

THE SEA DIVERS



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE PLANNER...

September is the month we typically plan our dives for the upcoming year - Y2K or not this time!

Boats usually roll over dates from one year to the next, so once more we would anticipate dates to remain as for 1999 with possible minor tweaks. We've already verbalized with Tim B. of *Great Escape* and Eric B. of *Peace*. Destinations, however, are our choice and at the September General Meeting (7th) we will be discussing destinations and any other charter related inputs members may have. We plan to continue our full boat charters, all-inclusive policy along with our limited load scenario, which, if so desired, we could limit further at some increase in price. Anyhow, if you have an input, either at the meeting or make your thoughts known via e-mail etc. before the end of September.

Please note, if you have not paid your dues (due 1 July 1999) this will be your last newsletter and you will not be able to sign-up for boats at member prices. STAY SAFE OUT THERE.

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING: ERIC FRASCO – WRECK OF THE YUKON

For our September General Meeting, Eric Frasco will come and tell us about the new wreck dive in San Diego. The *HMCS Yukon*, a MacKenzie class destroyer escort, was commissioned in 1963. It served for 11 years in both the Atlantic and Pacific Canadian Fleets and was used as a training ship for 19 years. It was retired in 1993.

The ship was acquired by the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia to become an artificial reef and a means of economic enhancement to the community that would receive it. San Diego will be that community. The *Yukon* will be placed in a newly established Underwater Park, approximately one mile off the San Diego coast in 100 feet of water.

Eric has been a certified diver since 1978. He continued his diving education, became a PADI instructor and certified over 300 divers and been very involved with the diving community over the years. Eric ran the Delco Dive Club for several years, started the Paradise Dive Club, worked as the Newsletter Editor and Secretary for Greater Los Angeles Council of Divers (GLACD) and in July 1998 was elected President of GLACD.

Join us at the next Sea Diver General Meeting for Eric's presentation and a discussion of the newest wreck dive in California. The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 7th starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne.

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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 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 PHO	NE ()	
ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP)		
EMERGENCY CONTACT	PHO	NE ()	
EMPLOYER			
CERT NUMBER	TYPE [PA	DI, 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 [] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$24.00 (to 6/30/00) \$36.00 (to 6/30/00)	(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/ \$36 family and are prorated quarterly for NEW members)	

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

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

SAN MIGUEL MAJOR PINNACLES

24/25 SEPT 1999 (FRI/SAT)

RICHARDSON'S/ CASTLE/ WILSON ROCKS

PEACE

Members \$180

Everything included!!

Boarding: 7:00 PM (9/23)

Non-Members \$195

Limited Load

Departure: 1:00 AM(9/24)

The planned itinerary for our September two-day will take us out to San Miguel Island -- as always, weather permitting. Our first dive spot will be on the east side of Santa Rosa Island in a good scallop area. We will loop around either the north or south side of Santa Rosa depending on ocean conditions picking off dives either on the northwest tip (fish and scallops) or the southwest tip (fish).

We then plan to cross the San Miguel Passage onto the south side of San Miguel diving Crook Point, Wychoff Ledge, and Tyler Bight. We will then circle back around the east side of the island for one or more dives before overnighting, probably at Cuyler Harbor.

Weather permitting we would hope to tackle at least two of the major pinnacles: Richardson's, Wilson Rock, Castle Rock, Boomerang. Failing that, we will probably dive the lee side of Prince Island. During the run back to the mainland, depending on pinnacle successes or not we'll stop for dives along the north side of Santa Rosa, possibly at Talcott Shoals.

This two-day will provide excellent opportunities for game (fish, scallops) and all kinds of photogenic sea life. Overall there will be dives for all skill levels -- although, the major pinnacles are considered to be for strong intermediate to advanced divers in all but near perfect conditions.

The Peace is a great boat just to be on -- diving or not!! At the time of this writing the boat is near full with a potential wait list. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at curt@diver.net for bunk assignment as you pay in full and/or to get on the wait list!! DON'T WAIT!! HOT TUB -- nice!! Full boat charter with a limited load.

MID-WEEK BUG SPECIAL TALCOTT SHOALS

13 OCTOBER 1999 (Wed)

All Inclusive and Limited Load!!

