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Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

Cairns QLD AUSTRALIA

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

Christmas Dive 2011



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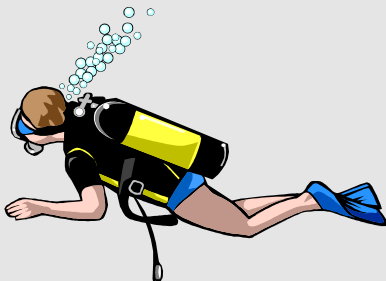
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January Club Meeting

Wed 25 January, 2012

NEW VENUE !!!!

The Serbian Cultural Centre, Greenslopes St
... not far from the McNamara Street intersection... just
across the bridge towards Edge Hill

Meeting Room 1 (toward the back of the centre)

7.15 pm start with a BBQ

Guest Speaker

Dr Cathy Meehan

Dive Medicals and healthy diving

Club Raffle... trip for 2 on TUSA 6

Drawn on the night !



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Monthly Club Dive

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

MV-Reef Kist

Cairns Dive Centre

Date: Sun 5th February, 2012

Time: 7.00am

Where: E Finger, Marlin Marina, Cairns

Cost: \$88 plus \$20 reef tax for 2 dives



Image by CDC

Booking: Call Cairns Dive Centre DIRECT on 4051 0294 and make sure you say you are a club member.

www.cairnsdive.com.au

Email confirmation to Chrys at divecoordinator@nautilus-scuba.net

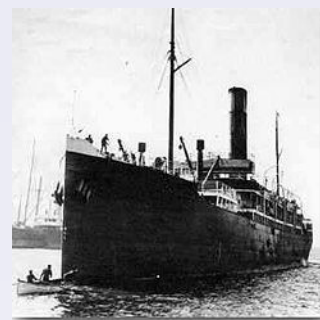
Cc your email to Alison at

allyazza@internode.on.net

Cut off Date: Sun 29 January, 2012

Yongala Dive Report

Sat/Sun 26th-27th November, 2011



I have been attempting to dive Yongala for a few years but the trip has always been cancelled for one reason or another. In my excitement to finally get there I overlooked some simple things but I've come out of this weekend having learned some lessons. If you want the short version then that is it. Tune out now.

Diving this weekend was Aaron, Alison, Andrew, Colin, Phil, Sarah, Paul and myself. The boat ride out was a little rough, but not too bad. I didn't realise until I went to get in the water that I didn't have my lanyard on the camera. I should have gone with my first thought and just left it in the boat. But no - that would be far too sensible. So I took it with me. The current on the first dive was RIPPING. I put more weights on than normal but I didn't have enough... so trying to get down in the current was difficult. On top of that I had a hood (protocol now on their boat in the stinger season), which was interfering with my mask. Consequently I had water issues. Joy.

So here I am hanging onto the rope with one hand, camera in the other, flying in the current like a retarded superman, with my mask filling and no hands to adjust anything with. Brilliant! There were a few choice words been said... lucky no one could hear me. After trying to descend, getting down 5m and increasing my frustration I decided to pull the plug and abort the dive. Again ...really sorry Colin. I was exhausted when I got back in the boat. And had used a large chunk of air. When everyone was back on board stories of two big unidentified sharks, schools of rays and fish filled the boat. Lucky buggers. Burley was also released by a few divers – my guess would be to bring in more big fish for the second dive. Lol.

Dive two that day was a piece of cake compared to that first one. The current had dropped a fair bit, but I was also far more prepared and a little more relaxed about it all. It was everything I had hoped for. ****sigh****. There were eagle rays and HUGE marble rays flying around the top of the wreck. Turtles, olive seasnakes, massive GT's, schools of barracuda. I was in heaven. And I have to throw a special mention to the crazy GT with OCD that likes to protect his pole.

