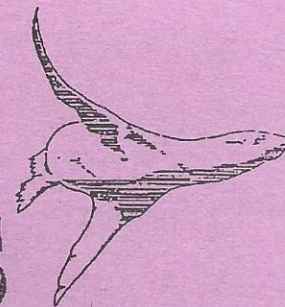


# THE SEA DIVERS



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK . . . . .

One of those I have . . . ! Desk, that is. There are two main issues being addressed by the Executive Committee this month. The first is OUR Redondo Beach King Harbor Clean-Up 18 October 1992 which is preliminarily detailed in the newsletter (page 4). Needless to say, it is a major undertaking for the club -- probably the most newsworthy and challenging of anything we've done since the kelp restoration projects of the late 60's and 70's.

The second item is the growing sport diver use of Nitrox -- especially on the East Coast and in certain specialized resort programs -- and its potential usage and impact to us as a safety-conscious club. The Executive Committee agreed at our 11 June 1992 meeting that diving with Nitrox would not be permitted on club-sponsored dives until all ramifications are better understood by the Executive Committee and the divemaster core. We will be considering a very limited interim policy at our 16 July 1992 Executive Meeting, the results of which will be discussed in the next newsletter. We are not against the use of Nitrox -- we just are not well versed and/or sufficiently knowledgeable at this time. Divemaster knowledge/certification/insurance issues are, of course, of some concern from a liability standpoint.

As mentioned last month, your support of club activities is very important for our continued strength and we really appreciate the response for our upcoming activities -- if you didn't sign up yet for an upcoming dive, give us a call -- we can still use a little help. Thanks!

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### DIVING VANUATU (ESPIRITU SANTOS)

Our guest speaker, Gerry De Carnelle, will present at the August General Meeting a summary of his 1990 visit to Vanuatu. The islands of Vanuatu offer the experienced diver a highly diversified diving environment highlighted by the wreck of the "SS President Coolidge", at 654 ft. 22,000 tons, the largest scuba-accessible wreck in the world.

Vanuatu is located approximately 600 miles east of the Australian coast, and is a diving mecca frequented by Australian divers, but very rarely by "yank" divers. The largest South Pacific staging area during WW II, Espiritu Santos was the "stomping grounds" for the likes of Greg Boyington, Joe Foss and other big names of that era. James Mitchner was also stationed here.

Bokissa Island Resort offers the diver exemplary wreck diving on the "SS President Coolidge"; "USS Tucker" (a US Navy destroyer in only 60 ft of water); and the "MV Henry Bonneaud". Additionally there is Million Dollar Point, great coral dives, and lots and lots of shark feeding only minutes from the resort by boat.

Please join us for this excellent presentation, which will include a 10 minute intro slide show, a 25 minute video, followed by a brief Q&A session during which Gerry will try to answer any questions you may have regarding this outstanding dive opportunity.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

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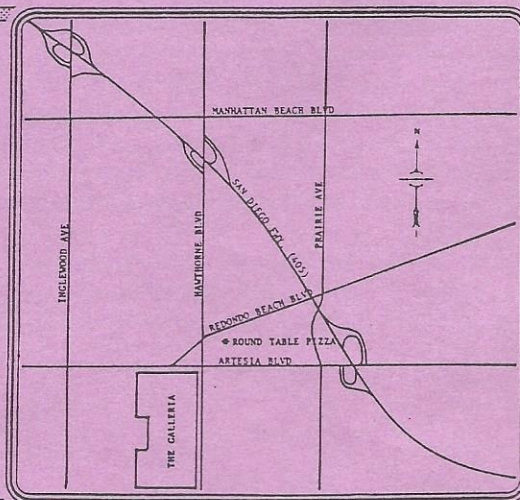
### WRITING FOR THE SEA DIVERS NEWSLETTER

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter or you have an idea to improve it, please write to Editor Kathi McNally, 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). Permission is given to reproduce in whole or part. Please give credit to the author and/or The Sea Divers Newsletter.

## GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETINGS are held at 7 PM the first Tuesday of each month. A no-host social half hour precedes the meeting from 6:30 to 7 PM, and a feature presentation follows the business meeting. The meeting is held at Round Table Pizza, 4330 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance (Alpha Beta/Savon Center) (213) 371-8009.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS are held at 7 PM on Thursday the week following the General Meeting at the Shibaraku Restaurant at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl, across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza).