Non-Members \$85

Members \$75

Boarding: 7:00 PM (10/12)

New Members \$38

Departure: Midnight

PEACE

In order to get in a relatively early lobster season club dive we are trying this mid-week charter on the Peace. Of the four northern channel islands, Talcott Shoals on the northwest end of Santa Rosa Island is the best area for bugs. We've had some successes there on our November / December two-day dives in

Talcott covers a large area and has a myriad of reefs, and ledges that provide good homes to the local lobster. Depths vary from quite shallow to 100 feet or so, typically sloping gradually down from the coastline. The area is open to weather / ocean from the north, so conditions can become uncomfortable to downright nasty. When diveable this is a great area and should yield a number of bugs for the

Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail at curt@diver.net for sign-up and bunk assignments. Should be a great trip and it definitely will beat working that day!! It's a NEW CLUB VENTURE and a limited load.

TOP 10 THINGS NOT TO SAY ON A DIVE BOAT

(Written by the readers of Scuba Diving Online)

- 10) "Can I keep this coral that your anchor broke off?"
- 9) "Buddy? Oh, did I go down with a buddy?"
- 8) "Can someone lend me a computer? Mine keeps flashing 'DecoViolation'."
- 7) "I count seven, are you SURE there are eight names on the manifest?"
- 6) "Does anyone else smell smoke?"
- 5) "What do I do with this bucket of vomit?"
- 4) "Could you 'warm up' my wetsuit for me?"
- 3) "Macarena anyone?"
- 2) "Certification smertification!"
- 1) "Is that your mask under my tank?"



LAUPS COMPETITION

LAUPS announces the 37th International Underwater Photographic Competition is open for entries. For a complete list of sponsors and prize information see their website at www.laups.org. Deadline for entries is October 23, 1999.

Rules and entry forms can be downloaded in Adobe Acrobat format from the website at www.laups.org/contests.htm">37th Annual International Underwater Photographic Competition</. Also they can be obtained by writing or FAXing your request to:

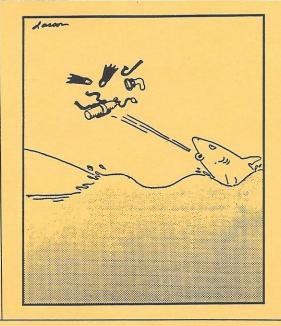
LAUPS International Competition c/o R. Harwood, DDS 16817 S. Prairie Ave Lawndale, CA 90260 USA FAX 310-542-0790

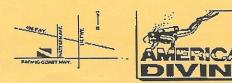
DIVE STUFF FOR SALE

Two items for sale.

- 1. Model 1600 Black Pelican Case with foam divider new in box. For sale \$110.00, normally \$145.00 or more.
- 2. Model D4R Underwater Kinetics dual filament dive light with rechargeable nicad battery pack and charger new never used underwater. For sale \$110.00, normally \$150.00 or more.

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TRW Sea Divers Reunion!

When: October 9, 1999, 2:00pm to midnight

Where: Port Royal Yacht Club (next to Cheesecake Factory)

555 N. Harbor Drive (parking entrance is on Portofino Way)

Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(310) 372-3960

Attire: Sea Divers t-shirt, lobster mobster t-shirt, beachwear, or Hawaiian

Events: 2:00 Bouillabaisse by George & Mary Ellen Hughes with help from

Al Parker (if George has too many drinks) 5:00 Pictures, stories, prizes, quizzes

7:00 Karaoke and Dancing

4803 Moresby Drive

Torrance, CA 90505

What to Bring: Seafood for the bouillabaisse (Captain Kidd's is close by), a side dish (appetizer, salad, bread, or dessert), pictures, stories, old diving artifacts, log books, spouse, and friends.

Optional on Sunday, please check if interested:
Brunch or Lobster Dive Trip (private boats)
Please return with \$10 per person by 10/1/99 to cover expenses for paper products, drinks, karaoke, and prizes. Make check out to Cathy Mueller.
Names:
Phone:
Email:
Address:
Any trivia fact we might use for our contests (like Who were the divers that did the famous giant stride from the Manhattan Beach pier?)
Will you assist the committee with gathering prizes, locating Sea Divers, decorating, or reception and pictures that day? List Interest:
Return to: Cathy Mueller (310) 373-5086

cathy@ediconnection.com

ABOUT AS GOOD AS IT GETS

The planned charter on *Great Escape* to the wreck of the *Palawan* was not a club big seller. With only fourteen on board, life was very comfortable. For those of you not on the boat you missed a great dive!! As most seasoned divers know, the *Palawan* is typically surrounded by poor visibility, open ocean "slop" and on occasion, high currents to boot. Well, none of that! The ocean was calm, there was zero current and visibility was 40 to 50 feet. One could just see the starboard "rail" from the port "rail". After the first dive it was the general consensus that this particular wreck doesn't get much better, so we elected to make a second dive in brighter sunlight. For most divers "hanging-off" for awhile was a must either on both dives or certainly at the end of the second. The water temperature changed from the midsixties at the surface to the low-fifties at depth. On the second dive, Kathy D. and I did a complete lap of the hull noting that the stern is twenty to thirty feet deeper than that of the bow. Staying a few feet above the "rails" one drops from just over 100 feet at the bow to about 125 feet at the stern. Interesting swim!! With most of the morning spent on the *Palawan* we moved for one long, or two short dives on the *Dominator* and surrounding reef. Depths to 35 feet or so, slight swell but calm, no current and 40 plus visibility. Temperature was in the mid-sixties.

