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Blowing Bubbles

Welcome to diving in 2012 with the Columbus Sea Nags, the oldest Ohio dive club in continuous existence. We date back to 1956-57, depending on how you look at it. Our mission is stated succinctly in the by-laws:

The purpose of the club is: To encourage and promote scuba diving and related activities by arranging dive trips and other activities and by holding periodic business meetings and other gatherings, oriented toward diving that support the active exchange of dive related information among members; To encourage and promote good conservation practices including the preservation and protection of the underwater environment.

True to our mission we are an eclectic club of people from all walks of life with varied interests ranging from warm water diving locally and abroad to cold water, ice, cave, wreck, and technical diving anywhere. We take dive trips together when we can afford it and there are enough members of like mind. We travel individually or in small groups as budgets and free time permit. What unite us most are a love of the underwater world and the excitement of diving. In fact, as you will read elsewhere in this issue, somebody in the club is diving somewhere or trying to virtually every weekend of the year.

Regardless of the type of diver you are, now is a good time to consider checking out your

gear and having maintenance pulled if necessary in anticipation of warmer times to come. Based on last weekend's experience (see Written Dive Reports), mine evidently needed some attention. Yours may as well.

Now is also a good time to start working off any holiday excess. Swimming is a great way to relax, de-stress, and exercise simultaneously while keeping fundamental skills sharp in preparation for an upcoming dive vacation. As the weather and water temperatures improve, quarry diving can be a good safe way to practice skills before heading off on adventure in the Great Lakes and beyond. I hope to see you underwater or at our next meeting at 8 p.m. at Planks (Sycamore & Parsons) Thursday February 2, where with a little luck Marty and perhaps Maggie will be sharing their recent experiences diving and exploring New Zealand; if not, old Lloyd Bridges *Sea Hunt* movies, the ones that kick-started many of us into the sport, will be the fare.

Now it's time to dive into the New Year and enjoy.

Rob

General Meeting Minutes

Present: Marty Bailey, Jim Bergner, Adam Biehl, George Bittner, Rick Blaine, Andy Dennis, Donn Ellerbrock, Danny and Yung Holt, Glenn Mitchell, Steve Locsey and Debbie Womsley, Ryan Parkevich, Steve and Maggie Ranft, Rob Robison, Laurel Sheppard, Terry and Joan Wootten, Tom and Rebecca Zelanin.

Member Raffle

Steve Locsey and **Rebecca Zelanin** won PADI dive bags donated by the Holts.

50/50

Danny Holt won \$15.50 in beer money from the pot of \$31.00.

Largesse

Donn E gave away dive logs and Team USA jackets.

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Thanks everyone!

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Announcements

SCUBAFEST 2012 (scubafest.org) will be held at a new venue, the Embassy Suites Hotel, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH. Daniel J. Lenihan is the featured speaker for SCUBAFEST 2012. A frequent contributor to *Natural History*, Daniel Lenihan is one of the world's leading underwater archaeologists. Founder of the National Park Service's Submerged Cultural Resources Unit, now named the Submerged Resources Center; he is the coauthor of *Underwater Wonders of the National Parks: A Diving and Snorkeling Guide* (Compass American Guides, 1997) and author of *Submerged: Adventures of America's Most Elite Underwater Archeology Team* (Newmarket Press, 2002).

In addition, Daniel has co-authored three more books with his friend and fellow diver Gene Hackman: *Wake of the Perdido Star*, *Escape from Andersonville*, and *Justice for None*. You can read about one of his many dives aboard the USS Arizona in the Nov 1991 issue of *Natural History* at

http://nhmag.com/picks-from-the-past/271443/the-arizona-revisitedwww.naturalhistorymag.com/htmlsite/editors_pick/1991_11_pick.html

Daniel will be hosting the popular Meet and Greet on Friday evening.

