

# **NZ Dolphin Underwater & Adventure Club**

## **Newsletter November 2024**

Club Meeting 6:30pm Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

What's on : **Pot luck Dinner**

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**Honorary Members** Graham Thumah, Tony Enderby, Jenny Enderby, Eileen Slark.

**Cover Page Photo:– Clubs 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake (one of two) by Denis**

### **WHAT'S ON?**

**13<sup>th</sup> November – Wed. – 6:30pm – Club Rooms** – Northcote Rd Ext'n, Takapuna - Pot Luck Dinner

**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>

**Global Dive - Ph. 920 5200.** or <https://www.globaldive.net/page/trips> .

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

**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**



**From:** Jim Hope <jimhope780@gmail.com>

**Date:** 11 October 2024 at 1:29:12 PM NZDT

**To:** Trish <t.triden@gmail.com>

**Subject: Re: NZ DOLPHIN UNDERWATER & ADVENTURE CLUB 70th anniversary 19th Oct**

Hey Trish..... blown away by your invite to attend the 70th anniversary of the Dolphin Underwater and adventure Club..... thank you or whoever it was that remembered Taranui and myself.... What a bolt from the past.

Ruth and I are unable to make your dinner.....sadly.... Grandchild's [only grandson] birthday ...and an ear repair [ plastic surgery] from sitting topside on M V TARANUI in full sun require some clever stitching repairs.....!

I have very happy memories from DOLPHIN SCUBA DIVERS ...from our day trips to the ALDERMEN Is....and wk/nd trips to the MERCURY Is. Your club never let the TARANUI down....were safe responsible divers and

I do recall some pretty basic ...string supported gear...colourful indeed . I also have a clear recollection of very quick water entries....I'd anchor and be about to tell you some features of the dive site, only to find you'd all bugged off underwater...

that's classy indeed...when I also recall herding others overboard on other trips.

Ruth and I wish you a great night of memories and feel your Club will "backward roll" on for ages and ages as you bring new eager divers through.

Taranui was sold by me in 2015 and lies idle in the Thames Marina.....tragic as that compressor setup lies untouched and unrun under that monster floor.

The Aldermen Islands are not visited much these days by boatloads of keen divers...I understand DIVE ZONE Whitianga are reluctant to go that way with the MERCURY Is so much closer ....and fuel/travel time. !!!

They must almost be a sanctuary as they're not really commercially crayfishes either.

Good luck....have a great night.....safe diving...

Skipper Jim and Apple Pie Ruth Hope.

### **Diver's amazing 'treasure' found at famous Aussie 'shipwreck graveyard'**

**Tristan Singer was diving at a depth of about five metres at the Rottnest Island site when a 'glint' in the sand caught his eye for a split-second.** [Joe Attanasio](#) Senior Reporter



Rottnest Island's famous shipwreck graveyard, off the coast of Perth, is a popular tourist destination for visitors to the city. Source: supplied

Expecting to take a journey back in time free-diving at Rottnest Island's infamous "[shipwreck](#) graveyard", a young Aussie couple got a little more than they bargained for after stumbling across a lost camera [on the ocean floor](#).

Tristan Singer, from Fremantle in [Western Australia](#), was diving around the popular wreck site on Sunday with his partner Jess when they made the incredible find. The pair thought they were going to be treated to a history lesson dating back to the 1800s — when the oldest ships at the site sunk to their final resting place — but they actually uncovered something else entirely, memories of a different kind.

Speaking to Yahoo News Australia, Singer said he was diving at a depth of about five metres, at the last site of the day, when a "glint" in the sand caught his eye for just a split-second. "I had just jumped back in the water and was swimming over the first part of the reef when I caught a glint of something on the ocean floor in the seaweed, in a hole in the reef," he said.

