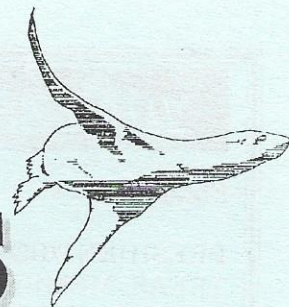




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## APRIL 1990

## MAY 1990

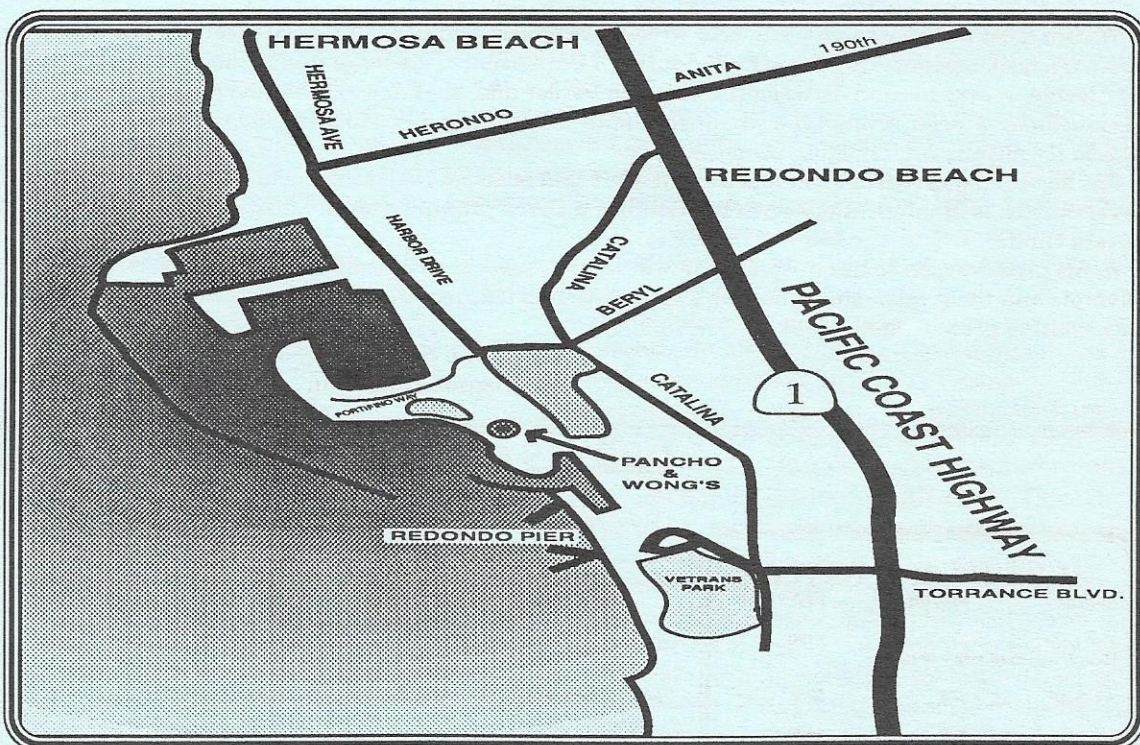
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**MAY 10** ★★★★★ EXECUTIVE MEETING BAXTER'S 7 PM  
**MAY 18-19** ★★★★★ BOAT DIVE, SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA

## JUNE 1990

**JUNE 2** ★★★ BOAT DIVE, FARNSWORTH BANKS/CATALINIA  
**JUNE 5** ★★★★★ GENERAL MEETING PANCHO & WONGS 7 PM  
**JUNE 14** ★★★★★ EXECUTIVE MEETING BAXTER'S 7 PM  
**JUNE 30** ★★★★★ BEACH DIVE/CAMPOUT, JADE COVE  
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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 Patrick 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.

