



DIVING KADAVU, FIJI

by Jacob Rosenstein

The hardest part is getting to Kadavu. Our jet landed in Nadi, on the main island of Fiji at 5 in the morning after a ten-and-a-half hour flight from LAX. We boarded a 7 seat turbo prop at 12:30 in the afternoon. Luckily, the landing strip at Vunasea Airport was paved. We were taken to the Matana Resort on a skiff, having to wade knee deep to get on. Passing the verdant hills and palm studded beaches made the long layover a forgotten event. We were quickly welcomed at the resort by owners Bob and Rena Forster, who built this 10 bure resort 15 years ago. It is environmentally integrated into the permanent landscape. On our second day, we kayaked to



Courtesy of Dive Kadavu

a nearby beach and couldn't find the resort on our return, except for a beached dive boat that acted as a landmark.

My first dive with Dive Kadavu was at the nearby Namalata Reef. There were a total of four divers plus Joelli, our Divemaster. We dove a swim-thru at about 30 feet. The other side was filled with colorful crinoids and a huge orange Gorgonian Fan. A Blue-Spotted Sting Ray was

asleep in a cave. At the exit of a second swim-thru in deeper water, we passed Moorish Idols, Red and Purple Dendronephthia Soft Coral, and Brown Daisy Coral. We spent our surface interval on the same beautiful white powder sand beach that Judy, Hannah and I paddled our kayaks on the previous day. Joelli challenged the guests to a game of coconut toss using the latter which were scattered all over the beach. On the next dive, Joelli took us to the home of the resident Longnose Hawkfish, a small patch of reef separated from the main reef by a large sandy area. The Hawkfish could be seen darting in and out of the branches of the Gorgonian Soft Coral, the swim movements resembling the flight of a hummingbird. We swam back to the main reef area, and soon found ourselves under the dive boat. This area, named "Meli's Place", after the boat captain, was filled with a wide variety of fish life. A Lionfish was seen hiding in a cave, Orange-Finned Anemonefish were staying close to their Anemone host, as well as Tomato Anemonefish.

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NOVEMBER'S ENTERTAINMENT - THE KING RETURNS

Further Adventures in the World of Dive Club Entertainment

After running far a field for countless months chasing who knows what in that subatomic world, as well as looking deep into the secrets of the underwater realm (where we might at least have an idea of what he's talking about), Frank King has promised to return and show proof of his many travels and adventures.

Those who remember Frank (a long time member and at various times the president of our own San Francisco Reef Divers, and who still shows up at various dives and dive locations) may also remember that he usually could be found with a camera, a bunch of strobes, batteries, what have you.

He will be this month's entertainment and will be showing a collection of stills, and promises that at least some will be from California and the Channel Islands.

STAMMTISCH



It's been a long dry month and I seem to be suffering from the effects of prolonged diving withdrawal. The October dive aboard the Cypress Sea was cut short by gale force winds and waters as brown and opaque as ... well let's let the image go. Ever since, one weekend after another has gone by without either one of us getting wet; unless you count the last rainy Saturday when I climbed up the roof to check the rain gutters.

The only real bright spot was at our last club meeting. Mike Jemmez, a relative newcomer to diving and underwater photography came by to share his new found passions. He also showed us his algorithm for determining the fish feeding probability index. For those of us who have on occasion leaned over the bow and lovingly fed the fish like a bird her nestlings, the index brought back many less than fond memories. Mike put on a great show; his running review of seasickness remedies was hilarious. Turns out that "Ricola" those herbal hard candies from Switzerland are one of his secret ingredients for combating *Mal de Mer*.

Aside from the slide show, sea sickness remedies and the all important probability algorithm, Mike gave us a brief overview of the travails he's over come to get into the water. Starting with a childhood bout of hydrophobia sparked by the movie Jaws and progressing through a series of waterborne misadventures. If his photography is any indication, he has gotten used to being in the water.

