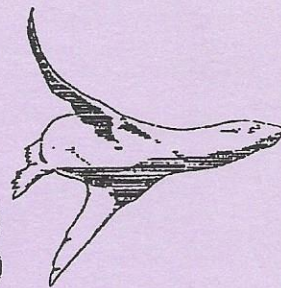


# THE SEA DIVERS



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE LOOKOUT...

This being our first issue of 1997, looking ahead to what we hope will be another great year of diving, seemed appropriate. Our boat charters are with *Peace* and *The Great Escape* both great boats in their own way. Destinations have been shuffled a little but all of the best spots are accounted for. We made them all in 1996 so we have high hopes for 1997. With Bill Garrett back as the Beach Dive Chair we anticipate a much improved beach dive program beginning with the Avalon Harbor Clean-Up on 22 February 1997 - see info inside this newsletter. Our General Meeting place, Cathy's Deli, is quiet and smoke free and appears to do the job - would like to see better support especially when we have a nationally known speaker on hand! We are entering 1997 in slightly better financial shape than in past years but we'll need to continue to watch the treasury for any erosion. Cub membership is down but active support is up which is good.

My personal thanks to Sharon Hale (Treasurer), Peter Landecker (Programs) for their excellent support in 1996. Both positions remain open at this time - hello out there!!

Happy New Year and here's to a great year for The Sea Divers.

A.P.

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## January Entertainment - OCEANOGRAPHY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The entertainment for January will be presented by Rick Pieper (Dr. Richard Pieper) - BA and MA in Marine Biology from UCSB, and PhD in Oceanography and Zoology from the University of British Columbia. He works mainly with the interrelationship between physical oceanography and the distribution and abundance of midwater organisms, utilizing advanced acoustical assessment methods. He has also worked on the impacts of seismic operations on marine organisms and the water quality in Marina del Rey. Presently, Dr. Pieper is a research scientist at USC working on research grants, part time faculty in biology at Marymount College, and life guard at El Camino college. He is a certified scuba diver from UCSB where worked on kelp project off Anacapa Island and collector for marine biology classes.

Dr. Pieper's presentation will include a discussion of the basic oceanographic properties in local waters. These include the major current systems, annual, interannual (El Nino), and decadal patterns in transport and water properties, the nature of this "transition zone" area between southern and northern waters and species of organisms, and the productivity of the area. Local climate, tides and tidal currents, and man's impact on the system will also be discussed. Recent work from a moored instrument array off of LA harbor will also be presented.

The January General Meeting is at Cathy's Deli starting at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there to hear a fascinating discussion regarding Southern California Oceanography. Special thanks to Peter Landecker for once again lining up an interesting speaker for our education and entertainment.

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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, c/o The Sea Divers, 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 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 Roberto Al Mare (formerly Nelson's Landing) at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl), across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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 6/30/97)	(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for NEW members)	
[ ] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP*	\$18.00 (to 6/30/97)		
*single household			

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## A NEW COMBINATION

**2 February 1997 (Sun)**

**SANTA BARBARA**

***GREAT ESCAPE***

**Members \$85**

**(All inclusive!)**

**Boarding: 7:00 PM (2/1)**

**Non-Members \$95**

**Departure: 2:00 AM (2/2)**

**New Members \$43**

Typically our February charter has been on *Charisma* to San Clemente. This year as a part of our revamped schedule *Great Escape* (formerly known as *Charisma*) will take us to Santa Barbara Island instead. We did our first trip with *Great Escape* on 2-3 November 1996 to Cortes Banks. The new owners are friendly, knowledgeable and extremely accommodating. Consequently, we're anticipating a very pleasurable trip.

As most of you experienced divers know, Santa Barbara diving provides the very best in underwater topography, marine life, and generally high visibility. Sea lions abound and are always ready to "play". Black sea bass have been sighted on numerous occasions as have relatively large rays. The reefs are ideal for photography or just looking. Typically we will circumnavigate this relatively small island to pick off four or five choice spots.

