



## UEC Weekly Email

**1st January 2014**

## Happy New Year



### Diving Report

Fridays dive had nine divers on board, Tom as DO and Rex Burke Skippering.

Conditions weren't perfect. A bit windy in the morning, some swell and rather a lot of surge but it keeps the divers on their toes. The wind started to pick up towards the end of the second dive. Had two dives on Roe Reef, the first at Annie's Abbey, then the second at Flat cave. The cave, by all accounts was sensational.

No problems all day, which is always a good thing and we were back at the club around 1.30.

Tom

Sundays dive is scheduled to go out to City Beach with Geoff & myself crewing. Forecast is hot & sunny so coolest place to be is on the boat.

### Presidents Report

Happy New Year Everyone,

Seasons greetings to you all and I hope you have had a happy transition from 2013 to 2014.

First of all a big shout out and thank you to Vicky and Gary for once again hosting the UEC Christmas party and to Malcolm for organising everything. It was a wonderful night and it was so good to see so many people come along.

Unfortunately we have not had a great start to the 2014 dive year as

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the first dive which was scheduled for the 1st January had to be cancelled. Things can only get better from here.

Looking forward to 2014 lets all put on our thinking masks and come up with ideas and suggestions to make 2014 a very successful diving year. With this in mind we are steadily adding to the list of UEC members who have completed their Solo Diver qualification. This is a very interesting course which really brings home the message of being a self aware and more competent diver.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club meetings and on the boat.

All the best for 2014

Martin S.

### **Rottnest Week**

LONG WEEKEND Friday 28 Feb to Monday 3 March 2014

Two lucky people can reserve beds on this holiday with awesome views, company and diving in. Just \$390 each come diving, partying and relaxing.

There are also still places available for the week. Accomodation as usual is a prime location in Geordie Bay. Arriving Saturday 22nd and departing Friday 28th February (six nights) for \$710 per person. Cost includes transport to and from Rotto, accomodation, all boat diving, tank fills and great company.

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Conditions on the way out were better than expected, but with a strong SE, veering to S wind forecast for the day we decided that City Beach would be a tad exposed so we headed for North Rottneest and Flat Top. Being out near the west end this took longer than usual, but Geoff dropped the anchor spot on the mark and all the divers bar one, who had a BCD malfunction, jumped in for a great dive. Highlight of the dive was a large stingray that circled the dive site numerous times.

At Martin Smiths suggestion we decided to visit Eagle Bay for lunch and the second dive. Eagle Bay is a delightful sheltered small enclosed bay on the north side of Rottneest out near the west end and its selection for lunch & the dive proved a great choice. It has some lovely caves; swimthru's and overhangs on the west side as well as the seal colony over the reef and Cathedral Rocks for those who wanted to venture a bit further west. It also made for excellent snorkelling for those of us unable to dive and we all paid a visit to the seals which were playful and inquisitive.

Unfortunately our time ran out and so we left the shelter and tranquillity of Eagle Bay and endured a long & bumpy ride home in windy conditions. A speedy clean-up of the boat thanks to Tracy T and Martin S and then off for a refreshing beer.

This Saturday its Stragglers and Mortimers Hump and conditions are looking good with relatively low swell, low winds and extremely hot. We currently have 8 divers booked on so plenty of room.

Mike

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Hi all,

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apart from being a bit windy and on the cool side we had a great day. We had 10 divers on board who all enjoyed a dive at Flat Top and then on to Eagle Bay/Cathedral Rocks to explore a new site I have read about. I'm not sure if we found the right place but the dive was fun anyway with lots of caves and swimthroughs. On both dives many crayfish were spotted but they all lived to see another day. Thanks to Geoff & Mike for being our crew for the day.

Last Saturday morning there was a meeting at Cottesloe to protest the proposal to cull sharks. It was great to see other club members there. Yes, everyone has their own opinion on this matter but to see indiscriminate killing of any species is just not right in this day and age.

This weekend is looking great for diving so it would be good to see a full boat go out on Saturday.

Bye for now

Martin

### **January Monthly Meeting**

This month we do not have a guest speaker - instead we plan a social night. Bring along a selection of diving photos, including general diving holiday snaps, and they'll be loaded on a laptop and displayed on a loop with everybody else's on the big screen for us all to enjoy while we have a social drink and chat.

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### **Safety Reminders**

Now summer is here many of you will be thinking about getting back into the water after a long winter. Some of you have invested in new kit and some will be dusting the cobwebs off old kit. Whatever is your situation if it has been a while since your last dive, now is the time to check your old or new kit is in perfect working order. To help in this regard over the next few weeks we will be suggesting a few tips on preparing your kit for another season of diving. These are checks

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that we should all carry out before every dive with our kit. A small failure can mean you miss the dive but can often escalate and lead to more serious consequences than we ever thought possible, so although you should thoroughly check your kit if you have been away from diving for a while, continue to check it regularly while you are diving.

**Regulators:** these should be serviced on a yearly basis by a qualified technician. Things you can check yourself are the condition of the hoses, the condition of the filter on the inlet to the 1stage, it should not look rusty or be encrusted with scale or rust. If it is, get the regulator serviced. Another test is to pressurise the regulator by connecting to a cylinder then turn off the cylinder valve. Next breath down the pressure and after 2 or 3 breaths you should not be able to breath any more. If you can breath, even a bit, the diaphragm in the second stage may be passing so get it checked. Do this for both the primary and octopus.

**Bouyancy Control Devices:** Connect an air supply to the BCD and check the fill valve seals and doesn't allow the BCD to continue filling. With pressure in the BCD check the dump valves are sealing and not passing any air. Use you cheek up against the valve to feel for any leaks. Assuming the BCD holds pressure slowly continue to fill the BCD and make sure the overpressure valves relieve excess pressure. Better to find out overpressure valves aren't working on dry land than have the BCD rupture when you are on the surface with 20m of water below you. Also check the dump valves relieve pressure. Check the webbing straps are not worn and the stitching is all intact. If your BCD has integral weights check the bags clip in securely when filled with weight and can be released easily when needed. Try putting on the BCD and releasing the weights with your eyes closed. When in the water you often can't see the release handles and this has to be done by memory and feel alone. If you need more weight than the integral weights can carry then put all you weights on a weight belt. Don't put extra weights in the pockets and keep the weights in the trim pocket to no more than 2kg. If you need to dump your weights in an emergency you want to make sure you can do this in one go and still remain on the surface.

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Saturdays dive had 11 divers and 4 non diving German Backpacker guests who joined us. The first dive was at Kerrys Caverns and while the divers had a good dive, the "vis" wasn't great with some surge. Many crays were caught and seen but most were undersize or female with eggs etc.

For lunch we went to Fish Hook Bay, always picturesque, and had a BBQ lunch and the non divers had a great time snorkeling and enjoying the scenery. The second dive was at Cray Canyon and more cray catching but with less success. All the divers enjoyed the dive and conditions were excellent.

On the way back we had to drop the old dinghy in Geordie Bay for the upcoming Rottnest week and every mooring had a boat on it. Martin did a great job manoeuvring the boat through the chaos. It was around 4.00pm when we arrived back at the Yacht Club to the heat we had escaped from for most of the day.

Tom Bassett.

This Sunday its a trip to Bluey's Ridge (25m+) and the Macedon wreck with Carl and Tracy T. as your crew. The forecast is hot & sunny with 1m swell. There are still plenty spots on the boat so book on now with Tracy.

#### Australia Day Skyshow

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### **Safety Reminders**

How frustrating is it to be on the dive boat and you go to put on your gear only to find something is not working. Better to find out on surface than underwater but even better to find out before you leave the house in the morning. While it takes an extra 5 minutes, it is well worth putting your regulator on both tanks, measuring pressure, check the regulator and occy are working and try inflating/deflating your BCD. It can save you a whole day of sitting on the boat with no diving.

More tips on maintaining your equipment.

**Cylinders:** first of all make sure they are in test. Australian standards require cylinders are hydrotested on a yearly basis. So to avoid disappointment of having the dive shop refuse to fill your cylinders because they are out of test check the test stamp date on the cylinder and if it is more than a year since last tested take the cylinder to an authorised testing station. Cylinders should also be inspected externally on a regular basis for corrosion, dents, and gouges by removing the nets and boots. Also check the condition of the O ring in the valve.

**Masks:** Check the skirts are all intact and there are no nicks or tears. If there are these will let in water and interfere with you vision underwater. Check the mask strap is intact and there are no signs of tears, nicks or degradation of the strap material. Carrying a spare mask strap in your kit bag/box can be a dive saver. A failure of the mask strap underwater is something we all train for, but when was the last time you did a mask clear under water or surfaced without a mask?

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#### Diving Report

Sunday provided another Dive Divaish day out on the Cape Cruiser. For our first dive we anchored up at a beautiful spot The Arches, on Roe Reef. With flat water and barely a breeze, the divers enjoyed 15m viz and snagged a few crays for dinner. Unfortunately our grey nurses weren't in residence at our second dive site, but some nice Port Jacksons and Wobbies were spotted.

All in all, a great day to be out on the water with Skipper Carl A and DO Tracy T.

Tracy

This Sunday its a trip to Cray Canyon & Kingston Spit with Geoff and Adrian as your crew. Good news is the forecast is perfect, hot & sunny with 0.8m swell. Bad news is the boats fully booked with a wait list. Better get in early for next week if you want to bag your spot.

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The fridge is now working again, the ducky motor has been fixed and the new anchor winch has been fitted thanks to Martin S.

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Continuing our series on maintaining your equipment:

**Wet Suits:** If the wet suit has been stashed in you shed for a while, give it a good rinse in freshwater, to help flush out those red backs! Check the seams and if the stitching is unravelling or the seam has separated it may be possible to have it repaired. Similarly check the zip is still working smoothly. If the zip is broken/jammed it may be possible to have it replaced. Alternatively with a few holes and a broken zip maybe it's time to invest in a new wet suite.

**Dry suites:** check the neck and wrist seals are still intact and there are no signs of nicks, tears or degradation. If there is, the seal can be replaced by a reputable retailer. Also check the zip is still working smoothly. If its a little stiff apply a little beeswax to the zip to help it run smoothly. Connect an air supply to the inflator valve and check it is working properly and doesn't allow air to continually fill the suite. Check the whole suite over for any signs of nicks, tears or degradation and have any signs of damage repaired. A leaking or flooded dry suite is not a pleasant experience.

**Fins:** Check the boots for signs of tears nicks or degradation of the material and replace if there is a chance the boot could fail beyond a point of being usable. A common point of failure on boot fins is the strap, which should be regularly checked for signs of tears, nicks or degradation. Nicks or tears in the strap can propagate quickly once tension is applied and trying to fin back to the boat with one fin is almost impossible. Carry a spare strap in your kit bag if you can. Often the strap fails just after we put on the fin and a spare strap can save your dive.

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Last Saturdays dive lived up to the promise of near perfect conditions on the surface. Unfortunately underwater was not quite so perfect with limited viz and a little bit of surge but with two cracking dive sites it was still a fantastic day out.

We set off from the SYC with a full boat load of 14 divers plus the crew, Geoff and Adrian, planning a SI dive. Conditions were so good that Geoff took us out to Nurses Quarters. The place was hoatching with boats when we got there so I think we were all not surprised when we found the nurses were out on the rounds having been disturbed. It was still a great dive and the viz was not too bad once on bottom. No Crays as we were in the sanctuary zone.

Next stop was Cray Canyon where Geoff, Adrian, Morgan and Matt all jumped in for some cray fishing. Lots seen but almost all of them either too small or with berries. The rest of us were still on SI and made a unanimous decision that we would do Flat Top when they came back.

A quick move a few hundred meters and we all jumped in for the 3rd dive location of the day. Flat Top is my number one dive spot and it didn't disappoint. It is an incredible cave system with lots of nooks and crannies including a couple of small tunnels which got a bit too tight for comfort. A Port Jackson, Wobbegong and the resident huge Stingray all spotted on the dive.

A long and late trip back to the SYC and a quick rearrangement of the deck to prepare the boat for Australia Day Skyworks. Thanks to Adrian and Geoff for a cracking day out.

Sundays dive is Skipper Choice with Rex and Tom. Hopefully the forecast is wrong as its looking a bit challenging with 2m swell and 20kt winds.

Mike

#### Presidents Report

Hi all,

Happy Australia Day. I hope you all had an enjoyable long weekend.

The celebrations started on Saturday for 14 lucky divers who enjoyed two very memorable and surprising dives at The Nurses Quarters and Flat Top cave. The conditions up top were perfect but down

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below...hooly dooly what a ride. Lots of surge and not much visibility. Hopefully the ratios will reverse soon.

Sunday was much more leisurely with a sedate trip up the river to watch the Australia Day Skyworks. We left the SYC at 2pm and arrived at the South Perth foreshore at 3pm which we thought might have been a bit late to get a good spot to view the fireworks. We couldn't believe it when we were able to drop anchor in a perfect spot. Only one little boat between us and the barges. The weather was wonderful and the fireworks did not disappoint. We returned about 11pm to finish off a memorable day. Thanks to Alison Keen for organising, Adrian for his competent deckie skills and Paul and Tracey Burns for coming down the next day to help restore the boat to it's diving status by putting the tank racks back and giving the boat a thorough wash down.

The new anchor winch is now in place and will be in operation for the next trip. Thanks to Pat Troy and Andy Mason for their help.

Martin

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Last in our series on maintaining your equipment:

**Computers:** check the battery has plenty of life left and if not get the battery changed. Some computers allow the battery to be changed by the user. If you do change the O ring as well. if you have to have the battery changed by a technician make sure they change the O ring at the same time. Also check the strap for nicks, tears or degradation. A broken strap will relieve you of your computer without notice. One way to help avoid this is to fit a lanyard to the strap as extra security.

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as we all need to carry one to dive off the boat in order to a make sure we can be seen if we get separated, check the straps are secure and there are no signs of the straps coming away from the DSMB. Check the bag material is intact and there are no tears. A DSMB with a hole in the bag won't inflate of the surface and will be as useful as a chocolate fireguard!

**Reels:** check the reel is running freely and the line is wound tightly. Loose line will tend to "birds nest" when the DSMB is released and will often result in the reel jamming and you having to let it go. If in doubt pull out 30m of line and have someone put some tension on it while you reel it back in. Next time you are on a dive practice deploying your SMB while underwater (let the DO know you will be doing it just in case).

The above are checks that we should all carry out regularly with our kit. A small failure can often escalate and lead to more serious consequences than we ever thought possible, so although you should thoroughly check your kit if you have been away from diving for a while, continue to check it regularly while you are diving.

Safe Diving  
Rob Jones  
Safety & Training Officer

**Diving Table**

Latest league table of divers with Jan pulling out in front. With the Rottnest week coming up soon there could be some major movements.

Jan Fishenbacher	20
Tracy Tebbutt	14
Adrian Taylor	13
Mel Turner	12
Ross Henderson	12
Nigel Hobson	10
Mike Buchanan	10
Andy Mason	8
Colin Nelson	8
Damien Herbert	8
Jasmine Lyons	8

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## UEC Weekly Email

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#### Diving Report & Winch Testing

Last week-ends dive ended up being cancelled on the day due to bad weather with 4m swells and 20kt+ winds forecast. Martin, Rex and Tom took the opportunity to do some river trials on the winch instead. This weekends weather is looking similar with 25kt+ winds and as the anchor winch has not been sea tested the committee last night decided to cancel the dive and instead take the boat out to give the winch a thorough testing in extreme conditions. All trainee DO's, DO's and skippers are invited along to get familiar with the new winch operation. The boat will depart the SYC pen at 8am on Saturday.

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A safety skills practice day will be held at Rockingham foreshore Dive Trail on Sat 15th Feb. It will be a chance to practice safety skills such as SMB deployment in a sheltered environment.

Rob Jones

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### **Diving Report & Winch Testing**

As indicated last week in the bulletin there was no diving at the weekend to allow further work on the new Anchor Winch. A small group of us spent Saturday morning deliberating over the current installation and what, if anything, could be done to improve it. After multiple runs of the anchor up and down and a few minor modifications to shackles and bow rollers we decided it was fit for purpose for the near future although longer term we may look at alternative mounting options which will require significant modifications to the deck and chain locker.



