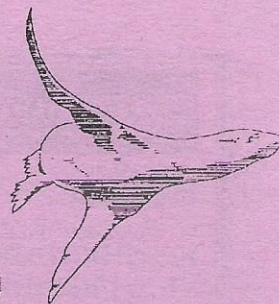


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JUNE 1990

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AUGUST 1990

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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.

U. S. DIVERS REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESENT DIVE COMPUTERS, ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

The June program will feature a representative from U. S. Divers, who will present a slide show and explain all there is to know about dive computers, then will take questions and give explanations on how they work. So if you have a computer or are planning on getting one or maybe just thinking about it, you won't want to miss this excellent opportunity to get all the facts.

Thank you Dicie for this great opportunity.

Patrick Minor
Newsletter editor

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"CAN I GET UNDER YOUR SEAT? — MAYBE I DON'T KNOW YOU WELL ENOUGH"

"MY DIVE COMPUTER IS FLASHING ME!"

"FRANK, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE TRY TO DO A BACK FLIP INTO THEIR WEIGHT BELT — THAT'S IMPRESSIVE"

"MY JOB ON THE BOAT IS NOT TO GET WET"

"HOW COME WHEN I'M DIVING WITH YOU WE'RE THE FIRST IN — WHEN I'M NOT YOU'RE THE LAST?"

"DON'T GO IN THE PORT SIDE HEAD, IT'S A THING OF BEAUTY IN THERE"

"THIS IS THE FIRST, DIVE BOAT I'VE BEEN ON WHEN I HAVEN'T BEEN SICK"

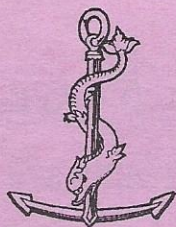
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Our May Executive Meeting was supported by twelve execs and members — I really appreciate the support. Of the topics vigorously discussed, two items continue to be highlighted. As stated in last month's Exec write-up, a few members (and non-members) continue to cancel late for upcoming dives. The re-enforcement of our existing policy appears to have improved our situation somewhat, but it is obvious that our two-day(or multi-day) policy requires revision. Such revision will be a major topic at the June Executive meeting, as will the boat dive schedule for 1991 (which will also be discussed at the General Meeting). The second item is our Halloween Party which this year is going to be quite different — exactly what we haven't yet decided — inputs are very welcome, especially for a volunteer or draftee to lead the charge! We anticipate less volunteer work on committees this year.

The club is generally in excellent shape. Our treasury is slowly rebuilding after paying the expenses associated with incorporation as THE SEA DIVERS. The relationship with Sea d Sea is working very well and benefiting both the shop and the club. If you have any inputs on the way we run or plan to run the club, our schedules, whatever, please call one of the executives listed on the opposite page and give us your input. By the way, you winter faint hearts — it's almost summer — COME OUT AND DIVE WITH US!

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WRECK DIVE AFTERMATH

Saturday the 14th of April started out overcast as we left the dock at 22nd Street on board the CHARISMA heading the three and a half miles or so to the wreck of the "Olympic." Some twenty or so minutes later, we were over the wreck, in calm water with the depth finder yelling metal all over the place. We anchored and sent the boat divemaster down to see if we were really on the wreck with the anchor line. Missed! But not by much, so we re-anchored after waiting for two divers in a Zodiac who were probably not ready for an anchor and several hundred (maybe thousands) of pounds of chain to be dropped 100 feet into their dive area!!

After a short briefing on the wreck and diving conditions, all but two of our divers made the dive. Visibility was 10-15' and somewhat dark, making dive lights the preferable way to go. However, as always, It was a spectacular dive. The "Olympic" has not changed much in the last several years, and all the major features are still there.

