

# Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter



Cairns QLD Australia

May 2019

Editor: Phil Woodhead

**Dive Trips**  
**Club Meetings**  
**Guest Speakers**  
**Trip Reports**



## Local dive trips and get together information

May 2019						
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Mid-night deadline for  
photo comp entries

### Club meeting

Junior Eisteddfod Association at  
67 Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill.  
Starting with a BBQ at 7pm

Guest speaker for this months meeting is Quinn Smith from Freedive Cairns.  
An Apnea Australia freediving instructor, with close to 20 years experience in spearfishing and competitive freediving, Quinn will be talking about freediving.

For upcoming dive trip information keep  
an eye on your emails or visit the Nautilus  
website



Next club dive will be on TUSA T6 on June  
9th departing from Cairns, please visit the  
website for more information.



Special dives will be organised in addition to the regular monthly day trips and could be day trips or weekend trips to the reef or the Yongala. Better watch your emails for future announcements.



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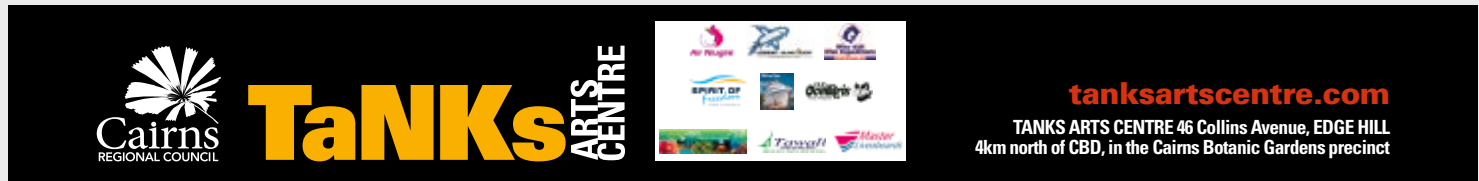
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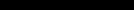


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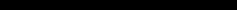
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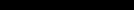
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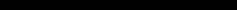
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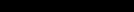
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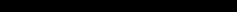


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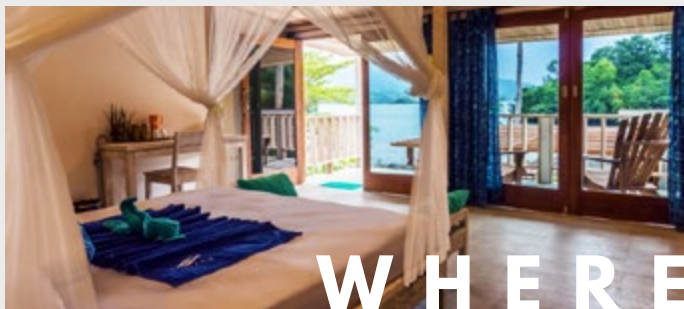
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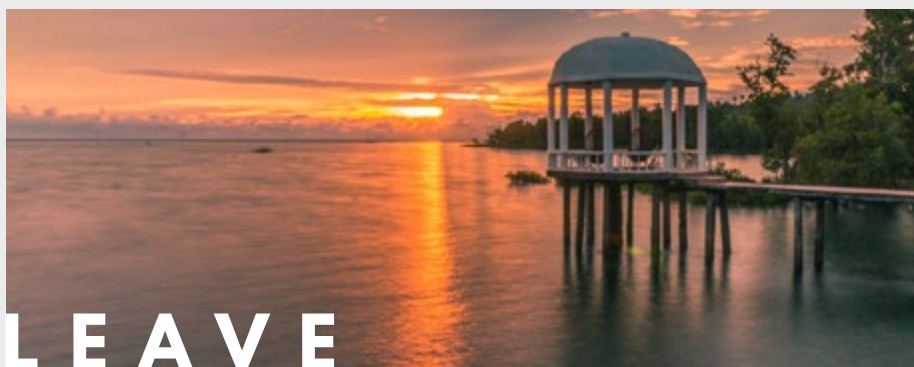
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# Club Ocellaris – Batangas Province, Philippines

By Libby Sterling

What a fabulous destination! A huge thank you to Club Ocellaris for the wonderful photo competition prize (trip for 1 for 5 days of diving plus accommodation and all meals). Those of you that know me well have no doubt heard me say that my 'superpower' is taking out of focus macro photos of really cool critters! So no one was more surprised than I was when I won first place in the 2018 Nautilus Scuba Club compact camera macro category.