Martin, Martin, Rob & Mike deliberating while Pat hid below - Photo Tracy Tebbutt

This Sunday is the last dive before the Rottneest Week and the forecast is looking good with 1m swells, sun and 34 DegC. Crystal Palace and the Count are the scheduled dives with Chris and Wendy as crew.

### **Safety Skills Training**

As announced in last week's bulletin, a safety skills practice day will be held at Rockingham foreshore dive trail (cnr Rockingham Rd & Flinders Lane) this coming Saturday 15th February. I will be at the foreshore along with Andy Mason from 8am and we will be available to talk through the skills and observe those who wish to have someone take a look at how they execute their safety skills.

Just to reiterate this is a practice day and not a teaching day. Everyone should be practising skills that they have already covered in their formal SCUBA training and if necessary dig out your old training manuals and read up on the skills you want to practice, launching a safety sausage, towing an unconscious diver, rescuing an unconscious diver from the

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For those of you going for the Rottnest week, this will be an ideal opportunity to get all your gear checked out and brush up on those safety skills you haven't practised in a long while and a chance to make the Rottnest viz seem amazing by comparison!

Rob Jones  
UECWA Safety & Training

### **Busselton Jetty Swim**

Last weekend two of our UEC members, Clive Cass and Rex Burke travelled to Busselton for the annual Busselton Jetty Swim which took place on Sunday. Clive completed the 3.6km swim in a very good time of 1:12:39 and Rex 1:20:42.

Clive has been training for many months and has qualified to attempt a solo crossing to Rottnest in the upcoming Rottnest Channel Swim. He hopes to complete the almost 20km swim in 9hrs. Clive has been training with the Shelley Taylor-Smith squad five and sometimes six days a week swimming twenty to twenty-five kms a week. Carl and Rex will skipper the support boat for him. Hopefully the weather gods will be kind to him and may we all wish him well for Saturday the 22 February.

Unfortunately the UEC was unable to form a team for this years 24th RCS, however we will soon be looking for willing UEC members to make up a swim team and support crew for next years event.

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 19th February 2014

#### Diving Report

Sundays dive saw the boat head out with a full load of fourteen divers with Chris and Wendy as crew.

A strengthening southerly dictated our diving occur on north side of Rottneest. Our first dive at Elder Point had all 14 divers raving about the great conditions underwater and a turtle; they loved it. The southerly strengthened considerably over the morning so we moored up in Longreach for a relaxing lunch. In the spirit of the Club's name, our second dive was an exploration dive tucked in behind "Pooh Rock" (Duck Rock). Divers reported very enjoyable underwater conditions with lots of caves and crevices to explore; leaving photographers and cray hunters all delighted.

We tracked back to Fremantle Harbour in very sloppy and challenging conditions and with Chris' very capable skippering we were home safely right on time. A big thank you to Chris for skippering (you'd never know he'd not skippered for over nine months), and thank you to a wonderful friendly bunch of divers on board, it made for a great day on the water.

Wendy

No scheduled diving for the next two week-ends as Rotto here we come!!! Apologies to all those not going to Rotto but there is still one place left for the week-end. Maybe next year.....

#### The Importance of Surface Marker Buoy's

We will all have seen the tragic events unfolding off Bali in the last week which have resulted in one diver dying, another still missing and five very lucky to be alive after 3 days in the water. Events like these show how important it is to be able to make yourself visible on the surface. We should all carry with us at all times a Surface Marker Buoy, a mirror (old CD's make great reflectors), a torch and a whistle as a minimum on every dive.

#### New member nominations

The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

George Gandossini

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First up a huge congratulations to Clive for completing a solo Rottnest swim. A tremendous achievement and he didn't look too much the worse for it on Sunday apart from an interesting tan on the face.

The diving on Rotto has been full on with about seventy dives completed as of Wednesday afternoon. Conditions have been near perfect with 1m swells and low winds. Viz at most sights apart from Duck Rock has been good to excellent.

Sundays boat headed out to the West End for some exploratory diving. A nice long gully was found with caves, nooks and crannies leading off it and viz was excellent. Second dive of the day was Duck Rock which is a shallow but interesting site. Unfortunately the viz here was not so good but everyone had a good dive. Then it was back into Thompson Bay for tank refills. Sunday night saw a full gathering for dinner sitting out under the stars with plenty BBQ'd Cray's for starters.

Monday was a sharp start for most and no start for a few that didn't make the jetty by 7:30am. After picking up the tanks from Rottnest we were making our way back to Geordie to pick up the late divers when a cloud of black smoke erupted from the boat and the temperature alarm went off. Fearing the worst we opened up the hatch and Geoff went in for a look. After 20 mins of checking we could find nothing much wrong so we restarted the engine and slowly motored back to Geordie. All seemed well so we decided to dive close by on Roe Reef.

First dive was Arch Rock. Lovely dive with lots of caves and gullies to poke around in. Second dive was on Elder Point but a few of us ended up in Annie's Abbey which was quite spectacular. A big cave with ledges and pillars. Some great marine life with a large stingray and cuttlefish amongst the usual suspects. The boat behaved itself so after refills at Thompson we got back to Geordie in the late afternoon.

Tuesdays weather continued the run of near perfect

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Tuesday evening saw a contingent of UEC'ers heading to the Lodge for quiz night. We made up two tables and did the club proud by taking first and third place.

Today's diving started with a strong Easterly and very choppy seas. We were going to dive Swirl Reef but it was a bit rough so we headed for Fish Hook Bay. Well what a stunning dive that was. An endless series of caves and tunnels like a honeycomb. Viz was excellent with no surge and with it being a shallow dive site everyone made the most of their time underwater. After some debate about whether to stay for the second dive the crayfisher's won out and we headed to Flat Top. This has to be one of the best dive sites on Rotto and the viz was just awesome with 20 to 30m. Again while doing our safety stop we were treated to a couple of large stingrays swimming around waiting for a feed.

All in all it has been a superb four days of diving and great company. There is still one place available for the weekend so if you are not already booked on why not join us.

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## 5th March 2014

### Diving Report - Rottnest Weekend

Friday night we arrived to bolognese and clean sheets (thanks Bob and Clive)

#### Weekenders :

Clive and Bob, Amanda and Mick, The Geard clan ( Hetty, Geoff, Nathan and Steffi), Malcolm and Erin, George and Steve Day, Rex Burke, Pat Swallow, Steve Groen, Andy Mason, Paul and Tracy .....

Despite the less than perfect dive conditions ( 2-3m swell) we enjoyed Saturday dives at Parker Point, to get out of the swell) then East of Crystal Caves, a dive somewhat reminiscent to a snow storm with refuge in some lovely extensive limestone caves, both dives less than ideal but still lovely. The boat managed, mostly thanks to Malcolm, to bag some decent crays, enough for the traditional BBQ (yay) with some left over for Sunday surface interval.

A stunning sunset was enjoyed and our thanks and wishes to UE before a gourmet dinner of BBQ cray and salads.



Day 2 conditions were improved enough to get out to West End, we were able to find the site on the edge of the marine sanctuary by following the extensive line of fishing boats (and they say sanctuaries don't work !) unfortunately the boys and girls weren't home, but still a top dive. Second dive was very close at Kerry's Cavern a network of linked caves with plenty of treasures to be found with the observant eye and again a smorgasbord of unobtainable crays ( to some of us anyway ;)

Mondays dive was The Arches at Roe Reef probably the best dive of the weekend with very little swell and current but still a bit of left over sediment in the water column. Then sadly having to pack up leave the beautiful island and head back through some decent chop to reality, a tough trip managed competently by Geoff

Three days of diving in good company at Rottnest what else do you need ?

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Tracy B.

### Night Dive 7th March & Sundays Double Dive 9th March

There is a night dive planned for this Friday departing the SYC at 6pm and there are still a couple of places left both for divers and social members. This will be a lucky dip and the dive site will be chosen on the evening depending on weather conditions. If its calm enough it will be Stragglers. The dive will be followed by Fish & Chips at Fishing Boat Harbour.

There are still five places available for Sundays dive. Please book on with Tracy at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au).

### Memberships

A reminder to everyone that the club has a policy that if you introduce a new (full ordinary) member to the club you will qualify for a free days diving so if you know someone who is into diving but not a member why not suggest to them they come along for a nomination dive. New membership fees are prorated so someone joining in March will only pay \$57 (plus \$48 SYC fees) through to end June.

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If you would like to pass on the Diving with the UEC Guide to prospective members it can be found here:  
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### Dive Officers

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### Useful Links & Documents

Website

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Constitution

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Diving with the UEC

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 12th March 2014

#### Diving Report

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#### Diving Report

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## UEC Weekly Email

**26th March 2014**

### Diving Report

Sunday turned out a blustery morning with a strong easterly resulting in a fairly uncomfortable crossing; luckily by the afternoon the wind had died down so the trip home was more pleasant. We had a great bunch of people on board and our first dive was at Parker Point. For the second dive we tried one of Dennis' spots - a new one for the club - in the Stragglers area "fish in a barrel". The nine divers onboard had a great couple of dives while we were well rocked on the surface. Our two new trainee DOs were excellent and picked up the ropes (pun intended) very quickly.

Wendy

This Saturday its a trip to Duffield Ridge and Salmon Bay Gardens with Rex and Clive. Swell is below a 1m and after a week of low swells the viz should be great. Duffield Ridge starts at about 18m dropping down to about 35m all around. it has a complex topography with lots of caves. Salmon Bay Gardens is a shallow dive from 7m to 14m.

### Monthly Meeting

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 2nd April 2014

#### Diving Report

Firstly a special mention for Malcolm who logged his 599th and 600th dive on Saturday. Well done Malcolm and from the photo below looks like you got a nice reward!

Don't always believe the weather report. The forecast average weather was better by far. Less wind and less swell gave a small band on UEC divers a beautiful couple of dives on Saturday. It was a pleasant introduction for new members Stephanie and Ben doing their first dive with the club. Clear water and no surge. The first dive was a club classic - Angela's Cave on North Point Reef. Everyone found the canyon and had an enjoyable dive.

Kingston Spit was full of fish as always. Back on board everyone had lots of stories and photos. Both John and Malcolm bagged out on crays, so there were plenty to share around divers and crew.

A big 'THANK YOU' to skipper Rex, DO Clive and trainee DO Andy for a fun and safe day on the boat.

Malcolm



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**9th April 2014**

### Diving Report

We had 11 people on board, including a trainee DO and a Nom diver, to make nine divers for a double at Stragglers. Weather was good with sunny conditions and light winds although the swell was a bit high. The swell picked up as soon as the divers went in so they had a surgey dive with poor vis but one that was still enjoyed by everyone. Jon and Geoff scored well and came back with catch bags bulging with large Crays.

We had one minor incident of diver separation with one diver surfacing and returning to the boat after his buddy failed to surface to meet up.

Wind and swell had picked up for the second dive so the surge was still an issue but the country was excellent with many caves and ledges crawling with Crays - once again, bulging catch bags came back. Both Geoff and Jon bagged out for the day and with the others caught, the total came to 23 good sized Crays.

All in all, everyone had an excellent day out.

Adrian T.

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As a way to increase membership we would like to ask members to submit designs for a car bumper sticker that would increase club visibility and encourage people to contact us with a view to joining. They would need to include some form of contact details such as the club web address, or a contact email address. The winning design will

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Today's dives were both scheduled for sanctuary sites but we took pity on the cray hunters and changed the second dive site. We had perfect conditions out there today and our divers were delighted with 25m+ visibility and wonderful underwater conditions at Nurses Quarters today; and the Nurses were in. It was just perfect on the surface too.

We ducked into Fish Hook Bay for lunch and a swim and then pootled over to a new site at Stragglers for our second dive. The visibility was down and surge up but the cray hunters were happy to bag dinner. Thank you to Chris (DO) and John (Trainee DO) and also Mr Patrick Troy, Colin, Adrian and others who helped out on the deck. It makes for a great day when so many people pitch in and help the crew.

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As well as the speakers, the monthly general meeting is an opportunity for all UEC members to socialise, hear what's happening in the club, ask questions of the committee and have a say in how the club is being run. We would welcome feedback from everyone as to how we can improve these and make them more interesting. If there is a subject you would like to hear a presentation on then let us know so we can see if we can line up a speaker to present .

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## April General Meeting

Wednesday 16th April 7:30pm  
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## UEC Weekly Email

**23rd April 2014**

### Diving Report

We looked forward to a wonderful day diving in low swell and light winds with six divers on board. The visibility at Stragglers was poor so we headed to 14 metre reef. The viz was low for a beautiful site. The crayfish was better value than the photography.

Then we looked for better viz at Annie's Abbey and expected good photos with some deep water. Alas the cray catchers again did better on the day.

Cheers to everyone for an enjoyable day out.

Clive

### Vale Mike Williams

It is with much sadness that I advise that Mike Williams, SYC Commodore, passed away on Thursday 10th April.

Martin Smith

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 30th April 2014

#### Diving Report

We had 13 divers (one last minute call off due to sinus problems) onboard for a trip to Stragglers and Parker Point Drop-off.

Surface conditions were near perfect to start the day with light wind and seas below a metre so we decided to hit Stragglers while the going was good. The cray divers had a bonanza, nearly blowing the boat limit between the four of them. Malcolm's (poor baby) bag was so full he couldn't get any more in and had to come back early. The other three hauled in enough to make 20 keepers.

The wind starting coming in hard about 40 min into the dive and conditions subsequently became more challenging so we headed to Parker Point for a more sheltered second dive. Everyone reported a pretty good dive with good country and sea life for the photographers. More Crays came back as well and many were thrown back to keep the numbers at boat limit.

We deviated to Thomson bay to pick up the tender from the mooring and headed back.

The predicted rain met us coming up the river on the way back but hadn't bothered us for the diving, fortunately. We offloaded in the pen due to a barge tied up to the loading jetty and then went upriver to fuel the boat. Thanx go to Pat Troy for staying back and helping with the fuelling and putting the boat to bed.

Adrian

#### Membership Survey

You should all have received a survey request about your UEC membership. All responses to this are completely confidential (unless you want to put your name at the end of a comment) so please feel free to be honest and tell us what you think. This is your club and while the committee act in what they think are the best interests of the majority of members, its is good to check this from time to time so your responses are valuable to us. It only takes about 2 minutes so please take the time and let us know what you think.

We will publish the results in a few weeks time once everyone has a chance to respond along with some of the more pertinent comments.

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fantastic new look website very shortly. Watch this space!!!!

### **Learning from nature - how to repel sharks: Hamish Jolly at TEDxPerth**

An interesting talk by Hamish Jolly courtesy of Pat Troy

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### 7th May 2014

#### Diving Report

At the later start time of 9am ten fortunate divers headed out to Parker Point Drop Off in moderate easterly winds and low swell. The visibility was pretty good for photographers and the crayfishers did well.

There was excellent fish life, stingrays and I was most surprised to have a huge octopus reach out and grab my arm as I was catching a cray in his cave. So I let him have his cray and moved on.

We then headed to Jackson Rock expecting continued good viz. The low swell and light winds made for good diving, Despite the viz not being as good as Parker Point everyone enjoyed the dive, and Malcolm celebrated his 100th cray for this season with a mighty Jumbo. Go look on Facebook to see his huge grin.

And we all celebrated with Malcolm's tasty homemade marshmallows on the way home.

Clive

#### Membership and Dive Fees for 2014-2015 Season

The committee last night decided on the new club fees for the next club year. As you will see below the decision was made to reduce membership fees from \$170 to \$155 and to increase dive fees from \$60 to \$70. The committee felt that our diving fee was still exceptionally good value at less than half most commercial fees and we want to encourage greater membership hence the redistribution in revenue. As far as we know the SYC social membership will remain at \$95 but we still have to get confirmation on this so the total for an Ordinary Member will be \$250, down from \$265. UEC fees for 2014-15 will be as follows:

Ordinary Membership	\$155.00
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#### SYC Open Day & Busy Bee

Please note that the SYC will be having a busy bee on Saturday 17th May from 7:30am until 11:30am. It is very important that we get a good turn out from UEC members at this. Our relationship with the SYC is on the up thanks largely to the efforts of Paul Nicholls (who incidentally attended last night's committee meeting) and it would be great to maintain this momentum.

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## UEC Weekly Email

**14th May 2014**

### Diving Report

Unfortunately a combination of weather and a lack of divers (due to the weather) meant that the boat did not go out last weekend. This weekend there is no diving as the boat is out assisting our affiliate, Reef Life Survey with their annual Rottneest survey, crewed by Martin Smith and Steve Day.

