

# SEA DIVERS

## NOVEMBER 1988

NOVEMBER 1 \*\*\* GENERAL MEETING PANCHO & WONGS 7 PM  
NOVEMBER 6 \*\*\*\*\* BEACH DIVE, WHITES POINT/ ISSEI COVE  
NOVEMBER 9 \*\*\*\*\* EXECUTIVE MEETING BAXTER'S 7 PM

## DECEMBER 1988

DECEMBER 3 \*\*\* BOAT DIVE, SANTA BARBARA ISLAND  
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DECEMBER 14 \*\*\*\*\* EXECUTIVE MEETING BAXTER'S 7 PM  
DECEMBER 30 \*\*\*\*\* OFFICER INSTALLATION PARTY

## JANUARY 1989

JANUARY 3 \*\*\* GENERAL MEETING PANCHO & WONGS 7 PM  
JANUARY 11 \*\*\*\*\* EXECUTIVE MEETING BAXTER'S 7 PM  
JANUARY 28 \*\*\*\*\* BOAT DIVE SAN NICOLAS ISLAND

General Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. A no host social hour precedes the meeting from 6 PM to 7 PM and a feature presentation follows the business meeting. The meeting is held at Pancho & Wongs at King Harbor. Executive Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at Baxter's in the Manhattan Beach Mall.

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# DIVERS DIRECTORY



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## NEW GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

### PAUL MEISTER, "UNDERWATER NATURALIST" TO PRESENT NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Paul Meister, an L.A. County instructor, an avid sport diver, and underwater naturalist will be sharing some interesting information with us and will tell us how we can all become underwater naturalists.

He has been diving the newly-named Issei Cove area at Whites Point on Palos Verdes Peninsula for 15 years.

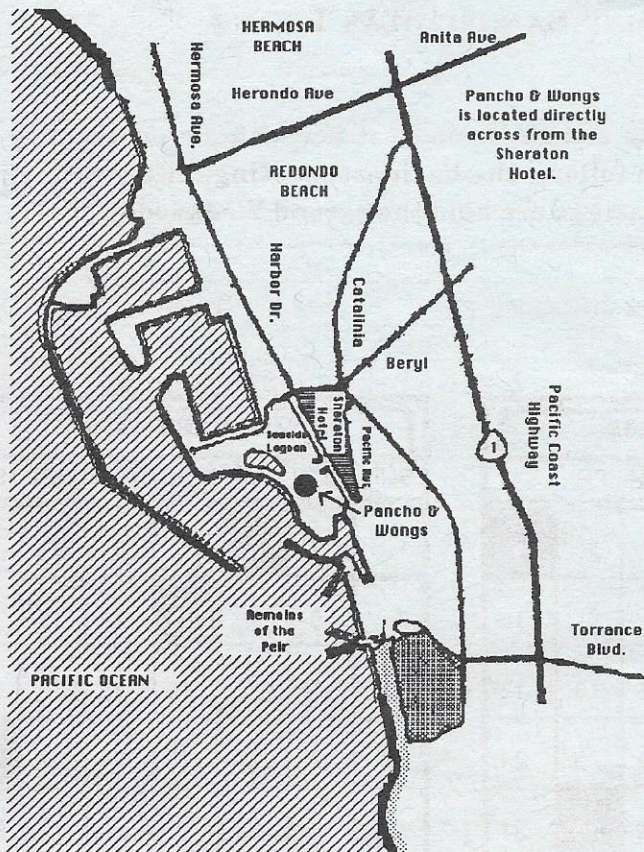
During that time a study has been made by Paul and other sport divers whereby they have noted the seasonal changes underwater and behavioral patterns of marine life. A new program is being developed for sport divers to take part in studying underwater life and reporting their findings. This program is a joint effort among the Whites Point Shore Station divers, LA County Parks and Recreation Department, the LA Chapter of the Oceanic Society, and the GLACD (Greater Los Angeles Council of Divers). The first step in this program will be to identify and report information on just one fish, the giribaldi, and just one plant a sea fern.

