



Surface Interval

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RYDE UNDERWATER CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2010-2011:

Single \$85 Family Concession \$130 Social \$30

Membership renewals are due 30th June each year.

Pro rata membership fees are available for new members joining during the year.

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NSW Maritime Authority - Sydney Boating Weather	(02) 131 236 (opt 3)

IF IN DOUBT - ALWAYS RING 000

BOAT LAUNCHING RAMPS

Map Reference (2003 Editions)

	UBD	Gregory's
Bayview	118 H13	169 B12
Tunks Park	216 H3	316 C3
Kyeemagh	275 C12	404 C12
Gunnamatta Bay	334 P13	493 J13

From the PRESIDENT

Dear Rucites,

As you all probably know this year the annual ladies week-end was opened to all members of the club and I have to report that it was a great success. The weather behaved itself, high tide was perfectly mid morning leaving the rest of the day free and resulted in 2 great dives at Fly Point. We did drive around to Halifax Park but saw huge mounds of sand on the shoreline so decided against diving there. I would also like to thank those 8 ½ members who did come for their company and look forward to doing it again in June.

Easter will soon be upon us so if you wish to join us in Ulladulla please let me know ASAP as I can probably still get you into the camp site. Cabins are probably taken but camp sites should still be available. We presently have 10 divers and their families coming so far. I will send out a more detailed email in the next few days confirming numbers and other details.

The June long week-end is fast approaching so if you wish to join us on our annual pilgrimage to Pt Stephens please let Wanda Whittaker know as soon as possible so we can make sure we book enough units. We will again go to the units in Intrepid Close as this is probably one of the few places where we can organise enough accommodation. Last year we had over 40 people come along. Come and join us, you are guaranteed to have a wonderful time.

On the last day of August Ylva & I are joining Natalie, Herb, John Strickland and others on a 8 day trip to Uepi Dive Resort in the Solomon Islands. It sounds like a wonderful place for diving so if you want to snorkel with sharks and manta's before breakfast and dive the rest of the day this could be the place for you. Numbers are limited so please let us know if you would like to be part of this wonderful holiday.

There will be no general meeting this April. The meeting was scheduled to occur the night before we head off to Ulladulla for Easter and as such had to be cancelled. We will of course have our normal meeting in May with a special presentation by Alex Schnell on cuttlefish so please put that date in your diaries now.

See you all on the water soon.

Safe Diving,

Peter Hardman
President

From the EDITOR

This month the ex-HMAS Adelaide is planned to be scuttled off Terrigal. This will give Sydney a large new wreck to dive and see the changes happening over time. I had a single dive in March, but looking at the dive reports I was the only one. Luckily the photos for the Photo Comp are starting to flow in although one member doesn't seem to get himself wet to take the photos.



Rob van der Zalm.

From the DIVE OFFICER

Dive Officers Spiel, April 2011

Rucites,

Well the weather and sea conditions are persistent, persistently bad, fingers crossed it will get better soon. Last month was certainly a quiet month. The ladies / open to all weekend had a reasonable turn out and the reports were for some good diving. The Halifax park dive site is apparently not as good as it used to be. The tides have managed to dump tones of sand into the shallows, burying the beautiful coral and sponges. Where before you stumbled into the water over the rocky shoreline, you now walk down the golden sandy beach into the water. Quite a horrifying sight really. Even if the tides reverse/remove the sand I suspect that everything underneath would have died.



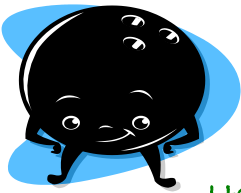
The Photo comp is also being judged this month, so I hope everyone got their pics in on time???

The Easter trip to Ulladulla (mid April) is looking to be another good one; Places are filling fast, so call Peter asap. It's a nice 5 day camping / diving trip. The annual trip to Port Stephens in June is still on and a great weekend to get to know new members and vice versa, so get your names onto the list.

The Christmas trip away would seem to be a long way off, bookings should be made soon or we could miss out.

