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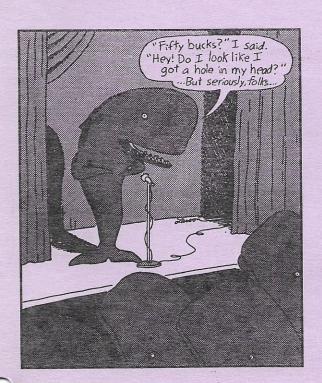


IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PIGGY BANK...

YOUR DUES ARE DUE AS OF 1 JULY 1996!!! At \$24 for a single membership and \$36 family it's still a steal! For the club to remain afloat the dues collected are important, after all 100 x \$24 is \$2400, which boosts the piggy noticeably. We presently have close to 140 members and we hope to retain most and add more as the year progresses, especially more active members. If you've already paid through June 1997, ignore this, if not YOUR DUES ARE DUE AS OF 1 JULY 1996!!!

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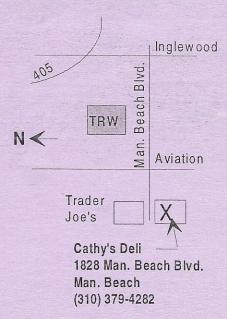
JULY ENTERTAINMENT: CLUB HISTORY

The President of the club Allen Parker will be talking about the history of our club which was 31 years old in February of this year. He will discuss the beginnings of the club, club projects (kelp restoration, abalone plants, clean-ups, etc.), past charter boats, club "characters", and some personal experiences (SCUBA diving only!). Copies of past newsletters for 10 and 20 year anniversaries will also be available. Newer members especially should get a good flavor of our club from this presentation but there'll be something for everyone. See you at Cathy's Deli on the 2nd of July.



NEW GENERAL MEETING LOCATION!!

The latest and greatest meeting place will be Cathy's Deli in Manhattan Beach. Cathy's (appropriately named for this club) has a good size smoke free QUIET room with a 27" TV. There is a variety of inexpensive plentiful food, and beer and wine for those so inclined. There are a few parking spots located adjacent to the East side of the Deli and plenty of street parking available. So come on down on 2 July and check it out!



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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 floopy media in any of the major word processing program formats or e-mailed to me at kathy.dacey@trw.com. 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 Cathy's Deli, 1828 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach - (310) 379-4282. Exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Inglewood Ave. and travel south approximately one block to Manhattan Beach Blvd. Turn west (right) on Manhattan Beach Blvd. Cathy's Deli is on Manhattan Beach Blvd. approximately 1/2 block west of Aviation Blvd. on the south (left) side of the street. Parking is street parking only.

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 1 NO Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin | SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$24.00 (to 6/30/97) (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 | FAMILY MEMBERSHIP* \$36.00 (to 6/30/97) single/\$36 family and are prorated *single household quarterly for new members)

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

CHARISMA TO-BEGG AND NIC

26/27 JULY 1996 (Fri/Sat)

BEGG ROCK / SAN NICOLAS

Boarding: 7:00 PM

CHARISMA

Members \$185*

Non-Members \$200*

(INCLUDES EVERYTHING!!)

Departure: 1:00 AM

Our second two-day dive of 1996 is a great southern outer island cruise and dive to the very best spots. This Friday/Saturday affair has been the making of really outstanding trips in past years.

Begg Rock is a group of pinnacles which rise about 15 feet above the water and then plunge in the most spectacular fashion to over 100 feet with rolling ledges from 30 feet to 60 feet. The rock is located about 7 miles north of San Nicolas Island, and is noted for its huge plate-sized scallops on the deeper ledges (easy to limit out at the one-day limit of 10). Photophiles and video buffs will be well served. Relative beginners should note that Begg Rock is fully exposed to the ocean, but on good days may be dived by all skill levels after appropriate predive consultation with The Sea Divers' divemasters and a properly planned dive.

