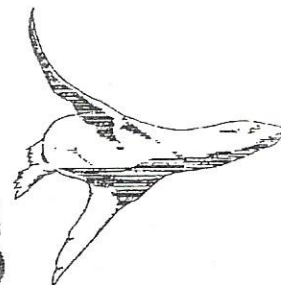




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FROM THE EXECUTIVE TIMELINE...

Two local major events approach. The first is "Chamber Day 8" on Wednesday, 1 May 1996, details of which were in last month's and this Newsletters. The Exec. encourages support of this event as it generates the largest event donation to the local chambers. (Our King Harbor CleanUp generates the second largest.) Note that *Charisma* and *Encore* are already fully booked so we suggest *Atlantis* as our alternate. The other event is "SCUBA '96 - The Dive Show" on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 21-23 June 1996 the first announcement for which is in this Newsletter. This is the largest SCUBA related show in the US and typically attracts over 10,000 visitors. Again we encourage you to support this event and learn more about our sport. Dale Sheckler, this month's speaker is the driving force behind SCUBA '96 and a leader in the local dive community

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APRIL ENTERTAINMENT

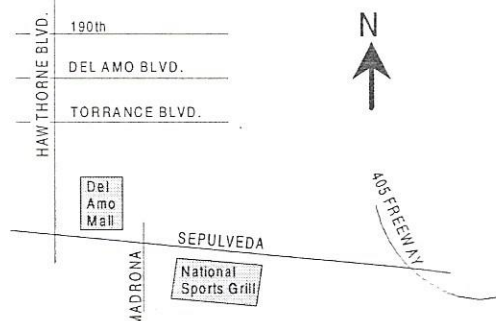
How To Get Your Diving Stories and Photos Published

Dale Sheckler will provide an inside look into the mind of a dive magazine editor and a published dive author on how to get your diving stories and photos published. He'll cover subjects like ideas, do's and don'ts, easy marketing ideas, part-time vs. full time pay plus more. Dale is the Editor and Publisher of California Diving News as well as being an author and co-author of several diving related books. In addition he has had articles and photographs published in a variety of diving and non-diving related periodicals. Dale is a California native that has been an active diver for over two decades. He has worked as a professional diver and has logged thousands of dives in his lifetime including underwater work in South America, the Gulf of Mexico, the Persian Gulf, Africa, the Caribbean and of course, California. His deepest dive was to 400 feet off the coast of Venezuela.

So come on down to our new General Meeting spot...The National Sports Grill at 3210 West Sepulveda in Torrance on April 2nd to hear Dale talk about both his diving and publishing experiences.

NEW GENERAL MEETING LOCATION!!

National Sports Grill
3210 W. Sepulveda
Torrance



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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 National Sports Grill, 3210 West Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance - (310) 534-5700. Exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Sepulveda Blvd. and turn west (left). Alternately, it may be reached by taking Hawthorne Blvd. to Sepulveda and turning east. It's just south of the Del Amo Mall on the corner of Sepulveda and Madrona (former Velvet Turtle).

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 \$6.00 (to 6/30/96)
[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$9.00 (to 6/30/96)

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

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

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

DIVING ECONOMICALLY

13 APRIL 1996 (Saturday)

CATALINA PINNACLES

CHARISMA

Members \$65*

(All inclusive!)

Boarding: 5:00 AM* (4/13)

Non-Members \$75*

Departure: 6:00 AM* (4/13)

New Members \$33*

The mighty *Charisma* will take us from 22nd Street to several of the pinnacles on the front side of Catalina. Ship Rock guards the approach to Isthmus Cove and aside from two shallow ledges astride the spine drops steeply to the sand close to 120 feet. Current can be a factor diving the pinnacle and is responsible for the typically high visibility in the area. The rock attracts a tremendous variety of sea life from the gorgonia fans and the deeper octorals to yellowtail and the predator fish to large angel sharks in the sand. One of the best dives around for video, photography, or just looking.

Following the Ship Rock dive, we will move to one or two of the pinnacles toward the West End. Eagle Rock, Indian Rock, and the adjacent three pinnacles are likely candidates. For our last dive we will return to the Isthmus area to Bird Rock just to the SSE of Ship Rock. This will provide an opportunity to dive the north flat face which contains a vertical 60 foot wall and adjacent up to 90 foot deep kelp forests - another excellent dive. These are all spectacular dives and as choice of depth can be planned into your dives, they can typically be dived by all skill levels. High current, a feature last year, obviously increased the skill level requirements. Although not as abundant as on the other islands, scallops and fish are available for the persistent gamesperson.

As on most Sea Diver's charters, the trip includes air, food, snacks, and beverages. Call Kathy Kalohi at (310) 719-1816 for sign-up. Come along - check out our all inclusive price against anyone!!

