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Skippers Meeting - Tues 11 Jan at 7pm @ SYC

There will be a meeting of Skippers and other interested members next Tuesday evening 11th January, 7pm at SYC. The agenda will be to discuss boat maintenance, operating levels and related items. All people interested in assisting with the boat operation are welcome.

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and they look great! \$15 each (cash or EFT) To get yours they will be available at the January UEC General Meeting.

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Dive the Lena & the Bunbury Lumps

UEC's good friend (and former member) Kim Royce operates Octopus' Gardens Dive Charters out of Bunbury and offers UEC members a double dive, including the Lena, for \$100 including morning tea. He leaves the Bunbury Fishermans Wharf at 8:45am Saturdays and you're back by 1:30pm. It's a very do-able day trip and as a number of us can attest, a great dive and he's a great host. Check out his <u>w ebsite_</u>or call 0438 925011.

Australia Day Fireworks River Cruise

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Details

Date: Wednesay 26th January Time : 3pm Where : Swan Yacht Club (with a N.O.R. pickup tba) Cost : \$25 pp byo drinks - food arrangements to be confirmed Register with: <u>socialbookings@uecwa.com.au</u>

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January General Meeting - Wed 19 Jan 7:30pm @ SYC

Our regular monthly meeting - catch up on what's going on in the Club, have a New Year drink with your clubmates! Please note that the meeting will be in the al fresco area on the ground floor.

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Dive the Busselton Jetty

When - Sat 22nd 4pm – Sun 23rd Jan 2pm (overnight) What – 1 night dive (sat night) (Busselton Jetty) and 2 double dives (Jetty and 4 Mile Reef) (Sunday) – (With Dive Shed from Marina) Costs – Ow n gear, Diving \$240 (3 dives second tank on Double supplied) Price of diving will come dow n to \$185 for the three if w e get 12 people. Accomodation/Food/Transport (group pool – ow n cost) Num bers – Maximum 18.

Check in accommodation and meet Sat 4pm Dive Shed – Marina 6pm 1 night dive on Busselton Jetty (Boat

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Be Part of the Clean Marine Campaign

Calling all fishers, boaters and recreational rivers users – it's time to clean up Perth's waterways with the Clean Marine campaign.

Clean Marine offers information and resources to river and ocean users on the consequences of littering and ways to help clean up the marine environment.

The campaign, a joint initiative between Keep Australia Beautiful WA (KABWA) and other government and community agencies, was triggered by ongoing littering into waterways and the evidence of deaths and injuries suffered by wildlife.

Evidence shows that every year hundreds of thousands of sea birds are found dead or injured as a result of eating or becoming entangled in marine debris. This pollution kills thousands of turtles, dolphins, seals and fish.

Fishing litter such as bait bags and plastic bags, fishing line, hooks, sinkers, food packaging and cigarette butts have the potential, if not disposed of correctly, to cause significant harm to our marine and river environments.

Underwater Explorers Club has joined this campaign to find out more about it follow the link below and check out the newsletter. Keep your eyes open in the coming months for opportunities to participate in club organised clean up events, we need you

Visit <u>w w w .kabc.w a.gov.au</u> and enter the competition to w in great prizes.

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Group dinner Busselton (or ow n arrangements) Overnight Busselton (various accommodation options) Double dive – Busselton Jetty and 4 Mile reef Dive Shed – Marina 9am – 2pm (ish) Disperse (back to Perth!) 3 dives (bringing ow n gear – Dive shed supply second tank on the double) - \$240 (or \$185 if w e get 12)

Accommodation Options

Will chase up group accommodation if there is an interest/need, so let me know if you want accommodation or ow n arrangements Group organised chalet (10 people \$330 \$33 dollars each) 3 B/R Luxury Chalet 10 Berth is an option Equal Balance Bed and Breakfast \$140/night for 2 Gale Street Motel and Villas from \$125/night for 2 (Villa for 4 1d 2s \$180/night) Amaroo Motor Lodge \$100/night for 2 West Busselton -Broadw ater Beach Resort \$165/nigh for 2 Abbey Beach \$199/night for 2

Email Tracy on <u>new sletter@uecw a.com.au</u> if you're keen to go.

