



# REEF WATCHER

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### Introduction

It hasn't been a great time for diving lately, but most clubs have Reef Watch dives booked between now and next Easter, so sooner or later we will get some diving in and collect some data.

We have also programmed some more training and monitoring sessions for snorkellers – starting from the first weekend in January.

There has still been plenty of stuff happening that is of interest to Reef Watch divers, as the list of contents of this newsletter indicates!

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We will be able to receive email correspondence throughout the break, and can be contacted by phone from 3<sup>rd</sup> January (8223 5155).



If you currently receive this newsletter in the post and would prefer to receive it by email then let us know at [info@reefwatch.asn.au](mailto:info@reefwatch.asn.au). If you do not have access to the internet and need help obtaining any on-line reports or other information we refer to in this newsletter, call us on 8223 5155 and we'll mail you a hard copy.

## Intertidal Monitoring

Unfortunately we had to postpone the intertidal workshop scheduled for Saturday, December, 17th. Whilst we had a large amount of interest for the workshop, unfortunately being so close to Christmas, quite a few people were unable to attend that particular date. The Reef Watch Intertidal Steering Committee is keen to include everyone who would like to be involved, and therefore have moved the date to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, still at Yilki Beach, Victor Harbor.

Join us for a great day with some of SA's leading marine biologists and educators, to learn more about intertidal reefs and how to monitor them. Register now for your chance to be involved - numbers are limited so get in **fast**. For further information contact Agnès Cantin, 8223 5155 or [cant0023@flinders.edu.au](mailto:cant0023@flinders.edu.au)



# Intertidal Workshop

Many of SA's leading marine biologists and educators have volunteered their time to teach you more about intertidal reefs and how to monitor them.

**When?** Sunday, 22nd January, 9.30am –1.00pm.

**Where?** Yilki beach Victor Harbor

**What?** Learn, see, touch. A fantastic chance to learn about our intertidal reefs from the experts.

**RSVP?** Essential please, [cant0023@flinders.edu.au](mailto:cant0023@flinders.edu.au), 8223 5155

## **Civic Trust Awards**

The Reef Watch program was one of five nominees for the award, but attempted to withdraw after concerns about the integrity of the internet voting process (the votes for us and for another project were spiralling up rapidly). However, we were reassured by the Civic Trust Awards panel that they had ways to detect pattern voting and that the online votes were not the only criterion used.

We were declared joint winners! Here is a quote from the Advertiser:

*The People's Choice Awards, voted on-line by the public, honoured one project in each of three categories - the human, natural and material. Their choices were backed by the trust's jury of experts. For the natural category, Adelaide Hills Natural Resource Centre was recognised as a "hub of activity" for environmental groups. Judges added joint winners in the natural [category] - the Conservation Council's Reef Watch program.*

## **Marathon Dives**

Unfortunately the December marathon had to be cancelled due to the extremely bad weather. Thanks to everyone who registered for the event, it has certainly given us encouragement to try for a summer Marathon at Second Valley again next year.

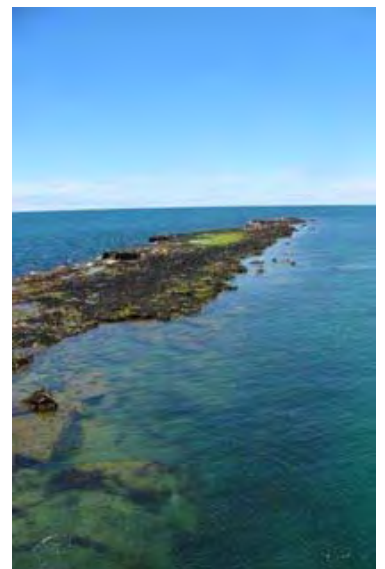
The March Marathon dive will be on 12<sup>th</sup> March, at the end of Sea Week. It again promises to be a huge day with all clubs coming together to collect data at Port Noarlunga. Dives will be by boat and from shore, and there will also be snorkeling. Bring the whole family as we have prizes, give-aways and the BBQ will be going all day. Please register as early as possible for this event to help us plan.

### **Reef Watch Marathon Dive**

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2006**

**Port Noarlunga**

Further information will shortly be available on the website (Marathon Dive Quick Link). If you do not have internet access, contact Reef Watch (8223 5155) to express your interest and we will keep you up to date.