## APRIL PROGRAM FEATURES WRECK DIVE AUTHOR

We are most fortunate to have a local wreck dive expert join us at our April meeting. Pat Smith has recently published a 200 page book entitled, "Shipwrecks of Southern California." This large format, soft cover book gives detailed information on 50 divable wrecks located between the Mexican border and the Point Conception area which is north of Santa Barbara. It also includes wrecks, around the Channel Islands. I have asked Pat to bring along several copies of the book. The price is \$12.95 for anyone interested in purchasing one.

Pat has been a certified diver since about 1961 and is also a NAUI instructor. This is his first book, however, he has had several articles in publications such as "California Diver", "Skin Diver Magazine", "Underwater USA", and "International Divers Guide".

In his presentation to us on April 3, he will discuss several wrecks but will be sure to include information on both the Olympic and the Avalon since the club's April dive trip features these wrecks. Be sure to join us at Pancho and Wong's for this exciting presentation.

Dicie Sizemore  
Program Chairman

## QUOTES OF AVALON — POST CLEAN-UP . . .

*"My wetsuit shrank just hanging in the closet."*

*"He's one of your's — look after him, he's going to hurt himself."*

*"I've got the smallest thing."*

*"If I drink anymore, I'll be incompetent."*

*"Oh my goodness, this kind of thing is not for us."*

*"You were in the jacuzzi — we have pictures to prove it!"*

*"I did well, I didn't do anything horrendous this morning."*



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## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

The Executive Meeting at Baxter's on the 15th of March was quite spirited and covered many subjects. One of the primary items was nomination, balloting and subsequent confirmation of The Sea Divers' execs for 1990. There was only one nomination for each of the elected officials as follows:

President	—	Allen Parker
Vice President	—	Michael Borden
Treasurer	—	Kathi McNally
Secretary	—	Cathy Gale

As a result, the Executive Committee approved a motion that a formal mailing of ballots to the general membership be abandoned and approval of the nominees be by acclamation at the general Meeting on 3 April 1990.

Dues are still coming in slowly, even after mailing reminders to those delinquent. This seems to be a way of life as it happens every year!

Our dive boats are filling early, so if you have a desire to support one of our dives, be sure to sign up and not wait until the last week or two. You should also note we have confirmed the anticipated small boat dive/regatta for Sunday 9 September 1990. We are also publishing elsewhere in the newsletter dive sign-up commitments as a reminder to members — this seems to work quite well in other clubs and helps prevent misunderstandings. Note also that members on the wait list who have paid take priority over non-paid members and club members take precedence over non-club members.

As mentioned last month, we are confirming our Cabo San Lucas trip for 19 through 22 October 1990 — mark this one up as it promises to be a fantastic trip!

Spring is upon us, the diving should be great — GET OUT AND GET WET and JOIN US MORE OFTEN.

**AP**

### **1990 CATALINA CLEAN-UP**

by  
**Cathy Gale**

At 4 PM Friday, I happened to turn on the news just in time to learn that the L.A. Harbor had been closed due to a toxic substance leaking from a freighter. My first reaction was "the trip is going to be cancelled!" I immediately called Catalina Cruise and found that Long Beach had not been affected.....Ready or not, Catalina was once again going to be invaded by the Sea Divers.

Once we finally arrived in Avalon, Dee Lawrence and I were assigned Room 301, the luxury suite at the fabulous Bay View Hotel. We had all the amenities, an actual view of the bay and a TV that tuned in 3 channels....What more could a Sea Diver ask for?

The first evening proved to be very entertaining, this is when Mike Butler earned his booby prize, Allen showed us his new style of dancing and Brian and Edie had an unexpected visitor.

When Saturday morning rolled around, it was time to hit the water. Our group dove off Casino point this year. We competed against over 200 divers (the largest group ever) to see who could bring up the best trash and the most trash. Items brought out by the Sea Diver garbage crew included: the sword of a swordfish, "Welcome Aboard" mat, lock and key, metal pipes, bottles, window, top off of an engine, flashlight, clay pigeon, batteries and a fishing rod and reel. Jon Hardy commented that much more trash was taken from the harbor than was anticipated.