San Nicolas, the outer most of the southern four islands, is noted for its relative remoteness and typically large size game. Ocean temperatures are up around 60°F, making diving pleasant. Divers should also have no problem reaching the limit on red abalone. Large fish, such as Calico Bass, Sheephead, etc., can be found in the kelp beds and reefs. We will overnight at San Nicolas, probably in Dutch Harbor, with full dinner, socialize with good friends, and enjoy a typically great evening just relaxing. The following day we will either head to Begg Rock for our second attempt, dive around San Nicolas again, or cruise to Santa Barbara Island, which is the smallest prettiest island and has a little of everything. The spectacular underwater arches, walls, reefs, sea lions, and other sea life are great for photography and video and visibility is usually exceptional. Again large fish surround the area, including the occasional black sea bass (these are for viewing only!!!).

In our established two-day tradition, awards will be featured during this trip. Sign-up early to make sure you have a spot on this charter. Bunks will be preassigned on a FIRST PAID basis. Call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 to sign-up. Boarding begins at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 26 July and everyone should be on board by 11:00 PM. Join us and relax --- CHECK OUR PRICES!!!! GREAT TRIP!!

*Note: Due to a fuel surcharge added by Charisma Charters, we have temporarily increased prices on a month to month basis. If you've already paid - so be it - you saved five bucks!

BUDDYLEASHI

You'll never lose your buddy again with the new Buddy Leash! Clasped on both ends, the leash attaches to your weight belt and to a collar around your buddy's neck. Made of 1/4" polypropylene, comes in lengths of three feet, six feet and twelve feet. Bright yellow color makes it easy to spot. Don't ever worry about trying to keep track of your buddy again—just hook him into your buddy leash. Great for low-vis dives! Made in U.S.A. \$29.95.



THE CANINE CONGLOMERATE, BOX 1440, BOXER CITY, WISCONSIN

LOADED LOGBOOK!

Pre-written divers' log—comes with your choice of 50 entries. No need to worry about showing proof of diving ability any longer. Just indicate types of dives you'd like documented in your logbook—warm-water diving, coldwater diving, wrecks, caves, walls, deep diving. Choose locations from the Caribbean, New England, British Columbia, or really impress your buddies with locations such as the Great Barrier Reef and the Red Sea. Log comes in choice of either turtle skin or manatee hide. Blue or white only. \$79.95. Write the C.B. Matchbook Company.

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Surprises at Santa Barbara

Encore arrived at the underwater arch west of Santa Barbara Island about 7:00 AM with a near full load of Sea Divers and a few non-members. Once anchored, we realized that the arch was down a fairly strong current and the boat had settled across the 4 to 6 foot swells. Not the best position nor the most comfortable motion. Diving echoed the conditions with noticeable surge to over 50 feet, relatively poor visibility, for Santa Barbara, at 25 feet or so and the fairly strong current. Typical depths were to 60 or 70 feet and beyond if one persued depth!! The water was a comfortable 60°F or so. The boat motion sucked!!

For the second dive we tucked in close on the north Side of the old Abalone City area (not anymore!). The water was greenish but calm and no current. Depths were shallow to 45 feet, visibility a surprising 15 feet - looked worse - and water temperatures to about 63°F. This spot yielded the only significant game of the day, a nice halibut knifed by Pete K. - no spear gun!! The third spot was tucked in just east of Sutil Island on a series of nice reefs with 30 feet of visibility. Water was up to 64°F - nice. The only significant observation on our dive was a large ray making a clumsy landing in a sand patch that looked like an airplane wreck!

By now sun and the veranda was setting in for some so the fourth dive again tucked in close on the south side was "undersubscribed". Conditions were much the same as dive three. Dave G. made a long long surface swim in search of yellowtails that we had spotted during the move. Not to be!! We motored quite a way to pick Dave up, then began to run back under a very hot sun, with very little breeze. We had seen very few abs, very few bugs, very few scallops, and very few fish - the visibility was poor, not good for photography or just looking. Somewhat surprising for Santa Barbara. Nevertheless, it beat working and the weather was just spectacular. The run back was calm and uneventful, we arrived at the dock just about 6:00 PM. Two dive boat related items: Joel I. is no longer the skipper on *Atlantis* and surprisingly, and unfortunately for us, the *Charisma* may be sold!!