After Paul has explained this program to us at our November 1st meeting, you will have the opportunity to participate in the study by going on the November 6th beach dive at Issei Cove.

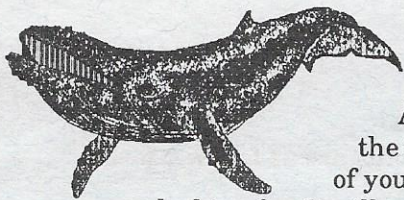
Paul also plans to give us an update on the progress of the underwater nature trail at Issei Cove and tell you how you can become part of the team which is working on the project.

See you November 1st at Pancho and Wong's

Dicie Sizemore  
Program Chairman







## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Apologies for the change of day we had for our October General Meeting – we did the best we could to get the word out in the October Newsletter, but apparently some of you missed it! Anyhow the room at Pancho and Wong's is just what we have been looking for. It will comfortably hold the 60 or so members that typically show at the General Meeting, it is closed off from the rest of the restaurant, has a video system (two large monitors), a podium with microphone, free hors d'oeuvre until 7:00 PM, great service and lots of free close-by parking (with available validation in the room). We are looking forward to a great meeting on Tuesday the 1st of November – hope you'll be there.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter is our dive boat schedule for 1989 – we hope you approve of our selection of venues and dates. We did incorporate inputs from several members – other comments are welcome.

We will publish our beach dive schedule for 1989 in the December Newsletter, so if you have any suggestions for that, please let us know. Kathi McNally is going to be our organizer for the first 1989 beach dive, the Avalon Harbor clean-up in January (date still not known!), and as that event has proven to be almost too much fun over the last two years, we are anticipating a lot of interest. More details will be available at the November General Meeting. We have one beach dive left this year on 6 November at Whites Point/Issei Cove. Bill Garrett will be giving additional information at the November General Meeting.

Elections are upon us for our 1989 officers. This will be accomplished either as part of our December Newsletter or through a separate mail-in ballot. Any more volunteers/nominees out there?

Lots of things are happening in the club, 1989 looks like a great year of diving and socializing and more people are active. We of the Executive Office thank you for the great support in 1988 and look forward to even better things in 1989.

**SEE YOU AT PANCHO AND WONG'S ON THE 1ST!**

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## SAN NICOLAS ISLAND CLOSURE UPDATE

The SEA OTTER TRANSLOCATION is one year old. Sixty-nine otters have been translocated to San Nicolas Island with approximately twenty-one (21) currently still in the area. Of those translocated from their Central California Coastal Range, about nine (9) are known to have died from a variety of causes, stress, drownings in gill nets and lobster pots and one (1) by gun shot. Eight (8) are documented to have travelled back to their original site of capture along the Central Coast and the remaining otters are unaccounted for. Even one (1) which was tagged with a transmitting device is missing. Despite all the problems which have beset the Fish and Wildlife Service, they are still maintaining this program is a success and are entering their second year.

Recently the Navy has been enforcing a 300 yard clearance zone around SAN NICOLAS ISLAND. This is a regulation which has been on the books since 1965 but never enforced. THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE says the Navy has asked them to enforce this closure since the Fish and Wildlife has to monitor the island for otter surveillance anyway. But there are also reports from other well placed sources which say the Fish and Wildlife Service came to the Navy to request them to monitor the 300 yard closure. Intrigue has been the password for this program ever since it began back in the 70's.

Speaking to Bill Nott, PRESIDENT OF THE SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (SAC), this writer discussed the effect the closure had on his chartered fishing boats. After trying to go through channels to reason with the bureaucracies involved, Bill Nott decided the best approach was to go to the top of the Navy's chain of command. In so doing he sent a letter to the Secretary of the Navy explaining the closure and asking him to intercede. Now we, the diving community, must follow suit and request that the dive boats be allowed to re-enter the 300 yard closed zone. During the hearings divers had been advised that the Island would never be closed to recreational diving, but here we are now learning that they really don't mean what they were saying. During World War II security was a problem, but that was solved by working with the Navy. Similar restrictions exist at San Clemente, but the situation is workable. There is no reason a solution can't be found to keep San Nicolas Island open. WRITE A LETTER to — The Honorable William L. Ball III, Secretary of the Navy, Department of the Navy, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20350. When writing, don't fight the battle of translocation over again, explain that this area is very important to recreational diving and with the coming of lobster season, it is the premier area for lobster diving. Mention that divers and dive boats do not disturb the otters and this area has been accessible for public use for decades. The aspect of being forced to dive outside the 300 yard