Club O as it's affectionately known is approx. 2 – 3 hours' drive south of Manila (depending on traffic) in the area known as Anilao. It's relatively small (exclusive is a better word) and accommodates 15 -20 guests. They arrange airport transfers for you so getting to the resort and back to the airport is easy. I headed off to Anilao over the Easter weekend and was pleasantly surprised to find that there were only two other divers staying Club O (Nadja and Sylvia from Switzerland). So three divers (two photographers) and one dive guide made it a very exclusive experience! We all hit it off and quickly formed a great dive trio, spotting critters with enough time for everyone to take as many photos as desired.

The first three days we had Jimmy as our guide (he's a freelance DM) to show us around the dive sites. Jimmy went out of his way to find cool (and in my case never before seen) marine life. We mostly did muck diving (and the wreck, Daryl Laut). The diving was great! The water a lovely 28 degrees; the weather sunny and not much wind initially.

Club O was perfect, it has everything you need! The rooms are clean, the bed comfortable, lots of room for camera gear, great views, lovely deck overlooking the water. The meals were fabulous with plenty of fresh food and the service exceptional. Lots of areas to either sit by yourself and enjoy the ambience, or hang out with your fellow divers.

I loved the muck diving! Frog fish, sea horses, nudibranchs, mantis shrimps, ghost pipe fish, ornate pipefish, mimic octopus, gobi's, anemone fish, stonefish, cuttle fish and an entire range of critters that I still have no idea as to what they were (and some I could barely see!)

The night dive at Anilao Pier was a real highlight (especially for someone who's not that fussed on night dives). I was last out of the water for this one by about 30 mins (oops). So much to see and again, marine life I'd never seen before (e.g. snake eel).

Peri the usual Club O DM returns and we spend the next 3 days diving with him. Peri is also into photography / videography and carries his rig around just in case we spot something amazing! Peri, too, is great at spotting amazing critters. One critter that still amazes me is the yellow frog fish, it was huge!

We were doing 4 dives a day, with the 4th ending at dusk. By now, the wind has started to blow so it's quite cool between dives and the boat trip between sites. The boat crew have fluffy warm towels for us after every dive (very nice!) and a hot drink to warm you up.

I was pretty impressed with one of the 'pretty' dives "Sombrero" I think it's called. Fabulous coral reef and fish life was prolific. Something for everyone! The common question in the morning was 'would you like pretty or muck dives today?' We usually went for both! I had plenty of opportunity for both wide angle and macro photography.

On my last day of diving I got to choose the dive sites, so back to the wreck of the Daryl Laut we went for another 2 dives. There is so much to see on this wreck and all in a relatively small area. The first dive we shared it with a few other boats and the second dive we had it to ourselves which was wonderful.