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Boat maintenance

When: Saturday 5th February from 9am onwardsWhere: SYC in the Boat PenLunch: Sausage sizzle and cool drinks will be providedby the clubWhat to Bring: Yourselves and a smile

There will be numerous jobs to complete on the day including Mechanical, minor odd jobs, sorting and cleaning. So whatever you can assist with would be greatly appreciated.

Please email or call Anne McCarrol

(amccarrol@iprimus.com.au, 0414 729 488) your intention to assist and time you can spare to allow for sausage sizzle numbers and task allocations so we can get as much done as possible on the day.

Look forward to seeing you there.

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BBQ Lunch, coffee/tea/juice and biscuits provided

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Clean Up Australia Day – Sun 6 March 2011

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PS : These wines will also be available at the upcoming <u>Summer Delight</u>. Wine/Beer and soft drink sales are at a great price and will be fundraising for the club so consider buying there instead of bringing your own.

Rottnest holiday - 1 spot available for the week!

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Due to a last minute cancellation there is 1 spot open for the week 19 - 25 February - \$660 includes all diving, fills, accommodation & boat transport to and from Rottnest. Call Clive on 0421 639 290 or email to <u>clivecass@optusnet.com.au</u>.

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Rottnest dive report

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Both the boat dive on Saturday and the shore dive at Ammo Jetty reportedly went very well with plenty of divers around to collect the rubbish. Interesting rubbish at the Ammo Jetty included the usual array of folding chairs - you'd almost think they breed under the jetty! One even had a pair of sunglasses still sitting on them! Well done to Tracy, Pat and their team.

General meeting - Wed 16th March, 7:30pm @ SYC

Get along next week to catch up on the latest club news, hang out above water with your dive buddies and enjoy VP Tom in the chair running things smoothly!

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Entertainment Books are coming

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We had a good day out today - the divers enjoyed the diving - vis w as under 10m though. Did Angela's cave on the first dive and Geordie Bay Caves for the second one.

Membership

The follow ing have applied for UEC membership: Vicki Brow ne (Social) Erin Digby (Social) Anni Bonnage (Social) Christiane Zierold (Dive) If anyone has any objections please contact Amanda on membership@uecw a.com.au

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Vale John Bele

Past member John Bele passed aw ay from a massive heart attack on the 17th March his funeral w as 24th March in Bunbury.

John was the driving force behind the 1970/80 200 foot dives which some of the older members were involved in.John was methodical and pedantic in his organising and running of these dives which all went like clockwork using "Nancy D" as the main dive boat.

To his credit there were no diving accidents or problems and the experience set many safety standards at the time.

Former UEC President Dave Kenny attended John's funeral and passed on the condolences of the membership.

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A pair of fins left on the boat recently - if they're yours I'm sure you're missing them. Please arrange to meet the boat and collect them.

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The Rotto Winter Break is fully booked but if you still want to go and can get 3 others to book with you then Clive will organise another chalet - but **get in quick!**

*** Two spots already gone - only 2 required to get another chalet***

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Interested in a Photographic dive trip on Bali? A message from Anne...

I have scored a job in Exmouth for the Whale Shark Season but had a trip planned to Tulamben with Shannon Conway (the exceptional underwater photographer) I have had this booked for 18 months so rather disappointed to be unable to attend. I have gained a job on one of the Whale Shark Tour boats for the season in Exmouth and finding it extremely hard to get away during the peak of the season.

For those of you who know Shannon he's an awesome photographer and very knowledgable on the Tulamben area. So I know you will come back with some great photo's and some awesome new skills.

Check out the link below and it will give you the details of the tour with Shannon. The tour cost includes the services of both Shannon and Graham, transfers to and from the airport, accommodation and 3 meals per day. Having spotters who knows the area and an experienced underwater photographer diving with you each day and assisting with feedback and editing techniques each day and night.

http://www.divequest.co.uk/holidayDetail.cfm? s=4&HoIID=39

The tour cost including the upgrade to full board and diving in Tulamben is £1361.00. This would need to be paid to Divequest directly. I would also be offering a discount of \$600 which I would transfer to you after the full amount has been paid to Divequest.

Let me know if your interested and I will let Divequest know and give you their details. If you could let me know ASAP if your interested it would be much appreciated as it is only a month away.

