

THE SEA DIVERS

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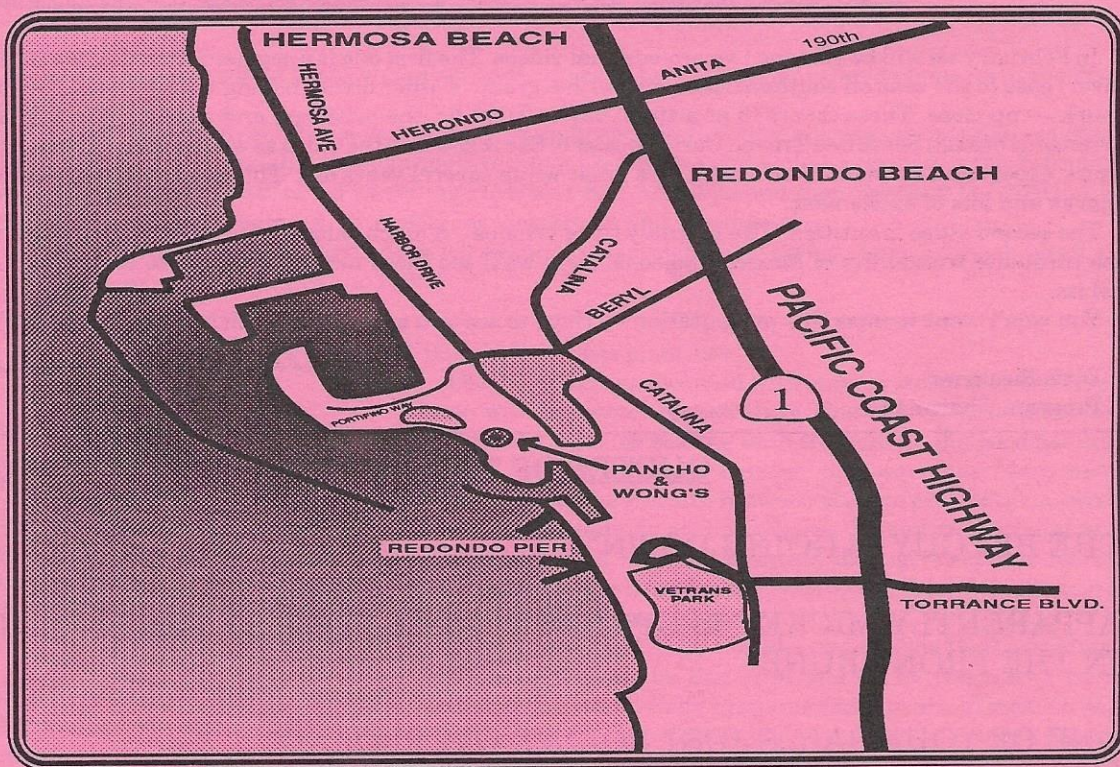
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 PALOS VERDES



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WRITING FOR THE SEA DIVERS NEWSLETTER

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter or you have an idea to improve it please write to Editor Pat Minor, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA. 90278 or call me at the above numbers. I am always in need of Lessons Learned articles and new graphics or cartoons. Inputs should be typed, but can be handwritten (not responsible for errors caused by illegible handwriting). I will also greatly accept computer files that are in a Macintosh standard format.

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GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETINGS are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month. A no host social happy hour, with free hors d'oeuvres precedes the meeting from 6 PM to 7 PM and a feature presentation follows the business meeting. The meeting is held at Pancho & Wong's at King Harbor.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS are held at 7PM the Thursday the week following the General Meeting, at Baxter's in the Manhattan Beach Mall.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM — SHARKS AND WHALES

In February we will be viewing two professional videos. The first one is a segment from the "20/20" show. Hugh Downs (a scuba diver) goes to the seas off southern Australia with a group of other divers hoping to experience the thrill of seeing a great white shark — up close. These divers (8 at a time) pay \$10,000 for the privilege, and seeing a shark is not guaranteed! The trip is arranged through See & Sea Travel. Carl Roessler of See & Sea is in the video as well as group leader, Rodney Fox — an Australian shark expert and survivor of an attack by a great white several years ago. This is a really interesting video with great shots of sharks and lots of excitement.

The second video is entitled "The Friendly Gray Whales". A much calmer presentation, this video will take us on a journey to the turquoise tranquility of Mexico's lagoons. Here we'll see these awesome creatures of the deep and witness their peculiar habits.