## **Reef Watch Member Questionnaire Results - Events**

In June, Reef Watch distributed a questionnaire in printed form to 160 recipients, and electronically to several hundred. In total, there were 71 responses. This has certainly provided some useful information, but we would like more responses and have therefore kept the survey open. So if you still have your last Reef Watcher handy, please consider digging out the enclosed questionnaire and send it on if you haven't already done so. If you do have access to the web, you can complete it online at:

<http://www.reefwatch.asn.au/cgi-bin/database/survey2.pl>

The last edition summarised responses to questions about monitoring and training dives, including the Marathon Dive. This edition we will look at responses about the events run by Reef Watch.

The main points to come out of the survey were:

- The preferred time for events, in order of preference, was:
  1. Monday to Thursday evenings
  2. Sundays
  3. Friday nights
  4. Saturdays
- Most people need between two and four weeks and notice of forthcoming events
- A clear majority agreed that pre-registration for events is appropriate
- A clear majority thought that there it was important to have a social element to events
- A clear majority thought that the maximum prices for events were \$10 (average \$7) for waged attendees, and \$5 (average \$3) for unwaged attendees, in addition to a catering charge of up to \$10 (average \$6).
- There was no clear indication of a preferred topic for ID workshops

What divers liked about ID workshops:

- *I enjoyed being able to talk with professionals in the marine field*
- *The live specimens and specialists*
- *I liked the hands on stuff, and the connecting the dots stuff - how each bit depends on the others. And I like fish.*



- *Educational - makes my dives more interesting as I understand the surroundings*
- *Diving becomes more fun as you know what you are looking at.*
- *The first workshop I attended gave me a contact to meet like-minded people and gave me reason to recommence scuba diving. The second workshop enabled me to better understand the need for monitoring and the accuracy required for successful monitoring. Both expanded my understanding of identification and general knowledge.*
- *Learning about the diversity of marine species*



What they liked about slide/quiz nights:

- *Good variety/knowledgeable presenters*
- *I liked the fish slides and I liked the social atmosphere - talking to people.*
- *The social nature of the event. Being with like minded people and having an interest in reef/diving/monitoring of our environment*
- *I've only been to one and I enjoyed seeing what others have achieved.*



What they liked about seminars:

- *The educational aspect, and insight into marine conservation in Aust. and overseas*
- *Entertaining, informative, nice food*
- *It was very interesting to get an insiders view of the Galapagos, and it was fantastic to meet the man whose book I use so often.*
- *The presenters, the topics and learning something new.*
- *Pick up good knowledge from experts*
- *The content, and the questions and comments afterwards*
- *It was interesting to learn about an important environmental situation, from both a scientific and political viewpoint, first hand from somebody directly involved*
- *The information provided by the speakers on any aspects of marine & coastal management, and the opportunity to meet the people involved in the various monitoring programs.*

The Events Committee will be meeting early in the new year to decide on and plan events, but we are already planning for this winter's quiz night. One key initiative will be to improve the balance and suitability of the questions, including the "visual" questions. With this in mind, we are always on the lookout for interesting photos that people may wish to provide.

We will also be discussing the possibility of taking our identification workshops, in a scaled down fashion, to club meetings, even if we do maintain an annual public event.

### **Report on the Recent Identification Workshop**

Reef Watch held the annual identification workshop at SARDI on 13th November. The day was again a huge success with more than 40 people attending, including kids of all ages. The workshop provided a unique chance to meet some of S.A.'s top marine scientists, get an insight into their work and learn how Reef Watch data can assist them.



The day started with a very informative talk on reef health by Dr. David Turner. We then divided into groups to visit hands on demonstrations at 6 stations, covering seagrasses, marine pests, fish, algae, museum invertebrates and the kids favourite – a touch tank.

The day was also well catered with a lunch of superb sandwiches, although one child was still hungry enough to try and eat a sea star from the touch tank.

What people said about the day ;

*“ Very informative and educational ”*

*“ The workshop was fantastic ”*

*“ This is my second workshop and I learnt even more this time ”*

*“ I can't believe seagrasses can be so interesting ”*

*“ Great discussion with my group, everyone wanted to learn more (from a demonstrator) ”*

*“ ... the food was great too ”*



Thanks to the numerous demonstrators and assistants who volunteered their time to make the day work so well. Thanks also to those of you who attended and for the very useful feed back.

## Caulerpa taxifolia update



Fisheries Minister Rory McEwen issued a press release on 23rd November which called for users of the Port River to take care not to spread *Caulerpa taxifolia*, described surveys that have been done after recent sightings, and praised the Reef Watch program for its vigilance.