Additional Announcements

- **2012 Club membership dues are \$20.00**
2012 Ohio Council dues are \$9.00.
- Club logo patches and decals are available to new club members as a part of their membership dues. Returning members can purchase extra decals/stickers at a cost of \$0.25 each and extra patches for \$2.00 each.
- Facebook: You can find the Club Facebook forum by going to: <http://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/Columbus-Sea-Nags->

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2011

Dec

31 5th annual club night dive into the New Year

2012

Jan

1 @ Circleville. See page 1 details

1 New Years Day Dive, White Star 10 – 4 PM

5 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Sea Nag Diving 2011, slide show by Rob

19 Exec Meeting @ Rob's house 7:30 PM

Feb

2 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; Program: Marty on Diving New Zealand or old *Sea Hunt* movies.

16 Exec Meeting @ Marty's house 7:30 PM

Mar

1 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM Wreck dive videos (Rob) or old *Sea Hunt* movies (Marty)

1 Bob Ballard famed underwater explorer and researcher, on *Exploring the Oceans*, at Wright State Student Union Apollo Room 7:00PM. See flyer, p.11

15 Exec Meeting @ TBA's house 7:30 PM

16 – 18 Scubafest Dublin OH @ Embassy Suites Hotel, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio.

April

5 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

19 Exec Meeting @ TBA house 7:30 PM

May

3 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

6 Sunday Club dive @ Lancaster. Details to follow

17 Exec Meeting @ TBA house 7:30 PM

June

2 Saturday - Club tune up dive & cookout @ Circleville. Details to follow

7 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

21 Exec Meeting @ TBA house. 7:30 PM

July

5 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

19 Exec Meeting @ TBA house 7:30 PM

21-22 Dan BBQ & Club overnight dive & cookout @ Portage.

Aug

2 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

11 4th Annual Corn Roast & Swap Meet, C'Ville TQ

16 Exec Meeting @ TBA's house 7:30 PM

Sept 7

6 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

20 Exec Meeting @ TBA house 7:30 PM

Oct

4 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

18 Exec Meeting @ TBA house 7:30 PM

Nov

1 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

15 Exec Meeting @ TBA house 7:30 PM

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?? Annual Banquet, Mary Kelly's TBA

Dec

6 Club General Meeting @ Planks, 8:00PM; TBA

??Annual Christmas Party TBA

31 6th Annual New Year's Eve Dive-In @Circleville Twin

Q

Winter Diving

Circleville: http://divecircleville.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=27

Cost = \$12

Open year round. **The quarry is open when the store is closed.** Please complete the liability release at the first shelter house and deposit \$12.00 in the box and dive. Please call or email in advance when you plan to dive. We will ensure the gate is unlocked. If you have additional questions - please email or call.

Gilboa: <http://divegilboa.com/>

Cost = \$21

\$25 discount on 2012 season passes until Jan1, 2012.

Closed December 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012. Winter hours = the first and third weekends of the month and will be open from 9am to 3pm. If the weather is bad, please call the quarry ahead of time to make sure it is open.

Lakeview RV Park: <http://www.rvatlakeview.com/>

Open year round. Cost = \$10.

Portage Quarry: <http://www.portagequarry.com>

Closed for season. Reopens Memorial Day Weekend 2012.

White Star: <http://www.whitestarquarry.com/>

Cost = \$15

December 2011: Quarry open daily for diving 8am - Dusk thru Dec 31. There are no concessions open in December without prior arrangements. **Note:** If there is ice on the quarry you must be certified as an Ice diver and able to prove it or to be taking the class with your instructor present.

January 1st

*January 7 - 8 - 10am - 4pm

*February 4 - 5 - 10am - 4pm

*March 3 - 4, 2010 - 10am - 4pm

May Concession Opens May 1, 2012

Saturdays 9am - 5pm

Sundays 9am - 4pm

Memorial Day - 9am - 4pm

***Note: check the website to confirm dates**

New Business—New Club T-shirts & Embroidered Items

Members began ordering long-sleeved navy T-shirts with white logo front and back (\$14.95 ea from Small to XI; 15.95 XXI; 16.95 XXXL). We will continue to take orders at the February 2 meeting. For those who would rather wait and see, the club will order an additional quantity in a variety of sizes.

