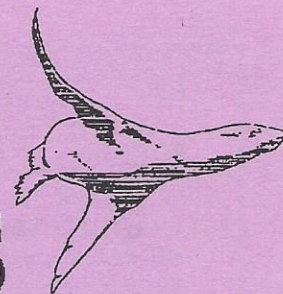


THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE ROCK PILE...

Why Rock Pile? No reason. I'd just never used it before and sometimes this is hard work!! So, having received only one volunteer for the 1996 Executive - Peter Landecker as Program Chair, we are in place for the start of 1996. I really appreciate Peter volunteering as we've had some problems getting our programs lined up for each month. I know he'll do a great job.

One change to our boat schedule for 1996 is that we moved the *Peace* two-day from 6/7 December (Friday/Saturday) to 30 November/1 December (Saturday/Sunday). We'll see how that works out. It's the first Saturday/Sunday charter we've had in many years.

The past year just zipped on by. Seeing as how we're all not getting any younger this can have it's down side!! However, it was a good year generally for the club and we hope to continue to build back up in 1996 and beyond. Thanks to you all for the support in 1995.

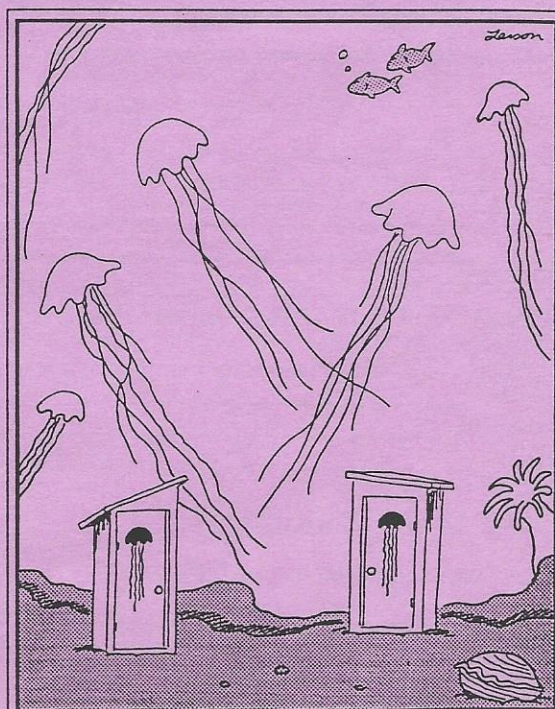
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JANUARY ENTERTAINMENT

OPEN FORUM!

As mentioned above, Peter Landecker has volunteered to take over the duties of Program Chair. As our January meeting is the very first day back for most of us, after Christmas and New Year's, we plan to socialize and perhaps run a video or two. We will also (quietly) discuss alternate meeting places. The Executive Committee will make a decision at the 11 January 1996 meeting as to where our next General Meeting venue will be. If you have an idea, please bring it along.

Our "Landecker Series" will begin at our February meeting with Pat Smith who along with Bonnie Cardonne wrote "Shipwrecks of Southern California".



Only they know the difference.

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 Kathy Dacey, 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). Inputs may also be given to me via floppy media in any of the major word processing program formats. Permission is given to reproduce in whole or in part. Please credit the author and/or The Sea Divers Newsletter.

GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7:00 PM the first Tuesday of every month. A no-host social half-hour precedes the meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and a feature presentation follows the business portion of the meeting. The meetings are held at Petrelli's Bar & Grill, 230 North Aviation Blvd., Manhattan Beach - (310) 372-2772. Exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Inglewood Blvd., turn left on Inglewood, right on Manhattan Beach Blvd., and left at Aviation. Look for London Towne Flower shop at the corner of Aviation and 2nd Street on the east side of Aviation. There is a parking lot behind the flower shop, street parking, and overflow parking to the north.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Held at 7:00 PM on Thursday the week following the General Meeting at Nelson's Landing at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl), across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____
ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) _____
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 \$12.00 (to 6/30/96)
[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (to 6/30/96)

(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for new members)

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CHARISMA AT SAN CLEMENTE

4 FEB 1996 (Sun)

SAN CLEMENTE (BACKSIDE)

CHARISMA

Members \$80

ALL INCLUSIVE OF AIR, FOOD, AND BEVERAGES

Boarding: 7:00 PM (2/3)

New Members \$40

Departure: 1:00 AM (2/4)

Non-Members \$90

The first dive of 1996 on our revamped schedule is on the mighty *Charisma* from 22nd Street. We plan to dive the backside of San Clemente primarily in search of bugs over 3¼" legal! I know there's lots of 3⅝" but some of them MUST have grown. The last time we were on the backside several large bugs were taken just south of West Cove. We'll run down the island to Seal Cove or beyond then work our way back making the last dive at the west end and probably around the Castle Rock area, ready for the run back to 22nd Street.

