

# DIVE LOG

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### Some highlights.....

**Italy:** In May 2001, diving in a tonnara (tuna trap nets) to see large bluefin tuna (6 feet plus, 600-700 pounds), swordfish (4-5 feet not counting sword), and molas.

**Palau** (March 2002): coral reefs, zillions of reef fish, manta rays, sea turtles, incredible diversity of life.

**Baja California & Mexico:** Guadalupe Island white sharks (September 2002 and August 2006); Mazatlan (October 2002); Loreto (July 1994); Cabo Pulmo (August 1993); Punta Banda (April 1992); Roca Ballena off Punta Abreojos (February 1992)

**Cocos Island:** In December 1993, diving with hammerhead sharks, manta rays, sea turtles, reef sharks, tuna, jacks.

**Bahamas:** In February 2005, diving with tiger sharks, great hammerheads, reef sharks, lemon sharks, and more. In May 1996, shark and reef diving at Walker's Cay & New Providence Island at Stuart Cove's Dive South Ocean. In October 1994, snorkeling with spotted dolphins at Little Bahama Bank.

**Antarctica:** In October - December 1997 & November - December 1999... almost eleven weeks on the ice with 49 dives. This diving experience was fascinating both for diving under the ice with Weddell seals and for observing a sponge-dominated benthic community.

**Wakatobi, Indonesia:** In June 2004, lots of coral reef wall diving! Saw turtles, pygmy seahorses, sea snakes, lotsa reef fish, nice unbroken hard coral reefs, lots of soft coral, jawfish with eggs in its mouth, frog fishes, leaf fishes, cuttlefish, octopi, etc. Located at the southeast end of Sulawesi Island in the Tukang Besi archipelago.... way off the beaten path.

**Monterey:** Monterey has great diving diversity: Breakwater, Cannery Row; Hopkins Reef, Carmel Pinnacles; Point Lobos' Whalers and Bluefish Coves; Mono Lobo Wall. Crabs everywhere you poke around. Hydrocoral. Colorful anemones. Garden-like kelp-forested rock formations. Fleets of ctenophores, salps, siphonophores, and jellyfish. Snowy caps of white Metridium anemones. Dendronotus iris nudibranchs munching on Pachycerianthus fimbriatus tube anemones. underwater encounters with sea lions, harbor seals, and even sea otters.

**Oahu, Hawaii:** diving at Mahi wreck, Makaha caverns, Sharks Cove/Pupukea, Haleiwa Trench, sea turtles in Maunalua Bay, an underwater arch along the south shore.

**Southern California Channel Islands:** Catalina Island and Farnsworth Bank, Cortes Bank; Begg Rock; San Nicolas Island; San Clemente Island; Santa Barbara Island; Santa Cruz Island. The Channel Islands offer some great diving - giant black sea bass, hydrocoral, kelp forests, large gray smoothhound sharks, sea lions, salps, large baitfish schools !

**Bermuda:** In October 1989, Kathy did some diving with me while I attended a marine science libraries conference. This trip was especially nice because my friend Dan Richards gave an invited paper at this conference which afforded a great opportunity to socialize with him in Bermuda. Kathy and I did several dives on Bermuda's fringing reef, saw a few shipwrecks (including old cannons laying on the reef), and did some snorkeling too (including at night with squid).

**Birch Aquarium at Scripps:** I was a volunteer diver in the kelp tank and warm water shark tanks from 27 July 1993 to 23 November 2004, for 255 dives.

**San Diego:** Lots and lots of San Diego diving, off Point Loma, the wrecks off Mission Beach, Scripps and La Jolla Canyons, and offshore shark diving.

# 1970 – 1987

I didn't log dives so I estimate 100-150 dives at: Corona del Mar, Laguna Beach, Dana Point, La Jolla, La Jolla Canyon, Scripps Canyon, Point Loma, Catalina Island, San Nicolas Island, Oahu

# 1988 - 2004

year	annual total	La Jolla area	LJ Cynyn	Scripps Cynyn	Pt Loma	Aquarium	Other
1988	50	18	2	27	0	0	El Rey-1; Coronados Isl-2
1989	65	4	0	37	0	0	Coronados Isl-2; Oahu-16; Bermuda-6
1990	46	6	0	36	0	0	Coronados Isl-2; Sta Cruz Isl-2
1991	89	13	1	48	1	0	Ruby E-1; Coronados Isl-4; Monterey-21
1992	121	16	1	83	6	0	San Nicolas Isl-4; Monterey-6; Baja-5
1993	134	2	2	74	10	12	Baja-11; Cocos Isl/Costa Rica-21; Cano Isl/Costa Rica-2
1994	113	3	0	39	13	35	Fish & Game Reef-1; Baja-14; Bahamas-8
1995	91	5	1	17	14	25	Ruby E-1; Fish & Game Reef-1; Encinitas-1; Camp Pendleton-1; San Clemente Isl-4; Sta Barbara Isl-4; Cortes Bank-3; Monterey-14
1996	88	0	2	15	17	27	San Clemente Isl-4; San Nicolas Isl-3; Monterey-2; Bahamas-18
1997	70	0	0	10	13	24	NOSC Tower-2; Antarctica-21
1998	40	3	1	2	12	13	El Rey-2; NOSC Tower-1; SD Shark Dive-6
1999	72	0	0	3	18	15	Ruby E-4; NOSC Tower-1; Catalina Isl-3; Antarctica-28
2000	56	0	4	0	14	24	Yukon-5; San Clemente Isl-3; Catalina Isl-3; SD Shark Dive-2; Oahu-1
2001	68	1	6	0	5	21	Yukon-4; NOSC Tower-1; Coronados Isl-3; Sta Barbara Isl-3; SD Shark Dive-4; Monterey-6; Italy-14
2002	78	0	5	0	1	18	Yukon-5; Ruby E-2; Guadalupe Isl White Shark-14; Mazatlan-2; Palau-31
2003	33	0	1	0	3	21	Yukon-2; Ruby E-1; P38-1; Monterey-4