At the risk of roiling already raw emotions, we have an election coming up. No not that one, the officer's election for the club. We are working hard to keep this from becoming a media circus. To that end I have contacted both Bill O'Reilly of Fox News and Dan Rather of CBS News to discourage they're attendance. I am still waiting for a response, though I have made it clear that I am willing to settle out of court to keep the whole affair from becoming public. I want to assure you that the "alleged memo" was supposedly typed on a light blue *Olivetti Correspondent*, so it could not have come from the office of the *Reef Diver Times*.

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03 - Abalone Opener – Fort Ross 07 - Officer's Meeting 17 - Cypress Sea - (3 Dives) <i>21 - Meeting - Sinbad's</i>	05 - Officer's Meeting <i>19 - Meeting - Sinbad's</i> <i>22 - 23 SCUBA SHOW 2004</i> 22 - Cypress Sea - (3 Dives)	02 - Officer's Meeting 12 - Cypress Sea <i>16 - Meeting - Sinbad's</i> 27 - Abalone Closer at Ocean Cove
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NOVEMBER ABALONE CLOSURE

Date and time still TBD, but the coordinator has narrowed it
down to:

DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS

Contact Cat Durbow at catcandoo@yahoo.com

REEFER RAP 2005

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<p>01 - New Year's Day - Breakwater, Monterey 05 - Officers Meeting 15 - Cypress Sea - (3 Dives) - Sat Pierre - 415.285.6293 19 - Meeting - Sinbad's</p>	<p>02 - Officers Meeting 12 - Cypress Sea - (3 Dives) - Sat Pierre - 415.285.6293 * 16 - Meeting - Sinbad's</p>	<p>02 - Officers Meeting 12 - Cypress Sea - (3 Dives) - Sat Pierre - 415.285.6293 16 - Meeting - Sinbad's</p>
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HO! HO! HO!
LET'S CELEBRATE WITH A
REEF DIVER HOLIDAY PARTY!

Wednesday, December 15
7:00 P.M. – 10 P.M.
at The Radkeys
1331 Marin Ave. in Albany

No food assignments, this time it's going to be potluck literally and figuratively. Bring something edible or potable to share and hope we don't end up with 40 fruitcakes. There will be no White Elephant Gift Exchange but instead we will have drawings every half hour for dive gear and other goodies as well as some intellectually stimulating games befitting Reef Diver mentality. So mark the date on your calendar and be prepared for some fun! There is plenty of street parking or if you want to take public transportation, we're a 20-minute walk from BART. Questions? Comments? Contact Pamela or Jim Radkey at (510) 527-5282 or pradkey@worldnet.att.net.

Directions: From San Francisco take the Bay Bridge and go east (north) on highway 80. Take the Albany/Buchanan St. exit. Turn right at the first light, which will put you on Buchanan. Continue on Buchanan which becomes Marin. We're on the left a few blocks after you pass under the BART track

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All kidding aside, this is your chance to cast a vote that will be counted. There are never any hanging chads, voter intimidation, squads of lawyers and most of all; we will not offer to buy your vote. No previous registration is required, never had it, never will, just show up and have some fun and help chose next year's officers.

That brings me to the joys of absentee balloting. Sitting at the dinner table with glass of *Blauer Zweigelt*, a delightfully youthful and unpretentious young Austrian red wine, newly available at one of



Ken's favorite wine haunts. It's one of the joys of free trade, as long as your job hasn't been off-shored; you have the choice of more variety at better prices. So there we sat, poring over Arnold's suggested ballot

choices, drinking an imported red and wondering, what is really going on in our world. I'm reminded of a quote attributed to Mark Twain "Travel is fatal to bigotry, prejudice, and narrow-mindedness ... Broad, Wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth ... " *Innocents Abroad*. Think about it next time you ponder that fewer than 20 % of Americans have a passport at any given time.

Gerda and I where downtown on Sunday, just in time to catch the Veteran's Day parade. It was a brave, but sad affair.