If you would like any more info please give me a call on 0467 280 675 or email me on my 200 sx@hotmail.com

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Dive for the Earth Day - NARC Dive Club event

Thursday 28th April 2011, we are hosting a shark aw areness evening commencing at 1830 and held at Hillarys Yacht Club. - The evening is smart casual, there will be a licensed bar and finger food provided. We have guest speakers, including Australia Director of the Sea Shepherd, Jeff Hansen and Mark Meekan, Senior Researcher for Australian Institute of Marine Science, Fish Division. The evening will be an educational event that will be based on the conservation of sharks, their misunderstood nature and w hat is actually happening to their population. It will be a very informative evening aimed at making people aw are.

The Second series of events are dives with the sharks and rays to get footage of different species in our local waters. This will be for confident divers who are comfortable with the presence of wild sharks and will be looked at on a case by case basis. Some volunteers will not get to dive with the sharks.

The final event is the show case event with a day long underw ater clean up of Hillarys Boat Harbour. The aim of this event, as a Project Aw are initiative, is to make people aw are of how our human lifestyles affect the marine ecosystems that we use on a regular basis. On the day we will need people to undertake many tasks from diving, counting, sorting, petitioning, fundraising to cooking the BBQ lunch for everyone.

To register for these events, please come down to the shop or send a reply email with your Name, Age, Phone number, how you would like to help and any special skills or equipment that you have and think could help on the day. Diving Frontiers

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Diving Expedition to Ningaloo Station

On behalf of MAAWA, (Maritime Archeology Association), Annie Boyd is organising a June expedition to Ningaloo Station, about 60km north of Coral Bay. The tentative dates are Wednesday 1 June to Sunday 19 June. UEC members interested in having a Ningaloo Reef holiday for all or part of that time w ould me most w elcome to come. Having lost its old fishing shack to a cyclone this year, Ningaloo Station management have set up a new beach camp w ith stove, pizza oven, fridge, rainw ater for drinking, bore-w ater show er, flushing toilet and beds for about 12. After unusual rains, the country is looking great, and the reef is w onderful as alw ays.

The accommodation cost is \$25 per head per night. BYO food & drink. The camp is in a sanctuary zone but beach fishing is allow ed. To express interest, contact Annie as soon as possible. Email <u>diabolo@tpg.com.au</u> or phone 0427 778 281.

This is what you can get diving with UEC...

WOW! We are so lucky to have a world class dive here in Perth. What did you do on the weekend? I went diving with the UEC in a cave full of sharks. Check out my video with music soundtrack. Scared? No. Enthralled and privileged? Yes. Relax and enjoy this short movie of our beautiful underwater world.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBjKAwS3efE

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Rotto Diving is great!

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Fishing and Cray-fishing Licenses

As everyone should know, you can't take crays without a recreational cray fishing license and numbers are strictly limited. The same applies to taking fish w hilst diving - a recreational boat fishing license is required. If you're fishing for anything from the boat then **you must have your license with you on the boat.** Please remember to bring it with you every time.

New Member Nomination

Michael Snow has nominated for membership of UECWA. If any member has any objections please email <u>membership@uecwa.com.au</u>.

Evening River Cruise

As part of the current Skippers Training course, Cape Cruiser will be cruising up the river on the evening of Friday 13th May. There are limited spaces on board for any members w ho w ould like to enjoy and evening cruise - no charge! Departing from the pen at 6:30pm book on with Mike ... <u>divebookings@uecw a.com.au</u>

Milestone Dives

We've been lax lately in not recognising milestone dives - your 50th, 100th, 150th 200th or further multiples of 100 dives. We think its important that diving milestones are acknow ledged so if you reach one please email <u>president@uecwa.com.au</u> and we'd love to present you with a certificate at the next General Meeting.

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Dive Report

13 divers w ent out on Cape Cruiser on 7 May and did an exploratory out of Salmon Bay follow ed by a crayfish extravaganza at Parker Point dropoff! Malcolm Roberts celebrated his 500th dive by catching a monster jumbo cray!

General Meeting next week

Catch up with all your UEC buddies at the May General Meeting -Wednesday 18th at Sw an Yacht Club starting at 7:30pm.

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They're even better value this year with great new offers and still just \$65 for a year of fun & discounts!

