

THE SEA DIVERS

IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COFFEE SHOP - - -

The Executive meets at Nelson's Landing restaurant in the Redondo Beach King Harbor area. Having lived (!?) through several changes of hands representing a significant cross section of the United Nations and every combined culinary delight imaginable, the restaurant has settled down to be a well run "American style coffee shop" affair. Meetings are at 7:00 PM nine days after the General Meeting (i.e. Thursdays). Why do I mention this you may ask? Well, aside from going the restaurant a minor plug, I thought I would remind everyone that the meeting is open to all and is a good forum for any ideas our general populace may have to improve our activities and it will get you out of the house for an evening of dining and involvement. After all the "boys of summer" are at it again and reruns don't cut it unless you are the ultimate couch potato. So - why not mark the second Thursday of each month on your "social calendar" or "dance card" and maybe make any of the four remaining Executive sessions remaining this year. You know like be proactive!

LANDECKER HITS PALAU

Our entertainment for the 6 September 1994 General Meeting at Petrelli's will feature a "multimedia" presentation by the one and only Peter Landecker. Peter was fortunate enough to be able to combine a business trip with a Palau diving trip and we will be the beneficiaries of his experiences. Everyone, I'm sure, has read in the various dive publications on how great diving is - some of us have also enjoyed diving there. So come along and enjoy Palau from Peter's perspective - see you there!

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CHAMBER DAY DIVE Monday September 26th \$59 Donation



The boats from San Pedro & Long Beach had a successful "Chamber Day" dive last May.

NOW......The Peace, Liberty & Conception are having a "Chamber Day" dive for Ventura, Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo County Divers. The Chamber Day dive will be on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th. The boat owners donate their boats for this day and all proceeds will go to support the Chamber at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital. The Heliport will also be funded through this fund raiser. Only \$59 donation. Bring your buddy!

CHAMBER DAY EVENTS

Sunday, September 25th

Open House at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital Hyperbaric Chamber In Camarillo, From 2 to 6 PM (directions will be sent with confirmation).

Boats may be boarded on Sunday evening following the Hyperbaric Chamber Open House

Monday, September 26th

Treasure Hunt at 9 O'Clock Reef - Yellow Banks, Santa Cruz Island. All the divers from all 3 boats will search for the Abalone Planting Modules, (9,000 red abalone were planted in 38 modules on Dec. 5th, '93) 9 modules have already been recovered and have 29 more to be found.

PRIZES will be awarded from each boat for the buddy team with the most modules.

Coast Guard Helicopter rescue demonstration.

Lunch and 1 or 2 more dives as time permits.

This year	CICD is coordinating the boats for Chamber I	Day. For more information call PAUL					
DOOSE	at (805) 985-2045						
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	COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW	FOR RESERVATIONS					
	Cut on line-						
NAME_	ADDRESS						
Please make your boat selection below							
-	_PEACE-VenturaLIBERTY-Ventura _	CONCEPTION-Santa Barbara					

MAIL CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59 PAYABLE TO CICD "Chamber Day" c\o Paul Doose 1814 Beardon Ct., Oxnard, CA 93035-3103

BEST TWO DAYS OF THE YEAR

9/10 SEPTEMBER 1994 (FRI/SAT) SAN MIGUEL



PEACE

MEMBERS \$175

PRICES

Boarding: 7:00 PM

Departure: 1:00 AM

NON-MEMBERS \$190

The planned itinerary for this our second "Peace" two-day of 1994 will take us out to San Miguel Island - as always, weather permitting.

We will cruise directly to San Miguel passed Santa Cruz; the Santa Cruz Channel; Santa Rosa and cross the San Miguel Passage onto the south side of San Miguel diving Crook Point Wyckoff Ledge and out to Adams Cove and Point Bennett - similar to our highly successful May dive. We then plan to circle back around the east side of the island for one or more dives before overnighting.

Weather permitting the second day, we would hope to tackle one of the major pinnacles (Wilson or Richardson). Failing that, we will dive the lee side of Prince Island. We will then begin the run back to the mainland stopping for dives along the north side of either Santa Rosa (Talcott Shoals) or Santa Cruz.

This two-day will provide excellent opportunities for game (fish, abalone, scallops) and all kinds of photogenic sea life. Overall there will be dives for all skill levels - although the pinnacles are strong intermediate to advanced dives in all but near perfect conditions.