This dive is suitable for all levels of skill, ocean conditions permitting. The backside does see it's fair share of rough water and swells especially in the winter months. If we are weathered out then we'll partake of the frontside as an alternate. Looky-loos and/or photographers will not be disappointed with the environs of San Clemente and we've had some real nice dives this time of the year. John H. and the crew of the *Charisma* always take good care of us. So call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 for sign-up and assignment of your favorite bunk or stateroom on receipt of full payment. This is our only planned trip to San Clemente this year.

BAD AIR DAY

(Editor's note: The following report is courtesy of John Delaney. It is his account of his recent bad air problem aboard the Truth and subsequent events.)

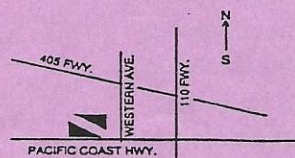
I had a problem with bad air on the Truth last month. We were on a two day trip and they didn't have any replacement filters on board so after several unsuccessful tries to improve the air quality by "blowdowns", we aborted the trip after one day and headed home from Cortes Bank. The air tasted very oily and after three dives with it, I had a headache so I decided to quit about the same time they decided to go back. (Unfortunately, the skipper - who I liked - was fired over this incident.)

I decided to call DAN and they advised that oil in the lungs was not a good thing and could lead to Lipoid (spelling??) pneumonia and recommended a chest x-ray and a check out by a doctor. I complied and was found fit even though I still had some discomfort taking deep breaths for several days.

I still had some air in the tank and thought I had better get the tank cleaned out and began searching for someone to do the job. I couldn't get any answer on the phone from Mr. Hydro and had no success finding anyone near my work site to do the job for what I considered a reasonable price. Also, no one I talked to seemed to really have any knowledge about what had to be done.

I then recalled that when I had visited OHMS in Santa Ana a few months ago that he did hydros there and also cleaned tanks for O₂ and Nitrox use. I called and they quoted a reasonable price and recommended that I have the valve cleaned also. It turned out that the lubricant in the air ate up the Teflon seats in the valve and they did need to be replaced. I was very satisfied with their service and price and the technician that does tanks for them really impressed me. It's nice to get professional service so I thought I would pass this on to the rest of the Club.

AMERICAN DIVING is a full service scuba diving facility. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff has been committed to excellence in customer service for more than 30 years. Our education department offers quality diving courses sponsored by NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors), an internationally recognized diver training organization. Our instructors offer courses at all levels from Openwater I through Assistant Instructor, plus a variety of Specialty Courses are available either at a group rate or by private instruction. We also offer local and international dive travel and can assist you in planning your adventures from day trips to the local islands to your wildest diving fantasy



This is Really December?

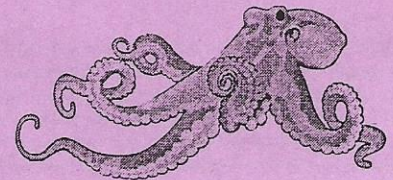
After everything settled down there were just fifteen of us on the *Peace* for our pre-holiday dive to the Channel Islands. Nice, real nice. Dawn at about 6:30 a.m. we were passing the west end of Santa Cruz Island heading for the pinnacles off the southeast tip of Santa Rosa. We checked conditions and high - real high - current precluded a pinnacle dive. In lieu, we went in much closer, between East Point and Ford Point sill in deep water. The anchor was draped over a small but pretty reef structure at 90 feet. Visibility was 40-50' with a slight current. Water temperature was 55°F. This was to be typical of the day as we moved west. Surprisingly the temperature increased at each of the five dive spots until we anchored for the night in 59°F water in Johnson's Lee. Dive two was off Ford Point in 60 feet, dive three west of Ford Point in 45 feet, dive four just around the corner west of South Point in 50 feet and finally dives 5 and night dive 6 in Johnson's (a.k.a. McGee's) Lee. Now I've been in Johnson's Lee more times than I care to remember, but Friday evening was just beautiful. Clam, no wind, and a spectacular sunset made for a great evening.

Saturday we had planned to poke our bow west and north into the San Miguel Passage in the hopes of diving the west and north of Santa Rosa. At 4:00 a.m. skies were crystal clear, at 6:30 a.m. thick thick fog had set in. Bee Rock was our first target. We found it! However, the combination of high current and thick fog was such that most just dove the reefs close to the boat!! Depth was to 60 feet with over 50 feet of visibility. We plowed north and eventually anchored on Little Wilson's, still in thick fog but zero current. Depth again to 60 feet. The third (and fourth for some) dive was at Talcott Shoal, and for the first time at Talcott we actually found a significant reef structure in difference to the flat moonscape typically dived! The fog was lifting some but never did allow the sun to really do it's thing, but after the just beautiful Friday it didn't seem to matter.

