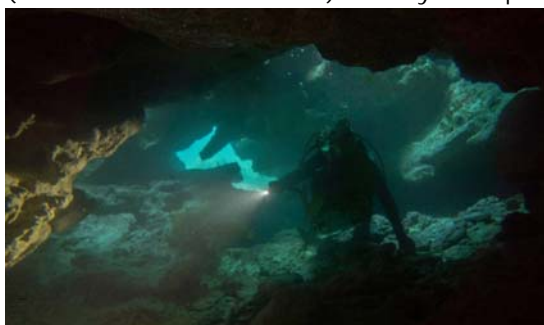


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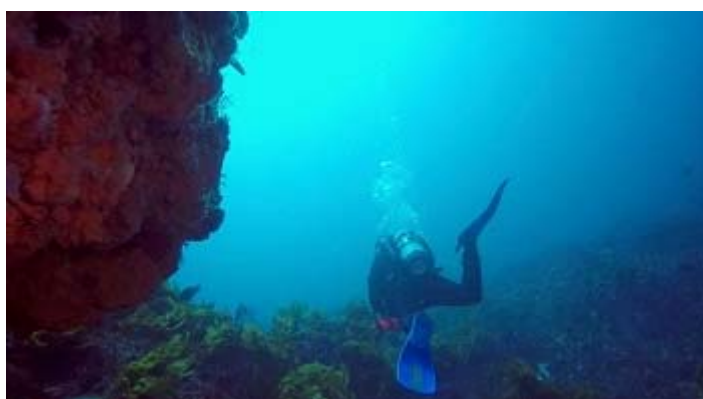
22 August 2018

Last Weeks Diving

Saturday

Skipper Rex and DO Pete went out on Saturday with eight divers. Weather conditions were nice and sunny but with a 15-20kt easterly blowing, with the 2m swell around Rotto this made for a pretty sloppy sea state.

First dive was at Carpet Emporium with vis of around 10m and temp at about 17degree, with a bit of surge. A good dive was had, although no grey nurses were about, only a big wobby and the usual other fish and critters.



We went into Fish Hook Bay for our surface interval and then decided to dive the second dive there. A lot smoother and less wind. Vis around 10-15m, the water



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seemed a bit warmer. Divers came back indicating a good dive with lots of crays (in the sanctuary so no takers) and fish about.



While heading back in, the wind finally started to drop and it became quite comfortable.

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Good time was had by all, except the very green DO at one point.

Pete

Sunday

It was a wonderfully cold morning when Steve and I turned up to break CC out of the ice and head out into the freezing dark (Ok, I may be exaggerating slightly.....it wasn't dark) for a single at South Mole Beacon Marker (Lyngern and Samuel Plimsoll wreck site) with three whole divers who hadn't checked the outside temperature before signing on.

It had been a while since being on deck so while Steve boned up on starting the engine and pointing the boat in the right direction, I tried to remember to which end of the boat I should strap the dinghy and why plugging the oars into the fuel line seemed to be more difficult than it should be.

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Then it was off to the site at a slow cruise in nearly glass-out conditions, anchored up and deposited three people in the water to rapidly refrigerate.

After a reminder that we needed a dive flag up, Steve, Andrea and I settled in for a chat about why some divers like to jump into really cold water instead of a warm bed when Steve noticed that the dinghy was halfway down the mermaid line. We brightly thought that there was something wrong with this, which was confirmed when we discovered that dinghies actually need to be tied on to the boat in order to not drift away! Who knew?



I won't reveal the tie-er-upper as Steve threatened me so he will remain nameless. Besides, it's a tradition on this boat to throw things overboard without a tether: dinghies, drop lines (Mike), hats, sunglasses, trolleys, thongs (me) so Steve...erm, I mean the nameless party was simply carrying on the tradition.

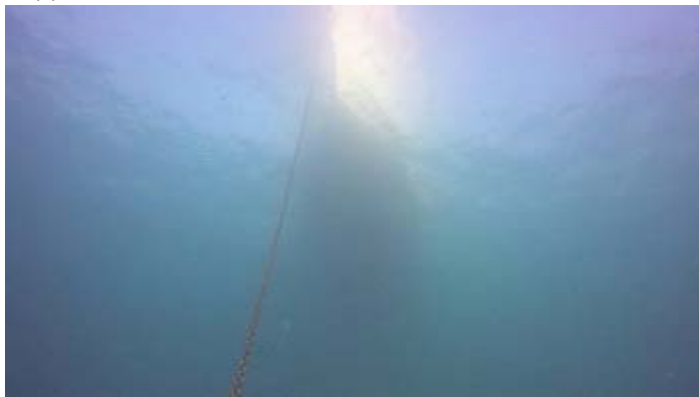
Since I immediately decided that, "I isn't going for no swim in the ice bath, mate", it seemed simpler to haul in the mermaid line, which just happened to be under the dinghy, and bring the dinghy back with it. So we did that. Then we tied it to the boat 😊

Our intrepid ice divers returned reporting a nice but cold (who knew?) dive with some Crawlies sighted but smartly

tucked away in ungettable spots.



Dave Carter apparently gave Dave Freemantle the "I'm bloody freezing!" signal about 15 mins into the dive and many times after, but Freo had a temporary loss of all vision for the next 45 minutes....at least whenever he happened to be turned in DC's direction.



Cruised into Fishing Boat Harbour and refueled on diesel, coffee and fush and chups then a casual cruise back to the pen.

All good.

Craydrian.

This week's diving

This week Cape Cruiser is out of the water for her annual "check-up" – so there will be no boat diving.

We are looking at doing something a little different this week, and that is we're going for "brunch-time" (11.30am) shore dive on Sunday – location TBA. This gives us time to help out with Cape Cruiser's anti-foul in the morning, and still enjoy a dive.

If you'd like to join us you can register your interest on the website (<https://uecwa.com.au/events/single-shore-dive/>) and I'll keep you posted on the location details.

Next week's diving

Next week we're heading out on one of Carl's Cray days...

For those who don't know Carl, he can sniff out a Stragglers cray from Coogee Marina, and he can catch them by just whispering sweet and loving words into their ears.

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Dive Travel

Busselton Weekend & Jetty Clean-up

Join us for our annual Busselton Holiday and Jetty Clean-up...



The plan is to head down on the Friday evening, and complete an optional dive on the HMAS Swan on Saturday (for those who don't want to dive the Swan – there are some pretty awesome wineries/cheese factories/chocolate factories/etc. to visit nearby!)

Sunday we will make our way up to the end of Busselton Jetty where we will complete one fun dive, and then one clean-up dive – as part of the Annual Marine Debris Project (formerly known as the Tangaroa Blue Clean-up Weekend).

Costs are being finalised now, but are generally around the \$250 if completing all activities (includes accommodation, diving and tank fills).

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Augusta (November 2018)

Is booked out!



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UEC Training Base Woodman Point - Then and Now

Taken from the June 1966 club magazine are a couple of pictures of the building of the UEC Training Base down at Woodman Point in 1966.





Out of curiosity I took a run down there after the dive on Sunday. Fifty Two years later the concrete pad is still there and I assume the plinth was for the Hookah compressor. The remains of the diving jetty can be seen in the bottom photo where the fisherman is standing





Do you have any old photos related to the UEC? If so we would love a copy to put in the online archives. You can either scan and send me a copy or if you can give me the original we will scan it and give it back to you. Please let me know at president@uecwa.com.au. We are also still looking for an Archivist to try and put some order to the old club archives and capture current material for the future.

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About the Women's Adventure Film Tour

The Women's Adventure Film Tour is a community event that is part of Jean Hailes Women's Health Week. It aims to celebrate the fantastic women around us who are doing extraordinary things and is be enjoyed by women, men and children alike.

The tour visits 28 locations around Australia and this is the first time it will screen in Perth.

This year's tour includes twelve films and is unique in that half of the films feature Australian and New Zealand adventurers. The films include rock climbing, mountaineering, skiing, snowboarding, travel, expedition cycling, slacklining, swimming, paragliding and more. You can read more about the tour on our website www.womensadventurefilmtour.com

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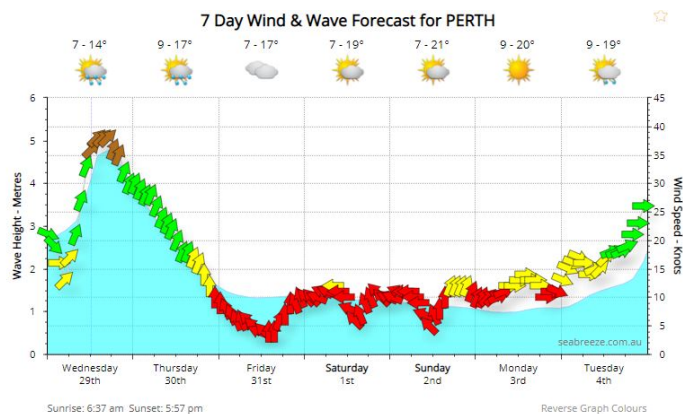
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<https://uecwa.com.au/events/swirl-cityof-york-outer/>

Diving the Hyperbaric Chamber

Hi UEC Divers

I have arranged for UEC members to undertake a "dry dive" in the hyperbaric chamber, Fiona Stanley Hospital, on Wednesday 12 September, 2018. This experience is limited to 10 persons only, due to chamber size, so it is on a first reply-first in basis, 5 places remain. Note this is open only to UEC members (you can of course pay your membership to participate).



Day

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DO - Mel

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Condition to participate

Participants MUST be at the Hyperbaric Medicine Unit, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Murdoch, by 4.45 PM on Wednesday 12 September, to complete medical and waiver forms. Late arrivals will miss out. The dive will last about 30 minutes followed by 60 minute compulsory surface interval/talk by Doctor Fiona Sharpe on DCI and related matters. Doctor Fiona is a UEC member and hyperbaric doctor.

You must be a UEC member. You must be medically dive fit, to dive. You must be a certified diver and produce your certification card on the day. The lowest certification will determine the depth of the dive. As we are all Advanced Open Water or above it should be around 30-40m. Clothing on the day must be ALL COTTON. Synthetics and high pressure air does not mix. Static sparks from clothing is not good.

You should bring water, as it can get very hot in the chamber on descent, a bit cool on ascent for that matter. Drinks and nibbles can be brought in for consumption during the talk if you wish. You can bring your wrist mounted or puck type dive computer to record the dive. They drop it in a bucket of water for the dive.

Doctor Fiona and the technician who will drive the chamber on the day do this in their own time, so a small donation by participants to the units xmas fund is appreciated, \$5-10 each would be good. Donated on the day.

This is a fantastic opportunity and well worth making the effort to participate if you can.

The Hyperbaric Medicine Unit is located on the lower ground floor of the main hospital building. Parking is available at Fiona Stanley Hospital, in the carpark at a fee.