### *CAULERPA REMINDER AS SUMMER BOATING SEASON APPROACHES*

*Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Minister, Rory McEwen today reminded all Port River users to be careful not to disturb and spread the noxious weed Caulerpa Taxifolia.*

*“If the weed is caught in anchors, fishing lines, diving equipment, it should be removed, placed in a plastic bag – preferably biodegradable – and thrown in a bin, ” Mr McEwen said.*

*“Even tiny fragments of the weed can survive out of the water for two weeks in ideal conditions and can be easily translocated. A small part of the weed can start a new infestation.*

*“This is particularly important as we approach summer – and conditions become ideal for its growth,” Mr McEwen said.*

*“I urge all members of the community—fishers, boaties, environmentalists, divers and everyone else who enjoy using our waters to continue to work together to help save South Australia’s fishing grounds by stopping the spread of this highly invasive marine weed.*

*A diving survey of the Gulf St Vincent seabed from the Port River outlet to the Semaphore Jetty earlier this year did not find any evidence of the noxious weed Caulerpa taxifolia growing in the gulf.*

*The survey was prompted after a member of the Conservation Council’s Reef Watch group reported a piece of the weed washed up on Largs Beach shortly after a severe thunderstorm in June.*

*Divers covered over 25 kilometres of the sea floor in a range of depths, including parts of the North Haven Marina, and only found three small pieces of drift material in the gulf that were removed on the first day of the survey. No other drift or established weed was found in the area.*

*A later report from another group which pulled up weed on an anchor, south of the breakwater, was investigated through a second one-kilometre dive in that area. No Caulerpa taxifolia was found.*

*Mr McEwen thanked the groups for their vigilance and commended the Reef Watch group for promptly reporting the wash-up of the weed.*

*“The group is also doing fantastic work in promoting awareness of *Caulerpa taxifolia* through its ‘Feral or In Peril’ program which provides divers and other community members with laminated identification slates and reporting mechanisms for marine pests and species of conservation concern*

*“I urge everyone to continue to be on the look out and not disturb the weed if located, and to report any infestations outside of the Port River to Fishwatch on 1800 065 522.*

*The weed is a severe threat to our marine environment and the gulf, with the potential to impact natural fish habitats and affect recreational fishing and our \$200 million wild seafood industry.*

## **New Coastal Magazine – Sea Change**

Reef Watch had an article in the second edition of the new “Sea Change” magazine ([www.seachangemag.com.au](http://www.seachangemag.com.au)). The magazine costs \$37 per year for four issues.

A flyer for this magazine says that it:

*offers you an opportunity to appreciate, explore, enjoy and care for our wondrous coast and marine environment. Australian SeaChange Magazine delves into conservation issues, puts nature in the spotlight and includes comment on indigenous connections. It highlights happenings around the coast, and explores coastal art and craft to satisfy that creative urge. Read stories from those whose passion is fired by the beauty of the underwater world, our beaches, the coastal estuaries and coastal forests with their myriad of fascinating and sometimes delicate creatures and plants. Hear from people whose innovation and creativity are inspired by our coast and lifestyle Find out about new and amazing attractions and exciting destinations to explore on your coastal travels*

*Take a close-up look at the creatures that inhabit this part of our island world. Find out some of the simple practical things you can do to help conserve the beauty and complexity that’s at the essence of our attraction to the coast. Enter our colour photographic and coastal art competitions.*

*It is bound to take you away ... and inspire you to go!*

Note: There is also an article about Reef Watch in the summer edition of <i>Southern Fisheries</i> .
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## **Port Elliot Dive Surveys**

The SA Department of Environment & Heritage was involved last November in a study of the offshore waters of the Coorong Bioregion for the Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board. These waters extend from Kingston through to Middleton near Victor Harbor. The study involved offshore video and sonar transects to map offshore benthic habitats, as well as surveys of the shallower reefs at the south-western extent of the study region, in the vicinity of Pullen Island (see map below, courtesy DEH Coast & Marine), as well as the Bluff and West Island.



The reefs were surveyed using three standardised methods along a 25 metre tape laid at a consistent depth:

- A fish count, where any fish seen within 2.5 metres either side of the line are recorded. This is very similar to the Reef Watch method.
- A line intercept transect (LIT), almost identical to the Reef Watch method.
- An invertebrate count, recording any sea stars, urchins, and the larger shellfish and crustaceans (e.g. whelks, abalone, crabs and crayfish) that were within one metre of the line.