We don't do many wreck dives as a club, and obviously either wreck diving and/or deep wreck diving is not a strong desire in the club. Never the less ya'll missed a beauty, maybe we'll package it differently next year!! There were no boobies which is good on this type of diving. We were back at the dock by 4:30 PM which is always good for Sunday diving. The food and the crew of *Great Escape* were – as usual – excellent. We did notice that Terry was conspicuously absent. We've seen him as a divemaster and more recently as chef-in-training. The rumor was that he's now trying his hand as a dock-boy apprentice but apprentice types aren't allowed to work on the docks on the busy weekend days!

PALAWAN QUOTES...

- "Drove from Redondo to San Pedro for 20 minutes. Rode a boat for nearly two hours, and my apartment is right over there!"
- "Brought the quotes up, there ain't shit on them..."
- "...There's a quote!"
- "He's trying to teach me about diving on wrecks. This one had two pointy ends. Go figure!"
- "Wreck scallops, rich in iron"
- "Drink service on the upper deck, just like a cruise ship..."
- "...Yeah, all you need now is a casino."
- "We came for the Palawan dives, done that, we're done!"
- "By the way, where's Terry?"

JUST 20 YEARS AGO...

The Club President was John Dorsey, Vice President Don Mueller, Treasurer Walt Musser and Secretary Kathy Wood. General Meetings were at Lococo's and the Executive Meeting was to be at John Dorsey's home. There were two boat dives, *Truth* to Wilson's Rock at \$32 non-inclusive and *Westerly* to San Clemente at \$29 non-inclusive. The beach dive (remember those?!) was a three day campout and dive at Jade Cove. The Club was selling new t-shirts, performing tank VIPs, organizing a Basic SCUBA class, a wine and cheese tasting lobster dinner and a marine biology class. Gabby Gastropod, the Club social snitch was in full flight with the month's dirt!!

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00-2		11 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	
00-3	3 SAT	8 APR	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE			22 ND STREET
00-C	C12 WED	3 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 12 / CATALINA		GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-4	4 FRI/SAT	12/13 MAY				22 ND STREET
00-5		3 JUNE	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-6			OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
	_	24 JUNE	OSBORNE BANK / CATALINA WEST END			22 ND STREET
00-7		21/22 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA			22 ND STREET
8-00	8 SUN	13 AUG	OLYMPIC WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA			
00-9	9 FRI/SAT	23/24 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	400		22 ND STREET
00-1	10 WED	11 OCT	TALCOTT SHOALS			VENTURA MARINA
00-1		27/28 OCT		\$80	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-12			CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195		22 ND STREET
00-17	12 SAT/SUN	7/8 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES			VENTURA MARINA
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NOTES: - None of the above is yet confirmed, dates are rollovers

- Inputs / ideas from club members are encouraged before end of September '99









2ND Annual Chocolate Lobster Dive – September 25, 1999 Entry fee is \$25 if pre-registered by September 11. For more information call Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at 310/548-7562 x9039 or review the Website at www.cabrilloaq.org.

Scuba Schools of America had a large contingency of divers at the 1st annual Chocolate Lobster Dive. Their support was truly appreciated and it gave us an idea...

Who will have the largest participation this year (and beyond)?

We will recognize the club or organization that has the greatest number of <u>pre-registered</u> participants. Be recognized! Earn the bragging rights!

Please join in the fun of the event and help us promote the Chocolate Lobster Dive. Just write the name of your club, shop, or organization on the entry form and we'll keep the count. (Must pre-register to be counted.)

SEA you there...

1999 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

D11/E						
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	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN, EDITH	\$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		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 paying full annual membership allowed one single day dive at approximately half 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

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

P.O. Box 2415

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST:

Curt Billings

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

e-mail: curt@diver.net

- CALENDAR -

	SEPTEMBER						
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September 7
September 24-25

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza	
Boat Dive - Richardson's / Castle / Wilson Ro	ock - PEACE

	OCTOBER					
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October 5
October 13
October 29-30

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Boat Dive - Talcott Shoals - PEACE
Boat Dive - Cortes & Tanner Banks - GREAT ESCAPE

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