Ken Jackson,
Dive Officer

Month	Date	Activity	Location	Contact
April	13 th	Planned scuttling ex-HMAS Adelaide	Terrigal	
April	22 nd – 26 th	Easter Break	Ulladulla Headland Tourist Park	Ken Jackson
May	28 th	10 Pin Bowling	Castle Hill	Dale Chadd
June	10 th – 13 th	June Long Weekend	Port Stephens	Wanda Whittaker
June	12 th	Annual 10 Pin Bowling competition	6.30pm at Super Strike, Salamander Bay	Dale Chadd
June	25 th	Barefoot Bowling & Dusit Thai	Dundas	



Hello again,

I'm finally back on deck after a family emergency plus christening, plus unexpected work offers. Hope you are all safe and well and settled back into work, study, school etc. Our friends in Qld seem to be faring a little better but Alex Masszauer has decided to head south to NSW for a taste of our weather, (mmm... NSW, beautiful one day, unpredictable the next). John and I will be catching up with Alex M. and Bob Golding this Sunday, after which I'll be able to fill you in on Alex's survival techniques for indoor camping during inundations.

But for now, these are the updates for our Social Calendar for 2011.



1. For those of you interested in entering the Annual RUC Ten Pin Bowling Competition for 2011, the event has been moved to Port Stephens to coincide with our annual June long week-end sojourn to this "sunny", scenic spot. I have tentatively booked three lanes for Sunday 12th June, 2011 @ 6.30pm at Super Strike,

Salamander Bay which is just a short drive back around the bay from 'Port'. The link is attached for your perusal. <http://www.superstrike.net.au/pricing/> Details re accommodation bookings for the June long weekend will be made known after Wanda's 'intrepid' band of divers (pardon the pun, WW) does a reconnoitre this weekend.

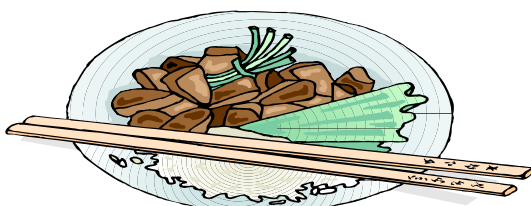
2. Jazz at the Pines this weekend, Sunday 20th March 2011 from 2.30pm - 4pm @ Roughley House, the Pines, Dural. Pay at the gate for this boutique event. BYO drinks, picnic basket, blanket or table and chairs. Also, it's a good idea to BYO hot weather/wet weather protection.



Adults : \$12.00 Concession: \$10.00 Family: \$25.00

3. I haven't arranged any outings for April because of the school holidays, but I'd ask you to keep May clear. We're looking at a date in May for the RUC Anniversary Dinner as well as a photography trip to MT Tomah Gardens, followed in June by Bare Foot Bowling and Thai dinner at Dusit Thai. Hope to see you all soon.

Your Socialite,
Dale



WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Shark gathering, but can you count 10,000?:

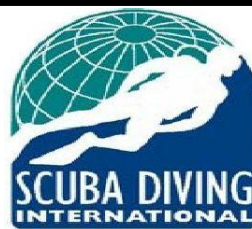
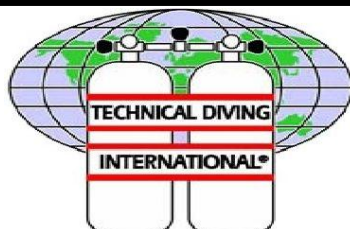
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1367166/10-000-sharks-join-huge-feast-Florida-coast.html>

SUMMER PHOTO COMPETITION

The deadline of sending your photos is getting close (5th April). The following format of judging has been proposed:

1. All photos will be made available to the RUC members for review.
2. Each member can vote for their best 5 photos (but not your own photos)
3. Votes have to be sent together with member's name to the Committee before 21st of May
4. The photo with the most votes is the winner
5. If more than one photo has the same number of votes, the number of 1st votes takes precedent, etc.

Please expect an e-mail with the details soon.



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RUC JUNE LONG WEEKEND DIVE TRIP TO NELSONS BAY



Fri 10 / Sat 11 / Sun 12 / Mon 13 June 2011



This is one of the most popular events on the RUC calendar – our annual sojourn to Nelsons Bay with accommodation in the luxurious Intrepid and Commodore units.

This is the first call for participants – so that I can get on with booking the units that we will require. If you want to come along, please reply to me ASAP – indicating the number of people attending, and whether you would like to share a unit or get one all to yourself.