### New member nominations

The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

Ben Skeen  
Stephanie Mayoh  
Patsy Davey

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 21st May 2014

#### Diving Report

No diving last weekend as the boat was on its annual Reef Life Survey - more on that below.

This Saturday it's a double to Kerry's Caverns and Flat Top but with a 3.5m swell forecast it's not looking too flash.

#### President's Report

The annual Reef Life Survey was a great success. Over the four days of diving, we managed to get around most of the targeted reefs. They include Roe Reef, Parker Point, Green Island and Jacksons Rock. The day started with picking the tanks and heading out for two dives and finishing at around 2pm to return and fill the tanks for the next day's diving. The weather was very kind to allow diving every day. The good news is that fish life seems to be up. The boat went well with no hiccup's and thanks' to Steve Day (trainee skipper) who helped out when I was not well. You gusted it, I was sea sick.

All in all a great trip and thanks to Peter Horton for organising the tank trollies and to Steve Day for his assistance with do duties and skippering duties.

Well the boat is back in pen, fuelled up and ready to go. Also to those members who helped out on the weekend at the Swan Yacht Club, many thanks.

Martin Smith.

#### A Must See Video on Plastic Waste

We watched this at work and I thought it one of the most powerful films I have seen on Ocean Plastic. Please watch but it does have some disturbing scenes.

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## **SYC Open Day & Busy Bee**

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## **May General Meeting**

For all those planning on heading to the MUD party Wednesday evening below is a MUD (hoho) map. I know there are quite a few going along so don't worry about being the only UEC'er there. Party starts at 5:15 until late and please RSVP as per poster below.



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**28th May 2014**

### Diving Report

No diving last weekend due to the poor weather. This Sunday its a single dive to Stragglers. Forecast is not too bad with low winds and swell. A bit on the cool side but then its only a single so home in time for a hot soup for lunch!

### Reef Life Survey Report - Steve Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> saw a roughish crossing to Thompson's bay with Kevin Smith's red duck in tow with he & Paul Day on board. Skipper & DO jettisoned Steve's craypot off Duck Island and then under a moonlit sky spent an 'enjoyable' couple of hours attaching springers and sundry ropes bedding down Cape Cruiser for the night in pen 14.

A beer pie at the Quokka arms was partaken whilst watching Sydney take apart Essendon on the TV On. After, thanks to Chris & Wendy's advice, we pedalled our mountain bikes the 2KM to the research station digs trying to avoid the odd nocturnal Quokka.

The sleeping arrangements were somewhat crowded with six men shoehorned into a very small room. The next morning had several make mention of a bad snorer in our room. This was news to me as I didn't hear anything! Martin & I decided our best bet was to sleep on CC so a Ute was commandeered to take our mattresses etc back to Cape Cruiser.

Friday's diving was close inshore and went uneventfully. The noticeable difference between RLS & a normal UEC dive was the close proximity to the boat with RLS divers. Mostly shallow dives were undertaken. We could clearly see the 50M tape laid on the ocean floor under CC.

Ironically just as we hauled our ducky on board after the last dive Martin remarked how smoothly the day was going. Just a second before my big toe nail was ripped off its bed as the bottom of the ducky came onto the marlin board!

A joint decision to pick up a mooring buoy in Thompson's Bay rather than a pen saw Martin & I take all of a few minutes to bed down CC on buoy 16 that night. Unfortunately the swell in the Bay didn't see a lot of sleep attained so in the morning Martin suggested a swap to a Longreach mooring for Saturday night.

Saturday's weather was a bit sloppy but again the diving was uneventful. After our divers were plonked back to the refuelling jetty

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Martin & I called into the Rottneest Island Authority to get the Longreach mooring. The lovely Angelina was most helpful so job done Martin & I wandered into the Pub at the Lodge. A doubles pool game saw us uphold UEC's honour as we won both games against Levi & his girlfriend Melany. We left the Lodge and made our way to the Quokka Arms for dinner. On the way we witnessed Docker's supporters en route to various venues to watch Pav's 300<sup>th</sup>. One of the more interesting supporters was a lady in all her finery walking to a wedding reception replete with a Docker's scarf.

Martin & I enjoyed a scrumptious steak at the Quokka Arms whilst watching the game. The steak size was a little on the small size [waiter to patron "How did you find your steak Sir?" ...patron.. "under the pea!"]]. Getting both lost and chatted up by some equally lost and tiddly cougars on our way back to Longreach added to the experience that night.

The Longreach 'experiment' didn't quite work out as it rained so the bedding was a little damp. So after Sunday's dive we called in on the lovely Angelina to change the mooring back to Thompsons Bay. The attached pic shows we had little competition for moorings!

The best weather was Monday afternoon as the swell dropped considerably. Our last dive was Parker Point. With the divers in the water a fracas a couple of hundred metres out to sea had our hearts in our mouth until we realized the dorsal fins were Dolphins! The trip back to SYC was very smooth as Kevin's duck was able steam back independently of CC.

The RLS divers were from all over Australia including Kangaroo Island and by all accounts has a very successful time of it. I want to thank a couple of people. Firstly to John de Boer for giving his time last week to show me the finer points on the O2 & AED operation and tips. Thankfully the training was not required for the trip. Lastly many thanks to Martin for being a most supportive teacher. His insightful knowledge of seamanship & boat handling was communicated to me in an encouraging and supportive manner. Hopefully most of what he taught me will stick! Thanks again Martin.

Steve Day  
May 22 2014

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 4th June 2014

#### Diving Report

Cape Cruiser took off from SYC with 5 keen divers on board (all hunting crays), including one nomination diver – welcome Brendan! Also on board, Skipper-in-training Steve Day (who was under the watchful eye of Skipper Martin Arrowsmith), and yours truly starting out DO training with Club El Presidente (and DO of the day) Martin Smith.

It was a bit overcast but the sun was trying it's best to break through the clouds as we headed out. The destination was Stragglers Reef for a single dive, but the swell was a bit too high for Stragglers, so the decision was made to head to Kingston Spit instead.

From all accounts it was a good decision... it was less choppy at Kingston Spit, and the sun came out just as the divers hit the water. Some were lucky enough to see a large grey nurse shark, plus lionfish and a large cuttlefish. And of course – a few crays were brought back on board, Carl being the star of the day. Reports were that the water temp was 20 degrees.

Being a single dive we were packed up in no time and back at SYC for a nice lunch – still in the sun. Not bad for the first day of winter! A big thank you to a fantastic group for a great morning on the water.

If you haven't considered them before, I highly recommend booking on for one of the single dives. Out to Rotto for an awesome dive in the morning, back for lunch and plenty of time left for Sunday afternoon R&R... Great fun! Hope to see you out there soon!!!

Me!

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**11th June 2014**

### Diving Report

QUITE A BLOW !

Walking towards SYC jetty 5 at 8:00am I couldn't help but notice the wind whistling through the trees on the foreshore. This simply confirmed the forecast I had read on SeaBreeze the previous evening.

Having been given the heads up by Skipper Martin Arrowsmith the week before I also looked up the tide & wave data for Rottneest. This showed S/W swells with a net wave height of just over 2M.

This new Dive Officer and trainee skipper now understands the consequences of a S/W swell in conjunction with 25knot N/W winds...bloody rough!

With nine hearty divers, two of which were cray hunters, and trainee DO, Mel Turner, on board Skipper Rex pushed Cape Cruiser into Gage Roads for a most interesting Rottneest crossing. After a couple of 'taking it green' waves across the bow Jonathan Anderson decided the flying bridge wasn't the driest place to be and joined the majority of the divers in the main cabin. A couple of brave souls which included Mel stuck it out on the lee side of the dive island

A particularly steep swell had sundry items falling off the starboard vee birth onto the floor including Life Member Pat Troy's vacuum cleaner. At this time one new diver asked me nervously did I think we could sink!

No doubt Rex could hear the nervous whispers nevertheless undaunted with one hand on the wheel the other on the throttle he calmly piloted us to our first destination. At this point had he decided to 'call' the dive he would not have had anyone arguing against it.

Dive site one was Crystal Palace .. mercifully in the lee of Dyer Rock so the Crew & three of the divers who decided discretion being the better part of valour decided to sit out the first dive. On return the divers reported good visibility with some surge. Jonathan returned with five nice crays.

A surface interval spent at Parker Bay was most welcome as was the distribution of Mel's pocket hand warmers to a couple of hypothermic sufferers!

The second dive was at Crystal Arch and saw Pat Troy & Alison join the other five for a dip. Patsy sensibly decided staying warm agreed with her so sat out her second dive opportunity deep in conversation with Mel on the finer point of underwater photography.

Upon embarkation the divers reported acceptable visibility & surge whilst hurriedly donning warm clothing for the run back to SYC. Thankfully the wind abated and replete with three more crays caught by Jonathan Cape Cruiser steamed smoothly back home.

Many thanks to Rex for his tutelage and for the assistance of the divers who helped stow the ducky & motor whilst we steamed upstream from the harbour and to Mel for her tenacity in ably

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carrying out the DO duties

I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say that this dive trip was one all on board won't forget in a hurry

Steve Day  
DO

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**General Meeting Tonight 7:30pm Upstairs at the SYC.  
Tables will be booked as usual for dinner beforehand for  
those who would like to eat.**

### Diving Report

Cape Cruiser took off from the SYC with seven keen divers on board under the excellent guidance of Captain Chris Cunnold, his lovely assistant Wendy and DO Clive Cass. With no GPS coordinates for the scheduled single dive destination, Cottesloe, a vote was taken to see if the divers wanted to take the tried and tested option and head west to Stragglers/Rottnest or be bold and brave. Without hesitation, the divers took to the homage of the Underwater Explorers Club and went for an exploratory dive in uncharted waters just north of Cottesloe. All divers were keen to discover a new site for the club.

It was beautiful sunny Sunday and the seas were calm for some good exploration. Chris had a destination in mind and it was a great decision as the reef was teeming with marine life. Sitting around 15m and surrounded by a sandy bottom on each side, this strip of reef was home to Western Blue Devilfish, Bullseye, Red-lipped Morwong, Oldwives, Nudibranch, Dhufish, a baby Stingray, a few monster crays and a rare Necklace Carpetshark spotted by Liz Davey.

The underwater reef island was definitely an oasis for the local marine life. Visibility was great with no surge and all seven divers had great things to say about this new discovery!

The single dive meant that there was plenty of time for a gentle ride in the sun to Fishing Boat Harbour in Fremantle for some fish and chips under the warm winter sun.

Mak Tanaka

This Saturday its a double to Crystal Palace and Parker Point but the forecast is not looking to great so don't hold your breath.

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Limited to just 14 members to dive, relax and party on the island. We include diving, tank fills, accommodation and transport from Swan Yacht Club to Rotto ... and return. For more info please contact Clive Cass 0421 639 290 or at [klyfekass@gmail.com](mailto:klyfekass@gmail.com).

The dates are:

SIX-DAYS: Sat 21 to Fri 27 February 2015 - \$730

THREE-DAYS: Friday 27 February to Monday 2 March 2015 - \$410

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With Kormas, Baltis, Rogan Joshes and more; fish, lamb, beef and vegetable curries filled the bench. From what I hear, no one was left hungry. In addition to having a fantastic night out, as a bonus the club raised over \$200.

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### Presidents Report

Hi all

Well the A.G.M. has come and gone. I would like to thank the members who stayed on and welcome the new committee members.

The new committee members are:

President - Martin Smith

Vice President - Mike Buchanan

Secretary - Mak Tanaka

Treasurer - Steve Day

Membership - Mike Buchanan

Dive Coordinator - Mel Turner

Boat Officer & SYC Liaison - Martin Smith

Safety & Training Officer - John De Boer

Fundraising - Liz Davey

Social - Ilonka Jarvis

Environment - Stephanie Mayoh

Communications - Chris Wilkinson

Last Sunday the squidding day went ahead as planned. Thanks to Steve Day for organising the event. Nine keen squidders turned up at the S.Y.C. at midday and we headed out to Port Beach to try our luck. It was not until 4 pm that we caught our first squid just off Fishing Boat Harbour. With light winds all afternoon a great time was had by all. I am looking forward to the next fishing trip.

Regards

Martin

### AGM

At last Wednesday's Annual General Meeting Martin Smith thanked the outgoing committee for their work during the year and went on to announce the annual awards. Club Person of the Year, awarded to the person whom the committee felt had done most to help & promote the club was awarded to Clive Cass, primarily for his work in organising the Rottneest Week. This is an activity that for many is the highlight of the year and something Clive has organised for many years now. Clive was also mentioned in the committee award for his rescue of a diver whose BCD had failed to inflate and was in difficulty on the surface.

Boat person of the year, awarded for work in helping to maintain and service the boat, was awarded to Geoff Geard. The committee recognise that many people put in significant time and effort in helping to maintain the boat such as Rex Burke, Pat Troy, Gary Brown, Martin Smith to name

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but a few, however Geoff was particularly cited for his sterling work in repairing the leaking fuel tank last year, a particularly hard and unpleasant job. Special mention must go to Rex for repairing the toilet which was undoubtedly the most unpleasant job carried out during the year.

Diver of the Year went to Tracy Tebbutt for the second year running. She clocked up 31 dives over the year which was on top of nine dives as Dive Officer. Special mention to Jonathan Anderson from MUD who also clocked up 31 dives.

Finally Martin announce a Life Membership award to Geoff Geard (yes it was all about Geoff on the night). A very well deserved award for the many years of work and dedication that Geoff has given to the club, both in Skippering and on boat maintenance. Well done Geoff.

The new committee for 2014-2015 was duly elected with Ex president Bruce Fielding acting as returning officer, which, with no contested positions didn't require a whole lot of returning but plenty of cajoling. Its great to see some fresh faces on the committee so a particular welcome to Mak, Steph and Mel (sounds like a Breakfast radio show!).

### **New UEC Website**

Before the AGM kicked off Mick Lee gave us a presentation of the new UEC website which is now live. Go check it out yourself if you haven't already seen it at [www.uecwa.com.au](http://www.uecwa.com.au) . It looks great with an upto date fresh appearance. The website platform allows much easier maintenance and a more interactive experience with such things as online enquiries, bookings and even payments possible in the future. It is still very much work in progress with more information to come in areas like club history and dive sites but Mick and the committee welcome all feedback to enable us to improve the site.

### **Diving Report**

The weather has really been conspiring against us the last month with yet another forecast of miserable weather. This was enough to put off any divers but not the squidders who went for it (see report below). This is a great idea to try and get more use out of the boat during the winter months and I'm sure its not the last trip that we will have.

This Sunday its a single out to Jackson Rock. This is always a great dive site and as a single it could be a great morning out if the forecast improves.

### **Squidding Report**

Sunday July 20 2014

The forecast looked terrible...apparently!

So prompted a few phone calls with the general theme of.. " have you seen the forecast?..is it still on?" . The reply each time was... "yep it's still on"

Call it the power of positive thinking but Sunday dawned replete with

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This necessitated a quick call to Martin Smith to ask if he had any objections for a new ` first mate' coming along..the rest..as they say is history!



So it was that twelve intrepid squidders with a bag limit of 30 set off at just after 1:00 PM for what we hoped to be a successful afternoon of cephalopod hunting. With the aid of a slight ebb tide we slid under the bridges and into the harbour which was, but for just two vessels empty! ...not even the STS Leeuwin was at her usual berth



For the non-squidders a few knots of wind means drifting works best. So it was that we spent the next couple of hours off Port beach casting our multi coloured jigs off the boat. Alas the score after this time was Cape Cruiser nil..Squid..four..being the number of jigs that either snapped off in the casting process or were left snagged in the weed!.



Mother Nature gave us an exciting moment when the eagle eyes of Jeff Weston spotted a whale tail slapping and broaching out to sea.

A suggestion from Ian Hall, Swan Yacht Club Angling division field day officer, to try off the South mole paid dividends. Seven squid were landed in around sixty minutes with the ones caught by Mel Turner, Martin Smith and Liz Cleary most memorable as it was their first!.



Cleaning the catch was just a simple process of throttling up Cape Cruiser to 2,200 revs for a nautical mile whilst said catch ensconced in a scaling bag tumbled in our wake...sure beats the pants off cleaning `em by hand!