We then cruised the fourteen miles or so into bright sunshine to the "Avalon." As anticipated, Phil Bergeron and friends were already anchored to the stern section of the wreck and had placed a white marker on the bow section. Skipper John was delighted as the "Avalon" is sometimes difficult to find amongst the rock formations. We dropped anchor across the wreck, or so we thought!! After another short briefing on the specifics of the "Avalon," the diving began. following the anchor line down did not guarantee hitting the wreck as the anchor was somewhat past the main part. However, most figured out the situation and back tracked slightly to the main sections of the wreck. Visibility was 15-25' — just great. The stern section has collapsed significantly in the last two years, but the crane, jib and other major structural elements are all recognizable, especially the twin screw tunnels. The bow section is still intact.

We completed our diving with our third dive on the Marine-land reef and then a fourth in the area just north of Point Vicente. Visibility was again 15-25'. Scallops were found in both areas. Including a lot of small ones — a good sign. We cruised back to 22nd Street in bright sunshine which we had most of the day. It was a superb day of diving — with dives of 90-100 feet, 65-75 feet, 40-50 feet and 30-40 feet, in calm, relatively clear water on a warm spring day on the CHARISMA with a good group of folks . . . what more could we ask? Oh, one last item — we awarded the booby prize to Steve Kavanaugh, one of our divemasters, for over sleeping and holding up our departure. Way to go Steve!

LESSONS LEARNED — AGAIN!

I wrote a Lesson's Learned in the May 1989 newsletter regarding the potential loss of fins in the surf line on beach dives. In that particular instance, I was diving with my looser boat dive fin strap and boot setup through the surf, losing one fin in the process. At the Veteran's Park beach dive 6 May 1990, two of our divers lost fins in the surf line for exactly the same reason!!? **LESSON UP FOLKS — tighten fin straps for beach entries!**

DIVE COMMITMENTS

27/28 JULY (Fri/Sat) CHARISMA

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3. JOHN DELANEY
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AUGUST WILD ONE

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WILSON ROCK/TALCOTT SHOALS

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$69

(INCLUDES FOOD AND AIR)

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The WILD WAVE, Mickey and his gang go on vacation from 22nd Street to Ventura Marina in August each year. This year we will be taking the WILD WAVE to WILSON ROCK and TALCOTT SHOALS, on a single day charter.

We will make the overnight run on the north side of the Channel Islands arriving at WILSON ROCK early in the morning of the fourth. WILSON ROCK is located just over two miles northwest of Harris Point on SAN MIGUEL island, and is really exposed to the forces of the ocean. There are two wash rocks at the southeastern end of the WILSON ROCK plateau which is about one mile long and three quarters of a mile wide. There are many pinnacles and flat expanses of rock with sheer walls, plateaus, crevices and ledges to explore at tremendously varying depths, all with a rich variety of marine life. For the hunter SCALLOPS, ABALONE, and FISH abound. For the PHOTO and/or VIDEO folks and the LOOKY-LOOS there is almost every form of California sea-life to be seen. It is one of the top two or three dive spots in southern California. In good conditions diving is relatively easy. Otherwise, due to currents, depths (to over sport dive limits), surface chop, and a swinging boat, diving will be limited to the advanced corps. Sea Diver divemasters will assist in dive planning.

Following our WILSON ROCK dive we will head back to the TALCOTT SHOALS area, which is a series of shelf-like reefs located off the northwest end of SANTA ROSA Island. The reefs vary in depth from a shallow crest at 10 feet where the wreck of the "Aggi Norge" (a 265 foot steel-hulled Norwegian sailing ship) lies, to depths of 60 and 70 feet. The reefs are home for a tremendous variety of marine life, including ABALONE, SCALLOPS and FISH. Although LOBSTER are out of season, they are quite plentiful in this area, and it never hurts to scout these little beauties out for later reference!?! Opportunities for great PHOTO and/or VIDEO are plentiful. We will make two or three dives in the TALCOTT area, which stretches for several miles along the SANTA ROSA coast. Weather conditions permitting the dive(s) will be suitable for all skill levels. Divemasters will assist in dive decision making. After our two or three dives at TALCOTT are over, we will head back to Ventura with our now established full steak late lunch/early dinner WILD WAVE style.