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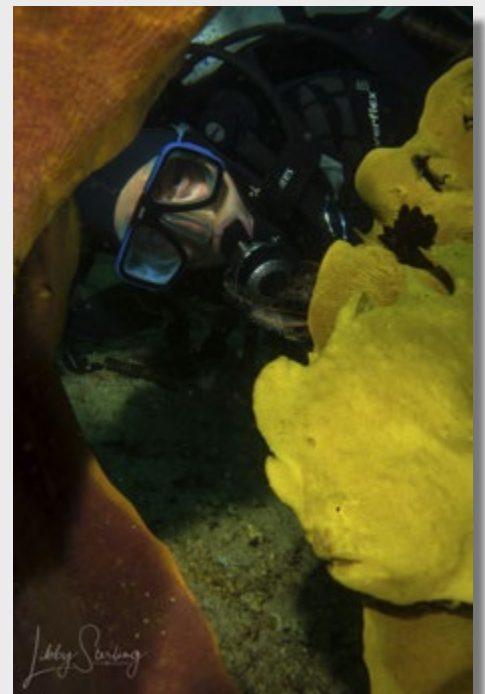
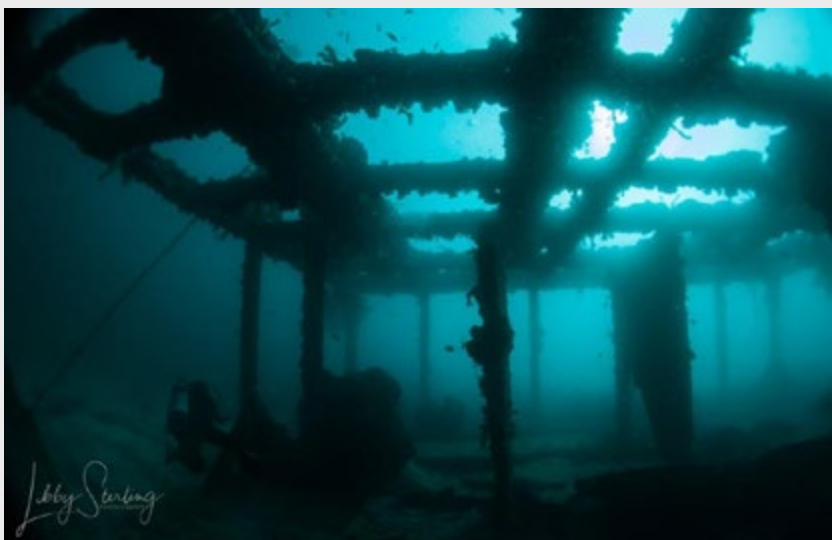
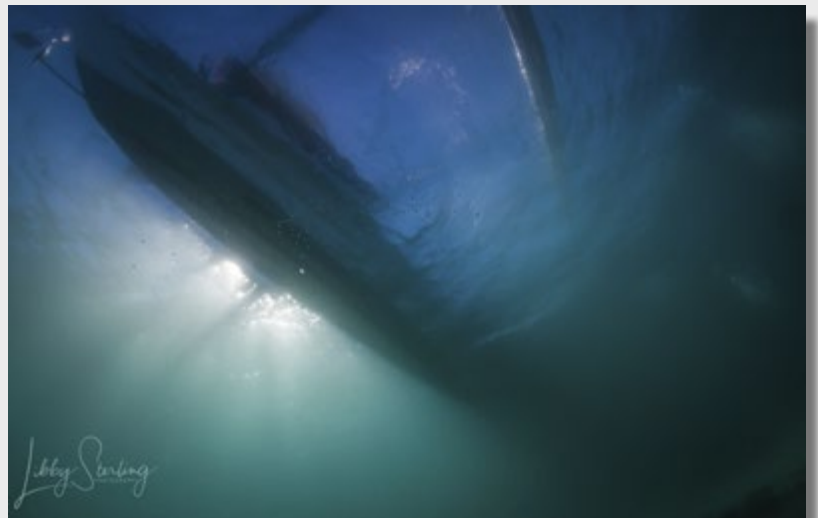
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More divers started to arrive at the resort as I finished diving for the week and by my last day there were enough divers for two boats!

We mostly had sites to ourselves and rarely encountered other divers in close proximity which was appreciated. There are a large number of boats lined up at many of the sites and it's hard to appreciate until you see it (I should have taken more above water photos). Our trio was so easy, and well-coordinated, other boats / groups not so much! So I am forever grateful for my experience.

Loved the Club O boat, so easy to dive out of and surprisingly comfortable. The crew were fantastic! They set up your gear, carry it to the boat, change your tanks, carry it back at the end of the day and wash it all ready to go again. Nothing is too much trouble! Joy and Janice look after you at meal times and again nothing is too much trouble. I had a wonderful time and the photos don't do it justice. Joy took me into town with her on the last couple of dive free days so add tricycle rides to the adventure (heaps of fun). I had a wonderful time and again a huge thank you to Jose' and Club O for the prize and fantastic trip. If you haven't been to Club Ocellaris, you really should go! So many amazing creatures to see! I'm likely to return again and again. I can appreciate why it's an annual destination for a quite a few Nautilus Club members. Thank you again to the Nautilus Club (especially Phil) for the opportunity.