Needless to say, the "Peace" is a great boat just be on - diving or not!!! Note that large pods of blue and humpback whales have been sighted off Santa Rosa and San Miguel. Call Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657 for early sign-up and bunk assignment as you pay in full!!!

"NEW" BOAT - NEW BUG SEASON

14 OCTOBER 1994 (FRI)

MEMBERS \$90 NEW MEMBERS \$45 NON-MEMBERS \$100 *

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ATLANTIS

INCLUDES EVERYTHING!

BOARDING 7:00 PM

DEPARTURE 12:01 AM

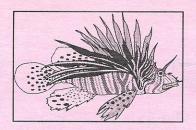
Well folks here we are already into the 1993/94 lobster (aka: bug) season! Amazing how this year has just flipped on by.

The "Atlantis" will be our "Wild Wave" replacement for 1995 so we anticipate reacquainting the club with the boat and it's owner/skipper Jim Caslin and his crew on this trip. As a reminder the boat is 65' long 20' wide; sun deck; large bunks with privacy curtains; color TV/VCR and a full (all inclusive on this trip) galley. "Atlantis" is docked at the same Cabrillo Marina dock used by the "Wild Wave".

Our destination is San Nicolas island in pursuit of bugs (primarily); scallops; fish and diving for fun. Abalone are out of season as of 1 October 1994.

San Nicolas can still provide the big bugs, and for the dedicated and persistent the challenge of the bag limit of seven (!?#@?!!) is always there. Weather permitting we plan to do a couple of drift dives as we have in the past two years. We should make four or five dives throughout the day.

Although this is a Friday dive it has proved popular in the last two or three years so call Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657 for sign-up and bunk assignments as you pay in full. This is an all inclusive trip an our "new work boat". BUGS 'R HERE!



Dear Krabby

Dear Krabby,

I recently heard some other divers talking about the thrill of doing a shark dive where they use shark cages. These guys seem to pay a significant amount of money for the experience but...I just don't get it. How do they get the sharks into the cages anyway? And wouldn't you get to see more sharks for a lesser price by just going to Sea World? You wouldn't even have to clean your gear when you were done!

Dear Idiot,

If you weren't so busy trying to grow opposable thumbs I'm sure you would have had time to figure out that it's the DIVERS that go into the cages NOT the SHARKS! Then, as if this "crunchy-on-the-outside, chewy-on-the-inside" diver/cage tidbit isn't enticing enough, the boat operator will throw dead fish, guts and blood into the water to work the sharks into a frenzy. The thrilling part comes in when you realize that you finally have a justifiable excuse for peeing in your wetsuit when some big shark comes slamming his snout into the cage.

Dear Krabby,

I belong to a Southern California dive club which financially either breaks even or more often operates in the red about 90% of the time. The club has tried over the years to give it's members the most "bang for the buck" by offering all inclusive dives (food, air & diving) for a price that was about equivalent to what the dive stores were charging just to get on the boat! Despite the fact that the members have been repeatedly told of the tenuous fiscal state of the club, several of them nickel and dime and haggle over the slightest change

in cost or itinerary of every dive. What do you think about people like this?

Frugal Freddy

Dear F2,

It depends on the individual, if they are unemployed, have a low paying job or are otherwise financially strapped and yet they still support the club I say give them a break, they're just trying to make ends meet and still afford to dive with their friends.

Unfortunately, most of the individuals are of that vast breed of cheap. petty whiners that evolved out of the shallow end of the gene pool. These people can afford to dive, have stable jobs and feel that having a membership card to a dive club is akin to having one at a wholesale market. They think of the club not as a social group, but a service that they are paying damn good money for and they better get everything they paid for down to the last penny or else you'll hear about it. The membership card to them is some type of entitlement card so by paying a couple bucks a year (which incidentally, probably doesn't cover the cost of the newsletter, which you'd be sure to hear about if they didn't get it!) in dues they get unlimited service, quality guaranteed fantastic dives everytime and at the lowest possible price.

As you can tell by my verbose response, I take a dim view of these close-fisted type of individuals and would like to expose them to the simplified world of equestrian medicine....take 'em out and shoot 'em.

Dear Krabby,

Is that your REAL name or your nom de plume?

Pseudo Nimbus

Dear Psycho,

I won't tell you my REAL name but my initials are PMS.