The WILD WAVE charter to the outer Channel Islands the last two years proved very popular and there will be some "extracurricular activities" this year! Be sure to be on board by calling Scott (Williams) at (213) 371-9985. For additional information call Allen (Parker) at (213) 813-2955. Boarding will begin at 9:00 PM on the 3rd for a midnight departure. The berth number is not available at this time, but will be furnished once it is provided to us.

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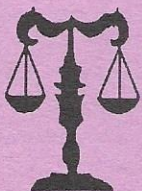
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- Barry Friedman from Sea d Sea will be at the June General Meeting — Be There, for other announcements!



JADE COVE CAMPOUT

Jade Cove is 40 miles south of Big Sur and 40 miles north of San Simeon. It is noted for loose chunks of nephrite jade at and below the water line. It is real jade but of poor grade so it is not worth much. Once one finds a nice size specimen, jade fever usually takes over. And you can have 5 days to find some!

DIRECTIONS – It is approximately 5–6 hours driving from the South Bay area to Plaskett Creek. Go north on 101 thru Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo. Exit at the Hwy 1 off-ramp for Morro Bay head north to San Simeon. Twenty nine miles past San Simeon you will pass through a very small town called Gorda. Look for the Plaskett Creek campground sign on the east side of Hwy 1 about 2½–3 miles north of Gorda.

WHAT TO DO – The diving at Jade Cove is noted for its beauty in addition to its gems. There are large lingcod and other rock fish for the games man. Usually here is a thick kelp bed to cope with and conditions can be harsh and variable. The hike to the beach is through 100 yards of meadow land and down a 150' cliff along a steep switch-back dirt trail. For those not wanting to cope with the cliff, several miles up north is Willow Creek where you can drive down to the beach. It is a sandy beach entry with rocky patches out further that are great for the photographer and the browser. The fresh water from the creek is a highlight too. Other things to do besides diving are hiking, photography, bird watching, volleyball, catching up on R&R and meeting fellow club members. On Saturday, the 30th there will be a Pot Luck dinner and on Tuesday night there will be a traditional 4th of July dinner (but on the 3rd!) – hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beans, etc. Sign-ups for what items people want to bring will be at the June general meetings.

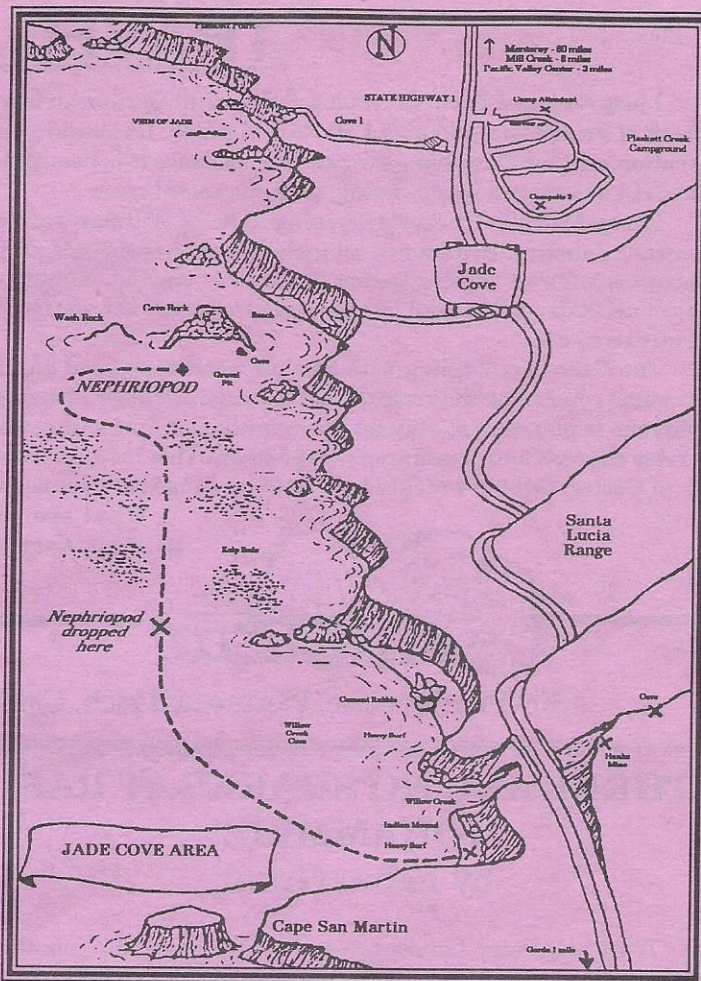
CAMPSITE & FEES – The club has reserved group campsite #3 on the southeast end of the campground. It can accommodate 50 people and 8 parking slots. The campsite is designed for tents and there are tables, stoves, fire pits, vault toilets, and drinking water. No showers are available in this area. Camping fee is \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members, children (under 12) are free. Checks are to be made out to TRW Sea Divers. Cancellation notice must be given 7 days before June 30 (June 23) to Patrick Minor with a confirmed acknowledgment of your call in order to receive a refund.