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## DIVE BOAT NEWS

### BOAT LOAD LIMITS

Either the club or the boat has load limits that apply to our charters. These limits are as follows:

<u>BOAT</u>	<u>SINGLE DAY</u>	<u>SINGLE DAY OVERNIGHT</u>	<u>MULTI-DAY</u>
<b>WILD WAVE</b>			
Divers	24	24	20
Dive Masters	2	2	4
Bubble Watchers	2	2	2
<b>BOLD CONTENDER</b>			
Divers	30	28	26
Dive Masters	2	2	4
Bubble Watchers	4	4	4
<b>PEACE</b>			
Divers	30	28	26
Dive Masters	2	2	4
Bubble Watchers	4	4	4

### 1989 SCHEDULE

Our 1989 dive schedule is published elsewhere in the Newsletter. We have added one extra dive in 1989 giving us 3 two-day and 8 single-day dives. We may add one more two-day on the PEACE if we can negotiate a compatible date. Stay tuned!

### CREW TIPPING

Several members have requested guidance on crew tipping. Like any form of tipping it varies with the individual and the perceived service rendered. Assuming "all is well" with each crew member a good guide is \$5.00 per-day or \$1.00 per-day-per-crew-member.

### DIVE BOAT ETIQUETTE AND SAFE DIVING PRACTICES

Below is a list of do's and don'ts on diving etiquette and safety. Although not necessarily all encompassing we believe it will help increase your and others enjoyment of boat diving.

### DIVE BOAT ETIQUETTE AND SAFE DIVING PRACTICES

#### ETIQUETTE

- Mark all of your gear with at least your initials, tanks should have your full name. Keep as much of your unused or between dive gear neatly stowed or in your dive bag.
- Sign-in on the TRW Divemaster log and the boat log (when required).
- Do not leave personal gear in the galley.
- No wet items in the bunk areas.
- Dispose of all trash into the trash containers.



- Do not access crew areas, especially the bridge.
- Don't use excessive amounts of fresh water, especially the hot water.
- Use only one bunk.
- Minimize noise if others are asleep, especially after 11:30 PM.
- Do not drop tanks, weight belts, etc. onto the deck or other boat equipment.
- Never leave your tank unattended, hold on to it or make sure it is secured with the bungee cord.
- Remove your B. C. and octopus from your tank for refills.
- If you are not diving don't crowd the deck area where divers are suiting up or preparing for a dive.
- Obey all game laws.
- Before leaving the boat at the end of the trip, fold your blankets, take all your gear, and settle any debts, with the boat or the club.

### **SAFE DIVING**

- Plan your dive using the specific dive site information provided by crew divemaster(s). Do not "push the tables".
- Know your experience limits, if in doubt, discuss with the divemaster(s).
- Perform an on-deck equipment check with your buddy, and a further on-surface check after entering the water.
- Use the designated boat exit points. Move away from the boat exit once you are in the water.
- Always check in and out with the on-duty divemaster, and follow the gate and return to boat time limits.
- Fins should be put on last while you are waiting at the exit. Do not walk around the deck wearing fins.
- Use your equipment to dive easily and safely. Do not over weight yourself. Only use your B.C. to fine tune your buoyancy during the dive or to compensate for a heavy game bag at the end of the dive.
- Loaded spearguns are NEVER allowed on the boat or boarding ramp. Bring a bag or container for your game.
- As a minimum use a compass, depth gauge and submersible pressure gauge. Plan your dive so you end the dive with a reserve of air and are able to return to the boat while still underwater, especially where kelp is thick.
- Be aware of current conditions and any changes during the dive. Use natural clues such as kelp. do not hesitate to pull yourself hand-over-hand back to the boat using the current line.
- Once back to the boat restow your gear, so as not to clutter the deck.
- Answer the role call only once and only for yourself.



