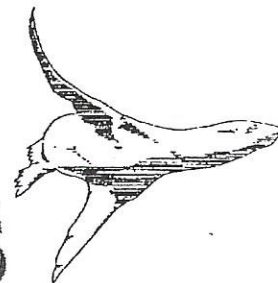




THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SHOULDER...

Shoulder!...Turns out I'm not sure whether to cry on it or somebody else's or look over it. Why, you may ask, Well, it seems like our dive boats only make Begg Rock, Wilson Rock, and Richardson's Rock when I'm not on the boat (!?!!) and as most of you know, I'm on almost every boat we charter!

It's nearly two years since we last made Begg Rock, over four years since we last made Wilson Rock and over fifteen years since we last made Richardson's Rock. All in all I guess if you want to make one of the rocks just make sure I'm not on the boat! Also as an added bonus, I probably should announce any potential absence on may part in the newsletter, so that you all may plan ahead!!

The only mitigating thing is that Ms. Dacey has an identical record so if we're both MIA on a charter you can guarantee making the rock of choice!!

A.P

(Editor's Note: Mr. Parker is mistaken in thinking that I have an 'identical' record. I have made Begg Rock and Wilson's Rock. And as for Richardson's Rock, I believe it's a cartographer's joke or the figment of some skipper's imagination!

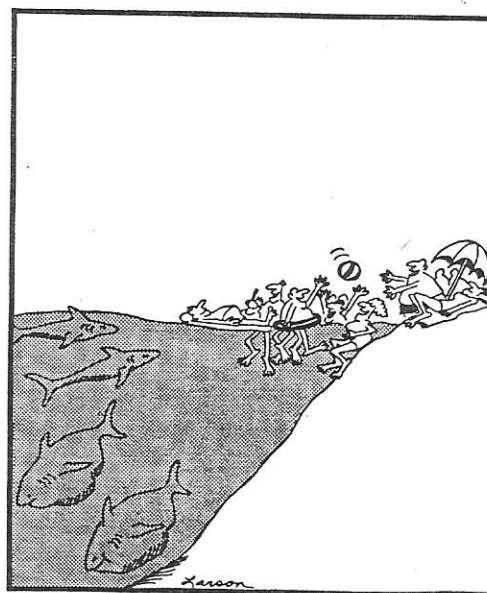
-K.D.)



OCTOBER PROGRAM -Social Hour

The entertainment for October fell thru so...we've decide to make it a social hour. We'll be discussing several members recent trek to La Paz and our upcoming 4th Annual Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp. So come on down and tell everyone of your recent dives and adventures. We'll see you at Petrelli's on Tuesday, October 3rd for another gala Sea Divers meeting.

**OUR NEXT FULL NEWSLETTER
WILL BE THE NOVEMBER /
CLEANUP EDITION.**



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NEW BUG SEASON HERE NOW!

13 OCT 1995 (Friday)

SAN NICOLAS

ATLANTIS

Members \$85

(INCLUDES FOOD AND AIR!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (10/12)

Non-Members \$95

Departure: 12:01 AM (10/13)

New Members \$43

Well folks we are already into the 1995/96 lobster (a.k.a. 'bug') season! Amazing how this year has just flown by - seems only yesterday bug season ended and abalone began. Joel I. and the *Atlantis* will take us to San Nicolas Island primarily in search of the elusive big bugs. Alternately, we'll have small bugs, scallops, and fish. Abalone just went out of season. As we have in the past several years, we'll probably try a couple of drift dives. These are great for both the weak swimmers and those who don't use a compass!! There is also a good chance for an early AM "night" dive so bring your new chem lights along.

As of this writing the boat is about half full so call Kathy (Kaholi) at (310) 719-1816 for sign-up and bunk assignment. It's a new lobster season and you know they're just waiting to jump in the boat with you. Get your 1995/6 bugs right here!



