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# New Orleans

by Troy and Izzy Farrar

Spring break was coming up fast and we were trying to find a close destination where we could create some fun adventures. We chose to visit the Crescent City, New Orleans, for a short but exciting spring break trip. We stayed in the French Quarter and tried to pack as many fun activities as we could into the 3-day adventure. Our little band consisted of a 7th grade boy, a 9th grade girl and me, the dad. We have roots in New Orleans as my mother (Granny to the kids) grew up in New Orleans. When I was a kid, I would look forward to spending a few weeks every summer at my grandparents' house in New Orleans. I also made several trips to New Orleans for Marde Gras during my college years and had developed a real feel for the city which was built on all of these visits. This would be an introduction to The Big Easy for the kids and a reunion for myself. The goal was to seek out some fun adventures while giving the kids a taste of New Orleans. I wanted them to leave with a real feel for the city's history and personality.

## *Monday*

Arrived late and checked in the Prince Conte Hotel in the French Quarter.

### Prince Conte Hotel

The Prince Conte Hotel is a unique and historical boutique hotel just off Bourbon Street. The location is a perfect launching spot for adventures in and around the French Quarter. The hotel has an interesting mix of old charm furnishing combined with modern conveniences and proved to be the perfect place for our home base. [www.princecontihotel.com](http://www.princecontihotel.com)





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## Tuesday

We started our adventure by roaming around the French Market and then renting bicycles in the French Quarter and riding over to Blaine Kerns Marde Gras World.

### Blaine Kerns Marde Gras World

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After seeing the amazing creations at Blaine Kerns Mardi Gras World, we rode over to the Auction House Market for some lunch.



### The Auction House Market

Located in the Warehouse District, the Auction House Market has something for everyone. This unique restaurant is a high scaled take on a food court. There is general seating that surrounds a bar and you place your order at one of several dining counters with a range of food choices. There was sushi, asian, creole, seafood, stuffed turkey legs, comfort food and even a market deli. The food was amazing and the atmosphere was fun and relaxing.



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Once we had lunch, we cycled to the Algiers Ferry and rode the ferry across the mighty Mississippi River. When we reached the west bank, we rode a few miles to the house where my mother grew up – a house my great grandfather had built. After a few quick pictures on the porch, which we texted to Granny, we rode down to the levy and watched a tug boat pushing some barges down the river. I told the kids about Katrina, how the levy broke, and how it had devastated the city. I told them about friends who had lost everything to the flood and how the city had rallied and rebuilt after the storm. Later, we biked back to the ferry and rode it back to the French Quarter. That night we had breakfast for dinner at an old favorite – The Clover Grill.

### The Clover Grill

The Clover Grill has been grilling up deliciousness since 1939. Touted as the best breakfast and burgers on Bourbon Street, this is a claim that would be hard to dispute. The 50's style diner is small, quaint and a great place to meet an eclectic gathering of both locals and visitors to the French Quarter. Open 24 hours, The Clover Grill is the perfect place for breakfast, lunch or a late-night dinner. [www.clovergrill.com](http://www.clovergrill.com)



On the way back to our hotel from the Clover Grill we popped into Preservation Hall and then walked down Bourbon Street. As we walked, we stopped outside a few clubs and listened to some great live music from the street.







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## Wednesday

We started the morning off with an amazing breakfast from Oceana Grill.

### Oceana Grill

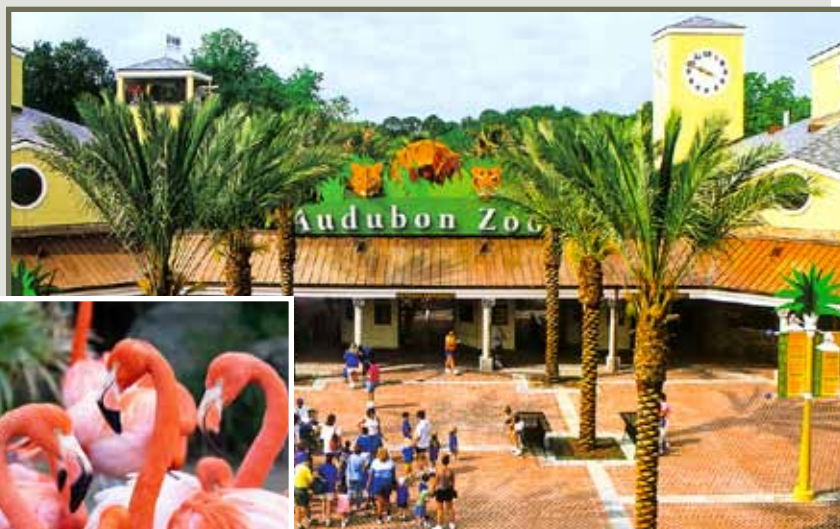
Located at the corner of Bourbon Street and Conti Street, nestled amongst world famous music venues and the vibrant nightlife of the French Quarter is the Oceana Grill. The Oceana Grill is known for their Louisiana and Creole cuisine, but we visited Oceana for breakfast, and let me tell you it was amazing. We had pancakes, a fruit crepe and the standard bacon, eggs and grits breakfast. No one in our party particularly likes grits, but these were delicious and we could not get enough of them. The restaurant has a fun, vibrant atmosphere and the food was fantastic. Oceana Grill is a must on your next trip to the Big Easy. [www.oceanagrill.com](http://www.oceanagrill.com)



Once we fueled up for the day with a delicious breakfast from Oceana Grill, we rode the St Charles Trolley through the Garden District and marveled at the beautiful houses. We exited the trolley at The Audubon Park and made the 1 mile walk under the canopy of beautiful oak trees with Spanish Moss to the New Orleans Audubon Zoo.