Rottnest Winter Weekend - 29-31 July - 2 spots open

Due to a cancellation w e have 2 spots available for our lazy & indulgent Winter Weekend @ Rotto. Just \$105 each for 2 nights in a cosy Thomson's Bay chalet - pub, bike, books, beers, brekky - not necessarily in that order...doesn't get much better eh? Email Clive at <u>clivecass@optusnet.com.au</u> - first in gets the gig!

Draft South-West Marine Bioregional Plan

Tony Burke the Federal Minister for the Environment has just released the draft marine park plans for the SW, it is now under a 90 day consultation period. Feel free to read a little more about this important topic and feel free to comment. Links to the plan below . I'm sure there will be much comment on the plan in the coming days! Marine bioregional plans are being developed by the Australian Government under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity*

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http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/southwest/consultation/plan/index.html

Rottnest Summer 2012

The best views, wonderful weather and excellent dive sights for the fabulous annual Rottnest holiday in 2012. We're staying in three oceanview chalets in Geordie Bay and you're welcome to come.

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Only occasionally we'll send an extra bulletin out for a special purpose - we think Whale Shark conservation is a pretty special purpose...please support it if you can.



Please accept our invitation to help secure the future of the world's largest fish - the threatened Whale Shark.

A major event on ECOCEAN's 2011 calendar is the OCEANS ALIVE Fundraiser at the Royal Perth Yacht Club on Saturday May 21. In support of ECOCEAN's work, Western Australia's Chief Scientist Lyn Beazley will open the evening; shark expert Brad Norman will give an outline of the current state of play related to the threatened Whale Shark and indicate how this 'fundraiser' will enable the Shark Research Program to move forward in 2011.

We encourage you to come to this event and help work towards the conservation of whale sharks.

The event will include short talks, a gourmet BBQ and drinks, and live music (see <u>http://oceansalive.wordpress.com/</u> for more detailed information).

During the evening, we will conduct both a 'silent' and an 'active' auction for more than 40 donated items including:

- Rolex 'Submariner' watch
- Kelly Slater signed surfboard
- John Butler signed Cole Clark guitar

• TUSA dive equipment (full set), dive courses, dive trips

Boat Maintenance - all hands on deck!

Sat 4th - Mon 6th June (long weekend)

Cape Cruiser will be coming out of the w ater for her w inter scrub and antifoul top up plus some routine maintenance and the fitting of a new sounder. Many hands make light w ork so please put a morning or afternoon (or tw o or three) over the w eekend into your calendar.

Remember - w e're a club and w e only get the terrific benefits of diving off Cape Cruiser and all the other things UEC does by the efforts of us all - please help out.

Please let Martin know you're coming along by emailing <u>boat@uecw a.com.au</u>.

More info coming over the next week or two but **please set some time aside now.**

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• Whale Shark trips (including accommodation at the Novotel Ningaloo and Sal Salis Safari Camp)

..... and much more.

We would love you and your friends to join us.

When: Saturday 21 May, 2011 Time: 7pm — 11pm Where: Royal Perth Yacht Club, Australia II Drive, Crawley

Ticket Price: \$100 per person; \$900 tables of ten

Tickets can be purchased via <u>http://www.trybooking.com/8376</u> or by email / phone to:

Brad (brad@whaleshark.org / 0414 953 627)

To assist with catering, please rsvp by Friday 13 May 2011

<u>Accept:</u> I am able to attend <u>Decline:</u> I am unable to attend

We look forward to your involvement in our efforts to understand and protect our unique ocean giants.

With kind regards

Brad Norman ECOCEAN Inc. brad@whaleshark.org

** Through the support of many business groups and community stakeholders, our not-for-profit conservation group ECOCEAN Inc. has been able to remain at the forefront of whale shark research in Western Australia. And our work has been successful in increasing the current knowledge of the species, its critical habitats and raising awareness for the conservation concerns facing this species on a global scale. There's more to be done..... *make sure you give him your contact no.* If you w ant to take a risk and try a last minute booking you can call or sms Mike on 0457 825074.

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Cape Cruiser cleaned, painted & ready for diving!

Last w eekend Cape Cruiser had her bottom scrubbed clean, 3 coats of anti-foul applied, a new echo sounder fitted and some general maintenance and is now ready for duty.

