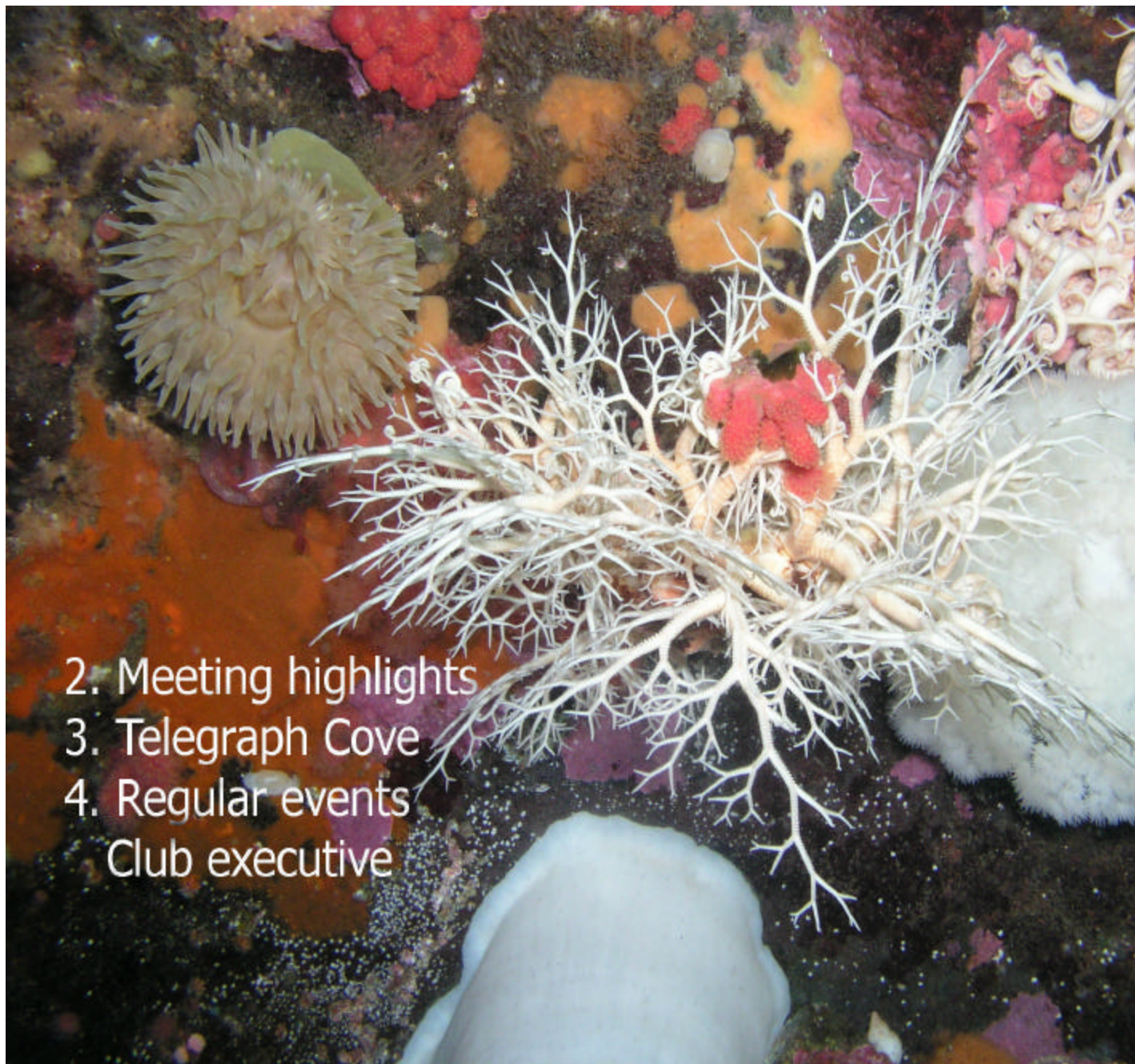


Vancouver Pescaderos



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Meeting highlights:

Welcome back to our returning President, Lily who chaired her first meeting of 2007. Last year's membership have now received an email from her reminding them of yearly renewals and the need to keep in touch regarding dives and participation in club events.