You won't want to miss this presentation — Hope to see you on February 6th at Pancho & Wong's

Dicie Sizemore
Program Chairman

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"THE BIG GUY IS GOING DOWN"

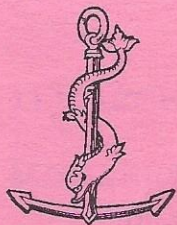
"APPARENTLY MICKEY IS UPGRADING THE BOAT, THERE ARE CURTAINS ON THE FRONT BUNK"

"ONE OF YOUR BALLS JUST ROLLED OVERBOARD"

"WHO DROWNED THE BURP"

"WILL YOU HELP ME TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES?"





FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

As of 1 January 1990 we will be known as **THE SEA DIVERS** in lieu of the **TRW SEA DIVERS**. Our new structure is that of a private, non-profit organization furthering the sport of skin and SCUBA diving, continuing with the same charter and bylaws. In essence the change will be transparent to most club members and fairly insignificant. Our boat and beach dive schedule continue, the same style newsletter will be issued monthly, and for the time being (until full transition is accomplished) our Executive Committee will remain the same. Full elections will be held approximately March 1990 and will be open to all members for all positions.

As of the end of 1989 our membership was just over 180 and growing by about 5 members per month, with our makeup being 52% non-TRW and 48% TRW employees and associates. TRW SEA mandated that as of 1 January 1990 SEA club demographics must be no more than 25% non-TRW and 75% TRW employees and associates. In deference to our non-TRW members, we elected not to comply and hence the new status.

In the Executive Committee's assessment, the club is quite strong and should have no problem going it alone. Obviously we do need the full support of our present membership in order to be fully successful.

Our dues structure has changed only for TRW employees in that dues are now \$20 per year for all individuals and \$30 per year for all family memberships. A reduction in dues all around was not possible for 1990 as the cost of incorporation as a non-profit organization (for tax purposes) is approximately \$800. Dues will be re-reviewed for 1991. Prorating for new members will continue on a quarterly basis. By the way dues are due and payable for 1990 as of 1 January 1990 — *please help by paying promptly*.

A question and answer session on our new structure will be held at the 6 February 1990 General Meeting at Pancho & Wong's.

Finally, I would like to thank those who supported our Executive Committee meeting at Baxter's on 14 December, where we discussed the many elements (pros and cons) associated with creating a private, non-profit organization. This has been a very tough decision with lots of hard work, but we believe it is the right thing to do and hope that the club members remain behind us and continue to fully support the club and its activities.

HAVE WE REACHED THE PROMISED LAND YET . . . ?!

A WORD OR TWO ABOUT INSURANCE

There is considerable misconception regarding insurance and how it relates to **THE SEA DIVERS**, its members, and diving. **MEDICAL INSURANCE** is and always has been the responsibility of the individual diver. You should be sure that your personal medical insurance covers you for SCUBA diving, and that SCUBA is not excluded.

LIABILITY PROTECTION was provided (somewhat vaguely) by TRW Inc. for club officials only. As a private, non-profit organization, the club and club officials are protected by the signed individual waivers (as was TRW) and by demonstrating we are a properly organized and safely run club.

OTHER INSURANCE is carried by the individual boat owners/skippers, divemasters and other related elements of the dive community for their own protection.

We strongly recommend that all active divers avail themselves of the DAN insurance for Emergency Evacuation (unless covered by your present policy). Application forms are available through the Executive Committee and will be provided at the February General Meeting. Additional information can be obtained by calling DAN at 1-800-328-3323 and then pressing "1." NAUI and PADI also carry various forms of dive-related insurance, primarily for instructors and divemasters.

We will continue to strive to help with this much discussed and much misunderstood element of diving. Anyone who thinks they have all the answers should let us know — we'd sure like to talk!?

SAN JUAN ISLANDS DIVING

Whenever the San Juan Islands are mentioned in a group of divers, a typical question from those unfamiliar with the area is "Isn't that dry suit water?" Perhaps this is a natural assumption, as this beautiful archipelago lies between the southern end of Vancouver Island and the Washington mainland, a thousand miles to the north of our California dive sites. In fact it is not the case and this reasoning causes many divers to pass up perhaps one of the finest underwater experiences found anywhere.

The records of the Sea Wolf, a busy dive boat operating out of Anacortes, Washington, indicates that only about 35% of their clientele use dry suits. The water temperature remains at 50–52 °F year round, which is quite tolerable when compared to the cooler waters of Port Hardy, the well known dive site at the north end of Vancouver Island. Diving in the San Juans is just as popular in the winter months as in the summer because of the constant temperature and the excellent visibility when the

plankton are less plentiful.