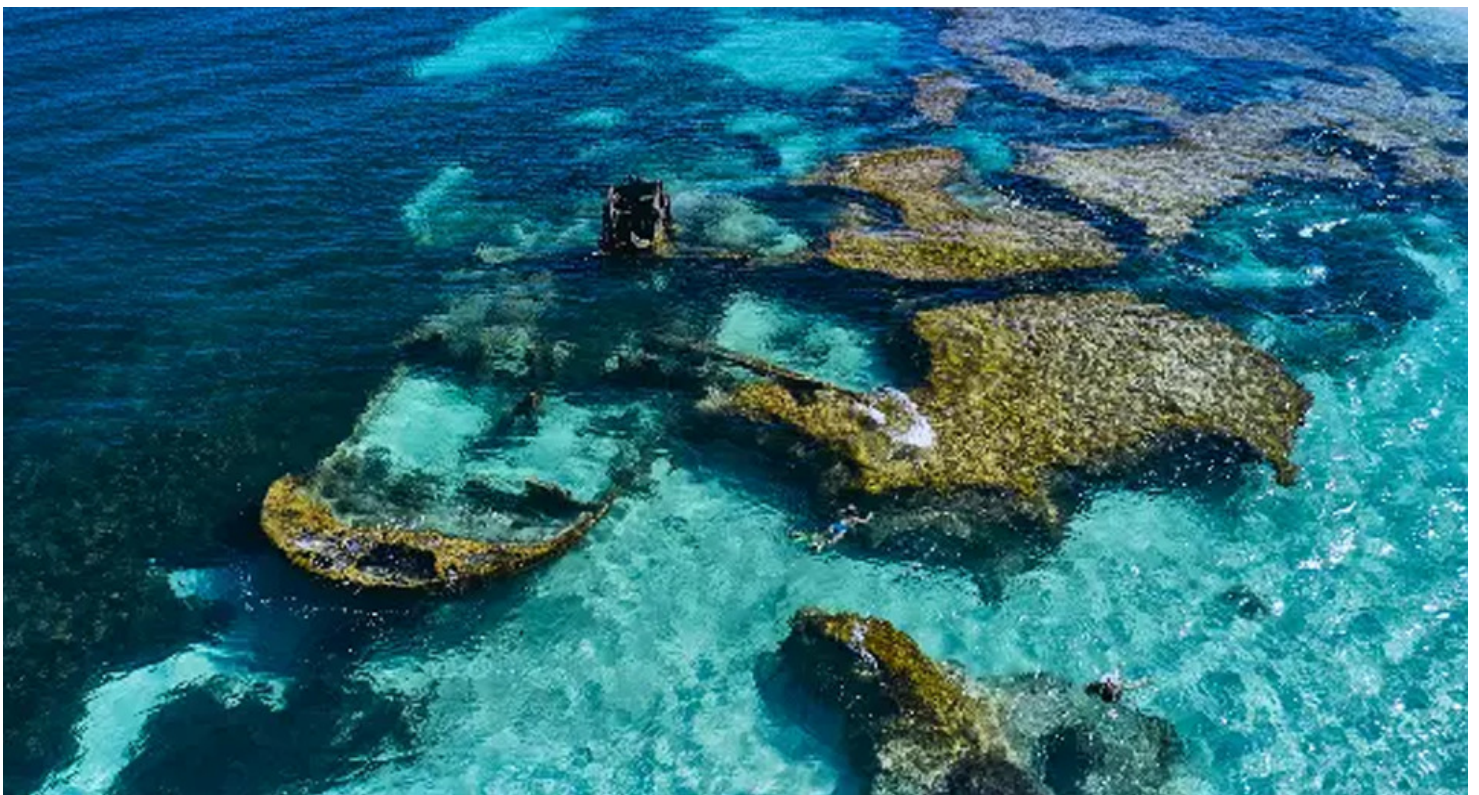




Fremantle man Tristan Singer hopes to reunite the lost camera with its owner this week. Source: Supplied

"I was very excited to find 'treasure' at a shipwreck site. So I dove down to check it out, and then as I pushed the seaweed off to the side, there was a full camera housing and and strobe light just tucked in the sand in this reef hole."