The Fleurieu Dive Club is in the process of repeating these surveys, already receiving training on the invertebrate method and collecting data from the Bluff. It is only the poor weather that we have all faced in recent times that has stopped them from polishing off the Port Elliott sites. A dive is being rescheduled for January.

The club has several members with a terrific knowledge about the local marine life, including local marine biology teacher Ian Milne (pictured at the Bluff) and fish guru Ron Charles, but there has been enthusiastic involvement from more than a dozen members who have completed or nearly completed the Reef Watch training course.



## **Search for Seagrass Fruits**

Rachel Wear, Research Officer with the Environment and Ecology Program at SARDI Aquatic Sciences, sent the following message:

*Hi All,*

*Each year between December and February the fruits of various species of Posidonia seagrass are released.*



*After the fruits are released from the plants they float to the surface and wash up on local beaches. The timing of flowering and fruiting of different Posidonia species is highly variable and while some species undertake reproduction most years, other do not. To try and understand the variation of seagrass reproduction, each year we ask marine scientists and people working in the marine environment to make note of when Posidonia fruits are observed.*

*If you happen to stumble across Posidonia fruits on a beach walk, please record the date and where you have seen them. If unsure of species, please collect the fruits and bring them back to me at SARDI West Beach (2 Hamra Ave) or pass them on to Reef Watch.*



*Many thanks*

*Rach*

*(Wear.Rachel@saugov.sa.gov.au)*

## Blue Groper Expedition

*By Luke Kotys,  
Marine Biology student,  
Flinders University  
(back row, second from left)*

At times there were gale force winds, torrential downpours, cold and murky seas, putting on icy wetsuits first thing in the morning and even the fishing was dismal, however there is no way I could describe the trip as anything but awesome. I had never seen this stretch of coast before and quickly discovered what a beautiful part of our state it really is. My friend Brad and I were greeted by a group of extremely friendly, interesting and knowledgeable people.



It didn't take long until the weather improved and we were all in the water to begin the surveys. There was such an array of life, with so many fish at times that I found myself a little scrambled, struggling to jot down the vital data as fish swam all over the place. It was a positive feeling first sighting a Western Blue Groper as some experts see them as a potentially threatened species and

after all this expedition was named in their honour. We saw many others species of fish with the most memorable for me being a Long-snouted Boarfish and a Leafy Seadragon.

Gale force winds and murky seas may have slowed our surveying at times but did certainly not dampen the cheery mood of the group. For me there was never a dull or boring moment on the entire trip. The dismal weather certainly did not dampen the spirits of the divers. I felt quite dim-witted at times not knowing the names of the species I saw, but others in the group had overwhelming knowledge which they continually shared with us. The knowledge of the group was amazing and made me realise that I have so much to learn. The hands on experience I gained in the field was a great learning experience.

I gained so much knowledge on this trip and was fortunate enough to spend it with a great group of people. The trip truly reaffirmed in my mind that marine biology is what I want to be studying and has made me even more passionate about conserving and protecting our unique marine environment. I'm looking forwards to getting in the water again for the next



Reef Watch expedition. Thankyou to all the people who shared the experience with me: Brad, James, Scoresby, Tim, Janine, Thierry and Dave; Carl and Meg who joined us from Port Lincoln, and Seb and Lana, to whom we are especially grateful for their hospitality for several days at Tumbly Bay and fantastic local knowledge.

## **Feral or In Peril**

The new Feral or In Peril kits (ID slates and information brochure) have now been produced and are ready for distribution through clubs and dive shops (there is no cost). They can also be viewed as PDF files on the Reef Watch website.

A GIS based website, developed by Flinders University Masters Student Cao (“Warren”) Wu is currently being finalised. This will help divers to see how their reported sightings contribute to our understanding of the distribution of our Feral or In Peril species. Of course, the location of sightings for certain species such as seadragons or black cowries, which are subject to commercial exploitation for the aquarium trade, will not be displayed.

To date, the number of sightings reported by the dive community has been less than we hoped for. We will be inviting the clubs that have adopted reefs to also “adopt” one of the “In Peril” species typically found on that reef to try and get some more detailed information.

As we visit club meetings over the forthcoming months, we also hope that divers will bring their log books to the meeting so that we can directly enter into our database any historical sightings made by divers of the Feral or In Peril species, and of a number of additional fish species also of interest to Reef Watch (see next section).