Divers are more concerned with staying warm between dives than with the water temperature. The Sea Wolf, for instance, has plenty of inside seating with the benefit of a good heating system and hot drinks for between dive warmups. Many wear coveralls over the wet suit between dives to protect themselves from the cool outside air and to keep the suit from drying out. The thinking is that salt crystals damage neoprene fabric. Saltwater can be rinsed away with warm fresh water aboard after all dives are completed.

Captain Jess and Sally Starnes, assisted by their son Allan, are the owners of the Sea Wolf and they run a first class diveboat operation. Sally prepares three gourmet meals a day that rival the finest restaurants, with snacks for quick energy between dives. Jess has experienced each of the areas where he puts his divers and is intimately familiar with the tidal currents and the sea life indigenous to each site. Due to the strong currents found in the islands, the Sea Wolf is operated as a "live" boat, in that it follows the bubbles and is a short distance

**TENTH ANNUAL
AVALON UNDERWATER CLEAN-UP
23-26 FEBRUARY 1990**

Once again (!!!!!!!) THE SEA DIVERS are planning to participate in the Avalon Harbor Clean-up. The clean-up is intended to help improve the appearance of the environment, remove detrimental material from the harbor area, make the public beaches safer, and improve the image of sport diving. While details are sketchy at this time, our tentative plan is outlined below:

Friday – 23 February

6:30-7:30 PM	Check in at Catalina Cruises, Long Beach
7:30-9:15 PM	Cruise to Avalon
9:15-9:45 PM	Transport bags/gear to Bayview Hotel

Saturday – 24 February

8:30-9:30 AM	Harbor Clean-up Registration (Antonio's)
9:30 AM-2:30 PM	Dive the harbor area removing trash, etc.
4:00-6:00 PM	Afternoon get together at the jacuzzi/patio (Bayview Hotel)
7:00 – ?? PM (AM?)	Awards dinner at Antonio's

Sunday – 25 February

Morning	On your own to dive or play tourist
12:30-2:30 PM	Barbecue at Bayview
3:15 PM	Check in at Catalina Cruises, Avalon
4:00-5:45 PM	Cruise to Long Beach

Monday – 26 February

This is an "option" day. At the present time, we are looking at chartering transportation to go to Little Harbor on the other side of the Island for a dive/picnic. Approximate cost for transportation (including gear) is \$28.00 per person. Picnic is included. Additional night's room is \$25.00 PER person (double occupancy) for the Sunday night stay.

This event is really a lot of fun for divers, non-divers and friends. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$110.00 per person (double occupancy) which includes round trip transportation on Catalina Cruises, two nights at the Bayview Hotel, the Sunday BBQ at the Bayview, registration, the awards dinner and a souvenir T-shirt. You need to bring your own dive gear (with one full tank); provide for your meals (other than the BBQ and the awards dinner), and depart and return with the group. (Deduct \$16.00 if you do not want to have dinner at the awards ceremony.)

RESERVE EARLY. Call Kathi McNally at (213) 370-1567 (home) or (213) 812-1144 to reserve your spot. A \$35.00 deposit is required to hold a reservation. Full payment is due by 26 January 1990. Cancellation after that date may involve a loss of deposit or a room charge unless an alternate can be found to replace you. Make checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS.

Hope to see many of you there!!!! This is truly one of our best annual events.

AGAIN, PLEASE RESERVE EARLY. THERE IS A POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM SINCE MANY OF THE CATALINA CRUISE BOATS ARE STILL UP IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AND THEY ARE RUNNING ON A LIMITED SCHEDULE. WE NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS ASAP!!!

THE LAST LOBSTER DIVE

11 MARCH 1990

SAN NICOLAS

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$68

(INCLUDES FOOD AND AIR)

NON-MEMBERS \$75

This is your last chance in the 1989-1990 LOBSTER season to bag one or more of those beauties. We are going to make another run at SAN NICOLAS and see if we can get in and amongst the big 10-12 pounders that are still out there somewhere. As is now typical of the WILD WAVE we will arrive early enough to exercise our night diving skills to again prove or disprove the old nocturnal theory. Chem-lights will be required along with at least one dive light! We will make at least four dives throughout the day and will set our gate and return to boat times accordingly.

diving around SAN NICOLAS is usually suitable for all skill levels, however, relative beginners should check with the divemaster before each planned dive to ascertain ocean conditions. Inexperienced divers may not be allowed to dive if conditions — especially current, are unacceptable.