Thanks to the UEC contingent of Liz, Rod (my squidding buddy from way back), George, Jeff, Andrew, Mel, Mark & Noddy who signed on for the adventure. Also can I give Martin Smith a big thanks for allowing me the helm Cape Cruiser from go to woe to continue my Skipper training.

A special thanks also to Dave Birchenough, Captain of the Swan Yacht Club Anglers , and Ian Hall who were on board to suss out Cape Cruiser and UEC. Hopefully, one day soon, SYC Anglers who have a fishing competition once a month will affiliate with UEC which with the result of Cape Cruiser being used more often with the added bonus of UEC members getting fishing opportunities.

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Cape Cruiser set off with seven keen divers – including one nomination diver, a Trainee Skipper and a Trainee DO. It was a really lovely Saturday morning – we are very lucky to have these pleasant days in the middle of winter!

It was a calm ride over to Rottneest – the wind and swell played nice. As such we were able to dive the first scheduled site – Nurse's Quarters. Unfortunately our Grey Nurse friends were off on other adventures, but all divers enjoyed a enjoyable long dive through the cave and surrounding terrain.

The visibility was quite nice (about 8-10m) and the water temperature a warm 18-20 degrees – which is a good 3 degrees warmer than shore diving at the moment!



We surfaced to a little bit of rain (more like spitting) and a slight increase in wind – but this cleared by the time we had finished our surface interval and were heading back into the water again.

Second dive was at Arch Rock, and most divers were lucky to find the actual Arch Rock, which was quite a treat... it really is magnificent, as is all the terrain around this dive site.

Divers reported seeing a very large cuttlefish, an even larger bull ray, loads of nudibranchs and big schools of Yellowtails on this dive. Visibility was again around 8-10m.

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Thank you very much to our Skipper Chris Cunnold and Dive Officer Steve Day for yet another great day out on Cape Cruiser.

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### President's Report

I am pleased to report that our first committee meeting of the new year was filled with enthusiasm and lots of innovative ideas for the future. As I've mentioned before, last year was a learning experience for me so this year, together with an enthusiastic committee I am excited at the prospect of an amazing time coming up for the club.

One of the first items on the agenda is the General meeting. It will be shorter in the formal presentation and focused on guest speakers and club events.

Another area is Diving. Mel Turner our new dive co-ordinator is as keen as mustard and brimming with idea's. Make sure you keep her working hard by booking on to lots of dives.

Let's look at Cape Cruiser, she is looking a bit tired these days and needs things like a good paint job and also the club name on her. What about "clears" down the sides and good deck lighting? These are just some of the items that come to mind.

To kick things off on **Sunday the 24th August there will be a boat open day** on the boat in the pen at the Swan Yacht Club. Come along and enjoy a free sausage sizzle and give us your ideas and discuss how you can help with the boat. All welcome.

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## UEC Weekly Email

**20th August 2014**

### Diving Report

Diving continues to be quiet as usual for this time of year. This Sunday its a single so back by lunchtime in time for the open day (see below). Forecast is looking pretty good so drop Mel a line and book on now.

### Boat Open Day Sunday 24th August - 12noon onwards

This Sunday there will be an open day on the boat with a free sausage sizzle so whether you are an old timer and want to share your views on boat improvements or interested in joining the club and want to see the boat and chat to some members then come on down. The boat is located at the end of Jetty 5 at the SYC. Remember you need a current parking sticker to park in the SYC car park so alternatives shown on map below as well as boat location.



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### 27th August 2014

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Cape Cruiser set out Sunday morning with four very keen divers on board, under the watchful eye of Skipper Carl, and DO Martin Smith. Given that there were only four of us on board we elected to stay close to home, and as such chose the North Mole Wreck as our destination.

The conditions weren't top notch – it was a little surgy and the vis was a bit average, but it didn't matter because the "Gareenup" (but not really the Gareenup) is a great little wreck with loads of colour and fish life.

We spent a good 45-50min circling the wreck, watching Leatherjackets and Wrasse foraging in the sand, whilst being jostled by the toughest Scalyfins on the West Coast.

The water temperature was between 17-19 degrees, depending on which computer you were reading... nice to see that the water temps are finally starting to lift – summer is on it's way!

A special mention and thanks must go to Carl and Martin for navigating us to the wreck – we were dropped right on top of it... impressive Skippering!!!

After a really nice dive we headed back to SYC, arriving just in time for the Boat Open Day. All in all – it was another great, sunny Sunday morning on Cape Cruiser with some even greater people – thanks to all who were there for a fun morning.

This week the boat is scheduled for a double dive (on Sunday) at Flat Top Reef and Macedon Wreck. With the weather improving week by week, there's no better time to get back in the water... hope to see you there!

Cheerio from Mel

#### Presidents Report

The Boat Open day and the sausage sizzle was a great success. Thanks to Jazz for organizing and cooking the snaggers. About a dozen enthusiastic member's turned up and enjoyed the sunshine and good company. Lots of discussion was entered into about how we could improve "Cape Cruiser" .

1. Adding clears down the sides
2. Deck covering e.g. carpet.
3. Bimini top.

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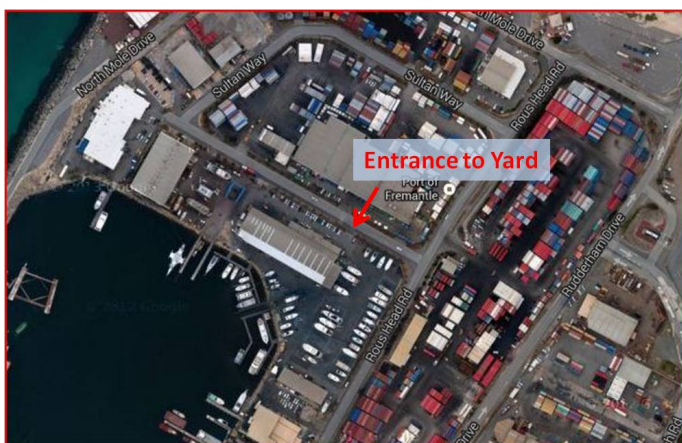
All in all a good time was had by all.

While on the subject of the boat, it's that time of the year again when we need to attend to anti fouling the bottom, light maintenance and a general spruce up before the start of the summer dive season. I have booked us in at North Port Marine boat-lifters from Friday 26th of Sept. to Monday 29th. Many hands make light work, so put some time aside on the long weekend to help out. It's lot of fun and lunch will be provided. If you want to know more or how you can help, just give me a call on 0403 584 147.

Cheers  
Martin

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The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

Greg Rate

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No diving last weekend

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##### 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014

This popular weekend provides a great opportunity to enjoy some fantastic diving and also help our environment by taking part in the annual WA Beach "clean-up" under Busselton Jetty, organised by Heidi Taylor of the Tangaroa Blue Foundation (<http://www.tangaroablue.org>).

#### Diving and related activities

##### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Arrive at our accommodation in Busselton. We usually stay at a very nice house half way between Busselton Jetty and the Marina (where we board the boat)

<http://www.stayz.com.au/15365>.

##### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October:

2 dives on HMAS Swan – hire gear available on request.

You need to be an Advanced diver to take part in the HMAS Swan dives.

(All dives via [The Dive Shed](#), Busselton.)

##### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October:

Double dive under the famous Busselton Jetty. This includes participation in a clean-up dive under [Busselton Jetty](#).

The clean-up involves retrieving rubbish of all types, collating data on the items found (providing a description, number found, and taking photos if you have your camera). Tangaroa Blue will provide all materials, i.e. bags, gloves, data sheets, liability releases, etc, although a catch bag comes in handy if you have one.

#### Cost

\$300, which includes three dives and two nights accommodation.

What you need to bring:

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Your diving gear and tanks (hire available from The Dive Shed)

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BYO food and drink – we usually eat out or grab a take-away meal in the evenings to enjoy together at the house.

Dive Shed will provide a light lunch on the HMAS Swan double dive and fruit and sweets for the Jetty dive. Water and hot drinks are also provided.

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Please email Pat Swallow at [patswallow@inet.net.au](mailto:patswallow@inet.net.au) if you are interested.

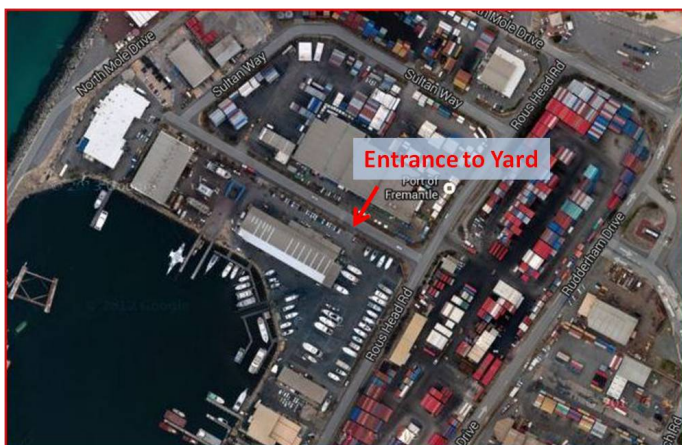
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This weeks schedule takes us on a double dive to a relatively new site for UEC called Starpickett (part of Salmon Bay), and a site we don't dive often - called Jackson Rock Arch. We still have a few spaces left on the boat for this trip (which is on Saturday), and we are eternally optimistic we will get some good weather finally!

There will be an informal BBQ/Social get-together on the boat after the dive - starting at around 5pm. This is for all UEC Members - i.e. those who have joined us on the boat that day, plus any others who would like to come down for a beer and a barbie...

All welcome... Hope to see you there!"

Mel

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#### Social News

Hi Everyone,

Just a quick note on some social happenings coming up.

This Saturday 13th September there will be a sausage sizzle on the boat after the dive. Start 5pm. \$5 per head for sausage sizzle BYO drinks. Please RSVP to [socialbookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:socialbookings@uecwa.com.au) if you can otherwise just rock up.

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can combine it with the UEC Christmas party and make a special night of it. The 4th will now be a social get together so please still come along and enjoy a fun evening. I will have more details in the next newsletter.

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Cheers for now

Jasmine

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### **Skills Directory**

Running a dive boat and a dive club needs a diverse set of skills from accountants, mechanics & medics to plumbers and electricians. We would like to compile a database of members skills so if you have something you think would be useful to the club or to other members and would like to advertise your skills then drop us a line.

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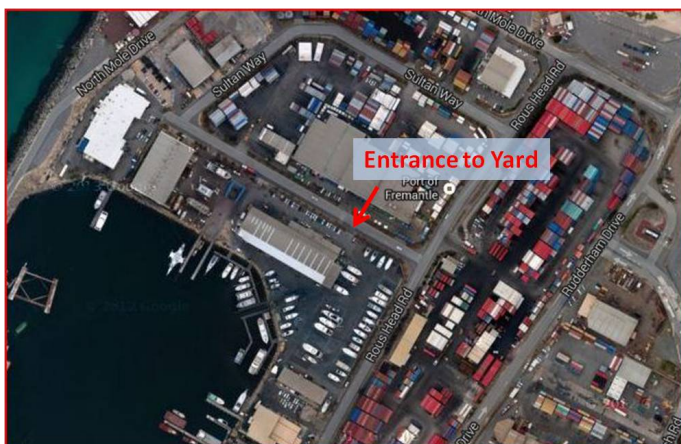
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## UEC Weekly Email

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The other thing is in relation to the upcoming diving:

We have an exciting week ahead...

Our last (daytime) single dive for the year on Sunday (21st Sep)... heading out to find Weedy Sea Dragons, hopefully at South Mole. We already have a lot of bookings for Sunday, so if you've been thinking of signing up for this one, best to do so sooner rather than later.

We also have a "Prawning and Crabbing Evening" on Monday 22 September. This is a great opportunity to try your hand at hunting and gathering the best the Swan River has to offer. Don't worry if you haven't prawned or crabbed before - there will be plenty of help on hand.

For more details on both dives (including what you need for the Prawning & Crabbing night) - head to the website home page ([www.uecwa.com.au](http://www.uecwa.com.au)) - and click on the links under "Upcoming Events"

I think that's all for the newsletter from me - getting my "4c worth" instead of 2c worth this week!

See you tonight  
Cheerio from Mel

#### Presidents Report

Just a reminder that the boat will be coming out of the water on Friday 26th of September at Northport Marine at Rous Head and will be out of the water till Tuesday. Come along and lend a hand to do some scraping

#### Dive Schedule

**9am** Departure until 1st Oct  
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#### Sunday 21 September

Single Dive: The Hunt for Weedy Seadragons (South Mole)  
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Thanks Martin

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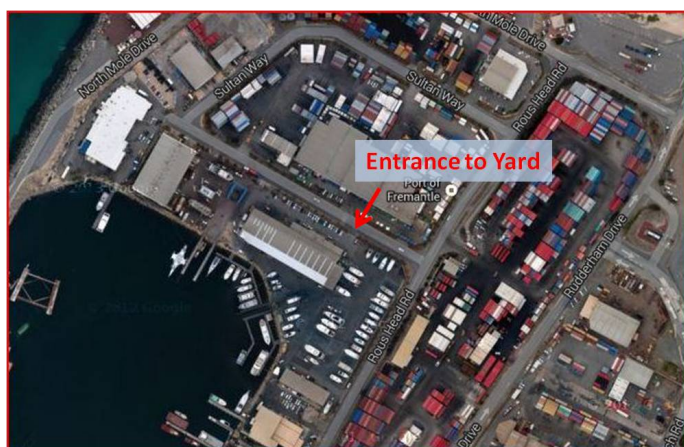
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### 24th September 2014

A very long bulletin this week but lots of great articles so keep on reading. Also a **reminder** that its boat maintenance this weekend so please come down to the North Port Boat Lifters yard (map below) from 10am onwards Saturday morning to help out tidy the boat up for the coming summer season. Lunch will be provided and great company. Prospective members also welcome.

### Diving Report

Sadly we weren't able to embark on our quest to find the Weedy Seadragons on Sunday, thanks to the horrible change in weather.

A few of us (the slightly insane ones) decided to check it out anyway, and headed down to South Mole to see if we could dive it from shore... suffice to say, it would have been suicide hopping in. So it was decided (after less than a minute of discussion) - our time would be better spent chatting over a hot beverage.

No diving this weekend as the boat will be out of the water for it's annual maintenance (**Editors note - all hands on deck Saturday morning to help out**).

Next weekend we are gearing up for our first Exploratory Diving day of the year - very exciting, given that we are the Underwater Explorers Club! More details will be available on the website and Facebook in the coming days (plus we will include the details in next week's newsletter).

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A quick dive briefing to the divers unfamiliar to the location preceded eight hearty boys and girl alighting from either the jetty or Cape Cruiser in their quest for dinner.



Those remaining on board began turning the jetty into a makeshift kitchen setting up the industrial sized Cray cooker supplied by my regular prawn dive buddy, Geoff , and the trestle table nicked from the SYC [ just kidding...they gave permission ].

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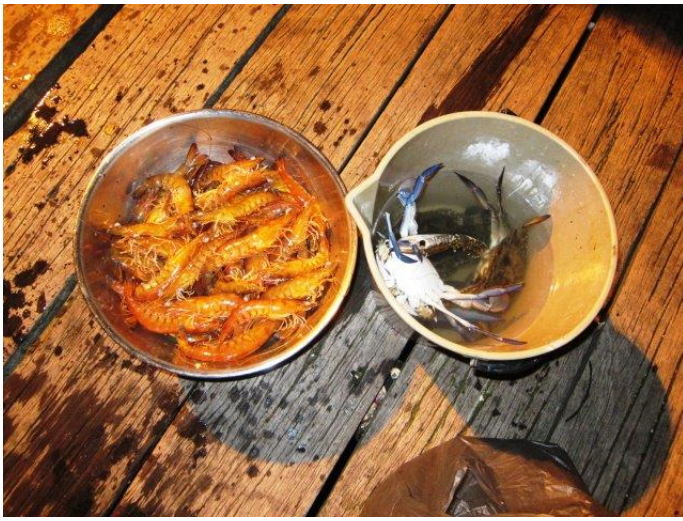
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Thanks here to Clive who also contributed a few crabs which I am told he caught the day before [ Did Cathy call him too? ].