# SEPTEMBER AFTERMATH

## ANOTHER FABULOUS 2-DAY

by Denise Laurence

We were on the Peace, headed for San Miguel when I plunged my tired limbs next to Cathy Gale in the bunk below, Thursday evening. It didn't take long for my eyes to close, it being 3 AM, only to open again shortly at the sound of the Peace arriving somewhere. I groaned and turned over, nestled in the covers below decks.

Finally, emerging, no longer able to stand the suspense, I stood on deck, my eyes still slits, but still a great perception hit me - - This wasn't San Miguel. Then something else hit me - - the wind. I wasn't real fond of that balmy breeze and neither was the Peace's owner, Bill McGee, but we had no choice. So with a little prompting, I retired inside to rest my already weathered bones and I thought oh well. No San Miguel for us. Looked like Santa Rosa all day to me.

After such deep thinking, I decided I'd rest for a while and watched other divers brave the wilds while I basked like a big whale on the padded sun deck. That's the nice thing about the Peace. It has something for everyone and its captain and crew usually try to do their best to please us above and below the sea.

After about six dives in a variety of pleasant places, crewman James brought up a mammoth halibut - - I really mean gigundo - - we had fresh fish for dinner along with chicken for the more proper folk. Several club members never left the in famous jacuzzi and were served their game of the day in the tub along with the TRW wine especial. Maggie & Carla had done a magnificent job with our pheasant fare and non-drinking divers bolstered by the great energy amassed at the dinner table, dove again under the leadership of our main man of the night, Art. The rest of us stayed in the galley and listened to jokes and watched the movie. Having made

enough effort for the day, I soon retired. After all, all this moving around was killing me.

### THE NEXT DAY

It wasn't quite the same scenario on Saturday. The Peace made a valiant effort to move on to San Miguel despite the white caps. They tried and they failed. I could almost feel the disappointment as the boat turned back, but the enthusiasm returned as we reached the next spot.

However, locomotion is a funny thing and some of us started slow in an effort to revive the lost stamina of yesterday. But we did it SOON. There wasn't much time.

I'd say it was a wonderful day but the sun smiled less and after 3-4 nice dives and some fresh barbecued abalone ala Bill, a bottle of Hiney wine, carefully selected by Kathy McNally, was given to our booby prize winner, Bill Garret for diving in without his mask. Cute, but even funnier was the look on Dan McLaughlin's face when his lady called over to ask why he had his foot in HER wetsuit, shame on him.

Honorable mention should go to (and you had to be there) Michael Borden for his inside out condition. Kathy for her portable blender. Lynn Robinson for her weightlessness in the water; and the mystery wetsuit - - lying on deck broken-hearted because its owner had left it.

Tune in at the next meeting for the detective Ken's wetsuit report. Our suspect is none other than Blender Kathy, but we could be wrong.

OK divers, Eat well. Live right and maybe we'll see you at the next amazing event.

Dee

### SAN NIC CLOSURE

zone also places divers in water depths which are hazardous to their well being, especially with repetitive dives. Other concerns can be brought out with sound arguments developed and explained. Be certain to write as soon as you read this and encourage your club members and dive friends to join in with you. There are people within the diving community who have good contacts and can help get things done for diving, but the individual diver must shoulder some responsibility and assist. Without the numbers of postcards and letters no politician or bureaucrat will pay the least bit of attention to someone saying I represent 300,000 divers and we want you to do this. We need the support only you can give. The COUNCIL can't do it alone.

### QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"HE TURNED INTO A REAL WIMP WHEN WE FELL IN LOVE!"

"RICHARD HEAD, PLEASE COME TO THE GALLEY."

HOW WAS THE CHICKASAW WRECKED, DID THEY JUST DRIVE IT INTO THE ISLAND?"

