

SUNDAY SEMINARS

Room numbers and times are subject to change

	Seaside 1	Seaside 3	Seaside 7
11AM - NOON	<p>Rocks, Rips and Reefs – the '3 Rs' of Beach Diving <i>Presented by Gary Hild</i></p> <p>This seminar is a designed to orient new and experienced divers to shore based diving considerations. The presentation centers on current year swell & surf patterns and safe practices, with examples of popular local dive sites in Los Angeles County. A key program goal is to assist participants in identifying and recognizing the precipitating events that cause accidents in shore based diving environments so they can be avoided or mitigated. The seminar provides a look at weather, surf, and seasonal forecasting tools and techniques for dive planning in Southern California for shore based dives.</p>	<p>Happy Trails – Tips For Safe Enjoyable Travel <i>Presented by Betty Orr</i></p> <p>This seminar is an entertaining and enlightening compendium of travel tips and advice for your next trip – no matter how big or how small - how near or how far. Thoughts on how to prepare for all of those roads less traveled!</p>	<p>Photographing Mr. Big <i>Presented by Marty Snyderman</i></p> <p>Photographs of large marine creatures- whales, sharks, manta rays and dolphins etc.- hold a special place in the hearts, minds and image libraries of many underwater photographers. On the whole, we have fewer opportunities to photograph large animals. And in many respects it is more challenging to capture a great shot of Mr. Big than it is to photograph typical reef creatures. The moments of opportunity are often harder to come by and more fleeting. But it can be done. Attend this seminar and learn some techniques and thought processes that can help you get the shot you want next time you see Mr. Big in your viewfinder.</p>
NOON - 1PM	<p>The Diving Adventure, Joy and Beauty and Photography in Extreme Cold Wilderness <i>Presented by Amos Nachoum</i></p> <p>The extreme cold environment of Antarctica, The Russian, Norway and the Canadian High Arctic are rich in BigAnimals. These destinations offer an amazing encounters with the ocean iconic wilderness, from Narwhale, Beluga, Polar bear, Greenland shark, Penguins and Leopard seal.</p> <p>Learn how to dress rightly to keep warm, safe and creative. How to prepare your camera and how to be physically fit for these extreme unique adventures.</p>	<p>Coastal Flavor: Enjoy the Bounty of California Waters <i>Presented by Trevor Cook, the Scuba Chef</i></p> <p>Back by Popular Demand. A fun and informative look at the bounty off our coast. Join Chef Trevor Cook, The Scuba Chef, as he educates you about what is edible, the seasonality of species, how to catch the right seafood and how to prepare your catch for cooking. Trevor will demonstrate with round fish such as calico bass, flat fish like halibut as well as shell fish and lobster. Come learn about our coastal bounty, responsible harvesting and the best way to preserve your catch including cooking tips and recipe ideas.</p>	<p>Diving with California's Sharks <i>Presented by Bruce Watkins</i></p> <p>West Coast divers are fortunate to have many different kinds of sharks in our local waters. Some are small and fascinating, others are big and scary, and all possess great beauty and elegance. It can be humbling to meet a predator in its own environment, but I am always amazed just how powerful and yet how graceful they can be. This seminar will discuss the life and habits of most of our pelagic and inshore sharks from the humble horn the large white shark; as well as where and when to find them, and how to photograph them.</p>
1PM - 2PM	<p>How Does The Diving Community Really Work? <i>Presented by Tom Ingram, Executive Director, Diving Education and Marketing Association</i></p> <p>How big is the Diving Industry, and how many divers are there? What is the structure of the industry? Do you know how your dive retailer selects the equipment they sell? Why do stores carry some equipment lines but not others? How do worldwide resorts work with our local retailers? Why do we love our instructors so much and where did they learn how to teach us? Join Tom Ingram, Executive Director of the Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) as he reveals how the Diving Community comes together to make it possible for us to enjoy recreational diving of all kinds.</p>	<p>The Ears are Stopping You (or a Friend) From Diving? What You Should Know. <i>Presented by Dr.Tabby Stone</i></p> <p>The ears are the part of the body most susceptible to injury during diving. In this popular presentation about an age-old issue for divers, Dr. Stone will explain how ear problems occur, how to prevent them and what to do if you have an ear injury.</p>	<p>Golden Opportunity: Taking World-Class Images in Your Local Waters (2.0) <i>Presented by Andy Sallmon & Allison Vitsky Sallmon</i></p> <p>If you've ever thought, "How in the world did they take that image?" or "That must be Photo-shopped!" then this seminar is for you. Andy and Allison are among the most published North American underwater photographers today, and many of their most in-demand or award-winning images were taken within a few hundred miles of their So Cal home. In this talk, they'll show some of their most successful images and discuss never-before revealed details on how each image was achieved.</p>
2PM - 3PM	<p>The Ageless Diver <i>Presented by Dan Orr</i></p> <p>This presentation is a review of how the normal aging process affects diver safety and what every diver should know about risk and risk mitigation to improve their safety, regardless of age.</p>	<p>A Fresh Perspective: Various Techniques to Help Elevate Your Photography <i>Presented by Todd Winner and Michael Zeigler</i></p> <p>Taking your underwater photography to the next level can be as easy as trying something new. Whether you're newer to photography or an advanced shooter, we'll share some of our favorite tips and techniques that will be sure to help elevate your skills. Motion blur, reflections, split shots, close-focus wide-angle, and super macro are some of the techniques we'll share - along with the common equipment and settings used for each. You'll be sure to walk away with something new to try the next time you hop in the water.</p>	<p>Secrets of Fish ID <i>Presented by Ken Kurtis</i></p> <p>Lots of people learn to dive but never take time to learn what it is that they're seeing underwater. Ken Kurtis presents an easy-to-learn system of fish identification, based on the popular Paul Humann book series and some common sense tips.</p>
3PM - 4 PM	<p>Southern California's Best Beach Dives <i>Presented by Dale and Kim Sheckler</i></p> <p>Beach diving along the Southern California Coastline is fun and easy. And you can avoid the crowds (both divers and non-divers if you know where to go. This seminar, given by the authors of the popular book Southern California's Best Beach Dives, will touch upon some of these hidden treasures. The popular seminar will include what you can expect above and below the water, marine life encounters, and tips on hot to make your beach dives as enjoyable as possible.</p>	<p>Legal Responsibilities of Recreational Scuba Divers <i>Presented by Rick Lesser</i></p> <p>What are your legal responsibilities as a recreational diver, to yourself and those you are diving with? This and other questions will be answered in depth at this groundbreaking seminar presented by Rick Lesser, one of the most experienced recreational dive litigators. Common misperceptions such as "A dive release isn't worth the paper it's printed on" or that the leader of your dive group is somehow a guarantor of your safety as well as other legal issues will be addressed based on real world experience from over 3,000 dive incidents. Knowing your legal responsibilities as a diver will make you a better and safer scuba diver no matter what your level of training or experience.</p>	<p>Amazing Dive and H2O Adventure Insider Travel Secrets <i>Presented by Richard Woulfe</i></p> <p>In this informative how to seminar, learn about the latest strategies to get the best dive and water adventure travel deals. Learn about packing and negotiating for easier travel on the airlines and in airports. Rich will update you on the latest ways to save money avoiding excess baggage fees and ways to get the best airfares, resort deals and book the best schedules, while traveling more safely and comfortably. Also, updates on the best dive and snorkel locations and U/W photography and video wants and needs. Bring your dive and general travel questions.</p>