Please reply to my Safety@uecwa.com.au email address. As I have previously stated, numbers are limited and it will be on a first reply-first in basis.

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Regards

Pete Northrop
Safety Officer, UECWA
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Costs are being finalised now, but are generally around the \$220 if completing all activities (includes accommodation, diving and tank fills).

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Annual Newsletter

Please find the club Annual Newsletter [here](#). There will be printed copies available on the boat and at the next General Meeting.

Membership Fees

A reminder that your membership fees are due.

Ordinary \$225

Family \$370

Student \$50

Social \$45

CIO \$25

Bank details are in the side pane. Remember to dive from the boat you must be a paid up member.

Social & Fundraising

Women's Adventure Film Tour Perth 3rd September

Hi Underwater Explorers Club,

I work with Adventure Film Tours who are bringing an exciting set of short films to Perth on called the Women's Adventure Film Tour that we are hoping you can help us to share with your members. (September 3rd)

About the Women's Adventure Film Tour

The Women's Adventure Film Tour is a community event that is part of Jean Hailes Women's Health Week. It aims to celebrate the fantastic women around us who are doing extraordinary things and is be enjoyed by women, men

and children alike.

The tour visits 28 locations around Australia and this is the first time it will screen in Perth.

This year's tour includes twelve films and is unique in that half of the films feature Australian and New Zealand adventurers. The films include rock climbing, mountaineering, skiing, snowboarding, travel, expedition cycling, slacklining, swimming, paragliding and more. You can read more about the tour on our website www.womensadventurefilmtour.com

Watch the trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjNoW_AKtys

Your Opportunity to Get Involved

In other locations we have had some great involvement from local clubs and community groups who share the event with their members and come along on the night.

If members ARE INTERESTED Please let me know (social@uecwa.com.au)

Thanks All

Liz

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Last Weeks Diving

Well, the day dawned clear and very cold (surprising!) without the predicted clouds (bonus!). We set off with Mike as skipper and five divers willing to risk hypothermia for the lure of cold water and potential Crays. We know it was cold because Dave Freemantle actually wore a wetsuit today!

After several comments from the passengers regarding the fact that it was actually pretty bloody cold today (in winter weather? Who knew?) and an in depth briefing by me (Hi Everyone, this is a boat, don't fall off it and there's some life jackets around here somewhere..."), we headed off in expectations of flat seas and a barely-there breeze..... according to the forecast.

Well, that didn't happen! Seas were unexpectedly choppy and a significant amount of wind was out and about, to the point where a few people were regretting not popping a pill or two before departure. Some also regretted not taking seasickness medication.

We pulled up a ways out from Stragglers on top of a couple of very interesting looking water swirls and dropped the pick. In a moment of madness and breaking with long-standing tradition, I tied the dinghy AND the drop-line to the boat before chucking 'em in the water! Yeah, yeah, it was stupid of me but what can I say? It just seemed like a good idea at the time.



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Threw the divers in and contemplated the swirly bits, wondering what was down there and why the divers weren't near them. In the meantime, the "flat" (1.5m) seas and the "4 kt breeze" (15 kt wind) actually increased with some big swells rolling through.



Divers returned in various states of greenishness, having been tumbled enough to insult their balance mechanisms. Although vis was a stunning 2m, most divers found the big cave and some excellent country, albeit no Crays, so definitely a good candidate for a return visit in better conditions.



At a suggestion from Dave, we headed over to Mewstone island for a squiz since we'd never been there before. It was only 4m deep and pretty stirred up but everyone stayed in for nearly an hour and reported that it was definitely worth doing again.

Mel pulled a secret choccy cake out of somewhere and surprised Elise with it as it was her birthday - happy birthday, Elise! Then we trundled back home to be done

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before midday.

All good and All back in one piece!

Craydrian.

September & October Calendar Now Live!

Now you can now plan out all of your diving shenanigans for the next two months! (WOO!!!)

Here's where all the action can be found:

<https://uecwa.com.au/diving-with-us/calendar/>

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The City of York Outer Reef site was rediscovered on our 2018 Rottneest Holiday, and has quickly become a favourite of many. It is a maze of overhangs, tunnels, swim-throughs and holes to explore - filled with fish life and colour. The City of York wreck is also accessible from this site, if you don't mind a short swim.

We still have plenty of spaces left on this trip so if you'd like to join us, you can book on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/swirl-cityof-york-outer/>

Next week's diving

Next week we head out to visit our shark friends at Nurse's Quarters, followed by the very popular Crystal Palace.

Trips to Nurse's Quarters usually book out fast so if you're thinking of coming along for this one, better get booking ASAP at: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/nurses-quarters-crystal-palace-4/>

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Liz
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What You Need To Bring

- AOW Certification (if Nom Dive)
- Two tanks
- Alternate Air if Solo
- Fins



This week's diving

This week we head out on Saturday for a Single Dive Special to Robbs Jetty... avoid the dune of death and dive the old jetty from the comfort of Cape Cruiser!

Robbs is a disused jetty with the top removed - leaving pylons filled with colour and life. Being a short distance from Coogee - this dive only costs \$20 per person.

We still need a few more bookings for this trip to go ahead. If you'd like to join us, you can do so by booking on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/robbs-jetty-2/>

Next week's diving

Next week it's Exploratory Diving Day!! (WOO!!!)

Come along and be a part of the excitement of discovering a new site - we don't know where we'll go or what we'll see, but it will be a load of fun!

You can book on here:
<https://uecwa.com.au/events/exploratory-diving-day-4/>

Save the Dolphins Dive (7th October)

Boots
Wetsuit
Weights
BCD
Regs
Mask
Computer or Tables
Depth Gauge
SMB
Food & Drink
Towel

Optional

Hood
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The recent death of a female dolphin and her calf tangled in fishing line in the Swan River has prompted UEC-WA to join forces with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to help protect the rest of this small community.

UECWA is planning to coordinate two teams of divers to participate in an action to remove fishing line, hooks and lures from the pylons below the Canning and Garratt Road traffic bridges.

These two dives are scheduled for Sunday 7th October at 8am, which will fit in with the slack tide. Participants are asked to nominate either Canning Bridge or Garratt Road Bridge as their preferred location when registering.

The dive will be followed by a BBQ at Garratt Road Bridge Park, which will be kindly organised by the DBCA.

Please note that though the water is likely to be no more than a few meters deep, there may be current, low visibility, fishing line and other debris to contend with.

If you're interested in participating in this important event, and joining fellow Club Members for a BBQ afterwards, please register via the UECWA calendar or contact Bernie at environment@uecwa.com.au. Registering your interest early will help us coordinate numbers and ensure you receive all the information needed before the day, including parking and gaining special access to the dive entry point below the bridges.

[Find UEC at Fremantle Grill'd "Local Matters" Fundraiser](#)





We've been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Fremantle this September!

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

We'd love your support in receiving the highest \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Fremantle during September for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

It's a simple (and delicious) way to show your support! You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Fremantle, 17 South Terrace cnr Collie St, Fremantle.

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Robbs is a disused jetty with the top removed - leaving pylons filled with colour and life. Being a short distance from Coogee - this dive only costs \$20 per person.

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Next week's diving

Next week it's Exploratory Diving Day!! (WOO!!!)

Come along and be a part of the excitement of discovering a new site - we don't know where we'll go or what we'll see, but it will be a load of fun!

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26th September 2018

Last Weeks Dive

After Saturdays dive fell short of numbers to allow it to go, the perfect conditions over the long weekend couldn't be ignored so there was a last minute push to get a double dive going on Monday. Sea conditions were perfect and with a plan to beat one of the big commercial boats to Nurses Quarters, Cape Cruiser left Coogee at 7.15. There turned out to be two commercial boats heading to the site but we had our divers in the water before they arrived.



On the surface during the dive the whale show began. Just off the West End there was an impressive show of breaching and fin slapping and one of the commercial boats burnt up time waiting for us to leave by doing an impromptu whale watching cruise. Back on our boat the divers were returning and reporting sharks in the cave and 30 plus metre visibility. We moved off the site and headed south west for a few kilometres to do some of our own whale watching.



Dive Schedule

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[Calendar and Online Bookings](#)

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DO - Mel

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Skipper - Chris
DO - Wendy

Sunday 14th October

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Skipper - Steve
DO - TBA

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Sunday 21st October



The second dive was at Swirl Reef and we had no problem finding it, the water was so clear Rex was able to run right over it by sight; no GPS needed. Again the divers reported fantastic visibility and with the sun now out the north side of the site was quite spectacular. The crew was also treated to around a dozen whales swimming directly at the boat, sensing Swirl and detouring slightly north and swimming past. It was the most whales anyone on board had seen in a single day.



The trip home was reasonably quick with a stop off to refuel and back at Coogee before 3pm. Thanks to the crew and everyone who chipped in, it was a really nice day.

[Single Dive - Seaward Reef](#)

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[Emporium & Crystal Palace](#)

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Next weeks Dive

We are going exploring on Sunday. Forecast is showing a window of good weather on Sunday morning so lets hope it stays that way.

Maldives

Back to earth in Perth! What a week of diving it was. I think all would agree it was a very special trip.



After we boarded the boat and had the briefings it was drinks up on the top deck waiting for our pommie friends to arrive.

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Straight down to business - beer and sun bathing.



We left harbour and headed off to our first location.





It didn't take long to learn the routine. Wake up, dive, eat, dive, eat, dive, eat, drink.





The exceptions were two very special night dives. The first was diving with the Mantas. This involved sitting under the boat in the dark with torches pointed up. The light attracts the plankton and that attracts the Mantas. After about 15 mins I think we were all losing faith when suddenly out of the dark appeared a huge Manta. The next 30 minutes was the most spectacular show with these huge creatures flying over our heads close enough to touch.



The second night dive was with Nurse Sharks (very similar to our Wobbies). Similar set up, sitting on the sand with torches. A few squirts of some scent in the sand and it didn't take long before there were 10 or 15 large Nurse sharks cavorting around us. They were like puppies playing in front of us.



Of the day dives the highlights were the Whale Sharks and the Stingrays.



The Stingrays were the last dive of the trip and what a finale. We were dropped near a jetty where they dump the remains from the filleted Tuna. Sounds lovely I know but as you can imagine, if you dump a lot of food you attract a lot of fish. This was utter mayhem with Stingrays flying everywhere.



Of course there were lots of other great things to see, with Turtles, Clown fish, Scorpion fish. Eels and too many other things to mention.



Unfortunately all good things come to an end and so after what seemed like a flash we were back in Male harbour for the final group photo.



The one thing we all remarked on was the poor state of the

coral reef. The Maldives had a serious bleaching event in 2016 and the result is clear to see. If ever you needed a reminder of how fragile our marine environment is then this was it.

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10th October 2018

We had a very busy weekend hence a very long newsletter. Hope you can make it to the end!!!

