

THE SEA DIVERS



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK...

Well, I think we finally got our boat dive schedule settled down for 1999. The final listing is on the next to last page of this newsletter. Looks good!!

We held our re-kick-off meeting on 21 January 1999 for the rescheduled Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp scheduled for 23 May 1999. We already have significant major sponsorship and of course AES who took over Edison operations is our main sponsor. We also have over 100 sign-ups in hand.

Also we are in the early stages of a Sea Diver reunion of old and present members presently scheduled for 10 October 1999 at Port Royal Yacht Club.

Mark your calendars for the boat dives of your choice (they are filling), the CleanUp and our reunion. DIVE SAFE!!

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING ALAN M. GRANT D.D.S

Alan is a general dentist who has enjoyed photography since childhood. He was certified in 1963, while a biology major at the University of California at Santa Barbara. After graduation from dental school, he combined photography, travel, and scuba with numerous trips to South Pacific destinations. His first underwater housing was a homemade plexiglass housing for a Kodax instamatic Super-8 movie camera. Gradually, he moved to more expensive movie cameras and eventually to video. His interest in recent years centers around high magnification macro video, predominantly of small marine invertebrates such as nudibranchs, marine snails, sea stars, etc. of Southern California, Baja California, and British Columbia. He uses a Sony digital camcorder in a Gates housing and a Sony analog camcorder in an Amphibico housing. He can give you suggestions on resources to find out the names and natural behavior of the many interesting and colorful critters we see in our local waters.

Alan plans on bringing several short videos and letting those in attendance at the General Meeting decide what they want to see. Topics may include "Local Slugs" (on nudibranchs), "Leopard Sharks" (the schooling leopard sharks the USC Marine Lab at Catalina), "Moray Eels" (a large ball of moray eels at Catalina), "Market Squid Eggs" (mating cycle of squid), "Oh Come Ye Starry Starfish" (species identification of local sea stars), "Snails and Slugs" (marine snails and nudibranchs), and "Oil Platform Dives" (Oil Platforms off Ventura and Huntington Beach).

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 2nd starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne.





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

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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 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 SIGNATURE_ NAME ADDRESS ZIP CODE CITY HOME PHONE (____) WORK PHONE (ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) PHONE (____) EMERGENCY CONTACT_____ **EMPLOYER** TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.] CERT NUMBER DATE LACC ADP CERT DATE (or equivalent) DATE OF LAST DIVE NUMBER OF DIVES LOGGED [] NO [] YES Do you want your name on a dive buddy list? Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin \$12.00 (to 6/30/99) | SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/ \$18.00 (to 6/30/99) \$36 family and are prorated quarterly for | FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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

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

NEW members)

BUGS AND A WHOLE BOAT

7 February 1999 (Sun)

SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$85

(All inclusive and uncrowded!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (2/6)

Non-Members \$95

Departure: 2:00 AM (2/7)

New Members \$57

The first dive of our much revamped 1999 program is to Santa Barbara Island and Sutil Island. Again this lobster season Santa Barbara has proven to be one of the best spots in Southern California waters for legal size bugs. We continue our excellent relationship with the *Great Escape* and hope to have a great trip, especially with our whole boat limited load scenario.

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, including one or two in the environs of Sutil Island.

For the game takers there are a variety of fish, scallops, and lobster as mentioned above. Diving conditions in February are usually pleasant and typically the ocean is cooperative in La Niña years. This dive is suitable for all skill levels. Beginners should check with the divemaster to ascertain the specifics of each dive. *Great Escape* is one of the largest dive boats 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 Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at curt@diver.net to sign up for this all inclusive limited load 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! LIMITED LOAD!

LOBSTER HERE!

13 March 1999 (Sat)

SAN NICOLAS

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$90

(Includes everything!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (3/12)

Non-Members \$100

(Limited load!)

Departure: 11:00 PM (3/12)

New Members \$60

The 1998/99 lobster season is drawing to a close. This limited load trip is on our 22nd Street boat *Great Escape*. We'll be searching once more for the elusive and wily bugs. We hope to get to the island in the early AM, still dark timeframe, to get in one semi-night and three or four daylight dives. Just in case, those interested should bring fresh chem lights and at least one dive light and be ready to dive immediately. Abalone remain off limits so these are not for the taking again this year and perhaps for years to come. Although the Big Bugs are not as plentiful, there are some still out there and we are due, as we haven't seen one in a couple seasons.

For those of us that are not so lucky, fast enough, or skilled at the lobster 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 Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail at curt@diver.net for sign-ups and additional information. Bunks and staterooms will be preassigned on a first pay/space available basis. SAN NICOLAS IT IS...DON'T WAIT, LIMITED LOAD!