For the game takers there are a variety of fish, scallops, and a smattering of lobster. Diving conditions in February are usually pleasant and typically the ocean is cooperative. This dive is suitable for all skill levels. Beginners should check with our divemaster to ascertain the specifics of each dive. *Great Escape* is one of the largest dive boat in the L.A. area and provides an extremely comfortable diving platform. The "verandah" (a.k.a. sun deck) also provides for sun and relaxation on the ride home. Call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 to sign up for this all inclusive trip on a great boat to one of the best islands. You may pre-select your stateroom / bunk on receipt of full payment. **CALL NOW!**

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## LOBSTER AND RED ABALONE

**15 March 1997 (Sat)**

**SAN NICOLAS**

***GREAT ESCAPE***

**Members \$85**

**(Includes Everything!)**

**Boarding: 8:00 PM (3/14)**

**Non-Members \$95**

**Departure: 11:00 PM (3/14)**

**New Members \$43**

The 1996/97 lobster season is drawing to a close, the 1997 abalone season opens 1 March 1997. The trip is on our 22nd Street boat *Great Escape* (a.k.a. *Charisma*). We'll be searching once more for the elusive and wily bugs. The weather has been quite good this year and we hope to get to the island in the early (still dark) timeframe to get in one night and three or four daylight dives. Those interested should bring fresh chem lights and at least one dive light. Red abalone, are also fairly abundant in some spots around San Nicolas and they don't move nearly so fast as those bugs do!! But you need to recognize the various species however, so you don't violate the present sport fishing regulations - only reds are legal again this season.

For those of us that are not so lucky or skilled at the lobster or abalone stakes, fish provide a nice alternative with many different species to spear. Although not the prettiest underwater environment, San Nicolas can provide excellent opportunities for video or photography. The boat will depart at 11:00 p.m. on Friday.

Diving around San Nicolas is suitable for all skill levels with ocean cooperation. Relative beginners should check with the divemaster on duty before making a deep or potentially difficult dive. Call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 for sign-ups and additional information. Bunks will be preassigned on a first pay/space available basis.



## **BAD TURNS GOOD, GOOD TURNS BAD**

Wind, wind, and more wind was the weather forecast for our *Peace* two-day Thanksgiving weekend. As a result the Friday dive (not ours!) was cancelled and Bill M. almost cancelled our two-day. Fortunately he did not but we didn't leave the dock until after 4:00 AM in lieu of 1:00 AM. After a slightly bumpy ride things calmed down and we arrived at Gull Island about 8:00 AM. The weather was perfect.

The first dive was memorable for the weird current conditions, not entirely unusual for Gull Island. Current was strong, visibility was to 50 feet, depths to about 50 feet and 58°F water temperature. Scallops turned out to be the number one take, with water conditions good for photography. The return to the boat was a mess. The boat had swung 180° and the current line passed the bow and anchor line!!! This "endo" by the boat caused all kinds of confusion mostly with the divers from the other group. Eventually everyone made the boat albeit after long ugly surface swims. The second spot was tucked in behind Morse Point. Similar conditions with slightly warmer water, less visibility, but no current. Dive three was back to Gull Island where the current was worse, causing several of the less experienced divers to stay on the boat. Kathy D. and I netted seventeen scallops, some 5-7" across - not bad for the area.

The 20 'boat' minute move to Santa Rosa took 40 'regular' minutes with our fourth dive just north east of East Point. Topography varied between reefs, sand, and flat rocky areas. Temperature was 60°F with a slight current. Not much for game takers here. Dives five and six move progressively closer to Ford Point in calm 59°-60°F water with visibility less at 30 feet or so. A slight current persisted. The dive six spot was also the night dive, 8-10 bugs taken, and our overnight. A promise of a run at San Miguel in the early Sunday AM died about one half mile into the channel. Wind was coming back up and by the time we anchored in Johnson's Lee (where else?) the kelp was flapping and the Alpha and Diver Down flags were cracking. Worst of all the boat was swinging at least 90° and "pumping" fore and aft. Nice combination!! Many previous divers of this Lee elected this one out. Visibility was 20-30 feet, no surge or current - not much of anything except wind. The second dive was tucked in in close to South Point with much similar conditions and results as Johnson's Lee diving. As we began our retreat east, just finding a spot became more and more difficult with visibility decreasing noticeably - down to 15 feet or so the last two dives. Bugs there were but in deep deep cracks and holes.