### New Orleans Audubon Zoo

The New Orleans Audubon Zoo is located in historic Uptown area and has animals from around the world. The zoo features engaging educational programs, some amazing habitats and hands-on animal encounters for the visitors to enjoy. The zoo has some unique natural habitats, with the award-winning Louisiana Swamp habitat leading the way. Rated as one of the top ten zoos in the country by USA Today, the New Orleans Audubon Zoo is a great place to spend the day taking in some amazing animals. [www.audubonnatureinstitute.org/zoo](http://www.audubonnatureinstitute.org/zoo)



After our time at the zoo we grabbed a delicious lunch at The Shake Shack.



### The Shake Shack

The Shake Shack is known for their amazing burgers, chicken bites & sandwiches, hotdogs and crinkle fries. But mostly the Shake Shack is known for the fantastic shakes! A fun place to eat for all ages, the Shake Shack offers something for everyone. Try the unique kiwi apple lemonade or the hibiscus lychee punch with your meal and then finish up with a delicious shake or cup of frozen custard. Sure to be a hit, don't miss the Shake Shack on your next trip to the Big Easy. [www.shakeshack.com](http://www.shakeshack.com)



From the Shake Shack we headed over to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas.

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## Audubon Aquarium of the Americas

The Audubon Aquarium of the Americas is located on the banks of the Mississippi River adjacent to the French Quarter. Ranked as one of the top five aquariums in the country by USA Today, the aquarium is a fun way to spend the afternoon. Visitors will be transported to an underwater world from the Caribbean, to the Amazon Rainforest, to the waters that give New Orleans its lifeblood - the mighty Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. The aquarium has over 3,600 animals including endangered species, such as the playful African penguins. You will also see rare local animals, such as the unusual white alligators. A unique experience for visitors of any age, the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas is a fun adventure that you will not soon forget. [www.audubonnatureinstitute.org/aquarium](http://www.audubonnatureinstitute.org/aquarium)



We needed refueling after our time exploring the Aquarium of the Americas, so we popped by the Pop Bar for an awesome afternoon snack.

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We finished the day off with a dinner cruise down the Mississippi on the City of New Orleans paddle boat.



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## Thursday

Thursday we got up early and headed to the airport for our flight home. Everyone was tired from a fast and furious few days of mini adventures in New Orleans. We all had a blast and the kids has developed a real feel for the flavor and history of both the French Quarter and New Orleans. I was glad that I could share their first trip to the Big Easy and it was fun to look back on some of my earlier adventures to the Crescent City. New Orleans is a great destination for a short or extended trip and is guaranteed to provide plenty unforgettable memories. **AW**



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## Hornit Clug

The Hornit Clug is the world's smallest bike rack – about the size of a hockey puck. But don't let size fool you, the little Clug works like a charm and will store your bike securely. Simply screw the hard plastic Clug to the wall using the 2 included anchors, snap in your tire and you are set. The Clug comes in several color choices and 5 sizes for all types of bikes. There is also a Clug Pro which includes a FIDLOCK magnetic ratcheting safety strap or you can purchase an upgrade kit for your Clug if you want to add the strap. The stylish Clug stores your bikes neatly on the wall with their rear tire resting on the floor and is barely noticeable when not being used for storage. So grab a few Clugs and get those bikes stored neatly and securely out of the way. <https://us.hornit.com>

## Handlebar Jack

The Handlebar Jack is a great way to add stability to your bike and protect your components while working on your bike. Simply attach the pair of Handlebar Jacks to your handlebars using the Velcro straps and confidential work without fear of damaging your computer, shifters or brake levers. The Handlebar Jack lifts your bars 3 ¼ inch off the ground and can be extended to 3 ¾ inches by using a set of extenders. The light weight glass reinforced nylon pair of Handlebar Jacks nest together and are held in place with magnets and can support up to 300 lbs. So stop scratching your computer and other accessories every time you flip your bike for repairs and get yourself a set of Handlebar Jacks. [www.handlebarjack.com](http://www.handlebarjack.com)



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# 2022 Grinder Nationals

## Loudoun County, Virginia

by Dick Wiley

photos by Bruce Buckley





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I traveled to Leesburg, Virginia in search of a big-time gravel race, and boy, the US Endurance Gravel Grinder National Championship did not disappoint. As an older rider I am not looking for 12,000 feet of elevation gain, epic water crossing or hike a bike sections that some races boast. I like a gravel course for gravel bikes that can be raced and the one-hundred-mile Grinder Nationals fit the ticket. I found hard paced limestone roads, very low traffic, few intersections and beautiful stone fenced countryside. Check-in was seamless with the friendliest race supporters ever! Bonus points for a location, Loudoun County, that provided wonderful choices of airbnb's, wineries, breweries and restaurants for my wife and I.

The weather added a confounder to planning as the forecast was for 50° F with steady rain... and the weatherman was right. I always say there is no bad weather just bad gear, well my theory would be tested at this race. I layered a fishnet sleeveless base with a FroggTogg rain jacket that had the sleeves and collar cutoff under a lightweight wool long sleeve base. My gear continued with a heavy bike vest, a fleece cap, and full fingered gloves. Finally, I used lightweight shoe covers taped at the top to keep water from running down and bib shorts – my clothing was spot on, and my theory stayed intact.