WHAT TO BRING – Camping gear, cooking utensils,

BOUILLABAISSE DAY

We picked a great day, clear skies and hot! For those of us that made a dive in the AM, entry and exit were somewhat sporty, especially as most of us are not heavily into beach diving — surf was definitely UP! Visibility was in the 10–12' range, not bad for prevailing ocean conditions. All divers were safely out of the water by 11:00 a.m.

Chef Garrett was somewhat late (long story about a limousine and a ladder), but we began by preparing abalone for the hors d'oeuvres, and munching on other non-bouillabaisse goodies. After finding out that the stove was bereft of propane, we finally got fired up and prepared the abalone and shrimp hors d'oeuvres. Now into the bouillabaisse — the outcome was one of the best tasting bouillabaisse we've had — at least in recent memory! It was literally stuffed full of crab, scallops, shrimp, clams, mussels, fish and veggies. A superior brew to say the least! Others ate at will on a huge variety of potluck items. We dived, ate ourselves silly, flew kites, played water pistols, and just had a great time. Over thirty folks showed up for part or all of the activities . . . see you next year?



warm clothing for the evening, full diving gear, firewood, hiking boots, abalone iron (to move gravel in your search for jade), small diving light, and as many tanks as you would like to dive with. The nearest air station is 55 miles south in Cayucos at Bill's Sporting Goods. There are small stores in Gorda or 2 miles north of the campground for ice, gas, etc.

Come and join in on the fun. Sign up lists will be at the June general meeting. If you have any questions, please call Patrick Minor at (213) 376-8540 (eves) or (213) 813-4468 (days.)

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TRAVEL CORNER

I just returned From Barbados, a beautiful Caribbean island with beautiful people. I had a very enjoyable dive on the wreck of Friar's Craig in about 50 Feet of water. It is still in excellent condition with a tractor crane on the deck. It is a good vacation spot for diver/non-diver couples because it is beautiful and romantic and while the diving is not as exciting as Cayman, it is warm water diving, with nice coral reefs.

Kathy McNally has been listening to Scott Williams rave about his yearly pilgrimage to Hedonism II, an all inclusive resort in Jamaica. In Jamaica all inclusive resorts include all your drinks, food, lodging, tips and activities. She has decided to launch her own trip November 21. Scott is leaving January 4. Anyone interested in joining either departure please contact one of us. Rates will be published in next month's newsletter. Yes there is diving in Jamaica and it is available at the resort at no extra cost.

The Cabo trip is filling with 14 club members signed up. If you are thinking about going, please call me soon. Because the same conditions that create best diving in October also create the best fishing, it is a very popular month in Cabo. Almost everyone is planning to stay for four nights and that new revised price (the airfare went up but we have included the service charges and two dinners) is \$530 pp. This includes two days of two tank diving, one of them at Cabo Pulmo in the Sea of Cortez. Bubble watchers are \$405 pp. and this includes a snorkeling trip.

What are your summer diving vacation plans? Please use this space to share them. Contact me, Linda Monosmith, at Beach Travel.



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THERE ARE NO SHARKS AT RAS MOHAMMED!!

by Robin Grant

Trust me! Peter Landecker and I dove there last month. However there are beautiful reefs and other hungry fish, but I am getting ahead of myself. Let me start at the beginning.