General Meeting



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Last Weeks Dive

Everyone was bright and early to the boat so we got away just before 8am. The seven keen divers on board were delighted when Skipper Chris confirmed that we'd head to Opera House for a "deeper dive".



After a very pleasant crossing we arrived on site. Anchoring was another matter. My version is the gypsy decided it didn't really want the chain to go out. The



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skipper's version might be that I was a feeble dive officer. Anyway, we ended up doing three runs at the site before getting the anchor away successfully. Thanks Mike for backing me up that it WAS the gypsy. ☺



Somewhere on the crossing the toilet blocked and it was "not pretty" and not Bernie's according to Bernie. So after the divers were happily in the water, albeit under cloudy skies, I went to work bailing poopy water out of the head and using all manner of techniques to dislodge said blockage...(oh, the green plastic mug should never be used again!) Meanwhile the skipper hopped into the dinghy and attacked the problem from the waterline... Our work was without luck but at least the floaters were gone and the water was clear.



Divers returned happy reporting 20+ metre visibility and one grey nurse dressed as a wobby (or vice versa); and the anchor was right on the mark so the three attempts paid off.



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A bonus for Taneeke as this was her first Rottnest landing and Dave was happy because the seagulls left him alone, but a quokka nipped him.



The Skipper played with the auto pilot on the way home so we meandered back to Port Coogee and were safe on the event jetty by about 2pm.



The welcoming party were ready and waiting and we gave them a three part show. Firstly fisheries boarded Cape Cruiser, then as Dave was getting his crays out of his bag he threw his camera into the marina... Fisheries did the cray checking ... all size, all tail clipped and all legal, finally, part three, Dave kits up and gets marina wet to find his camera. All the kids on the jetty thought this most interesting. Dave got lost and had to surface but with a strategically placed boat hook, Chris guided him to the now found camera.

Back in the pen we were dreading the blocked bog! Chris did a test flush and it worked ... must have been the bouncing home that dislodged the log.

Huge thanks to Mike and Bernie for arriving early to help us with the boat set up (the feeble DO has a sore back); with their work we were on the event jetty in record time. Thanks too, for all the help during the trip and for Bernie helping us to put Cape Cruiser to bed.

Cheers ... Wendy

Save the Dolphins Dives - Canning and Garrett Road

Bridges

In response to the recent deaths of two dolphins which had been entangled in fishing line in the Swan River, UEC organised for a team of 18 divers to scour Canning and Garratt Road Bridges for fishing line and debris. Supporting the divers was a team of land based volunteers and paddlers that collected floating and other debris.

The Canning team found more fishing line than they could collect in the time they had. There was a lot there, including fishing line that had ended up being stretched between two pylons. You can imagine what damage that would do to a dolphin or other large species cruising through the murky waters.

The Garratt Road team found less fishing line but a lot more rubbish and debris from river users and people that see it as a dumping ground.

The most peculiar find of the day would definitely have to be the ammunition belt with ammo. This was closely followed by a small safe which later revealed a number of personal items. Both of these will be handed to the police.

The disappointing find of the day would be the catch all fishing nets at Canning Bridge, which are banned for use. Removing those from the river will go some way to protecting all species in an already heavily impacted estuary.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the day. It was great outcome. UEC would also like to thank the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for helping organise the event and for the post event sausage sizzle.

As there's still more work to do, particular at Canning Bridge, keep an eye on the UEC Calendar and newsletter for the return dive.

Bernie Rie
Environment Officer

Canning Bridge











Garratt Road Bridge & BBQ







Dolphin Scuba "We Love Diving Day"



It's that time of year again!

We have been invited to join our friends at Dolphin Scuba for their 2018 We Love Diving Open Day, which is being held on Saturday 13 October. The day is a celebration of all things diving, with lots of sales, stalls (including Sea Shepherd) and a free BBQ. PLUS – anyone who attends on the day can enter the draw to win a brand new Oceanic Geo 2.0 Dive Computer worth \$599!!!

You can find out all about what is in store here:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/242784766386197/>

UEC will have a stall at the event, which means we can tell the Perth diving community all about our (the) best dive club on the entire planet!

But we need your help!

A few of our usual team who man this stand will be on the Busselton trip this year, so we need to call on some extra volunteers. We need to be there from 10am -2pm, so we're hoping a handful of people can come along at different times during the day, to help out for an hour or so. We will provide everything you need – you just need to come along.

If you can help out, please drop me an e-mail at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

This week's diving

This Sunday we head out to two Club favourites: Kerry's

Cavern and Flat Top Reef.

Kerry's Cavern is a beautiful reef, consisting of a many large caverns, swim throughs and a maze of connecting galleries. The area abounds with soft corals and a wide variety of fish and marine flora.

Flat Top Reef is a section of reef that (as the name suggests) looks flat from the top, but is actually full of holes leading to a large cave system and stunning scenery. The area abounds with loads of marine life, and has to be one of the best dives around Rottneest.

If you'd like to join us, you can do so by booking on here:
<https://uecwa.com.au/events/kerrys-cavern-flat-top-2/>

Next week's diving

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Sunday 21st October we head out for a Single Dive on Seaward Reef (near Garden Island). There will also be more details on this dive in next week's newsletter but you can get booking here in the meantime:
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Dive Travel

Busselton – this weekend!!!

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Rotto 2019

Details published soon. Watch this space....

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Liz

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The following people have nominated for membership of the UECWA:

Gerard Caporn

Charlie Cases

Alex Fitzpatrick

Diana Ng

Lee Savage

Please join me in welcoming them to the club.

Mike Buchanan

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General Meeting - TONIGHT!!!!



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Last week's diving

Last week the weather was foul in Perth... so, so cruel. Here's hoping for a change this weekend...

This week's diving

This week we have two dives heading out:

Saturday 20th October – Double Dive

Saturday we're heading out to Penguin Island & Surrounds – a really pretty area that we rarely get to dive, full of ledges and grottos to explore, all covered in loads of colour and fish life. If you'd like to join us for this trip, you can do so by booking on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/penguin-island/>

Sunday 21st October – Single Dive

A combination of unavailable crew and a poor forecast has meant we have decided to cancel this dive.

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Busselton Weekend

(Written by Tonya, embellished by Mel)

A stormy weekend meant no HMAS Swan dive on Saturday 🙄🙄

So while a few went off to visit friends in the area and/or find that perfect kitesurfing spot, Mel and Tonya were lucky enough to listen in on a long "whale conversation" off Eagle Bay.

Thanks to some local knowledge from CIO Members Colin Roberts and Yvette Louwers, we made our way through the surf at Eagle bay to find some magnificent bombies 200m offshore. A blessing and somewhat eerie experience to hear the whales who were in close proximity!

(I should note here that the entry was not pretty and apparently quite entertaining from shore... according to Donna – a random couple pulled up and, after seeing us rolling around in the surf, asked if we were "brand new divers" – to which Donna replied "actually no... in fact, one of them is an Instructor!" haha... oops!)



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DO - Mel

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So while we were doing this, Charlie and Donna enjoyed the whale show from the shore – there were so many swimming through (and apparently a couple that “looked like they were right on top of you!”)



Sunday’s clean up under the Busselton jetty proved a continuation of challenging weather. The good news was, we pulled up a smaller than expected amount of rubbish... a fantastic effort by keen divers from UECWA.



It was wonderful to have our gear driven out to the end of the jetty on buggies – thanks to Busselton Jetty for organising this transport for us (and an even bigger thanks to Bernie for organising this with the Jetty staff!)

Special mention must go to Brock Campbell for staying above the water n being a champion rubbish sorter... he was wet and nearly blown off the jetty’s lower landing in the process.

Donna Mckelvie celebrated her birthday by helping our marine environment with the clean-up (that’s dedication! You’re a champ!!) Best wishes for your birthday 🎉🎉

A huge thanks to those organising this enjoyable weekend. 🙏🙏
Just love this club!!

Dolphin Scuba We Love Diving Open Day

A big thanks to Jazz for organising and manning the stand

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all day last Sunday at the Dolphin Scuba day. Thanks also to Mel for providing handout material and Trevor, Rachel and Rob for all coming down to help out. While not as busy as previous years I think we still had at least ten or twenty interested people so a worthwhile exercise.



Social & Fundraising

The Amazing UEC Curry Night

The Amazing UEC Curry Night, will again be taking place on Oct 20th. Ilonka and Eddie have once more offered to be our hosts. The food as always will be fabulous, numbers are limited, so please book on now with Socialbookings@uecwa.com.au. Cost \$28 per person



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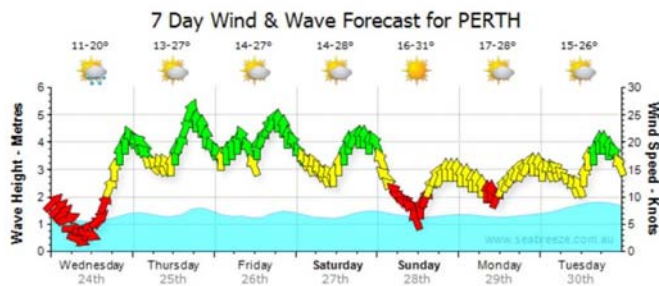


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24th October 2018

Fingers crossed the forecast stays the same. Sunday is looking very nice for a dive.



Dive Calendar

Our roster is now set right through to the end of January 2019, and is live on the website: <https://uecwa.com.au/diving-with-us/calendar/>

Bring on an awesome summer of diving shenanigans! (YEEOOOOWWW!!!)

Last week's diving

Last week we just didn't get the conditions to take Cape Cruiser out, so (instead) Geoff G, Mike, Bernie and myself (Mel) headed to Kwinana Grain Terminal for a shore dive. Whilst kitting up we got a nice surprise when Chris McC popped past to say hi, and a not-so-nice surprise when we realise Geoff had locked his keys in his boot! Meh – we could worry about that later.. we decided to forget the keys and just go diving.



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It was a case of "surf's up!" on the surface – but the underwater conditions were quite nice, with around 5m vis and a water temp of 18-20 degrees (depending on who's computer you looked at).



As per usual there was loads to see – including a seahorse, crystal shrimp, crabs, anemones (there are so many around there at the moment!), and loads of different types of fish.