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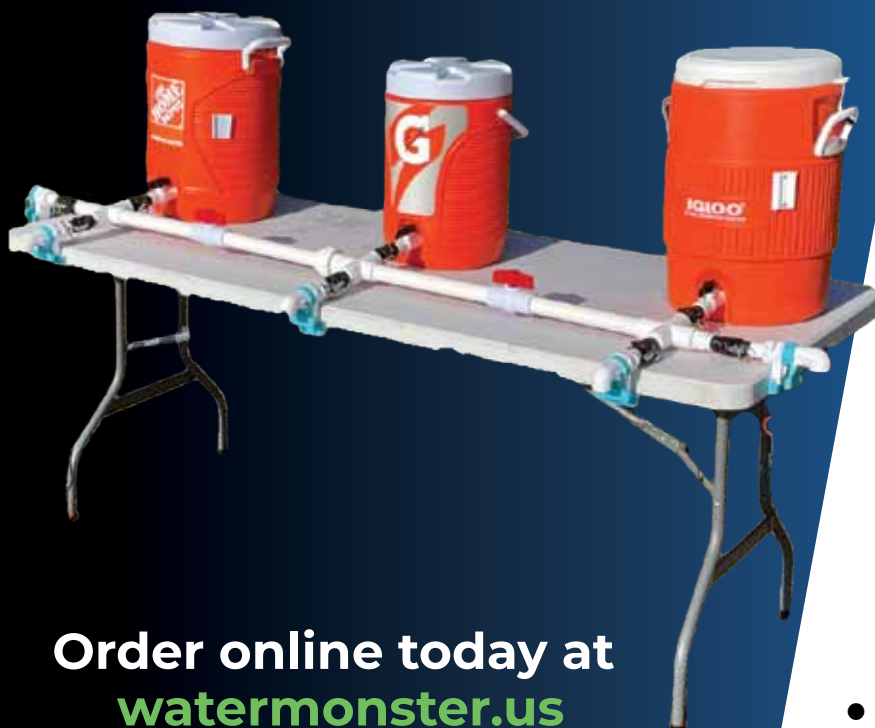


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Race game - I am a diesel these days. The Race went away from me quickly which allowed me to pick my lines and settle into my rhythm - the rolling terrain was set up for my diesel style. My goal was 6 hours for the 100 miler, which would be a 16.5 mph average. I got into technical problems early as I installed the wrong computer. I mistakenly had used my Garmin 830 which is fantastic except in rain as the touch screen is unusable and mapping disappears. Fortunately for me, the course was very well marked, and marshals were plentiful. So, no computer turn by turn required, but I recovered little data including Strava so I guess I never really raced :). The even bigger issue was the effect of wet gravel on my Shimano hydraulic disc brakes. I could hear brake rub 20 miles into the race. I had this experience at the 2021 Michigan Coast to Coast, but today I really could not feel any drag. My only comfort was if I had drag/squeal, I had brakes. No squeal, no brakes. I finished this time with brakes! With the cooler wet weather, I did not stop for hydration. I carried 3 bottles and only drank 2.5 along with 2 Gu gels (My base hydration is usually 1 bottle/hr). I finished with a wet 6:34 time, off my goal pace, but won my lightly contested 65-70 class. I always like to look at the next younger age group and, in that group, I was well off the podium pace.





A cyclist wearing a red and black jersey and a helmet is riding away from the camera on a wide, light-colored gravel path. The path is flanked by green grassy hills. The cyclist's shadow is cast on the path ahead of them.

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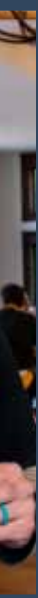












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The event had 2 distances to choose from, a timed 35-mile fun ride (The Mini G) and the 100-mile Grinder Nationals – something for everyone from beginner riders to the tip of the spear racers. So, when you are planning your rides or races for next year give The Mini G and Grinder Nationals some thought – you will not be disappointed! **AW**





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## Summer

by Izzy Farrar

Just like every other kid in the country, I'm excited that summer is finally here. Warmer weather, no school and more freedom mean that it's almost every kid's favorite time of year. There is no shortage of activities that you can do, so enjoy your summer as much as possible. You can go on bike rides, layout or go swimming, plan a camping trip with friends, go to a theme or water park, take a cool vacation - the possibilities are endless.

However, there is a second possibility. You can easily fall into the rhythm of doing nothing; sleeping all day, spending most of your time staring at a screen and generally not making good use of the free time given to you. Without the structure and schedules that we are used to following during the school year, it can be difficult to find the motivation to do the things that you planned for and looked forward to all year.

It is important to have free, unscheduled time to relax or do whatever you want during the summer. Make time for your friends and yourself, as no one wants to look back on their summer regretting all the things they didn't take the time to enjoy. It may help for you set up a loose schedule, and make sure that you are signed up for any summer practices or summer camps you would like to attend. Just be careful that the whole day isn't spent lying around doing nothing.

Maybe there's a project you always wanted to finish; set a goal and finish it this summer. Make plans with friends, there are so many fun activities that can be done at home or in your neighborhood. Build a homemade slip-n-slide, make snow cones, learn to kayak, ride your bike, go fishing or have a photo contest with your phones. Just find activities you like and go do them.