Also, be sure to bring any items you want embroidered with the club logo. The cost is \$8.10 per item

Evening Program

Rob gave a slide show that reviewed Sea Nag diving exploits pictorially month by month for all of 2011. In addition to the five major Ohio quarries dived regularly by club members, Sea Nags found their way to Lake Erie, GreenBay/Lake Michigan, the warm waters of Florida, St. Croix, Bonaire, Cozumel, Isla Mujeres, and Palau. Not to be outdone, others visited the cold waters of the North Atlantic to dive wrecks off the Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York coasts, including the Chester A Poling and the Andrea Doria, as well as Iceland, Egypt, and the Red Sea. Simply unbelievable! Special thanks to all of the club's shutterbugs and videographers who contributed to the newsletter and evening programming all year long, and whose work made this slide show possible.

Coming up February 2, Marty and perhaps Maggie will share slides of their recent trip exploring and diving New Zealand (See also Dive Reports—Written). You won't want to miss it.

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Treasurer's Report

Our paid member total is now at 27 and climbing.

Executive Meeting Highlights

1/19/12: Marty, Bailey, Glenn Mitchell, Rob Robison

- Agreed to purchase a table for club display at Scubafest—no electricity
- Glenn and Rob to update club brochures
- Marty to develop a world map display indicating where club members have dived over the past 5 years (over 20 sites and counting)
- Marty to research cost of purchasing a pelican or aluminum case for the projector

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- Rob to send *Northeast/Midwest Dive News* an ad promoting the Aug 12 Gear Swap @Circleville Twin Quarries
- Consider moving the club meeting date for march so that we can attend the Bob Ballard talk on Exploring the Oceans March 1 at Wright State (See Calendar and flyer, attached, for details)
- Post Gear Swap ad in *Midwest Dive News* newsletter.

Dive Reports

Please send dive reports to <newsletter@seanags.com>

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Spasms

None reported.

Oral

Laurel dove in the Columbus Zoo Aquarium as Santa, **Steve Locsey** dove Lancaster in icy temps. **Andy and Ryan** wound up in Gilboa on New Year's Day with 44° water temps, decent vis, and cold brutal surface winds. They saw 5 paddlefish and a sturgeon in the middle of the quarry, plus a nasty cloud at the bottom of the thermo cline. **Marty** tested his mask in Lancaster. See Written below for his exploits in New Zealand. Donn E dove Palau with the Aggressor, which he termed a good operation: 5 dives/day, He made 23 dives total in a week, in which he saw lots of sharks, manta rays, sea snakes, and various fish. Wall dives were good, 3 wreck dives. Most were drift dives from a skiff. Nitrox was available. **Yung and Danny Holt** reported on a 10-day Caribbean cruise with Princess Lines to Aruba, Bonaire, Dominica and St. Thomas. They had good weather, warm calm water and saw eagle rays

circling the Chrysler wreck on St. Thomas.

Written

Hi Everyone,

New Zealand is a wonderful and beautiful country. Maggie and I had a great trip. We started with a bonus day in Australia. With a long layover in Sydney, we were able to leave the airport and take a train downtown to see the opera house. We finally arrived in Auckland after 36 hours of travel.

On December 18th we picked up our rental car and drove to the city and spent the afternoon at One Tree Hill, Cornwall Park, and the planetarium...with LOTS of sheep! That evening we drove to Hamilton and had dinner with our niece's host family and friends at a local pub. The next day we drove to Wautoma and toured the caves. Maggie took a boat tour seeing glowworms, while I spent 3 hours underground, rappelling into the entrance 11 stories down, zip-lining over a crevice, tubing & swimming through the underground river, and finally climbing a waterfall as we exited the cave. The water was a warm 54 F and we were clad in wetsuits. That afternoon we spent some time at an aviary, where a pair of kiwis were kept, and drove back to Auckland in the evening.

