

THIE SEA DIVERS

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE YEAR

Our Club is in good shape! Membership dropped slightly in the past year, but support for our dive charters has been strong except for the August dive to the *Palawan*. We purposely reduced our treasury bringing it down to about \$5000 through boat prices, new T-shirts and logo sticker purchase and award donations to the Club Reunion and the 7th King Harbor Underwater CleanUp.

Our 2000 boat dive schedule and prices are confirmed for both the *Great Escape* and *Peace* and we plan to continue to limit the number of divers to 28 on each trip. We are to meet on 15 December 1999 to decide on an 8th King Harbor Underwater CleanUp (tentatively 11 June '00) and the Executive Committee year end meeting is scheduled for 9 December 1999 to decide on a few items, including the Club Nitrox Policy.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their excellent support this past year and really thank the small team that once more pulled off the CleanUp. Many thanks to you all for supporting your Club, we hope for another great year to come.

Seasons Greetings A.P.



DECEMBER ENTERTAINMENT-

BOB REVIUS

Bob Revius was a long time club member of days gone by. Peter Landecker, our Program Chairman Extraordinaire, recently enticed Bob to come in and give a talk at the December General meeting. Bob writes:

"It seems like only yesterday that Peter Landecker and I were involved in taking underwater pictures on club dives. Yet it's going on 20 years and Peter kept taking pictures and I ended up spending the next ten years commercial fishing for lobster along the P.V. coast and later fishing Ahi(tuna) and bottom fish off the Big Isand of Hawaii. Peter invited me to the club meeting in December to relate some of my diving as well as commercial fishing experiences in regards to that very illusive creature the Spiny Lobster. More to come and see you all there."

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

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

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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

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 1 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (to 6/30/00) (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/

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

| FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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

\$27.00 (to 6/30/00)

\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for

NEW members)

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

Limited Load!

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.

BUGS AT BARBARA

6 February 2000 (Sun)

SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$90

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (2/5)

Non-Members \$100

Departure: 2:00 AM (2/6)

New Members \$45

The first dive of our 2000 program is to Santa Barbara Island and Sutil Island. 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 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 although that was not the case last year! 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, IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY!

NICE RECOVERY

We left 22nd Street a little after 11:00 PM bound for Cortes and Tanner Banks. At around 1:30 AM we were passing the East End of Catalina. After many hours of cruising, dawn showed us anchored near the East End of Catalina!!! Large swells, later to 17 feet, had caused us to try for San Clemente from two angles, one from the East end of Catalina and one from the West End of Catalina. No go, either way. So for the third time this year we had to fall back to Catalina,. Ah well!

This first day of diving began at Little Farnsworth with 60 feet visibility, calm, no current and mid 60's temperature, depths to 120 feet. Real nice. Being short of dive targets we elected to dive the wreck of the *Valiant* in Descanso Bay. Always a nice dive, conditions were near perfect. There was a 12 degree thermocline at about 65 feet, so it was much cooler at depth. A few lobster there were. We cruised north and west picking off dives at K20, Long Point, Middle Quarry, Eagle Reef, and Isthmus Reef where we overnighted. All the dives were in calm clear water, mid 60's temperature, minimal or no current under a clear sky with hot sun. Just one hell of a nice day and some of the better diving at Catalina, eight dives in all including a night dive for a few. We had just a few bugs on board.

In the early hours of the second day we began a run to Santa Barbara Island. After essentially one circuit of the island we anchored off Arch Point in about 80 feet of water. It was calm, with no current, visibility at about 50 feet but much cooler temperatures in the mid 50's. Bugs there were, not a lot, not big, but they were there. We motored to the West side and made two dives about one quarter mile apart. There was a slight current which was building on the third dive. Bugs were "in shallow" were it was surgy, visibility was about 35 feet and 20 feet in the surge. Sea Lions everywhere, including late pups. More bugs in small (legal) size and in small numbers. The final dive was at The Arch (a.k.a. Bird Shit Rock) on the south side. This dive was noted for a strong current causing several divers to surface way down current. Remember guys, swim into the current, ride back to the boat!! In all there were about 20 bugs taken most just or a little above legal. Seems like all the islands are "fished" down to the 3 1/4" limit!!! "Twas another beautiful day.