We boarded the Lady Jenny V in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt on Monday, March 5 at 6 PM after a security check where they made us take all our luggage through an x-ray machine. Tuesday we began 5 days of diving some very beautiful spots and having exciting experiences. Not all of them are mentioned below.

We both started our journey and ended at a place called Temple. We dove with weight measured in kilos and 12 liter steel tanks filled to 3000 PSI or 200 Bar. This was one of the few beautiful dives that we could enter right off the 96' Lady Jenny, V. Temple was a beautiful pinnacle with lionfish, fire coral, stonefish, feather stars and wrasses. On the night dive I saw unusual night life including little baby tridacnas with blue lips that glittered like sequins.

At **Fishermans Bank** I saw Turtles, baby electric rays, and an unusual encrusting black and white sponge with what looked like stalactites hanging from it.

We dove twice at **Sting Ray Station**. The first dive our guide demonstrated how to approach a sting ray in order to pet it. I subsequently saw a baby blue-spotted sting ray and was able to pet it. That was exciting. The second dive toward the end of the trip provided one of the most spectacular sights of the whole trip for me. As I emerged from a crevice in the rocks at about 20', I was greeted by the sun shining on huge orange gorgonians, purple soft corals, my favorite blue bouquet coral the acropora, white corals, staghorn corals and just all kinds of soft corals that were stunning together. This was the kind of vision I had hoped all my dives would encompass. There were few sting rays this time however.

We dove several times at **Bluff Point** on Gubal Island and I saw something unique on each dive. One time I saw an

adolescent tridacna in green turbinaria and a red rose (Spanish Dancer eggs.) The next dive I saw sleeping sharks — white tips about 5-6' long. They were all nestled (head first) into holes in the rocks and when we petted them and pulled their tails they just wriggled deeper into their hole. There were at least 30-50 nestled in various spots along the point. The third dive I saw dolphins swimming underwater near us.

Then the diver's Mecca — **Ras Mohammed**. Truly, we could have spent the whole week there and seen something different on each dive. We dove **Shark Reef** which was just

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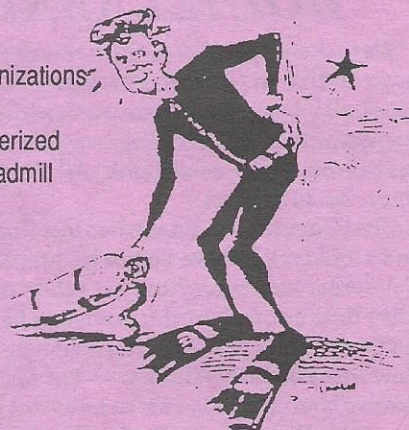
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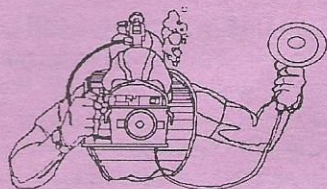
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27/28 JULY 1990
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BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS/SANTA BARBARA CHARISMA
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Our second two-day dive of 1990 is an outer island cruise and dive to the very best spots in the Southern California area. This is a Friday/Saturday affair, and has all the makings of a really great trip! The ENCORE is berthed at 22nd Street in San Pedro, and is 78 feet long, 25 feet wide, has 7 staterooms, a 36-seat galley, freezer, large sun deck and color TV/VCR — BIG!

We will have at least two chances at BEGG ROCK which is a group of pinnacles that rise about 15' above water and plunge in the most spectacular fashion to over 100' with rolling ledges from 30' to 60'. It's located about 7 miles north of SAN NICOLAS island, and is noted for its huge plate-sized SCALLOPS easy to limit out at the 2 day limit of 20. PHOTOphiles and VIDEO buffs will be in seventh heaven, as visibility is usually excellent. Relative beginners should note that BEGG ROCK is fully exposed to the mood of the ocean, but on good days may be dived by all skill levels after appropriate pre-dive consultation with the dive masters and a properly planned dive.