2004	69	0	0	0	5	20	Yukon-3; NOSC Tower-1; Catalina Isl-3; Indonesia-37
year	annual total	La Jolla area	LJ Cnyn	Scripps Cnyn	Pt Loma	Aquarium	Other
<b>Total</b>	1283	71	26	391	132	255	El Rey-3; Ruby E-9; Yukon-16; NOSC Tower-6; Fish & Game Reef-2; P38-1; Encinitas-1; Camp Pendleton-1; Coronados Islands-13; SD Shark Dive-12; San Clemente Island-11; Santa Barbara Island-7; Catalina Island-9; Cortes Bank-3; San Nicolas Island-7; Santa Cruz Island-2; Monterey-53; Oahu-17; Baja-30; Guadalupe Island White Shark-14; Mazatlan-2; Cocos Island/Costa Rica-21; Cano Island/Costa Rica-2; Bermuda-6; Bahamas-26; Italy-14; Palau-31; Indonesia-37; Antarctica-49

## 2005

Annual Total: 20. Bahamas-11; Yukon-4; Point Loma-3; Ruby E-2

Running Total: 1303

Point Loma-135; Yukon-20; La Jolla area-71; LJ Canyon-26; Scripps Canyon-391; Ruby E-11; NOSC Tower-6; El Rey-3; Fish & Game Reef-2; P38-1; Encinitas-1; Camp Pendleton-1; Birch Aquarium-255; Coronados Islands-13; San Diego Shark Dive-12; San Clemente Island-11; Santa Barbara Island-7; Catalina Island-9; Cortes Bank-3; San Nicolas Island-7; Santa Cruz Island-2; Monterey-53; Oahu-17; Baja-30; Guadalupe Island White Shark-14; Mazatlan-2; Cocos Island/Costa Rica-21; Cano Island/Costa Rica-2; Bermuda-6; Bahamas-37; Italy-14; Palau-31; Indonesia-37; Antarctica-49

## 2006

Annual Total: 22. Point Loma-6; Yukon-2; Ruby E-2; NOSC Tower-1; Guadalupe Island-11

Running Total: 1325

Point Loma-141; Yukon-22; La Jolla area-71; LJ Canyon-26; Scripps Canyon-391; Ruby E-13; NOSC Tower-7; El Rey-3; Fish & Game Reef-2; P38-1; Encinitas-1; Camp Pendleton-1; Birch Aquarium-255; Coronados Islands-13; San Diego Shark Dive-12; San Clemente Island-11; Santa Barbara Island-7; Catalina Island-9; Cortes Bank-3; San Nicolas Island-7; Santa Cruz Island-2; Monterey-53; Oahu-17; Baja-

30; Guadalupe Island White Shark-25; Mazatlan-2; Cocos Island/Costa Rica-21; Cano Island/Costa Rica-2; Bermuda-6; Bahamas-37; Italy-14; Palau-31; Indonesia-37; Antarctica-49

## 2007

Annual Total: 10. Point Loma-5; La Jolla Canyon-2; La Jolla-1; Sarasota Florida-2  
Running Total: 1335

Point Loma-146; Yukon-22; La Jolla area-72; LJ Canyon-28; Scripps Canyon-391; Ruby E-13; NOSC Tower-7; El Rey-3; Fish & Game Reef-2; P38-1; Encinitas-1; Camp Pendleton-1; Birch Aquarium-255; Coronados Islands-13; San Diego Shark Dive-12; San Clemente Island-11; Santa Barbara Island-7; Catalina Island-9; Cortes Bank-3; San Nicolas Island-7; Santa Cruz Island-2; Monterey-53; Sarasota Florida-2; Oahu-17; Baja-30; Guadalupe Island White Shark-25; Mazatlan-2; Cocos Island/Costa Rica-21; Cano Island/Costa Rica-2; Bermuda-6; Bahamas-37; Italy-14; Palau-31; Indonesia-37; Antarctica-49