## **Fish records wanted**

Janine Baker is writing a book with information on about 250 fish, sharks and rays of potential conservation concern, that can be found in SA waters. Funding has come from a variety of sources, including the Department for Environment & Heritage and Marine and Coastal Community Network, and the author has also done considerable unfunded work on this project. The Threatened Species Network is the current administrator for the project, and the book, CD version and online version are being published by Reef Watch.

The main purpose of this book is to provide the community with an education source about some of the many SA species that may be:

1. rare or not commonly encountered.

In the former case, they may have very specific habitat requirements or a small geographic range, and in the latter case, they may just not often be seen due to their smallness, cryptic appearance, or because we don't visit their habitat or sample them directly;

2. not rare, but potentially threatened by habitat loss or over-exploitation

Even common species may be vulnerable to threatening processes due to characteristics such as slow growth and long age span, and specific habitat requirements or reproduction needs, and may be in decline in particular regions.

SA has fewer protected species than most other states, with only the leafy seadragon and white shark fully protected throughout all SA waters. Therefore this book is also likely to be a vital reference to assist Government managers in deciding which species should be protected, and to assist community to make submissions on such issues.

Many of the species are "Data Deficient" and likely population status cannot be assessed for S.A.. Nevertheless, even for many of these "DD" species, there is sufficient information for aspects of their distribution, habitat, biology, fisheries, vulnerable population characteristics and threatening processes to be documented. The book also provides recommendations for research, and for better management of threatening processes, amongst other sections. As a result of this book, a good many southern Australian fish species will have revised published distribution limits, and the state of knowledge will be corrected and updated. The content of the book will be posted on the Reef Watch website, and will be updated as further information comes to light.

Although much of the information so far has come from many hundreds of published information sources, and consultation with more than a dozen fish and shark experts across Australia, some vital input from Reef Watch divers Kevin Smith, David Muirhead, Steve Reynolds, Ron Charles, Ali Bloomfield and Philip Hall, has also been acknowledged in the report. Several lists have been distributed to the Reef Watch mailing list, ranging from a short list of half a dozen species through to a more complete list of species, some of which divers might encounter.

Janine can be contacted by email ([jjbaker@senet.com.au](mailto:jjbaker@senet.com.au)) or phone (8294 0194, 0431 605 362).

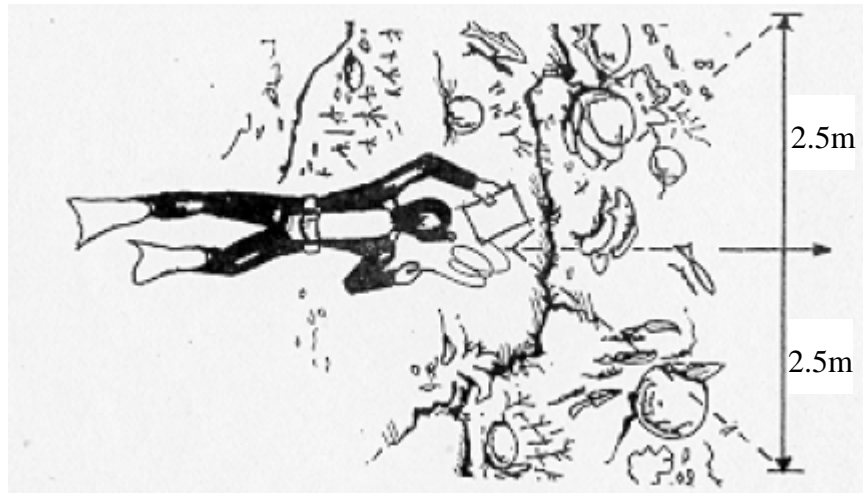
Examples of some of the species of interest, for which divers who are confident enough in their identification could make a valuable contribution to the report, include:

- Alison's Blue Devil *Paraplesiops alisonae* (a south-eastern species, not commonly recorded in SA)
- Rock Ling *Genypterus tigerinus* (mainly interested in records from areas other than GSV)
- Red-lipped Morwong *Cheilodactylus rubrolabiatus*
- Luderick *Girella tricuspidata*
- Spotted Snake-blenny *Ophiclinops pardalis*
- Western Smooth Boxfish / Blue Boxfish / Robust Boxfish *Anoplocapros amygdaloides*
- Orange-barred Pufferfish *Polyspina piosae*
- Southern Red Scorpion-cod / Common Red Rock Cod / Common Red Rockcod / Red Rock Cod *Scorpaena papillosus*
- Brown-striped Leatherjacket *Meuschenia australis* (south-eastern Australian species)
- Stars-and-Stripes Leatherjacket / Beautiful Leatherjacket *Meuschenia venusta*
- Smoothspine Leatherjacket *Cantheschenia longipinnis* (if diving in western SA)