All in all Tim B. and Company made a nice recovery from Thursday night. We had two days of excellent diving and made off with a few bugs.

We had one near booby. Kathleen T. forgot to strap in her tank and while putting her gear under the bench was almost zonked by her own tank. Kathy D. caught it just before it nailed Kathleen. We also had one mystery (appropriate for Halloween Weekend!). I was standing in the galley doorway, when a pair of panties floated down from the deck above. Boat divemaster Don, checked them out and then yelled into the galley, "Joanne, are these yours?" The reply from the galley was "Yes they are..." He looked at me and said "Don't ask how I knew." The mystery of the Identified Flying Lingerie (IFL!).

The run back was nice and hot, ocean calm. The food was excellent and as I said above Tim B. and Company made a nice recovery.



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

OCTOBER TWO DAY QUOTES...

- "Why did you bring this?"
- "Now she's acting like a little lost female."
- "Don't wack it that hard."
- "You could hug that light and stay warm."
- "You can turn it over and do it the other way."
- "I'm actually lighter than I was when we saw you last year."
- "Hidey Ho!..."
- "...What did you call me?"
- "Hairballs?"
- "Modeled the shirt. Sold one."
- "Catalina. Good thing I fixed all those lights last night."
- "It's only ten to ten, not quite time for a toddy..."
- "...I've no problem with a toddy at 8 AM!"
- "The boys are being held in just fine by the beaver tail."
- "I know what I'm doing honey..."
- "...No, YOUR left, not mine!"
- "This guy had a bad day. It took real talent to get that boat so high on the rocks."
- "Would you like a brownie?..."
- "...No, but I'll take a Boy Scout!"
- "I'm just a subservient woman waiting on my man."
- "John would be so proud!"
- "What's for dinner?..."
- "...Dead bird."
- "That's disgusting."
- "Another low speed chase in a white Bronco?"
- "P. Novak, who the #*!@% is that?"
- "Hey Pierre, do you think I'm delicate?"
- "Joanne, are these yours?..."
- "...Yes, what were you doing with them? They're all wet!"
- "Either come back with lobsters or a good line of bulls_t..."
- "...No bulls_t, but I can tell you about the current!"

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)

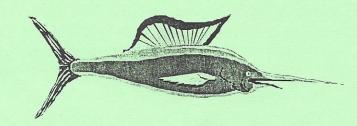
1993 (2nd) – XL (Cream)

One - \$7.00

Two - \$12.00

Three - \$15.00

Any combination!



JUST NINE YEARS AGO...

The President was Allen Parker, Vice-President Michael Borden, Treasurer Kathi McNally and Secretary Cathy Gale. General Meetings were held at Pancho and Wongs and the Executive Meetings at Baxter's. The boat dive was on the Peace to the Santa Cruz channel and Anacapa at \$175 for the two days. A group of us had just returned from a trip to Cabo San Lucas, where we were threatened for several days by hurricane Trudy, which eventually stalled on it's track to Cabo about 120 miles west. No diving, lots of partying. Also many stories to tell of flying the then fledgling Aero Califonia on what appeared to be DC9 serial numbers 001 and 002!! The Club's Beach Dive (remember those!) Schedule had seven events in 1992.

BUGZILLA – FAME OR FLAME

Our October 13th, Wednesday dive to Talcott Shoals was anticipated to be an exciting event. It was the second Wednesday of the season and the bug grabbing should be fresh and intense. The WAM, "Wave Model" forecast that we link to on our web page showed a great day for Tuesday with some big seas due for the weekend. Our hope was to have Tuesdays forecast extend through to Wednesday.

The *Peace* Wednesday open boats bring out a hardy group. For the week of our Bugzilla dive the *Peace* open boat was on Tuesday and they went to San Nic. Sea Diver Bob Davis, was on that trip and pulled a 12# Bugzilla from a secret spot near the Boilers at San Nic. This set the tone for the evening of our departure. Our quest was to begin.