THE SEA DIVERS ANNUAL UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST & POTLUCK

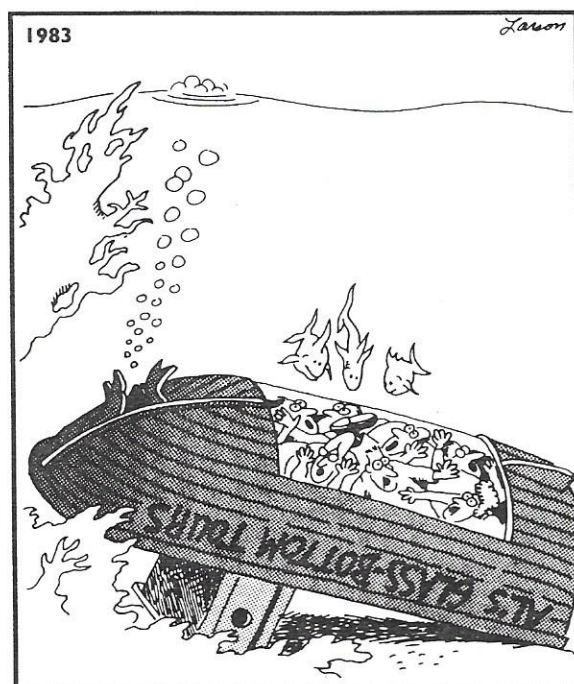
SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER 1995

Test your underwater dexterity at the 8th (in recent times) Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest being held on Sunday, 29 October, at White Point (Issei Cove). The fun will begin at 10:00 AM and all entries must be on display for judging by 1:00 PM. The grand prize for the winning pumpkin is a single-day trip on an upcoming Sea Diver boat trip. In order to help the club treasury, an entry fee of \$5.00 will be requested.

A potluck will follow the contest. The Sea Divers will provide snacks, hot dogs, and drinks. Family and friends are welcome. Please plan to bring a potluck dish of your choice to add to the post-diving activities. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Bennett at (310) 648-7036 (work). In order to plan refreshments for the event, please let Kathleen know if you'll be attending and how many will be in your group.

TOP 10 THINGS DIVE MASTERS SAY ON LIVEBOARDS...

1. You should have been here last week...
2. Usually the vis is better than this.
3. We've *always* seen sharks here, before.
4. Usually the heads don't stop up like this.
5. What, you didn't see the hammerhead?
6. What, you didn't see the manta ray?
7. It doesn't usually rain this time of year.
8. What, you didn't see the whale shark?
9. Normally we don't get a current here, this is different.
10. What, you didn't see those mermaids just below the mating eagle rays?



Fugikaua - purple coral, still planes
Heian
Shinkoku
Kaashomuro
Yamogiri

Rio de Janero - huge, felt like sinking into oblivion
San Kisan - bullets
Nippo - Nice steering, felt like still afloat
MaruKyosumi - Real wreck, dark. Pleasant upper deck, kitchen utensils.

Editor's note: The first half of this story was published in the May 1995 newsletter)

TRUK, Part II

By Denise Lawrence

We were on the Fugikaua. I felt the immensity of its size compared to my little diver's figure. I smiled through my mask as I realized somehow I thought a swim along its flanks would be a breeze and instead it stretched endlessly in front of me. There were dark holes scattered throughout and corridors to explore. There were even planes within its shattered remains. A person could spend days down here and I had only minutes. God, where to go first?

My dive buddies - if you could call them that - scattered everywhere and totally ignored the guide's beckoning. I followed him. Why not? He knew where everything was. And to tell you the truth, I was awestruck and a little intimidated by the piece of history I faced.

On most of the wrecks there were a great deal of intact items. To remember what was on each and every ship, I would have to play the video. But to summarize most of what I say is to say the following were encountered at some point: ammunition and mines, machine guns fully preserved on the exterior, dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, a hospital and its utilities, steering wheels, saki bottles, of course, boats within the ship, skeletons - but sorry, no buried treasure.