Janine is also interested in a number of smaller fish, including some of the clingfish, gobies, threefins, weedfish and pipefish, so divers who have made a hobby of watching for and recording these species are also strongly encouraged to get in touch with Janine.

## **Reef Watch Fish Surveys**

As from the start of 2006, there is a small change to the Reef Watch Fish Survey method. On the first pass, we will now be counting fish within a 5m band (i.e. 2.5m either side). On the return pass, we will now be counting only fish under ledges within 1m on one side of the line. This is to bring the method



in line with other fish survey methods being used in South Australia by the SARDI Reef Health program, DEH Coast and Marine (in conjunction with Graham Edgar and Neville Barrett), and Dr. Scoresby Shepherd. We will be doing some calibration work to ensure that we can continue to make comparisons with our historic fish data.

The SARDI Reef Health program has recently funded the development of a seven minute documentary on how to do a fish survey, by the Natural History Film-making Masters Program at Flinders University. The stars of the documentary include



Reef Watch divers Ginty Kubilius and Walter Neumueller (pictured) and Matt Hoare for most of the underwater footage. This will be shortly available to clubs as a DVD, along with two films of similar duration about the wonder of our temperate marine ecosystems.

## **Want to get involved in Reef Watch?**

For diving or snorkeling activities, visit our website and follow the quick link to "Next dive". For photos and stories, see "Recent dives".

If you want to get involved as a volunteer in our committee, administration or development work, contact Reef Watch at the Conservation Council, 8223 5155, [info@reefwatch.asn.au](mailto:info@reefwatch.asn.au).

Particular thanks this month to all contributors to this newsletter and to Pamela Newland for her ongoing help putting the newsletters together, among the many other tasks she undertakes in support of the program!

## “Reef Watch” not “Reefwatch”

Just a short reminder that Reef Watch is two words, not one. We can understand the confusion that may arise, with names such as Fishwatch and Waterwatch. For us however, the only place to use “reefwatch” as one word is in our domain name, reefwatch.asn.au. Thanks to Rachel Coates who alerted us to our earlier mistake with the name of the Waterwatch program.

## SEA WISDOM

The cloud

becomes

the rain,

becomes the sea,

becomes the cloud...

everything becomes something else

nothing goes away...



## Dive Medicals

In order to have insurance for our Reef Watch training staff, all Reef Watch training follows PADI training guidelines. Therefore it is necessary for all divers participating in training to complete a diving medical form before in-water training. A **yes** answer to any question on the medical form will require the diver to obtain a medical certificate from a doctor to confirm you are fit to dive. This procedure is important for your safety and well being as well as being required by our insurers. The medical questions are available on our website (use “Next Dive” quick link) or we can mail send you a form to help you plan in advance.

## Dive Program

We have a full dive program for the new year through to Easter, covering the Metro area as well as Fleurieu Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula and Kangaroo Island. Reef Watch divers are welcome on most club dives, but need to let us know their intentions. Please remember to call the Reef Watch Information Line, 0418 898 302, before departing for a dive, in case of changes due to the weather or unforeseen circumstances.

The dives on the following pages are taken from the Reef Watch website (“Next Dive” quick link). Dives are subject to change, so for the most up-to-date information, visit the website or contact Reef Watch on 8223 5155.