Yours truly was last back on board and was greeted by a table brimful of freshly boiled King prawns and crabs. Thanks to Clive I had a taste of tender fried squid followed by a crab & prawn mixed ciabatta sandwich. To finish off a few slices of sweet water melon made a perfect palate cleansing end to the feast.





Well done to the prawn diving 'virgins', Mike Buchanan & Son Ross who managed a baker's dozen between them [ ...hmmm. Cathy may have had a point there! ] and to Clive Cass, Mike Wilkinson, Ross Henderson, Mel Turner and my regular prawn buddy Geoff for the catching part of the night's equation.



How lucky are we UEC members? We have a boat that enables us to have a fun night and to live in Perth which has an unpolluted river that can give up a tasty and safe meal on demand.

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Steve Day

Editors Note - Can't resist adding to Steve's great write up - that was the most fun I've had on a Monday night for a long time and this needs to be a regular event. For those who did not come along you need to book on next time. Even if you don't want to dive, eating prawns and washing them down with a beer on a jetty in Mosman Park is a great way to spend a Monday night.

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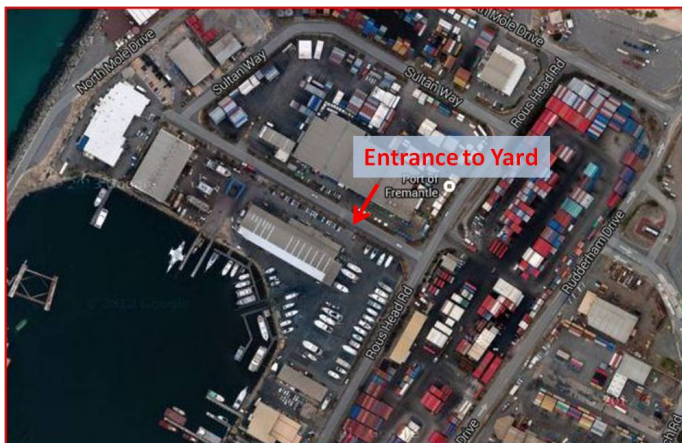
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Cancellation: Any payment made will only be refunded if the place is filled by someone else.

### **Boat Maintenance Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September**

The boat will be out of the water for its annual spruce up and bottom scrub at North Port Boat Lifters, 4 Sultan Way, North Fremantle. All hands on deck please. Please contact Martin on [0403 584 147](tel:0403584147) for more information.



### **Membership and Dive Fees for 2014-2015 Season**

UEC fees for 2014-15 will be as follows and **are due by July 1st:**

Ordinary Membership	\$155.00
Family Membership	\$240.00
Student/Junior/Social Membership	\$45.00
Double Dive Fee	\$70.00
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## UEC Weekly Email

### 1st October 2014

Summer diving is here (well almost). Just a reminder that dives now depart at 8:00am sharp. You need to be at the boat and loading at 7:45am.

### Presidents Report

Well I'm happy to report that "Cape Cruiser" is back in the pen with a new coat of paint, top and bottom. Many thanks to members who were able to help and give the boat a bit of a face lift. Let's hope that the weather is kinder to us from now on.

On another note, we have some social event's coming up. So let's get together and be social.

Regards Martin.



### Boat Maintenance Report

Saturday saw some pretty miserable weather for the first day of the boat maintenance weekend. I will assume this is why most of you didn't turn up to help. There were four brave souls who did, Martin Smith, Jazz, Geoff and myself. The weather was pretty bad but we still managed to finish cleaning and sanding the hull and got the first coat of antifoul on before heading home to watch Hawthorn wop the Swans.

### Dive Schedule

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#### Sunday 5th October

Exploratory Dive R&I Reef and South Roe  
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Sunday saw a much better day and a few more hands turn up to help. Martin Smith, Geoff, Rex, Colin Nelson, Rochelle Callaghan, Carl, Clive, Peter & myself (sorry if I missed anyone) all got busy with lots of scraping, sanding and painting.



After a lunch of pizza we carried on and by the end of the day the boat was looking pretty good with the anodes replaced, a second coat of antifoul, all the white paint touched up and the faded blue paint refreshed as well as some engine and bilge maintenance.



Monday saw a smaller group in place to finish off the weekends hard work with Martin Smith, Geoff, Carl, Colin, Peter and myself

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putting the finishing touches to the paintwork and some general cleaning up, including my personal project for the weekend which was scraping , sanding (thanks also to Rochelle), removing the old life raft clamps & painting the roof - isn't it just beautiful.



### **Diving Report**

No diving last weekend obviously but to the eagle eyed of you in the photos above the flag was flying at North Port but apart from the rain there was not much water. This Sunday its back to our roots with an exploratory double dive with Chris C as Skipper and myself as your DO (coming out of retirement to cover a shortfall). Forecast is looking a bit dodgy at the moment so here's hoping it improves.

### **Dolphin Scuba - We Love Diving Open Day - Saturday 18th October**

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### **Grey Nurse Shark Photos & Videos**

Alex Hoschke is building up a photographic database of individual sharks (identifiable by their spots) and is asking all UEC members to help out by sending their videos or photos (old or recent) with a date and location. She has around 30 identified so far from the shark cave, and 20 from other locations in WA. Please email her at [alex.hoschke@gmail.com](mailto:alex.hoschke@gmail.com) or if your video is too big to email then she will pick up or you can contact me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au) and I will give you details of a Dropbox where you can upload to for Alex to access.

### **Social News**

Hi Everyone,  
Just a quick note on some social happenings coming up.

The 60th Birthday party has been moved from the 4th October so we can combine it with the UEC Christmas party and make a

special night of it. The 4th will now be a social get together so please still come along and enjoy a fun evening. I will have more details in the next newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with the UEC 60th birthday party. Hopefully I have all your names and will contact you by this weekend. If you want to help and don't hear from me please drop me a line as many hands make light work so they say.

Cheers for now

Jasmine

### **UEC 60th Birthday/Xmas Party**

As mentioned above we have decided to combine the 60th party with the Xmas party. There will still be a BBQ social at the SYC on the 4th October so please book on with Jazz at [socialbookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:socialbookings@uecwa.com.au)

### **UEC Weekend Dive Trip to Busselton**

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Last chance to book on this fun weekend.

Dive HMAS Swan on the Saturday and two dives under the Busselton Jetty on the Sunday – one being a free clean-up dive. Accommodation arranged for Friday and Saturday nights in a house located between the Busselton Jetty and Marina.

Price \$300 payable now. For further information contact Pat Swallow [patswallow@inet.net.au](mailto:patswallow@inet.net.au).

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### Diving Report

We really haven't had much luck with the conditions, and there was no diving again last weekend.

It's still early days - but the forecast for the weekend's conditions could go either way. It certainly looks like it will be a nice, sunny day! The boat is scheduled to visit two less-dived spots on Saturday (11th October): Big Bommie and Arch Rock (part of Roe Reef). You can book on via the website (<http://www.uecwa.com.au/#!simple-schedule/co99>) or by e-mailing [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au).

Remember - we are now on Summer hours (departure time 8am, meeting at the boat at 7.45am).

### Cray Season Opener

The boat will be going out for the Cray Season Opener - which is Wednesday 15 October.

This is always a fun day - how can it not be, when we're diving (instead of working) on a Wednesday!!! We still have quite a few spaces left - bookings can also be made via the website or e-mail.

I think that's all from me!

Cheerio from Mel

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### **Augusta Dive Trip 28th to 30th November**

We have a fantastic opportunity to explore the diving out of Augusta – kindly organised by Geoff Geard. Augusta is a 3½ hr drive from Perth, and is the nearest town to Cape Leeuwin (the furthest south-west corner of Australia). This is an exciting trip as we will have the opportunity to learn about (and dive) Australia's first wild Abalone farm (actually a world first!!!)

There will be two days of boat diving on a great dive boat with four dives in total. Accommodation is also included (not food & travel) and all for the fantastic price of \$200. Travel down on the Friday, dive the Saturday and Sunday then back to Perth Sunday evening. Places are limited so book on now with Mel at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) if you want to go. More details in the flier below:

#### [Augusta Trip Details](#)

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### **Where's the Grey Nurse?**

Alex Hoschke has no recorded sightings of Grey Nurse Sharks from July through to December and is asking if any UEC members have dived the nurses quarters in these months of any year - and whether they had seen any sharks there? If they've dived there and seen no sharks that's still useful data to know so please drop her a line at the email below. It is particularly interesting because the ones in Exmouth are only there from May until November each year, so maybe they all go north in the winter. If you have any videos or photos (old or recent) with a date and location please send them to her. She has around 30 identified so far from the shark cave, and 20 from other locations in WA. Please email her at [alex.hoschke@gmail.com](mailto:alex.hoschke@gmail.com) or if your video is too big to email then she will pick up or you can

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 15th October 2014

A reminder that tonight is the General Meeting at 7:30pm upstairs at the SYC. Unfortunately our speaker fell through so looks like it will be the usual club business followed by a social drink and catch up with your diving buddies.

### Diving Report

First time I have written a dive report during the surface interval. Well eight of us set out this morning for the crayfish opener. It's warm and sunny and not much wind. A little bit surge but overall a pretty nice diving day. First dive is at Stragglers and with the first group of four back we already have eight Crayfish, 6 of them by Martin Smith.



No diving again last weekend on the club boat as just didn't get the numbers to get the boat out. However the Busselton trip

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went ahead and sounds like they all had a great time - see below.

### **Busselton Trip**

The Annual Busselton Diving Trip and Clean-up Weekend seemed plagued by obstacles – the major one being Dive Shed's boat being out of action – but somehow our happy band got through it all and came out smiling.

Cape Dive came to the rescue on Saturday and Mel, Mak, Rex and Pat dived the HMAS Swan wreck, while Jo and Liz played with their cameras and Mark toured the local area looking for a good place to try out his watersport of choice. Meanwhile underwater Mak managed to spot one of the two resident wobbegongs and we all got serenaded by the whales. We were treated to some great whale sightings during the boat trip, including a young whale practising breaching close by Mum.



The next day was a challenge as we stowed eight sets of gear onto the Busselton Jetty train with Jo in charge. Once geared up with our new diver friend James, we did a giant stride into the water, only to find Jo had a wet arm, which wasn't recommended in a dry suit, and James had a broken mask strap. Jo kindly lent him her mask so he could continue with his first dive under the Jetty. The viz was awesome and we had a great time, picking up rubbish along the way. There was plenty to see, including cuttlefish, a ray, pretty nudis and fish too numerous to mention.

For anyone interested James has posted the video below to YouTube

<http://youtu.be/1I5QyE4AifU>

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Cheers, Pat

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**22nd October 2014**

### Diving Reports

#### Wednesday Crayfish Opener Part 2

After a rather surgy opening dive at Stragglers the team caught a total of sixteen Crayfish with Martin and Jonathan bagging the most including one monster, measuring 163mm. Yours truly, on his first real attempt at Crayfishing, caught a big fat zero.... but you should have seen the one that got away.....it made Jonathans look like a roach....

We decided to move round the Kingston Reef to try a get out of the swell so we dropped the anchor near the shark cave and the first group jumped in. Conditions below were much better with excellent visibility and no surge. No G.N.Sharks to be seen and Crays were not exactly in abundance but there were a few big ones. Yet again I scored a duck and finished the day with Steve as the only ones to catch nothing. I guess I need a bit more practice.

Overall the boat bagged 22 Crays so we fell short of the boat limit by two but not a bad haul. Jonathan and Martin very kindly shared their catch so that everyone went home with at least a couple.

Having had a great day diving and catching Crays we decided to finish it off with a bit of Squidding. Steve had had the foresight to put half a dozen rods on the boat so we headed to the South Mole and spent the next hour drifting in the warm afternoon sun catching squid. All up I think we caught about ten which was pretty good going. Steve then demonstrated the best way ever for cleaning the catch. With the ten squid in a net bag bouncing along in the water we headed back to the heads. By the time we slowed down we had a bag of beautifully clean squid - how easy is that!

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Overall a great day out, made all the better for the fact it was a normal work day for most of us. The weather was great, the diving was excellent and the fishing rounded off a perfect day on the water.

### **Sundays Dive**

The forecast for Sunday was... average... but do-able. The predictions on Saturday afternoon were a 1.7m swell and 17 knot winds – but by Sunday morning this had changed to 2 – 2.2m swell and 20 – 28 knot winds, and so the decision was made last minute to call off the trip to Rottneest – a wise move by Skipper Carl.



BUT – we had two Trainee DO's who were keen as mustard to go ahead with training, and so we put the option on the table: anyone who would still like to come out was welcome – we would do our best to find somewhere to dive!

Four very eager punters came along and were rewarded for their dedication...

We headed to the North Mole Wreck, with the hope that it would be (somewhat) sheltered from the SW'ly winds – and we were spot on.

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By all accounts, the dive was a very pleasant surprise – 5-6m visibility, very little surge and lots to see – including stingrays, crayfish, cuttlefish and a very friendly octopus, who took quite a liking to Damian's face.

We were very lucky with the weather – it showered a little, but really held off until well after our return.

On our return to SYC, we were ecstatic to witness an unusual spectacle taking place with the dolphins... The general consensus was they were mating – and it was intense!!! Lots of thrashing and splashing – I really wasn't quite sure where to put my eyes!

After they'd finished doing what they were doing (blush blush), they were very playful – swimming up to us (around the boat), and also around some kayakers who were watching the action with us. Once they moved off a little – Carl put Cape Cruiser in gear and we continued our journey...

Our new kayaking friends decided to surf the wake of the boat, and to our (and their) delight – the dolphins decided to join in also!!! Gosh it was fun – cruising up the river, kayakers and dolphins surfing our wake... not bad for a "miserable" morning in Perth!



A BIG thank you to Skipper Carl, Dive Officer John and trainer-extraordinaire(s) John and Martin for facilitating such a great morning out on the boat. And hats off to Damian, James, David & Dan for your enthusiasm -

thoroughly enjoyed my morning with you all.

This weekend's dive

This week the boat is scheduled to visit Parker Point Drop-off and Kerry's Cavern – two Club favourites. The boat is already half full and the weather (at this early stage) is looking ok. Hope to see you out there!

Upcoming Social Night Dive

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Hi All

Thanks to those members who represented the club at the Dolphin Scuba open day on Saturday. The highlight of the day was Jazz winning the cake decorating competition.

Well the weather was true to form with strong winds and rain forecast. A few keen divers braved the conditions so we headed for the North Mole wreck where we found the conditions quite diveable. Thanks to the crew that made the day work.

On another note I met up with John, a mechanic with a company called "D Tech" to check out the Motor. Armed with trusty Dell laptop he proceeded to run a full diagnostics on the motor. We then headed out to do sea trials and run some more diagnostics. No problems were found and John was pleased with the results.

With a bit of luck the weather will come good for next weekend.

Regards Martin

### **Social Report**

Now that the weather is warming up and becoming more social and diving friendly there are events coming up for divers and non-divers as well. The next BIG event on the calendar is the combined UEC 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday/Christmas Party. It will be held at the Cockburn RSL Hall and we would like as many members, past and present, as possible to come along and celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Members are welcome to bring guests. Invitations



will be posted to you via snail mail in the next couple of weeks.

Please check the calendar on the UEC website and the UEC Group Facebook page for upcoming events.

Here is a short summary of what is coming up:

13th December – UEC 60th Birthday/Christmas Party.

These events are not organised by the UEC but we are welcome to attend to promote the club.

2nd November – The Giant Dive -

<https://www.facebook.com/#/!/events/303744336456177/?fref=ts>

I will be organising some BBQs on the boat in the pen and doing short river trips and will put info in the calendar and on Facebook when we can sort some dates. In the meantime if anyone has a desire to organise a social get together please let me know. You can contact me on [socialbookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:socialbookings@uecwa.com.au).

Cheers for now

Jasmine

### **Dolphin Scuba - We Love Diving Open Day**

Many thanks to all those who helped out with the Dolphin Scuba open day including Pat Troy, Jazz, Mak, Trevor, Liz and Mel. Apologies to anyone I have missed out. It was probably the best event we have had so far with two confirmed new members, a bunch of nomination dives planned and heaps of people subscribing to the newsletter who will hopefully follow through and join the club.





A big congratulation to Jazz who won the bake off and a fantastic prize. Well done Jazz.