SEA DIVERS REUNION

In the early planning stages is a Sea Diver reunion, which hopefully will reunite previous/past members of the club with some of our present members. It's been quite a few years since we planned something of this nature but as I recollect it was a great party. Keep your calendars open for 10 October 1999, more details will be provided as the year goes by.

		SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES
Day	Date(s)	<u>Event</u>
Sat	20 Feb '99	19th Avalon Harbor Clean Up, Avalon, Catalina
Sun	23 May '99	7 th Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp
Sun	20 June '99	Bouillabaisse Extraordinaire, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach
Fri-Sun	25-27 June '99	SCUBA '99, Queen Mary, Long Beach
Sun	20 Sept '99	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations
Sun	10 Oct '99	Sea Diver Reunion, Port Royal Yacht Club, Redondo Beach

FOR SALE

Two brand new (never used) in the box dive related items for sale:

Sea Quest "Balance" Buoyancy Compensator, black, size medium. Retails for \$310, sell for \$140. Good lightweight travel BC! Pelican Model 1650 case, black, tee handle, extension, wheels, uncut foam insert. Retails for \$200, sell for \$140. Protects your gear in a hardcase! Prices include 7-day, no questions asked, money back guarantee. Shippiing and insurance, if required because I can't deliver it to you, not included.

Dave Nesheim
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ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WROTE...

I went out again with "M" last Saturday to his secret spots off Palos Verdes. Each of us got 3 bugs. A silly thing happened to me on the second dive. When I went to put a bug in my bag, I could not find my bag. I retraced my path back to the boat (pole spear in one hand, bug against my chest), deposited both the spear and the bug on the boat, and went back down to find the bag. It has been many vears since I lost anything, and I pride myself on not being a loser. I was determined to find that bag! Later, I found it had slipped behind my back and was with me all the time!

AVALON UNDERWATER CLEAN-UP FEBRUARY 20

The 1999 Underwater Clean-Up of Avalon Bay takes place on Saturday, February 20. This is the 19th 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 Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. Advanced registration is required. Registration will not be allowed the day of the event.

There is a registration fee of \$25 which includes an air fill, door prize ticket, and commemorative T-shirt.

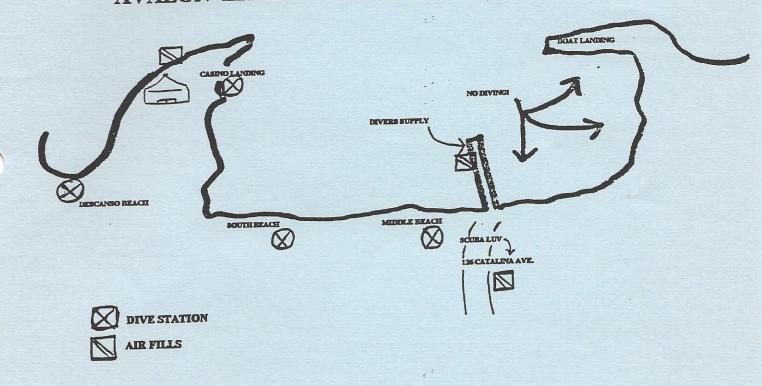
See page 5 of this newsletter for a registration form . For further information, contact Diana or Tina at Catalina Scuba Luv at (310) 510-2350 or e-mail prneptune@aol.com. The Sea Divers are looking for a lead diver/organizer for this event.

Registration Form - 19th Annual Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup

Please send in a form for each participant — (Make as many copies as necessary.) Mail completed registration forms with check payable to CCD and send to: CCD C/O Scuba Liv, P. O. B. 2009, Avalon, CA. 90704. By return mail you will receive: Baggage transportation tickets & dive assignment. RETURN BY JANUARY 30, 1999

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AVALON HARBOR MAP WITH LEGEND:



AVALON HARBOR UNDERWATER CLEANUP SCHEDULE:

11:00 am	MANDATORY ORIENTATION- WRIGLEY STAGE
11:30 - 1:30	DIVING! ONE TANK ONLY AND ONLY AT YOUR ASSIGNED SITE
1:30 - 3:00	LUNCH BREAK
3:00 PM	AWARDS CEREMONY! DOOR PRIZES! RAFFLES! FREE GIFTS! WRIGLEY STAGE! ON THE MAIN STREET NEAR THE FOUNTAIN!

1999 "CLEAN UP" SPECIALS

All "Diver Deals" listed here are valid for February 19, 20, & 21, 1999 only.

