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Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

Cairns QLD AUSTRALIA

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



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Dive Trips
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Trip Reports

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



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Club Meeting

Last Wednesday of every month (except December)

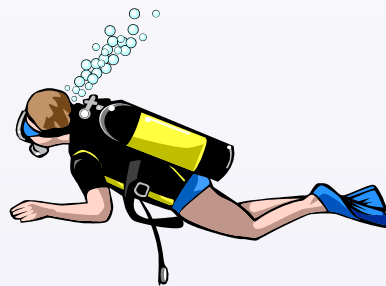
Wed 24 November, 2010

LAST MEETING for the year !

Cairns Marine Radio Club

MacNamara St, Cairns

7.15 pm start with a BBQ



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- DISCOUNTED DIVING AND DIVE GEAR FROM OUR "FRIENDS OF THE CLUB"
- MEET NEW DIVE BUDDIES
- RECEIVE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO YOU
- ANNUAL OVERSEAS TRIPS... AT CLUB PRICES !

Guest Speaker

To Be Announced

Check the Nautilus SCUBA Club website for details

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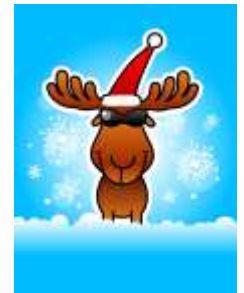
Monthly Club Dive

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

Next Dive

Sun 19 December, 2010

Reef Day Tripper



<http://www.reefdaytripper.com.au/>

A very popular day out for members... so you must book early !

Cost: \$130 for divers and \$100 for snorkelers (plus \$15 reef tax)

Booking: Direct deposit to club account before 8th December
BSB 633000 / Acct 131596660 - use your surname as reference
Email divecoordinator@nautilus-scuba.net to advise Chrys of your booking.

Book NOW...there are only 16 spots for divers and 2 for snorkelers

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Coral Spawning

TUSA Trips

Thur 25th, Fri 26th and Sat 27th November, 2010

Check in at 5:40 pm on Tusa 5

Nautilus Members \$130.00 for tanks + weights (\$150 full gear hire)

P: +61 7 4047 9100 +61 7 4047 9100

E: paula@tusadive.com

W: <http://tusadive.com>

More details on Nautilus Club website.
Notify Chrys McGowan when you book
(divecoordinator@nautilus-scuba.net)





Silverswift Night Dives

<http://www.silverseries.com.au/>

Starting Thurs 28 October, 2010

Longing for a NIGHT DIVE ? Then, now is your chance... Aboard the catamaran *Silverswift* every Thursday evening from Cairns.

Cost: \$136.50 for locals, includes 2 guided dives, all gear and toasty warm food between and after the dives

Depart: 5.30pm, returning 11.15pm

Contact: Sonya Clarson

Email: sonya@quicksilvergroup.com.au

Phone: 07 4052 7841

Bookings: (E) swift@silverseries.com.au (P) 4044 9944

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Club Dive Report

On board Reef Magic (7th November 2010)

Around 9am a small group of Nautilus Club divers headed out on Reef Magic to Moore Reef. Club divers included Judy, Flavio, Esme, Andrew, Simon and myself. The weather was slightly overcast with a fairly strong wind so the ride out to the reef was a little bumpy. Reef Magic have introduced some new procedures which impressed the Nautilus members. In particular the dive guide used a laptop presentation to give the dive briefing which was very comprehensive. This even included some pictures of the marine life that could be observed during our dives. Our guide was Beau McCormack and it was his job to look after Nautilus members for the day. The first dive site was Turtle Bay. This site was quite a distance from the pontoon so we boarded the dedicated dive tender for a lift to the dive site. It was a very relaxed dive as there was no navigation required except to keep your eye on Beau! Unfortunately the visibility was only about 5-7m, however it soon became clear why the site was named Turtle Bay as there were a number of turtles spotted by our crew. Some members claimed they saw around 7 or 8 turtles throughout the dive! Personally I only saw 2 so am wondering if some members counted the same turtle twice! The dive was also memorable for the abundance of different types of clownfish and several large nudibranchs.

After the first dive, it was time to enjoy the buffet lunch on the pontoon. Club members had plenty of time to relax after lunch as we were not due back in the water until 2pm. The second dive was at a site called Pressure Point. Our group was combined with some other certified divers so we had two guides Beau, who led the dive, and Young, who stayed at the back of the group to ensure that no-one strayed off course. The plan was to drift dive down the wall at this site.

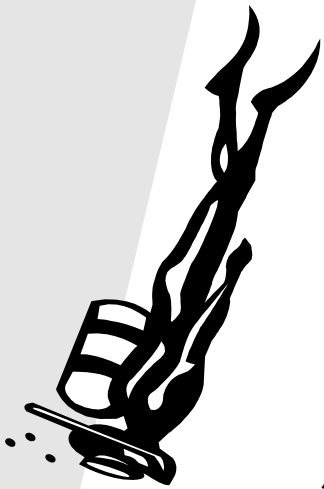
There was a turtle waiting to greet us as soon as we descended and some huge coral fans.

There were also two swim-throughs for those of us with a sense of adventure! The swim-throughs were the best parts of the dive for me. On the way back to the boat, my buddy and I saw a large shark in the deeper water which kept circling around below us. I was starting to get a little worried that it might be eyeing my buddy for lunch!

After the second dive, it was time to collect our gear and make a mad dash back to boat as it was about due for departure back to Cairns. This was a good chance for members to reflect on the day over a hot cuppa and some afternoon tea. The only criticism is that the dive guides tended to swim quite fast at times which made it hard for us photographers to keep up. Members also preferred to be in a smaller group with one guide rather than the larger group as per the second dive.

All in all it was a great day out on the reef with good company both above and below the water!

Tracey Hale





Thought about gifts for Christmas ??

Check out these very stylish Nautilus Club Calendars for 2011

Created by our very own Phil Woodhead

Available for only \$8 from the club meeting



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or contact Rigo Van Meer (Club Merchandising Officer)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

There is no Club Meeting or newsletter in December as time is needed for you (& me) to recover from festivities ! Keep an eye on the website for details of dives in January ... Have a happy & safe December and all the best for the New Year... *Vickie (Editor)*

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