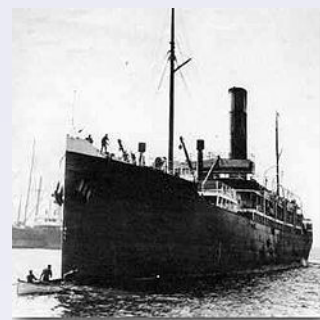
After the dive we headed back to land where we had a well-deserved BBQ lunch. The showing of photos left me pretty jealous that I could not take my camera down. Phil, Aaron and Alison all ended up with some crackers as per usual. Later that afternoon we kicked back on the fake beach, watching Colin play out a chess piece massacre, while Aaron tried to convince me that I needed to sign a waver form to sit in the hammock. How's the serenity? You won't get serenity like this in Thailand.

Dinner at the RSL.....what can I say? Cheap beer. Food was good. Ice cream was great (thanks Phil).... But whatever you do don't take Alison out with you. You will end up being banished to the bar area for incorrect attire. This was a weekend for learning and after leaving the RSL I am now more informed than ever about the rules and regulations of the club. Apparently you are NOT allowed to touch the light switch on the cross. You cannot wear any rubber like sandal... but if you have exactly the same shoe in leather or fake leather you are ok. Hats... no. fascinators.. maybe – depends how big it is. If you are unsure about any rules please ask... Debbie from the RSL went through it with me pretty thoroughly.

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Day two... Whooooooot! Today the wind had dropped right off and heading out to the wreck only took about 25 minutes compared to the first day's 45 min ride. The current on top wasn't too bad. I had my camera lanyard and I was weighted better. Ready to rock and roll! Diving the wreck was different to the previous day. The current in the water column was stronger (even though it wasn't as bad on the surface) and it was coming from a different direction – along the length of the boat. Thus making it interesting even on the protected side. I fought the current a little too hard to try to get closer to the top with the big rays. Again it was spectacular and I saw the biggest turtle I had ever seen hiding in a corner.

The ascent was a little more interesting. Clinging onto the rope, waiting and watching big schools of barracuda gliding along against the strong current with ease.... Colin waving goodbye to his fish friends. Lol. But the fun was short-lived as I started to get a cracking headache. I double-checked my computer to make sure I was sure I hadn't done anything stupid. All good. By the time I got back to the boat my head was throbbing and I was starting to feel pretty bad. I had never had a CO2 headache before and it was horrible. I couldn't go back in by the time the next dive came around as I still had issues.... So that was a bit disappointing. Must learn not to push it so hard in the current next time.

But my stay on the boat wasn't all boring. A spa bath in the ocean began once everyone was in. Two divers appeared a short time later... one had a split O ring on his tank and it just poured out nitrox. He basically had nothing left by the time he got back to the boat. Lucky he had his buddy with him to help him out in case he didn't make it. And then Andrew surfaced a while later... minus a flipper. Apparently he lost it on the way up the rope in the current. So if anyone finds a red flipper out on Yongala somewhere please return it to Andrew.

After eating lunch and packing everything up it was time to hit the road and drive home. Overall a great weekend.... Good company, good food, good diving. Lots of lessons learnt. RSL rules burned into memory.

Thank you to all the helpful staff that made our trip great. Can't wait to go back!

Over and Out.

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Bloooooop Bloooooop!



Image by hanotales.com

December 2011

Christmas Dive Report

Calypso, Port Douglas
Sun 11th December 2011



Photos by Tim

The Christmas Dive was a huge success with 40 intrepid travellers boarding a Sunbus to Port Douglas and then willingly jumping on to Calypso for some great diving and some great fun !!

There was some yummy finger food afterwards at a waterside Port Douglas restaurant and most likely some TALL dive stories were told !!

Special thanks to Chrys who organised and drove the Sunbus up from Cairns and back.

And the creative juices did flow..... Someone very talented managed to pen a song.... Unsure if they were underwater at the time.... Undoubtedly they are currently seeking copyright permission to use the famous tune !!