SAN NICOLAS, the outer most of the southern islands, is noted for its remoteness and large size game. The ocean temperature will be coming up in the yearly cycle making diving very pleasant. We should also have no problem reaching limits on ABALONE picks, greens and reds. Large FISH, such as Calico Bass, Sheephead, etc., etc., can be found in the kelp beds and reefs. Even if you don't limit out, you won't come home empty handed! We will overnight at SAN NICOLAS, probably at Dutch Harbor, with dinner, several varieties of wine for, those interested, and good friends — making for a typically great evening. The following day we will either head for BEGG ROCK for a second attempt, or cruise to SANTA BARBARA Island, which is the smallest, prettiest island, and has a little of everything. The spectacular underwater arches, walls, reefs, sea lions, and other sea life are great for PHOTOGRAPHY and VIDEO and visibility is usually exceptional. If you didn't limit out on ABALONE at SAN NICOLAS, then you should complete your catch at SANTA BARBARA — mostly pinks, greens and a smattering of whites and reds. Again large FISH surround the area including black sea bass (these are for viewing only)!

In our now established two-day tradition, several prizes will be awarded during this trip. These will include a prize for a drawing of your sign-in number; a booby prize; and for those who sign up and pay in full by 20 June 1990, a special drawing for a single-day boat dive in 1990. Our two day trips are really fun ask anyone who has been on one recently — and they are a great way to get to know other divers in the club. Sign up early to make sure you have a spot remember our dives are filling early. Call Scott (Williams) at (213)371-9985 or Allen Parker at (213) 813-2955 for information or inputs to the dive. Boarding begins at 9:00 PM on Thursday, 26 July for an early AM departure. Be there!!!

Ras

incredibly beautiful. Two unusual sights were a red velvet barnacle looking sponge (I think it was *Spirastrella coccinea*) and a gravestone but couldn't make out the name or what was engraved on it.

A most memorable event occurred at this spot. We were told the fish were very friendly and liked to be fed. So I tucked a small Plastic bag full of hard boiled eggs in my BC Pocket. My dive buddies wanted to feed the fish so I took out the baggy, then

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1990 BEACH DIVES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>FEATURE</u>	<u>KEY CONTACT**</u>
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.

CATALINA PINNACLE AND REEF DIVE

2 JUNE 1990
MEMBERS \$59

FARNSWORTH BANKS/CATALINA

ENCORE
NON-MEMBERS \$66

(INCLUDES FOOD AND AIR)

We are taking the ENCORE from 22nd Street to FARNSWORTH BANKS and other reefs around CATALINA. This will be THE SEA Divers first dive on the ENCORE — the largest boat in the Southern California fleet. The ENCORE is 80 feet long, 25 feet wide, has 12 staterooms, ladies dressing room, 45 seat galley, a walk-in freezer, large sun deck and color TV/VCR. We are limiting the trip to 36 divers which is extremely comfortable on a boat of this size. A BIG boat!

FARNSWORTH BANKS is on the back side of CATALINA about 1.3 miles off Ben Western Point. The banks are about 1100 yards by 600 yards, with the shallowest pinnacles at 55 to 70 feet. The spectacular walls descend to over 100 feet. FARNSWORTH is famous for its now protected unique coral which is the deep purple color contrasting with other colonies of coral, such as at Santa Barbara, which tend to be pink, red or orange. Some of the colonies of coral are over 15 inches in diameter, and the whole visual effect adds immeasurably to the beauty of FARNSWORTH both to the eye and the lens of your camera, still PHOTO and/or VIDEO. Large FISH, which are not protected inhabit the area so you spear folks should collect a nice bounty.

Following the FARNSWORTH BANKS dive (or dives) and depending on ocean and weather conditions, we will dive at least three other shallow reefs or pinnacles on both the back and front side of CATALINA.

This is a spectacular dive and is suitable for all skill levels assuming ocean conditions are acceptable. Should the ocean not cooperate, relative beginners should double check their viability with the divemasters. Always be aware of your own capabilities.