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## UEC Weekly Email

**29th October 2014**

### Diving Reports

We had a pretty full boat for Saturday with 16 booked on and 15 turning up, including 4 NOM divers to swell the ranks. Geoff and myself as crew as well as Mel Turner and Dan Bruce helping out as training DO's.

We had a fairly rough ride across with 2m swells and stronger winds (around 15kts) than predicted so a few quite ill people feeding the fish as a result..... including a busy DO who forgot to take a Kwell. Mel was a great asset while Dan was diving and I was somewhat indisposed.

First dive was Parker Point with the above conditions, a fair bit of reported surge and murky conditions. Heaps of Crays were still caught with Carl bringing back a bag of monsters and Malcolm a haul of solid sizes.

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May  
Loading Jetty

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DO - John DB

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Natsuko and Jeremy, two of our new divers, pitched in with several prawns and one keeper Cray.



Second dive was at Kingston Sharks. Wind was reduced but the swells were unchanged. A couple more Crays were bagged and some great country was reported by Aaron, another new diver. Unfortunately no sharks were at home.

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The return trip was enlivened by two breaching whales and we were back by mid-ay, with most on board having had a good day.

Adrian

### **Friday Night Dive & Social**

We have a night dive scheduled for this Friday 31 October. This coincides with Halloween, and we highly encourage diving in costume :o)



The plan is to depart SYC by 6.30pm for a single dive on Minden Reef (or similar - weather dependent) - then either head to Fremantle for fish & chips, or crank the BBQ on the boat afterwards.

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### **Saturday's Dive**

We have moved this weekend's dive to Saturday - to accommodate for the Annual Giant Dive event on Sunday (see



below).

This week the boat is scheduled to visit Cable Reef & Porpoise Bay Caves, and the boat is already over half-full.

Again - bookings can be made through the usual channels... look forward to seeing you all there!

### **The Giant Dive (details attached)**

The Giant Dive is an annual event held to raise money for a nominated charity (voted for by any divers who wish to participate)...

In previous years we have supported the Leukaemia Foundation and Surf Lifesaving WA... this year funds are going to Sea Shepherd Australia.

The aim of the event is to get 100 divers into the water at the one time... last year we got to 97... so close, but still so far.

It is a HEAP of fun, and UEC will be there at the event.

There is an underwater treasure hunt, plus raffles all day... I don't think anyone left empty-handed last year!

Cost is \$10 to join in on the fun - and (as mentioned) - all monies raised goes to a good cause.

The event is being held at Point Peron on Sunday 2 November, and registration kicks off at 10am.

A heap of us will be there, and as always - the more the merrier.

You can find out more details at [www.giantdive.com](http://www.giantdive.com) - or feel free to e-mail me at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) if you have any questions or would like to join in on the carpool we will have going.



## The Giant Dive

[www.thegiantdive.com](http://www.thegiantdive.com)



On Sunday 2 November 2014 at 10:00am, The Giant Dive will take place at Point Peron, Rockingham.

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There will be an underwater treasure hunt and a raffle with some top prizes including a jet simulator experience, double boat dives, diving equipment, jewellery plus many more.

Please come along and lend your support to this very worthy cause.

Registration begins at 10:00 am  
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That's it from me - see you all for an AWESOME week of diving shenanigans!!!

Cheerio from Mel

### **Environment News**

#### Prawn Watch Training

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James Elliot

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#### **Speakers for November General meeting**

Please mark this in your diary now, you don't want to miss this. We have two very special guests lined up to come along and do a presentation on freediving at our November meeting.

Samson McAdam, who we met at the Dolphin Scuba open day, and Erez Beatus, the founder of Apnea Australia, will be telling us all about Apnea Australia and the freediving courses on offer including a safety course designed for scuba divers. Also there will be some amazing photos and videos taken by Erez. He holds a world record in unassisted freediving amongst many other achievements. (I have taken this information from the Apnea Australia website.)

Erez is a Certified Hydrotherapist (rehabilitation in water), Healingdance Instructor and Therapist working with individuals in the water in various techniques (watsu, waterdance, healing dance). He practices Reiki and healing. He is also a passionate photographer above and below the surface

· Erez has been the President of F.D.I and the VP of A.I.D.A

and has taught thousands of students in Australia and around the world.

- Erez has been involved in freediving on a professional level since 1997.
- Erez has trained with the biggest names in the freedive world:
- 1997- Training with Pipin and being certified as an I.A.F.D instructor in his school.
- 1998 - Establishes F.D.I and the Israeli Freediving team
- 1998- Training with Umberto Pelizzari in Italy and being certified as an Apnea Academy Instructor.
- 2001 - Training with Trevor Hutton and breaking the World record in CNF.
- 2002-2005 - Training In Egypt with Lotta Ericson, Bill Stromberg and other world class athletes. Certified as an A.I.D.A Instructor.<sup>[66]</sup>
- Erez is an international Judge with over 20 competitions.
- Erez has competed and captained the Israeli freediving team in 6 international championships.
- Erez has held all the Israeli national records.

Samson has sent me some links below for you to check out.

- [www.apneaustralia.com.au](http://www.apneaustralia.com.au)
- [whale-encounters.com](http://whale-encounters.com)
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## UEC Weekly Email

### 5th November 2014

With the warmer weather upon us (yippee) and divers dusting off the cobwebs from their gear it is a good time to remind people about checking equipment is working and getting it serviced if required. One of the most common equipment failures that can have catastrophic consequences is your BCD. Always check that your BCD is inflating before you jump in the water. Last thing you want is to sink like a stone and not be able to control your descent. Likewise if your inflator button was to stick open you will shoot to the surface like a champagne cork and probably burst your lungs on the way. Good idea to practice unplugging your inflator hose in case of such an emergency. Safe Diving.

### Diving Reports

I was a little concerned when DO Trainee & I boarded Cape Cruiser in her pen as mid-stream we could both now see the ripping outgoing tide! As a trainee skipper I took more than a passing interest on how Skipper Rex safely piloted us away. With one passenger and twelve divers on board including four Nominees we set off into a strong Nor-Easter breeze en-route to Rotto.

The breeze dictated a change in venue so first drop was Kerrys Caverns. All reported 10m viz with dive times ranging from 30-60 minutes. The seas were very 'disturbed' which meant Rex, Erin & I were tossed around somewhat. By the time all were back on board the wind and swell abated.



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Furry Boots We Guan - St Andrews  
Day Special - Divers Choice  
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For our advertised second dive we anchored on the GPS coordinates for Porpoise Bay Caves only to realize we were in the leads to a nearby Bay! Given the ideal seas we made our way to Stragglers Best and despite 2-3m Viz most crayer's came back with heaving catch bags. Total cray tally was 20.

Mel Turner was the trainee DO and in my opinion is more than ready to gain her 'wings'. Thanks to Rex for skippering and to Adrian and others who assisted me during the day.

Finally a big welcome to our Nominee divers Elise, Lena, Birgir and Dave

Steve Day  
DO  
1st Nov 2014



### Upcoming Diving Schedule

This week we are out on **Saturday 8 November** - and are heading to Starpickett & Jackson Rock Arch - two visually stunning sites.

Our first wreck diving day is coming up the following week (Sunday 16 November)...see below for some history....

Wrecks on the hit-list include the D9, Orizaba, Saxon Ranger & Carlisle Castle... of course we can't visit all of these, but we will pick according to the conditions on the day.

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You may have noticed that I have been trying different formats for the General Meetings over the last few months to try and make them more inviting and lively as there have been very low numbers of club members attending of late. Last week Liz & I went along to the WAUPS monthly meeting to get another perspective on how other clubs attract their members to meetings. It was very informative. They had a guest speaker talking about Orcas at Exmouth and then finished the meeting with a run down on up and coming club activities including such things as a photo comp, local diving coming up and dive trips.

This is quite a different format to our meetings. Your committee and I believe that this is a good way to meet and welcome new members into the club and provide a fun night out for all members. In the future then, club business will be dealt with at committee level and club activities and guest speakers will be for General Meetings. Minutes of both meetings will be available for members and also members who are interested in the running of the club are welcome to sit in at committee meetings that are held the first Wednesday of each month.

All suggestions of topics and/or speakers for future meetings are most welcome by the committee.

I hope to see you all at the November General meeting where we will be having a very special presentation on free diving by Samson McAdam and Erez Beatus.

Cheers  
Martin

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### **Some Wreck Diving Background**

#### **Carlisle Castle (11/07/1899)**

The Carlisle Castle was built of iron to Lloyd's A1 specification. The vessel had two decks and one collision bulkhead. It was initially built as a fully-rigged ship with a forecastle of 12.8 metres and a bar keel of 23 metres. It was converted to a barque rig when sold to J. Robertson in 1893 (Sledge, 1984).

Carlisle Castle was among the ships expected to arrive in Fremantle in early July 1899. It was under the command of Captain Lindsay and carrying a cargo of railway irons, water-pipes, house bricks, cloth, wines, spirits, ale and various groceries. Also on board were 2,365 locking bars consigned to Messrs G. and C. Hoskins of Midland Junction, contractors of pipes required for the Goldfields Water Scheme. The estimated value of the cargo was between £40,000 and £50,000.

On 11 July, a force ten westerly storm swept Fremantle which resulted in the wreck of a number of small coastal craft, as well as City of York. The conditions at the time were described as treacherous. There were various reports from Rockingham that wreckage was washing ashore on Penguin Island. It became apparent that there were two wrecks, one of which had occurred closer to Rottneest Island (City of York). After arranging for the survivors of this shipwreck to be picked up off the vessel, the harbour-master, Russell, set off to investigate the other vessel (Cairns & Henderson, 1995:290).

The wreck event

Russell could see no names on the spars and rigging that floated on Coventry Reef, but a number of masts and spars were visible above the water-line on the westward end of the reef. Nothing is known precisely of the sequence of events that led to the wreck but it has been suggested that Captain Lindsay could not get a reliable sun or star fix on the Tuesday owing to the bad weather conditions. It is unlikely that he would have been able to take soundings for the same reason. Unable to see the Rottneest Island light he probably had

the vessel lay-to on the port tack to wait for daybreak. The break of Coventry Reef was probably not noticed in the inclement conditions and Carlisle Castle may well have drifted and struck on its starboard side (Cairns & Henderson, 1995:290).

On inspection, Russell surmised that the vessel had sunk immediately and that all hands had gone down with the vessel. With such a heavy cargo of railway iron in the hold the vessel would probably have gone down too quickly for the crew to escape. The exact number of casualties is not known, although the crew would have numbered between 24 and 26 given the size of the vessel (Cairns & Henderson, 1995:290). Only seven bodies were found.

#### Salvage

Salvage parties began collecting and selling the wreckage, including such items as soap and spirits. The hull and cargo were sold to Mr Bloom who represented a Perth syndicate. The hazards associated with the salvage of a vessel in such a location were reflected in the prices of £21 for the cargo and £5 for the hull. The purchasers were able to employ a diver, however, and he removed a large quantity of material from the wreck site. By April 1900 the Carlisle Castle Salvage Company had salvaged about £5 000 worth of goods although only £2 100 of it had been sold at this time.

#### Site location & Description

The wreck site rests on the western side of Coventry Reef, at the northern end, 6.4 kilometres south-west of Rockingham and 3.2 kilometres west of Penguin Island. The site lies in approximately 7.5 metres of water on an exposed rock bottom along a north-west to south-east axis, with the stern just below the water-line and the bow pointing out into deeper water. Iron railway lines are found at the aft end of the vessel, water pipes amidships and house bricks in the bow.

The wreckage is spread over an area of 50 metres by 50 metres, with large and small sections of hull plating on iron frames lying flattened against the sea-bed at all angles. In several places, sections of the hull lie broken on the reef top. There is an anchor with the flukes concealed under plating, but the shank and iron stock (in the set position) stand up from the sea-bed. A smaller anchor stands nearby, but this lies flat with its stock in the stowage position. No chain was attached to either anchor. This evidence may suggest that there was no time to deploy anchors during the wrecking.

A wreck site inspection in 1985 recorded that green bottles and cobalt blue bottles were freshly uncovered from between the frames, indicating that looting had recently taken place. The majority of the wreckage was covered in moderate to heavy marine growth.

#### Artefacts

An assortment of bottles was recovered from the site, including some which had contained beverages, wine (possibly 'moselle'), pickle, castor oil, sauce and coffee essence bottles. One porcelain cup, a brass bell together with wooden handle and iron clapper, a wooden toy, and a brick marked 'CRAITHCRAIG' have also been conserved for the Museum collection.

Two plaques have been placed at the site describing some of the vessel's history.

#### Social

The wreck of this vessel, combined with the loss of City of York, created a double tragedy that impacted on the local community. Money was collected for the relief of shipwreck victims and a monument was erected at Fremantle cemetery.

#### **Orizaba**

The Orizaba is arguably the biggest and most spectacular wreck off our coast, well she would be if the ocean swells hadn't done their work. She is a great dive though and it is hard to imagine such a large ship could collapse down to so little. Her history is amazing, the coast hidden by a haze of bush fires, her skipper actually thought he was entering in towards Fremantle, she crossed the shallow Five Fathom Bank, then when he realised his mistake he turned around to head back out to deeper water and THEN got stuck on the reef... talk about a sad tale! She was a 3325 ton Orient Liner and was visible off the coast for many years until salvage and erosion finally took her below the water line.

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## UEC Weekly Email

**12th November 2014**

### Diving Reports

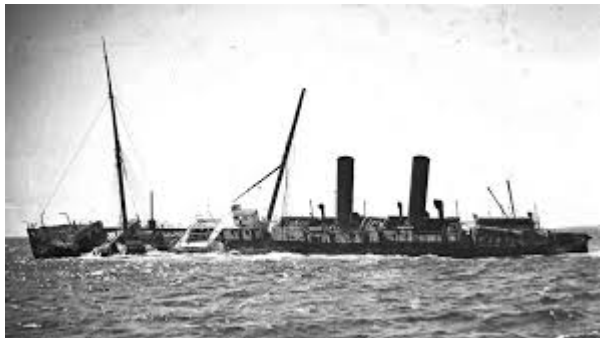
No diving last weekend as the weather just didn't inspire enough people to book on. This weekend its a special day out - please note the change in loading time and location due to a triathlon closing the roads to the SYC (bloody inconsiderate if you ask me). Thanks to Mel, Clive and Wendy for working out an alternative ....

### WRECK DIVING DAY - WOO HOO!!!

(I'm just a tad excited about this in case you can't tell...O)

This Sunday we will be diving 2 wrecks, and the boat is full already!

The wrecks chosen will be dependent on the weather of the day, and our Skipper of the day (Wendy) has been doing a heap of work behind the scenes so we are well prepared for whatever conditions we have - it's going to be SUPER EXCITING!!!



Wreck of "S.S. Orizaba", off Fremantle, Western Australia, Feb 1905

The boat is full but put yourself on the waitlist and you might get lucky.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Cheerio from Mel

### New member nominations

The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

### Dive Schedule

**8am** Departure until 1st May  
Loading Jetty

#### Sunday 16th November

**Note 7:30 departure from Bicton Baths**

D9/Orizaba/Saxon Ranger/Carlisle  
Castle Wreck Diving Day  
Skipper - Wendy  
DO - Clive

#### Saturday 22nd November

Skippers Choice  
Skipper - Martin S  
DO - Adrian

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Dave Carter

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

### **Social Report**

Hello Everyone,

#### BBQ and Night Dive, Friday 14th November 7:00pm

There is still time to put your name down for the BBQ and Night Dive at Bicton Baths this Friday at 7:00pm. The divers can jump in the water while we prepare the BBQ and we will eat when they come back. Don't worry, there will be nibbles to amuse while us land lubbers while we wait. Could you please let me know if you are coming by Thursday afternoon so I can organise food. It would be unthinkable to have a UEC event where we run out of food, gasp, shock, horror :-O

#### UEC 60th Birthday and Christmas Party, Saturday 13th December 7:00pm

The invitations to the 60th Birthday/Christmas Party have been posted to all UEC members on Monday so hopefully you will have received your letter by now. If you haven't received an invitation please let me know as we may not have your correct mailing address or you may not be a current member. Drop me an email at social [bookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:bookings@uecwa.com.au) and I will send one to you. Remember you do not have to be a member of the UEC to come to this event. All past, future and still thinking about it members are welcome as are guests of current members.