On the 20th it was back to the airport to fly to the South Island. We landed in Nelson, picked up a rental car and drove by way of lush forests, steep curves, and crystal blue lakes, to Picton and my dive shop where I prepped my gear for the next day's dive.

In the morning I headed to the dive shop, while Maggie got to sleep in. Once at the shop, we loaded the boat and drove to the marina. We dressed in the parking lot, while the boat was being launched, then boarded for our 90-minute ride to the site.

We dived the Lermontov (a Russian cruise ship that sank in 1986) in Gore Bay. We did two dives covering the ship from stem to stern.

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Both dives were 92' and around 43 minutes in length. The first dive was on the stern section and we swam to the prop, then over the rail and to the swimming pool. From there we swam to the bar and exited onto the promenade deck and followed it to the cinema. Once out of there we swam out to the main deck and around the funnel and worked our way back to our mooring along the deck cranes. After a nice lunch we started our second dive and swam to the bow, past the navigational gear, and then entered the bridge. From there we swam into the ballroom and exited via the grand staircase, once back on deck we swam to the forepeak and then turned around and headed to the bow mooring. We ascended there and then drifted/swam back to our boat on the stern mooring. Two fantastic dives! The water was a comfortable 56 F and vis inside the wreck was 100'+, while 15 to 20' on the outside. I definitely want to go back, not only to dive the Lermontov again, but there are many more exiting places to dive around NZ.

The next day Maggie and I snorkeled with the seals off Kaikoura. I was trying to take photos, but the young ones were very playful and swam and circled us with astonishing speed. I was hoping for an older lazier group, but most of those were hanging around and sunning themselves on the rocks.

The following day we drove to Franz Josef. That was our longest drive and we broke it up with a stop at a hot springs for lunch, and some shopping in the afternoon (we bought each other our anniversary gifts – Maori necklaces). The next day we took a helicopter ride over the top of the glacier, and then were set down about 2/3rds of the way up and let out to hike around the many ice features. We were on the ice for about 2 hours before the helicopter returned to pick us up. Luckily no falls on the ice for us, but I did get a nice sunburn where my socks slid down below my calf to a spot

where I hadn't applied sunscreen. That afternoon I also hiked to the terminus of the glacier on the valley floor, and then Maggie and I relaxed in a private hot tub before we went to dinner.

On the 25th we spent the morning at the Kiwi house taking a behind the scenes tour. Maggie was so taken with the Kiwi that she adopted one in the name of our grandchildren that had hatched the day before (named Eve since she hatched on Christmas Eve). The rest of the day was spent driving to Queenstown. Along the way we stopped at Thunder Falls and Blue Pools for a couple of short hikes to break up the drive, and then descended into the valley of the resort city by way of steep and harrowing S curves in which our brakes were smoking!

The next day was the most challenging activity we both experienced, mountain biking in Skipper's Canyon (one of the many NZ locations used in filming the LOR trilogy). We first rode down the most dangerous road in NZ, dirt and rocks with steep drop offs and no guardrails. It was so steep that you never had to pedal, and the brake was used almost the entire time. Maggie slid off the road, but fortunately not on the drop off- side; however the side she hit was the part of the cliff that the road was carved from. She's still sporting a large bruise on her hip. We were given the option of a second ride and Maggie decided to ride in the van, while I decided to take the true mountain bike trail. It was a one-track narrow path full of ruts and stones. After passing the point of no return (the point where the guide may tell you "this trail may not be right for you"), I promptly lost control and did a 2nd and a 1/2 somersault with 1 twist off the road and down a hill. We were wearing helmets and shin/knee guards and I was able to continue, although there were several parts of the trail where I decided to carry the bike on my shoulder instead of risking another fall. Riding

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bikes on the streets of Columbus was no preparation for that trail, and I doubt I will ever do anything like that again. I was truly a fish out of water.