The summer is yours to plan and enjoy, don't waste your summer inside on a couch or a screen, but instead get creative, have fun and go make some awesome memories! **AW**





# Exploring the Socorro Islands

by Jennifer Opiela-Miksch









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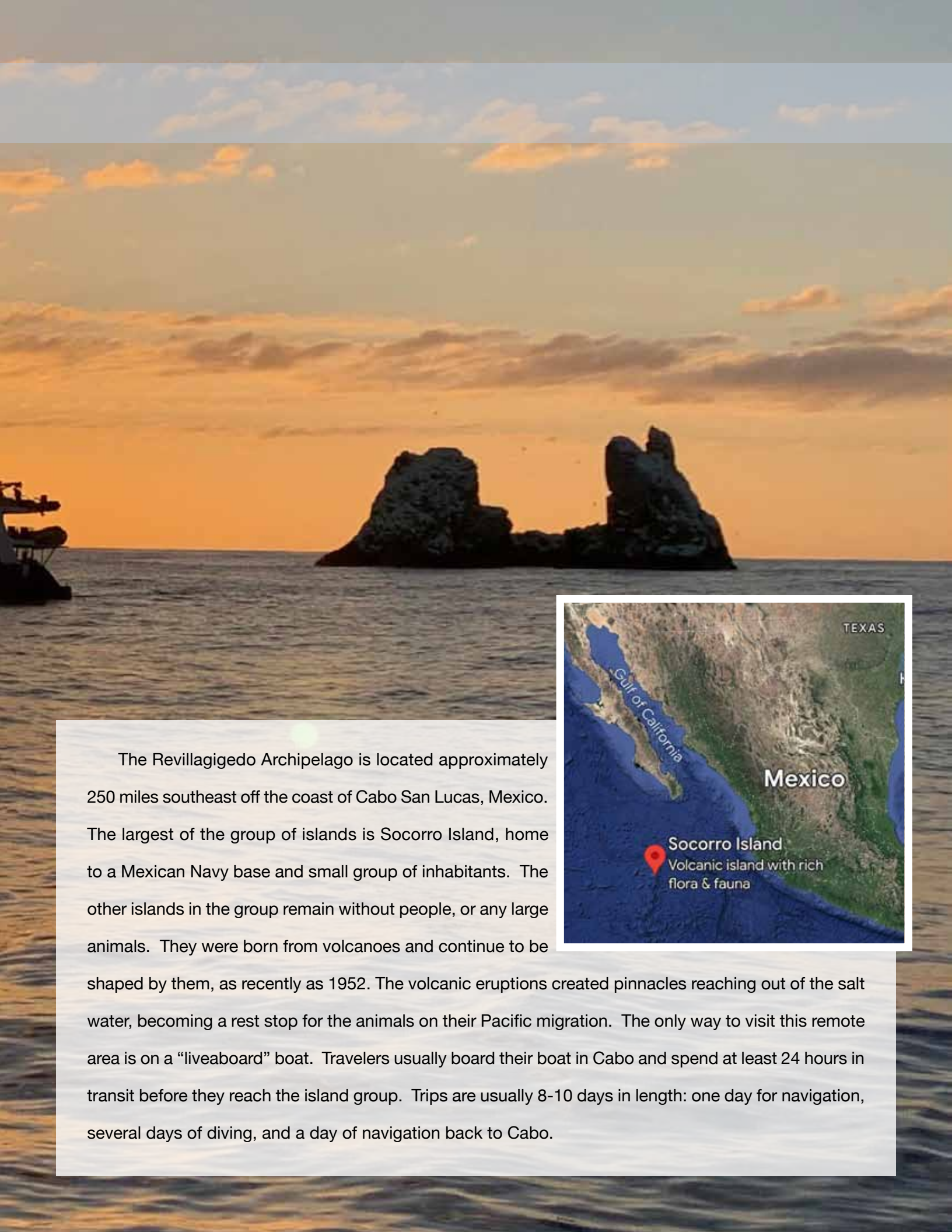
They are gigantic and wild, yet they took the time to come by and look you in the eye. You return to your own world with a different perspective on where you belong.











The Revillagigedo Archipelago is located approximately 250 miles southeast off the coast of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The largest of the group of islands is Socorro Island, home to a Mexican Navy base and small group of inhabitants. The other islands in the group remain without people, or any large animals. They were born from volcanoes and continue to be shaped by them, as recently as 1952. The volcanic eruptions created pinnacles reaching out of the salt water, becoming a rest stop for the animals on their Pacific migration. The only way to visit this remote area is on a “liveaboard” boat. Travelers usually board their boat in Cabo and spend at least 24 hours in transit before they reach the island group. Trips are usually 8-10 days in length: one day for navigation, several days of diving, and a day of navigation back to Cabo.





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Once you board your home for the week, store your belongings, and get settled, the world you knew begins to melt away. Not far out of Cabo, you lose phone and internet service, forcing you to turn off the electronics and rejoin the world around you. The drone of the engine, the motion of the waves, and the feel of the wind lull you into a relaxed state. This is a great time to get to know the other explorers on your journey, often from all over the world.