### **Camera's kilometres-long journey across the ocean floor**



Singer said as soon as he got up to the surface, he "could tell it had been there for a while" — four months in fact. "It's got a fair bit of marine fouling on it and it's bit crusty-looking," he said.

But due to the camera being in underwater protective casing when it was lost, it's still remarkably intact.



After the West Aussie made his way back home, he washed off the camera in fresh water and waited for it to dry before trying to turn it on. Incredibly, it did so immediately, Singer said, and he and Jessica were able to scroll through the selection of photos in an attempt to reunite the device with its owner.

There are at least 13 shipwrecks close by to Rottne Island, the earliest dating back to 1842. Source: Rottneisland.com

"I was able to get it [the casing] open and the camera was like, literally brand new," he recalled. "It still had a screen protector on the back, no water damage or anything."

"We were able to get the memory card out and there were photos on there and that's when my partner, Jess, and I started posting to some of the community groups with the picture of the lady... with a 'if you know where you lost it and what type of camera it was' type of message."

Singer said "within 30 minutes" the camera's owner was found. Somebody had recognised the woman and tagged her on [Facebook](#). Quickly, she responded.

This image of a crayfish was taken on the lost camera and later recovered by Singer. Source: Supplied

Singer posted this photo to social media, taken on the lost camera, to see if he could track down who owned it. Within 30 minutes, he had a response from Edith, who claimed it. Source: Facebook

"The couple had lost it three days after buying it, on its maiden dive when the lanyard must have broken, sending the camera free," Singer said.



"Based on where they lost the camera it looks like it travelled about two kilometres from Rowe Reef to Transit Reef. It is amazing that along its underwater journey it didn't get smashed on the reef, corrupting the camera inside." Singer said the group are now "looking forward to meeting up this week" when the camera will at long last be returned.

### **Corker of a find: shipwreck in Baltic brims with crates of champagne**

Cargo of vessel capsized near Sweden in 19th century also includes mineral water, say Polish divers

*[Miranda Bryant](#) Nordic correspondent  
Wed 24 Jul 2024 17.58 BST*

Divers have discovered a 19th-century shipwreck off the Swedish coast "loaded to the brim" with champagne.