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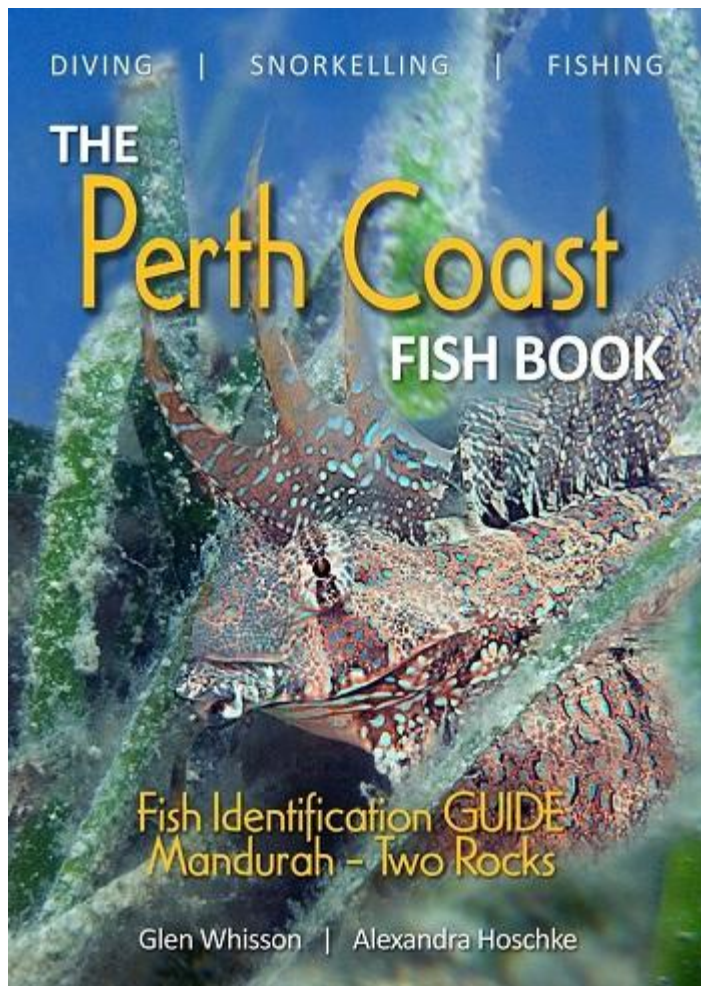
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First aid for sudden cardiac arrest

Did you know the club has a defibrillator (AED) on the boat? Would you know how to use it?

First aid for sudden cardiac arrest involves providing CPR and applying a defibrillator to the patient as soon as possible. A person's chance of survival decreases by 10% every minute that passes, so the sooner you can commence CPR and apply a defibrillator the better.

A number of people find the thought of using a defibrillator a scary one. If you're also feeling a bit uncertain, take a listen to St John paramedic, Brooke, as she explains how simple and safe defibrillators actually are to use.

[Watch Video](#)

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31st October 2018

Last week's diving

We had a big trip on Sunday with 14 divers booked on, two Trainee DO's, Skipper Steve at the helm and yours truly as DO. We had two extra divers turn up in case of any cancellations and (so) – given the fact that we (finally) had some fabulous conditions after such a long stint of average weather – we loaded every one of them in and headed off with a very full boatload of excited punters.

It wasn't long into our journey when eagle-eyed (or is that whale-eyed?) Elise spotted our first lot of whales – directly in front of the boat. Steve killed the motor and we ooh-ed and aah-ed as they swam to within 150m of us, before diving down to the depths. Not to be outdone – we had another lot of whales breaching in the distance at the same time... a whaler of a start to the day!

Another 10min into the journey and "whale-eyes Elise" was at it again – more whales! These weren't as close to the boat as the last lot, but still close enough for the cameras and Go-Pros to get a good work-out. 5min later – more whales... it was turning into a whalerific day!!!



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Eventually we made it to our scheduled site (Carpet Emporium). There was a reasonable current running but it was very diva-able, so in they all went. Being a deeper site our divers were in the water for around 35min, and reported 15m+ visibility and water temps of 19-21 degrees (depending on who's computer you looked at). Divers reported seeing Bull Rays, Cuttlefish, Crays (a few making it up to the boat) and LOADS of fish life.



During this dive Mike embarked on an ambitious underwater mission and headed straight to Nurse's Quarters, where he reported seeing 3 sharks in residence. Unfortunately for Mike he was swimming into the current on his return to the boat, and so needed a pick-up from a short distance away. We all watched Trainee DO Higgsy set off and successfully retrieve Mike when, to our amazement – a whale popped up in between Cape Cruiser and the Tender! Much to our delight – there were a bunch of divers bubbles right where the whale was! We (well, I) was screaming and whooping and hollering: "I think our divers are going to see a whale!!!" (I'm surprised they couldn't hear me screaming under water – it was the most exciting thing I have ever seen on the boat).

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The whale cruised slowly up to (and alongside) Cape Cruiser, so a couple of people on the boat leapt in with masks and snorkels on... they confirmed they could see the whale! YEEEEOOOWWWW!!!!!!



Then our divers started surfacing – some having seen the whale, some having missed it. The luckiest of the buddy pairs was Paula and Georgie, who had the whale slowly cruise over and eyeball them, before eventually moving on. It was in no rush and there are some great photos and video of this encounter.. suffice to say the boat was buzzing with excitement – what a lucky bunch!!!

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Big thanks to Skipper Steve, Trainee DO's Bernie and Trevor, and all of our divers for THE most whale-tastic day of our lives... what a magnificent day on the water with the best dive club on the entire planet!

Mel

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While this is one not to be missed by our dedicated hunters, our sites will still offer spectacular reef diving for those who prefer to dive with a camera (or nothing!) - instead of a loop.

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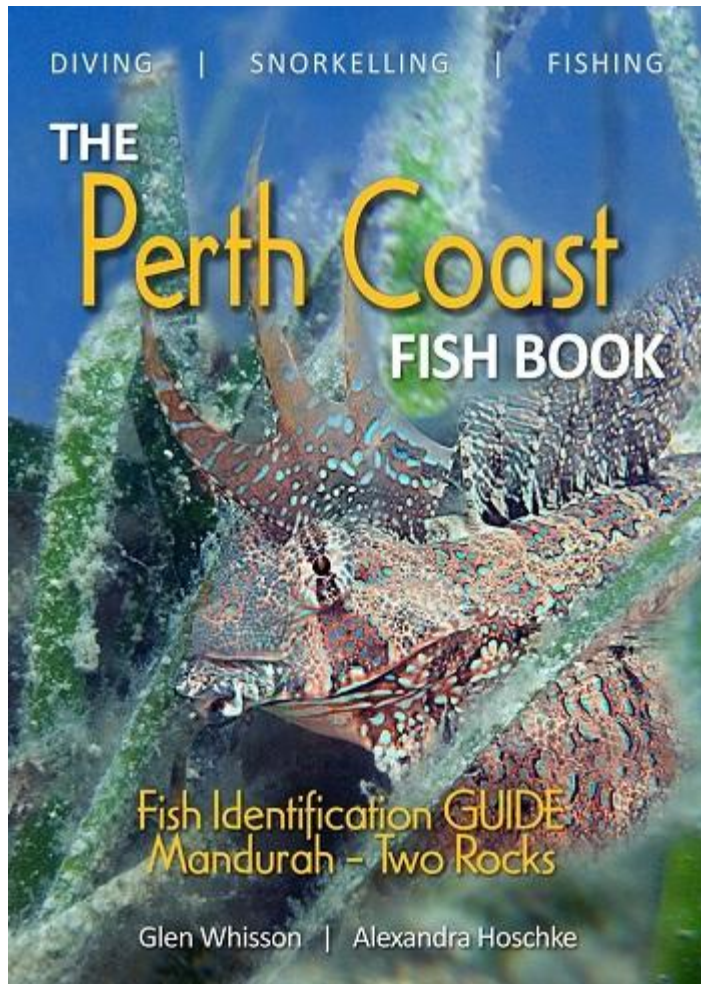
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Last week's diving

Saturday saw we had 7 divers, two Trainee DO's (Jeff & Bernie), passenger (and all-around-helper) Chris, Skipper Wendy, and myself on board for what was shaping up to be a great Wreck Diving Day. It was to be Jeff's last run as a Trainee and so he was in charge of all the DO Duties (WOO HOO! Easy day for Mel!) He did a great job in putting Bernie, Chris and I to work and so we had the boat ready and at the loading jetty in no time.

After all our divers were on board and Jeff had given us the low-down in the boat briefing, we motored into glass-like conditions in the Sound, with the Sepia as our destination.

It was a quick ride there and before we knew it, the divers were jumping in. Interestingly, no cray loops made the jump either – a decision a few would come to regret.



Divers were in the water for 35-60min and reported average visibility (8m-ish), reasonable water temps (19-20 degrees) and a bit of surge... but a FABULOUS wreck!!! Skipper Wendy had dropped them spot on the mark, with our anchor at the bow of the wreck... suffice to say, everyone found it easily. As well as being a fantastic wreck to explore, divers reported a lot of fish life – including a couple of ledges with a feast of big crays just itching to go



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After a bit of jiggling we pulled the anchor up and headed over to Mewstone Rock for our second dive. We were anchored in a sheltered spot from the (now increasing) breeze and the sun was making an appearance every so often, so it really was one of those lovely and pleasant days on the boat.



Our first divers popped up after 30min, this being due to each using the air remaining from the previous dive (hats off to them too – they were freezing but still gave it a good crack). The consensus was that they wished they'd changed cylinders – Mewstone really does have some great ledges and caverns to explore.

The rest of our divers managed 45-60min and all reported the same – easy, shallow dive (maximum depths were 8m, with most of the dive being 4m) with so much to great territory. Hats off to Malcolm and Georgie, who brought up the only two crays from the day.

Anchor retrieval was easy (given it was in the sand) and so it was back to Coogee in no time – where we bid farewell to our divers and had Cape Cruiser packed up by 2pm.

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Big thanks to Skipper Wendy for an awesome day!
 Congratulations are also in order for Jeff, who did a great job of running the day.
 Big thanks also to Bernie and Chris for all the help throughout the day.
 And finally – thanks a bunch to all our wonderful divers!!!

Sepia Wreck 29th December 1898

For those interested there is a very comprehensive thesis on the Sepia wreck written by Corioli Souter, Curator at the Maritime Museum

<https://research-repository.uwa.edu.au/en/publications/archaeology-of-the-iron-barque-sepia-an-investigation-of-cargo-as>

There is also an interesting article about diving the wreck in the [May 1969 UEC Newsletter](#)

'The Wreck of the Sepia—All hands Saved—A Thrilling Experience'

(West Australian 31/12/1898)



The following is from the museum wreck database:

Sepia, a three-masted barque, was built by Denton, Grey and Company of Hartlepool and was owned by Bethell, Gwyn and Company, London. The vessel, well known as a trader on the Fremantle run, left London on 14 September 1898. Aboard were twelve crew and a mixed cargo of 1 200 tons valued at between £1 200 and £1 400.