Our next stop was at Moeraki, which is famous for the enormous boulders lined up on the beach. They are actually huge concretions continually calving from the beach cliff, but most people just think they were mysteriously placed there.

Oamaru was our last stop of the day, where we went penguin watching (our safest activity). We went to a beach where we stayed high on the cliffs while the yellow-eyed penguins came in from the sea to feed their young, and then went to a breeding colony for the blue penguins. We were able to get a lot closer to watch the blues and they even had a grandstand to sit in. You could see the penguins forming a raft out at sea, and then they would ride the waves onto the rocks. They would shake the water off, gather in groups and climb the ramp to the road. There they would wait until one of the group started to cross the road, then the whole group would run across as fast as they could and funnel their way into the bushes and their dens. They were fun to watch.

The next day we went back to the penguin colony and took another behind the scenes tour where we were able to actually look into some of their dens. Most were empty since we were there when the majority of the colony was feeding at sea, but a few pairs were there and they had built a house over the top of several of the dens and had view boxes that you could look through to see the penguins up close.

That afternoon we headed to Christchurch as the next day we would be starting our long journey home. In the evening we drove around the city and a few neighboring towns. The destruction from last year's earthquakes was everywhere. There was even a quake five days

before we arrived and two aftershocks while we were there (nothing like the ones last year). We were walking home from the beach and didn't even feel the first one; the second came early in the morning while we were asleep.

The next day we started our long journey home. First, we flew back to North Island, landing in Auckland, spending about 12 hours in a hotel. Early in the morning we headed to the airport for a 7:00am flight on the 30th, and even though we arrived in Columbus at 8:00 pm the same day, we had spent another 30 hours in travel time. This was the Friday we got back after losing it on the way... crossing the International Date Line puts a wrench in your body calendar!

Safe diving, everyone.

Marty

Lancaster 1-8-12



Photo by Andy Dennis w iPhone

It was back to reality today (1/8/12), as I found myself diving in Ohio once again. Rob, Andy, and I met in Lancaster at 10:00am, and within an hour I had prepped my CCR/OC rig for another dive.



Photos by Rob

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with shots taken from his new GoPro video camera, which also renders stills. As you can see from his photos, vis was tremendous and the H₂O was a wincing 40°F.



40°F



Flying with Randy Beck



Catfish



Eric Norman



Stickman

Rob started before Andy and me (he needed to get things done in the afternoon) and cut his dive short due to an O-ring leak. By the time he was finished with his dive, we had just started ours. The only thing I was testing this time was a new neck strap and my ability to switch to an emergency O₂ regulator. Andy and I headed to the trench where we had excellent visibility (10'+). We found the refrigerator, and I checked to see if it was possible to raise it for a later project. Then we swam to the umbrella and followed the rim of the trench back to the spool. We ascended to the platform and swam to the culvert; then, took a compass heading (300 degrees) and swam off line, eventually running into the van. We followed the 25' contour to the airplane and then the lines back to the boat and Frito-Lay truck (50'/72min). Once there I tried to deploy my emergency O₂ regulator, but my hands were so numb (water was 40 F) that I couldn't unzip my pouch. Andy opened my pouch for me and handed me my regulator, but once again my fingers would not cooperate and I couldn't release the inflation hose from my rebreather to connect the regulator, so I signaled to end the dive and carried the reg to the exit

Circleville 1-10-12 Not to be out done, the Tuesday evening dive group took advantage of the last vestiges of balmy weather before the big cold snap—air temp 48 to 50°—to resume operation for the first time in the New Year. On hand were Randy Beck, Jeff Dye, and Eric Norman, with Rick Blaine overseeing the entire operation. Jeff Dye chronicled their adventures

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Rick Blaine

Lancaster 1-15-12 Steve Locsey and I met at Lancaster around 8 AM to take a Sunday morning plunge. Beautiful skies and flocks of ducks and geese zooming around trying to escape local hunters greeted us on arrival as did sub 20° air temperatures and sub 40° water throwing off clouds of steam on the surface.

