



## February Meeting Recap

At our most recent meeting, Barry and Jody Cline shared slides from their recent trip to the Anilao area in the Philippines. The surrounding waters are world famous for “muck diving”: relatively shallow and protected areas with lots of small critters to keep underwater photographers busy for days. Frogfish, anyone? Their trip was also surprisingly affordable for the south pacific– see the Clines for more info.

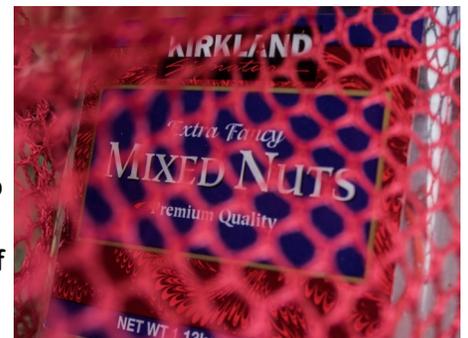
We also heard from Candice Landau with an update on the progress of our website. It’s looking great! She is eager to hear from us with ideas and suggestions– feel free to get in touch with her at [candylandua@gmail.com](mailto:candylandua@gmail.com).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March Meeting	3/6
Advanced class	3/18
Fort Casey trip	3/23
April Meeting	4/3

## March Dive Club trips

Our annual Fort Casey Critter Collection trip is right around the corner, so sign up now. This is easily the best bang for the buck in regional dive trips, plus it’s one of the few dives where it’s socially acceptable to snag wildlife. When you’re not chasing nudies (and other critters), you can dive Keystone or Driftwood Beach– two great dives. I’m really looking forward to it, and there’s still room; hit up the Shop for more information.



If you’re looking for a bigger adventure, Bruce Hanson and his beard are leading two separate trips to beautiful British Columbia right around the same time. If BC isn’t on your bucket list, you’re probably one of those weenie warmwater divers– if so, zip up undergarment because you don’t know what you’re missing :) Check out page 2 and 3 of this newsletter for more info.



## DAN is the MAN

Is your DAN membership current? Diving is pretty safe these days, but it is not entirely risk free. DAN provides coverage in the event of unfortunate dive-related mishaps– it’s great to have for the next time you try a giant stride off the cliff at Fort Casey (note to Randy and Vince– this is not a challenge).

DAN also offers separate insurance for equipment. I have that coverage, and I actually made a claim on it when I drowned a camera– payment was prompt and the process was easy!

## EDC, Abyssal Dive Charters- Campbell River, BC: March 18-20, 2017

6+ dives, tanks, weights, lodging and partial food. \$480 USD, \$150 to reserve your space. Pay at the shop or dive club. Minimum 4, Max 8.



Questions: Bruce Hansen, 541-207-5877, [bhansen@cmug.com](mailto:bhansen@cmug.com)

**The Setting:** Discovery Passage is a 25 mile long channel that separates Quadra Island and Vancouver Islands. The strong tidal currents that sweep through the narrow passes bring a never-ending supply of rich nutrients to the marine life, helping to create an amazing, colorful and vibrant undersea world. The steep channel walls are covered in marine life, including colorful anemones, sponges, nudibranch, tube worms, and soft corals. The cracks and crevices provide cover for rockfish, wolf eels, octopus and more. Both slack and drift dives are available. Campbell River and Vancouver Island consistently rate high on dive surveys.

**The Accommodations:** The Comfort Inn, opened in 2015, is in downtown Campbell River and 3 blocks from the marina. Rooms are double occupancy. Breakfast is provided. One lunch and dinner is part of the package. Dive gear stays on the boat and there is a drying room to hang suits and thermals in the basement of the hotel.

**The fine print:** Maximum registration 8, minimum 4

\$150 USD deposit reserves your place. Full payment \$480 USD due by March 1. Full rebate if withdraw by March 1. After March 1 only if above minimum. An exchange rate adjustment will be made at the time of the trip.

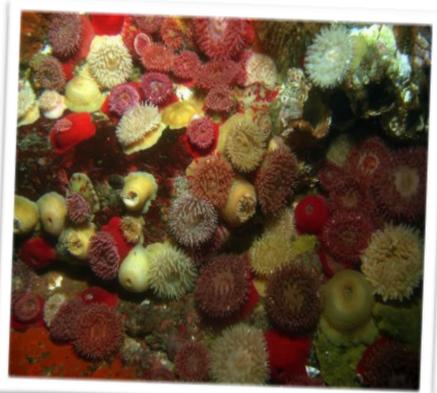
Pay the EDC treasurer or at the shop. Make checks payable to Eugene Dive Club.

<http://abyssal.com/>

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## EDC Skookumchuck-Porpoise Bay dive: March 21-23, 2017



8-9 dives, tanks, weights, food and lodging. \$550 USD, \$200 to reserve your space. Pay at the shop or dive club, and make checks payable to Eugene Dive Club. Non divers ½ price. Minimum 6, Max 12-14.

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Have you noticed that many of the photos in Andy Lamb's books are from Sechelt inlet?

**The Setting:** Sechelt inlet/Skookumchuck narrows provide an outstanding range of boat dives. The tides this week will allow 2 slack tide dives in Skookumchuck Narrows. This is an underwater landscape sculpted by tidal surges greater than 16 knots. The wall dives in Jervis Inlet provide an opportunity to see Gorgonian corals at recreational depths along with cloud sponges and an abundance of invertebrates and fish. Sechelt Inlet provides a number of close by shallow reefs to poke around in and see abundant life. All with fantastic visibility!

### **The Accommodations:**

Strongwater Retreat is a 5 minute boat ride from the Egmont dock. Accommodations and bath facilities are in heated yurts. Meals and common room are in the main house. Dive gear stays on the boat and there is a drying room to hang suits and thermals.

**The fine print:** Maximum registration 14, minimum 6

\$200 USD deposit reserves your place. Full payment \$550 USD due by March 1. Full rebate if withdraw by March 1. After March 1 only if above minimum. An exchange rate adjustment will be made at the time of the trip.

<http://www.porpoisebaycharters.com/diving.htm>

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