



April 2011

Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

Cairns QLD AUSTRALIA

<http://www.nautilus-scuba.net>



Dive Trips
Club Meetings
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Trip Reports

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TUSA Dive, Deep Sea Divers Den, Reef Magic Cruises, Mike Ball Dive Expeditions,
Cairns SCUBA Air, Calypso Reef Cruises, Poseidon Cruises



Photo by Rob Beaman

Club Meeting

Last Wednesday of every month (except December)

Wed 27 April, 2011

Cairns Marine Radio Club

MacNamara St, Cairns

7.15 pm start with a BBQ



Guest Speaker

- CLUB DIVES
- DISCOUNTED DIVING AND DIVE GEAR FROM OUR "FRIENDS OF THE CLUB"
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Brad Croft

Cairns SCUBA Air





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Monthly Club Dive

Can vary... but often one of the first Sundays each month...

Next Club Dive...

Poseidon

Sun 8th May, 2011

Time: 8.00 am—8.30am

Where: Port Douglas Marina, Port Douglas

Cost: \$145 for 3 dives

Gear Hire \$20 extra

\$5.50 Marine Park Fee payable on the day

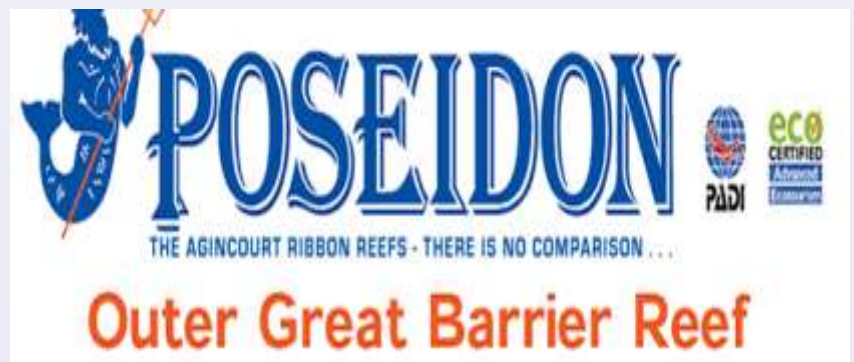
Booking: Book directly with Poseidon

ph: 4099 4772

www.poseidon-cruises.com.au

Email: Don't forget to email Chrys when you have booked ... divecoordinator@nautilus-scuba.net

Cut-off date: Friday 1st May

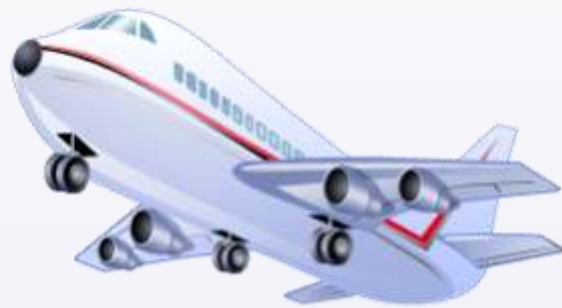




Overseas Dive Trip

Solomon Islands

Check out the information on
the next page....



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Great opportunity....

But **ONLY 16 PLACES !!!**

Please contact Eden Gray-Spence to secure
your spot !

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The Solomon Islands is one of the last unspoiled regions of the world. Offering Divers crystal clear water, eyepopping corals and marine diversity. Join Nautilus Scuba Club and experience The Solomon Islands.

DEPARTING 24TH OCTOBER 2011

- ** Return Aifares Ex Brisbane flying Solomon Airlines
- ** Includes Airline Taxes
- ** 4 Nights Agnes Lodge Munda Ibibu Cottage, Twin share
- ** 9 Dives with Dive Munda
- ** Tanks, Weights and Airfills and Dive Guide
- ** Skull Island Tour Munda
- ** Return Transfers
- ** 5 Nights Gizo Hotel, Poolside Room Twin Share
- ** 6 dives Adventure Sports Gizo
- ** Tanks, Weights and Airfills and Dive Guide
- ** Lunch Included on Dive days Gizo
- ** Return Transfers throughout



\$2695
PER DIVER

A Further Discount to this price will apply should minimum Group numbers be reached.

Destination Sydney - OZTek 2011

OZTek - the best and only Australian Conference and Exhibition for technical divers. So, why would a bunch of recreational divers bother to attend? For me, it is the opportunity to learn about the technological advances in gear and hear the stories of recent expeditions and adventures from leading dive explorers from around the world. We also take the opportunity to catch up with old friends from Brisbane and around Australia that we have met over the years.



The venue is Sydney Technology Park, and the format has speakers presenting on various topics in three different rooms over the course of 2 days. Within the main hall, exhibitors display their wares, showing off the latest and greatest computers, wetsuits, drysuits, rebreathers, compressors, camera housings, fabulous diving destinations, and much, much more. There were many familiar faces amongst the stands – Mike Ball (MBDE), Peter Mooney (Scubapix), Chris Mitchell (Digital Diver), Dirk (Diversion Travel), and Spirit of Freedom to name a few.



