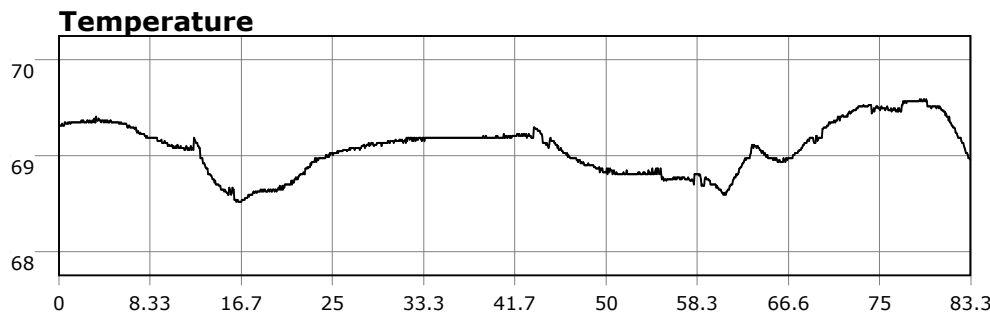
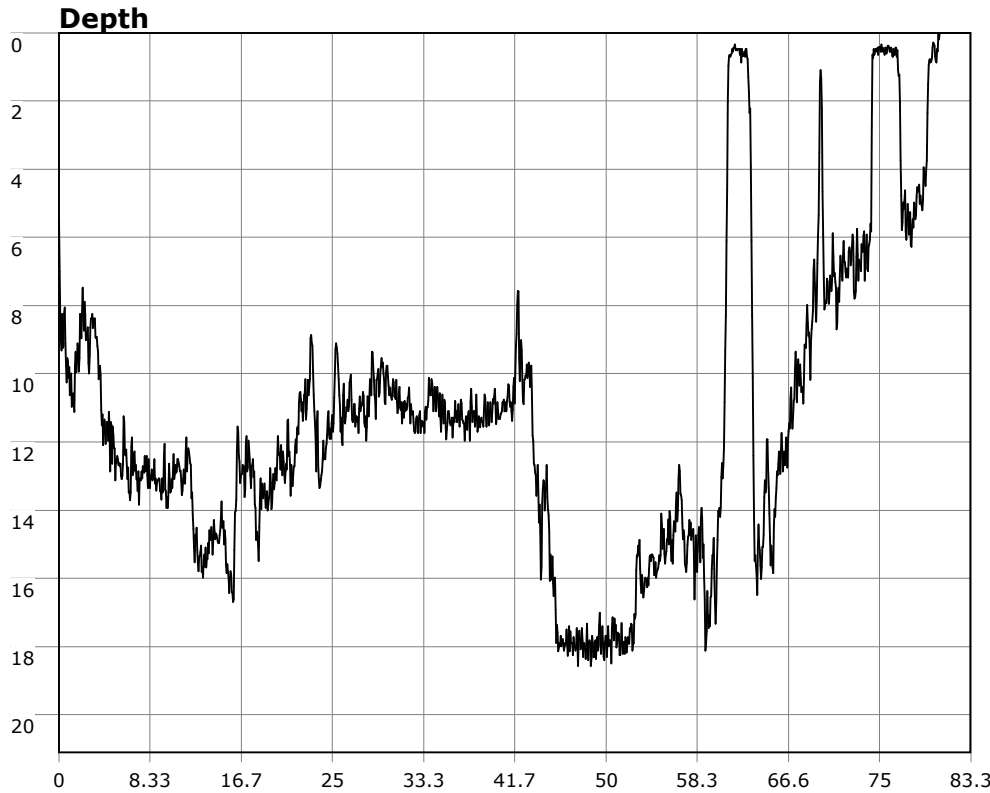


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Interval	1 second(s)
Time	01:23:18 B.T. 01:23:18 B.T. >24 hrs S.I.
Depth	Avg 10.99 ft 10.99 ft Max 18.69 ft 18.69 ft
Temperature	Avg 69.08 °F 69.08 °F Min 68.52 °F 68.52 °F
Ascent Rate	62.11 ft/min (max.) 62.11 ft/min (max.)
Tank Pressure	2500 PSI (in) 1000 PSI (out)
SAC Rate	13.8 PSI/min
Altitude	0 ft
Water Type	Salt Water

Site: Malaga Cove

Buddy:

Comments

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Equipment build: 7mm suit + vest w/hood; two small lights;
13lbs weight; camera with strobe and no pony bottle.

First time diving Malaga, and although vis was a bit limited (8 feet) this was still a great dive. Original goal was to make my way west past the hotel, but there was so much to see I barely made it to the hotel. Swell was low, but I still opted for the beach entry. This is the way to go sans over the rocks. I kicked out and dialed in 230deg. I dropped down and in barely 7 feet of water I ran into several garibaldi. In fact they were everywhere. Even saw several juveniles--good thing I had the camera. I lazily made my way along the reef through the kelp. I eventually came upon several garibaldi and a kelp bass helping to put a sea urchin out of its misery. Although the garibaldi here are quite skittish (unlike the islands) they let me close rather than leave a meal. In fact I hung out long enough that one of them came over and nipped at my hand (probably thought I was eyeballing their lunch). After quite a bit I cruised on and then played peek-a-boo with a juvenile garibaldi. Along the way I saw several senioritas and surf perch. After over an hour I head back in. Towards the end I came upon a huge bat ray. He was gone before I had a chance to take a shot. Overall, a great dive, and my tweak to the camera weight with the strobe was right on.

Additional Notes
