

Underwater Explorers Club of SA Inc

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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday – 2nd

June

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Broadview Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Galway Ave and Collingrove Ave, Broadview SA

All members, past members and potential members are invited to attend.

The Photographic Competition theme “Location-Jetties” will finally get to be judged at this meeting. As part of the normal agenda which will follow, there will be specific attention paid to the ongoing difficulties being faced by the club.

Our Patron, Peter Christopher will address the meeting, and outline some proposals that we could consider.

Prior to the meeting, you are invited to join with those members enjoying a meal at the Hampstead Hotel on North East Road, Collinswood. Meet there at 1815.

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Waters to be Explored



JUNE

Sun 6th

Ardrossan

Tide times — [H] 0115 **2.2** [L] 0754 **1.32** [H] 1406 **2.73**

This jetty is a superb dive, especially in winter when it is usually flat calm and visibility can be to 25M. It is only 6M deep and entry and exit are easy from steps on both sides of the jetty. Clear water makes it easy to find plenty of species of fish. There are cowfish, moonlighters, crabs, and cuttlefish. You might see the huge school of Mulloway at the end of the jetty. Look carefully for seahorses in the brown algae! Bring your camera. A trolley is a good idea

JULY

Fri-2nd > Mon 5th

Whyalla — Cuttlefish Dive

FRI 2 Jul	SAT 3 Jul	SUN 4 Jul	MON 5 Jul
4:45 am 0.84m	5:06 am 0.99m	5:22 am 1.2m	3:15 pm 2.43m
11:25 am 2.12m	12:28 pm 2.2m	1:55 pm 2.29m	11:47 pm 0.99m
4:55 pm 1.59m	7:26 pm 1.63m	11:16 pm 1.3m	
9:57 pm 2.01m	10:17 pm 1.65m		

Sun-25th

Port Noarlunga Jetty

Tide times — [H] 0554 **1.38** [L] 1033 **0.82** [H] 1708 **2.3**

This dive, reputed to be the most-dived site in Australia, can be a jetty dive or boat dive depending on the conditions on the day. The dive leader will provide details when you confirm attendance.

For the jetty dive, access is from the steps midway along the jetty. Exit is easier at high tide. Depth at the reef is 9M. Head into the current: south to follow the marker trail or north to find a big school of silver drummer. You'll see sweep, zebrafish, moonlighters, colourful sponges, and rays and cowries have been spotted here. A torch is handy to look under ledges. A trolley would be useful.



► *Safety Officer*

PREVENTING INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

We all want to have a safe dive.

At times we become complacent, make mistakes, or are influenced by outside factors (conditions or people). Good preparation will certainly lessen our chances of having diving incidents or more serious..... diving accidents, which can occur before, during, or after a dive.

Preparation and caution should take place before, during, and after a dive. Diving incidents are quite common and we know they happen. Do we chat about them after our dive with our buddy or diving group, or do we dismiss them? Do we document them? We can certainly become better divers by not ignoring them.

Here are some incidents on commercial diving operations which have been documented —

- *Before a dive*

These include not participating in a dive brief, forgetting gear, faulty gear or poor assembly, not turning air on, no buddy checks including checking air, buoyancy, weights, and clips, no buddy assistance, free-flowing regulator, no snorkel, mask on head, or nervousness.

- *During and after a dive*

Lack of communication with buddy or boat, not diving the plan, exceeding depth or time, not monitoring air, lost buddy, equipment problems, not receiving assistance, or needing a rescue.

The important points to remember are to check site conditions before you leave home, constantly communicate with your buddy, and check gear.

Learn by your mistakes to be better divers.

Safe Diving

Sue

► *Past Dives*

PORT HUGHES — 5>9 APRIL

As the weather for the weekend did not look promising, we arranged to dive early on Friday. Mary and Jeanette buddied up and Phil came with me and Bob. I was trying out a new BC with integrated weights so there was some adjusting to do once under water.

Growth on the pylons is improving but not yet back to my memories of the white coral looking like a cathedral. We saw orange nudibranchs, Shaw's Cow fish, Western Talma, Leatherjackets, Magpie Perch, Grubfish, Sponges, Ribbongrass, a Blue Swimmer crab, a Decorator crab, many Razor fish, moonlighters, Southern Hula fish, Toad fish, Mosaic Leatherjackets, Boxfish, Orange Biscuit starfish and a Conspicuous Starfish.

Went to the end of the jetty to view the goffer which is underwater with keys attached. By the time we got out, the surface was quite rough and it was handy that Phil was there to help take out the integrated weights. On looking at the photos, I found many were overexposed and some had to be deleted but Bob has managed to resurrect some. Hugh has suggested we use half flash so I will have to wait for another day to see if that helps.