***Overnights on-board available for \$5.00/person. There will be no preassigned bunks.**

TWO DAYS OF PEACE

10/11 MAY 1996 (Fri/Sat)

SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA

PEACE

Members \$180*

(Includes everything!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (5/9)

Non-Members \$195

Departure: 1:00 AM (5/10)

The planned itinerary for this our first two-day of 1996 will take us out to San Miguel Island -- as always, weather permitting. Our first dive spot will be on the east side of Santa Rosa Island in a good scallop and/or red abalone area.. We will loop around either the north or south side of Santa Rosa depending on ocean conditions picking off one dives either on the northwest tip (fish and scallops) or the southwest tip (fish and abalone).

We then plan to cross the San Miguel Passage onto the south side of San Miguel diving Crook Point, Wychoff Ledge, and Tyler Bight. We will then circle back around the east side of the island for one or more dives before overnighting in Cuyler Harbor.

Weather permitting we would hope to tackle Wilson Rock or, failing that, we will probably dive the lee side of Prince Island. Then we'll begin the run back to the mainland stopping for dives along the north side of Santa Rosa, possibly at Talcott Shoal.

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

The *Peace* is a great boat just to be on -- diving or not!! Call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 for early sign-up and bunk assignment as you pay in full*!! We have a minimum of half the boat and this will fill early. Other spots may be available depending on the other half boat sign-ups. DON'T WAIT!! Don't forget the hot tub -- nice!!

***Member price is \$160 if you pay IN FULL by 12 August 1996.**

March Madness?

Our March trip was planned for the *Atlantis* to San Nicolas Island. We anticipated a light load of maybe 20-22 divers about a week before the charter. When everything shook out, we had 15 paid divers and two divemasters. After some serious negotiations we made it a Santa Barbara destination for essentially the money in hand. 'Nuff said!

The day was beautiful with warm sun most of the morning, haze for awhile in the early PM but reasonably warm, then hot sun for most of the run back to Cabrillo. Early tanning season!

Atlantis is now running at 11 knots, thanks to Joel I.'s energies, making Santa Barbara in about 4 hours. The first dive was immediately east of Arch Point in about 95 feet of 60 foot visibility water. There was a slight current and the temperature was a surprising 55°F. Nice dive in an area where literally millions of Brittle Stars live. The odd bug was around but no takers. Joel I. then moved to the 80 foot spot northwest of Webster Point. Roger S. was the first one in and barely caught the step as the high current ran him along the boat. Abandoned this one!! We settled for the Arch - underwater one! This is always a nice dive. There was some surge but otherwise a comfortable dive, up to 60 feet, approaching the arch, 70 feet visibility and a balmy 56°F. All the scallops are gone. We then moved to Webster Point which provided slightly different topography in 50 feet of water, some surge and lower visibility at about 40 feet. Temperature was up to 58°F. Our fourth and final dive was off the southeast tip of the island. Not a great spot with armies and armies of sea urchins in the canyons below ridges with kelp and other growth. A little weird!! Depths to 40 feet, no current, 30-40 feet visibility and a real balmy 63°F.

There were two or three bugs on board, a few good sized fish and a group of happy divers as the diving in general was comfortable, the reefs interesting, and the day just plain nice. The ocean was calm all day. Santa Barbara was not per plan but the day out was, so what the hell. Hope to see more of us in April!

Atlantis Quotes...

- "We lost one and found one - we're all even."
"We're not going anywhere until somebody pays."
"I need a top off..."
"Mine?"
"What the heck is that?"
"Raging current."
"Can you pick a spot without flies?"
"Can you time the arrival at the dock for high tide, so the ramp isn't steep?"
"You mean other people have found the Arch?"
"You know lunch is going to be good when the cook throws the pan away."
"Killed three flies at once. Not pretty, but they're dead"
"Great place for wash-up practice."
"That's how I like to see snow, about 50 miles away."
"We've got some serious zigs and zags here. Who's driving?"
"See you in October."



PACIFIC SHELL CLUB
SEA SHELL SHOW

APRIL 28, 1996
10:30 AM TO 5 PM

CABRILLO MARINA COMMUNITY BUILDING
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Another Lesson Seriously Learned.....

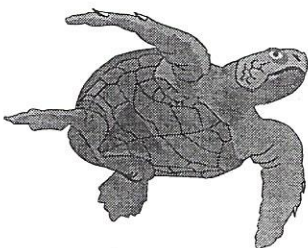
This little gem is another lesson that could have been disastrous. It IS true, it IS recent, it IS a club member on a non-club dive. It was not me!!!

- Bug hunting at 50 feet.
- Large bug in hole.
- Remove tank and B.C.
- Into hole.
- Back out of hole.
- Weight belt buckle springs open in surge.
- Grab weight belt.
- Surge tears mask and regulator off.
- Grab hose. Wrong hose, high pressure line.
- Grab second hose. Wrong hose, B.C. line.
- Exhale, swallow sea water.
- Drop everything. Go!
- Emergency ascent into thick kelp.
- With last effort punch through kelp.
- On surface - help requested.
- Request ignored - it's an advanced diver!
- Lay on kelp, regain calm.
- O.K.! Second diver recovers weight belt, B.C. and tank.

