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Nautilus SCUBA Club Newsletter

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Dive Trips

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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



**October Club Meeting
Wednesday 28th
From 7pm...
Junior Eisteddfod Hall
67 Greenslopes Street
Cairns**

All the usual treats ,BBQ, Raffle,
and the Nautilus pop up shop

Guest speaker to be announced



November club Dive

For our November Club Trip we are organising going on Sea Quest (Deep Sea Divers Den - DSDD) on Sat and Sunday 7th and 8th November.

You have 3 options:-

- 1. Going out for the day on Saturday (3 dives)**
- 2. Going out for the day on Sunday (3 dives)**
- 3. Going out Saturday morning, staying onboard overnight and returning Sunday afternoon (7 dives inc 1 night dive)**

Unguided diving is allowed.

DSDD does not reserve a spot until payment has been made in full.

To pay and book, or for more information, call DSDD directly on 4046 7333.

Please let Glen (glen2two@yahoo.com) know if you have booked on





Club Christmas dive

A day out of Port Douglas on Calypso.
SATURDAY 28th November

35 places have been booked and to get on the trip, call Calypso directly on 4099 6999 and tell them you are a Nautilus member when you pay your money.

You will need to be at the jetty just after 8:00 as the boat leaves at 8:30 sharp.

Once you have paid, please email the Dive Co-ordinator, Glen, so he can keep track of who is going.

(This dive is on SATURDAY 28 Nov, so it can tie in with the club Christmas meal in Port Douglas that evening).



After our Christmas club dive we will be having some canapés and refreshments at the multi-award winning restaurant On the Inlet where everyone can meet the friendly resident grouper George (a fish in case anyone is confused). Please see website for any further details required see: <http://ontheinlet.com.au>

The delectable treats served here are completely free for any Nautilus members (drinks not included). Please note you do not have to go on the Christmas dive to get involved with the après dive party.

If you can only make it in the afternoon please feel free to come along and catch up with everyone. Just let Shey (events co-ordinator) know you are coming so that numbers can be kept track of.

Any non-members will have to pay for nibbles, please contact Shey for further details. Cost will be approximately \$30.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the food please feel free to contact Shey. The Nautilus Club look forward to seeing as many familiar faces there as possible; come along and get involved in the fun!





Order from the Nautilus Pop-up shop
at the Club Meeting

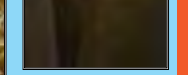
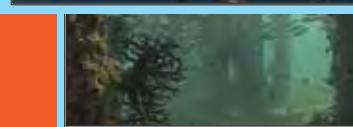
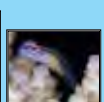
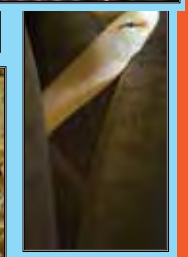
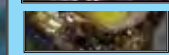
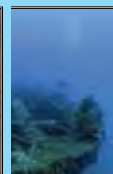
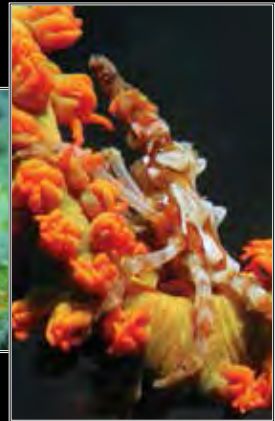
The 2016 Nautilus Scuba Club Calendar is now available for pre - order

\$10 each or 5 for \$40

Featuring images from the entrants of the
2015 underwater photo competition



2016 Calendar



Images by Andy Rattler

Images by Anne & Kevin Coombs

Images by Alison Smith

Images by Phil Woodhead



Kevin and Ann Coombs, akiko, and Phil going for a dive



Diving is done from the locally built Banca's

A TRIP ON THE SIDE

Back in April 2015 four of your intrepid Nauti members went for a trip to the Philippines, staying at Club Ocellaris, known as Club 'O' to its many frequent visitors. Club O mainly caters for underwater photographers/video makers and has regular clients who return year in year out.