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

CERT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.] \_\_\_\_\_

CERT DATE \_\_\_\_\_ LACC ADP \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(or equivalent)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$24.00 (to 6/30/93)

[ ] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$36.00 (to 6/30/93)

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

THE SEA DIVERS, P.O. BOX 2415, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278

ONCE MORE TO BEGG!

15 AUGUST (SATURDAY)

BEGG ROCK

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$75

(INCLUDES EVERYTHING)

NON-MEMBERS \$85

BOARDING 7:00 PM

DEPARTURE 12:00AM

As noted on page 3 of this newsletter, our 15 August 1992 boat dive on the "WILD WAVE" will be from 22nd Street, San Pedro not Ventura Marina.

Our new destination will be BEGG ROCK, which was the concensus choice as the alternate to Wilson Rock, our previously planned destination. Price remains the same at \$75 as do boarding and departure times and sign-up information. Call Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657 for sign-up or further information.

AP.

## ANOTHER AUGUST WILD ONE?

15 AUGUST (Saturday)

WILSON ROCK/LITTLE WILSON/TALCOTT SHOALS

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$75

(INCLUDES EVERYTHING!!)

NON-MEMBERS \$85

Boarding: 7:00 PM

Departure: 12:01 AM

The Wild Wave, Joel I and his gang take a vacation from 22nd Street to WILSON ROCK/LITTLE WILSON

We will make the overnight run to WILSON ROCK is 1- to the forces of tide and three quarters and ledges to trem and FISH abound. sea life to be seen. easy. Otherwise, d limited to the advanc

Following our WILSON SHOALS, to the pinn. but non-game takers v advanced diver to be w this dive we will move off the northwest end of the "Aggi Norge" (a 26' a tremendous variety of PHOTO and/or VIDEO along the SANTA ROSA will assist in dive decision making. After our dives at TALCOTT are over, we will head back to Ventura with our now established full steak late lunch/early dinner WILD WAVE / Sea Diver style. The WILD WAVE charter to the outer Channel Islands the last several years has proven extremely popular. Be sure to be on board by calling Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657. Boarding will begin at 7:00 PM on the 14th for a prompt midnight departure. We anticipate that the boat will be docked near the Channel Islands Visitor Center at the end of Spinnaker Drive. CHECK OUR PRICES!!!! As of this writing (mid-July) the charter is about almost full.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES

As of going to press, we received notification that the WILD WAVE will not be going to Ventura in August. As a result the 15 August 1992 dive on WILD WAVE will be rescheduled from 22nd Street to either BEGG ROCK or PYRAMID COVE and the South-East environs of SAN CLEMENTE. All inclusive price will be \$75 or \$65 respectively. The Executive Committee decided that, in view of this, our 29 August 1992 dive also from 22nd Street but on ENCORE, would be cancelled and replaced with an "Eat-In" at Kathy D's and Wes S' (See below). Those signed-up for both dives will be notified separately

August each year. We will be a single day "go for it" charter.

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## LAZY DAY IN AUGUST

29 AUGUST (Saturday)

CATALINA 'VEST

ENCORE

MEMBERS \$65

ERS \$75

Boarding:

:00 AM

Last y (the lar WAVE folks w At \$65,

### POTLUCK/JACUZZI PARTY!!!

WHAT:

Sea Divers Potluck & Jacuzzi Party

WHO:

Kathy Dacey & Wes Stepp

WHERE:

Kathy & Wes' House (see map)

WHEN:

Saturday, 29 AUG 4:00 PM to ??

WHAT TO BRING:

A dish to pass, bathing suit and favorite beverage (beer, wine and soda will be provided)

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ABALONE, certainly be in the low

August dive. We anticipate a great day of diving and an ideal dive for a new diver -- bring one along!!!

## THE SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 1992 EVENT

Although there are a few details to be ironed out, The Sea Divers are organizing the First Annual King Harbor Clean-Up in Redondo Beach on 18 October 1992.