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I know the conventional wisdom is that San Francisco is different, and maybe it is, at least in its own mind. Still it behooves us to remember, the 11th of November 1918, marked the end of what Congress called the “most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed ...” Its easy to question, to argue, to disagree, but to forget?

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.

By: Lieutenant Colonel John
McCrae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army



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Christmas Tree Worms inhabited a hard coral and Banded Feather Star, Bennet’s Feather Star, commonly referred to as crinoids, attached themselves to Flex Coral and Dome Coral. Pink and Orange Dendronephthia Soft Coral could be seen at regular intervals. Fiji is the Soft Coral Capitol of the World.



As if that wasn’t enough, the best was yet to come. Sea conditions were calm for diving the great Astrolabe Reef. Located on the windward side of the island, it was a trip by itself. We boarded the same skiff that met us at the airport, and took it as far as the airport. A truck transported six divers and gear across rough roads to the bay, where another skiff took us finally to the Dive Kadavu I boat. This was an all metal fast twin engine boat, with tank racks on the perimeter and covered on all sides. It took us to Manta Reef for an encounter with the gentle giants. Josepha and Isaac were our Dive Masters. After a 15 minute swim, huge Manta Rays with 18 foot wingspans circled around us. I was in awe. This was dive heaven! The reef was pristine, covered with Flexible Soft Coral, Mantipora Coral, and Table Coral. In between the Manta runs, tropicals such as Grouper and Sweetlips were seen. Manta Point was our second dive. We did a lot of kicking attempting to catch up with Manta Rays that we first spotted 10 minutes into



our dive, and a second Manta Ray after 30 minutes. On our third dive, the group decided to slow down. We returned to Manta Reef, where we were treated to a show. This time, four different Manta Rays were seen, including a black Manta Ray which had a bite wound, probably from a shark on its wing. The gentle giants came with mouths wide open, sucking water and plankton through their gills. We were fortunate to be in this area, as the Dive Masters had first spotted these animals at a cleaning station, and they would return frequently. Dive Kadavu advertises the “Manta Encounter” on their Web site. They certainly came through with their word.

Another fascinating experience came on my last dive day. This involved feeding Tuna heads to the Grey Reef Sharks frequenting the “Coral Village” dive site. The fish parts were stashed inside a long plastic tube. As soon as it was immersed, Bannerfish had swarmed the feed tube. A few Grey Reef Sharks soon followed, and before long, eight sharks were buzzing around with open mouths trying to pry the feed tube with their snouts. Joelli waited for a break before opening the tube end cap using a long metal rod. The resulting feeding frenzy had sharks competing for the bait, and circling the area like lost puppies.

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I had to hold my ground to get some decent photos of the action, as I kept my distance behind coral. As quickly as the bait disappeared, so did the sharks, except for a lone hunter scavenging the reef bottom. An Octopus and free swimming Moray Eel entertained me for the rest of the dive.

Other memorable dives were "Gorgonian Dove", characterized by yellow sponge growing on the walls of a swim-thru, and huge White Anemone with Clark's Anemonefish, "Aquarium", famous for its resident Blue Ribbon Eel and Cleaner Shrimp, "Three Gorges", a dive site that had a Scorpionfish, several Polyclad Flatworms, Sweetlips and Grouper, "Coral Corners", where Nudibranch, Bristleworm, Pink Dendronephthia Soft Coral, Purple Dendronephthia Soft Coral, and some hard coral are seen, and "Evil Trench", characterized by several swim-thrus ending at 90 feet. The water temperature ranged between 77 degrees and 79 degrees Fahrenheit. Visibility was 50 to 90 feet, depending on time of day and weather conditions. It rained constantly over a 20 hour period while I was recuperating from a stomach virus, something that unfortunately went around the resort guests and one Dive Master. It



was mid Winter and dry season during our late July/ early August visit. We had sunshine and warm temperatures during most days.

After the morning dives, besides the kayaks, the beach and nearby village provided added amenities.