Saturday evening was spent at the infamous Antonio's for the awards banquet. Several Sea Divers won awards:

### ***SPLISH, SPLASH, WHAMMO***

For the third time this year, weather was a possible factor for our planned trip on the Wild Wave to San Nicolas on 11 March. The previous dives in January and February worked out just fine with the weather clearing just in time. So why not anticipate going three for three ...

It rained most of Saturday evening as full boat of Sea Divers boarded ready for the run to San Nic. Mickey P, Joe I., and our galley girl arrived at 11:30 p.m. for a 12:01 a.m. departure. Half the group was still in the Galley swapping stories and waiting for the first indication of ocean conditions at the L.A. gate of the breakwater.

We pulled out just after midnight per plan — smooth run to the L.A. gate — out into the open — ocean not bad at all — V-12's singing — we may make it — some water spraying over the starboard side — now over the bridge decks awash — WHAMMO — double WHAMMO. We are talking BIGGIES, real BIGGIES. Dave G. levitated from his bunk into the galley, eyes about three inches across — others followed almost immediately. Throttles back, Mickey began a wide, sweeping turn to port leery of another set of biggies catching us in the wrong position. Turning complete, we headed back into 22nd Street. Everything was soaked — what the rain didn't get, the ocean did. There was obviously a lot of disappointed divers, BUT NOT ONE COMPLAINT See you in April...





## Catalinia

Honorable mention: Scott Williams for the smallest object - a guitar pick and Frank Hammel for the best dressed diver.

Plaque awards: The Sea Diver club for being the most helpful, Kathleen Bennett and Ken Sizemore received the sporting goods award for bringing up a full box of tackle, Dee Lawrence and Frank Hammel won the most perverted story award. It had something to do with a 10 inch screw, chains, lock and key, and a crawling crab? This story was too perverted for me!

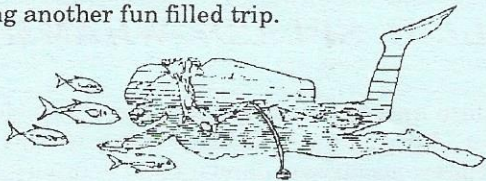
About half of our group then proceeded to win door prizes.

Sunday morning Ken led several hearty souls in a dive on the Sujac. Several of us that remained at the hotel were led by Kathy Bachus in a singing room raid on Bob Stivers. Scott Williams then proceeded to take us on his own personalized golf cart inland motor tour. "Oh give me a home, where the buffalo roam".

Sunday afternoon the Sea Divers had a barbecue and our own awards ceremony. Kathleen Bennett won for the most unusual trash nobody could figure out what it was. Someone suggested it was 'as diver's chastity belt. Bob Stivers correctly identified it as a dredge.

Mike Butler was awarded the booby prize for his entertaining/unusual behavior on Friday night.

Congratulations and thanks were given to Allen and Kathi for organizing another fun filled trip.



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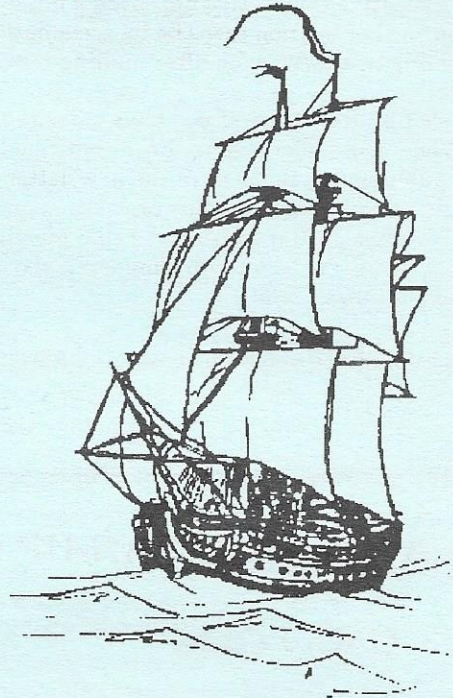
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## CABO SAN LUCAS

The club is organizing a trip to Cabo Oct 19-21, two sun/fun filled days of great diving. Approximate price is \$500.00. Days can be added on an individual basis. \$50.00 deposit required to hold your spot.