This is an all inclusive dive and our run back to 22nd Street will feature the ENCORE full food fare for late lunch/early dinner. Call Scott [Williams] at (213) 371-9985 or sign-up Allen [Parker] at (213) 813-2955 for information or suggested inputs for this dive. Boarding will begin at 9:00 PM Friday 1 June for an early AM departure to FARNSWORTH. HOPE YOU CAN MAKE THIS ONE our last dive at FARNSWORTH was in November 1986, and it was just spectacular.

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

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fumbled around with it to get the eggs out. I got one egg out and handed it to my buddy. I Was still fumbling around trying to get some more out when all of a sudden I saw darkness and felt a vacuum suck my glove off along with the bag of eggs. A huge Napoleon Wrasse just appeared out of nowhere and put his lips around my wrist and vacuumed everything up. The expression on my face as I held up my hand minus my glove looking from one hand to another must have been ludicrous because my dive buddies Were laughing, fit to be tied. Anyway, this five foot fat relation of the California sheephead followed me the rest of the dive. I, of course, carefully kept my hands tucked under my armpits — I was not taking any more chances! As it was I had a bruise on my hand for about a week.

We also dove several wrecks, rescued a shipwrecked sailor, walked on Gubal Island and saw 4 Osprey eggs in their nest, saw a solar paneled lighthouse, and a host of other things.

When we arrived back in Sharm El Sheikh we again had to go through the security measures before our Passports were returned to us.

In several ways the trip was disappointing. It was very windy and as a result, we couldn't dive certain spots and the visibility was reduced to only about 50 feet. The Lady Jenny V had several problems: no air-conditioning (and in the close, cramped, small and stuffy cabins it was necessary); the bilge pump blew several times resulting in poorly draining showers. We were only allowed a maximum of three dives a day. We had to get into the Zodiac (a 16 foot rubber-raft type boat) in order to dive most spots. The chef was a former British Navy cook so you can imagine the types of meals we had. The Captain charged for every piece of equipment borrowed — even for just one dive. We also had to pay for soft drinks and fruit juices whether drunk at a meal or separately. So, we were left with a disgruntled feeling about the boat's operation.

NEW WRECK DIVE?

As of this writing (mid-May).the "Princess Louise" is still capsized at Southwest Marine, Inc. entangled in legal and technical difficulties. According to an L.A. Times article, the ship originally capsized when workers were draining a ballast in order to list the ship sufficiently to expose and repair plates below the water line. While the tank was draining, the crew left for a several hour birthday party lunch, during which the ship listed sufficiently for an unsealed cargo door to reach the water. The ship flooded and capsized!! Woops!! Subsequent attempts to refloat the "Princess Louise" upside down have been thwarted by technical difficulties and many air leaks. Should the attempts be successful, the ship is to be sunk in 80-90 feet of water about one mile off Point Vicente, under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Fish and Game. Stay tuned . . . the plot may thicken.

JUST FOUR YEARS AGO.....

Robin Grant was President; Greg Hindman Vice-President; John Mosher Treasurer; Kathy Adams (now Kalohi) Secretary. The General Meeting was held at Adams Rib on "Restaurant Row" in Torrance. Our June 1986 boat dive was on the Wild Wave to Santa Barbara at \$43 non-inclusive, our beach dive was the annual bouillabaisse affair at Veterans Park with Chef George Hughes in charge. There was a full page write up in the Newsletter on the Avalon clean-up aftermath - TRW Sea Divers won nearly all the major prizes — and the Newsletter was bright, bright blue.



1990 BOAT DIVES

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	SUN	09 SEPT	PALOS VERDES	(SMALLBOATS)	KING HARBOR
90-10	FRI/SAT	14/15 SEP	SAN MIGUEL PASSAGE	PEACE	VENTURA
90-11	FRI	05 OCT	SAN NICOLAS	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET
90-C*	FRI/SAT	02/03 NOV	CATALINA	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET
90-12	SAT	01 DEC	SANTA BARBARA	WILD WAVE	22ND STREET
90-13	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 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 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

SIGNATURE

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