Even better ... to secure your place, please pay a \$100 deposit per adult to the RUC account (with your surname and June LW as a reference), and let the RUC Treasurer and myself know via email that you have paid your deposit.

The RUC account details are:

Account name – Ryde Underwater Club; BSB # 032091; Account # 114674

Just for something a bit different – we're looking to book a Twilight Dinner Cruise with Moonshadow Cruises for the Saturday evening. The cruise is a 2.5 hr cruise departing the marina at 7.00 pm with live entertainment and a buffet dinner menu. Check out the website www.moonshadow.com.au to see the full details.

Cost is A\$65, Concession \$59 and Student \$39
(Alcohol not included, bar available on board)

**If you'd like to book on the Saturday night Twilight Dinner Cruise,
please also confirm this with your accommodation RSVP.**

The tides for the weekend are as follows:



Tide Predictions for New South Wales

Newcastle - Times and Heights of High and Low Waters
June - 2011

(Port Stephens, add 2 minutes for approximate tide times)

Friday 10		Saturday 11		Sunday 12		Monday 13		Tuesday 14	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0229	1.56	0338	1.50	0445	1.46	0549	1.44	0057	0.39
0853	0.46	0946	0.47	1040	0.48	1133	0.49	0649	1.43
1530	1.62	1628	1.72	1722	1.83	1815	1.92	1226	0.51
2138	0.65	2252	0.58	2358	0.48			1907	1.98

The tide heights are in metres above Prediction Datum, red for low water and blue for high water.

The times stated are Australian Eastern Standard Time (24 hour clock). During Daylight Saving Time (when in force) one hour needs to be added to the times stated.

So – if you'd like to come along and enjoy diving and/or social time with RUC,
please let me know **ASAP**.

Wanda Whittaker – 0414 584 795 or Wanda.Whittaker@internode.on.net

RUC Fashions



RUC Fashion Clothing is now available through Xpress Promotional Products.

Go to the website – www.xpp.com.au and check out the range available.

You order direct thru Xpress Promotional Products. Choose what you want, specify the size required, delivery method and then make the payment either online through a secure service (which accepts PayPal or Credit Card), or post in a cheque for payment. The site is very easy to use and navigate.

At present we have chosen a range of 7 items, in a navy/red theme. These include a t-shirt and polo shirt in a cool-mesh fabric, a cotton polo shirt, a rugby top, and fleece jackets in half and full zip styles. These are all available embroidered with the RUC Logo on the left breast.

There is also a kit bag which has the RUC Logo embroidered on the front, and can (optionally) have your name on the end (in vinyl lettering).

Prices are indicated on the website.

If you choose to collect your order at a Dive Club Meeting – there is no charge for postage. If you'd prefer to have your order mailed directly to you, there is a \$7.50 charge for postage.

			Ryde Underwater Club: 
Ryde Underwater Club Full Zip Polar Fleece \$45.00	Ryde Underwater Club Half Zip Polar Fleece \$45.00	Ryde Underwater Club Kit Bag \$40.00	
			
Ryde Underwater Club Leisure Rugby Shirt \$40.00	Ryde Underwater Club Cool Mesh Polo \$30.00	Ryde Underwater Club Cool Mesh T Shirt \$20.00	Ryde Underwater Club Poly Cotton Polo \$25.00

Step by step directions:

1. Go to the site: www.xpp.com.au
2. Click on the RUC logo on the LHS
3. Select the item that you would like
4. Choose the size required
5. Add it to your Cart



Product Options					ADD TO YOUR CART >>
Select	Size	Status	Price	Qty	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00	0	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00	1	

This takes you to your cart to view what you have just added.

6. View and check your cart contents. You can go back and select more items, or provide your details, select the delivery option, and then proceed to the checkout to make your payment..



If you have any questions about the items or ordering, please contact Express Promotional Products or Wanda Whittaker.