Contact Linda Monosmith days at (213) 376-8956 or evenings at (213) 376-9226.



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### THE SEA DIVERS SHOP

- Show your Sea Divers membership card for special discounts.
- Specials on Dacor and Tekna Fins
- 20-25% discount on all dive computers.
- More details in the next Newsletter.
- Barry Friedman from Sea d Sea will be at the April General Meeting — Be There!





14 February 1990

(TRW) Sea Divers  
c/o Patrick L. Minor

One Space Park  
Redondo Beach, California 90278

The Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber would like to thank the membership of the Sea Divers for their support through TRW's ECHO program. This past year has seen the number of TRW individual contributors double, and the amount given: triple! Thank you, one and all.

This facility for the treatment of diving casualties has been in continuous operation since October 1974 with the help of our volunteer crew. In that time we have treated over 400 diving related patients (a few of whom were members of your "Sea Diver family"). Thanks to your support, and the support of others, we are still here serving the community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. No patient with medical need has ever been turned away from here and, with your help, we intend to continue this tradition. In addition to our mission of caring for diving casualties, the Chamber staff remains active in their role of providing informational and educational programs in diving accident management and general diving safety to the community.

Although about half of the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber's operational budget is provided under contract by the County of Los Angeles, it is the commitment and support of the Southern California community that meets the rest of our operational needs. Once again, thank you for your support. We need you!

Sincerely yours,

  
Ronald A. Ryan  
Program Manager

## DIVE COMMITMENTS

APRIL 14 (Saturday)  
CHARISMA

1. ERIC ANDERSON
2. VICTOR APPEL
3. KATHLEEN BENNETT
4. JACK BRYANT
5. CHARLOTTE CANBEER
6. JOHN DINES
7. CATHY GALE
8. STEVE GALE
9. BRUCE GILES
10. FRANK GLEASON
11. DAVE GUNNING
12. FRANK HAMELL
13. PAT JOHNSON
14. STEVE KAVANAUGH
15. PETE KENEFICK
16. NICK LOPEZ
17. KATHI McNALLY
18. ANDY MONHEISER
19. LINDA MONOSMITH
20. JOHN MOWREY
21. LINDA MURRAY
22. ERIN OAKLEY
23. KELLY OAKLEY
24. DON PARISH
25. ALLEN PARKER
26. DAN PORTWAY
27. MATT ROCKOFF
28. JAMES ROWLEY
29. DAN SANGER
30. DICIE SIZEMORE
31. KEN SIZEMORE
32. BOB TINTI
33. SCOTT WILLIAMS
34. PHIL WISSEMAN
35. (OPEN)
36. (OPEN)

MAY 18-19 (Fri/Sat)  
PEACE

- SANDRA ANDERSON  
KATHLEEN BENNETT  
DANIEL BITTON  
MICHAEL BORDEN  
KATHY DACEY  
JOHN DELANEY  
CATHY GALE  
BILL GARRETT  
BRUCE GILES  
JONATHAN GORDON  
ROBIN GRANT  
FAISAL HAROON  
ART HILL  
PETE KENEFICK  
PETER LANDECKER  
DEE LAWRENCE  
DIANE MCLAUGHLIN  
DON MCLAUGHLIN  
MIKE MCLAUGHLIN  
KATHI McNALLY  
PAT MINOR  
LINDA MONOSMITH  
JOHN MOWREY  
ALLEN PARKER  
VANN PARKER  
DAN PORTWAY  
LYNNE ROBINSON  
DAVID SERENA  
DICIE SIZEMORE  
KEN SIZEMORE  
WES STEPP  
CHANDRA TENLEY