Sunday, January 08, 2006	Public Dive	Port Noarlunga  SNORKEL event - all snorkellers
Sunday, January 08, 2006	<a href="#">Southern Ocean Divers Social Club (SODS)</a>	Port Noarlunga  Meet on the lawn near the car park at 9.00am
Wednesday, January 11, 2006	<a href="#">Adelaide University Scuba Club (AUSC)</a>	Port Noarlunga  Meet on lawn by car park at 5.45pm
Saturday, January 14, 2006	Public Dive	KANGAROO ISLAND  Reef Watch Fish Identification and survey methods will be taught at in-water training sessions at two KI locations (one in the morning, one in the afternoon). There will also be a workshop on the Friday afternoon/evening before (13th Jan).
Saturday, January 14, 2006	<a href="#">Fleurieu Dive Club</a>	Pullen Island  Charter boat departing Granite Island 9.00am Further details to follow
Sunday, January 15, 2006	<a href="#">Glenelg Scuba Diving Club</a>	Port Noarlunga  meet 9am in car park.
Saturday, January 21, 2006	Public Dive	YORKE PENINSULA  Saturday 21st AND Sunday 22nd. There will be two dive/snorkel Reef Watch training sessions at different sites on Yorke Peninsula (possibly Edithburgh and Balgowan, but dependent on weather).
Sunday, January 29, 2006	<a href="#">British Sub Aqua Club Adelaide (BSAC Adelaide)</a>	Second Valley  Training and monitoring dive at Lasseter's Reef. Details to be finalised closer to the date.

Saturday, February 04, 2006	Adelaide Scuba Social Group	Second Valley  Monitoring dive. Meet in car park at Second Valley at 10.00am
Sunday, February 05, 2006	<a href="#">Southern Ocean Divers Social Club</a> (SODS)	Port Noarlunga  Meet on the lawn near the car park at 9.00am
Saturday, February 11, 2006	Public Dive	KANGAROO ISLAND  Saturday 11th AND Sunday 12th Fish survey training and monitoring
Saturday, February 18, 2006	Public Dive	YORKE PENINSULA  Saturday 21st AND Sunday 22nd. There will be two dive/snorkel Reef Watch training sessions at different sites on Yorke Peninsula (possibly Edithburgh and Balgowan, but dependent on weather).
Saturday, February 25, 2006	Public Dive	Port Noarlunga  SNORKEL Event - for adults and children. Receive training and undertake monitoring of the fish populations at Noarlunga
Sunday, February 26, 2006	<a href="#">Marine Life Society of SA</a> (MLSSA)	Hallett Cove  Meet in car park by SLSC at 9.00am We will be able to ferry equipment to the reef at the northern end of the beach using 4WD. All non-MLSSA divers welcome to participate in monitoring or training but please contact Reef Watch before the day.
Sunday, March 05, 2006	<a href="#">Southern Ocean Divers Social Club</a> (SODS)	Port Noarlunga  Meet on lawn adjacent to car park at 9.00am

Sunday, March 12, 2006	Public Dive	Port Noarlunga - annual marathon dive  See details elsewhere in this newsletter.
Saturday, March 18, 2006	Public Dive	YORKE PENINSULA  Saturday 18th AND Sunday 19th. There will be two dive/snorkel Reef Watch training sessions at different sites on Yorke Peninsula (possibly Edithburgh and Balgowan, but dependent on weather).
Saturday, April 01, 2006	<a href="#">Glenelg Scuba Diving Club</a>	Seacliff Reef  Departure from Glenelg Scuba (details to be confirmed)
Sunday, April 02, 2006	<a href="#">Southern Ocean Divers Social Club (SODS)</a>	Port Noarlunga  Meet on lawn adjacent to car park at 9.00am
Tuesday, April 25, 2006	<a href="#">Underwater Explorers Club of SA (UEC)</a>	Broken Bottom  UEC club dive only unless you have your own boat. Details to be determined
Saturday, April 29, 2006	Public Dive	YORKE PENINSULA  Saturday 29th AND Sunday 30th. There will be two dive/snorkel Reef Watch training sessions at different sites on Yorke Peninsula (possibly Edithburgh and Balgowan, but dependent on weather).
Sunday, May 28, 2006	<a href="#">Marine Life Society of SA (MLSSA)</a>	Hallett Cove  Meet in car park by SLSC at 9.00am We will be able to ferry equipment to the reef at the northern end of the beach using 4WD. All non-MLSSA divers welcome to participate in monitoring or training but please contact Reef Watch before the day.

Reef Watch currently receives most of its funding from the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board through the Natural Heritage Trust.



A number of other organisations or agencies have provided some funding or in-kind support, including:

Primary Industries and Resources SA

SA Research and Development Institute



Department for Environment & Heritage

PADI Project Aware



City of Onkaparinga



The diving industry has also given considerable support to Reef Watchers for the annual Marathon Dive, Quiz Night and in some cases for dives throughout the year. Details are listed on the website.

The Reef Watch website is [www.reefwatch.asn.au](http://www.reefwatch.asn.au)

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