The resort which is owned and run by Jose Venus, (who is more commonly known as Boy Venus), is built in the local traditional style and blends into the hill on which it stands. The accommodation is clean and comfortable, the food is good, the staff are great and the dive guides are superb. Peri and Alexis who are the main guides based at the resort can find most things, (and some you have never thought of).



Al fresco dining at Club O

Both are well connected and highly thought of in the scientific community, (and have species named after them) so if you or they find something new an overnight email normally provides a name or a request for more pictures.

The resort is located on the Batangas coast line which is

renowned for its diversity of marine life. Muck diving is the norm, but the area also has some great coral reef sites with a great range of coral and fish life, (although large edible fish sightings are rare).

Getting there is easy, we flew with Air Niugini direct from Cairns via Port Moresby, the connections are not too onerous and the baggage allowance is good.

Landing at Manilla Airport there is then a 2 -3 hour trip to the resort, so we left and where in the resort on the same day.

Since this trip Philippine Airlines has started flying from Cairns to Manila, so if you consider going then a price and luggage allowance would be worth checking out.



The Tree House Club O



Club O is clean and comfortable, its main purpose is diving, it does have WIFI, but does not have a pool, bar or piped music.

photo by Ann Coombs



The coastline of the Bantangas/Anilao region

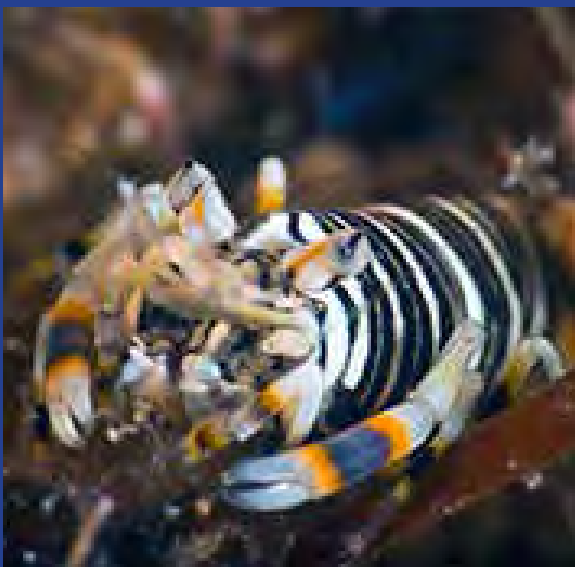
You can do as much or as little diving as you wish. The diving is sold in packages, 2 dives a day or 4 dives per day, (also known as the supreme package). If you opt for 2 dives a day a buy extra dives it can work out more expensive than buying 4 dives per day and just skipping a couple of dives if you get tired or water logged!

The water temperature can vary from a pleasant 30 deg C to a let you know you're alive 24 deg C but it is this change in temperature coupled with currents and upwellings that make the marine life of the area so diverse.



On this page is but a small sample of images from the trip. Would I go back again, yes, (in fact I have been to Anilao 5 times and always come away with something new).

Text and images by Phil Woodhead



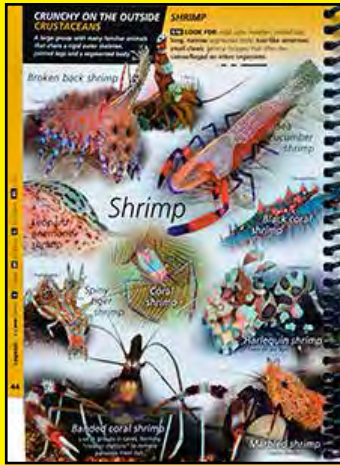
Didn't know what you were looking on the previous page, then check this out.

A water-proof guide to the frequently asked "what's that?" "saw something with tentacles wonder what it was?"

"it had spikes but wonder what it was?"

It's called the REEF FINDER and works by keeping things simple and by using a visual index.

Here is just a small fraction of the information contained within the REEF FINDER pages



For more information check this out.

*I must hold my hand up and admit a vested interest, I (Phil Woodhead) took most of the images featured in the REEF FINDER

PARTING SHOT



Award winning image by Libby Sterling