Steve suited up, helped me as I struggled with my gear, and then hopped in. Unfortunately, I never got wet—my regulator froze up as soon as Steve turned on my air. Evidently, it is time for some maintenance!

In the meantime, Steve made an airplane run and said he was in the referee position nearly the entire dive trying to keep air flowing from his suit into his gloves in an effort to warm his hands. Dive time@45min, vis 15 – 30 feet.

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Steam!



Gimme shelter



Steve suited up



Down



Up



Unclipped

Environment

Special thanks to Donn Ellerbrock

How Good Urban Design Would Stop Asian Carp

January 12th, 2012.

Written by TheRockyRiver.com staff

<http://therockyriver.com/how-good-urban-design-would-stop-asian-carp/>

While North America's finest scramble to figure out how to prevent invasive Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes before it is too late, one lone architect from Chicago has come up with an answer. MacArthur genius grant

award winner, Jeanne Gang has released her book, *Reverse Effect*, which is about restoring the natural flow and damming of the Chicago River, creating a secondary waterfront for clean water and severing the connection between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River by disconnecting the river from the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.



Such a scenario would inherently solve the problem of the invasive Asian carp reaching the Great Lakes and still permit the shipping industry to use the canals – something that city and state officials, biologists, environmentalists, congress, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and even the President Obama-appointed “Carp Czar” cannot seem to figure out.

While some may criticize the idea with labels of insanity, it is important to remember how the idea must have sounded in 1900, when somebody actually sold the concept of reversing the natural flow of a river. That decision was made for health reasons, as butchers were dumping hog waste directly into the watershed, which would be carried out to the lake. Building the canal system and reversing the flow of the Chicago redirected the animal waste toward the

Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi.

However, times have long since changed and Chicago is not the hog-butcher capital of the world in 2012. The river was reversed in 1900 to protect Lake Michigan, so the question arises: Why not restore the river in 2012, to again, protect Lake Michigan?

Preventing the spread of invasive species is just one aspect of the comprehensive, eco-friendly urban architecture of Gang’s book, which she acknowledges is simply a conversation-starter for open-minded thinkers and not an official proposal for a redesign. Although, as everyone else continues to waste money and time on finding some miracle band-aid that will block the spread of the invasive carp, it seems like it is about time to turn away from technologies and embrace intelligent design.

Although 112 years have passed between instances, today Chicago faces the same idea for the same underlying reasons as was contemplated in 1900: Reverse the flow of the Chicago River, or face disaster in the Great Lakes.

Learn more about Jeanne Gang’s book, *Reverse Effect* and her architecture firm, Studio Gang Architects, at studiogang.net.

Log Book

Horror fish kills men by biting off their testicles

Daily Mail December 29, 2011 8:00AM

An intrepid angler has told how he snared a predator, which kills men - by biting off their testicles.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/weird/horror-fish-kills-men-by-biting-off-their-testicles/story-e6frev20-1226232340155>

Fearless Jeremy Wade, 53, spent weeks hunting for the fish in remote Papua New Guinea after locals reported a mysterious

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beast, which was castrating young fishermen.

He finally unmasked the perpetrator as the Pacu fish - known locally as 'The Ball Cutter' - and managed to catch one in his small wooden fishing boat.



Mr. Wade wrestled the 40lb monster on to the floor of his boat and opened its snapping jaws with his naked hands - to discover a jaw-dropping array of human-style teeth.

The Ball Cutter boasts an impressive set of man-like molars, which tear off the testicles of unwitting hunters, leaving them to bleed to death.

Mr. Wade, from Bath, Somerset in the UK, told how he reeled in the Ball Cutter as part of his new series of River Monsters, aired on ITV next week.