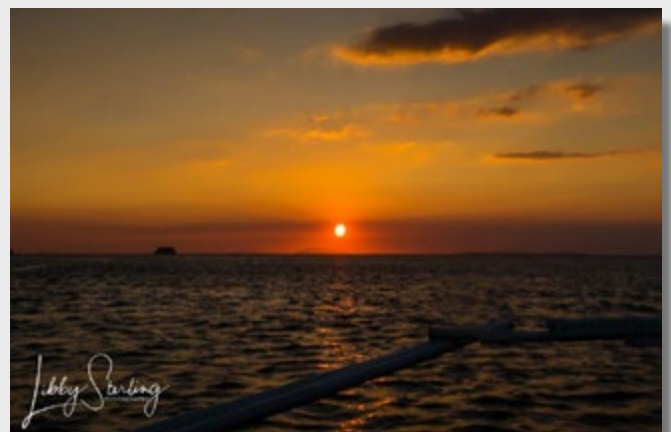
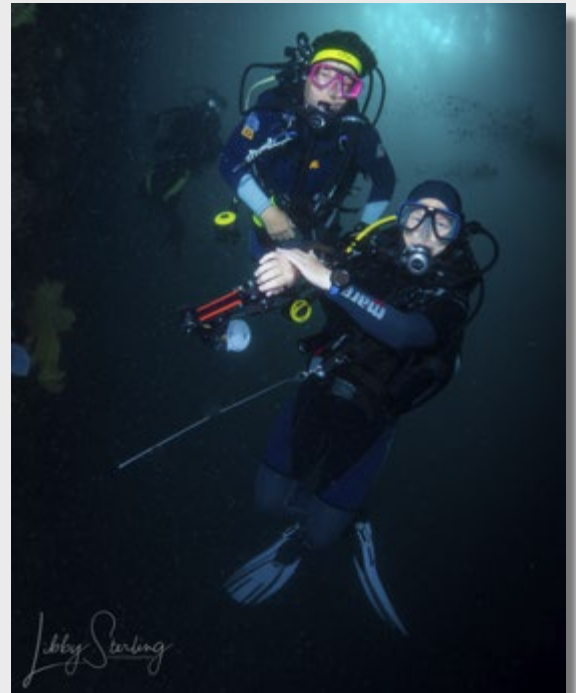
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## April Club Dive with AquaQuest, Port Douglas

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Four of us ignored the rather bleak weather forecast and headed up to Port Douglas for the club dive on 14 April 2019. New Club members Kylie and Sandy plus my sometime dive buddy Misha travelled up with me for the day.

Whilst the trip out was rough with wind, rain and waves breaking over the bow on occasions, when we arrived and moored up in the protection of Agincourt reef it was well worth the ride!

Conditions were surprisingly good with water temp still at a lovely 28 degrees, viz 10 - 15m, Wind under 20 knots and the day turned out to be mostly sunny!

We dived a couple of my favourite's sites Stonehenge and Beer Garden.

Resident cuttle fish, flowery cod, anemone fish, lagoon rays, gorgonian fans and some pretty healthy hard and soft corals were just some of the amazing marine life found on Agincourt.

Neil and the AquaQuest crew really laid it on for us with absolute luxury on the dive deck (not many divers) and we had the upstairs wheelhouse to ourselves for most of the trip. Felt like we were on a luxury cruise.

Sandy had a personal dive guide with Gavin (instructor) taking her around, Kylie had a go with Chris's camera before taking her new Sony down for a spin and Misha reacquainted himself with life on the GBR after a break out of the water!

Thank you to Neil and the AquaQuest crew (Beto, Gwen, Adam, Kech, Agi, Pablo, Gavin, Higo, Natalia and Chris (Photographer)) for a fabulous day!

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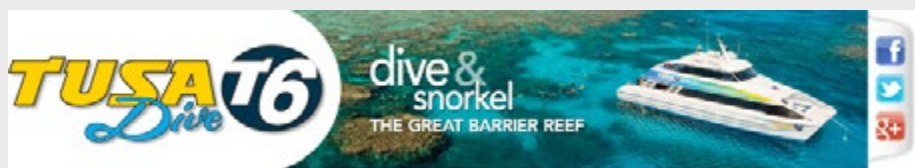




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