Thanks to Martin, Rex & Pat for organising the work and Gary, Tom, Dorothea, Chris, Wendy, Bob, Zita, Tracy, Andrew (Gary's enthusiastic young neighbour), lan (new member), Bruce & anyone else w ho l've forgotten for all the hard work!

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Dive Report - Parker Point & The Count

It was a sloppy, slow trip out this morning... not the fault of the boat, just the weather. When we were on calmer waters Cape Cruiser skipped along at a very nice 16kts at 2400rpm. The pre-existing shag pile was very noticeable by its absence. We did first dive at Parker Point Dropoff. Good viz, cold water ... lots of muttering about dry suits from returning divers. I warmed them up with some cuppa soup (took a batch of thermos flasks along for the job and it worked a treat). Three very nice nudis at PPD; Chris happy (actually very happy as it was the first dive for his new camera set up). Second dive a shallow one at The Count ... it's an okay second dive site and the divers managed to do the hour.

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Annual General Meeting coming soon

UEC's 2011 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July at SYC starting at 7:30pm as usual.

Election of the 2011/12 committe and presentation of annual aw ards is on the agenda.

We're looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer as well as one or two other committee roles. The club will only prosper with a full and vibrant committee - if you'd like to talk about getting involved please call President Bruce Fielding on 0418 912770.

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Winter diving - impress your friends with your passion for diving!

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2011 Annual General Meeting results

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The 2011/12 Committee was elected: President - Bruce Fielding Vice President - Tom Bassett Secretary - Anna Percival Treasurer - Wendy Hutchison Boat Officer - Rex Burke Dive Coordinator - Mike Buchanen Membership Coordinator - Amanda Blanksby Training Coordinator - Gino Ferreri Safety Officer - Gary Browne Communications/Web - Tracy Hagen SYC Liaison - Dennis Stubberfield Social Coordinator - Mick Lee Fundraising - Paul Burns Environment - Tracy Hagen & Pat Sw allow Auditors - Clive Cass & Mark Sach Congratulations to all elected and thanks to those who nominated and supported the Club.

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Wanted - An Auditor for 2011

Due to a relocation we're in need of another auditor to check off the books for 2010/11. Martin Arrow smith is one auditor and he needs a buddy. It's a one off job and should only take a couple of hours. If you can help please email Treasurer Wendy at treasurer@uecw.a.com.au. No formal qualifications necessary.

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Travel organiser extraordinaire Wendy is taking expressions of interest for a trip to Tulamben 2-9 June 2012. The provisional price is \$850 for 7 mights accommodation, 6 days of diving & transfers. Airfares additional.

Tulamben is home to the famous Liberty wreck and many other great dive sites. If you think you'd be interested let Wendy know by emailing <u>treasurer@uecwa.com.au</u> now.

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General Meeting - 21 September @ SYC

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Calling for wanna-be Dive Officers

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Thanks to all members for staying up a bit later and contributing to the discussion and thanks to Gino for his hard w ork and for being prepared to "stick his neck out" to get the discussion going!

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Update on Diving Guidelines

The Committee discussed this last night and has decided to abandon the draft guidelines. This is in no way a reflection on the excellent initiative and work put in by Gino Ferreri and others, but as always the Club will only do what its members want it to do.

The Committee does recognise the importance of clarity in this area and will be going forw ard along the follow ing lines:

- All comments and discussion has been taken on board
- Committee are not proceeding with proposed draft guidelines
- It is noted that there was a strong view by majority of members re some rules / guidelines are needed
- Proposal a sub committee be formed to outline rules / guidelines. (full detail re members, etc., to be discussed if this is taken on board)
- It is a requirement for UEC diving members to be a current certified diver in order to join the club
- UEC members are encouraged to alw ays dive in accordance with their certification requirements

It was also noted that there was strong interest in solo diving. At this time UEC does not support solo diving on Club dives but it is clearly a grow ing area. We're hopefully arranging a guest speaker for the **October General Meeting** to talk on the new Solo Diving certification and the general issues around this. Look out for more details next w eek.

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General Meeting - Wed 19th October

Callum & Rod from Dolphin Scuba will be our guest speakers next w eek, talking about solo diving, certification and equipment. The guys will also be bringing along some equipment for show and tell.

Whether you have an interest in solo diving or not, this is an opportunity to come along and get more informed. If we're going to have a debate about this let's get a bit more informed about it.