Quotes a la Encore...

- "Don't confuse taste with a conscience."
- "That's an old one but it still works."
- "That's what he tells his wife."
- "I can't put anything past you."
- "World's Worst Fisherman."
- "Have a little nubby thing."
- "They used to be red."
- "Looks like something that came out of a rabbit that's been eating beans."
- "This is a whine and cheese trip for me."
- "The reason I don't hunt for halibut is that Dave does. Dave's single and is a lousy cook, I'm married and my wife's a great cook and he likes that sh__!"
- "LOW BATT' was the only LED that didn't light up!"
- "You're going to be signing stuff for 10 minutes."
- "I rely on him, he cares pretty much."

- "You're actually upright and performing at 23:36."
- "You're looking bad!"
- "Surgy, strong current, poor vis, no fish great dive."
- "Even us old guys heal, it just takes longer."
- "We need to move. Fifty percent of the boat aren't handling the swells at all well."
- "Used to be called Ab City not anymore."
- "The water is a nice shade of green."
- "It's never a good plan to hang around the props."
- "A pee break."
- "About five of those will make nice sushi."
- "The Skyy Vodka fairy came."
- "Once we get past the dock, if you have a sharp knife you can have a piece."
- "I sold him my tank, that way he carries it off the boat."

LA PAZ AND PUNTA PESCADERO

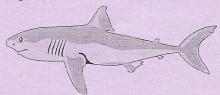
The club is planning the now almost annual trip to Baja Mexico 24 through 30 September 1996. This year we plan to spend three nights at La Concha in La Paz and three nights at the Hotel Punta Pescadaro which is exactly halfway between La Paz and Cabo San Lucas. We plan two days of diving from La Paz and two days of diving from Punta Pescadero. Total cost of the trip for divers is about \$850 and about \$550 for non-divers. This includes round-trip air fare, hotels, transfers (including round trip from La Paz to Punta Pescadero), and four days of two tank diving (extra tank can be added for \$10 each). I will be collecting names for sign-up and hope to have a firm commitment of eight Sea Divers and associates. If you need further information call me (Allen) at (310) 813-2955.

Just Ten Years Ago...

The club president was Robin Grant, Vice President Greg Hindman, Treasurer John Mosher, and Secretary Kathy Adams (Kalohi). The General Meetings were held at Adam's Rib on Restaurant Row in Torrance. The July boat dive was on the Spectre to San Clemente Island at \$49 non-inclusive. The beach dive was the Jade Cove Campout over the 4 July weekend, a standard trip in the club until last year! The L.A. County Advanced Diver Program was getting underway, as it is in 1996. The Executive write-up in the newsletter was a full page summary of a series of new By-laws invoked by TRW on it's associated clubs - This actually was the beginning of the end of our association with TRW, although it was to be another three and a half years (1 January 1990) before we legally "divorced" - sort of like marriage and divorce, takes time!!!

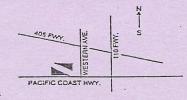
The Club and Beach Diving

Several of our newer members have asked about beach diving. As you know we plan only six beach dives a year including the Avalon Harbor Clean-up and our King Harbor Clean-Up. In the mid-1980's we used to plan as many as fourteen beach dives, however member interest waned to the point we are at today. IF there is sufficient interest "out there" we can certainly begin a revival of our beach dive program, up to and including a Beach Dive Chairperson. Note that there is a beach dive planned for 30 June 1996 followed by the bouillabaisse/potluck. Call or talk to one of the Execs if you are interested in a revived program.