Travelling at ten knots on the evening of 28 December, the Sepia ran before a strong southerly wind under the main and topgallant sails. Shipping was seen ahead of the vessel and this was presumed to be activity at the port of Fremantle. Captain Hugh Thomas was not new to navigation along this coast. Although no danger was anticipated, as the order was given to haul up, the barque struck a submerged rock without warning at the edge of Five Fathom Bank. The vessel sank in less than ten minutes. The speed at which the Sepia sank made the task of rescuing the crew difficult. Heavy seas were breaking

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over the vessel and the cargo had begun to burst through the hatches. The loss of the vessel was said to have caused 'a considerable amount of inconvenience to the firms mentioned, they are depending in great measure upon her for their regular supplies'.

This site is considered the most complete iron-hulled vessel in the area containing a well-preserved cargo. The Sepia is representative of the vessels visiting Fremantle, and the types of cargo imported, in the late 19th century. The Sepia, built in 1864, is a relatively small vessel compared with contemporary sailers shipping to other interstate and overseas ports. Yet, as a regular visitor to Fremantle, it is typical of a late 19th century cargo ship, and analysis of its cargo is expected to provide new insight into the nature of colonial trade to Western Australia.

This week's diving

This week we're heading back to visit our shark friends at Nurse's Quarters first, followed by a dive at the stunning Crystal Palace.

Nurse's Quarters is always a popular trip and we only have a couple of spots left, so if you'd like to join us you'd better get booking ASAP here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/nurses-quarters-crystal-palace-5/>

Dive Travel

Day Trip – HMAS Swan (24th November)



After Mother Nature said no to our Double Dive on the HMAS Swan a couple of weeks ago, we are looking to revisit this dive at the end of November – this time, as a day-trip.

A day trip to the Swan is a big day – but extremely do-able.

You generally need to leave home around 6/6.30am (depending on where you live) for a 9am meeting at the boat ramp in Dunsborough. We head out, smash out two dives, and get back to the boat ramp around 1.30/2pm.

Then the drive home normally sees you back home around 4pm(ish). It's nicer (plus it make sense) if you can carpool with someone for the drive.

The date of this trip is Saturday 24th November, and the cost is \$140 per person.

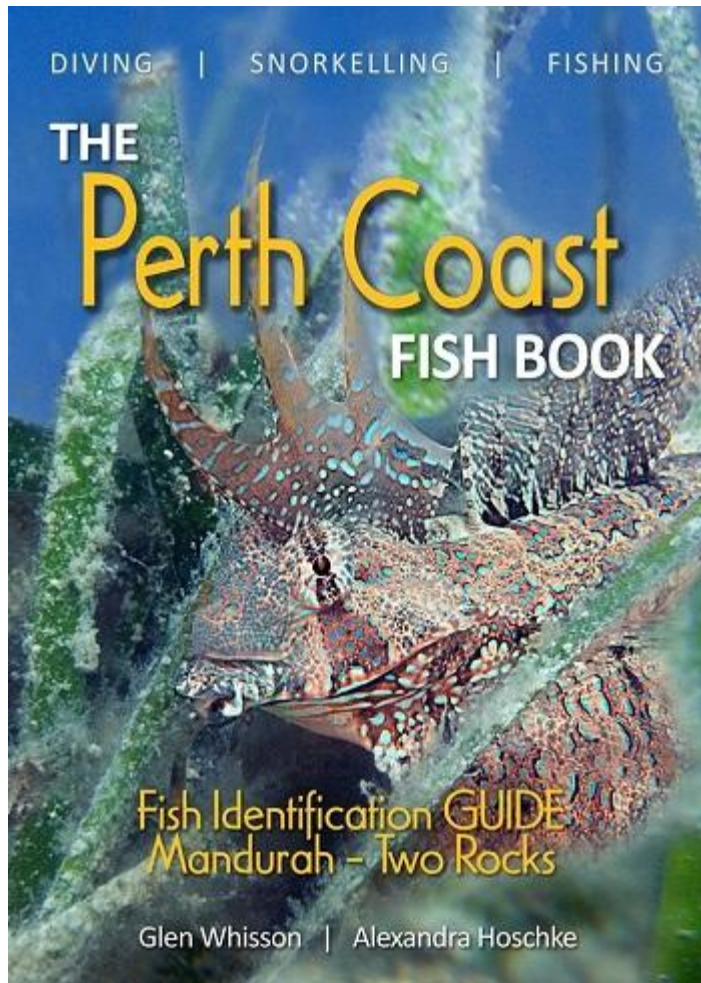
If you'd like to join us, please let me know ASAP at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

2019 Dive Travel Schedule

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Newsletters Online

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Museum for research purposes.

The club newsletter was originally a paid subscription mailed out on a monthly basis. In 2002 this moved to an email version and in 2011 became an annual newsletter with the advent of the weekly bulletin, first issued on the 1st September 2010. All the weekly bulletins will also be available online in the future.

We are missing a few copies of the newsletter. I'm not sure if they were never issued or just never kept so would welcome any feedback on this and hopefully copies of the originals to president@uecwa.com.au. The following are the months missing from the archives:

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We set off for the long crossing with myself at the helm and Pirate Pete as DO. It was blowing pretty strong and the seas were a good bit choppy than we were expecting but the swell was low and there was no current so Nurses was on. I gave a quick site overview along with some guidance on the other site attractions such as Malcolms wormhole and then everyone kitted up and jumped in to exclamations about the great viz. Both Pete

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and I were green, me with envy but not so sure about Pete.



It didn't seem long before they were all coming back raving about the sharks and the wormhole, particularly the crayfish in the hole.



By this time the wind and seas had dropped a bit so we pulled anchor and headed for Crystal Palace.

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Another great dive reported and then it was back to Fishing Boat Harbour for fuel and refreshments. We were back in the marina just after 1pm which was pretty good going considering we did a fuel stop. A big thanks to Pete, our DO for the day and to Chris McCoppin for helping wash down and put the boat to bed.

HMAS Swan Dive – LAST CHANCE!!!

We still have a couple of spaces left for our Swan double dive this Saturday (24th November).



We've secured a reduced rate for this trip: \$140 will get you a double dive, but you must bring all of your own gear.

We need to confirm numbers now so if you'd like to be a last-minute inclusion, please let me know ASAP at divebookings@uecwa.com.au

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If you'd like to nab a spot, you can do so by booking on here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/flat-top-cityofyork-outer/>

Next week's diving

Next week we head out on Saturday again – this time to Swirl Reef and Arch Rock, but after a passenger drop at Thompsons Bay (for the Rottnest Swim through event).

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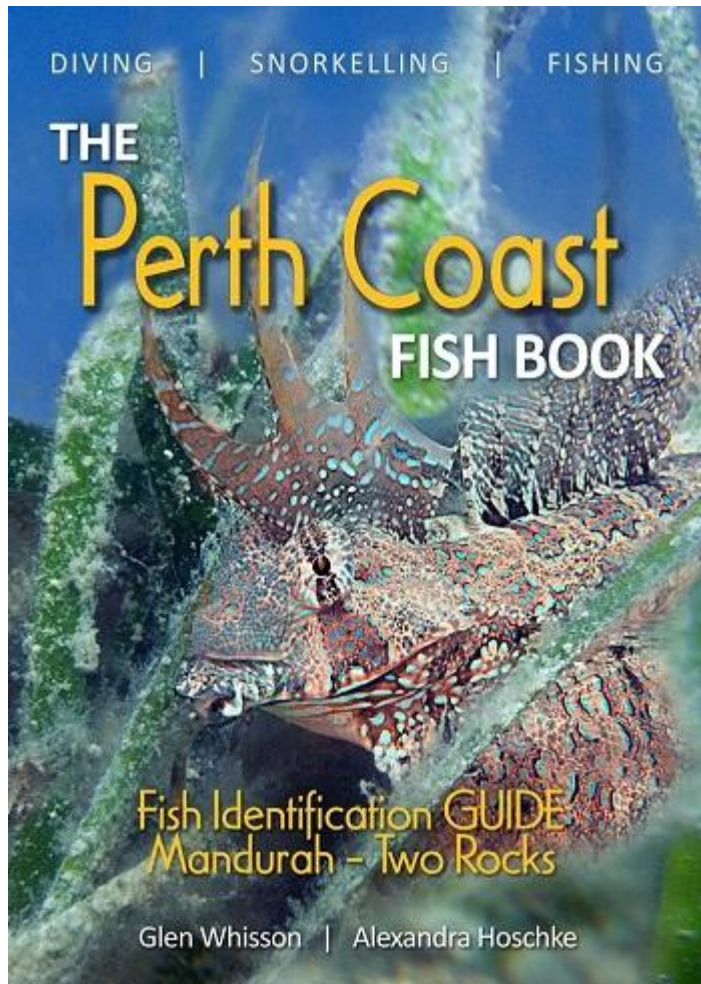
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 Skipper - Rex



We dropped the pick, readjusted, then dropped again and threw everyone in. I followed a little later, unable to resist the site in such calm conditions and with the water looking nearly glass-clear (green, transparent glass that is, not murky brown, frosted glass, if anyone was wondering...), although I did make the mistake of jumping in with my hood down, since it looked so nice...and promptly felt certain parts of my body contract to a quarter size - it wasn't *quite* as warm as the 28 degree water in Komodo last week....



Vis was as good as it looked from the surface - one of those very rare days where you can hover in the central amphitheatre of the cave system, being kept company by a cloud of Bullseyes and see the sunlight radiating through the surrounding galleries; beautiful! I kid you not, I could almost see the Crays deciding which part of the Barbie they wanted to get a tan on!



The Cray market was full of Crays conveniently wedged into crevices with nowhere to go but sadly, many had fallen prey to the lure of underage sex and were preppers.

DO - TBA

Saturday 22nd December
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Sunday 30th December
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 DO - TBA

Tuesday 1st January
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Saturday 5th January
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Saturday 12th January
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Sunday 13th January
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Sunday 20th January
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Saturday 26th January
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Fortunately, there were some boys hiding from Daddy under the bed and in the wardrobes (I removed them for the humanitarian reason of saving the girls virtue) and so all was well - although I did forget about the resident Wobblygong until I lay on it and scared both of us when he wriggled out.



He was in a good mood though, didn't chuck a Wobbly and didn't try to eat the Crays through my catch bag as per the last time.



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Then it was a short meander over to City of York outer reef, which was found to be a great dive on the last Rotto holiday trip. Another great dive, many canyons, galleries, swim-throughs and Bull Rays explored! Another eight Crays also decided the water was too cold and volunteered to join the other sixteen on board for a barmy, summer Barbie and so we were happily maxed out!



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It was a smooth snooze...erm, cruise back to Coogee, all divers satisfied, boat in one piece...well, many pieces bolted together, anyway, so all good!





Bernie, I'm-nearly-a-DO Riegler, did a fine job and is now Bernie, I AM a DO, Riegler - Yay! It means that I can sleep more! This is a fine thing he has done for my rest...erm, I mean, for the club 😊

Cheers,
Craydrian.