The run to Ventura was uneventful and we arrived about 5:45 p.m. On board were about ten lobster including a couple of 6-8 pounders, several limits of scallops and fish of various kinds for those so inclined. The photographers were not disappointed as the water was pretty clear for the two days. We didn't do any boobie but John D. is always hovering around it this time jumping in with no electronics and following that with two navigational screw-ups causing major swims against the current. The food was great, the company was great and the Friday weather was unbelievably nice. Just as a footnote there were four captains on board: Bill M., Nick S., Danny, and Eric. Lots of chiefs and few indians - but it worked.

Peace at Large...

"Probably ought to do a bladder check."
"Smells like fish. Prelude to a great trip."
"It's blowing hard outside."
"You've got more shit than you could ever use."
"Air? No problem. I'll just drop everything I'm doing."
"Got to get those dives in to keep the cost per dive down."
"I forgot to put hot water in my suit."
"A baby!"
"Delaney's down current again."
"He went to the Dacey School of Navigation."
"3200 psi in an old steel 72. You're wearing a bomb."
"Bill did you buy those pants on sale? I hope so."
"My crotch is falling apart again, I'll have to regoop it."
"That'll make it even more gruesome."
"Time for a nap."
"I've been eating all morning and feeding the fish, may as well continue."
"That's a good looking leak."
"I've always been an advocate of go ugly early."
"OK everybody slow down. Someone's going to get hurt."
"What's it feel like sleeping with a grandfather?"
"I've slept with worse, a LOT worse."
"I wouldn't mind having a hot date, but I'd probably hurt my back."
"The big thing goes in front."
"He's staying sober. He must be in love."
"Just like home, a burnt offering."
"Thick fog and high current, a nice combination."
"I've been a klutz all day."
"You have nice munchies and a bag of scallops too."
"I had a nice bag of scallops and two lobster jumped right in there."
"Thought you guys were hard core? Could handle any conditions."
"Dan, glad to see you drinking a beer. You made me nervous yesterday."
"Sure I'll have another. I'm not driving."
"Parking sucks."



1996 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

| DIVE | DAY(S) | DATE(S) | DESTINATION | PRICE* | BOAT | LOCATION |
|-------|---------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| 96-1 | SUN | 4 FEB | SAN CLEMENTE (BACKSIDE) | \$80 | CHARISMA | 22ND STREET |
| 96-2 | SUN | 10 MAR | SAN NICOLAS | \$85 | ATLANTIS | CABRILLO MARINA |
| 96-3 | SAT | 13 APR | CATALINA PINNACLES | \$65 | CHARISMA | 22ND STREET |
| 96-C8 | WED | ? MAY | CHAMBER DAY 8 / CATALINA | \$60* | CHARISMA | 22ND STREET |
| 96-4 | FRI/SAT | 10/11 MAY | SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA | \$180 | PEACE | VENTURA MARINA |
| 96-5 | SAT | 1 JUNE | SANTA BARBARA | \$80 | ENCORE | 22ND STREET |
| 96-6 | FRI/SAT | 26/27 JULY | BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS | \$180 | CHARISMA | 22ND STREET |
| 96-SB | SUN | 18 AUG | PALOS VERDES | \$20* | (Small Boats) | KING HARBOR |
| 96-7 | FRI/SAT | 6/7 SEPT | RICHARDSON/WILSON ROCK | \$180 | PEACE | VENTURA MARINA |
| 96-8 | FRI | 11 OCT | SAN NICOLAS | \$85 | ATLANTIS | CABRILLO MARINA |
| 96-9 | SAT/SUN | 2/3 NOV | CORTES BANK | \$195 | ENCORE | 22ND STREET |
| 96-10 | SAT/SUN | 30 NOV/1 DEC | SAN MIGUEL PASSAGE/SANTA ROSA | \$180 | PEACE | VENTURA MARINA |

*Prices are all inclusive (air, food, and beverages). Non-members add \$10 for single day and \$15 for two-day dives.
Dives 96-C8 and 96-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 onto 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 club members of The Sea Divers and members of other selected clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to one month before a scheduled boat dive. Partial refunds from single day boats which do not make the advertised dive location will be passed on to members who request them within two weeks.

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:

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* Please include date of last dive for each diver.

CALENDAR

| JANUARY | | | | | | |
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January 2
January 11

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing

| FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
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February 4
February 6
February 15
February 23-25

Boat Dive: San Clemente - *CHARISMA*
General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's or TBD
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing
Beach Dive: Catalina - Avalon Underwater CleanUp

| MARCH | | | | | | |
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March 5
March 10
March 14

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's or TBD
Boat Dive: San Nicolas - *ATLANTIS*
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing

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