(Full with a  
wait list)

## CLEAN-UP — OPTION DAY AFTER-MATH

After transporting bags, tanks, dive gear, etc. for those departing Sunday, the remaining eight Sea Divers kept the two rented golf carts for an additional hour and did most of the local sight-seeing tour. We then retreated to the Mexican restaurant near the hotel hors d'oeuvres and margaritas, and then onto the Casino Theater the movie was "Always" for which we arrived 25 minutes late!!! Following the movie, it was jacuzzi time, then into the sack in an almost deserted Bay View. Monday was just beautiful and as planned, we took the 3-hour Inland Motor Tour definitely beats working. The 4:00 p.m. boat had all of 50 people on board and we took the opportunity to break out a little champagne as we left the mole — in celebration of a fantastic weekend, and the conclusion of our fifth (I think!?) Avalon Harbor Clean-up weekend. If you didn't go, you missed another beauty. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

## ..... OTHER QUOTES OF THE MONTH

*"If the limit on lobster was one, I'd have a better chance to limit out."*

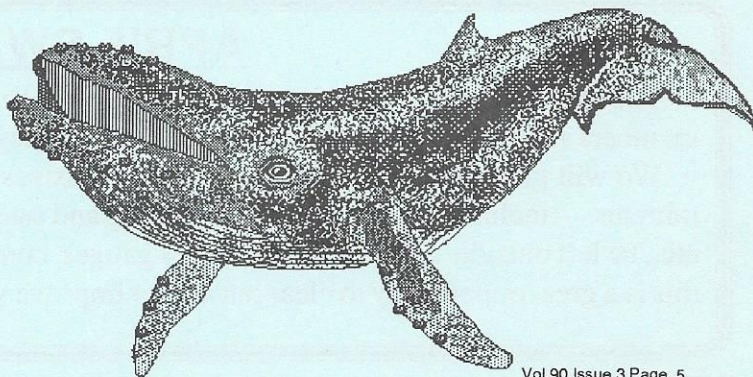
*"He had four reasons he wimped out — he's broke, it's a Sunday dive, the water's cold, and he hasn't had any luck at San Nic this year."*

*"Kathy, why weren't you invited to his bachelor party?"*

*"I could hear all this water sloshing around — and it wasn't under the boat."*

## U. S. DIVERS RECALL

U. S. Divers is recalling thier 1990 models of the "Elan", "Select" and "SBC" Buoyancy compensators — if you have one of these, return it to the shop/supplier immediately





## JUST EIGHT YEARS AGO ....

Bonnie Chettle was the President; Bob Revius, Vice President; Cathy Mueller, Treasurer; Dave Serena, Secretary; and Robin Grant was almost everything else!! We met at Lococo's and our big issue of the month was buddy diving pros and cons. the April 1982 boat dive was to Santa Barbara on the Charisma at \$36. and our beach dive was at Aliso Creek, advertised as an "uncomplicated surf entry." Don Mueller was our scribe For "Hysterical History," with the April article on sea urchin tagging — really!! — those beauties move real fast, and range far and wide ...!?!? We were advertising an Abalone Cleaning Class; an Advanced Life Saving Class; the LAC Advanced Dive Program, and asking for volunteers for the Halloween Party Committees.

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## CHANGE IN CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE FOR ABALONE

**MINIMUM SIZE:** Reds-7", Greens, Pinks and Whites 6", Blacks 5"  
All other species 4"

*North of Yankee Point (Monterey County)*

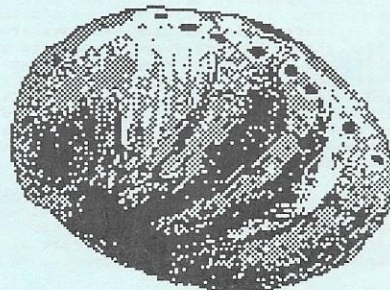
Season: Open during April thru June and August thru November,  
No SCUBA allowed when hunting abs.