The village children, ranging in age from Elementary to Middle School, entertained us to Fijian songs and dances. Many handicrafts can be purchased in the villages. Several hiking trips to the waterfalls are arranged by the resort. Food was very well prepared. You had a choice of fish, chicken, New Zealand lamb, or vegetarian dishes for lunch or dinner. Ethnic dishes like Thai, Indian, and Italian were offered. Breakfast consisted of tropical fruit, corn flakes or granola and milk, scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee, and orange, pineapple or guava juice. The weekly Lovo, where meals are prepared under ground by heated stones, was in traditional Fijian custom. We all sat on the floor sampling on our palm leaf plate fish, chicken, taro, sweet potato and a vegetarian Palusari that had been slow-cooked and wrapped in foil and palm leaves. All in all, this was a terrific dive vacation and a memorable experience.

Pictures courtesy of Kadavu Diving

MR. WHEEZY'S LATEST EQUIPMENT TEST AND REVUE--OR TOWARDS A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEATH PACK AND A BALANCED RIG
Kenneth Gwin

Mr. Wheezy and Man Fish are back from another offshore excursion.

While diving again with Franko, seeing the sights and looking for the meaning of life in the mysteries, deep and beyond, we took another opportunity to follow the evolution of diving, as we know it.

A further equipment test seemed in order.

Should we follow last year's test with another flight into clear blue waters with steel 72's, or go big time with a set of steel triples?

You just ask yourself, "What would Mike Nelson do?"

Easy enough.

Taking a set of U. S. Divers steel triple 30's (borrowed from Captain America's Basement of Amazing Things) manufactured in 1957 with U.S.D. manifold and J-valve assembly, classically banded to a Healthways square hard plastic backpack, glorious Catalina blue shoulder and crotch straps, and stainless steel wire bail quick release, we set the stage for a grand adventure.

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Recalling last year's flight with the DW Mistral single stage with yellow hoses, it only seemed fitting to follow with another classic original.

Today's top choice was the Voit Fifty-Fathom. (The name seemed a bit optimistic. But, no doubt, in the mind of the first owner of this little beauty, it stirred deeply the nascent Man Fish within. Its magic has not faded.) This was another mid-fifties regulator, this time with a shiny blue metallic alarm clock housing encasing the Emile Gagnan upgraded downstream single stage design. Like a boy's best Christmas, it was all wrapped up with sleek grey double hoses.

Bolted together and pumped up to an explosive 1,850 PSI, this ingenious contraption was a sight to behold.

Sometimes the grand cogs of synchronicity mesh in perfect alignment.

The gods of air and water smile.

Donning wetsuit and tossing this number over my shoulders, I took a few test breaths to make sure all was well. As if Miles Davis himself had tuned these duck billed flapper valves' embouchure to perfect harmony, it purred a beautiful and long lost song. Visions of all things possible beneath the seas, and sprites and nymphs, and sunken ships drifted before me in my mind's eye. I opened myself to all the antique aspirations provided by the ancestors, those visionaries at Voit.

I dropped straight down to test the deep blue waters of Davy Jones' Locker.

A pressure gauge was not an option. A BC wasn't either.

While some may prefer their adventures prepackaged, guided, authorized and approved by others, or prefer the nestled safety of couch potatoes (those poor lost souls never happier than when discovering the cool side of their pillow), divers have dreams that can be real.

For us there are no permission slips.



Man Fish lives in the hearts of us all.

Percolating with pleasure and humming my happy song, I practiced my surface dive and slipped effortlessly below the waves.

The seas embraced me like an old and long lost friend.

The rocks along the shallow reefs danced with shadows and reflection. The kelp glowed with amber magic lights. Small mackerel, silver bait fish, golden senioritas drifted through veils of corpuscular sunbeams. My heart was deep at peace.

I set off for deeper waters.

Gliding with even strokes, I followed the steep slope into the distant darkening, moving slowly across the sands.

Little fish followed me like a brother.

At 85 feet I turned around, and facing the distant wall of rocks and hanging kelp, I swam back home to streams of tiny silver fish flashing in random patterns like fireworks in a swirling cloud.