The activities will be patterned after the Avalon Harbor Clean-Up and for this first year will be limited to a maximum of 250 pre-registered divers. We anticipate a period of up to two hours of recovery activity in all three King Harbor basins beginning about 10:00 AM with pre-briefings at 9:30 AM. Many of the local agencies, major businesses, etc., are already "on board" and will be providing services, general support, awards, announcements, etc. There will be full media coverage!

Post-diving activities will include a yet to be detailed awards ceremony in association with food and beverages. Awards will be specific and generally not of the "door prize" approach. T-shirts with a whale design by Wyland will be available as part of the sign-up process. Excess monies will be split between the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber and The Sea Divers.

The Sea Divers King Harbor Clean-up Committee consists of the following:

Chairman: David Serena

Vice Chair (Diving): Ken Sizemore

Vice Chair (Support): Nancy Cook

Committee: Michael Borden, Kathy Dacey, Art Hill, Steve Kavanaugh, Kathi McNally, Allen Parker, Barbara Serena, Dicie Sizemore and Wes Stepp.

The Sea Divers have been planning this activity for close to a year and needless to say, it has involved a tremendous amount of planning and coordination. A recon dive was performed 14 June 1992 on three areas of Basin 2. More details will be provided each month. Sign up fee is \$20 (including T-shirt). Make checks payable to The Sea Divers and send to P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Nancy Cook (310) 813-1903 (day) or (310) 545-6393 (eve) will maintain the sign-up roster.

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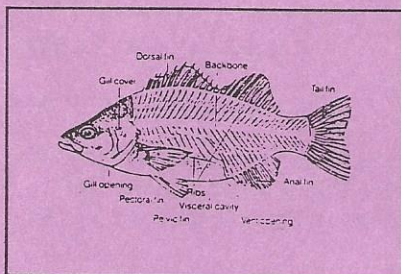
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## Dear Krabby

Dear Krabby,

I recently purchased a second dive computer as a backup to my integral computer/pressure gauge. The new unit is a wrist model and is more conservative than my original model. What is the best way to utilize this equipment for not only safety but increased bottom time?

Computer Slave

Dear Hacker,

Now, let me get this straight. You'd like to find a balance between safety, which is influenced by many factors, and bottom time (BT). At your disposal you have Computers A, B and the Tables (T) listed from least to most conservative. This problem can be easily reduced to a simple equation for you to solve:

$$BT = \frac{F_T T + D + O}{F_A A + F_B B + I + E}$$

Where: BT, T, A & B were previously defined and

$F_n$  - Failure rates (which the manufacturers will be only too happy to supply)

I - Idiot Factor (Depends on diver)

E - Environmental Factor  
(currents, great whites, etc.)

D - Max. Depth

O - Other Factors (Misc. stuff)

It's obvious to me however, that you are not a rocket scientist so you probably won't be able to solve it. If real redundancy was what you wanted in the first place, you should have bought two computers of the same model. If you bought two different units and can't figure out the best way to utilize them, don't

come cryin' to me to spoon feed the manuals to you. The bottom line here is if you can afford two dive computers but don't want to spend the time to understand them, then I guess you'll be able to afford the decompression chamber and have time there to flip thru the manuals.

Dear Krabby,

How come you never write about advanced diver stuff like wreck or cave diving?

Advanced Certification Expert

Dear ACE,

Well, number one, you can't eat a wreck and number two, caves are for bats. Actually, the real reason is that I can't get anyone to write me an intelligent question on those topics. Thanks for maintaining the tradition.

Dear Krabby,

I was on a dive boat in Florida recently and they had the divers put their fins on with the rest of their gear and then Bozo walk across the long deck before exiting off the back of the boat. Why would anyone want divers in full gear to do such a potentially unsafe maneuver?

Tommy Tourist

Dear T<sup>2</sup>,

They make them do it that way because all the diving in Florida is such foo-foo wimpy diving that that's the only way they can make it challenging for people.

Dear Krabby,

What's the best way to keep the sand out of your gear and bodily orifices when doing a beach dive?

Beach Butt

Dear Sandy,

Only dive from rocky beaches.