**Limit: 4 in any combination of species.**

*South of Yankee Point;*

Season: Open from March 1 thru September 30 except as follows: Palos  
Verdes to Doheny Beach Marine Reserve — closed year round.

**Limit: 2 in any combination of species**



**Haliotis rufescens**  
**"Red Abalone"**  
**30 cm long, 24 cm wide**

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## **The Buck Fantod Chronicles**

by  
**David Finnern**  
**Chapter 1**

For the benefit of the few of you who haven't heard of me, my name is Buck Fantod, internationally known wreck diver and treasure entrepreneur. Having been asked to expose the real truth behind the rumors, I have decided to finally come forth and tell the true story of the search for the ultimate treasure ship. I have kept quiet all these years in order to protect the innocent involved, but because of the vindictive rumors which have circulated, I now feel the need to expose the real story.

Although most certainly I am not without faults, I would first like to dispel the heinous rumor that I was kicked of the UDT for planting a limet mine under a battleship and salvaging the ports. This is merely a cruel tale which has no basis in fact whatsoever. It was a destroyer, and only a short hulled destroyer at that. And I returned every porthole following the court martial.

With that clarified, I'll begin my story. It all began the winter of 1954. Having just received my discharge papers from the Navy, I could now devote full time to follow my dream, a dream that was to become a compulsive force which would dictate the rest of my life: To find the ultimate treasure ship!

There was only one wreck that qualified to be called the "ultimate": a Chinese pirate ship. Sold to the Philippines and

**SEE BUCK PAGE 8**

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## **APRIL SWAP MEET**

The club will have several items at highly reduced prices, and our T-shirts will be "priced for sale!" Club members should bring along any dive related gear they wish to sell, bargain with or just plain give it away.

We will plan to move quickly through our business portion of the meeting and then provide about 20 minutes — including the break for bargaining and sales. We request that larger items such as tanks, boats, etc., be left outside. Smaller items such as gauges, computers, masks, etc. can be brought inside. We think this is a great opportunity to clear out and/or improve your dive gear status, so come along and participate.



**18/19 MAY 1990  
MEMBERS \$159**

**PEACE IS UPON US  
SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA  
(INCLUDES FOOD, AIR AND PARTY!)**

**PEACE  
NON-MEMBERS \$174**

Seems like only yesterday we were on the PEACE for our September two-day — but here it is approaching May, some eight months later, and another great two-day to SAN MIGUEL and SANTA ROSA.

We will leave Ventura Marina in the early AM on Friday the 18th, and cruise over night to the east end of SANTA ROSA Island where we'll begin diving for the day. We will work along either the north side of the island or the south side depending on weather and ocean conditions, making five or six dives for the day. The pinnacles and reefs around SANTA ROSA provide a habitat for large RED ABALONE, SCALLOPS, FISH and superior spots for PHOTOGRAPH and/or VIDEO. An early evening twilight dive may be featured at or near our overnight anchorage.

Once anchored for the night, we will partake of dinner PEACE-style. Dinner will include several varieties of wine for those wishing to partake. Socializing, story telling, and general hot tub activities are the order of the day and usually provide for a very pleasant evening.

The second day— Saturday, the 19th — will be spent around SAN MIGUEL and again, depending on weather and ocean conditions, we will dive LITTLE WILSON, WILSON ROCK or RICHARDSON'S ROCK. We anticipate three or four dives on the second day before our cruise back to Ventura. Game in the SAN MIGUEL environs is more plentiful than on any of the other Channel Islands.

Typical diving on our two-day trips is suitable for all levels of experience, however, dives at WILSON or RICHARDSON'S ROCK are advanced dives in all but perfect weather/ocean conditions. Dive masters should be consulted before making potentially difficult dives — know your own personal limits.