As usual, Wednesday night at SYC, starting at 7:30pm.

2011 West Australian Beach Cleanup

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"First Response" CPR & Oxygen First Aid course

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SYC Busy Bee & Swap - Sat 12th & Sun 13th November

Busy Bee - bring your dive gear down on Saturday morning at 9am and help with a clean up under the jetty at SYC. Contact Pat Sw allow <u>patsw allow @iinet.net.au</u> to let her know you're coming. Sw ap meet - Sunday morning 13th November at SYC. UEC will have a spot and if you've got a bit of dive or boating gear to sell you can come and share it! Contact Gary Brow ne <u>safety@uecw a.com.au</u>.

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Can you bring a salad or a dessert? Paul is coordinating - let him know w hat you're bringing.

The forecast for this weekend is light breezes and a low swell great diving weather! Only a couple more required to guarantee the boat will go out - book now!

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New Member nominations

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November General Meeting

As usual, our General Meeting is next week, the 3rd Wednesday of the month - at SYC starting at 7:30pm. This month we'll be in the dow nstairs al fresco area.

Our guest speaker for November is Jennifer Rodrigues from the WA Museum talking about shipw recks and a recent special project.

Italian fireworks night at Gloucester Park - Friday 11th November

Come along and sit on the grass at Gloucester Park (bring a picnic chair or rug). Join other UEC members for a free social night. Italian food for sale on-course, or bring a picnic (no alcohol please as its licensed premises).

Email patsw allow @iinet.net.au if you need a family pass.

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SYC Busy Bee & Swap - Sat 12th & Sun 13th November

Busy Bee - bring your dive gear down on Saturday morning at 9am and help with a clean up under the jetty at SYC. Contact Pat Sw allow <u>patsw allow @iinet.net.au</u> to let her know you're coming. Bring a catch-bag to collect the rubbish in! Swap meet - Sunday morning 13th November at SYC. UEC will have a spot and if you've got a bit of dive or boating gear to sell you can come and share it! Contact Gary Brow ne safety@uecw a.com.au.

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Sun 13th Nov - Skippers Choice Crew - Martin S/Mike *** divers already booked so get on board***

Tuesday 15th Nov - Cray Season Opener!

Crew - Geoff/Martin/Clive Cape Cruiser is confirmed to head out so if you're keen for a feed of cray book on w ith Mike now .

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Fancy a day out on Rotto? Sat 3rd December...

A few hardy members are participating in the Rottnest Sw im Through on Saturday 3rd Dec and will be making the crossing on Cape Cruiser, to be dropped off after the first dive and picked up after the second. If you fancy a cruise to Rotto and spending a few hours on the island this is a great opportunity. \$20 - subject to space (divers and sw immers get priority). Book on with <u>divebookings@uecwa.com.au</u> - or better still, book on for a dive that day!

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No diving this weekend - we're short on skippers & DO's! Want to help? Contact Gino re training now. *8am departures for all dives now

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Are you inspired by the Rottnest Swim Through?

If you're thinking "damn - I could've done that!" then here's another opportunity:

Underwater Explorers have entered a team for the 1600m Fremantle Port Sw im Through Register and join us :

http://www.freofins.com/swimthru.htm

TEAM NAME : Underwater Explorers (make sure you put down the team name in the entry)

South Beach, South Fremantle 8.30am (arrive before 8am) Saturday 10th December 2011 Any questions : <u>communications@uecw a.com.au</u> 0419291996

Course : 1600m ocean sw im, rectangle north from southern groyne & return Location and Parking : South Beach, South Fremantle.

Access is via Sth Tce & Douro Rd. Parking is available on Wilson Park

at end of Sth Tce. UBD Map 345 Q3

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MONSTER cray caught at Parker Point Drop-off!

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Cape Cruiser is going out - room for a few more divers... *8am departures for all dives now

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Other festive diving opportunities

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from UEC

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*8am departures for all dives now

Tues 27th Dec - volunteer (but well qualified) crew and skippers choice (after consultation with the divers!)

Sat 31st - same deal! Your very last diving opportunity for 2011...

Sun 8th Jan 2012 - Stragglers Double - Mini Swirl/Murray Chambers Tom/Kerry/Adrian

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