## ZERO FOR FOUR IN TEN - WE'RE DUE!

11/12 SEPTEMBER (Fri/Sat)

RICHARDSON'S ROCK/SAN MIGUEL

PEACE

MEMBERS \$170

(INCLUDES WHOLE ENCHILADA)

NON-MEMBERS \$185

Boarding: 7:00 PM

Departure: 2:00 AM

RICHARDSON'S ROCK does not feature on our dive schedule very often. In the past ten years we were scheduled for September '84 (PEACE), September '86 (BOLD CONTENDER), September '88 (PEACE) and September '89 (PEACE). We are zero for four!! In '84 and '88 it was weather, in '86 the boat moved to Ports O'Call and in '89, PEACE only had one working engine!! SO WE ARE DUE - RIGHT?

RICHARDSON'S ROCK, unlike BEGG or WILSON, has a large area which peaks 53 feet above the ocean. This peak is white topped (for obvious reasons) and is located WNW of SAN MIGUEL Island. The surrounding area is up to 150 feet deep and the walls, plateaus and canyons are home to a tremendous variety of sea life, which, due to RICHARDSON's remoteness, is relatively undisturbed. Purple coral can be found from 20 feet on down and SCALLOPS, generally below 50 feet and deeper.

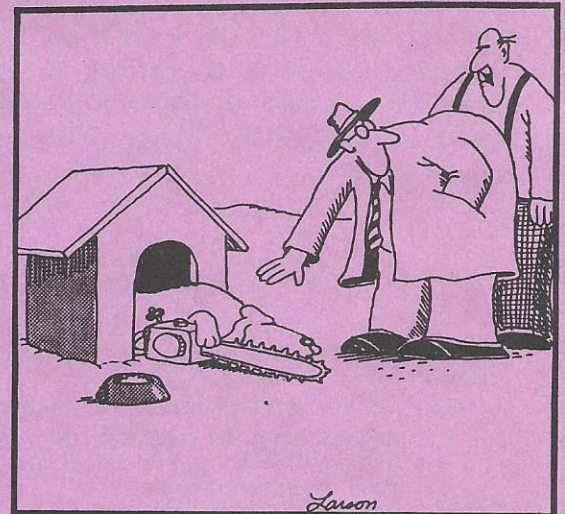
For the ADVANCED diver there are small and large open caves at 80 feet and beyond which have additional SCALLOP condominium groupings inside. Large FISH inhabit the environs as do many other moving "objects" -- watch out what you spear!!

As stated above, RICHARDSON'S ROCK is a FULLY exposed dive area. When conditions are favorable, it provides some of the most memorable diving experiences in Southern California, and can on some occasions be dived by all skill levels. Note, however, that this is typically an advanced dive -- Sea Diver divemasters will assist in assessing diver capabilities against the specific conditions.

Depending on weather, etc., we will shoot for RICHARDSON'S on the first or second day -- should we be so fortunate, WILSON ROCK could be either a first or second day addition. For the rest of the diving we plan to "circle" SAN MIGUEL and hit -- not literally -- the western limits of SANTA ROSA primarily for red ABALONE. We plan 5 to 7 dives the first day and 3 to 5 dives the second day. LOOKY-LOOS/PHOTOPHILES/VIDEO NUTS will have a plethora of spectacular spots to enjoy.

Diving on the PEACE with The Sea Divers in September should make for an outstanding trip. Water temperatures are high this year and typically are near peak in the September/October timeframe, so this just may bring "warm water" diving for those who sign up (and go!). Call Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657 for early sign up. We anticipate a full boat and as we are overdue, success at RICHARDSON'S and SAN SAN MIGUEL. NOT A TRIP TO MISS!!

Boarding will begin at 7:00 PM for a 2:00 AM departure.



"I wouldn't do that, mister. . . . Old Zeek's liable to fire that sucker up."

### 1992 BEACH DIVE SCHEDULE

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>WHERE</u>    | <u>FEATURE</u>                     | <u>KEY CONTACT</u> |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| SUN        | 18 OCT      | REDONDO BEACH   | KING HARBOR CLEANUP                | DAVID SERENA       |
| SUN        | 25 OCT      | WHITE POINT     | PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST            | KATHLEEN BENNETT   |
| FRI-TUES   | TBD (NOV)   | COZUMEL, MEXICO | BOAT, BEACH, PARTY,<br>TOURS, ETC. | BARBARA SERENA     |

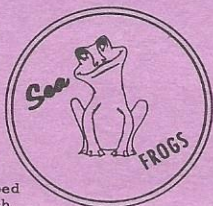
## EXACTLY 20 YEARS AGO . . .