Rob van der Zalm

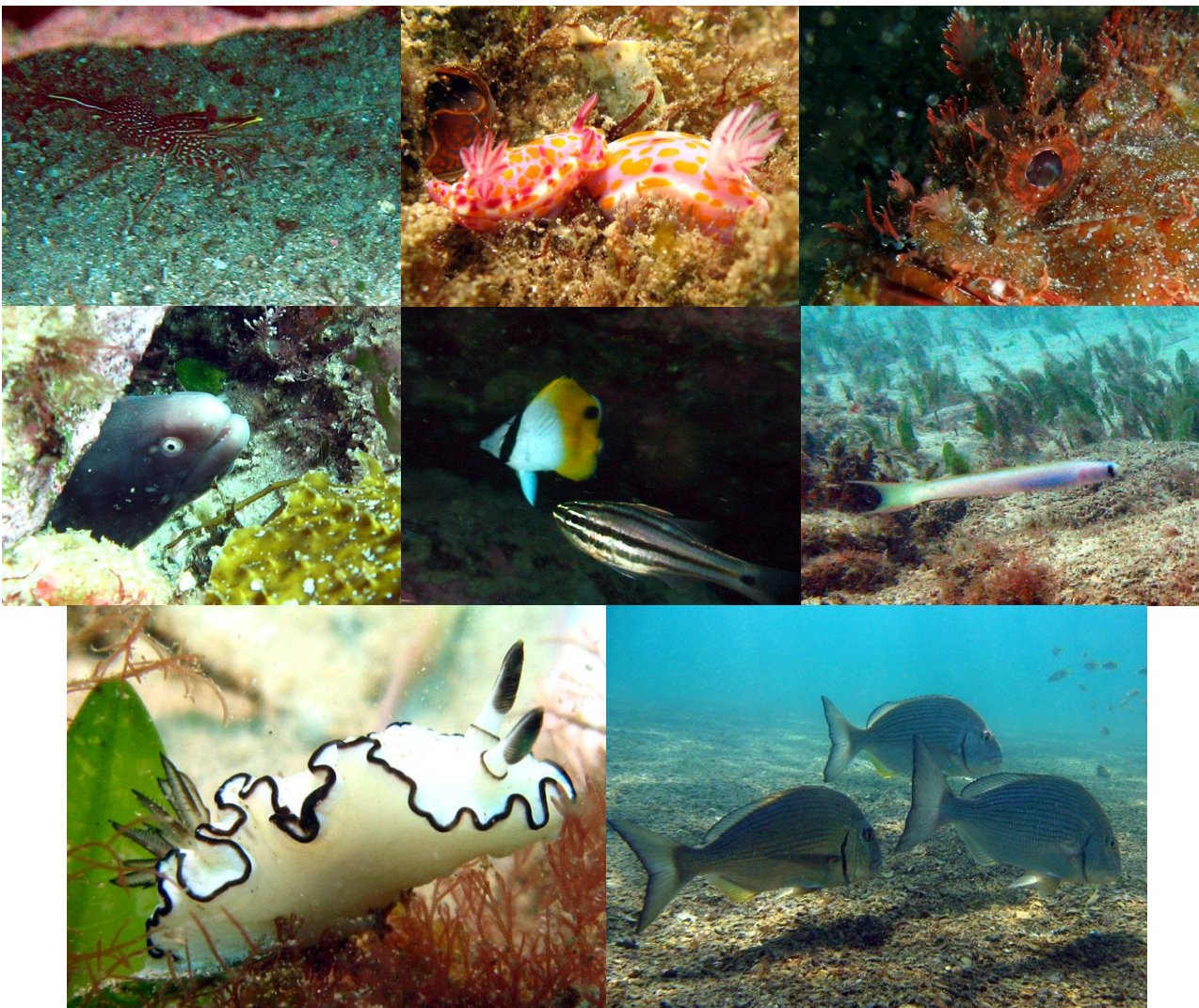
One Sunny Day

The Sunday started with blue sky and a nice temperature. Off to Shelly as Aria finally received the new housing for her G12 and Richard hoped to receive his macro wet lens. I had to bear some remarks regarding my (almost historic) camera. Due to a late tank fill, we started the dive very late (9:45) but luckily didn't meet with much traffic during the dive. With few nudies to be found, we focussed our attention to the other critters around. There were plenty of yellow tail, rock cod, tarwhine, trevally, shrimp, cardinals, blennies, a big catfish, white-eyed moray eel and cuttle fish to be seen. Unusual were a juvenile butterfly fish and a group of Lyre-tail Dart Gobies.

After an hour I signalled that I had to return to the exit. Richard and Aria went further out to look for and – according to them – saw a number of dusky juvenile dusky whalers (no photos, didn't happen).