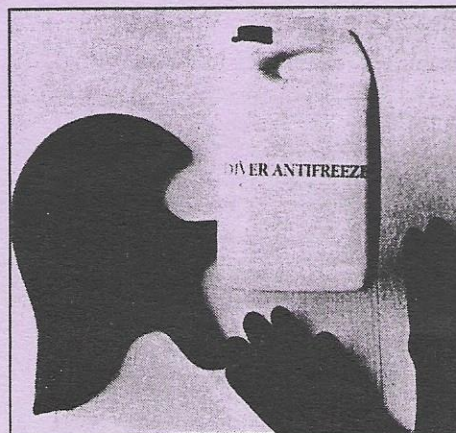
We started the run back late as a couple of divers either could not tell time or add minutes up, making for a 6:30 PM or so arrival back at Ventura Marina. The run across the Santa Cruz channel was by now pretty sloppy with some wave combinations to ten feet or so. Once sheltered by Santa Cruz things smoothed out and the sun was warm...almost hot. Slop set in again as we rounded Santa Cruz but started to die down some after the sun set. Nice set in with a great sunset and clear stars.

Not too bad for November/December. We netted nearly twenty bugs total for the boat, made seven dives on day one and four on day two. Food was great, which is typical for the *Peace*, the crew was helpful and friendly and aside from the second day winds, a broken VCR and a busted port side head we couldn't have asked for much better. Just to round the trip off, Kathleen B. and John T. became formally engaged!!!

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### **DIVERS' ANTIFREEZE**

Warm up for winter diving with the unique Divers' AntiFreeze. Only one dose keeps you warm in the water for an entire winter. Comes in 32-ounce containers. Good for temperatures to -30 degrees. Send \$49.95 to Pristone, 500 Summer Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan.





## Peace Quotes

"I'd rather sleep in my shorts..."

"...I'd rather sleep in your shorts too."

"No lime's OK. I'll pretend like I'm camping."

"Not a bad little bar actually..."

"...with drinks that size, I agree."

"Nobody drops in when you live in Boron."

"Be sure you ask for extra bread."

"You've got a whole list of quotes already."

"Hey John don't knock it, tonight may be the night!"

"Peter has a new wet suit - and a new pink B.C."

"First casualty - Bennett's pressure gauge blew out."

"Can you move over a couple of cheeks?"

"What are they doing?"

"You've talked about my wetsuit, now you're going to talk about my boots."

"Either they're barbequing or the boat is on fire."

"No more quotes, somebody ripped off the pen."

"You want air too?"

"It must be at least 70° at that spot."

"About 50 lbs. ago I used to play soccer for South America..."

"...the whole continent?"

"A mind is a terrible thing to lose."

"I'm not sure how to get out of this thing....now how do I get out of this piece?"

"When you get older you can still have fun, It just hurts more the next day."

"He's not called Grossman for nothing."

"The VCR died, we may have to play music or talk to each other."

"It sounded like a foghorn."

"Peter had a hard time figuring out how to get it off."

"The night divers just gave up and broke out the tequila."

"Ta Killya."

"Can't beat free camera."

"Kathleen and John just got engaged - REALLY!!!"

"We paid him to play cards until 4:00 AM to reduce snoring."

"Believe it or not there are 9 night divers."

"The VCR don't work, we already established that."

"Let me out, I need to go."

"The starboard head is taller than the port head, nobody knows why!!!"

"You look like you had a rough night Peter."

"Nice wet cold suit - say something for the newsletter."

"Dry was the right decision."

"Your wet suit crotch looks worse after every dive..."

"...I thought you liked it!"

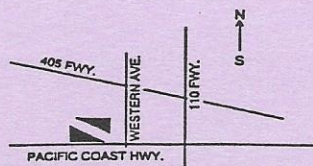
"We don't care how rough it is, we're not going in, we're done."

