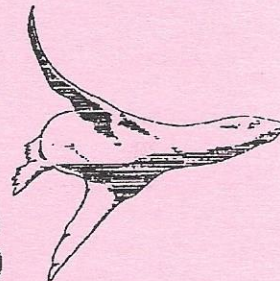


THE SEA DIVERS



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING...

The Executive Committee held the Annual Year End Meeting on 13 November 1998. In summarizing our club status, we are in good shape. We are financially sound, have a club membership of about 120 (albeit, some with unpaid dues!) and are filling, sometimes overfilling, our charter boats. The percentage of active divers is up and continues to grow.

All of the Executives agreed to continue into 1999. We have three open positions, Treasurer (I'm acting!!), Secretary (Not critical!) and Program Chair (Critical!). In order to try to entice a volunteer for the 1999 Program Chair, we are offering a free two day trip on one of our charters to the "selectee". Sort of a bribe if you like!!

We tweaked the Boat Dive Schedule for 1999 by adding a mid-week lobster dive on the *Peace* in mid-October. We reduced the price of the March dive by \$5 and increased the price of the July two day by \$5. Both the July and October two day dives on the *Great Escape* will now be full boat charters with a limited load of 28 divers. We continue to review options to increase available space on our three *Peace* two day dives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee Members for their excellent support, the Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp Committee for their valiant attempt to pull off a miracle, (as we suspected, miracles require additional extraterrestrial support!), and the Club Members for their excellent support of club activities. Thank you all, have a happy Holiday and New Year. Diving starts here 7 February 1999. See you there.

A.P

Merry Christmas

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING TO BE DETERMINED

Well, once again we're without a firm commitment as to the speaker for the next General Meeting. We have a couple of calls out but as of this writing have no confirmations. So stay tuned! We NEED a Program Chair Person. Any volunteers??? (See offer on Page 4).

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 1st starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne.

UPDATED CONTACT INFO NEEDED

As you all know, Los Angeles and the surrounding areas have had a proliferation of new area codes in the past few years. In addition, many of you have moved and changed telephone numbers. It is for this reason that we are asking everyone to contact one of the Exec's via mail, phone, or e-mail and let us know your phone number and the number of your emergency contact. This will provide us with the ability to contact you concerning your boat dive reservations or changes and inform someone for you in the event of an accident.

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WRITING FOR THE SEA DIVERS NEWSLETTER

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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 as required on the week following the General Meeting at Roberto Al Mare at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl), across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. (See calendar on back page, President calls meetings as needed).

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 \$18.00 (to 6/30/99)
[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$27.00 (to 6/30/99)
- (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/
\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for
NEW members)

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AT LEAST THE WEATHER WAS GREAT!

Our annual trip to Cortes Banks and Tanner Banks this year looked good early in the week. By Thursday the outer waters were pretty roughed up by hurricane sump-thing-or-other and breezy local conditions. Cortes and Tanner were out!

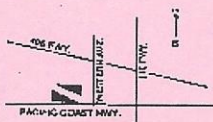
About 4:00 AM we were passing North West Harbor on San Clemente Island heading for our first dive just inside China Point. The water was calm, no current and at 60 feet, visibility was in the 60 foot range and temperature about 61°F. Nice diving, bugs everywhere, all babies and undersized teenagers. Dive two was in the center of Pyramid Cove as were dives six and seven (night) and our overnight anchorage. Inside the cove visibility dropped to about 30 feet depths to 40 or 50 feet and about 61°F water. Not really great diving especially with thousands of undersized bugs. Take for the day was four legal!! Dive three, the best of the day, was on the reef immediately off Pyramid Rock, visibility over 60 feet, depths to 100 feet plus. Always a great dive. Dives four and five were about one mile north west of Pyramid Rock in windy but calm conditions, visibility dropped to 40 feet or so. The sun was out all day and made up somewhat for the lack of Cortes and Tanner. The "veranda" was quite busy after noon, as diving tapered off.

Day two, weather wise, was even better, the sun was warmer and the breeze much less. Diving continued in the OK to good range. Dive one in Mosquito Cove provided for a nice wall dive to over 100 feet with crevices for thousands of (once more) the Classic San Clemente Shorts. Water conditions were much the same all day with calm, minimal current, 61°/62°F water and visibility in the 30-50 foot range. Dive two was on a small rock with one, and only one, large cavern. Kathy D. entered ahead of myself. There were bugs everywhere, with no obvious "biggies". The silt stirred up immediately reducing visibility in the entrance to close to zero. I backed out to reduce the stirring and to avoid collisions. Outside the cloud of silt looked like the cave was on fire. Bugs were flying out of the cave in droves – all small. Net result was a semi-blind take of seven (or so!) shorts. Two or three were 3-3/16 to 3-31/32!!! The cave was the only action on the reef so near to 30 divers gave it a shot. Dives three and four were just on the south edge of the Restricted Area at the Blockhouse, been there, done that in June, reasonable dive but still no legal bugs.