In the shallows, I just settled on the bottom for a few minutes to see the animal behaviour around me. It is always amazing to have the fish come to you rather than swim to them.

Anyway, by the time I had taken my gear off, Aria and Richard arrived as well. They had exited at the pool and walked back. After a coffee and checking the photos it was time to head home.



WET CALENDAR – APRIL 2011

DATE	LOCATION	CODE	DEPTH (approx)	MEETING TIME & PLACE	DIVE ACTIVITY LEADER (DAL)
Sun 3	Jibbon Bommie	R		8.00am @ Gunnamatta Bay	
Sat 9	Rosa Gulley	R		8.00am @ Tunks Park	
Sun 17	Dee why wide	R	28m	8.00am @ Tunks Park	
Thu 21	Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club	M		Denistone Room @ 7:30pm	General Meeting
Fri 22-Tu 26	Ulladulla Easter Trip	R	20-28m	Harbour boat ramp	Peter Hardman
Sat 30	Shelly reef	R	18m	8.00am @ Tunks Park	

CODES: C = Commercial Operator M = Meeting N = Night Dive R = RUC Tub S = Shore Dive

APRIL TIDES

Daylight Saving ends 3 April

												Friday 1		Saturday 2	
												Time	Height	Time	Height
												0043	0.55	0121	0.50
												0652	1.54	0728	1.53
												1309	0.44	1339	0.43
												1919	1.51	1951	1.57
Sunday 3		Monday 4		Tuesday 5		Wednesday 6		Thursday 7		Friday 8		Saturday 9			
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0158	0.46	0234	0.44	0310	0.43	0348	0.44	0429	0.47	0512	0.50	0600	0.54		
0802	1.52	0837	1.49	0912	1.45	0948	1.39	1027	1.34	1109	1.28	1157	1.22		
1407	0.43	1436	0.45	1505	0.48	1536	0.51	1609	0.56	1646	0.61	1730	0.66		
2022	1.62	2053	1.66	2125	1.68	2200	1.68	2236	1.66	2318	1.62				
Sunday 10		Monday 11		Tuesday 12		Wednesday 13		Thursday 14		Friday 15		Saturday 16			
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0007	1.58	0104	1.55	0212	1.55	0323	1.58	0428	1.64	0527	1.70	0612	0.38		
0657	0.57	0802	0.57	0909	0.53	1009	0.46	1102	0.37	1152	0.30	0621	1.73		
1254	1.19	1402	1.18	1516	1.23	1622	1.33	1717	1.47	1808	1.62	1238	0.26		
1825	0.70	1934	0.72	2053	0.69	2207	0.61	2312	0.50			1856	1.76		
Sunday 17		Monday 18		Tuesday 19		Wednesday 20		Thursday 21		Friday 22		Saturday 23			
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0108	0.28	0202	0.21	0258	0.19	0352	0.21	0448	0.26	0545	0.35	0645	0.44		
0715	1.72	0807	1.68	0900	1.60	0955	1.51	1049	1.41	1145	1.32	1242	1.25		
1323	0.25	1407	0.28	1453	0.33	1539	0.41	1626	0.50	1715	0.60	1810	0.68		
1943	1.88	2030	1.95	2118	1.98	2207	1.95	2257	1.87	2348	1.77				
Sunday 24		Monday 25		Tuesday 26		Wednesday 27		Thursday 28		Friday 29		Saturday 30			
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0044	1.65	0144	1.55	0248	1.47	0350	1.44	0445	1.43	0531	1.43	0618	0.61		
0745	0.51	0843	0.56	0937	0.58	1025	0.58	1108	0.55	1145	0.53	0614	1.44		
1345	1.22	1449	1.22	1551	1.27	1644	1.34	1728	1.42	1807	1.51	1220	0.51		
1912	0.75	2020	0.78	2131	0.77	2236	0.73	2331	0.67			1843	1.59		

Time in 24 hour clock, height (Ht) in metres above Chart Datum, *red for low tide* and *blue for high tide*.