Send your questions to "Dear Krabby", C/O The Sea Divers, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

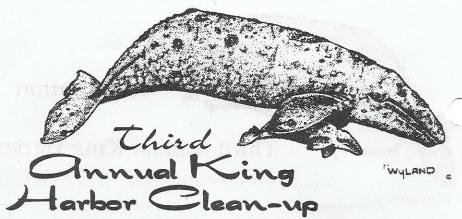




Third Annual King Harbor Clean-up

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ACTIVITY:

Redondo Beach, King Harbor Underwater Clean-Up

DATE:

Sunday, October 23, 1994

TIME:

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Diving 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon)

LOCATION:

Six Areas Encompassing All Main Basins of the King Harbor

REGISTRATION:

Pre-registered Divers and Surface Support Personnel must Register by October 14, 1994 by sending \$20 to:

The Sea Divers P.O. Box 2415

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

* Wyland T-shirt with registration

WHAT YOU GET:

A great opportunity to continue the clean-up of a major

local harbor; Commemorative Wyland T-shirt; Bag of Goodies;

Lunch at Edison Whaling Wall; Comraderie

PLUS:

Diver Awards - Largest; Heaviest; Smallest; Oldest;
Most Unusual; Most Amusing; Classic/Antique Bottle;
Most Valuable; Special A; Special B.
Surface Awards - Energetic; Team Spirit; Leadership;

For Top Side Workers and Divers Door Prizes -

PROCEEDS TO:

Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber

INFORMATION:

(310) 545-6393 (evening) - (310) 813-1903 (day)

This major event is organized by The Sea Divers (Est. 1965) and sponsors include:





Harlor & Pier Association







Daily Breeze

Electricar.

King Harbor Marina

BLUE AND HUMBACK WHALES IN SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL

Reaching lengths of 100 feet and weighing more than 100 tons, yet possessing grace and power enough to travel great distances with very little effort, blue whales have taken up temporary lodging in the Santa Barbara Channel.

They are there because they feed on krill, tiny shrimp-like crustaceans that have concentrated in abundance in the nutrient-rich waters around the Channel Islands. But the abundance of blue whales is unusual, especially considering that they are still trying to rebound from widespread hunting, which reduced the species from the hundreds of thousands in the early part of the century to near extinction. there are believed to be fewer than 10,000 - perhaps as few as 5,000 - left.

"In all the oceans of the world, I've never seen concentrations of blue whales like this," says David O. Brown, 35, a researcher who spent seven years studying whales with the Cousteau research team. "That includes the Antarctic, that includes Gulf of St. Lawrence (off eastern Canada) where there's supposed to be a big concentration ... It's just amazing! John Calambokidis, a research biologist with Cascadia Research, an Olympia, Wash., organization that studies marine mammals and their movements, said population estimates put the number of blue whales that feed along the California coast each summer and fall between 1,000 and 2,000. But unlike gray whales, which migrate fairly close to the coast from the Bering Sea to the lagoons of Baja California each winter and back each spring, blue whales are less predictable in their migration habits and tend to remain farther offshore.

"There is a very special occurrence going on out there," says Alisa Schulman-Janiger, a spokeswoman for the California chapter of the American Cetacean Society. "A lot of people don't realize that gray whales are on a mission (calving) and only occasionally does one stop (for whale-watchers). But here, these blue whales are in their feeding grounds and you can literally watch them for hours."

The whales are impressive. How impressive?:

- The blue whale's heart is as big as a small car and its tongue is as big as an African elephant, weighing up to six tons. Actually this animal is as large as a whole herd of elephants.
- A blue whale calf is 25 to 30 feet long at birth, can gain as much as 300 pounds a day and grow to 55 feet within six months. This is partly because the blue whale's mother's milk is more than 50% fat, compared to the less than 10% fat found in human milk.
- The air expelled from the blue whale's blow hole is coming out at about 300 m.p.h. And the holes, are easily big enough for any one of us to slip down inside.

Armed with this knowledge, one hopes for a first-hand look as described from a recent boat trip. "Several blue whales are spouting a few hundred yards away. Others are feeding on the krill on the surface. One whale breaches off the starboard bow, its sleek blue body in clear view. It breaches again, as if for an encore. Another surfaces about a dozen feet away and rolls over on its side, showing off a long, white pectoral fin."

Sign-up on the "Peace" two-day - we may get lucky!!!

(Excerpted from L.A. Times 9 August 1994).