This is a great dive area and we anticipate the charter filling early. Call Michael (Borden) at (213) 372-7764 or Allen (Parker) at (213) 813-5383 for additional information. Boarding will begin at 9:00 PM on the 10th for a midnight departure. Come ride the SAN NICOLAS EXPRESS and get some real BUGS . . .

FOR SALE

1 Tank steel 72 just been in for hydro and a tumble good for at least the next five years. \$75.00

5 Scuba Pro regulators sold as is, suitable for use as a safe second. \$35.00

Contact Ken Sizemore at 371-2636

JUST FOUR YEARS AGO

Robin Grant was the president; Greg Hindman vice-president; John Mosher treasurer and Daniel Bitton newsletter editor. Our February boat dive was on the "Scuba Lover" to Santa Cruz @ \$44 and our beach dive was at Cardiac Hill (Point Vicente). Art Hill was organizing the Avalon Underwater clean-up for 1 March and our 1986 Divemaster Training Program was about to get underway. Annual dues were \$14 for TRW-ites and \$17 for others. The newsletter was pink! . . . don't know whether that was Robin's choice or Daniel's . . . !?

1990 BEACH DIVES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>FEATURE</u>	<u>KEY CONTACT**</u>
FRI-MON	23-26 FEB	AVALON HARBOR	CLEAN-UP, PARTY, ETC.	KATHI McNALLY
SAT/SUN	24 & 25 MAR	LA JOLLA	DEEP DIVE, CAMPOUT	CATHY GALE\
SUN	6 MAY	VETERANS PARK	REFRESHER, BOUILLABAISSE	BILL GARRETT
SAT-WEDS	30 JUN/4 JUL	JADE COVE	JADE, CAMPOUT, ETC.	PATRICK MINOR
FRI-SUN	24-26 AUG	LA BUFADORA, MEXICO	POTLUCK, CAMPOUT	MICHAEL BORDEN
SAT	13 OCT	WHITE POINT	PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST	KATHLEEN BENNET /KATHY BACKUS
FRI/SAT	2-3 NOV	CATALINA	BOAT, CAMPOUT	BILL GARRETT/ ALLEN PARKER

On the first Sunday of each month Ken Sizemore will be diving White point in support of the Paul Meister OOPS (Ocean Observations Project Survey) program. The Sea Divers are encouraged to be an integral part of this program.

** Cathy Gale is the Beach Dive Chairman and will be the overall coordinator for our program; key contacts are for specific dives only.

A SINGLE DAY TO CORTES

03 FEBRUARY 1990

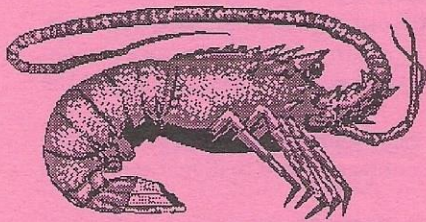
CORTES BANKS

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$74

INCLUDES FOOD AND AIR

NON-MEMBERS \$81



Panulirus inflatus (Bouvier)
"Spiny Lobster"

We have not dived CORTES BANKS since a two day affair in October of 1984. We planned a charter in early March 1989 but bad weather prevailed, so we'll try again. CORTES is a great LOBSTER area and the WILD WAVE is probably the only boat fast enough to make the banks for a single day from 22nd street.

CORTES BANKS is located about 80 miles S.S.W. of 22nd Street, about 40 miles S.W. of China Point on San Clemente Island and is almost directly and exposed dive spot the BANKS have not been dived as much as some of the closer in areas. Diving depths range from 20 to 80 feet providing generally excellent game taking possibilities. LOBSTER in particular have been abundant and the various reefs making up the banks are home to many species of good sized FISH. PHOTO and VIDEO buffs will not be disappointed.

This dive is generally considered an intermediate to advanced dive due to the BANKS full exposure to the ocean. However, relative beginners can make the dives assuming that ocean conditions relative to wave action surge and/or current are within acceptable limits. The divemasters should be consulted on your dive plan and/or experience.

This is a great dive area and we anticipate the charter filling early. Call Michael (Borden) at (213) 372-7764 or Allen (Parker) at (213) 813-5383 for further details. Boarding will begin at 9:00 PM on the 22nd for a prompt midnight departure from 22nd street. As the run will be fairly long, we plan some additional goodies for this trip. SIGN-UP HERE FOR THE BANKS.