I felt a tremendous lightheadedness while viewing this mostly intact wreck. The guide was able to point out most of the things of interest. The rest of the group finally reached the upper portion of the ship and we managed to see the best part together.

Purple coral was everywhere, extending its long arms into graceful stems over shiply pieces. Our slow bubbles pierced the silhouette of the ship against the back drop of lightness. Divers faces peering out of their small windows showed widened eyes as all leaned back to look up and relax. Few creatures of the deep joined us in our pleasure, however. Perhaps the smell of steel and live ammo wasn't to their liking, or maybe it was the depth. Or maybe there was a silent cry from the ship saying leave me in peace. But our usual little friends were nowhere to be seen. I would have liked to have seen the giant wings of a manta ray or the sleek body of my slithery friends. It didn't bother me, though. I was here. I had made it without mishap.

We circled around the upper deck floating lazily. When our time was up, we careened gently from our quiet undersea berth, making our slow ascent to our safety stop. We climbed aboard our little boat and headed for our next destination. But first a snorkel on a baby wreck, a little lunch on an island piece with more than a few war stories to tell etched in its landscape.

But that's another story. This one will end here.



FOURTH ANNUAL KING HARBOR UNDERWATER CLEANUP



ACTIVITY: Redondo Beach, King Harbor Underwater CleanUp
DATE: Sunday, 22 October 1995
TIME: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Diving 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM)
LOCATION: Six areas encompassing all main basins of King Harbor
REGISTRATION: Divers and Surface Support Personnel must register by 13 October 1995 by sending a \$20.00 check or money order

made payable to: **The Sea Divers**
P.O. Box 2415
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

WHAT YOU GET: A great opportunity to continue the clean-up of a major local harbor, enjoy camaraderie and have lunch at the Edison Whaling Wall. You will also receive a bag of goodies and a
****Commemorative Wyland T-shirt****

PLUS: Diver Awards Largest, Heaviest, Smallest, Oldest, Most Unusual, Most Amusing, Classic/Antique Bottle, Most Valuable, Special A, Special B Energetic, Team Spirit, Leadership
Surface Awards
Door Prizes For Surface Support Personnel and Divers

PROCEEDS GO TO: Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber
INFORMATION: Call Nancy Cook, CleanUp Chairperson
Evening (310) 545-6393 Day (310) 813-1903

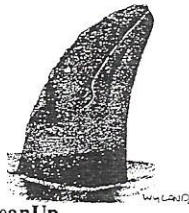
This major event is organized by The Sea Divers (Est. 1965). Sponsors include, or have included:



Registration

(Must be received by 13 October 1995)

Fourth Annual King Harbor Underwater CleanUp



Name: _____
Home Address: _____
Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____
Check one of the following: Diver: _____ Surface Support: _____

*****DIVERS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION*****

Do not leave any blank spaces! If you were recently certified and have not yet received your Certification Number - enter your Social Security Number.

Certification Agency: _____ Certification Date: _____
Certification Number: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: () _____

We will be diving in six areas. If you wish to dive with or support a group and/or a specific buddy please indicate group and/or buddy below.

Group/Club Affiliation: _____

Buddy: _____

Did you participate in this event previously? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like information on The Sea Divers? Yes _____ No _____

We cannot guarantee T-shirt sizes however your preference will help us place the orders.

Circle Preferred T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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October 3
October 4
October 10
October 12
October 13
October 16
October 22

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
KH CleanUp Meeting - 6 PM - SCE Conference Room
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Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing
Boat Dive: San Nicolas - *ATLANTIS*
KH CleanUp Meeting - 6 PM - SCE Conference Room
4th Annual Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp

NOVEMBER

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November 7
November 12
November 16

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Boat Dive: Santa Barbara - *ATLANTIS*
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing

DECEMBER

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December 5
December 8/9
December 14

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Boat Dive: Santa Cruz/Anacapa - *PEACE*
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing

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