BANANAS STRIKE AGAIN



A small group of club members recently made a foray to the Isthmus, Catalina and to Santa Barbara island. The plan was to have a "party boat" based at Isthmus Cove and a fast dive boat run from there to Santa Barbara and back. In the early P.M. of Friday bananas were brought on board the fast boat followed by ---

- --- no mooring on arrival of "party boat" at Isthmus Cove
- --- fast boat developed engine problem
- --- two of the small group had the worst hangovers in years
- --- fast boat anchor got severely stuck on the last dive on Saturday, causing a short straw selection for which one of us should retrieve, and significant hand hurt to one of the others
- --- "party boat" skipper hit his nose on the way down/coming up creating a very special blood blob on the bridge thereof
- --- head holding tank overflowed (!) in "party boat"
- --- plus several other smaller annoyances or problems

Aside from re-learning the effects of the boat banana curse we also learned (for the umpteenth time) that one should not spend too much time at Doug's Reef the night before diving!!!

Not Quite Per Plan - But Nice!

With our two day on *Charisma* reduced to a single day, we left 22nd Street close to 11:00 p.m. on Friday evening in hopes of making Begg Rock and San Nicolas. As our two day was not to be nor was Begg Rock to be. Large swells and noticeable ocean chop gave us a rough run to Santa Barbara island where we anchored about 3:30 a.m., on the east side, until just after dawn. We ploughed round Arch Point into some fairly good swells but did manage to anchor just west of Webster Point in up to 80 plus feet of water. Visibility was 40 feet or more with a slight current. Nice dive and no surge!

The second dive was on the reef structure just south of the underwater arch. At the lower portion of the 20-30 foot wall pink abalone were fairly plentiful. Depths were to 70 feet with 30-40 foot visibility. For out third dive we tucked in real close to the north side of Sutil Island at a spot we named "Three Cave Cove". Very thick kelp did not provide the anticipated house for large fish species. The dive was however, very interesting from the standpoint of widely ranging topography.

The final dive spot - for dives four and five (if one was so inclined) was on the reef on the south side of Sutil. The reef structure top was at 20-25 feet with a 30-40 foot wall on the outside. Again pink abalone were the order. At this spot we were boarded by the resident "Warden" who graciously checked licenses, catch, and then chatted for some while - he's probably bored out there. We, and the boat, were "clean"! Water temperatures varied from 62-65°F - it's getting comfortable again.

We had a couple minor boobies but elected to forgo the tradition. The run back was under the hot summer skies and we were fortunate enough to see a small pod of blue whales. BIG!! Real BIG!! We made 22nd Street around 6:30 p.m. after an extremely enjoyable day out albeit not a two-day and not to Begg Rock. Ah well, we saved a few bucks!

Charisma Quotes in July

Pre-Dive...

- "Get's more difficult all the time."
- "That way you can get off on a technicality."
- "Trust me, I'm in Marketing."
- "Lecherous old men you just described the Douglas Dive Club."
- "He's right above you Brenda called ahead."
- "You need a check to know you need a checklist."
- "Courtesy of our resident DUI."
- "Checkout Paul's virgin shaft."
- "Yeah, like silicone implants in my butt like it's not big enough."
- "I'm going to get Walker."

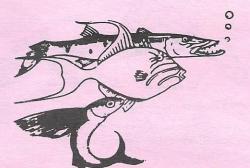
...Diving...

- "Close, close, just got in the head before Faisal."
- "Dacey's distracting him."
- "Most pink abs I've seen in a long time."
- "I'm not superstitious, but I probably won't bring bananas on his boat again."
- "Oh, that looks lovely."
- "I knew just who you meant, isn't that sad?!"
- "You should hear what we say about you when you're not here."
- "Boy, you look grungy."
- "Just another day on the ocean."

... Cruising Back.

- "My skin should start bubbling in about two minutes."
- "There he goes, Mr. Slather."
- "It's cold, it's free!"
- "Oh here's a guy in search of a vodka tonic."
- "You can touch my other things but leave my Cheetos alone."
- "Where's the ice, dummy?"
- "So who won the Boobie Prize??"