Our new theory is that the San Clemente has a sub-species of lobster that hardly ever grow to the legal 3-1/4" requirement. As Tim B. stated, "I've been diving here for twenty years and the story has been the same". There are probably more bugs at San Clemente than any other island but they NEVER grow up!!

One booby of note, Faisal H. took his toothbrush diving. Wedged between his left rib cage and his wet suit, must have felt like a broken rib. Nice going Faisal, bet it tasted good the next time you brushed!!

The run back in the sun was nice and the 6:15 PM dock arrival was good, although it was already dark. We had a good time aided by the sun and an excellent crew.



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SELECTED TWO DAY QUOTES...

"Cortes sticks much further out of the water than I remember."

He's going to stick his nose outside the point, turn around and anchor right here."

"You're finally getting in the water?"

"Your lips look much better than the last time I saw you. They were the ugliest I've ever seen."

"Can't get this kind of food at home."

"The rape and pillage of Lobsterville."

"It's a sub-species, they never grow to 3¼."

"Saved by a cork."

"We're out of ice!"

"A wannabe show pony."

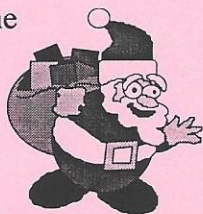
"That stinks."

"That rock was too small for thirty divers."

"Watch out for the big guy, he'll roll right over you."

"It's hot here, cool there. It's like a thermal cycle test on my body."

"I was on a Sport Chalet boat and the divemaster asked me for my depth and bottom time. I told him 200 feet for 22 minutes. He went ballistic!"



JUST FOURTEEN YEARS AGO

The President was John Mowrey, Vice President Robin Grant, Secretary Kathy Adams (Kalohi) and Treasurer Mary Bryan. General Meetings were held at Beach Bum Burt's (Cheesecake Factory). The boat dive was on the infamous *Wild Wave* to Santa Barbara Island at \$40 non-inclusive. There was no planned beach dive in December. We had just held our 8th Halloween Party with reports of outstanding costumes and a great turn out. Gabby Gastropod, the club snitch, was in full revelation of member indiscretions and dumb moments, a tradition we sort of continue with our booby awards. Boats lined up for 1985 were *Wild Wave* and *Westerly* and there were ten (wow!!) beach dives planned.

LOBSTER DIVES IN 1999 – HEADS UP!

We have two lobster dives in early 1999. The first to Santa Barbara Island, Sunday 7 February at \$85 all inclusive and the second, Saturday 13 March to San Nicolas at \$90 (reduced \$5!!) all inclusive. Both charters are on the *Great Escape* and we presently have spots available on both dives.

Santa Barbara has been one of the best areas for bugs in the past few years and San Nicolas can still produce BIG bugs. More details on each dive in the next newsletter. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail at curt@diver.net for sign up on these or any other 1999 charter boat.

FREE TWO DAY BOAT TRIP!!!

Yes, you read it right folks. The Sea Divers are giving away an absolutely free – no cost to you, two day dive trip on one of our upcoming 1999 charters. I know you're thinking, "This is too good to be true. How can they GIVE away a two day trip?? There must be a catch." Well, you're wrong. It's true and we can afford to give away a two day trip because financially we're doing MUCH better than we ever have in the past....and....um....OK, there is one little catch. To become the lucky recipient of this once in a lifetime offer you have to volunteer to be The Sea Diver's Program Chairperson for 1999. As the Program Chair, you will be required to come up with speakers, videos, or whatever constitutes the program for each of the General Meetings in 1999. (We TOLD you we were in desperate need of a Program Chair. See how low we've sunk? We're resorting to bribes!) The good news is we're not having the January General Meeting as it occurs right after most people are getting back from vacation...so you only have to come up with 11 programs for 1999!

Call any of the Execs to volunteer for the Program Chair and reserve your two day trip for 1999.

1999 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
99-1	SUN	7 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-2	SAT	13 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$90	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-3	SAT	10 APR	FARNSWORTH /CATALINA PINNACLES	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-C11	WED	5 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 11 / CATALINA	\$70*	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-4	FRI/SAT	7/8 MAY	SAN MIGUEL	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-5	SAT	5 JUNE	SAN CLEMENTE - 9 FATHOM REEF & 4 ½ FATHOM SPOT	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-6	SAT	26 JUNE	TBD OIL RIG	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-7**	FRI/SAT	23/24 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-8	SUN	15 AUG	PALAWAN WRECK & PALOS VERDES	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-9	FRI/SAT	10/11 SEPT	RICHARDSON'S/CASTLE/WILSON ROCKS	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-10	WED	13 OCT	TALCOTT SHOALS	\$75	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-11**	FRI/SAT	29/30 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-12	SAT/SUN	27/28 NOV	SAN MIGUEL / 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. New members allowed one single day dive at approximately two-thirds of member price. Dive 99-C11 does not include air, food, and beverages.

**Limited load of 28 divers.

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:

- Unconfirmed reservations may be made for any boat dive at any time. To confirm a reservation, payment in full must be received.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 include date of last dive for each diver

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December 1

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

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