Deep in the kelp I found the Giant Black Sea Bass (much bigger than me). Motionless, surveyed by one large eye, I must have met some kind of approval. Maybe it liked my long fins.

And, moving back up through the flowing rivers of dreaming fish, I marveled at the simplicity, the pure pleasure of freedom, the magic in these three steel bottles.

I know what Mike Nelson did

Like a string of pearls, the small luxuries provided on this unique "Wine and Dive" tour create a life experience unlike any other. From the Champagne greeting when you arrive to the keepsake CD with a collage of photographic memories as you disembark; each day has multiple adventures. Pristine diving; a vintage Port tasting; gourmet crab feast with your toes in the sand and so much more – it's all Nautilus Explorer has to offer with a bit of indulgence on the side.

This special charter is hosted by Cara Finn, wine writer and owner of The Grapevine, a fine wine and gourmet cheese store in San Jose. Cara will bring her love of fine wine and gourmet food along with a passion for diving and underwater photography.

But that's not all; Dave Mackiewicz, your other host will add his experience as an underwater photographer and SCUBA instructor/naturalist to the mix to make sure you get the most out of each dive.

The "Wine and Dive" adventure combines the very best of B.C. diving with a taste of the good life Alaska has to offer. We will encounter Humpback whales, Stellar sealions and other big animals.



Our journey will lead us to glaciers, blue ice and the fantastic pristine Alaskan wilderness. Hiking, specimen collecting, kayaking, fishing; it's all part of the program groups.

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**RANDY FRY MEMORIAL SPEAR-FISHING AND ABALONE TOURNAMENT
NOVEMBER 20TH, 2004**

Cencal invites you to join this event in the honor of Randall Fry, a member who was tragically killed while abalone diving on August 6th, 2004 by a large great-white shark.

FOOD – DRINKS – AWARDS provided

Their promotional flyer and event registration form are located at
<http://www.hapaboy.com/randyfry/bigx2004.doc>

Pre registration is encouraged, but there will also be a registration table at the event site.

**VERNA VAN SHAIK CLAIMS A NEW WOMEN'S DEPTH RECORD WITH A 725 FOOT (221M)
DIVE**

Verna van Schaik, a 34 year South African diver, successfully completed the dive on Monday 25 October, beating the previous women's depth record of 211m, held by Italian Claudia Serpieri.

She took just 12 minutes to reach the 725 foot mark; it took another five and a half hours to complete her decompression. A full account of her dive can be found on her web site expedition diary has been posted on her website ... <http://www.xtremedream.org>.

The dive took place in the Boesmansgat cave in the Northern Cape. As the dive is an altitude dive, it requires divers to adopt longer decompression profiles to compensate for the lower atmospheric pressure. All equipment used had to be carried into the cave - and out again, a tough challenge for technical diving expeditions.

DEPTH: 1050 FEET – A SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL ENGINEER EYES DIVE RECORD



Nino Gomes, a 52-year-old from Johannesburg will attempt to break the British-held world record for the deepest scuba dive. The current record of 1026.9 feet (313 meters) was set by Mark Ellyatt in 2003.

Gomes, a veteran technical diver who has held the world record of 927 feet for the deepest cave dive since 1996, will attempt the new scuba diving depth record this week at Dahab near

When he's not diving, playing underwater hockey, or setting new depth records, Gomes works as a civil engineer who repairs South Africa's motorway toll roads.

South African technical diver Nuno Gomes



The San Francisco Reef Divers is a not for profit community organization dedicated to safe sport diving and the preservation of our ocean resources. The San Francisco Reef Divers general meetings are open to the public and are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Sinbad's, located at Pier 2, Embarcadero Street, SF, CA 94111 (For driving directions and a map for this location, visit our club web site: [http://www.sfreefdivers.org/.](http://www.sfreefdivers.org/))

We encourage you to also support the other organizations listed below when you pay your annual dues. (Please indicate your membership options with the checkboxes below.)

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