

Northern California Rainbow Divers NEWS & UPDATES

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Our Local Chamber Needs YOUR Help

Please donate today!

The Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber is in need of a rescue. They have suffered deferred maintenance and budget/management problems. As a result, they have been offline and unable to assist divers since July of last year. Fortunately, good and responsible people in the dive community, including captains Brian Nelson and Phil Sammet, have stepped up and are working with the city, DAN and other stakeholders to get the chamber running again. They need our help. There is an immediate need to raise \$30,000 to restart the chamber. Beyond that, the chamber needs \$10,000/year to continue operating. The City of Pacific Grove has asked for long-term plans from the dive community to fund the chamber's operation.

Through the generous contributions from our members, NCRD has so far raised \$2,200 plus a 1-to-1 match from one of our members' matching challenge, for a total of \$4,400.

Please consider donating to the fund to support the re-opening and continued operation of the Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber, and remember that your donation will be matched dollar for dollar. To participate, please donate online by accessing the PG Chamber Donations page on our website or mail a check made out to "Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation" to:

NCRD PG Chamber Challenge 3600 Forest Avenue South Lake Tahoe, CA. 96150

Please don't delay. Do what you can today to help restart the chamber!

NCRD Board

SAVE THE DATES

This is a pre-announcement for NCRD's epic "Year of Micronesia Diving" in 2014.

Details to follow soon...

YAP	March 9-16, 2014	Dive Resort
PALAU	March 16-23, 2014	Liveaboard
TRUK (CHUUK)	March 23-30, 2014	Liveaboard
KOSRAE	March 30 - April 6, 2014	Dive Resort

2013 TRIP UPDATES



<u>Seychelles Land-Based Dive Resort</u> October 3-10, 2013 (7 days)

Want to dive the Seychelles, in the middle of the Indian Ocean, between India and Africa? Four degrees south of the equator and a thousand miles from any continental land mass, the islands of the Seychelles have been likened to a string of pearls set in the azure waters of the Indian Ocean. The stunning topography of expansive reefs, walls, pinnacles, drop offs, wrecks and canyons make for one of the most diverse marine environments around, teeming with both fish and coral life.



Diving For Life 2013

September 21-28, 2013 (7 days)

DFL's SCUBA jamboree in 2013 will be held at Lodge Kura Hulanda and Beach Club in Curaçao. This annual favorite promises not only a fun, fab time but also raises much-needed funds for the LGBT-related health charities in the local communities of participating dive clubs. Spots are still available for this dive extravaganza. Read more



<u>Fiji Islands Nai'a Liveaboard</u> September 28 - October 5, 2013 (7 days)

We're looking for four more divers to join us onboard the *Nai'a* for the best diving Fiji's magnificent Bligh Water has to offer. Brilliantly colored soft corals teem with life inside Fiji's reef system where coral growth and fish action are robust and thriving. Marine life is especially concentrated within the reef passages and channels that link Fiji's lagoons with the deep ocean, exactly where we'll be diving on this cruise. Read more



Fiji Taveuni Dive Resort
September 23-28, 2013 (5 days)

If you're on the fence about joining our land-based SCUBA expedition to Fiji, there's still space for 4 divers at our Taveuni paradise in the stunningly beautiful Fiji Islands, but you better hurry! We have until April 1 to hold our reserved space for 10 LGBT divers. After April 1, trip registrations can be accepted only if space is available at the resort. Learn more or sign up



<u>California Channel Islands</u> July 25-28, 2013 (3 days)

Our annual excursion to Southern California's Channel Islands, this year with specific arrangement to dive San Nicolas Island, has sold out for a full charter onboard the *Truth*. 25 NCRD divers will explore the best of California's underwater environments amid kelp forests lush with Pacific marine life. If you missed your chance to sign up before the trip filled, there may still be an opportunity for you to join if a confirmed participant might wish to drop off the trip. Join the wait list



Cozumel Men's and Women's Weeks

April 28 - May 5, 2013 MEN'S WEEK
May 5-12, 2013 WOMEN'S WEEK
Our consecutive Men's and Women's
Weeks in Cozumel, Mexico, have sold
out. However, there may be space on
either week if a confirmed participant
wishes to cancel. If you might be
interested in attending, please contact the
Trip Leader as soon as possible for the
best chance of joining the trip. Also,
please check the NCRD Facebook page for
member posts about available slots. More
about Men's Week or Women's Week.