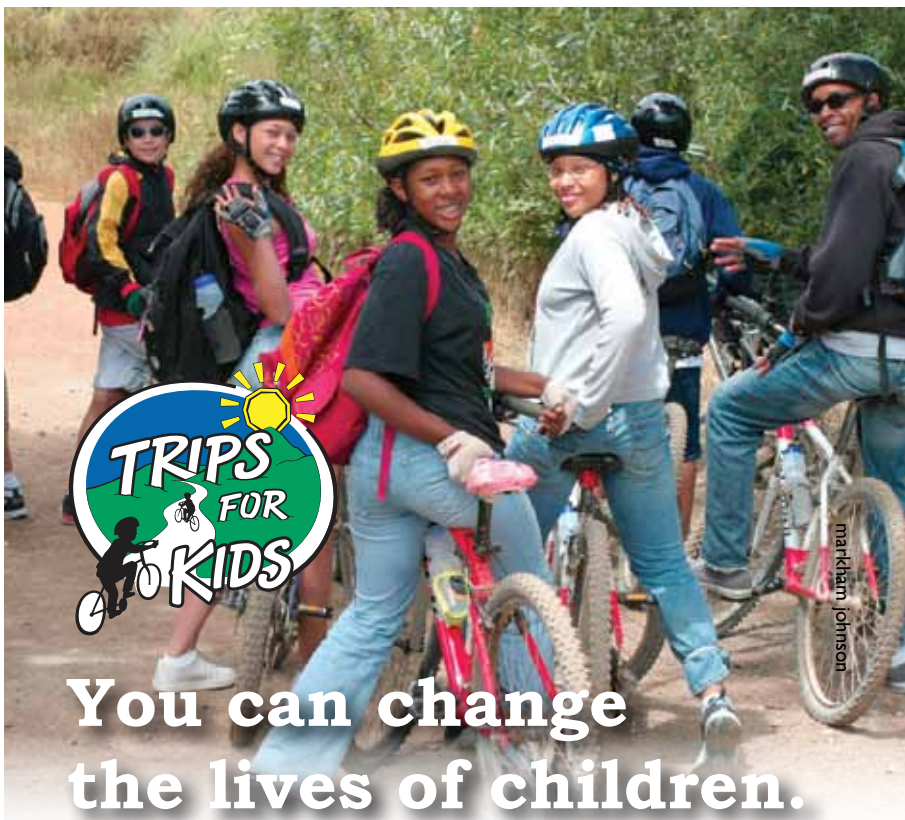
The second morning of the trip is the day you have been waiting for. Divers double check the gear, ready cameras and load into one of three inflatable smaller boats for their journey to the dive site. Each panga has



an experienced crew and is led by an expert dive guide when underwater. The divers sit on the edge of the boat to don their fins and their masks. When the signal comes, they roll backwards into a world that is hard to explain or predict. Socorro is a journey that will leave visitors forever changed.







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One of the first dives of a trip to the Socorro Islands will be at the Canyon, off the island of San Benedicto, in the fingers of rock formed by the long-ago volcanic eruptions. Schools of Clarion Angelfish and other small fish have gathered in the area to do a very important job - removing the parasites from the larger pelagic animals. The area is a huge underwater spa for 37 species of shark and ray, including Giant Pacific Manta Rays. Divers can squeeze in among the rock, and let the animals come to them. Sharks slowly glide by letting the fish do their jobs. Galapagos, silky, white tip, silver tip, and even hammerheads will visit the Canyon, usually uncaring of the divers in their midst.

While the sharks usually remain neutral to the divers, the Giant Rays seem to be curious or even friendly. Their giant form appears out the haze and glides toward the divers and their rising bubbles. After coming close enough to make eye contact, they will often allow divers to swim along below them with the rising bubbles tickling their bellies. Many of these rays are regulars to the area, identified by their belly markings, and listed in a worldwide register.



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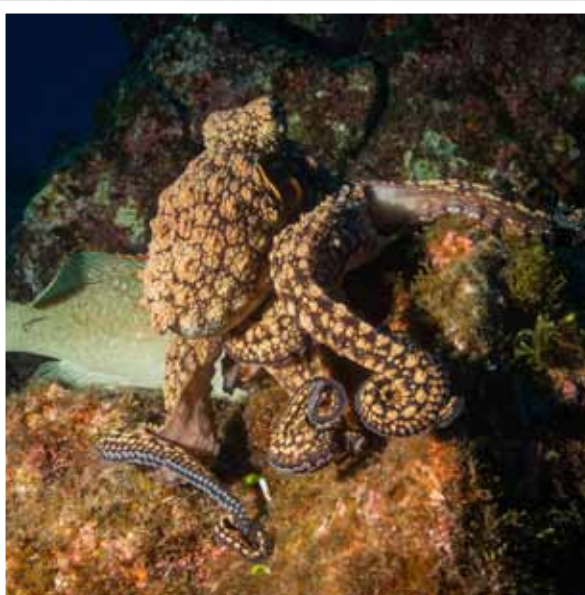


One, known as Michelle, danced and glided with divers for most of two dives, circling, swirling and looping back to swim in tandem.

Other dives will take you to Roca Partida, the parted rock. The two spires of Roca Partida rise above the waters' surface, colored white after years of nesting sea birds. Once you descend into the waters of Roca Partida, you encounter hundreds of schooling fish and white tip sharks. Each rock ledge provides a resting place for piles of white tip sharks and often large groups of spiny lobsters. They alternate resting in their piles, with slowly swimming around the rock pinnacle. In a vast area of seemingly empty ocean, this area is almost overwhelmed with life.