Day Trip to HMAS Swan (Dunsborough)

Last Saturday saw 6 keen Club Members meet up bright and early in Dunsborough, for a double dive on the HMAS Swan. It was a beautiful, sunny morning with barely a whisper of wind – we were pumped!

It's only a 20min ride to the site so in no time we were donning our BCD's and jumping in... the good news was, we could see the wreck from the surface (WOO!) We descended into stunning vis (20m), no surge or current, and sunshine lighting up the impressive wreck. Our first dive lasted for around 35min, and while we saw LOADS of fish life – the highlight was exploring the massive wreck in the stunningly clear water.



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We had a strange experience on our safety stop – while we were all minding our own business, we witnessed two divers descending past us on hookah. Problem was – the young girl had clearly never been diving before, and was flapping about and trying to swim up, whilst her (also very young) companion ignored this and dragged her down. Oh, and did I mentioned – she had no fins on. Well, down she gets dragged (past the 20m mark) and in the process their hookah hoses manage to get tangled around some of us doing our stop – as well as the wreck below us. But never

fear – Dad (or responsible Guardian) is watching this from the surface, and free dives down to untangle the hose from the wreck – while our divers continue to flap their way down the wreck. It was like watching a candidate for the Darwin Awards in front of our eyes... madness.

Eventually we had to leave them to it and ascend to the boat... despite the madness, it was an awesome dive – what a lucky day!

It was a quick ride back to the boat ramp, where we all loaded up our cars and made the journey back to Perth (we left Dunsborough around 12.30pm)...

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This week's diving

This Saturday we head out to Swirl Reef and Arch Rock, but after a passenger drop at Thompsons Bay (for the Rottnest Swim through event). We still have diving spaces left on this trip, and we are considering opening up more passenger spots...

If you'd like to come diving – best get booking ASAP here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/swirl-reef-arch-rock/>

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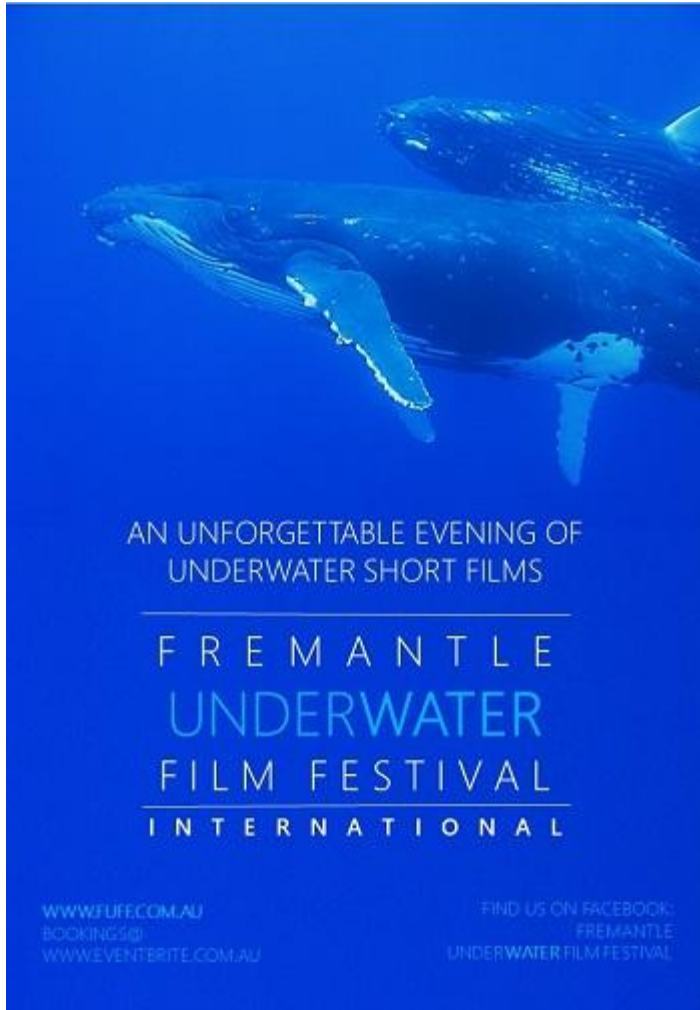
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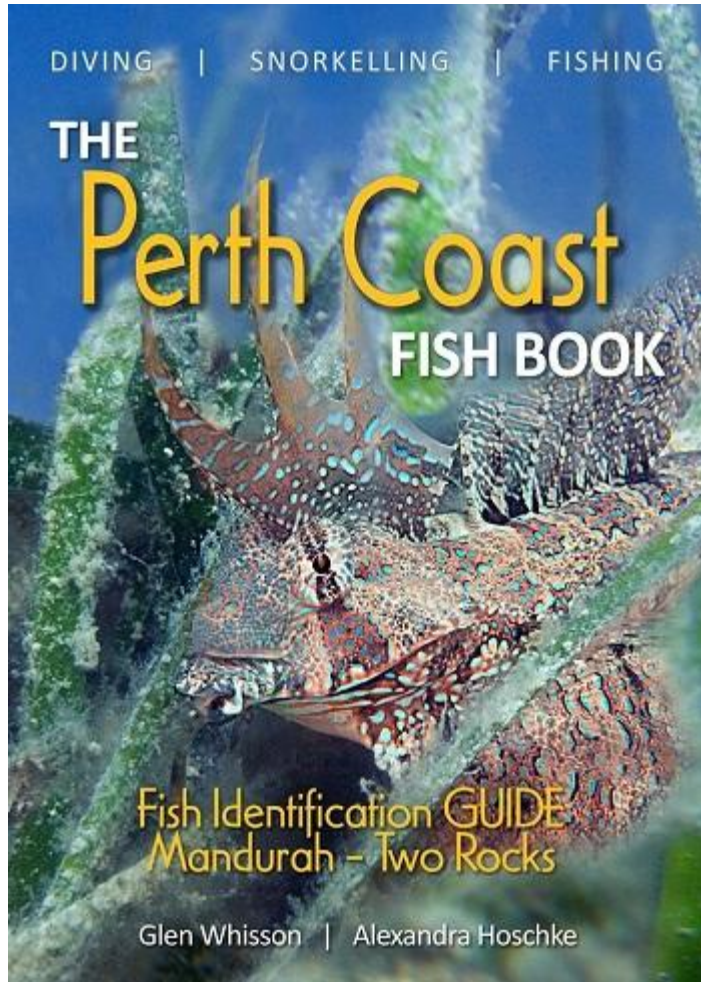
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5th December 2018

Club Nominations

The Christmas Party is on Saturday and this is last call for club nominations. The two main awards are the Club Person of the Year for service and dedication to the club and the Boat Person of the Year for work done on the boat. We also love to get funny awards so if you want to nominate someone for the Club or Boat person or know of someone who has done something funny or just plain daft in the last year then please drop me a line to president@uecwa.com.au.

Last week's diving

It was a very different day on Saturday... for the first time (in a very long time) – the number of passengers outnumbered divers, by a whopping 14:3!

It was the day of the Rottneest Swim-thru, so our guests ranged from swimming participants, eager spectators, one along for a day out on the boat, and those just tagging along for a long-awaited visit to the island. It was a pleasant journey, with talk of the swim dominating conversation. The consensus across the board seemed to be that everyone's plan was to "beat Rex in a swim for the first time". In no time we were dropping off a group of very confident swimmers (and one quiet, confidently-smiling, assassin-like Rex), as well as their supporters/cheer squad members.



After a quick conversation, our 3 divers agreed that the best option the day's conditions had presented us with was Roe Reef. So we decided on the Maze, and dropped anchor.

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Our divers used their full hour dive-time and reported pretty surgy conditions, reasonable vis (10m), cold water (18 degrees but felt like 16), and BEAUTIFUL country. All managed to find the "maze" – and saw loads of fish life. But despite the Club's top cray hunters being on board – there was only one keeper brought back (by Craydrian). All reported seeing or catching LOADS of crays – only to find them laden with berries.



For our SI we toodled into Geordie Bay and picked up our mooring. This gave us some shelter from the increasing breeze, and also gave Mike and I a chance to go for a little dive around the rocks – heading towards little Parakeet Bay. We had a lovely dive... there is some awesome reef and structure to explore around the shallow bays of the island. The vis wasn't spectacular but it wasn't too surgy and it felt like the 18 degrees that my computer said it was.



After our dive we left the mooring and headed back out to Roe Reef – this time to Victoria Station. Again, another really pretty dive but not one keeper cray... it was quite a big difference from the 24 caught off the boat last week!

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We then headed back to pick up our happy passengers... Our island visitors had enjoyed some snorkelling, tours of the island, the eating of bakery goods, and general Rottnest shenanigans – while our supporters had cheered valiantly for our swimmers. But the big question was: had anyone beaten Rex? It was a big no. Rex swam a PB, and did so with a very impressive time – smashing the 30min mark and finishing in the 28min zone.



It was a bunch of very sleepy and snoozy passengers on the way home – and it was great that it was comfortable enough to do so, as we had expected a much rougher ride than we got.

Thanks to everyone for a fantastic day – with special thanks to Skipper Mike, and to Jeff for staying back to clean the boat with us.

This week's diving

This week we head out on Sunday to dive Rogers Rock and the Archways (Jackson Rock) – two awesome sites...

Rogers Rock is a large isolated rock formation which drops steeply on all sides, providing large, extensive caves and gullies to explore. The Archways is named because of a series of archways of rock which form portals between deep basins in the reef. The scenery here is quite spectacular, and abounds with fish and soft coral life... both interesting and delightful dives!

If you'd like to book on, you can do so here: <https://uecwa.com.au/events/rogers-rock-archways/>

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dive fees (you can pay cash on the boat to clear these)

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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.

