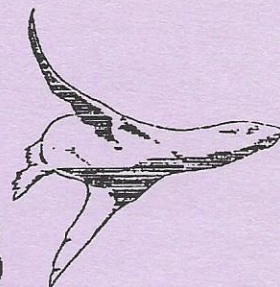


THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PROGRAM....

We really, really, need a Program Chairperson. We have run out of time this month and as a result the July program is somewhat makeshift. There must be someone out there willing to do ... say a six month stint, or volunteer to present even a single program or find a person that will - calls will be forthcoming!! We do have some program ideas but it just needs a body to call and follow up. It takes a few of us a lot of time and effort to run the club and frankly we collectively are stretched out far enough. New blood would help! Be brave and be counted.

A.P



JULY ENTERTAINMENT THE LATEST DIVE GEAR & STEVE DI NAPOLI

Steve DiNapoli will be back to show off some of this year's new gear. With the deals that American Diving makes us all maybe it's time to move up in the gear world. Switch that 1980's (or earlier!) regulator for one of today's items, move to the latest and greatest in dive computers, or maybe a new lightweight BC - be there and see what there is.

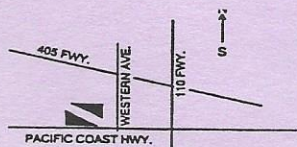
Also we will spend a short while discussing in open forum our plans for 1998 - boats and stuff - so bring your input for consideration.

The next General Meeting is at Round Table Pizza on Tuesday 1 July 1997 starting at 7:00 PM.

BOAT DIVE UPDATE

Our next two boat dives are already full, as was our last dive. This bodes well for the club but obviously disappoints those planning to sign-up later. If the present level of support (thank you!) continues, we will plan to increase our commitments for 1998. In the meantime early sign-up and payment is a must and if you are "late" call Kathy (Kalo) anyway, at (310) 719-1816, as there are nearly always late cancellations etc.

We are in the early stages of our dive boat plans for 1998 so if you have any changes/additions you would like to see let one of the Execs know and we'll fold it into our thinking at the August Executive meeting.



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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, 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 Round Table Pizza, 4330 Redondo Beach Blvd., (one block east of Hawthorne Blvd. in Ralphs/Savon Center) Torrance, California (310) 371-8009.

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

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

- | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE MEMBERSHIP | \$24.00 (to 6/30/98) | (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for new members) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY MEMBERSHIP* | \$36.00 (to 6/30/98) | |
- *(single household)

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WORLD CLASS PINNACLE DIVING

25/26 JULY 1997 (Fri/Sat)

BEGG ROCK / SAN NICOLAS

THE GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$190*

(INCLUDES EVERYTHING!!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (7/24)

Non-Members \$205

PROMPT!! →

Departure: 11:00 PM (7/24)

Our second two-day dive of 1997 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, especially in 1996.

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 pre-dive consultation with the divemaster and a properly planned dive, with your buddy.

San Nicolas, the outer most of the southern four islands, is noted for its relative remoteness and typically large size game. Ocean temperatures will be up around 60°F, making diving pleasant. 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!!!).

If you have a spot on this charter you're lucky as the boat is full as of this writing. Bunks will be preassigned on a FIRST PAID basis. Call Kathy (Kalohi) at (310) 719-1816 to sign-up on the wait list. Boarding begins at 8:00 PM on Thursday, 24 July and everyone should be on board by 10:00 PM for an 11:00 PM prompt departure. Join us and relax --- CHECK OUR PRICES!!!! GREAT TRIP!!

***Price WAS \$175 if paid in full by 20 June 1997**

SMALL BOATS IN AUGUST

17 AUGUST 1997 (SUN)

PALOS VERDES

SMALL BOATS

Members \$10

(Non-Inclusive)

Boarding: 8:30 AM (8/17)

Departure: 9:00 AM (8/17)

The fifth - in recent hazy memory - annual small boat dive will take us to the wreck of the *Avalon* off Palos Verdes and then on to other spots as desired by each boat and divers. We hope to have between three and five boats leaving primarily from King Harbor. Diving is typically pretty easy and unhurried and in the past years have been in warm calm conditions. Also the fish population has revitalized so you spear types ought to be able to find food for the day (or later), especially around the *Avalon*. Each year creates a couple of amusing episodes and this year no doubt will generate at least a couple of it's own stories!