Dick Nesbitt was the club President; John Satterfield, Vice President; Paul Nordin, Treasurer; Millie Brown, Secretary. The club General Meetings were at the perennial Lococo's. Our August boat dive was on the first TRUTH to Santa Barbara Island at \$18 (non-inclusive!!!), and the beach dive was a FREE DIVING competition for colored rocks at White Point followed by an eat in at the Hughes' residence complete with TWO kegs of beer!! Either there were a lot of us there or we're pikers today! The club had a mini-club for young folks called The Sea Frogs with their own newsletter called The Lilly (sic) Pad. The club was enjoying one of the cyclic highs in support and membership -- maybe the cartoon below gives an indication why.

### "The Lilly Pad"

BY "FREDDIE"

Once I was just a name  
and nothing you could see...  
But now I have quite a face  
--- and personality...



The Sea Frogs emblem is in process of being developed into a cloth patch the same size as the Sea Diver patch. When finished, it will have a green frog with yellow tummy, green border, yellow background, and black letters. This design was developed through the artwork of Charlie Carter - Thanks Charlie.

#### MEETING/DIVE REPORT

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### SMALL BOAT DIVE

26 September 1992 (Saturday)

Donation: \$10

Mark your calendars NOW for the annual Small Boat Dive on club members' boats out of King Harbor. We are planning on about half a dozen boats in our flotilla. We will make two dives around Palos Verdes, probably the wreck of the AVALON (75'), Point Vicente, or another spot if the group wants. After diving, the plan is to "raft up" and barbeque, have lunch and tell fish stories. A donation of \$10, all of which goes to the Sea Divers treasury, will secure your spot. Checks should be made payable to The Sea Divers. For more info, contact Phil Bergeron at (310) 813-0511 or (310) 379-0972 (night).

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!!

## TRUK/PALAU UPDATE #9

Note that we now have a deposit with the Palau Pacific Resort on Palau for the week following the Truk Lagoon trip.

Our reservation is for ten twin/double rooms 20-25 OR 21-26 February 1994 (depending on airline schedules).

We will be contacting each of you who have already signed up for the "Truk Aggressor" to determine how many of the 20 of you wish to add Palau to your schedule.

We are only 18 months away -- time passes when you're having fun!!

### DIVE COMMITMENTS

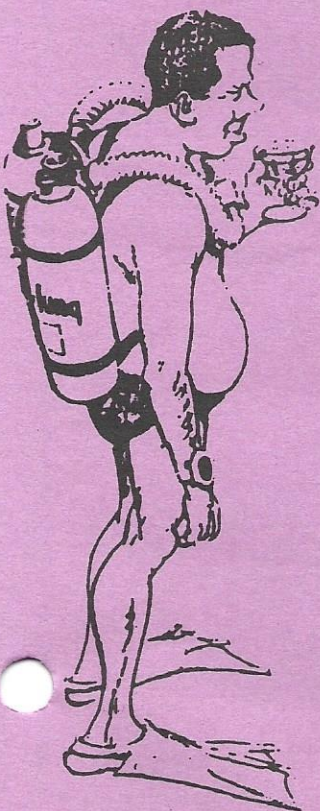
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| 14. KEN SIZEMORE    | 14.                 |
| 15. WES STEPP       | 15.                 |

PLEASE NOTE AUGUST  
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# Thankful divers recall long ordeal

## 'We're lucky no one got killed'

By Timm Herdt

At dawn Monday 27 scuba divers aboard the chartered boat Peace woke to find about a foot of seawater beneath their bunks.

It was the start of a harrowing day, a day in which they were to be rescued from a fast-sinking boat, a day in which they were to risk losing thousands of dollars worth of diving and camera equipment.

It was also a day in which, in the words of one of the divers, "We were damn lucky nobody got killed."

Late Monday morning 26 of the divers — 24 men and two women — were safe, wrapped in blankets and sipping hot coffee, at the Channel Islands Harbor Coast Guard Station.

