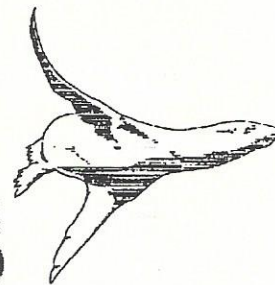


THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PERSPECTIVE

The 9 October 1999 (TRW) Sea Diver Reunion was excellent. We had a turn out of about 80 to 90 past and present members. Lots of socializing, remembering past events and friends, memorabilia including pictures, Gabby Gastropod snitches, Dear Krabby writings, past newsletters, etc. etc. Cathy and Don Mueller put on a great show and we sincerely thank them for their hard work. George Hughes came out of cooking retirement and made us all a great bouillabaisse. For those not into Bouillabaisse there was a variety of other delights to partake of. "Ceremonies" were due to start at about 5:30 PM inside the Port Royal Yacht Club but the socializing was so intense that we didn't start until about 6:45 PM!! We shortened the program and got things pretty much wrapped up by 8:00 PM. All in all a great reunion / party, I know it was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks again Cathy and Don.

A.P



NOVEMBER ENTERTAINMENT BILL BRUSH - HUMOR IN DIVING

After 32 years of diving around the world, former diving instructor (NAUI 3644) Bill Brush has more than a few unusual and humorous diving experiences. Utilizing many of his underwater photographs, Bill will provide some visual experiences as he shares some tall tales with the club members at the November meeting. With a degree in Oceanography, Bill has worked at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro as the Development Director for the past 6 years. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is known in the aquarium industry as one of the best teaching aquariums in the world and has over 35 live aquaria with local marine life on display. His underwater photos have won numerous awards in photo competitions including the Los Angeles International Underwater Photo Competition and the Beneath The Sea Photo Competition. Bill's photos have also appeared in Rodale's Scuba Diving "Dive Activity Calendar", in Sport Diver Magazine and in dive equipment catalogs including International Divers and Zeagle Systems. Bill taught diving for many years at the San Pedro Peninsula YMCA and Golden West College.

Join us at the next General Meeting for what promises to be an entertaining presentation by Bill Brush. The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 2nd 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 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 6/30/00)

[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$27.00 (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:

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OFFSHORE REEFS 'N BUGS

29/30 OCT 1999 (FRI/SAT)

CORTES & TANNER BANKS

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$195

All inclusive and Limited Load!!

Boarding: 8:00 PM (10/28)

Non-Members \$210

Departure: 10:00 PM (10/28)

More World Class diving for us all! Tanner Bank and Cortes Bank, both on one trip on *Great Escape*!!

Both Banks are near the Mexican border and are typically deep dives, especially Tanner Bank. They are 70 to 80 miles SSW of 22nd Street Landing and about 35 to 40 miles SW of China Point on San Clemente Island and roughly west of San Diego. As exposed dive spots, they are not dived as much as other Southern California areas. Depths at Tanner are 80 to 100 feet plateaus with spectacular drop-offs, Cortes has similar plateaus, but rises to within 20 or 30 feet of the surface in one localized area.

Tanner Bank is known for its large red, pink, and purple hydrocoral formations, large fish, especially rockfish and cabezon. Schools of tuna, yellowtail and other species are not uncommon. This is definitely one of the most spectacular and unusual dives in Southern California. The club has not dived Tanner in many years, so this is your opportunity.

Cortes Bank is closer to the Mexican border and offers additional excellent diving. In addition to the large variety of fish, Cortes is home to a substantial lobster population, many of which can be found inside the wreck of the *Abalonia*. Much less of a plateau than Tanner, it provides a greater variety of walls, crevices, plateaus, and some shallower depths.

Photo and video oriented divers will not be disappointed with the dive locations, especially Tanner Bank. Just cruising out there adds to the two days, especially if the sun graces us with it's presence.

This dive is a strong intermediate to advance dive due to the full exposure of both Banks to the ocean. However, relative beginners can make the dives, assuming ocean conditions relative to waves, surge and current are within the individual's capabilities. San Clemente will be our fallback, which is typically suitable for all skill levels. Consult the divemaster if in doubt about your capability verses observed conditions.

These are really outstanding dive areas. Chances to dive here are limited but we've been very successful in the past few years at Cortes. For reservations call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail curt@diver.net. GREAT DIVING!!

WHO KNOWS FOR WHERE!

4/5 Dec 1999 (Sat/Sun)

San Miguel / Santa Rosa

PEACE

Members \$180

Everything Included!