A moderately bumpy ride led to a rude eye awakening at the South side of Santa Cruz Island. The winds had picked up shutting down the North side of Santa Rosa. Talcott, like the outer pinnacles of San Miguel, is a weather dependent site and unfortunately was scratched from the menu of the day. It appeared that Bugzilla won the poker hand with Neptune the night before. To add more fodder to the brewing tempest we had a strong south swell that made a nice shore break that any surfer would envy. The "what else", was ripping currents for most of the day.

In strong Sea Diver spirit we dove our best in search of the legendary monster bugs. Round one was at Morse Pt. The bugs were seldom seen, however some Barracuda cruised by. A move to NW of Gull Island was a test in drift diving in a snow globe. This is where you swim upcurrent for most of the dive, drift back to boat in 3 min. and swim like hell to catch the current line. In the mean time the surge stirs up the sand as if you are in a snow globe that someone has just knocked off the coffee table. A couple of bugs were taken as samples for further analysis back home. A short move to SW of Gull Island, to get upwind of the stinky white stuff on the rock proved to be a better choice. Purple Hydro coral in the shallows with a few lobster landed made it nice. The final event was held at "The Fenceline" a familiar spot off the east end of Santa Cruz. The current was still our uninvited guest. We anchored just west of a kelp bed near a small ledge that ran like a fence line to the island. Shorties were the norm, but a few keepers were found.

All in all about 10 or so lobster were caught in about 15' to 45' depths. Nothing landed warranted a press release, but a nice sunny day made it a pleasure to take a sick day off from work. We had a strong contingent from Napa and a future Sydney 2000 Olympian join us making for a good group of divers. Hopefully, next years dive we will have the upper hand.... on Bugzilla.

QUOTES FROM POOP DECK...

"You're from Napa...where is the wine?..."

"...You're from SoCal...where are the lobsters?"

"Winds, currents, that's nothing...bring on the fire and brimstone."

BAM..."Nice jettison of a perfectly good tank..."

"...That's just how they make an instant freediver from scratch."

"Is that a bug in you bag or are you just happy to be back on board?"

"Hot spots!..."

"...Somebody should kill the messenger"

"Bugzilla called in sick today"

"Where is the SPF 99? I can't explain a tan at work tomorrow."

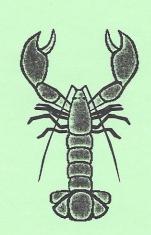
"My boss is on board and I called in sick, what are his chances of seeing me?..."

"...Oh, you mean what are your chances of survival!"

"I gave up my day job for this?...No, I could give up my day job for this."

"It is a little known fact that when lobsters get as big as the boat, they spew fire. That's because not many have lived to tell about it."





2000 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	DDIOF		
00-1	SUN	6 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL		* BOAT	LOCATION
00-2	SAT	11 MAR		\$90	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-3	SAT		SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
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00-C1	2 WED	3 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 12 / CATALINA	\$70	(Various)	
00-4	FRI/SAT	12/13 MAY	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA			22 ND STREET
00-5	SAT	3 JUNE		\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-6	SAT		OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
		24 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / 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
8-00	SUN	13 AUG	OLYMPIC WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA			
00-9	FRI/SAT	22/23 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
00-10	WED			\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
		11 OCT	TALCOTT SHOALS	\$80	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-11	FRI/SAT	27/28 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195		22 ND STREET
00-12	SAT/SUN	2/3 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	0105		
*Prices	are all inclusive	(air, food, and be	everages). Non-members add \$10 for single day and 6	\$185	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 00-C12 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives

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.

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.

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): [] MEMBER [] YES [] NO	COST OF DIVE \$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

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December 4-5
December 7
December 9
December 15

Boat Dive – San Miguel / Santa Rosa - *PEACE* General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM – Roberto Al Mare KH CleanUp Meeting – 6:30 PM - AES

NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!

(was Dec. 1)

IN THIS ISSUE!!!!!

- Cortes & Tanner or ...??
- NEW Club T-Shirts For Sale!!!
- Bugzilla Dive Revisited!!!
- ...and MORE!!

JANUARY GENERAL
MEETING is
CANCELLED

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