Unfortunately I have only just realised that there is no time on the invitation. Oops!!!! The evening will start at 7:00pm and finish around 11:30 ish. (Those who stay later might be press ganged into helping to clean up the hall. You have been warned.)

I look forward to seeing lots of RSVPs in my inbox or you can phone the number on the invitation.

If I am not home please leave a message.

Cheers for now

Jasmine

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#### **19 years ago this month**

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#### **9 years ago this month**

<http://1drv.ms/1tXOsUJ>

\$40 for a single dive trip

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### **November Monthly General Meeting**

Wednesday 19th November ,  
7:30pm upstairs at the SYC  
Speakers Sampson McAdam and Erez Beatus, Apnea Australia & Freediving  
<http://www.apneaaustralia.com.au/>  
New Meeting Format - less reports and more socialising including nibbles!  
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## UEC Weekly Email

### 19th November 2014

#### Diving Report

Sundays dive was always going to be special. Firstly it was a 7:30 departure from Bicton Baths due to the roads being closed around the Swan Yacht Club for some cycle race. This meant our intrepid crew of Wendy & Clive, assisted by volunteer Chris had to turn up before 6am to get the boat out of the pen and upto Bicton Baths for the pickup. Thanks to all three for what was a very early start to a Sunday morning and to Mel for organising it all. Secondly we were heading south; down Rockingham way to dive some wrecks which is something the club hadn't done in a few years.

With a full boat including nomination divers Rachel, Mark, Aidan & Dale, and a waitlist (great for the club so early in the season but not so great to those on the list) we all did the long load out from the car park to the end of the jetty. Conditions at Bicton were idyllic with almost no wind and warm sun, but by the time we reached the harbour it was cool and windy, so much so that everyone had to abandon the fly deck and head downstairs for shelter. It was a long trip south past Garden Island and under the bridge but interesting to see some different scenery than the usual trip over to Rottnest. After about 2 hours we reached the Saxon Ranger dive site and pulled up the mooring. Conditions were much better than expected although still pretty windy but not much swell. Just as we were all about to enter the water we were visited by one very friendly dolphin who cavorted around the boat for a good few minutes before heading off to do his own dive on the wreck.

The 400 tonne former fishing vessel is the first purpose sunk dive wreck in the Perth metropolitan area. The Saxon Ranger (formerly Atlantic Seal) was built around 1960 in Grimsby, England at a cost of £100,000 to work as a side trawler in the North Atlantic ocean. The vessel is 37metres in length with a beam of 9metres and hosted a crew of 17.

#### Dive Schedule

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Nurses Quarters & Crystal Palace  
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##### **Sunday 7th December 12noon Departure**

Squidding & Whiting afternoon  
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Owned by the British Trawler Company, arrangements were made in 1974 for the vessel to be used to develop a southern fishery off Albany. It was later sold and arrived in Australian waters working around Tasmania and Albany WA with occasional trips into the Antarctic. The first catch of 52 tonne of fish was blockaded by unions and had to be hand filleted on board.



Continually plagued with 'bad luck' (that's what happen when you change the vessel name), the vessel suffered numerous breakdowns, broke moorings, ran out of fuel, and was finally salvaged from the shores of Rockingham after a gale in 2003. Considered a jinx, the Saxon Ranger now lies in 25metres of water amongst other sunken wrecks on the seabed floor of the West Coast Dive Park.

outstanding dive fees (you can pay cash on the boat to clear these)  
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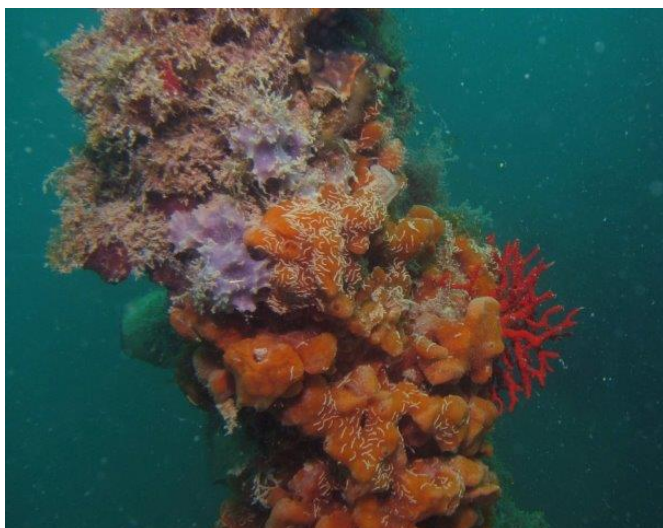
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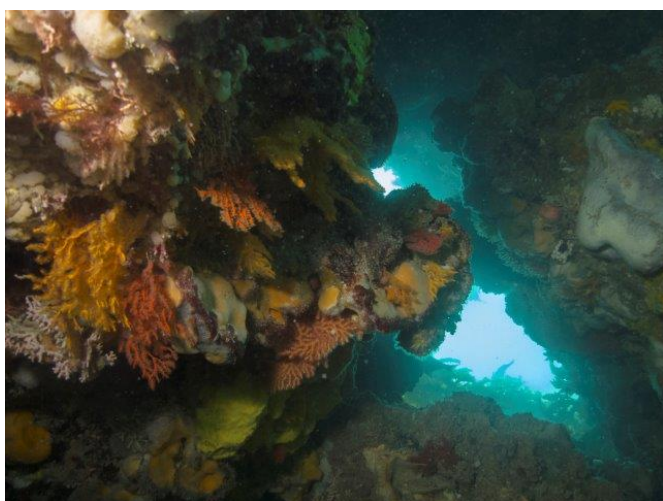
I think the wreck exceeded most people's expectation and was a decent size and easy to penetrate with lots of holes cut through the structure. All in all it made for an interesting dive and one I'm sure we will do again sometime in the near future. Congratulations go to the four Crayfish on the boat that managed to hide from Adrian's loop :).



After lunch on the mooring and some discussion about whether to dive the reef or head for the D9 Barge the decision was made to go to the reef at the back of Penguin Island to dive a site called Christmas Caves. Not everyone was lucky to find the caves but for those who did it was a truly glorious dive site.



A string of smallish room sized caves with lots of interconnecting holes and swim thru's in about 8m of water made for a fascinating long dive. Each time we came into another cave I thought we had gone around in a circle to the original cave but each one was different. With lots of Crayfish hiding in the holes, abundant fish and beautiful soft corals made it one of the best dives I have done to date. By the time our hour was up we had no idea where we were so a quick swim to the surface and it was a longish swim back to the boat.



With everyone back on board and a quick role call it was the long (gage) road home up Cockburn Sound and back to Bicton Baths by 4pm which was pretty good going considering the distance. All up a great days diving, something a little different and better than expected weather.

Mike

#### **This week's dive**

Is on Saturday (22 November), and is scheduled to visit Nurse's Quarters and Crystal Palace (conditions permitting) - two fabulous dive sites.

We still have some spaces left - bookings can be made either via the website or at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

### **Rottnest Swim Through - Saturday 6 December**

For many years, various UEC Members have taken part in the Annual Rottnest Swim Thru, and this year we are planning the same again.

This is a family and diving day out...

Cape Cruiser will drop the Day Trippers and Swimmers on Rottnest in the morning, and then will head off for two dives. We return to pick up the Day Trippers / Swimmers at about 3pm - for our journey home.

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That's it from me!

Cheerio from Mel

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### **Presidents Report**

Hi All

With the " silly season" now upon us, keep in mind the club's events.

Wednesday's meeting guest speakers will be Erez Beatus and Samson McAdam from Apnea Australia. They will be speaking on free diving and safety courses for Scuba divers. Erez is a world champion free diver.

Next is the trip to Augusta at the end of November on the 28th to 30th. This will be a great exploratory weekend.

Following that is the Club's 60th Birthday and Christmas celebration being held on December 13th.

Also with the Summer approaching, book on for dives early so you don't miss out.

Cheers Martin

### **New member nominations**

The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

Hugh Parker  
Elise Brigden

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 26th November 2014

Due to cancellations there are two spots available for Augusta this coming weekend - for details see below.

### Diving Report

Cape Cruiser set off with eight keen divers on a swelly Saturday morning. A trip to Rotto and Nurse's Quarters was not in the cards unfortunately but Martin as skipper, Adrian as DO and Dan as trainee DO were still keen to take everyone out for a dive.



An impromptu dive to an old UEC site, Halls Bank, was the location of the first dive and it was a welcome treat for the divers. The sea floor rose from the depths of the ocean which made the dive site an easy to navigate underwater island and produced plenty of brain coral.

### Dive Schedule

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Do - Clive

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The visibility was surprisingly modest given the swell and the water temperature was a warm 19-20 degrees. The current was forgiving below surface which was a stark contrast to the surface which made the swim back to Cape Cruiser after the dive a challenge for some.

Divers reported seeing a scorpion fish, globefish, Western Blue Devil, nudibranchs, loads of large lionfish, a stingray, and a handful of skittish crabs on this dive. All sighted crabs lived to see another day!



Once all divers were back on board and a quick lunch, we headed for a dive on the Greenup Wreck. However, this was not to be as the washing machine at North Mole made the sea akin to pea soup and all divers surfaced without spotting the wreck. Despite the missed wreck, it was a good day on Cape Cruiser.

Thanks to Martin, Adrian and Dan.

Mak

### **Upcoming Diving**

This weekend the boat heads to Cable Reef & Rogers

to dive (before you book on - no paying on the boat) and have no outstanding dive fees (you can pay cash on the boat to clear these)

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### **December Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 3rd December  
7pm on the boat.

### **No General Meeting in December as its Christmas Party Time**

Rock. The forecast looks beautiful, and there are still a few spaces left on the boat.

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If you're planning on coming along as a Day Tripper - please let us know via e-mail ([divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)).

### **Augusta Weekend**

This weekend a group of 10 of us are heading down to Augusta to sample some really unusual diving.

We have an opportunity to dive Australia's only wild abalone farm (a world-first initiative!), as well as dives on some unusual granite territory, limestone cray dives, plus (for some of us) - a night dive in the Blackwood River.

We are leaving Friday afternoon and returning Sunday evening, and **two spots have freed up for this trip.**

Cost is \$200, which includes all diving, accommodation, breakfast both mornings, and two airfills each.

If you'd like to join us either let Geoff G or myself know: [hgeard@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hgeard@bigpond.net.au) or [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au).

More details can be found here: [Trip Details](#)

### **Upcoming Single Night Dive**

Put this one in your diaries!

We have a single night dive scheduled for Friday 12 December - departing SYC at 6.30pm.

This is a diving social event, so we will either stop off at Fremantle Fishing Harbour or crank the boat's BBQ for dinner after the dive.

The scheduled dive site is Minden Reef, it should be a great night out.

That's it for another week from me!

Cheerio from Mel

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### **Presidents Report**

#### **New member nominations**

The following people have nominated for membership of UECWA:

Andrea Carter  
Jason Daniels

Please join me in welcoming them to the club. If you have any queries please contact me at [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au).

#### **Social Report**

Hello Everyone,

#### UEC 60th Birthday and Christmas Party, Saturday 13th December 7:00pm

The invitations to the 60th Birthday/Christmas Party have been posted to all UEC members on Monday so hopefully you will have received your letter by now. If you haven't received an invitation please let me know as we may not have your correct mailing address or you may not be a current member. Drop me an email at social [bookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:bookings@uecwa.com.au) and I will send one to you. Remember you do not have to be a member of the UEC to come to this event. All past, future and still thinking about it members are welcome as are guests of current members.

Unfortunately I have only just realised that there is no time on the invitation. Oops!!!! The evening will start at 7:00pm and finish around 11:30 ish. (Those who stay later might be press ganged into helping to clean up the hall. You have been warned.)

I look forward to seeing lots of RSVPs in my inbox or you can phone the number on the invitation.  
If I am not home please leave a message.

Cheers for now  
Jasmine

**A Blast from the Past.....**

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## UEC Weekly Email

### 3rd December 2014

Apologies for the extended newsletter but Mel sent me so many photos and I couldn't choose between them so you got the lot.

### Diving Report

Last week there was no diving due to a mechanical issue with Cape Cruiser. Our Boat Officer (and El Presidente) Martin is well and truly on to this - and we remain positive for the coming weekend's trip...

### This week's diving

This week it's the Rottnest Swim Thru, and the boat is filling up fast.

We have 4 diving spots left, and some more space available for passengers wanting to be dropped on Rottnest for the day.

If you would like to book on as a passenger, please advise Mel at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au).

Look forward to seeing you out there!

### Friday 12 December - Night Dive

We have a night dive going ahead next Friday.

This will be a social event, with a stop at (either) Fremantle Fishing Harbour, or a BBQ on the boat for dinner.

Bookings can be made on the website or at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au)

### Christmas / New Year Diving

I'm just putting the final touches on some extra dives over the festive season...

Watch this space (and the website) for more details.

That's it from me!

Cheerio from Mel

### Augusta Trip

Last Friday, 10 keen divers headed to Augusta for a weekend of unique diving.

When Liz and I arrived, Geoff was already deep in discussion with our Skipper Eamon about the forecast for the weekend and a

### Dive Schedule

**8am** Departure until 1st  
May  
Loading Jetty

### Saturday 6th December

Skippers Choice - Rottnest Swim  
Thru - Rotto Day Trip  
Skipper - Martin A  
DO - Steve D

### Sunday 7th December 12noon Departure

Squidding & Whiting afternoon  
Skipper - Martin S & Steve Day

### Friday 12th December - Night Dive & Social Special

Minden Reef  
Skipper - Geoff G  
DO - Mel

### Sunday 14th December

Swirl Reef & Divers Choice  
Skipper - Chris  
Do - Clive

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### Please note:

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proposed plan... game on.



*The Boat*



*On the boat*

The next morning we were up early for a boat-BBQ'd brekkie of bacon and eggs, cooked by Adrian and (Deckhand) Cal. After breakfast, we were given a thorough boat briefing by Skipper Eamon. Our briefing included an introduction to one of the Divemasters from "Ocean Grown Abalone" – Mick. Mick had kindly offered to come along so he could tell us more about the abalone set-up, answer all the questions we had, and give us a thorough dive briefing once on site.



*Cooking Breakfast*

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#### **December Committee Meeting**

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*Divers in the Water*

Our first dive was in the Southern Ocean, on the abalone farm. It was fascinating, and impossible to describe (the pictures explain it best). It kind of reminded me of a lost, underwater city...

Apart from seeing lots of baby abalone, we also saw crays, cuttlefish, snapper, skippy, cobbler, and loads of different fish life. The visibility was stunning, the water so blue... great stuff.

This abalone farm is a world first set-up with various research programs in place. If you'd like to learn more, you can read here:

<http://www.oceangrown.com.au/about-us/>



*Abalone Farm*



*Abalone Farm*



*Abalone Farm*



*Abalone Farm*



*Abalone Farm*





*Abalone Farm*

Second dive of the day was on a local reef, and the terrain was (again) very different to what we're used to diving on at home. Adrian, Geoff, Martin & James set off to catch us some crays and abalone (Geoff catching the abs under his newly obtained license).

They didn't disappoint, thanks team!

The rest of us were treated to unusual fish life, big schools of herring and snapper, a tiny nudibranch, massive abalone, and (the highlight) – 4 big rays circling us for the entire dive... stunning!



*Ray on the Second Dive*



*Nudibranch on some sponge*

We hopped back on board all raving – the Southern Ocean did not disappoint!

Lunch was (what we calculated to be) about \$1,000 worth of crayfish and abalone. It was delicious – I never understood the appeal of abalone until Saturday.



*Green Lipped Abalone*



*Cooking Abalone*



*Eating Abalone*

Sunday was another early start – and it was worth it. Today we were motoring around Cape Leeuwin into the Indian Ocean, to a place called Cosy Corner.