After a "strenuous" day of diving in the sun we plan to get together and socialize for an hour or two. Your fee of \$10 goes to the club treasury and will secure your spot. Note there will be no official Sea Diver divemaster. However, it is anticipated that one or more will be on the dive along with advanced divers.

For sign-up and boat assignment call Allen (Parker) at (310) 813-2955. More information in the next newsletter.

GREAT ESCAPE AT PYRAMID

Pyramid Head loomed up at about 6:00 AM across calm seas, and overcast sky with no wind. We anchored over The Arch in the center of Pyramid Cove just before 7:00 AM. *Great Escape* skipper Roy K. had put the hook over the east side of the Arch, perfectly placed to follow the anchor down then left or right to transition the arch itself. The sand was at 100 feet plus so bottom time had to be watched. Visibility was an OK 40 feet or so, with a "balmy" water temperature in the low 60's F - much more comfortable than three weeks earlier at San Miguel!! Fish species in all but small sizes were surprisingly absent from the area. The Arch is the only reef structure in the immediate area. Nice dive!

The second dive was about one and a half miles west of The Arch in 80 feet of similar water on a real nice reef structure. Again game was surprisingly absent except for a myriad of small lobster - good for the future of the species. I also observed an eight foot (or so!) shark, likely a Mako which veered off into the murk. Roy K. then reconnoitered China Point but eventually decided against it due to depth and lack of surface interval.

The third dive was on the outside of Pyramid Head Reef with the upper reef structure at 35-40 feet and walls to 80 plus feet. More care on bottom time was required especially for those not on computers. Several divers were already in bottom time limits already. Excellent dive spot, always interesting, but no black sea bass this time around. The fourth and final spot was about one mile north of Pyramid Head in fairly shallow water. Nice dive with a variety of choices from real shallow to 60 feet and the horse-shoe reef to explore. Temperatures were in the mid-60s, El Nino strikes.

We left the island late, making for a 7:45 PM arrival at 22nd Street. The sun had broken through about 9:00 AM and was hot for most of the day, only disappearing as we approached the harbor. A real nice day out. The *Great Escape* did it again!!

As for potential boobies there were quite a few - if you were on the boat... 'nuff said!! Your President succeeded in hooking a power cable strung across the dock on Friday night in the dark, performing a totally non-gracious nose dive, making a three point landing - back of left hand, left knee, and right thumb. The hand and knee scars are still ugly and the thumb was useless, making gloves and fins very difficult to handle but I made it with a little help from my friends thanks! The egotistical scars may last a while!! See you in July at Begg.

CLEMENTE QUOTES...

"...It's Mike right?"

"...Yes..."

"...Mike, your B.C. is upside-down..."

"...THAT'S why there's no handle."

"Doesn't say much for your technique."

"It doesn't fit."

"What did you bring - anything?"

"Rhonda would be proud of you."

"Put it in the yellow bag."

"Everything hurts. Well, almost everything."

"I'll have to hold my beer in my left hand."

"From calm to sloppy in one hour."

"Oh no! He has a cell phone!"

"This could be serious. They're planning their next dive trip."

"I saw this bottle of water in the middle of the dock and thought he'll probably fall over that!"

JUST 25 YEARS AGO...

The President was Dick Nisbett, Vice-President John Salterfield, Treasurer Paul Nordin and Secretary Millie Brown. General Meetings were held at Lococo's and the speaker was Roy Hauser (now of Truth Aquatics). The boat dive was on the *We Seven* to Anacapa out of Cisco's Landing at \$10 (!!!) non-inclusive. The beach dive was at Zuma Beach followed by clam bake. Upcoming events included a Competition Dive at White Point, an eat-in at the Hughes' house, a San Diego and Coronado Island dive on the (then new) *Bottom Scratcher*, a photo competition, a Jade Cove dive/weekend, and a SCUBA basic class. The club was extremely active and included the FROGS, which was for the kids in the club.

1997 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
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	\$10*	(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

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* : _____

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* Please include date of last dive for each diver

CALENDAR

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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July 1
July 10
July 25-26

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Roberto Al Mare
Boat Dive: Begg Rock / San Nicolas - *GREAT ESCAPE*

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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August 5
August 14
August 17

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Roberto Al Mare
Boat Dive - 8:30 AM - Palos Verdes - Small Boats

DUES DUE!

Your annual dues are due 1 July 1997.
Dues are \$24 per year for a single membership and \$36 per year for a family, or cohabitants at the same address.

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