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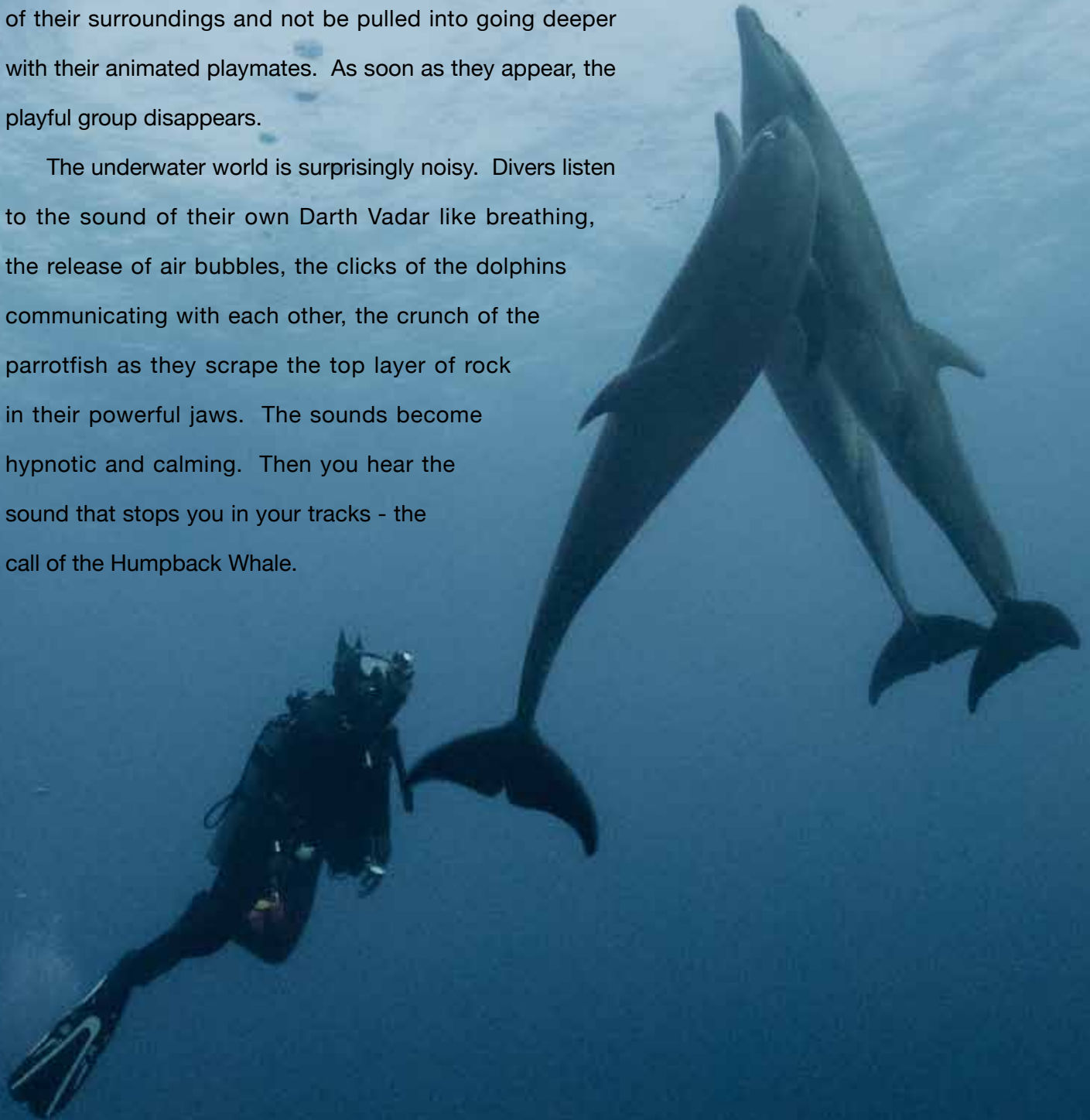
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Suddenly a pod of dolphins appears in the distance, seeking out the companionship of the divers. The dolphins dance close to each diver, taking time to make eye contact and even posing for pictures. They have quite a reputation in the area for being sneaky while playful. Divers must be aware of their surroundings and not be pulled into going deeper with their animated playmates. As soon as they appear, the playful group disappears.


The underwater world is surprisingly noisy. Divers listen to the sound of their own Darth Vader like breathing, the release of air bubbles, the clicks of the dolphins communicating with each other, the crunch of the parrotfish as they scrape the top layer of rock in their powerful jaws. The sounds become hypnotic and calming. Then you hear the sound that stops you in your tracks - the call of the Humpback Whale.











Whales often migrate through the waters around Socorro, stopping to rest in their migration route. Their flukes can be seen flipping above the waters, and sometimes boaters are fortunate enough to see them breach with big splashes. Divers don't often encounter them underwater. The moment you realize a 40-ton animal is nearby is one you will never forget.

As our group of divers swam around Roca Partida, the whales came into view. We were in the presence of a mother and baby humpback whale, and their escort whale. The moment is frozen in time, the calm of the mother, the playfulness of the baby, and the watchful eye of the escort. The whales were not in any hurry and stayed with our group all day.

The mother floated with her eyes half closed, yet always aware of the location of her offspring. The one-ton infant would leave the protective position under mama's chin and venture to the surface for a breath of air. It would then return to the mother and once again snuggle under her chin, protected by the large pectoral fins. Not far behind this pair was the watchful escort. This whale was very aware of all the activity of the divers in the area and let us know if we got too close. At one point, the 40-ton escort swam to the surface and breached, making what felt like a sonic boom travel through the water that could be felt in our chests. The rules were stated and enforced with this one move.