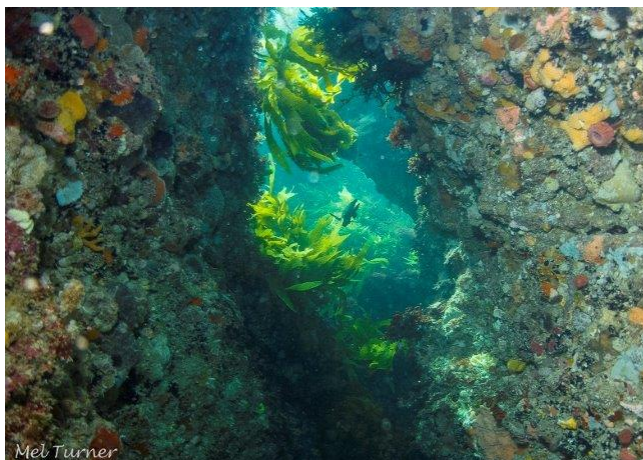


*Day 2 - on our way past Cape Leeuwin*

Our first dive was on limestone cliffs covered in massive seaweed plants and soft colourful sponges. It was Leafy & Weedy Seadragon country, but alas the Leafy's & Weedy's remained elusive for the day. The crays didn't though, and neither did the sea life. Special mention goes out to Mark for catching his first ever cray.

The vis and the diving was so stunning we elected to stay there for our second dive, albeit after another cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs & crayfish on the boat (thanks Mak and Mark!).

Oh – and the obligatory pod of dolphins dropped by while we were eating... Another magnificent day was had by all.



*Cosy Corner*





Mel Turner

*Catching Crays at Cosy Corner*



Mel Turner

*Cosy Corner*



*We Caught Our First Cray*





*Cooking Brunch*

Our journey home was temporarily held up with a stuck anchor, but Mak saved the day (under the careful direction of Skipper Eamon) – and in no time we were off. On our arrival back to port, we unloaded our gear, bought kilograms of fresh fish direct from a fishing boat, then headed home with smiles on our faces.

Another unforgettable weekend with the UEC. Thanks again to Geoff for organising, and to Steph, Martin, Jazz, Adrian, Mak, James, Liz and Mark for the great company.

Mel

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#### **Squidding & Whiting Fishing Afternoon Special - Boat Filling Fast**

Following on from the success of the last couple of fishing events Steve is arranging another one for Sunday 7th December departing at 12 noon. Book on with Mel or through the website as usual.

#### **A Blast from the Past.....**

##### **20 years ago this month**

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##### **10 years ago this month**

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## UEC Weekly Email

### **10th December 2014**

Unfortunately we are still experiencing issues with the throttle warning light on Cape Cruiser. We have had John Murphy from DTEC on the boat and we have a senior mechanic scheduled to come on Thursday to look at the harness so at the moment the boat is still out of action but hopefully will be repaired on Thursday to enable this weekends diving to proceed. Anyone booked on for Friday or Sundays dives please look out for updates from Mel.

### **Diving this weekend:**

We have two dives scheduled for this weekend (WOO HOO! 'Tis the diving season!!!)

The first is a night dive this Friday night.

We've had a location change to Halls Bank (a newer site that the Club dived a couple of weeks ago). This is also bit of a social event - we will head out for a single dive, then drop in at Fremantle Fishing Harbour for some dinner on the way home.

Then on Sunday it's Exploratory Diving Day!!!!

Given that we are the Underwater Explorers Club of WA - these exploratory diving days make perfect sense!

We don't know where we'll go or what we'll see - but it will be new, and that is always super exciting.

If the idea of being the first to dive a site excites you - this is your day!

Bookings can be made via the usual channels (at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au), or via the Website Booking page).

### **Christmas / Festive Season Diving Schedule:**

We have put on some extra dives over the holiday period:

- \* Saturday 27 December (Rottnest Double Dive)
- \* Tuesday 30 December (Single Dive - "Hunting for Weedy Seadragons")
- \* Thursday 1 January, 2015 (later start, Single Dive & Fishing Trip)

We're taking bookings for these days now (they have been put

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Loading Jetty

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Halls Bank  
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DO - Mel

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Skipper - Chris  
Do - Clive

### **Saturday 20th December**

Starpicket & Jackson Rock Arch  
Skipper - Carl  
DO - Mel

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Rottnest Double Dive  
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Do - TBA

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Nurses Quarters and Stragglers  
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on the website booking page, or e-mail me)

It's an exciting couple of months coming up with diving in full swing.

Look forward to seeing you all out there!

Cheerio from Mel

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### **17th December 2014**

Firstly on Sundays dive we had an incident that is a timely reminder to people about laying cylinders down while unattended, however brief that is. In this case a Pilot boat went past us in the harbour at a fair old speed creating a large wake which resulted in a tank that was standing upright and briefly unsecured while being rigged up to fall and break the valve spine off. Fortunately no one was injured but the tank was damaged and if it had landed on a foot it could have been much more serious so please always keep tanks secured and lay them horizontally when not in the tank racks.

Next week we will have a full run down of the Christmas 60th Party including all the incriminating photos.

### **Dive Report**

Last Sundays dive had 12 divers venture forth for some exploration diving, skippered by Chris and with Clive as DO supported by trainee Dan Bruce. Conditions were not brilliant but not too bad with a bit of wind and sea but manageable. First dive was at an exploration site since named Donotdiveagain. I think the name probably says it all. This was a smallish lump at about 18m with a few small holes and cracks but not much else.

### **Dive Schedule**

**8am Departure until 1st May**  
**May**  
**Loading Jetty**

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#### **Thursday 1st January -**

Hangover Special  
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### **Please note:**

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We did bag a couple of Crays and there were a bunch of big ones hiding in a small cave that we just couldn't get to but apart from that and a stingray not much else. We did recover two anchors so as salvage goes not too bad.



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A trip into Geordie to drop of the orange dingy on the mooring and then we headed off to Marjorie Bay to see what it was like. The wind had picked up so conditions were deteriorating and at Marjorie the swell was significantly higher so we about turned and headed back to the relative shelter of Geordie Bay Channel Marker caves. This is a nice shallow dive site with lots of nooks and crannies and a few caves. Not many Crayfish on the go but a nice dive all the same.



Once everyone was back on board it was back to the SYC with a pretty rough crossing. A few drinks at the bar and home to wash the gear.

Thanks to our crew for an enjoyable day out.

Mike

**This week's diving:**

This week the boat is scheduled to visit Star Pickett (a less-visited but apparently good cray spot), and Jackson Rock Arch (a visually stunning dive).

We only have a few spots left for this trip, so let me know ASAP if you want to book on.

We then have some dives scheduled for over Christmas and the New Year:

- Saturday 27 December = double dive (Skippers Choice)
- Sunday 28 December = double dive (Nurse's Quarters & Stragglers)
- Tuesday 30 December = single dive (to be decided)
- Thursday 1 January = single dive + fishing trip (Halls Bank)

These are on the website and I've been taking bookings already for these trips... bookings can be made the usual ways (either at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) or via the website).

**Christmas Day Shore Dive:**

We have organised a shore dive for those who would like a sneaky dive on Christmas morning.

Meeting at Robbs Jetty, 8.30am.

For those who would like to stay afterwards - it is BYO drinks and (to share) morning tea.

That's it from me!

Cheerio from Mel

**JOIN US ON ROTTO 21 to 27 FEBRUARY 2015**

Ten divers booked and just 4 beds left for our annual holiday staying in ocean view chalets at Geordie Bay. Two beds per room. Magnificent diving, weather and company. \$730 Non-divers are welcome

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**24th December 2014**



Sorry for the late report but i have just got back from the North Pole where I was helping Santa wrap presents.

**Presidents Report**

Seasons greetings everyone.

Firstly, a big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the UEC 60th Birthday/Christmas party. It was a huge success and it was great to see so many UEC members support the event. It was especially nice to catch up with the UEC life members. I also would like to thank all the sponsors who donated some amazing prizes for the raffle. I know they were all gratefully received.

Upcoming Social Get- together for Skippers and Dive Officers.

I would like to invite all skippers and DOs to a BBQ on the boat in the pen, starting 12noon for a social lunch and informal discussion on current operations of the boat. I would also like to look at training and safety and would appreciate your input. Please let me know if you will be coming so we can organise the catering.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Years celebration.

Regards



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Martin

### **Dive Report**

Last weekends diving was cancelled due to the strong wind warning. A few brave souls dived the Grain Jetty in appalling conditions. What some people will do to get underwater....

### **Upcoming Diving**

#### **Christmas Day Shore Dive**

Tomorrow we have a Christmas Day Shore Dive at Robbs Jetty for those who either want to sneak in a dive before doing the Christmas thing, or for the "Christmas Orphans"

Meeting at the BBQ /Carpark at 8.30am.

Bring some morning tea to share and your own drinks if you'd like to stay afterwards.

#### **Weekend Rottnest Diving**

We have double dives scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday this weekend...

Saturday is Skipper's Choice (dependent on the conditions of the day), while Sunday we are hoping to make it to Nurse's Quarters and Stragglers.

There's still a few spaces left on both days -

The dive on 30th December has been changed to a double dive.

We still need a few more bookings for this trip to go ahead, so at this stage - it looks as though it will be a quieter boat.

The New Year's Day Single Dive + Fishing Trip is booking out fast now, so best to let us know if you want a diving spot.

Bookings through the usual channels (website or at [divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au))

### **2015 Dive Calendar**

The 2015 Calendar is on the website, and I love that we're already getting bookings for early January.

We've resurrected a few old favourites in the first quarter of 2015, as well as including all the old favourites. Actually, I'm pretty darn excited about the diving in the first part of next year!!!

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### **UEC Turns 60 years young!**

A lot of preparation went into UEC's big birthday bash, which was also our Christmas Party and December General Meeting – rolled into one.

Over 65 Members joined us at the Cockburn RSL for a night of good food, laughs and reminiscing 60 years of good memories.



After some time to mingle, our MC Malcolm Roberts (also known as MC Hammer) kicked off the night with some questions that got us all either remembering or learning about our Club's history (I still can't believe our Club swam underwater to Rottnest!!!)



Then – time to tuck in to some amazing food. Jazz and Ilonka had not spared a thing, and (with the assistance of some BBQ Helpers – thanks guys!) we had the most incredible choice of BBQ'd meats and vegetables, cold meats, salads etc you could ever ask for.



Once our bellies were satisfied (and the plates cleared away – thanks again to those who helped!), we were entertained by Dave Kenny with a Potted History of the UEC. Our Club really has a fascinating history, and everyone was captivated as Dave told us about it.



After some more time to mingle (and time to let the mountain of food settle in our bellies), it was time to announce the winner of the Silent Auction ...

The Silent Auction item was a stunning Sea Horse painting, donated by Artist Erin Roberts... Thankyou so much Erin!



The Auction was hotly contested, with a few hanging around in the hope of putting the final bid on...

The eventual winners were Bob and Zita Dobson, who then kindly gifted the artwork to Seahorse Susie... an incredibly appropriate transaction!



It was then time to draw the Door Prizes, which were all result of generous donations from a number of Club Members and Dive Shops. A big thank you to Perth Scuba, Dolphin Scuba (Welshpool) and Australasian Diving Academy for your generous support - UEC appreciates it!





A special thanks must also go to (Member) Danny Messom for your donation of a framed photograph... a stunning photo of a seahorse, which was eyed off by many during the night (none more-so than Geoff G, who eventually took the prize home!)

The main Door Prize winner was MC Hammer (I mean Malcolm Roberts) – who took home a brand new (wrist watch) dive computer – donated by Perth Scuba.

Finally it was time for the best part of the night... cake!!! But you can't eat birthday cake without singing happy birthday – so El Presidente Martin lead the way, and after wishing our wonderful Club a happy 60<sup>th</sup> (and another happy 60 years ahead), we rolled out of the Cockburn RSL Club with full bellies and smiles on our faces.



A big thank you to the Social Committee for all your work, and to every single person who had a part in making the night a success (there were a lot of Club Members who did their bit, and it was just great to see... thank you!)

That's it from me... wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas.  
Safe diving!!!  
From Mel

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##### **17 years ago this month**

<http://1drv.ms/16RsYtN>

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<http://1drv.ms/16Rt4Bw>

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### **31st December 2014**



Happy Hogmanay - looking forward to a great year of diving in 2015

### **Dive Report**

Saturdays trip to Rotto was a full boat, and because of the low swell forecast skipper Geoff Geard headed out to Kerry's Caverns and followed that up with Flat Top. Divers came back aboard with glowing reports and great photographs from Kerry's.



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Reports were somewhat similar after Flat Top, but with a number of comments about being moved about rather quickly with the occasional surge. Be sure to check out the photos on the UEC Facebook page.



**Dive Schedule**  
**8am** Departure  
 Loading Jetty

#### **Thursday 1st January -**

Hangover Special  
 Single Dive Halls Bank plus  
 Fishing  
 Skipper Steve D  
 DO Mel

#### **Sunday 4th January**

Rottnest Double Dive - The  
 Channels UEC + Green Island  
 Skipper - Carl  
 DO - Steve D

#### **Saturday 10th January**

Rottnest Double Dive - 23  
 Meter Reef + Roe Reef  
 Skipper - TBA  
 DO - Clive

#### **Sunday 18th January**

Rottnest Double Dive - Deep or  
 Wreck Diving Day  
 Skipper - Chris or Wendy  
 DO - Adrian

#### **Saturday 24th January**

Rottnest Double Dive - Parker Pt  
 Drop-off + Crystal Palace  
 Skipper - Rex  
 DO - John & Mel

#### **Dive Bookings**

Book with Mel at  
[divebookings@uecwa.com.au](mailto:divebookings@uecwa.com.au) -



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Tuesday had a similar weather forecast to Saturday, so skipper Martin A decided to stick with the close end of Rotto so we could finish diving reasonably early before the wind picked up too much. With that in mind, the seven of us headed for Star Picket which had been on the calendar a few times but the dive had always been cancelled. The site was pretty interesting with many wide gullies and swim-throughs. Three of the divers were lucky enough to come out of a swim-through as a 5 foot grey nurse swam by, then slowly swam across open ground into the distance. Geoff says he also saw a very large blue grouper.



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Second dive (at Geoff's suggestion) was Crystal Arch. All the divers raved about how great this site was. A number said it was genuinely the best dive they'd done for a very long time. As it turned out the breeze didn't pick up nearly as much as forecast and the trip back was very comfortable, with half the team falling asleep. A great day had by all.

you'll receive a confirmation email. **Please provide your contact number, plus emergency contact name & number (if not previously supplied).** If you want to take a risk and try a last minute booking you can call or SMS Mel on [0402 310 854](tel:0402310854).

**Please note:**

- you must be a financial member to dive (before you book on - no paying on the boat) and have no outstanding dive fees (you can pay cash on the boat to clear these)
- dive fees are \$70 per double dive trip (even if you only do one dive) & \$40 for a single dive trip
- if you book on please turn up! The Skipper will make any call on weather on the morning of the dive.
- Make sure you pay attention to the Dive Coordinator's confirmation e-mail/SMS for loading location as conditions may dictate a change.
- Designated Rotto Day Trips are open to all UEC & affiliate members & their guests. The boat will drop you at Thompson Bay about 9:30am and pick you up after the double dive at about 2:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

**Have something you would like to share**

If you have some news or an item of interest that you would like to share with the members then drop me a line to [membership@uecwa.com.au](mailto:membership@uecwa.com.au)

**January Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 7th January  
from 6pm onwards - meeting starts 7pm on the boat.  
All members are welcome to join us but please RSVP if you intend coming so we can cater for you.

**January General Meeting**

Wednesday 21st January  
7:30pm Upstairs at the SYC  
Tables reserved for dinner

Martin A

### **Upcoming Diving**

#### **New Years Day Single Dive & Fish**

Is tomorrow! And what better way to shake off a foggy head and see in the New Year with an outing on Cape Cruiser!!!

If you want to come along let us know ASAP - we have a single dive then a bit of a fish for King George Whiting & Squid.

Hope to see you there!

#### **Sunday 4th January**

Is almost booked out, and is due to head to The Channels UEC & Green Island - two less-dived spots West End and South side of Rottneest (both outside of Sanctuary zones).

The Channels UEC site sounds exciting. It was found in March 1990, and is characterised by the deep channels, all running roughly north/south. Depth is highly variable, and reaches 22 to 24 metres in the bottom of holes and gullies. It is spectacular territory and noted as a good cray fishing area. A surprising variety of vegetation is also present, with the large kelp weed not being as dominant as usual.

#### **Saturday 10 January**

We are also getting very full for this trip ('tis the diving season!) - which is due to head to 23 Metre Reef (West End) & Roe Reef (Rotto North).

More on the details on 23 Metre Reef next week.

Look forward to seeing you all on the boat!!!

Cheerio from Mel

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**10 years ago this month - Jan 2005**

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