The speakers included Prof. Simon Mitchell (NZ), Samir Alhafith (Aus), Dr Richard Harris (Aus), Leigh Bishop (UK), Jarrod Jablonski (USA), and of course Cairns' very own Trevor Jackson. Topics were varied and ranged from diving Bikini Atoll, life below 1000 metres, CCR safety, improving diving techniques, to the recent National Geographic expedition to the Pearse Resurgence in NZ and virgin wreck diving in the UK. Whenever we couldn't find a talk that interested us, we roamed the stands, checking out the new gear, catching up with old friends and entering the various raffles. Aaron had a run of luck and won a Halcyon regulator in a raffle. Cont....

Destination Sydney - OZTek 2011

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The Gala Awards Dinner held on Sunday night was great fun. I spent the night talking to a variety of fascinating people, and Aaron's luck continued - he won the lucky door prize – a dive computer.



I would highly recommend the OZTek Conference/ Exhibition to any divers interested in keeping up to date with technological advances in gear, and recent developments in scientific and exploratory diving. It is an interesting and fun weekend.

For more information about OZTek – Google is your friend!

Cheers

Alison



Photos by Colin Tonazzi

Ocean Quest

2 Day Trip

April 9th & 10th, 2011



Club Dive Report

Greetings water sports fans !! Welcome to the April dive report.

Some less than perfect weather has been battering our region lately with Cairns exposed to a week of rain and 30 knot winds prior to our April club dive. This could explain some emails suggesting some members were not too excited about the possible rough conditions on the reef.

Saturday morning came and we mustered at Deep Sea Divers Den. Things were looking good. The clouds had parted and the wind, well the wind had maybe dropped by one or two knots... Anyhow, members seemed excited and we were shuttled to the marina.

Even minus our sick leader our numbers came to 15 proving the overnight concept to be popular. Also the number of tourists boarding various boats bound for the reef suggests that post Cyclone Yasi, Cairns and Far North Queensland is back and open for business! Take note potential visitors.

The trip out on smaller boat Reef Quest proved a little too rough for some tourists. Complexions changed to various shades of green and brown paper sick bags were the popular accessory on the dive deck. Our destination was Norman Reef.

To the underwater world.. We dived at Norman and Saxon Reefs on a total of 4 sites. Plate Top, Sandra's, Playgrounds and Twin Peaks. Although the visibility was not the Vodka clear conditions we are spoilt with on our reef, members always surfaced with smiles and tales of underwater encounters.

"If we have difficulty seeing the fish. The fish have difficulty seeing us"... Let us pause for a moment and think about this. Hmmm.

Some interesting sightings included sharks, turtles, mackeral, barracuda, barramundi cod, flowery cod, sweetlip, napoleon wrasse, blue spotted ray, everyone's favourite the coral trout and many more. A personal highlight was the bommie directly under the boat at Playgrounds which was the home of numerous lionfish and swarming with glassfish.

Navigation was a hot topic onboard. So many compasses malfunctioning on the one weekend? What a strange coincidence.

Thank you to crew of Ocean Quest. Good food, good beer, good service. I suggest we will be back soon.

Welcome to new members who attended and congratulations to Shey for completing her 50th dive.

Colin



**Exclusive offer for Nautilus Club Members
April & May 2011 only**

**40% Off ALL
dive gear
in the shop**

This offer is for all items not already on sale , is only available to members and they MUST produce a current membership card

Also available... 2nd Hand (XS) BCDs in working order for \$50 !!

Conditions apply:

- Must be current member of the Nautilus Scuba Club.
- Must show membership card at time of purchase.
- This offer applies only to stock in the shop.
- 3% surcharge for American Express Cards.
- Offer does not apply to any stock on special.
- Does not apply to sunglasses or sunscreen / prescription lenses / any PADI materials.
- No Lay-bys.

**TUSA Dive
The Esplanade
Cairns
Ph: 4031 1028**



2011
Nautilus SCUBA Club
Underwater
Photo
Competition

Entry Details:

- 5 photos per photo category (Macro, Portrait and Wide Angle)...
- Total of 15 photos per entrant
- SLR and compact camera categories
- Photos should be taken between April 2010 and April 2011.

Closing date: Club Meeting **27 April 2011**

Winners Announced: Club Meeting Wed 25th May (all winning entries will be printed in the 2012 Nautilus Calendar)

Please read and download the [Conditions of Entry](#) and the [Entry Form](#) available on the club website.

If you have any questions ...
Contact [Phil Woodhead](#)

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Lion Fish

Oh Lionfish Oh Lionfish
you are such a sight
Fins by the dozen
With no need to flight
Swimming in circles
For all to see
as divers do gurgles
you have no reason to flee
For you have spines in degrees
So if you see Lion Fish
Watch with envy
They have the Stripes
Oh what eye Candy

By Andrew Bristoe



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