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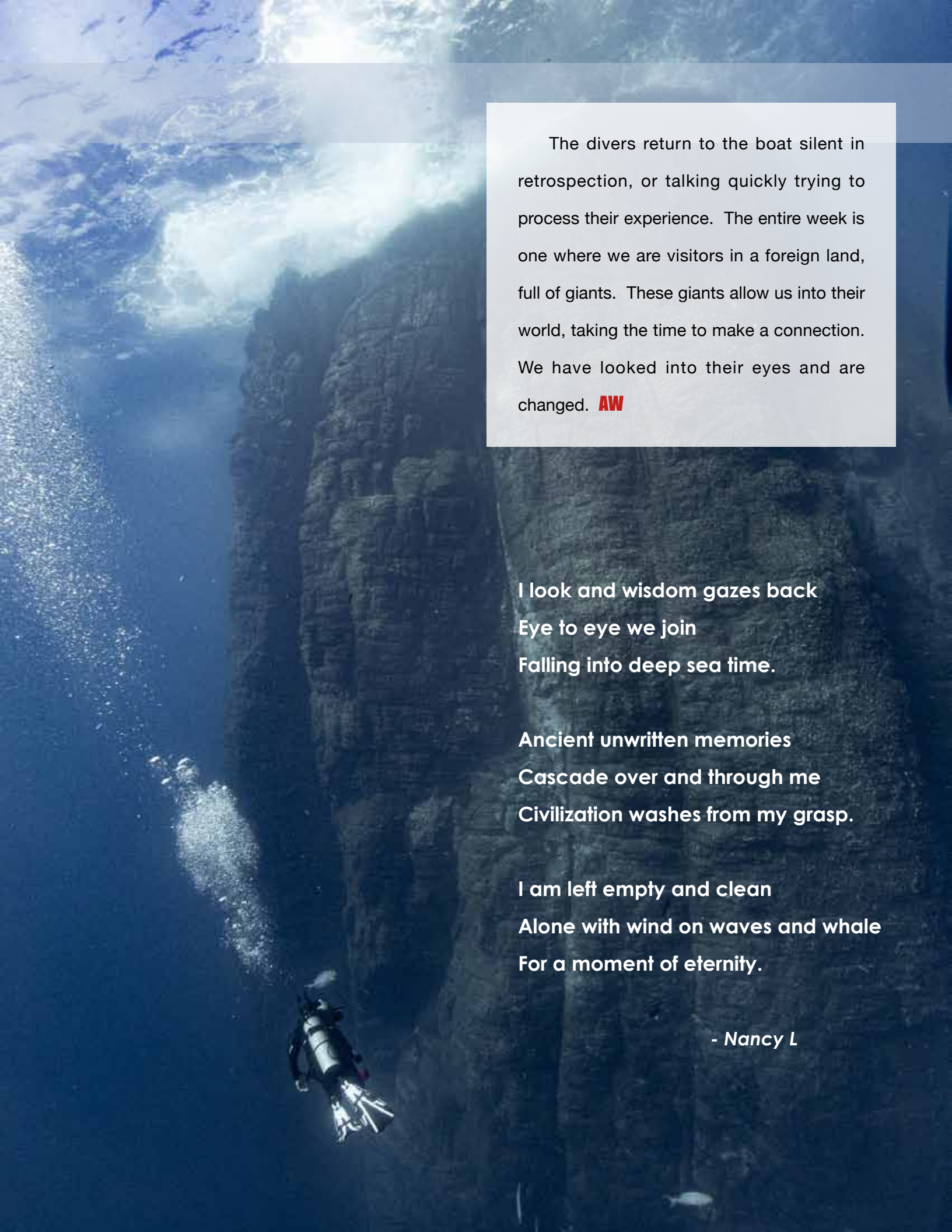
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- ★ Participants cannot start their next lap early, all participants start each lap together at the beginning of the hour.
- ★ If a participant fails to finish the lap within the allotted time, they and their team are out of the event.
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- ★ Event will continue until there is a Sole Survivor in each category.

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A full-page background image showing a diver in a dark blue ocean, swimming towards a massive, dark, textured rock formation. Sunlight filters down from the surface, creating a bright, hazy area at the top. The diver is in the lower left, leaving a trail of bubbles. The rock formation dominates the right and center of the frame.

The divers return to the boat silent in retrospection, or talking quickly trying to process their experience. The entire week is one where we are visitors in a foreign land, full of giants. These giants allow us into their world, taking the time to make a connection. We have looked into their eyes and are changed. **AW**

I look and wisdom gazes back  
Eye to eye we join  
Falling into deep sea time.

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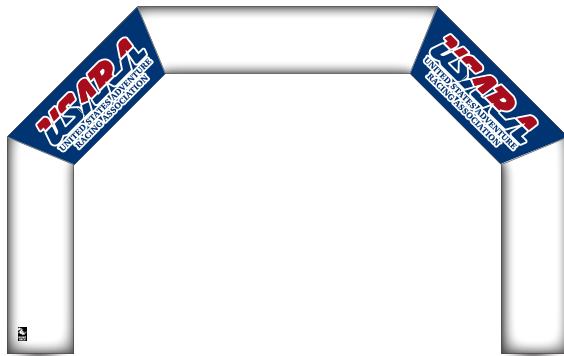
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by Troy Farrar

Hyskore has been known for their quality compression dampened rifle and shooting rests for years. Using their functional approach, Hyskore has recently expanded their target stand offerings to provide some unique stands that are heavy duty, stable and quick to assemble. The collection ranges from extreme long range stands to simple T-post stands that are perfect for improving your accuracy at your home range.

### Extreme Range Target Hound

The Hyskore Extreme Range Target Hound (30320) gives you the capability of having a large, stable and portable long-range target. That's right, I said portable. You can set up this large target stand in a couple of minutes! Simply attach 1-inch EMT legs and cross bar and 1 x 2 or 2 x 4 uprights to the bracket and your Extreme Range Target Hound is ready for use. The sockets for the 1 x 2 and 2 x 4 are oversized to accommodate rough cut lumber and have holes so you can secure the lumber with screws. The Extreme Range Target Hound can be used as a traditional target stand or a hanging gong stand. The two brackets can be adjusted to just about any size target by varying the length of the EMT crossbar, making this an infinitely flexible target stand.