One diver volunteered to stay on the boat to help the captain and four crew members attempt to save the boat.

The divers, out on a four-day diving

trip, had been at sea since Friday night. They had encountered rough seas all weekend and were ready for one final dive before completing what had been a disappointing trip.

The sea had been rough since the trip began, making the sailing difficult and diving conditions less than ideal. High winds had been tossing the boat about Sunday night and, by early Monday morning, there were 7- to 10-foot waves.

Shortly after 6 a.m., the divers were all sleeping in their bunks. Then...

"The bow of the boat cracked," said Frans Buytendorp of Fremont. "We were all sleeping and, all of a sudden, there was water everywhere."

The bunk area filled up rapidly.

"I woke up when someone threw a wet sleeping bag on top of me," said Brian McFarren of Sunnyvale. "The water was a foot deep. By the time I got my wet suit on and thought about going back for my

wallet, it was too late, the water was too deep."

The 27 divers and five crew members of the boat, which had departed from Cisco's Sportfishing in Port Hueneme, were brought to shore in what was said to be the biggest air-sea rescue operation off Ventura County shores in recent years.

A helicopter based in Los Angeles, three 41-foot U.S. Coast Guard utility boats out of Port Hueneme and the 82-foot Coast Guard cutter Point Judith from Santa Barbara were rushed to the spot 10 miles southeast of Anacapa Island where the boat was sinking.

A disaster was averted, but the divers did experience a few very tense minutes.

"I've heard people say how your throat can get dry when you're scared," said Ted Vitalie of Daily City. "But I've never had it happen to me, even in (Viet) Nam."

"Well, this morning my throat was dry. I couldn't even swallow some tomato juice. We were very fortunate no one bought it...no one was thrown overboard."

"It was just luck that it didn't happen," he said.

The most frightening moment, the divers said, came just as they were being rescued.

A Coast Guard boat was attempting to pull up alongside the Peace when a swell

roared up, washed onto the deck and splintered the railing.

The wave washed one of the men across the deck but he was unharmed. The pieces of wood from the railing

fortunately, did not strike anyone on board.

"We were damn lucky," Vitalie said. "I might start going to church again."

Part of that luck can be attributed to the fact that all aboard were experienced scuba divers.

"We all put on wet suits and lifejackets and everybody was real cool," Vitalie said. "Nobody panicked. One of the Coast Guardsmen told me he was damn glad it was a bunch of divers and not pleasure cruisers."

The divers, though safe, were worried over the loss of expensive gear and camera equipment.

"I'd say I had \$4,000 worth of gear on the boat," said Bob Denny of Woodland. He didn't have much hope of recovering it.

"When I last saw the boat, it was two-thirds under water," he said. "I think it will sink."

This morning, however, there appeared to be hope that the 65-foot boat, reportedly valued at nearly \$500,000, could be salvaged.

The Peace was tied to a buoy off Anacapa Island Monday night, and salvage operators were to attempt to tow it to shore this morning.

Coast Guard officials said they will deploy a 41-foot utility boat to escort the tow.

The captain, crew and passenger volunteer were still aboard the Peace. The boat still is in danger however, with water over the bow and up to the bridge.





## 1992 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

| DIVE  | DAY(S)  | DATE(S)   | DESTINATION                             | PRICE * | BOAT       | DEPARTURE LOCATION |
|-------|---------|-----------|---|---------|------------|--------------------|
| 92-7  | FRI/SAT | 24/25 JUL | BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS/<br>SANTA BARBARA | \$165   | CHARISMA   | 22ND STREET        |
| 92-8  | SAT     | 15 AUG    | WILSON ROCK/LITTLE WILSON/TALCOTT       | \$75    | WILD WAVE  | VENTURA            |
| 92-9  | SAT     | 29 AUG    | CATALINA (WEST END)                     | \$65    | ENCORE     | 22ND STREET        |
| 92-10 | FRI/SAT | 11/12 SEP | RICHARDSONS ROCK/SAN MIGUEL             | \$170   | PEACE      | VENTURA            |
| 92-S  | SAT     | 26 SEPT   | PALOS VERDES                            | \$10 ** | SEA DIVERS | KING HARBOR        |
| 92-11 | FRI     | 9 OCT     | SAN NICOLAS                             | \$75    | WILD WAVE  | 22ND STREET        |
| 92-12 | FRI/SAT | 30/31 OCT | CORTES BANK                             | \$155   | WILD WAVE  | 22ND STREET        |
| 92-13 | SUN     | 22 NOV    | SANTA BARBARA                           | \$70    | WILD WAVE  | 22ND STREET        |
| 92-14 | FRI/SAT | 11/12 DEC | SANTA CRUZ CHANNEL/ANACAPA              | \$170   | PEACE      | VENTURA            |