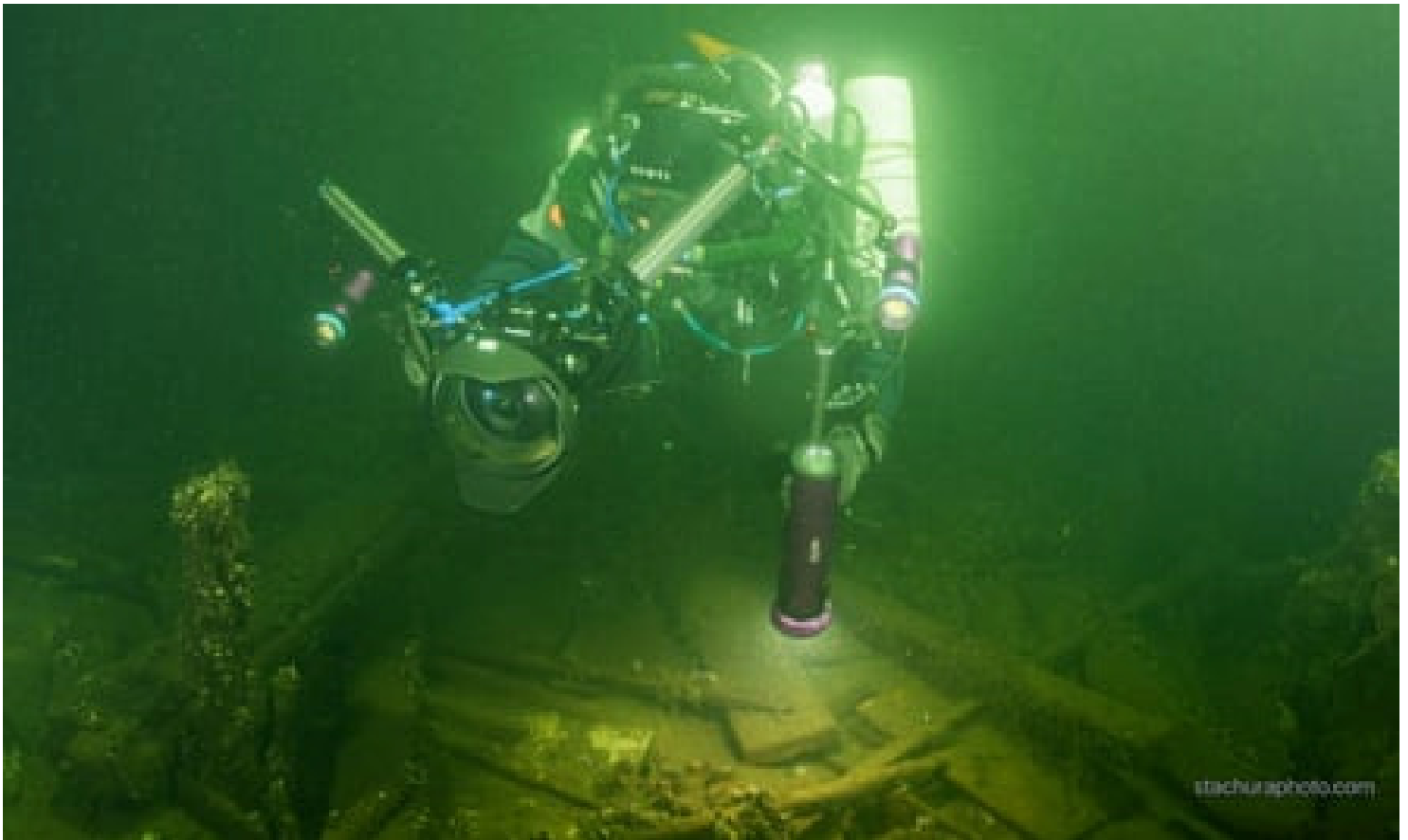
The group, from [Poland](#), were diving in the Baltic 20 nautical miles (37km) south of the island of Öland when they found the boat, believed to be a merchant vessel, by chance last week.

The brackish water of the Baltic, which is home to an estimated 100,000 shipwrecks, is an attractive destination for divers, marine archaeologists and, more recently, [looters](#).

The divers counted about 100 champagne bottles in the ship's hold as well as porcelain and mineral water.

"The whole wreck is loaded to the brim with crates of champagne, mineral water and china," Tomasz Stachura, the leader of the [Baltictech](#) diving group, told AFP.

He said: "I have been diving for 40 years and it often happens that there is one bottle or two ... to discover a wreck with so much cargo, it's a first for me."



One of the Polish divers exploring the sunken vessel, which was found to be carrying mineral water and porcelain as well as champagne. Photograph: Tomasz Stachura/Baltictech



[‘It’s a Baltic problem’: the Swedish coastguards saving shipwrecks from looters](#)

The divers had been searching the seabed for sunken ships for years “out of pure curiosity” when they came across the wreck. They said the discovery of the sealed clay water bottles helped them determine that the vessel had capsized in the second half of the 19th century.

“We managed to take pictures of the brand name stamped on a clay bottle, which turned out to be one from the German company Selters – and the logo had this precise shape during that period,” Stachura said.

The divers said they had notified Swedish regional authorities about the wreck, but that it would take time for them to bring the champagne bottles to land.

“[The ship] had been lying there for 170 years so let it lie there for one more year, and we will have time to better prepare for the operation,” Stachura said.



**A few pics from the 70<sup>th</sup> celebrations.**



Paddy Stafford-Bush cutting the cake.



Paddy receiving the club's life membership

Guest speakers & club members



Keith Gordan



Fiona Tarlton



Tony Enderby



An attentive audience





Dolphin's memorabilia



Dolphin's club trophies



Photographic memories



A view from the other side



Raffle prizes

And a heap of thanks to all the helpers how small or big your task was, it made for a great & successful evening.