ISLANDS

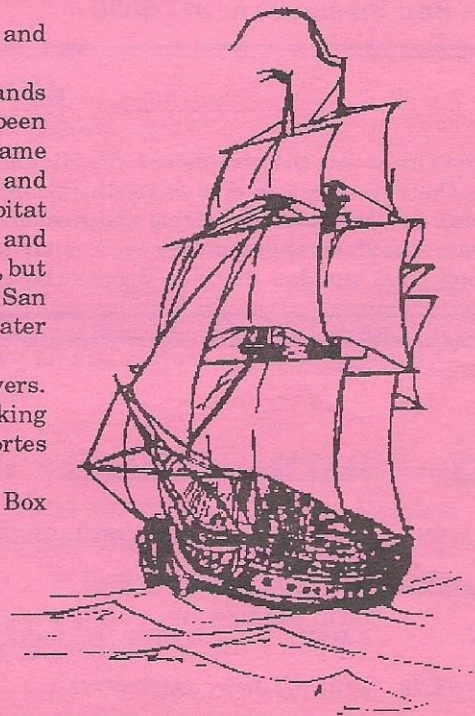
away to retrieve divers when they surface. They are extremely safety conscious and observe high standards in this regard.

The Starnes are just as concerned that their clients enjoy the beauty of the islands as well as have a fulfilling underwater experience. The San Juan islands have been described as a place where you can be in the mountains and at the ocean at the same time. The islands have abundant wildlife and are home to the bald eagle, deer and many other small animals. The surrounding water however, is a spectacular habitat for the worlds largest octopus, several families of Orca, giant kelp, the wolf eel and countless other species. Not only does everything seem bigger than in California, but more varied. The University of Washington established a marine laboratory on San Juan Island for students of marine biology because of the profusion of underwater life found there.

Cost for a three day dive cruise is \$210.00, with a maximum of 16 divers. Individual reservations are accepted or a club can get an exclusive advance booking for its members. A shuttle provides transportation between SEATAC and Anacortes three or four times a day.

Capt. Starnes and the Sea Wolf can be contacted at Discovery Charters, P.O. Box 636, Anacortes, Washington, 98221, or call (206) 293-4248

Bill Buckman



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.
 - c) For TWO DAY DIVES, a minimum of one half of the price of the dive must be received by the dive boat reservationist. Dive Boat deposits may be used as a part of the one half requirement.
- 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.



1990 BOAT DIVES

90-1	SAT	13 JAN	SANTA BARBARA	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
90-2	SAT	03 FEB	CORTES BANKS	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET
90-3	SUN	11 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET
90-4	SAT	14 APR	"OLYMPIC" & "AVALON" WRECKS/ PALOS VERDES	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
90-5	FRI/SAT	18/19 MAY	SAN MIGUEL/ SANTA ROSA	PEACE	VENTURA
90-6	SAT	02 JUN	FARNSWORTH BANKS/CATALINA	ENCORE	22ND STREET
90-7	FRI/SAT	27/28 JUL	BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS SANTA BARBARA	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
90-8	SAT	04 AUG	WILSON ROCK/TALCOTT SHOALS	WILD WAVE	VENTURA
90-9	FRI/SAT	14/15 SEP	SAN MIGUEL PASSAGE	PEACE	VENTURA
90-10	FRI	05 OCT	SAN NICOLAS	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET
90-C*	FRI/SAT	02/03 NOV	CATALINA	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET
90-11	SAT	01 DEC	SANTA BARBARA	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET

*COMBINED BOAT/CATALINA CAMPOUT AT EMERALD COVE.

Wild Wave/Charisma/Encore - 22ND Street Landing:

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

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 across Harbor Drive, go to the left on to Spinnaker Drive. Look for Milano's Italian Restaurant or if you get to the end of Spinnaker turn around and take the second left. Park adjacent to the berth which is by 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 ☐ *DATE OF LAST DIVE _____

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

THE SEA DIVERS
P. O. Box 2415
Redondo Beach, CA. 90278
(213) 372-7764

*Please include date of last dive for each diver.

Checks must be recieved at least two weeks prior to the dive date in order to guarantee your spot.

THE SEA DIVERS
P. O. BOX 2415
Redondo Beach, California 90278

FIRST CLASS MAIL

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____
ADDITIONAL NAME: (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE (____) _____
EMPLOYER _____
CERT. NUMBER _____ TYPE (NAUI, PADI, ETC.) _____
CERT. DATE _____ LACC ADP (or equivalent) _____ DATE _____
NUMBER OF DIVES LOGGED _____ DATE OF LAST DIVE _____
Do You want your name on a dive buddy list? Yes ☐ No ☐
Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin _____

1990/Dues: SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$20.00 ☐

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$30.00 ☐

SIGNATURE

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