- Designated Rotto Day Trips are open to all UEC members, affiliate clubs' members and their guests. The boat will drop you at Thompson Bay about 10:30am and pick you up after the double dive at about 2:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

What You Need To Bring

AOW Certification (if Nom Dive)

Two tanks

Alternate Air if Solo

Fins

Boots

Wetsuit

Weights

BCD

Regs

Mask

Computer or Tables

Depth Gauge

SMB

Food & Drink

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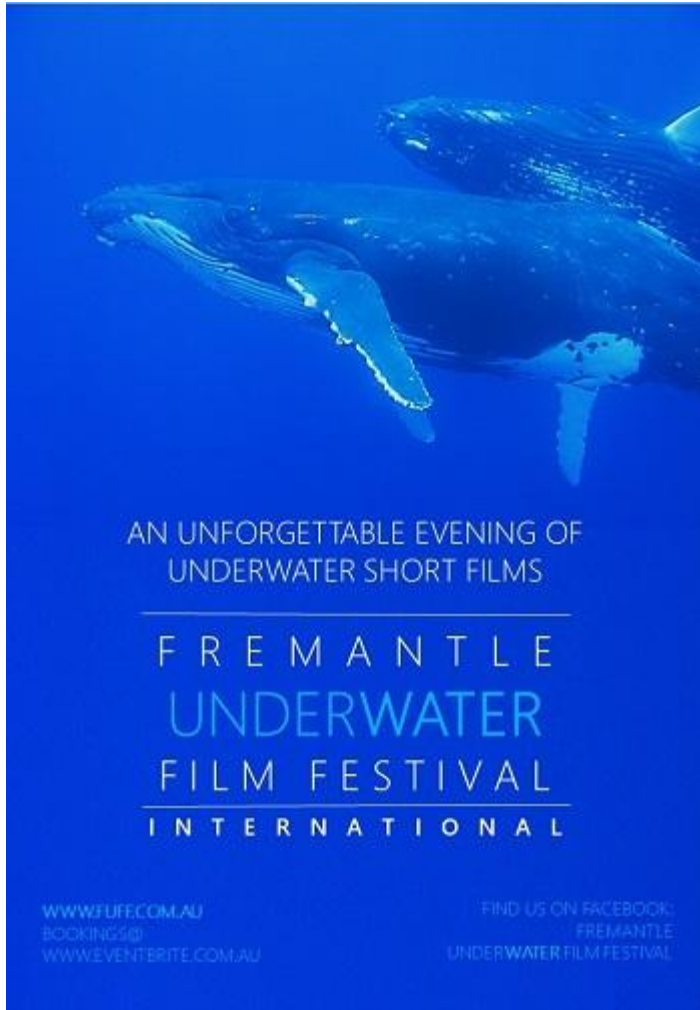
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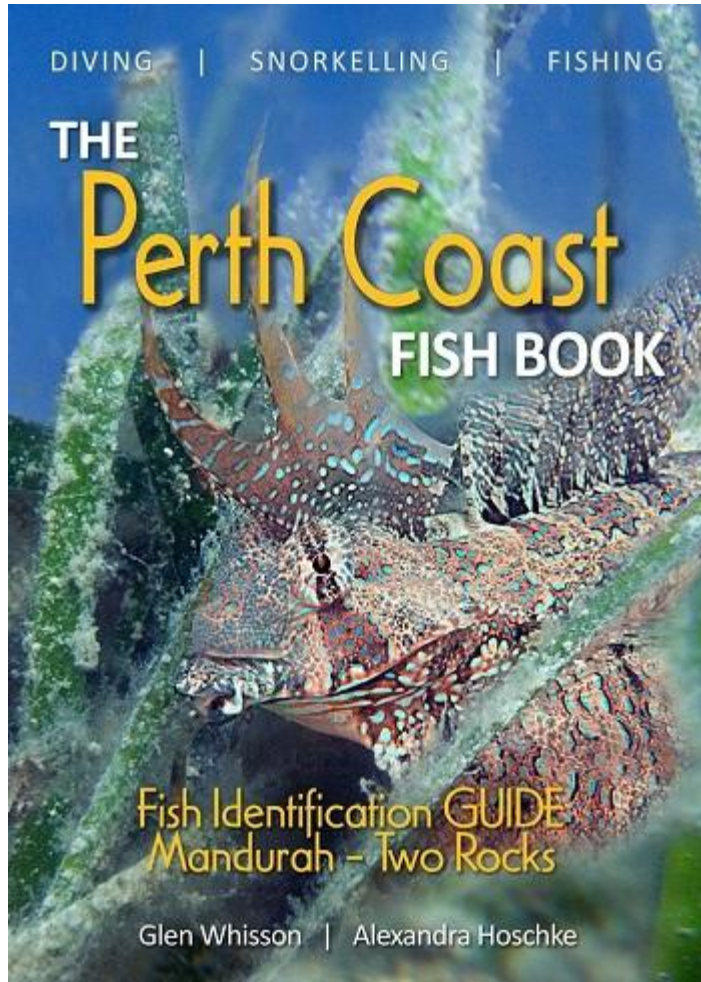
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12th December 2018

Last Weeks Diving

For Sunday's dive we had eight divers arrive slightly earlier than normal for Rogers Rock and The Archway. Due to the already slightly blowy conditions, and with the forecast for the wind to only increase, the decision was made to seek some shelter on the north side of the island.



So, with the wind from behind making the journey over quite pleasant we headed towards Roe Reef. No whales spotted this time, however Cape Cruiser was escorted for a short time by a small pod of dolphins that rode the wake, before jumping for joy as they peeled off to do whatever dolphins do on a Sunday morning.



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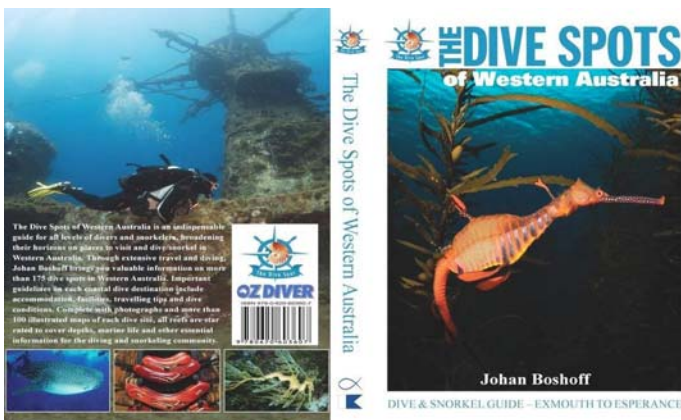
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Sunday 16th December: Mortimer's Hump & Parker Point Drop-off

We haven't visited these two popular sites for a while...

Mortimer's Hump is characterised by steep caves and gullies, which are covered with many soft corals, while Parker Point Drop-off contains a mixture of scenery, the best being a dramatic wall (or "drop-off"), which is essentially a cliff face of 12 to 14m depth, running for 300m along the south edge off Parker Point. Both are fabulous sites for fish life and critters.

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Xmas Party 2018

Another very successful UEC Xmas party and a big thanks to Liz for organising and Bec for providing the use the Type 1 Diabetes Center.

Before we sat down to lunch we had the annual club awards along with recognition for the boat crew and a few funnies to lighten the mood. Bernie picked up the Club Person of the year, which was pretty good going for his first year in the club and testament to the enthusiasm he had brought to the role of environment.

Boat person of the year went to Wendy Hutchison who just pipped Chris for the spot.

Nominations for Club Person were:

Bernie Riegler
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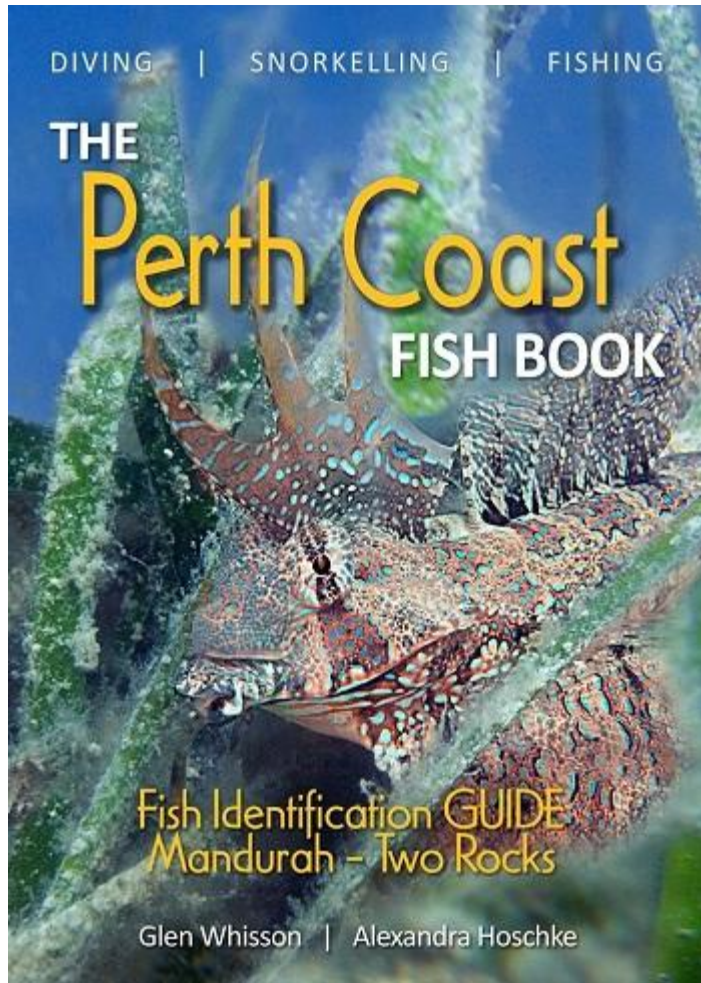
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Last Weeks Diving - Friday Night Dive

It was a windy evening this evening when all throughout the boat, not a creature was stirring.....except for the three (Chris, Wendy and me) people setting up the boat.....and the seven divers booked on for the dive....and the occasional Blowie getting blown past etc. etc

Since we were early, I stole skipper Chris's boat key and took Cape Cruiser for a joyride while he answered my questions; "No, we can't do donuts!", "No, we can't water ski in the marina!", "Yes!! If you scratch that big shiny boat next to us, they WILL notice!!" Hmm. Ok. Bummer.

In the end, I settled for a few manoeuvres and parked it next to and not IN the jetty 😊

After a trundle out to Beacon Rock and parking on top of it, we told people not to drift away 'cos then we'd have to go to the effort of retrieving them plus I'd inconveniently have to wake up to do that (What's that Chris? Skippers aren't allowed to sleep?! Seriously?! Who makes up these rules?! Oh. The government. And I could get into serious trouble? Bummer), then we chucked everyone in.

Alex showed everyone up with a lovely twisting, half-somersault entry....although that may have been something to do with letting go at the wrong time, sliding sideways and faceplanting - I reckon the first version sounds better though.... 😊

Apparently, it was a barmy 21C in the water, so it's finally warming up! Big bummed Crays were seen everywhere although strangely, none came back despite much underwater drooling occurring.

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Other critters and plenty of broken bits of wreck were explored, all had a good dive and no one drifted off into the shipping channel, so all good!

On top, the wind had come up more strongly as we made the short jaunt to Fishing Boat Harbour, via Chris doing his best dog-out-of-a-car-window impression (didn't see much streamlined hair though) to get a clear view ahead.

Fish, chips, some delicious crabsticks, squid rings and other artery lubricating products were happily consumed and we were on our way back.

A spectacular lightning storm started playing off to the west and kept us all entertained and damned if we hadn't literally just tied off to the jetty before a wind squall howled through the marina - the rigging on the other boats was actually screaming. Wow! 😊

Ten minutes later and it was gone as fast as it arrived. Elise and Wendy helped put the boat to bed - it really does make life so much easier when the work is shared and we crew feel like club members being helped by other club members.

All good and everyone happy!

Craydrian.

Last Weeks Diving - Sunday

The wind put paid to last Sundays dive with a howling 25kt wind for most of the day. Looks like the exact opposite for this coming Saturday - fingers crossed.