Some of us advanced divers tend to get too confident and too complacent. DON'T!!!

****** RAFFLE ******

At the April General meeting we will raffle two tickets to Knott's Berry Farm (non-discount value of \$58) and a \$25 gift certificate for American Diving. Hopefully, we'll be good support and make a few bucks for the club treasury. See you at the National Sports Grill on the 2nd of April.



SPECIAL NOTICE

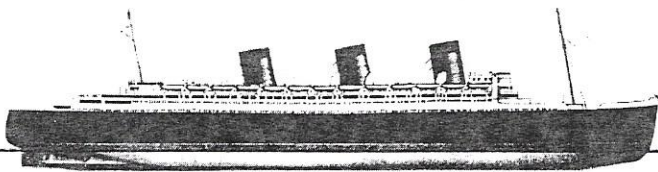
TANK PAINTING SPECIAL!!

Tanks D'Art is offering a special package deal to the dive clubs to refurbish tanks. The offer is as follows:

- Internal and external visual inspection by certified inspectors.
- Painting - removal of old paint, cylinder preparation, priming, painting in any color, clear-coating over the base paint (no heating of cylinders).
- Printing of The Sea Divers logo on the tank.

All of the above is at a cost of \$39.95 per tank. If you also need a hydro re-test or a tumble, add \$15.00 for each service.

This is a great deal but it requires a minimum order of ten (10) cylinders. If you are interested, bring your empty tank and your payment (cash or check) to the April or May meeting. If you have any questions contact John Mowrey at (310) 370-1724.



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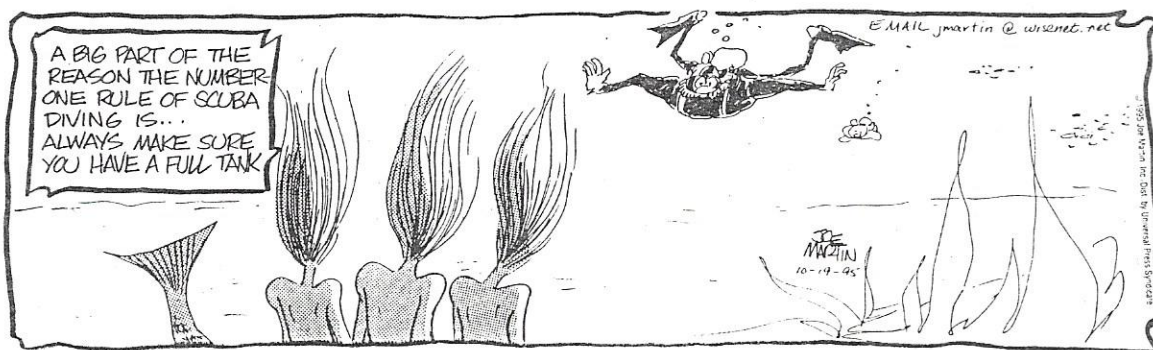
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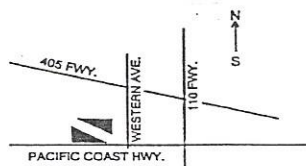
MISTER BOFFO By Joe Martin



1996 BEACH DIVE SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	WHERE	FEATURE	KEY CONTACT
FRI-MON	23-26 FEB	AVALON HARBOR	CLEAN-UP, PARTY, ETC., ETC.	(TBD)
SUN	23 JUNE	VETERAN'S PARK	REFRESHER, BOUILLABAISSE, POTLUCK	ALLEN PARKER
SAT	10 AUG	SHAW'S COVE, LAGUNA	BEACH PARTY, POTLUCK	JIM MONROE
FRI-SUN	2-4 AUG	LA BUFADORA, BAJA	DIVING, SUN, AND FUN	KATHY KALOHI
SUN	20 OCT	REDONDO BEACH	5TH KING HARBOR CLEAN-UP	NANCY COOK
SUN	27 OCT	WHITE POINT	PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST	KATHLEEN BENNETT

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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	1 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 8 / CATALINA	\$65*	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:

THE SEA DIVERS
P.O. Box 2415
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(310) 719-1816

* Please include date of last dive for each diver.

CALENDAR

APRIL						
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April 2
April 11
April 13

General Meeting - 7 PM - National Sports Grill
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing
Boat Dive: Catalina Pinnacles - *CHARISMA*

MAY						
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May 1
May 7
May 10-11
May 16

Boat Dive: Chamber Day #8 - *CHARISMA*
General Meeting - 7 PM - National Sports Grill
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