I CAN'T TELL WHICH ABALONE ARE WHICH SO I JUST MEASURE THEM ALL AT SEVEN INCHES."

"I WAS SO LOW ON AIR I ABOUT CAVED IN THE SIDES OF MY TANK TRYING TO GET THE LAST BREATH."



## DECEMBER SINGLE-DAY BOAT DIVE

03 DECEMBER 1988

SANTA BARBARA

BOLD CONTENDER

MEMBERS \$64

(INCLUDES FOOD AND AIR)

NON-MEMBERS \$73



As stated in the pre-announcement for this dive, there will be something for everyone's taste and desires on this charter. We are on the BOLD CONTENDER out of Berth 76 at Ports O'Call and are heading for SANTA BARBARA island. For those who have not dived the BOLD CONTENDER, she is 65' long, 22' wide, 3000 psi air fills (included), staterooms, full shower facilities, sundeck, color TV/VCR and full comfortable galley. Skipper/owner Jerry Shapiro and his crew have their own style and put on one of the best food fiestas around (all included).

PHOTOGRAPHERS, looky-loos, and bubble watchers will have plenty to see. The island itself is constantly battered by the ocean and as a result is small but visually appealing - great for just relaxing or above water PHOTOS. The underwater environs of SANTA BARBARA contain beautiful reefs, arches, canyons, walls, and a myriad of sealife including sea lions, seals (you never dive alone at SANTA BARBARA!), black sea bass and for the game takers LOBSTER, ABALONE (all species including whites) and FISH. Note that both ABALONE and LOBSTER will be in season

Ocean conditions allowing, this trip will have dives suitable for all skill levels, however, it should be noted that strong currents and surge can be encountered - relative beginners should check conditions with the divemaster(s).

As of writing the boat is over half-full - call Michael (Borden) at (213) 372-7764 for sign-up and Allen (Parker) at (213) 536-2614 for additional information. We will board after 9:00 PM on the 2nd for an early departure on the 3rd. With the holiday season almost upon us we are planning a little something extra for this dive. CALL AND GET IN ON THE FUN!

### TRW SEA DIVERS EAT - IN



- o Christmas Party
- o Pre-New Years Eve Party
- o Annual Officers' Installation Party

For a riotous, rollicking evening of great fun, great food (your own) and great friends, be sure to be there!!!

**WHEN:** Friday, December 30 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Robin Grant's and Cathy Gale's home  
4748-N La Villa Marina  
Marina Del Rey, CA. 90202  
(213) 823-2552 or 305-8625