"Hey! Turn the boat around you're messing with my tan."

"Big waves, rock and roll - any pukers yet?"

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## BEACH DIVING 1997

I have taken on the task as Beach Dive Chairperson for 1997. I would like to solicit The Sea Divers for their inputs as to what type of beach diving they might be interested in, such as where, for what and when. I also would like to find out who might be interested in organizing a particular beach dive. California and especially Southern California is blessed with some of the best beach diving in the world, great variety. For your inputs contact me at:

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(Work)

Bill Garrett

c/o TRW

One Space Park

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Redondo Beach, CA 90278

(310) 813-2862

The following is a list of some possible beach dive locations/trips:

### Location

Avalon Harbor

Veteran's Park

La Jolla

La Bufadora, Baja

Scammans Lagoon, Baja

Laguna Beach area

Scotchman Cove area

Catalina

Redondo Beach

White Point

Zuma Beach to Ventura County line

Pismo Beach

Jade Cove

### Features

Clean-Up, Party

Refresher, Bouillabaisse, potluck

Camp-out, Scripps Tour, Scripp's and La Jolla canyon dive

Unique area

California grey whale calving area

photography, game

photography, game

Camp-out

King Harbor CleanUp

Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest

Camp-out, game

Camp-Out

Camp-Out

The first "Beach Dive" will be the Avalon Harbor Clean-up on Saturday, February 22nd. Please call me at the numbers above if you are interested. Information on the Clean-Up is below and final details on The Sea Diver excursion will be published in the February newsletter. We will probably go to Catalina on Friday evening on the Catalina Express and return on Sunday. We will try and identify the remaining '97 beach dive schedule at the January Executive meeting.

Bill Garrett

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## Avalon Underwater Clean-Up - February 22

The 1997 Underwater Clean-Up of Avalon Bay takes place Saturday, February 22. This is the 17th year of this popular annual event. The trash found in the bay is collected over the two-hour period, then sorted and recycled by volunteers. An awards presentation will follow at Wrigley Plaza Stage in town. There will be a large number of prizes given away and awards given out for exemplary trash and stories.

The proceeds from the Underwater Clean-Up will benefit the Catalina Conservancy Divers and the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. Advanced registration is required (deadline, January 30). Registration will not be allowed the day of the event. Cost per diver is \$25.00 and includes an air fill, door prize ticket, and a commemorative T-shirt.

For a registration form and further information, contact the Catalina Conservancy Divers at (310) 348-4750, Fax (310) 348-4755 or call event Chairman Chester Lowe at (310) 641-8817.



## 1997 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

<u>DIVE</u>	<u>DAY(S)</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>PRICE*</u>	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
97-1	SUN	2 FEB	SANTA BARBARA	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-2	SAT	15 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-3	SAT	12 APR	FARNSWORTH BANKS / CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-C9	WED	7 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 9 / CATALINA	\$65*	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-4	FRI/SAT	9/10 MAY	SAN MIGUEL	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
97-5	SAT	31 MAY	SAN CLEMENTE EAST END	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-6	FRI/SAT	25/26 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS	\$190	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-SB	SUN	17 AUG	PALOS VERDES	\$20*	(Small Boats)	KING HARBOR
97-7	FRI/SAT	12/13 SEPT	RICHARDSON'S/WILSON ROCK	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
97-8	SUN	TBD OCT	SAN NICOLAS	TBD	TBD	TBD
97-9	SAT/SUN	1/2 NOV	CORTES BANK	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
97-10	SAT/SUN	29/30 NOV	SAN MIGUEL PASSAGE	\$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 97-C9 and 97-SB do not include air, food, and beverages.

### Great Escape - 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

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 of the dive.

### 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  
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\* Please include date of last dive for each diver.



# CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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January 7  
January 16

General Meeting - 7 PM - Cathy's Deli  
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Roberto Al Mare

FEBRUARY						
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February 13  
February 21-23

Boat Dive: Santa Barbara - *GREAT ESCAPE*  
General Meeting - 7 PM - Cathy's Deli  
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Roberto Al Mare  
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