CATALINA BEACH HOUSE 10 % OF F!!!

CLEAN UP PARTICIPANTS!
MOST ROOMS HAVE CABLE
TV, KITCHENETTES, JACUZZI
TUBS, TRANSPORTATION TO
& FROM BOAT, FREE STORAGE
AFTER CHECK OUT . CALL:

310 510-1078

CATALINA DIVERS SUPPLY 25 % O F F!!!

SCUBA GEAR RENTAL FOR THE CLEAN UP DIVE. PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: UNDERWATER PARK & GREEN PLEASURE PIER (AIR FILL STATIONS)

310 510-0330

CATALINA SCUBA LUV 25% OFF!!!

SCUBA GEAR RENTAL FOR THE CLEAN UP DIVE, PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATIONS:

126 CATALINA AVENUE (AIR FILL STATION)

310 510-2350

CLOUD 7 HOTEL

Welcomes divers with a \$63.00 per room/night rate CALL FOR INFO! (310) 510- 1078

ISLAND PHOTO 15 % O F F

PROCESSING. JUST
SHOW YOUR C CARD!

121 Metropole (Next to Von's)

AVALON LIQUOR 10% OFF!

JUST SHOW YOUR CERTIFICATION CARD! 112 Catalina Avenue

CASA MARIQUITA \$35 PER NITE

ASK FOR THE DIVER'S CLEAN-UP SPECIALI 310 510-1192

CATALINA EXPRESS

San Ped	bro to Avalon		
DEPART	ARRIVE	FREQU	ENCY
9:15 am	10:30 am	Daily	
3:15 pm	4:30 pm	Daily	
6:45 pm	8:00 pm	Daily	
Long Be	each to Avalon		;
6:15 am	7:30 sm	Daily	
8:45 am	10:00 am	Daily	\$4.00
10:15 am	11:30 am	Daily	OFF
12:30 pm	1:45 pm	Daily	OII
4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Daily	
7:45 pm	9:00 pm	Friday	
Dana Pe	oint to Avalon		
9:15 am	11:00 am	Daily	
2:15 pm	4:00 pm	rnday-	Sunday

Baggage Restrictions: One tank and 2 bags per person (less than 50 lbs each). Schedules and fare subject to change. Call for Avalon departure times Present this coupon at Long Beach, San Pedro or Dana Point Catalina Express windows at time of purchase to receive \$4 offf full fare adult rounding transportation. Valid for up to 6 people. Not valid with any other offer. Valid for travel February 19-21, 1999 ONLY! Regular Rounding Adult Fare San Pedro or Long Beach is \$38.

CALL 310 519 - 1212 FOR RESERVATIONS

CATALINA CRUISES

Departs Long Beach

Fri/Sat 9:00 am and 1:45 pm

Departs Avaion

Sat/Sum 11:30 am and 4:00 pm

NO BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

CALL: 800 - CATALINA

ONLY \$23.00!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN CATALINA CONSERVANCY DIVERS! CALL (310) 510-2595! WE HAVE PROJECTS THAT NEED YOUR HELP LIKE BIO-MARINE DIVERSITY, FISH COUNTS & MOORINGS!

SEAPORT VILLAGE INN

Is proud to offer a special "Clean Up" package starting at only \$73 per persondouble occupancy. Including:

- * 2 nights accomodation
- * R/T boat transportation
- * Shuttle from boat to hotel
- * Champagne in room
- * Dive gear transportation to/from dive entry site
- * Dive gear storage & rinse facilities

CALL 310 510-0344 FOR RESERVATIONS

RICK'S CAFE 10 % OFF!!!

ON THE WATERFRONT AT
417 CRESCENT AVENUE
JUST SHOW YOUR C-CARD !!!
GREAT FOOD & DRINK!

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	\$75	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	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-9	FRI/SAT	24/25 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	4/5 DEC	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. All dives except 99-C11 are 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:

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 include date of last dive for each diver

BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST:

Curt Billings

Phone: (909) 945-3461, Fax: (909) 477-2849

e-mail: curt@diver.net

THE SEA DIVERS
P.O. Box 2415

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

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

CALENDAR *

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February 2 February 7	General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza Boat Dive - Santa Barbara & Sutil Islands - GREAT ESCAPE
February 18	KH CleanUp Meeting – 6:30 PM – AES Conference Room
February 20	Beach Dive – 19 th Annual Avalon Harbor Clean-Up - Catalina

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March 2	General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
March 13	Boat Dive – San Nicolas - GREAT ESCAPE
March 18	KH CleanUp Meeting – 6:30 PM – AES Conference Room

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