**BRING:** Your Favorite food dish

**OLD -TIMERS and NEW-TIMERS WELCOME**



## BEACH DIVE

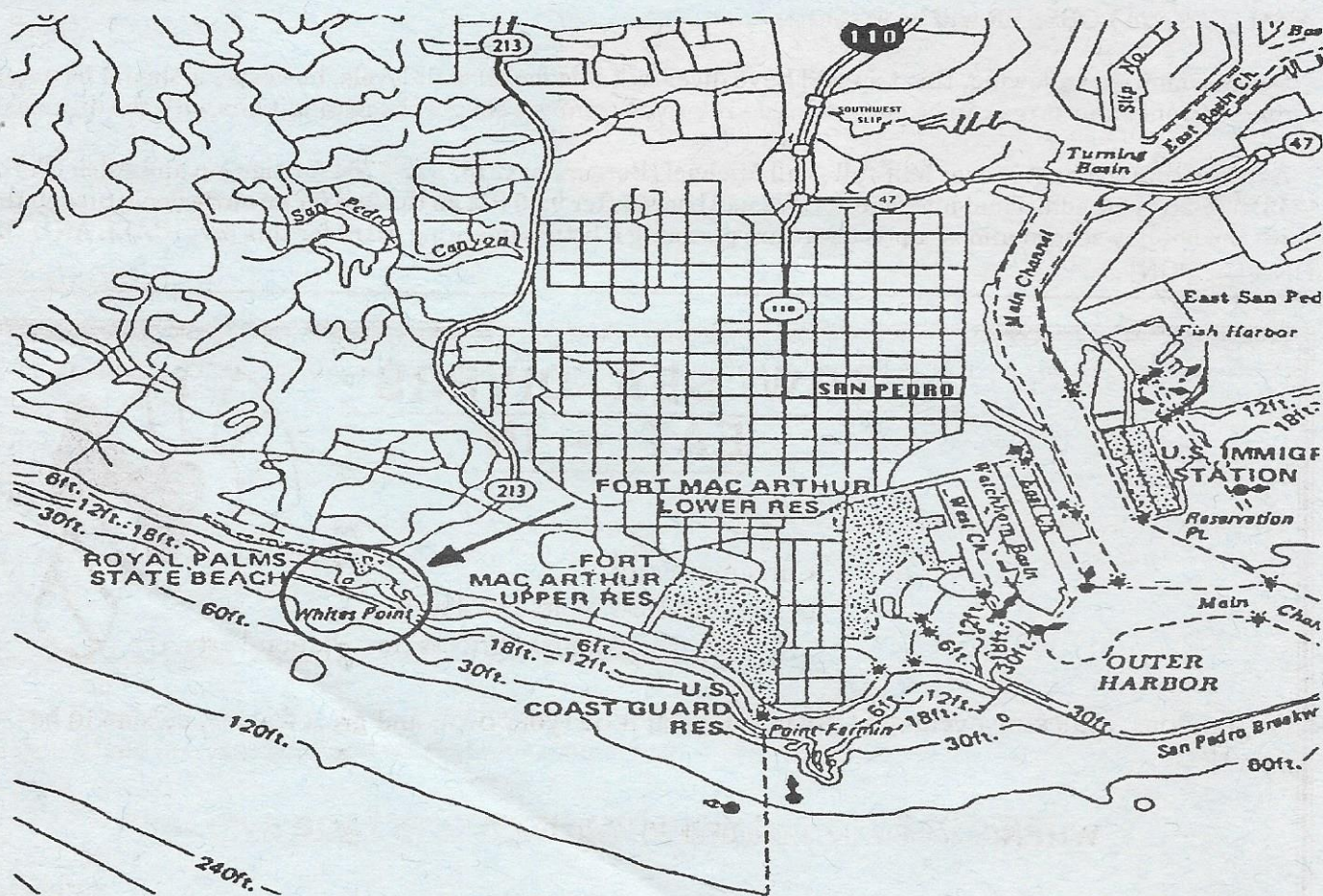
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WHITES POINT/ISSEI COVE

Our fourth beach dive this year will be held at Whites Point/Issei Cove on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Paul Meister will be presenting a program at our 1 November 1988 General Meeting on the area, the associated marine life and environment. We anticipate developing some sea life recognition activities from Paul's presentation, and to utilize our dive in support of ongoing area surveys.

Divemasters will be on duty from 10:00 AM through 2:00 PM and once diving is over we will critique the day's activities. Bring along picnic supplies!



### DIVE BOAT POLICY

- 1) A club member may, but is not required to, have a boat deposit on file with the club.
- 2) A club member will have a confirmed reservation on an upcoming dive only if:
  - a) A check in the full amount for the dive has been received by the dive boat reservationist, or
  - b) The club member has a deposit on file with the club and makes a telephone request for a reservation with the dive boat reservationist.
- 3) Any reservation may be cancelled two weeks prior to a dive with a full refund. Cancellations will not be accepted within two weeks prior to the dive unless a diver holding a reservation can sell or transfer their reservation to another qualified diver. The dive reservationist will assist in this process, but is not responsible to provide paying alternates. When confirmation is received by the dive boat reservationist that a cancelling diver is being replaced by another qualified diver, the replacement diver is then fully responsible for the cost of the dive.
- 4) If a diver has a deposit on file with the club and uses that deposit to secure a reservation on a boat dive, he may not use that deposit to secure any additional dives until he has paid the club for the first dive. Two years after a diver has ceased to be a member of the club, his unclaimed dive boat deposit will be forfeited to the club.
- 5) Only TRW club members and members of other selected clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to one month before a scheduled boat dive.
- 6) Partial refunds from boats which do not make the advertised dive location will be passed on to members who request them within two weeks of the dive.