If you just want to dive a little and/or cruise a lot, there is no better boat or trip than this! We will add to the charter with other goodies, including prizes for boobie, sign-in and hero; fun and socializing. As you all know, the PEACE is an extremely popular boat and as of this writing (mid-March) the boat is already full with a wait list. For wait list sign-up — THERE ARE ALWAYS CANCELLATIONS — call Michael (Borden) at (213) 372-7764 for sign-up, and/or Allen(Parker) at (213) 813-2955, for details on the dive. DON'T MISS THIS ONE AGAIN if you do, sign up for September now!!!

**BEACH DIVE  
6 MAY 1990 VETRANS PARK, REDONDO BEACH**

Mark your calenders for the Sunday 6 May dive just south of the pier at Redondo. We will dive the old pier pilings and the canyon in teh AM and then plan to have a bouillabaisse cook-out after diving. This has been great fun in the past, and we anticipate a good turn-out. More details in next month's Newsletter and at the General Meeting.

**1990 BEACH DIVES**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>FEATURE</u>	<u>KEY CONTACT**</u>
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-MON	19-22 OCT	CABO SAN LUCAS	BOAT, BEACH,PARTY, ETC.	LINDA MONOSMITH
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.



## SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT

14 APRIL 90

### **"OLYMPIC" AND "AVALON" WRECKS AND PALOS VERDES (INCLUDES FOOD AND AIR)**

CHARISMA

MEMBERS \$55

NON-MEMBERS \$62

This charter is one of our once a year opportunities to sample and or/experience something different. On our second trip in 1990 with the mighty CHARISMA out of 22nd Street. We will be diving on the fascinating wrecks of the "OLYMPIC" and "AVALON" followed by two or three shallower dives on some of the excellent reefs around the PALOS VERDES PENINSULA. In addition, for those divers not used to deep diving, there will be a mini-seminar on board on wreck and deep diving, plus the grouping of less experienced divers with advanced divers, dive masters or instructors. As part of the day's activities, each diver will be provided with an eight to ten page handout describing in detail the history, sinking, present condition (with sketches) and general diving tips on both wrecks and a summary of diving around the PALOS VERDES coastline. We will also have a couple of prizes on board for the "hero" and "boobie" of the day!

We will leave the dock at 7:00 AM sharp and head on out to the "OLYMPIC" some 3-1/2 miles out from L.A. Harbor. The "OLYMPIC" was built in Belfast, Ireland, and launched in 1877 as the STAR OF FRANCE. She was an iron hulled, square-rigged bark of 1,644 tons, 258 feet long and 38 feet wide. Some 63 years later she was rammed amid ships by the "SAKITO MARU" about 7:00AM on 4 September 1940, and sank within minutes with 17 of 24 on board surviving. The "OLYMPIC" lies essentially on the, starboard side in about 100 feet of water. The highest part of the bow is about 70 feet below the surface with the bowsprit extending out over the sandy bottom. The midship section is approximately parallel to the sand and is in relatively poor shape, however, mast stubs are visible, as is the deck pump and its large spoked wheels. Also, if you spend a little time on the port side, you can still see the remains of the huge V, cut by the "SAKITO MARU" The top of the stern is about 80 feet below the surface and this section is between 40 and 50 feet long. The whole wreck is covered with strawberry anemones. It is a fascinating dive.

We will then head off towards PALOS VERDES POINT and the wreck of the "AVALON" some 15 miles from the "OLYMPIC". The "AVALON" was built in Cleveland, Ohio, and launched in 1891 as the "S.S. VIRGINIA." She was a steel hulled, triple deck, twin screw passenger steam ship of 1,985 tons, 265 feet long, and 38 feet wide. Some 69 years later, while being used in salvage attempts of the "S.S. DOMINATOR", she sank during the night of 18 July 1960, after breaking away from her moorings in a violent storm. There was no loss of life. The "AVALON" rests in about 70 feet of water, between and parallel to the rocky ridges, with the major wreck sections partially on their port side. The relatively intact bow section is some 90 feet from the rest of the wreck, which begins with a debris field that includes steel deck plates and hull ribs. The debris field slowly rises and is connected to the very recognizable stern section. There is a small cabin and the deck crane (complete with tracks) and its separated derrick off the port side of the stern section. Some sections of the wreck are covered with a variety of sea life.