### Long Range Target Hound

The Hyskore Long Range Target Hound (30310) is an adjustable target stand that is great for long distance shooting. The stand can be adjusted from 24 to 47 inches wide in 1-inch increments to support a variety of targets. The stand features oversized 8 inch deep sockets for both 1 x 2 or 2 x 4 uprights. The Long Range Target Hound legs are made from powder coated, heavy duty welded 3mm steel and are 24 inches long. The legs have holes to attach 2 x 4 stringers to increase the footprint and can be used to stake the stand to the ground as well. The Long Range Target Hound can be set up to hold one large long range target or multiple shorter range targets



### Target Hound

The Hyskore Target Hound (30291) is a tough, light weight target stand designed for 18 inch targets. The welded steel stand has sockets for both 1 x 2 or 2 x 4 uprights and is quickly assembled by attaching 4 bolts. The stands legs have predrilled holes for attaching 2 x 4 stringers or staking the stand to the ground. The Target Hound is an affordable solution to setting up multiple targets in your home range.





## Range Hound

The Hyskore Range Hound (30303) are part of Hyskores T-post target system and provides a quick and simple method to hang targets. The brackets are heat treated chrome molly steel that is the same material and process used for the turrets of Sherman tanks. The cast brackets do not suffer annealing (hardness degradation) due to the Heat Affected Zone (HAZ) created by plasma or oxy-acetylene cutting which is common for many other AR500 fixtures. The system is designed to use T-posts for the legs and crossbar, but is also compatible with  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch rebar and  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch EMT. The 20-degree angled brackets feature both semicircular cleats and drilled and tapped notches for hanging chain. The brackets also feature drilled and tapped holes for securing the T-post legs. The Range Hound (30303) is easy to set up and easy to repair if a T-post is damaged during use.



## Range Hound

The Hyskore Range Hound (30305) is an accessory that works perfectly with the 30303 for hanging gongs. The heat-treated chrome molly steel Range Hound 30305 slides on to the horizontal T-post and provides both semicircular cleats and drilled and tapped notches for hanging chain. The bracket also features drilled and tapped holes to prevent the bracket from sliding on the horizontal T-post. **AW**



# Shooting Product Reviews

SUMMER 2022



## Nomad Harvester NXT Jacket

The Nomad Harvester NXT Jacket is a great mid to late season jacket with plenty of features. The pile lined back, arms, neck, pockets and hood start the lineup and help keep you warm on those chilly mornings. Dual zippered hand pockets and a single zippered chest pocket will keep your gear safe and secure. Windproof, 4-way stretch material provides plenty of flexibility for just about any situation and a built-in safety harness port will keep you secure in your tree blind. Available in Realtree Timber or Mossy Oak Droptine, the Nomad Harvester NXT Jacket is a quiet, comfortable and durable soft-shell jacket that will keep you warm and camouflaged on your next hunt. [www.nomadoutdoor.com](http://www.nomadoutdoor.com)

## Nomad Harvester NXT Pants

The Nomad Harvester NXT Pants are the second part of your mid to late season hunting gear. The Harvester NXT can rally hold some gear with the dual hand pockets, dual zippered back pockets, dual easy entry thigh pockets and a deep side pocket. The windproof, fleece lined, 4-way stretch material combined with a stretch crotch gusset and ever adjust waist band make these pants warm and comfortable in any position. Available in Realtree Timber or Mossy Oak Droptine, Nomad rounds out the features with zippered legs and five belt loops. Tough, durable, silent and hidden are just a few of the characteristics of the Nomad Harvester NXT Pants so slip into a pair before your slip into the woods for your next hunting trip. [www.nomadoutdoor.com](http://www.nomadoutdoor.com)



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by Kevin Smith

Hog Wild Adventures is a 1000 acre hog hunting ranch located 45 minutes north of Houston, Texas. Billy Reeves has been guiding for over 40 years and he has been running Hog Wild Adventures for the past 25 years. Billy also owned an archery store so he is quite adept at helping his hunters with any equipment questions or malfunctions. At Hog Wild Adventures you can use a crossbow, compound bow, air rifle or if you are feeling really adventurous you can even hunt hogs with a spear. Hunters can choose a two hog meat hunt or a trophy hog hunt depending upon their goals. At Hog Wild, hunters have bagged many hogs over 400 pounds and they harvest over 600 hogs annually from the ranch.





Hog Wild Adventures is the perfect name as I have never seen a ranch with so many hogs. Believe it or not, it is not unusual for me to see over one hundred hogs in a weekend. Word has spread as Hog Wild Adventures has been featured by celebrity guests such as The High Road's Keith Warren, Relentless Pursuit's Tim Wells and Dirt Nap.



This ranch is a working cattle ranch and that presents a unique feeding circumstance for the hogs. The ranch brings in grain & cheese whey (a bi-product of cheese making) for cattle feed and the hogs get to dine at the same table as the cattle. I believe the result of this dining arrangement is that these hogs do not have as wild of a taste as hogs that only forage for their food.





Our guide, Billy Reeves, is very accommodating to both beginners and seasoned hunters and he loves to see kids learning to hunt. Billy commented, "I wanted to have a place with more of the old deer lease feel to it, nothing fancy. A dry place to sleep that is warm in the winter and cool in the summer. A nice fire pit in the ground and where you don't have to take your shoes off to come inside. My vision was to have a ranch with a lot of hogs and to keep the prices low. I want people to be able to bring their kids and have fun while teaching the next generation about the outdoors and the hunting traditions." Billy has definitely realized his dream. Novice hunters and kids can have a guide in the stand with them to assist with their hunt or you can hunt unassisted and there is even a skinner for hire on the ranch.

I encourage you to book a weekend at Hog Wild Adventures if you are interested in a safe, challenging & exciting hunting experience.

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