**NEWS**

2012 has been a great year of diving around Catalina Island. The summer water temperatures reached 74 degrees and even at the end of November we are in the mid 60’s. Often we were mesmerized by thousands of sardines, anchovies and jack mackerel so dense above us that the water darkened. We have been frozen in place watching sea lions repeatedly attack bate balls that were 30 feet in diameter. We have been entertained as cormorants dove under the water for food. The visibility since October has ranged from 50 feet to almost 80 feet. Conditions have been so calm that it has been like a dream. We have been experiencing the Caribbean with the kelp forest. This is sort of like saying “you should have been here yesterday” but remember, this is our first news article since launching our new website this month. As of this writing the conditions have been are still great.

Since Dive Catalina opened in 2007 we have been growing each year. In 2011 our dive boat, The Catalina Grace, began taking divers to many locations around the island.

In 2013 we begin offering dive travel. Our first offering is Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. The diving is great. Shore diving is available with something for everyone. Check it out under SERVICES/DIVE TRAVEL section of this website.

Until the next time, remember *WORK LESS….DIVE MOORE! RON*