1994 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE



DIVI	E DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE *	BOAT	LOCATION
94-8	FRI/SAT	9/10 SEP	SAN MIGUEL	\$175	PEACE	VENTURA
94-9	FRI	14 OCT	SAN NICOLAS	\$90	ATLANTIS	CABRILLO MARINA
94-10	SAT	19 NOV	SANTA BARBARA	\$85	BOTTOM SCRATCHER	QUEEN'S WHARF
94-11	FRI/SAT	9/10 DEC	SANTA ROSA/SANTA CRUZ/ANACAPA	\$175	PEACE	VENTURA

Prices are all inclusive (air, food and beverages). Non-members add \$10 for single day and \$15 for two-day dives. Dives 94-C6, 94-SD and 94-SB do not include air, food and beverages!

Atlantis - Cabrillo Marina

South on Harbor freeway, left on Gaffey, left on 22nd Street, right on Via Cabrillo Marina and follow all the way to the end, turning off the mini-traffic circle onto Whaler's Walk and go to far end of parking lot. Boat is at the end of the walkway at Berth 31.

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.

CALIFORNIA COASTWEEKS EVENT PLANNER SEPTEMBER 17-OCTOBER 10 • 1994

Get out your calendars! It is time to plan California COASTWEEKS, sponsored by the California Coastal Commission. COASTWEEKS, the annual three week national celebration of our rocky shores and sandy beaches, begins on September 17th and runs through October 10th. Help create and participate in exciting and creative events that promote public awareness of our precious and fragile shoreline and increase citizen participation to improve our coastal environment.

Californian's last year hosted hundreds of educational and entertaining events including, hikes along the Coastal Trail, canoe, kayak and sailing regattas, exploration of bays, estuaries and tide pools with naturalist, coastal and marine fairs, exhibits and lecture series and the list goes on and on. See the reverse side for some dynamic COASTWEEKS activity ideas for 1994!

If you'd like to see your event in the COASTWEEKS' calendar, fill out the enclosed activity form. Please fill out one activity form for each workshop or event. The deadline for activity response forms is July 30th, 1994. Space in the calendar is limited, so please return your forms promptly to insure your event is publicized.

You can help kickoff the COASTWEEKS celebration by joining the Tenth Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, Sept. 17th. In 1993, more than 50,000 people participated and removed over 500,000 pounds of marine debris, setting a Guinness Book of World Records for a one day cleanup!! In all 15 coastal counties from the borders of Oregon to Mexico, to our state's beautiful and bountiful rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands, bays and estuaries you can pay tribute by participating in this year's cleanup. We are also hosting underwater dive cleanups in and around harbors, piers and protected underwater marine parks, as the perils of discarded trash to wildlife and us are both above and beneath the ocean surface. Call your local County Coordinator provided on the list to get involved.

COASTWEEKS is a time to remember protecting the coast begins at your front door. Trash travels to the sea from various sources including, gutters, storm drains, sams, and rivers. Bring family and friends together, pick a cleanup location 1/or plan an event. Keep the spirit of respect and conservation alive for our unique and diverse state by getting involved in COASTWEEKS.

You can FAX your activity response forms to Sean Hastings at (415) 904-5400. If you have any questions, please call (415) 904-5214.



1994 Coastal Cleanup Day



Saturday, September 17

Dive sites at the following locations

Two Harbors

Beach and Underwater Cleanup

Please call Kathy King at
310-510-0303 ext. 249

for more information.

Malibu Pier
Underwater Cleanup
8 a.m. - noon
Sponsored by Malibu Divers
Please call Grant Graves at 310-456-2356
for more information.

Santa Monica Pier Underwater Cleanup 8 - 10 a.m. Sponsored by Scubahaus ach parking free to all volunteer

Beach parking free to all volunteers.

Meet just north of the pier.

Please call Rocky Stickel at 310-828-2916
for more information.



For additional information regarding the Coastal Cleanup Day, please call 800-HEAL BAY

Coordinated in Los Angeles County by Heal the Bay in conjunction with the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Produced through funding from the Public Involvement Education Fund of Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project Project.

Sponsored statewide by the California Coastal Commission.



ACTIVITY:

TIME:

Harbor Clean-up
Redondo Beach, King Harbor Underwater Clean-Up

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DATE: Sunday, October 23, 1994

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Diving 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon)

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September 6 September 9-10 September 14-20

September 15

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's Boat Dive, San Miguel - PEACE La Paz / Cabo San Lucas Dive Trip

Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Nelson's Landing

OCTOBER 1994

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October 4 General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
October 13 Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Nelson's Landing
October 14 Boat Dive, San Nicolas - ATLANTIS
October 23 3rd Annual King Harbor Clean-Up
October 30 Beach Dive, Pumpkin Carving Contest White Point

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