\* Prices are all inclusive (air, food and beverages). Non-members add \$10 for single day and \$15 for two-day dives.

\*\* Does not include air, food and beverages!

### 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 and turn right into the parking area. If you get to the end of Spinnaker, turn around and take the second left. Park adjacent to the berth (Slip #20) to unload, then park overnight in the last row adjacent to Spinnaker Drive.

### DIVE BOAT POLICY

A club member may, but is not required to, have a boat deposit on file with the club. A club member may make a reservation on an upcoming dive as follows:

- A) Unconfirmed reservations may be made for any boat dive at any time. To confirm a reservation, payment in full must be received.
- B) For single day dives, divers holding an unconfirmed reservation will be called 3 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 15 days prior to the dive to be confirmed. Dive boat deposits will be considered as payment in full.
- C) For two day dives, divers holding unconfirmed reservations will be called 5 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 30 days prior to the dive to be confirmed. Dive boat deposits may be used as part of the payment in full.
- D) If payment in full is not received by the deadline, the diver may be replaced by a wait listed diver who has paid in full.

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 for providing 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.

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 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. 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. 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 \* \_\_\_\_\_

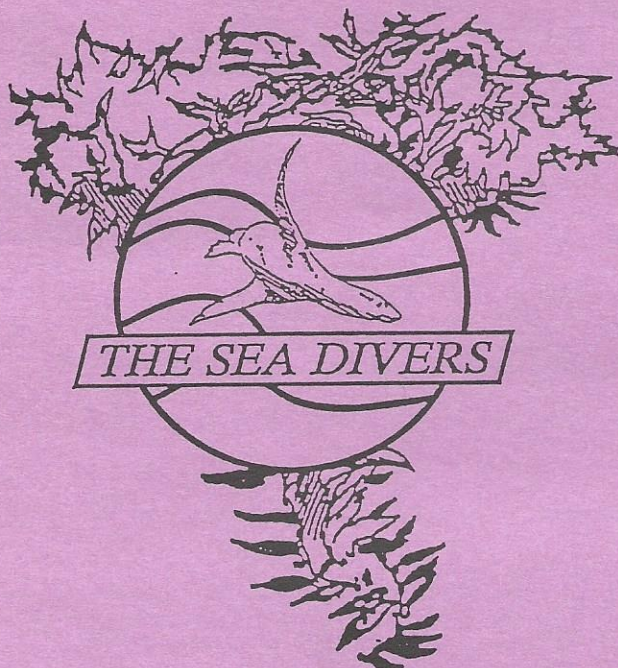
Please make checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS and mail to:

**THE SEA DIVERS**  
P.O. Box 2415  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278  
(213) 371-9985

\* Please include date of last dive for each diver.

THE SEA DIVERS  
P.O. BOX 2415  
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278

FIRST CLASS MAIL  
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



#### AUGUST 1992

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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August 4  
August 13  
August 15

August 29

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Shibaraku Restaurant  
Boat Dive, (TBD) - WILD WAVE

Eat-In - Wes & Kathy's - 4:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE AUGUST  
SCHEDULE CHANGES

#### SEPTEMBER 1992

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September 1  
September 10  
September 11-12  
September 26

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Executive Meeting - On Board PEACE  
Boat Dive, Richardson's Rock/San Miguel - PEACE  
Small Boat Dive, Palos Verdes

#### OCTOBER 1992

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

October 6  
October 9  
October 15  
October 18  
October 25  
October 30-31

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Boat Dive, San Nicolas - WILD WAVE  
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Shibaraku Restaurant  
*King Harbor Cleanup*  
Pumpkin Carving Contest, White Point  
Boat Dive, Cortes Bank - WILD WAVE