

NZ Dolphin Underwater & Adventure Club

Newsletter March 2023

Club Meeting 7:00pm Wednesday 8th March 2023

DVD: Predators of the Deep: The Poisoned Cup

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Cover Page Photo:– Tongan Bullseyes by Denis

8th March – Wednesday- 7:00pm DVD/Socialising & Club Meeting,

20-26th March 2023 - Dive Fiordland Trip – a number of Club Members on this trip – contact Liz@divezonetauranga.co.nz or phone **07 578 4050 - 021 398 744** – **Two places are still available?!**

Norfolk Island Dive Trip – Holiday – April 2023 –If you might be keen, **please let Margaret know.**

27th May – 3rd June 2023 – Diving Fiji - Thomas will be hosting this trip – for further details of both the Fiji Trips please contact Jeni Tassell – Kiwi Divers – Silverdale 021 881 469 or 09 426 9834

17th July – 30th July 2023 – P&O Cruise – 13 days – Leaving from Auckland and back to Auckland visiting Fiji, Dravanui Island, Norfolk Island and four or five other islands through to Vava'u, Tonga. If anyone is interested in joining others on these cruise trips, **please contact Margaret, 0274 839839.** There is also another P&O Cruise that Club Members are on in November. This time 9 days around NZ leaving Ak and back to Ak. If you don't like travelling on your own. Give me a call and I can give you further details.

12th Aug – 19th Aug 2023 – Diving Fiji - Volivoli Beach Resort | Dive into the heart of Fiji - Jeni and Brent Hassell are hosting this trip. **please contact Margaret, 0274 839839**

Dive trips, NZ & Overseas – Check out the dive shop's web sites, there is plenty available, but you do need to contact the shops in person to confirm costs & booking availabilities.

Performance Dive NZ - Ph. 489 7782. or <https://www.performancediver.co.nz/Dive+Trips++Events>

Trips to Islands off Tauranga, Poor Knights Is, Alderman Is, Taupo Lake.

Global Dive - Ph. 920 5200. or <https://www.globaldive.net/page/trips> . Trips to the Poor Knights Is, Bay of Islands, Leigh Coast, Goat Is Marine Reserve, & O/seas – Fiji, Palau, Maldives, Mt. Gambier (Aus), etc.

Aucklandscubadive – Ph. 478 2814 or <https://www.aucklandscubadive.co.nz/dive-trips>

Trips to the Poor Knights Is, Tiritiri Matangi Is, HMNZS Canterbury Wreck, Great Barrier Is, HMNZS Waikato, Lake Taupo Drift Dive, Alderman Is, Hen & Chicken Is.

Other events & suggestions please contact a committee member or organise it yourself & get the club to make up your numbers. i.e. – Dives, trips NZ & O’Seas, Events, Outings, Tramps, Dinners, Movies, etc.

Our Club’s Trip Rules (Organiser’s rules apply for overseas trips)

- A. Bookings allowed on all trips. *Two trips & club membership is a must.*
- B. **A deposit or full payment to be made at time of booking.**
- C. Full payment MUST be paid at least two weeks before departure date.
- D. Trip Organiser to handle trip & bookings, & Treasurer to handle finances. Cancellations due to weather will be refunded in full, or transferred to another trip.
- E. Members cancelling for any reason will lose full monies unless they find a replacement for their position on the trip.
- F. The trips Organiser will determine if there are enough people to run a trip & if not will notify cancellation two weeks prior to departure. **Non - financial members will be charged an extra \$10 on trips.**