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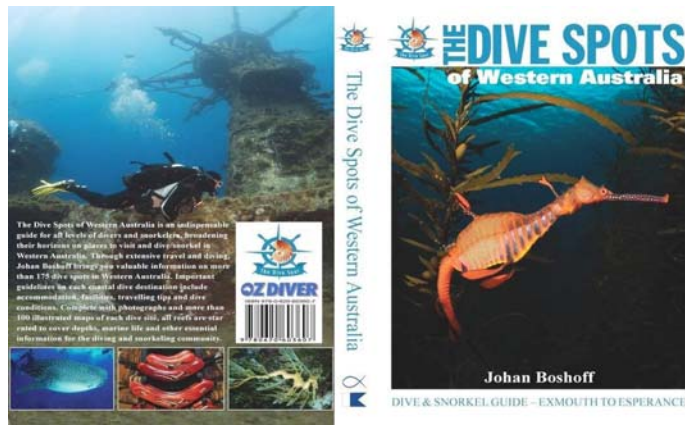
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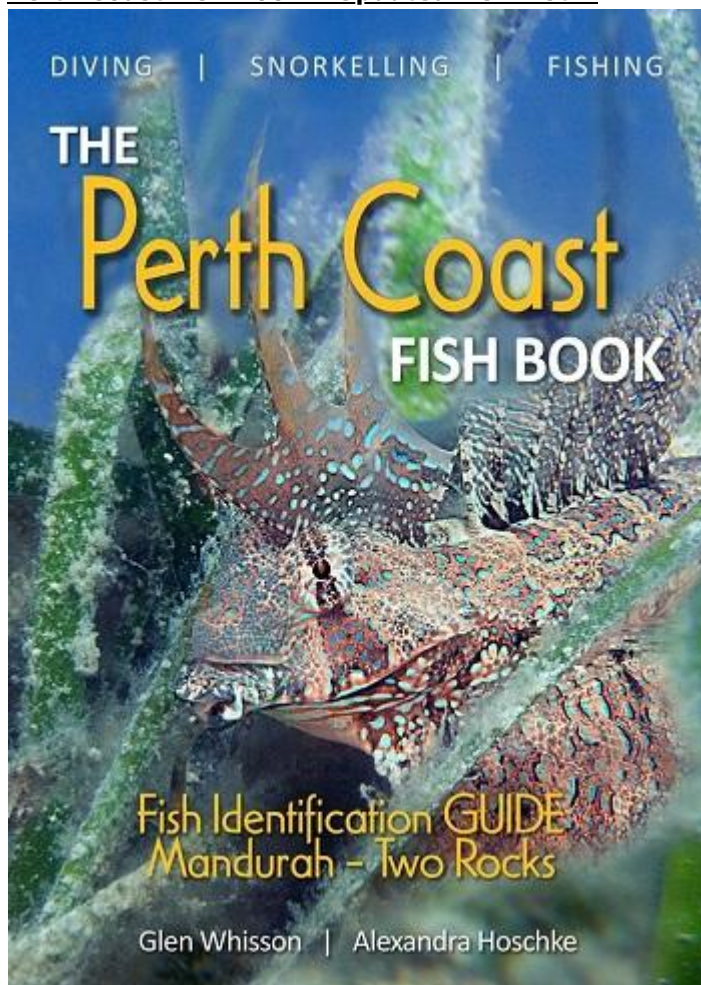
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Last Saturday the forecast was almost perfect so it was no surprise that the boat was fully booked for a trip out to the West End to see our favourite Nurses. The spot was busy with other boats but nobody on the Carpet. We dropped anchor and all jumped in for a great dive. The viz was great but only one GN shark was seen along with some Port Jacksons. Seven crays came along for the ride.



It was then a very pleasant toddle along to Crystal Palace for another great dive with Stingrays and another eight crays. Big thanks to trainee skipper Adrian, Skipper Wendy, DO Pete and trainee DO Higgsie.

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New Year's Day – Single Dive (late start)

Why not kick off 2019 with a dive!!!

We will be heading out a bit later than usual (9.45am meeting time) for a single dive on Mewstone Rock. This is an easy-to-navigate dive around the main Mewstone rock, with most of the dive at a depth of around 4m giving plenty of bottom time to explore the maze of beautiful caverns that are filled with fish life and critters.

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There will be more details in next week's newsletter but if you'd like to book on now, you can do so here:

<https://uecwa.com.au/events/arch-rock-barrys-cave-2/>

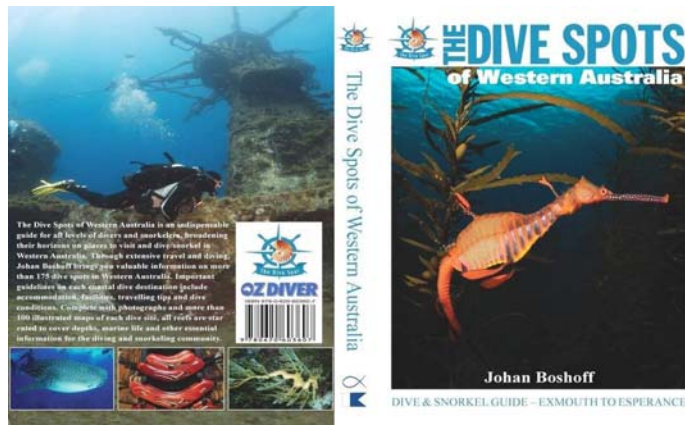
Were you gifted (only) undies and socks for Christmas?

If so, you can still spoil yourself with copies of Johan Boshoff's "Dive Spots of WA" books, which the Club has available...

Cost is \$35 – and you get three books for the price of one!

- Dive Spots of Western Australia;
- The Diving Photographer;
- Marine Fish Identification Guide

If you're interested in purchasing a set of these books, please contact me at divebookings@uecwa.com.au



Lena Wreck Day Trip - 19th January (SAVE THE DATE!!!)



We are heading down to dive the Lena on Saturday 19th January with our good mate Kim Royce of Octopus Garden Dive Charters.

The plan is to complete three dives on two cylinders:

- One full dive on the Lena
- A second, half-dive on the Lena
- A third dive on nearby reef

Cost is \$120 per person, and we're taking bookings now.

If you'd like to join us, please let me know at:

divebookings@uecwa.com.au

Rotto Holiday

9th-18th March 2019

LIKE TO DIVE & PARTY?
FUN TIME ON ROTTO 9 to 18 MARCH 2019

SIX-DAYS 9 to 15 March 2019 - \$800 - **One place available**

THREE-DAYS 15 to 18 March 2019- \$400

Limited to just 14 members to dive, relax and party on the island. We include diving, tank fills, accommodation and transport from Port Coogee Marina to Rotto ... and return.

Social and Fundraising

Hope you all had an awesome Christmas Day, a very big thank you to those who attended the Orphans Christmas morning dive.

Rotto Holiday 2019

"Please see flyer."

I have 1 space available for the week.

Thank you to those who have registered and paid their deposit, for those who haven't, **it's now time to start paying your deposits. Deposits MUST be paid by 31 st Dec 2018**

Bank details, BSB 066136 Acc No. 00901972.

Please include Rotto in the payment details and please cc me in, Socialbookings@uecwa.com.au



Australia Day, Sky Show , evening cruise , Dinner and Fire work's.

Join us aboard Cape Cruiser for a late afternoon/early evening cruise down to Rockingham where you will be served, Nibbles, Dinner and Desserts, before the fireworks commence. The cost \$45.00 per head, boating is essential as places are limited. To book go to socialbookings@uecwa.com.au.

Clothing

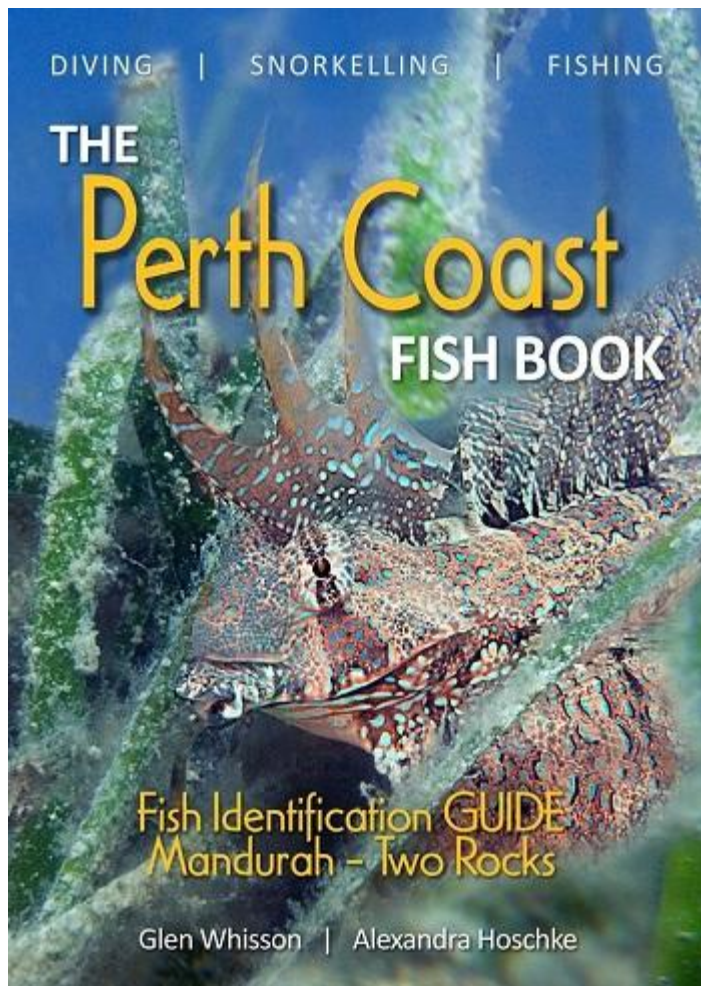
A few people have contacted me seeking club clothing. I need just a few more requests before I can make an order..

Pasta and Movie night at Jasmines in Rockingham Saturday Feb 2nd, 2016.

Cost \$20.00 each. Go for a dive and be back at Jazzy's by 6.30 pm...Bookings now open.
socialbookings@uecwa.com.au

Thanks Liz

Perth Coast Fish Book – Updated Fish List!!!



Our good friends Alex and Glen (from Aqua Research & Monitoring Services) are putting the final touches on their Perth Coast Fish Book, and they're looking for a few photos of some elusive fish (see link [here](#)).

In addition to this list, they are looking for any other unusual critters you may have photographed – as long as they were photographed between Two Rocks and Mandurah.

All photos are gratefully acknowledged by the authors... this is your chance to be famous! J

If you have any photos you'd like to contribute, please send them through to Alex and Glen at arms@aquamonitoring.com.au

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