He said: 'I had heard of a couple of fishermen in Papua New Guinea who had been castrated by something in the water.

'The bleeding was so severe that they died. The locals told me that this thing was like a human in the water, biting at the testicles of fishermen. They didn't know what it was.

'It is a hot and dirty area so the people would often go to the water with their children to wash but obviously they were very worried about this thing in the water.

'Amazingly, these things are quite elusive so we had to be patient catching one. We put a line into the water and waited for it to bite.

'When I reeled it in, it had this mouth which was surprisingly human-like; it is almost like they have teeth specially made for crushing.



'They are like human molars and the fish have powerful jaw muscles. They are very deep bodied and solid like a carp, with strong muscles.'

At least two fishermen have bled to death after being bitten by the beast although Jeremy believes they were 'pretty unlucky' as it is quite shy.

Pacu fish are usually found in the Amazon, where they need their teeth to crack into the tough cases of nuts and seeds.

The previously vegetarian fish were introduced to Papua New Guinea 15 years ago to increase stocks.

They quickly used their special technique to chomp meat due to a lack of suitable vegetation in the waters - making short work of human testicles.

Former biology teacher Jeremy luckily just sustained a small nick to his knuckles during his encounter with the Ball Cutter, despite wearing just shorts and a T-shirt.

The angler of 40 years said: 'It is about going in to these situations with the right information to know what you are dealing with.

'It is all about prevention. But there is this fear running through you. As long as I know what I am about to face and we have all of the precautions then I am happy.

'The fish was remarkably muscular, it was kicking so hard to get away from me but I

wasn't really injured.'

Jeremy spent 14 weeks traveling around the world - from Australia to Suriname in South America - to film his third series of his hit show this year.

He captured a total of seven beasts, including an electric eel, which stopped human hearts in Brazil, before releasing them back into the wild.

His team consisted of just four others, plus a local guide who would show them where to find the monsters.

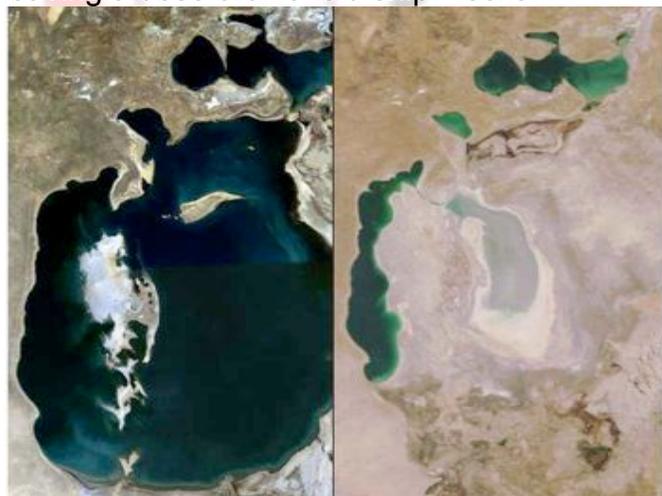
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Parting Shots and Thoughts

From Tami Thompson

Have you ever wanted to walk across the bottom of the river, lake, or ocean to see all the ships that have sunk? Well....

The Aral Sea was once the world's fourth-largest saline body of water. It has been steadily shrinking since the 1960s, after the rivers that fed it were diverted by Soviet Union irrigation projects. And now it's almost gone, leaving a desert full of old shipwrecks.



July - September, 1989

October 5, 2008

And it had already been starved of nearly 30yrs of water by 1989





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Student Union Apollo Room

Free and open to the public; registration not required.

Symposium on *Exploring the Oceans*
featuring Luncheon Address by
Cornelia Dean, *New York Times* science writer
"Against the Tide"
Friday, March 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
WSU Student Union

Morning breakout sessions on Life in the Sea, Ocean Conservation and Climate Change, Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the Diaspora, Military Sea Power, Literature of the Seas, and Economic Impact of the Oceans.

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