Robyn



Photography by Robyn Butterfield



Welcome to our Newest Member

JENNY CUNNINGHAM

*We hope that you will have
a long and enjoyable stay with the U&E.*

HAPPY DIVING



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Display your skills and submit 3 photographs for consideration in our on-going competition which now runs every four months, with judging occurring in April, August and December

New themes will be decided for future Competitions and will be advised when that decision is made.

The current theme is * **Leather Jackets**

Photographs should be **8"x 6"** which is **2400 x 1800** pixels when resolution is **300** pixels/in

File should be **jpeg**, with a size less than **400** Kb

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► *Seafood Sensation*

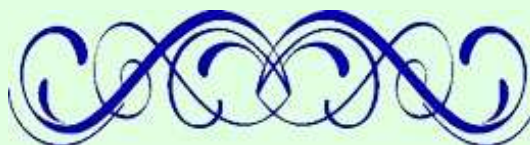
One-pot Fish Coconut Curry

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp macadamia oil
- 1 brown onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp finely grated fresh ginger
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
- 200ml reduced-fat coconut milk
- 400g sweet potato, peeled, cut into 2cm pieces
- 200g green beans, sliced diagonally
- 1 zucchini, halved lengthways, thinly sliced
- 500g skinless barramundi fillets, cut into 4cm pieces
- Lime wedges, to serve
- Thinly sliced long, fresh green chilli
- Fresh coriander sprigs, to serve
- Steamed brown rice, to serve

INSTRUCTIONS

- Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook the onion, stirring, for 5 minutes or until softened.
- Add the ginger, cumin, coriander and turmeric. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until aromatic.
- Add coconut milk, 200ml water and the sweet potato. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium low. Simmer, covered, for 8-10 minutes or until potato is tender.
- Add the beans. Simmer, covered, for 2 minutes or until softened.
- Add the zucchini and barramundi. Simmer, covered, for 3-4 minutes or until barramundi is just cooked through and vegetables are tender.
- Serve with lime, chilli, fresh coriander and rice.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

UEC Annual Dinner

The winter solstice is upon us, and with it the Annual Dinner.
This year it wont be a dinner, rather a lunch get together.

THE THREE BROTHERS ARMS

will be the venue

located at **42 Venables Street – Macclesfield**
on **Saturday-19-June**
at **12:30 pm**

A booking as been made, with a restricted number. There are still some vacancies, so if your are interested make a booking for yourself and partner via the website as soon as possible.

Patron's Day



A day to be different
The venue located at
Dock 2, Honey St. – Port Adelaide
will be
**Clipper Ship
City of Adelaide**
on
Sunday-15-August

Our host for this occasion will be our Patron Peter Christopher who will take us on a tour to see what the current status of the vessel is.

We will meet at the location at **12:00 pm**

Pizzas are going to be organised with the tour beginning when lunch is finished. You are invited to bring something to drink and we will adjourn to the nearby shed 13 to complete lunch

We need to know numbers and pizza preferences so bookings are necessary

Please do this via the website booking facility



CALENDAR



📅 All Sunday dives to be booked **on the Website** by the **Thursday** before the dive 📅

(Dive Site **meeting** times as shown)

JUNE

➤	Wed 2nd	General Meeting — Broadview Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Galway Ave and Collingrove Ave, Broadview SA	2000
📅	Sun 6th	Ardrossan	1000
➤	Sat 19th	Annual Dinner — Three Brothers Arms, Venables St. Macclesfield	1230

JULY

📅	Fri 2nd > Mon 5th	Away — Whyalla : Cuttlefish Dive	0800
📅	Sun 25th	Port Noarlunga Jetty	0800
➤	Fri 23rd	Newsletter items due	

AUGUST

➤	Wed 4th	General Meeting — Broadview Uniting Church Hall.	2000
📅	Sun 8th	Ardrossan	1000
➤	Sat 15th	Patron's Day — "City of Adelaide" Dock 2, Honey St, Port Adelaide	1200

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
Send them by the date shown in the calendar to the Newsletter Editor
Email: newsletters@uecofsa.org.au



Are you in need of weight replacements ?

Bob has mentioned that Kym, a friend of his, came across and bought a dive weight diecast on a recent visit to a garage sale.

Kym has offered to cast lead weights for divers. All you have to do is provide the lead and he'll do the rest. The adjacent photo shows the end result of one of his castings

His mobile number is 0408 080 257.

Just mention Bob's name so he knows what the call is all about and will arrange from there.