## 1988/1989 BOAT DIVES

10	SAT	03 DEC 88	SANTA BARBARA	BOLD CONTENDER PORTS'O CALL
1	SAT	28 JAN 1989	SAN NICOLAS ISLAND	WILD WAVE 22ND STREET
2	SAT	04 MAR 1989	CORTEZ BANKS	WILD WAVE 22ND STREET
3	SAT	15 APR 1989	"AVALON" AND "VALIANT" WRECKS/ CATALINA (FRONTSIDE)	BOLD CONTENDER PORTS O' CALL
4	FRI/SAT	19/20 MAY 1989	WILSON'S ROCK/ SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA	PEACE VENTURA
5	SAT	24 JUN 1989	FARNSWORTH BANKS/ CATALINA	BOLD CONTENDER PORTS O' CALL
6	FRI/SAT	28/29 JUL 1989	BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS/ SANTA BARBARA	BOLD CONTENDER PORTS O' CALL
7	SAT	19 AUG 1989	TALCOTT SHOALS	WILD WAVE VENTURA
8	FRI/SAT	15/16 SEPT 1989	RICHARDSON'S ROCK SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA	PEACE VENTURA
9	SAT	21 OCT 1989	SAN NICOLAS	WILD WAVE 22ND STREET
10	SAT	11 NOV 1989	SANTA BARBARA	WILD WAVE 22ND STREET
11	SAT	02 DEC 1989	SAN CLEMENTE	BOLD CONTENDER PORTS O' CALL

### WILD WAVE - 22ND STREET LANDING:

South on Harbor freeway, left on Gaffey, left on 22nd street, down the hill and park in designated areas.

### BOLD CONTENDER - PORTS O' CALL:

South on the Harbor freeway, left at Gaffey, left on 6th Street, cross Harbor Blvd. and turn right into the Ports O' Call complex. Follow the road into the Ports O' Call parking lot and park on aisle 3 or 5. The boat is at Berth 76

### PEACE - VENTURA MARINA:

North on Ventura freeway to Victoria Ave. in Ventura. Turn left onto Victoria and continue to Olivas Park Drive. Turn right and continue all the way down toward the beach and on to Spinnaker Drive. Park adjacent to the berth which is behind HornBlowers Restaurant at Slip #20

## BOAT DIVE RESERVATION FORM

DIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DESTINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DIVER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (DAY): \_\_\_\_\_ (EVE): \_\_\_\_\_ COST OF DIVE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER: YES ☐ NO ☐

Please make checks payable to TRW SEA DIVERS and mail to:

Michael Borden  
1534 Manhattan Beach Blvd.  
Manhattan Beach, CA. 90266  
(213) 372-7764



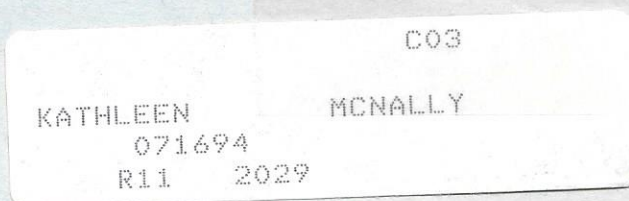


# TRW

One Space Park S/1420 Redondo Beach, California 90278

## FIRST CLASS MAIL

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



### TRW SEA DIVERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
IF TRW EMPLOYEE: M/S \_\_\_\_\_ BADGE \_\_\_\_\_ EXT \_\_\_\_\_  
CERTIFICATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE (NAUI, PADI, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_ ADP \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHT DIVER \_\_\_\_\_  
Do You want your name on a dive buddy list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of last dive \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of diving you are interested in? \_\_\_\_\_

1989/Dues:	TRW Employee	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	TRW Family Membership	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Non-TRW Membership	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-TRW Family Membership	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please make checks payable to **TRW SEA DIVERS** and mail to :

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