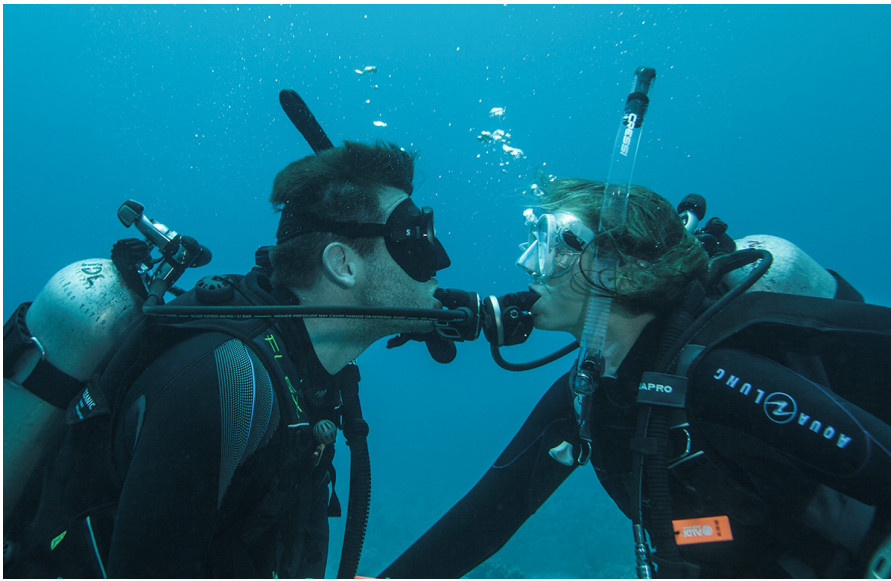
NB: All Memberships Now Due: Single – \$40 Family- \$50.00

For the club to continue we need paid up members see Margaret or Trish next meeting or do it online.

**Club’s Internet bank account is 06 0122 0074227 00 & don’t forget to put in your name
Club Membership also includes Affiliation to the New Zealand Underwater Association**

5 Reasons to Dive with Your Significant Other

[Brenda Nelson](#)



One of the best parts about diving is sharing the experience with others. While most of us make friends through diving, some of us are lucky enough to find a significant other who also loves scuba. For those of you who believe your partner looks their best in a wetsuit, here are five reasons why diving with your partner is so great.

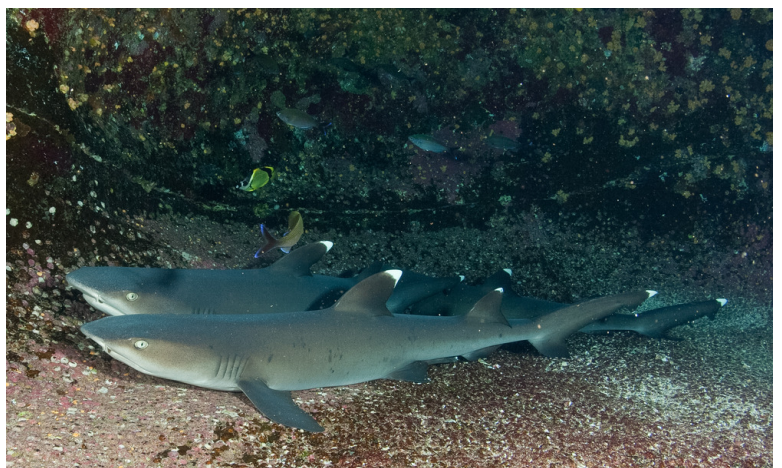
They’re invested in your safety

We all know how important it is to have a [good dive buddy](#). When you dive with your loved one, you know that they have your best interest at heart and care about keeping

you safe. You’re also more likely to be familiar with each other’s skill sets, comfort levels, and needs, which goes a long way in having a successful and fun dive. The trust and familiarity between couples can make them a perfect match both above and below the waves.

Diving strengthens teamwork

Being a scuba couple means working together, from planning a dive to your post-dive debriefs. Many couples even [train together](#). As a team, you pick your next dive site, research new gear, help each other get ready, and more. Whether you’re planning a week-long dive vacation or a local morning dive, the two of you can bond over the excitement, preparation, and lifestyle.



It inspires your inner travel bug

When you dive as a couple, it pushes you to get out and adventure together. Diving together can be the push many couples need to make the vacation they've been talking about for years finally happen. And when you share the activity, you can [pick destinations based on their diving](#) without leaving your partner out.

You understand each other

As a couple, you can develop your own style of saying so much more to each other than the basic signals. Many couples are able to tell exactly what their partner is thinking and responding to by their body language, facial expressions, and excited made-up-on-the-spot hand signaling. You start to come up with your own signs for things too, creating your own language to dive with. After years of diving together, you become experts at understanding each other.

You get to share your passion

Seeing the look of wonder on your loved ones face can be just as amazing as experiencing that wonder yourself. Plus, sharing a passion for diving means you have someone to talk to about every awesome detail of your dives. Being able to reminisce over your underwater experiences for years to come is something special. Each time you see something amazing while diving, you know you can share that memory with your favorite person for years to come.