Boarding: 7:00 PM (12/3)

Non-Members \$195

Departure: 12:01 AM (12/4)

Once more our final charter for the year in on the *Peace* to San Miguel and Santa Rosa Islands, as always weather permitting. We seem to be alternating years on good and not so good weather for this charter. Last year was not so good so if our trend holds this year should be great!!

Our plan is to head for either San Miguel or Santa Rosa on the first day and be at San Miguel the second day, until about 1:00 PM.

Although not noted as the greatest lobster spot in the world, San Miguel offers some of the best diving around. The pinnacles are always spectacular and offer many opportunities for scallops, fish, and excellent photography or video. With lobsters in mind we will take any opportunity to make Talcott Shoals, off Santa Rosa Island which IS noted for bugs. For the game takers this trip should provide excellent opportunities, for the photo/video/looky-loo divers, there are some of the best opportunities.

The food fare on the *Peace* is always outstanding and plentiful. The first day will provide heavy duty diving, for those so inclined, with up to 6 dives possible. The second day will be more leisurely with 3 or 4 dives anticipated. Dive spots will include areas suitable for intermediate divers and hopefully some more advanced spots covering the full range of diver desires and capabilities.

At the time of this writing the boat is near full with a potential wait list forming. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at curt@diver.net. LAST club chance for a great trip this millennium.

BI-ANNUAL EXECUTIVE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be an Executive Meeting on Thursday 9 December 1999 at Roberto Al Mare's Restaurant in Redondo Beach at 7:00 PM. All Execs should try to attend and anyone else interested in the Club's planning and/or interested in becoming an EXEC is very welcome. The agenda is:

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

- Overall Club Status
- Executives for 2000
- New Member dive limitation
- Strengthen relationship with American Diving

OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Vice-President – Kathy D.
- Treasurer – Allen P. (Acting)
- Secretary – (TBD)
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- Boat Dive Reservationist – Curt B.
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- Diving Officer – John M.
- Newsletter Editor – Kathy D.
- Program Chair – Peter L.
- Legislative Info Chair – Phil B.
- King Harbor CleanUp – Allen P.
- Hospitality Chair – Kathy K.
- WebMaster – Curt B.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

- Bad guy list – additions etc.
- Entertainment ideas
- Leftover CleanUp T-Shirts

NEW BUSINESS

- 20 Avalon Harbor Clean-Up
- All electronic news – i.e. no paper newsletter
- Nitrox policy
- Other

8TH KING HARBOR UNDERWATER CLEANUP MEETING

There will be a "go, no go" meeting at AES on 1 December 1999 at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend.

FOR SALE!!

NEW: Club T-shirts in royal blue with full color club logo on the back and the "golfball" logo on the front pocket.

Sizes M thru XXL available at \$15.00 each
(add \$3.00 if shipping within the US is required).

PAST: King Harbor Underwater CleanUp T-shirts

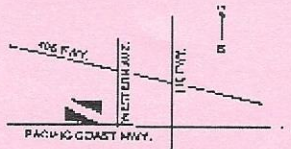
1999 (7th) – XXL, L, M, S (Grey)
1997 (6th) – XL, L (Purple)
1996 (5th) – L (Slate Blue)
1995 (4th) – XL (Black)
1993 (2nd) – XL (Cream)

One - \$7.00
Two - \$12.00
Three - \$15.00
Any combination!

JUST 13 YEARS AGO...

Robin Grant was our President, Greg Hindman Vice-President, John Mosher Treasurer and Kathy Adams (Kalohi) Treasurer. Our General Meetings were held at Adam's Rib on Torrance's Restaurant Row. The boat dive was on the *Scuba Queen* to Farnsworth Banks at \$36 non-inclusive. The beach dive was at Topaz Street Jetty in Redondo Beach, the Club's first (and last!) turkey Dive. We were starting a Basic SCUBA Class and had just confirmed our boats for 1987: *Bold Contender*, *Wild Wave*, and *Peace*.

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TURTLE GIRL'S GREAT ADVENTURE

Tanya Lopez

I love sea turtles. Any kind of sea turtle, but the larger the better. I love to swim along with them as they glide gracefully through the water.

With that in mind Dale and I booked our trip to Malaysia and Indonesia. We were promised plenty of sea turtles and that is exactly what we got.

Our first sighting was on our first dive on the Island of Sipadan in Malaysia. It was a beach dive to be sure we were properly weighted and to let the Dive Master see our diving ability. The turtle we saw must have been 300 pounds, a large male. I was told he lives on the wall near there. I squealed into my regulator in delight.

Sipadan Island, Malaysia is one of the best beach dives in the world. It rises on a limestone pinnacle that mushrooms out near the surface. Just fifty feet from the beach is a 2800 foot wall dive.