We still have a few club T-shirts and sew-on club logos available and soon we hope to have some plastic adhesive logos free for members to stick on tanks or wherever they deem appropriate.



As well as simply phoning or emailing to see if anyone would like to go diving on the weekends we decided upon Paul's suggestion to have the second Sunday of every month as a regular club dive event, with the club providing soft drinks and a hot-dog barbeque. The first of these will be on June 10th and it's important to let Paul know of your intention to join in so the appropriate amount of food can be purchased.

Summer Barbeque

And mentioning food..... Our annual summer barbeque this year will be at Paul and Lily's place in Maple Ridge on **Sunday, August 5th**. Mike and Majbritt will be driving down from Trail to get their fix of saltwater diving so we will be doing two dives at Whytecliffe Park on the preceding Saturday and then partying the following day. As usual the club will provide Maui ribs and salmon for the barbeque and members bringing a potluck dish and their choice of beverage. Paul and Lily's newly finished basement is available if you wish to imbibe alcoholicly so don't forget your sleeping bag and mattress! The more the merrier so bring along a guest and let's have a great weekend.



Telegraph Cove M.L.W.

Six Pescaderos were on this always-excellent weekend to Telegraph Cove. Although we were all on the 8.30a.m.ferry, Paul, Lily, Mike and Majbritt stopped off at Madrona, just north of Nanaimo to do a dive while Kerry and I decided to dive into the store at Coombs and do a little sightseeing. Numbers were down to 42

divers from 60 last year so things seemed somewhat less hectic on the boardwalk and even the drive in to the resort was much smoother thanks to the new asphalt road instead of the washboard gravel.

Our two-bedroom cabin couldn't be better situated, right next door to the pub and just a few extra



yards to the loading dock and with a view literally over the water at high tide. Kerry and I registered to dive one day on the “Emerald Express”, the Econaut’s aluminum boat and the next on the “Cetacea”, a strangely configured but very roomy boat under skipper Dave. The dive sites themselves were not of much concern to us since every one of the sites is unimaginably fantastic. To list and describe all the life underwater there would require copying out half or more of Andy Lamb’s new book. Take a look through it and you’ll know what I mean! When next to a wall it’s impossible to

rest a hand palm down on any surface because of the life growing on it.

The water temperature is always a couple of degrees colder than our local sites but I think the reason that we always head towards hypothermia is the lack of exertion needed to see anything. We just don’t swim around as much since there’s usually a bit of current and so much to see in any small area that there’s no need to search for it. My fingers were so cold after the first dive that I thought someone had been pounding on them with a hammer! But it was worth it.

Tide times determine the dive schedule and this year the dives were all late. This meant socialising in the mornings and eating late in the cabins since the restaurant was already closed by the time we were back at the docks. It also meant microwave dishes for us because noone wants to be waiting an extra hour or more for cooked meals. Surprisingly the Chinese food one night and Indian the next were quite palatable and nobody went to bed hungry. The Duncan Divers once again provided an excellent pancake breakfast and this year dressed in “Wild Wild West” costumes. Strange moustaches appeared under Stetson hats and even some ladies came as gunslingers! Next year the theme is to be “Knights of old” and a challenge was issued to all the other clubs to dress up as well. Jesters, Kings and Queens, Knights, squires and itinerant Friars will be seen next May on the Telegraph boardwalk! I’m sure there’ll be a few Connecticut Yankees!





“Door prizes” and the major raffle provided lots of fun and the meal, this year eaten in between dives because of the times, was once again superb. Ursula’s baking continues to gather encomiums galore.

Not enough can be said in thanks to all the Econauts who put in hours and hours of their time and effort to host this weekend. For the rest of us it’s a yearly highlight and we hope they continue it for many years to come.

Regular events.

As mentioned earlier, we will be meeting on the **second Sunday of each month** for at least one dive at Whytecliffe Park unless otherwise informed. Meeting time will be 9.a.m. and the club will provide hot-dogs and drinks either after or in-between dives. Call Paul for more details.

Usually our monthly club meetings are at the False Creek Yacht Club but for June it will be held at Ross’s place in Fanny Bay and for July, at the summer barbeque on August 5th.

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