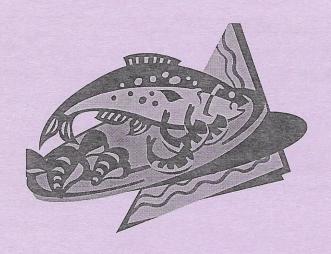


	1996 BEACH DIVE SCHEDULE					
DAY	DATE	WHERE	FEATURE	KEY CONTACT		
SUN	30 JUNE	VETERAN'S PARK	REFRESHER, BOUILLABAISSE, POTLUCK	ALLEN PARKER		
SAT	10 AUG	SHAW'S COVE, LAGUNA	BEACH PARTY, POTLUCK	JIM MONROE		
FRI-SUN	TBD	LA BUFADORA, BAJA	DIVING, SUN, AND FUN	KATHY KALOHI		
SUN	20 OCT	REDONDO BEACH	5TH KING HARBOR CLEAN-UP	NANCY COOK		
SUN	27 OCT	WHITE POINT	PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST	KATHLEEN BENNETT		

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 you adventures from day trips to the local islands to your wildest diving fantasy







BOUILLABAISSE EXTRAORDINAIRE 30 JUNE - VETERAN'S PARK, REDONDO BEACH

DIVING - REFRESHER COURSE - BOUILLABAISSE COOKOUT/POTLUCK

We will dive just south of the pier at Redondo adjacent to Veteran's Park. For those unfamiliar with the dive site, it offers an easy sandy beach entry. The surf is typically small due to the Redondo Canyon at this location. Following a sloping sand bottom, the diver encounters the old Redondo pier pilings about 50 feet out. They stand above the sand bottom reaching 10 feet and more towards the surface. Their long submersion leaves them covered with red corinactus and hollowed out havens for crabs. Continuing further, the pilings end in about 80 feet of water over the edge of Redondo Canyon. Anyone requiring a short "refresher" in diving should contact John Mowrey for appropriate arrangements. Park in the Redondo Beach Municipal parking lot on the south side of Veteran's Park at 25 cents a half-hour (so bring lots of quarters!!!).

Grande Master Chef Parker aided by Petite Fleur Dacey, will be stirring up a warm and filling pot of bouillabaisse that is guaranteed to satisfy the most discriminating diver. "Le Chef" asks all who plan to partake of this tasty concoction to BRING SEAFOOD, CAUGHT OR BOUGHT, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE POT. We typically add some or all of the following seafood to the base. All seafood should be UNCOOKED!

Scallops - small, medium or large, some

preferred in the shell

Clams - typically small, medium or large in

the shell

Lobster - Any! In or out of shell

Fish - all varieties, cleaned and deboned

Mussels - in the shell

Shrimp - medium or large, usually in the

shell

Oysters - small or medium, out of the shell

Crab - medium to large legs, claws in the

shell

Abalone - Any! Most will be used for

appetizers.

"Calamari" - tentacles (rings) or "little guys"

Other - we'll try almost anything!

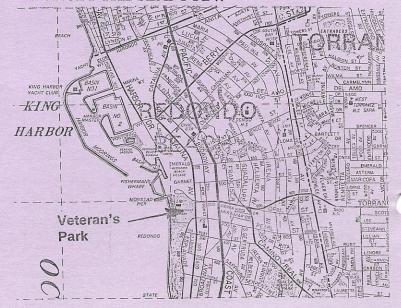
Crusty bread will be provided but bring your own beverages, other accompaniments, and a potluck if you are not into bouillabaisse!

If you're not planning to dive, and just want to enjoy the companionship and good food, plan to be at Veteran's Park in Redondo Beach by 12:00 noon. The approximate schedule is as follows:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Dive as desired Prepare Bouillabaisse Eat and socialize

Veteran's Park is shown on the map above. Allen "Le Chef" Parker is the key contact at (310) 813-2955.

THIS PARTICULAR EVENT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS - HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE - DON'T FORGET THE SEAFOOD!!



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
6-3	SAT	13 APR	CATALINA PINNACLES	\$65	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
∂6-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	\$185	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 minitraffic 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 a	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.

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July 2	General Meeting - 7 PM - Cathy's Deli
July 11	Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing
July 26-27	Boat Dive: Begg Rock / San Nicolas - CHARISMA

AUGUST					
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August 5	General Meeting - 7 PM - Cathy's Deli
August 10	Beach Dive: Shaw's Cove, Laguna
August 15	Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing
August 18	Boat Dive: Small Boat Regatta, Palos Verdes

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