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WET CALENDAR – MAY 2011

DATE	LOCATION	CODE	DEPTH (approx)	MEETING TIME & PLACE	DIVE ACTIVITY LEADER (DAL)
Sat 7					
Sun 8	The Duckenfield	R	24m	8.00am Tunks Park	
Sat 14	Long Reef Wall	R	24m	8.00am Tunks Park	
Sun 15					
Thu 19	Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club	M		Denistone Room @ 7:30 pm	General Meeting
Sat 21	Maroubra Sharks	R	16m	8.00am Kyeemagh Ramp	
Sat 28					
Sun 29	Osbourne Shoals	R		8.00am Gunnamatta bay Ramp	

CODES: C = Commercial Operator M = Meeting N = Night Dive R = RUC Tub S = Shore Dive

MAY TIDES

Sunday 1		Monday 2		● Tuesday 3		Wednesday 4		Thursday 5		Friday 6		Saturday 7	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0100	0.55	0138	0.50	0215	0.46	0253	0.44	0332	0.44	0413	0.45	0458	0.46
0654	1.43	0732	1.42	0811	1.41	0849	1.38	0929	1.35	1011	1.32	1057	1.29
1253	0.51	1325	0.51	1357	0.52	1430	0.54	1506	0.56	1545	0.59	1627	0.63
1916	1.65	1949	1.71	2023	1.75	2058	1.78	2135	1.78	2215	1.76	2259	1.73
Sunday 8		Monday 9		Tuesday 10		☉ Wednesday 11		Thursday 12		Friday 13		Saturday 14	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0546	0.49	0640	0.50	0043	1.64	0145	1.61	0253	1.59	0359	1.59	0500	1.59
1146	1.27	1243	1.26	0738	0.49	0836	0.47	0931	0.43	1024	0.39	1114	0.37
1715	0.67	1813	0.70	1345	1.29	1450	1.35	1552	1.46	1647	1.59	1740	1.73
2347	1.69			1919	0.71	2033	0.68	2147	0.62	2256	0.52		
Sunday 15		Monday 16		☾ Tuesday 17		Wednesday 18		Thursday 19		Friday 20		Saturday 21	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0000	0.42	0059	0.32	0154	0.26	0248	0.23	0341	0.25	0433	0.30	0525	0.37
0559	1.59	0656	1.56	0751	1.52	0846	1.48	0940	1.43	1032	1.37	1124	1.33
1202	0.35	1250	0.36	1338	0.39	1426	0.44	1515	0.49	1603	0.56	1652	0.63
1830	1.85	1920	1.95	2010	2.00	2059	2.01	2147	1.97	2235	1.89	2322	1.78
Sunday 22		Monday 23		Tuesday 24		☉ Wednesday 25		Thursday 26		Friday 27		Saturday 28	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
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1215	1.29	0705	0.51	0753	0.56	0839	0.59	0925	0.59	1009	0.59	1051	0.58
1744	0.69	1309	1.28	1403	1.29	1458	1.33	1551	1.39	1639	1.46	1723	1.54
		1838	0.75	1938	0.79	2045	0.80	2152	0.78	2256	0.73	2349	0.66
Sunday 29		Monday 30		Tuesday 31									
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height								
0535	1.33	0036	0.59	0117	0.52								
1130	0.57	0621	1.34	0704	1.34								
1804	1.62	1209	0.56	1246	0.56								
		1842	1.69	1919	1.76								

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Regardless of whether you have been on an exciting dive lately or just been surfing on the internet, if there is something you would like to share with your fellow club members, why not contribute to the next edition of Surface Interval.

Just e-mail your contribution to the editor either as an attachment, or in the body of the message. A page is around 1,000 words and the closer you get to that (or 500 for a ½ pager), the better. There's a word count function in MS Word under the "tools" pull-down menu, which does the job for you.

Remember articles submitted may be posted to the Club's website.

SURFACE INTERVAL DEADLINE

The deadline for each issue of Surface Interval is the third Wednesday of the preceding month. That means

The deadline for the May edition is 25th April.



Frog Dive Scuba Centres

395 Guildford Road, Guildford

9892-3422

539 Willoughby Road, Willoughby

9958-5699



Our members have a common interest in SCUBA diving. Dives are organised and conducted nearly every weekend around Sydney using the club boat and sometimes boats owned by club members.

Our club also organises weekend and holiday trips to interesting dive locations north and south of Sydney. A variety of social activities are organised throughout the year for members and their families.

Our club conducts meetings at **7.30 pm** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:

Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde

New members are always welcome to attend our meetings and join in with our activities.

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