[Drew Richardson](#)

6 January, 2022

It's been [50 years since humans were last on the moon](#), and with the [successful Artemis 1 mission](#) many of us are excited that astronauts are finally going back. NASA has a 2024 crewed orbit mission planned, with an actual landing planned for as [early as 2025](#).

Robotic instruments and probes have already explored the moon and much of the solar system (and will continue to), but Artemis reminds us that human curiosity goes beyond simply knowing – we want to *go*. To experience. To touch. It's as if we know instinctively that the world, solar system and universe don't exist just to watch on a screen, but to explore, search and discover hands-on – even with added risk. American author [John A. Shedd](#) said, “A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.”

The Link Between Space Travel and Diving

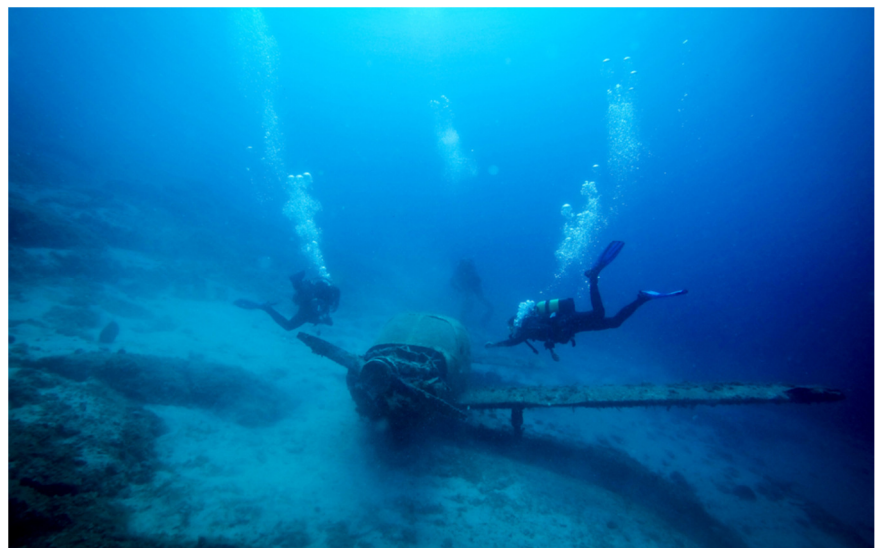
It's not just space travel, of course. [As I've written before](#), human space exploration and underwater exploration



have been understandably linked for decades. The “[Star Trek syndrome](#)” the desire “to go where no one has gone before,” as the [show's opening lines famously go](#) inflicts divers in particular. So, it's fortunate that by diving, you can be the first to explore a place – or if not the first, among only a handful of people. Cave diving expeditions like [this one](#) are particularly noted for such “true” exploration because they involve going places that are unquestionably unvisited. But really, the underwater world is vast and [less than 5% has been explored](#), so *any diver and their buddy can be first explorers*.

What Will You Discover as a Diver

Granted, at popular dive sites, wrecks and hot spots, you're not going to be the first, or even the 1001st visitor – it's still cool and worth doing, but that's not what I'm talking about. Rather, there are about [620,000 kilometres/372,000 miles of coastline globally](#) (and that doesn't count freshwater coast) so most diveable-depth areas have still *never* been dived. And if they have, by only by perhaps two or three. As popular as diving has become, still fewer than 1% of people have dived, and most diving tends to be concentrated to known, reliably rewarding sites.



But, you don't have to always go to such places. It takes some effort to get off the beaten track a bit, but even in heavily populated coastal areas like Southern California, if it's just a fair bit away from the specific places people tend to get in the water, chances are no one's dived there. So, it's not hard to find a promising, untrafficked site and be the first (or nearly the first) to *see* it, much less explore it with your buddy. You need to choose something within your limits as a diver of course (get guidance from your PADI Instructor if need be, or even better, invite

them along), but even so you'll usually have a lot to choose from. And, if a site turns out to be lack luster (many will), because you're engaged in first-here-discovery, the *dive* is *never* boring.



English author [J.R.R. Tolkien](#) observed, “Not all those who wander are lost.” True. A lot of us are [Ocean Torchbearers](#) who explore – divers seeking adventure, and saving the ocean.

#Updating dive shop's contact details still in progress



The MAF regulations vary in particular when it comes to your catch size/limits & locations.

Practice being safe & staying safe for you & your buddies & we will see you all at the club meeting