Between April to September Green and Hawksbill turtles come ashore in droves to lay their eggs. A man known as Turtleman protects these nests. You can arrange with him to wake you on any given night to let you know when a female turtle is in the area laying her eggs. Dale and I were privileged at 1:30 a.m. to see one just a few yards outside our room.

The next day Turtleman had about thirty-week-old turtles to release back into the sea. I was awed by the tiny creature's determination. Though never having seen water before they knew just what to do when they hit the beach. Heading straight for the water as fast as they could go. Once there they headed out to sea knowing to swim just below the surface for less drag and coming up for air as needed. Of one thousand baby turtles that make it this far only one may make it to maturity to see it's offspring return here someday.

Two hundred miles south of Sipadan in Malaysia is the island of Sangalaki, Indonesia. It was here that Dale and I got to see the full cycle of life of the sea turtle. During our stay here we saw turtles mating in the water, we observed females hauling themselves up the beach, dig their nest and deposit their eggs. We also saw the release of one thousand baby turtles.

Sangalaki is host to a huge population of mating and nesting sea turtles. An average of thirty turtles will nest every night. At 80-120 eggs a nest that represents more than 750,000 turtle eggs per year on this island alone.

Turtle eggs are a delicacy in Indonesia, Taiwan and Hong Kong. So on Sangalaki, unlike Sipadan, there are turtle egg collectors. Since the street value for the eggs is approximately .25 cents per egg, the 750,000 eggs would value at well over \$150,000 per year. In Indonesia that is big money.

At Sangalaki Resort a guest may purchase individual turtle nests at a cost of \$20 per nest, thus saving them from the egg collectors. As on Sipadan, so here too there is a Turtleman. Should you purchase a turtle nest he will mark it and watch over them so that they are not collected. In about two months the eggs will hatch and he will take the newborns pictures and send you an announcement that you are the proud parents of about 80 baby turtles. Dale and I purchased five nests and dedicated one to each of our five grandchildren. I could not think of a better gift to bring to them.



What a great vacation! No, this was an adventure all the way. The travel, food, people and sights, but most of all the turtles. This was definately Turtle Girl's great adventure.

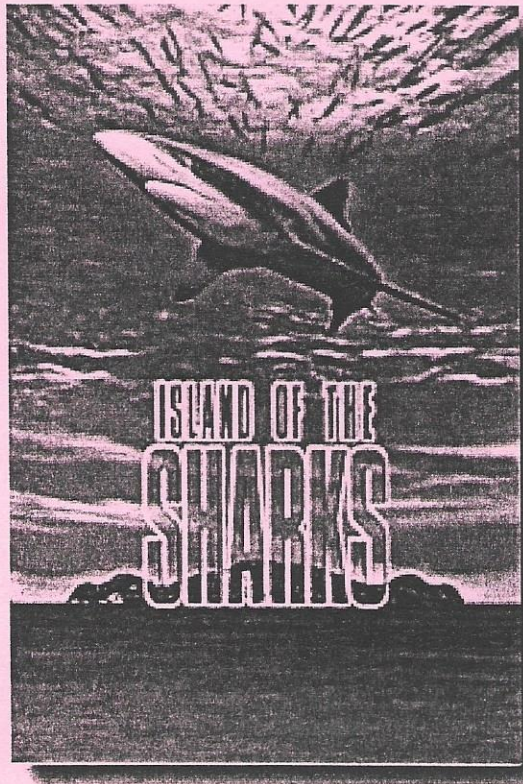
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1999 / 2000 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
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
00-1	SUN	6 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$90	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-2	SAT	11 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-3	SAT	8 APR	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	\$90	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-C12	WED	3 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 12 / CATALINA	\$70	(Various)	22 ND STREET
00-4	FRI/SAT	12/13 MAY	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-5	SAT	3 JUNE	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-6	SAT	24 JUNE	OSBORNE BANK / CATALINA WEST END	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-7	FRI/SAT	21/22 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-8	SUN	13 AUG	OLYMPIC WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-9	FRI/SAT	23/24 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-10	WED	11 OCT	TALCOTT SHOALS	\$80	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-11	FRI/SAT	27/28 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-12	SAT/SUN	7/8 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA

NOTES: - Great Escape's 2000 charters are not confirmed, dates are rollovers. Peace 2000 charter dates are confirmed.

*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

BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST:

Curt Billings

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

e-mail: curt@diver.net

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November 2

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

DECEMBER						
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December 1

KH CleanUp Meeting – 6:30 PM - AES

December 4-5

Boat Dive – San Miguel / Santa Rosa - *PEACE*

December 7

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

December 9

Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM – Roberto Al Mare

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- Bill Brush talks about humor and diving!!!
- Howard Hall at the IMAX!!!
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