Wreck diving over, we will begin to work our way around the PALOS VERDES PENINSULA towards San Pedro, picking two or three of the best reefs for some relatively shallow diving. Surprisingly to some, marine life flourishes in the area with excellent prospects for spearing several popular and good size varieties of FISH, including calico bass, VIDEO and PHOTO enthusiasts will not be at all disappointed with the underwater opportunities in the coves, on the reefs and in the kelp forests. We anticipate a very interesting day out with an unusual selection of dives, that should provide for more than the average charter. Call Michael (Borden) at (213) 372-7764 for sign up or Allen (Parker at (213) 813-2955 for more details. Typically our April dives fill early—first dive after winter or something!!!

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## **BUCK**

refurbished as a Manila Galleon, stolen by Spain and refitted as a Spanish Frigate, bought by American businessmen to be put on display in Europe and confiscated by Hitler at the beginning of World War II: the Ning Fred. Only a handful of people knew of the Ning Fred and that it sank near the end of World War II with a shipment of gold that was to secretly purchase Australian Army hats for German soldiers to boost their sagging morale. I had spent all of my spare time in the last ten years researching the ship and had narrowed the wreck location to one of two geographic specifics: Either Egypt or Tasmania.

I arrived in the tiny village of Picoima, Tasmania, just as the sun declined below the sultry, jungle covered peaks. I needed a drink. It was difficult to relax in the humidity, especially since I knew I had enemies. Word had gotten out about my search and there was little doubt rival wreck divers were tailing me.

I slipped into the sleazy little bar as inconspicuously as possible. The air was thick with cigar smoke and filled with the stench of unbathe and overworked peons. Wreck divers! I thought to myself.

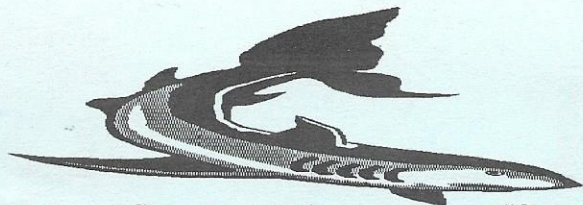
The room was hotter than a Mexican Jail cell. I slowly walked toward an empty table. Dropping my duffel bag on the floor, I reclined in the rickety cane chair and began to scan the perimeter of the bar for the familiar face of a rival treasure hunter. It was difficult to concentrate as off key piano notes seemed to suspend themselves in the dense air. I sought the direction from which the music radiated. In the corner, an antiquated upright piano seemed to dwarf a small Asian man who haphazardly punched at the keys in a pathetic attempt to play *As the time goes by*.

I continued scanning the bar room past the piano player Through the smoky haze appeared a familiar face. She sat on a barstool as sultry and seductive as ever — Thelma Bartholomski, and Ex-Soviet spy who defected to the United States to become a wreck diver

CONTINUES NEXT MONTH IF I HAVE ANYMORE







## 1990 BOAT DIVES

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-S	SUN	09 SEPT	PALOS VERDES	(SMALLBOATS)	KING HARBOR
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
90-12	SUN	16 DEC	SANTA CRUZ CHANNEL/ANACAPA	PEACE	VENTURA

\* 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

### 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 recieved 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 Sea Diver 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.

### 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.



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P. O. BOX 2415  
Redondo Beach, California 90278

# FIRST CLASS MAIL

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



KATHI McNALLY  
20405 ANZA AVE., #50  
TORRANCE, CA 90503

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	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prorated quarterly for <u>new</u> members
	FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$22.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prorated quarterly for <u>new</u> members

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SIGNATURE

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Please fill in completely: incomplete forms may not be accepted.