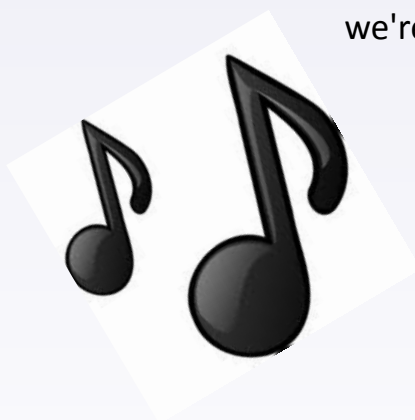
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Nautilus Dive Club Xmas 2011 Song

(with apologies to The Proclaimers)

When we gear up, well we know we're gonna be
we're gonna be the ones who've buddied up with mates
When we sign up, yeah we know we're gonna see
we're gonna see the reef at Nautilus Club rates
If we get lost, well we know we're gonna be
We're gonna be the winner of the dive club prize
And if they doubt us, yeah we know we're gonna be
we're gonna be the ones who's turn out to be wise.



Chorus

For we have dived 500 sites
and we will dive 500 more
Cairns Nautilus Dive Club can skites
we're the best dive club of all

When we're diving, yes we know we're gonna see
we're gonna see all of the wonders of the reef
when we see fish, yeah we know that one will be
one will be a barra who shows us all his teeth

When we're diving (When we're diving), well we know we're gonna take photo-s of
everything we see

And when we come home (when we come home), well we know we're gonna make
we're gonna make slide shows for all our friends to see

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Nautilus Dive Club Xmas 2011 Song

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Repeat Chorus

For we have dived 500 sites
And we will dive 500 more
Cairns Nautilus Dive Club can skites
we're the best dive club of all

da da da da (da da da da)
da da da da (da da da da)

Da Da Da Dun Diddle Un Diddle Un Diddle Uh Da
da da da da (da da da da)
da da da da (da da da da)

Da Da Da Dun Diddle Un Diddle Un Diddle uh da

Repeat chorus

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The End





Spirit of Freedom

2012 Specials

For departures from
20 FEB to 31 MAY 2012

www.spiritoffreedom.com.au

7 Day Cod Hole & Coral Sea Tours (depart Mondays)

For every booking of 2 people, the 2nd person receives a **50% discount** off the retail rate of the trip.

3 Day Cod Hole and 4 Day Coral Sea Tours

For every booking of 2 people, the 2nd person receives a **25% discount** off the retail rate of the trip.

Black-out Dates: 05 April departures.

Conditions: This offer applies to new bookings received from 05 DEC 2011 only. The discount is on trip fees only, (not applicable to gear hire, courses, nitrox fills or levies). The second person must travel on the same date, same tour, and same cabin type for the discount to apply. The offer is not valid with any other specials.



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Bookings: Spirit of Freedom

ph: 4047 9150

Or TUSA Dive Shop 4047 9120

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New battery 2010...**\$600 ONO**

Includes:-

- original Smart-Pro instructions
- UWATEC air-gauge
- console and air-line

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Overseas Dive Trip 2012

To Be Confirmed...

How does the Philippines sound ??

Watch this space....



Image by divefishsnow.co.nz

Jellies

Jellies you do it for me

You look so free

Nice to the touch you feel so Incredibly

Beware your tentacles or you will see

Pain in degrees that will see you flee



Image by pinktentacle.com

Touch me and all is well

Oh I like it ring my bell

So Jellies are good, Jellies are bad

One thing's for sure they are not at all sad

Survivors they are, Survivors they be

Unless washed up in the Oceans Orgasmic Fury

By Andrew Bristoe

Club Member Information



- ⇒ Any advertising for the newsletter will need to be presented at a Committee Meeting (once per month) for approval
- ⇒ Early Bird Membership renewal cut-off date will be 31 July yearly
- ⇒ Nautilus Club Policies and Rules can be found on the club website

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact Committee Members
... details available on the website
<http://www.nautilus-scuba.net/>



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