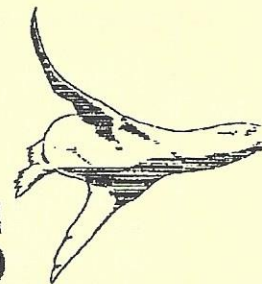


# THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING...

We held our year end Executive Meeting on 9 December 1999 with most Execs in attendance. Our Club continues in excellent shape, although we did see some erosion in total membership during the past year. Active membership is up slightly.

Several Club Policies were discussed and the following changes will be in effect starting 1 January '00.

1. Prorated membership dues for new members continues unchanged however, a new member may ONLY take a single day dive at approximately two-thirds price if FULL annual dues are paid. The reduced cost dive must be taken within one year of joining the Club and their dues will be renewable 1 July following, no matter when the new member joins.
2. Our Nitrox Club Policy remains unchanged on boats providing air only fills. On boats providing Nitrox fills the Club will defer to the boat policy. Note that Nitrox fills will NOT be a part of our all-inclusive prices. The price differential is viewed as a part of the boat policy.
3. The Club will not allow Trimix diving.

The above is being incorporated into our Policies, copies are available upon request.

The '99 Executive Committee is continuing into '00 for which I am extremely grateful!! Happy Holidays and we look forward to great and safe diving in '00.

A.P.

## JANUARY ENTERTAINMENT

### NOT!!!!

The January '00 General Meeting has been cancelled.

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 1st starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne. The February General Meeting will feature Margery Spielman who will give a slide show presentation on her diving experiences around the world with Humpback Whales, pink river dolphins and Atlantic spotted dolphins.

### **\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE!!! \*\*\*\*\***

#### **EMPTY TANK SURCHARGE**

Due to an excessive number of divers (not our club!) arriving on boats with empty tanks, the *Great Escape* has begun charging \$4 for the first fill of an empty tank. All other fills are included in our charter price. It is appropriate boat etiquette to fill your tank before boarding and to bring only one tank.



## 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 Charley Brown's Restaurant at King Harbor (665 N. Harbor Drive, at the corner of Harbor and Marina Way, across from the Whaling Wall). (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 \$12.00 (to 6/30/00)

[ ] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (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



## BUGS ARE US

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 \$60

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 better trip than last year when Mr. Weather stepped in.

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 sometimes in "flying formations". The reefs are ideal for photography, video, or just looking. 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](mailto: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, THE TRIP IS FILLING FAST!!

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## **TWENTIETH ANNUAL AVALON UNDERWATER CLEANUP**

**25-27 FEBRUARY 2000**

The Sea Divers will again be participating in the Avalon Harbor Cleanup. The Schedule is as follows (all times are approximate):

### **Friday – 25 February**

PM Travel to Catalina & Hotel Check In

### **Saturday – 26 February**

9:15 AM – 12:00 PM Harbor Cleanup activities  
2:30 – 4:15 PM Awards (Wrigley Plaza)  
4:30 – 5:30 PM Sea Divers Happy Hour  
Hotel Metropole

### **Sunday – 27 February**

AM / PM On your own to dive or play  
tourist & travel to mainland

### **Monday – 28 February (OPTIONAL)**

AM / PM On your own to dive or play  
tourist & travel to mainland

Hotel accommodations are at the Hotel Metropole cost per person per night double occupancy will be \$135. Everyone is responsible to make their own travel arrangements to/from the island and to mail in their Clean-up registration form and fee in advance. If you are interested, or need additional information or assistance please contact Kathleen Tadlock as soon as possible so that appropriate reservations can be made.

RESERVE EARLY!! We anticipate between 10 and 20 people will attend this annual event. Please call Kathleen Tadlock at (949) 645-1195 (home) or (310) 648-7079 to express your interest or provide any input on event arrangements. Final cutoff is 31 January 2000.



# AVALON UNDERWATER CLEANUP REGISTRATION FORM

(Registration deadline: 31 January 2000)

Free Participant T Shirt (circle one size)

M L XL XXL

Additional T Shirt Order \_\_\_\_\_ Sweatshirt Order \_\_\_\_\_  
 M @ \$15/ea \_\_\_\_\_ M @ \$25/ea \_\_\_\_\_  
 L @ \$15/ea \_\_\_\_\_ L @ \$25/ea \_\_\_\_\_  
 XL @ \$15/ea \_\_\_\_\_ XL @ \$25/ea \_\_\_\_\_  
 XXL @ \$15/ea \_\_\_\_\_ XXL @ \$25/ea \_\_\_\_\_

Get additional opportunity tickets for a chance to win gifts donated by the leading dive equipment manufacturers and supporters of the Catalina Conservancy Divers and the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber.

☐ (1) ticket \$1 \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (12) tickets \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (30) tickets \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (70) tickets \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ (150) tickets \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Opportunity Ticket Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T Shirt Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Entry Fee : \$ 25.00  
 Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

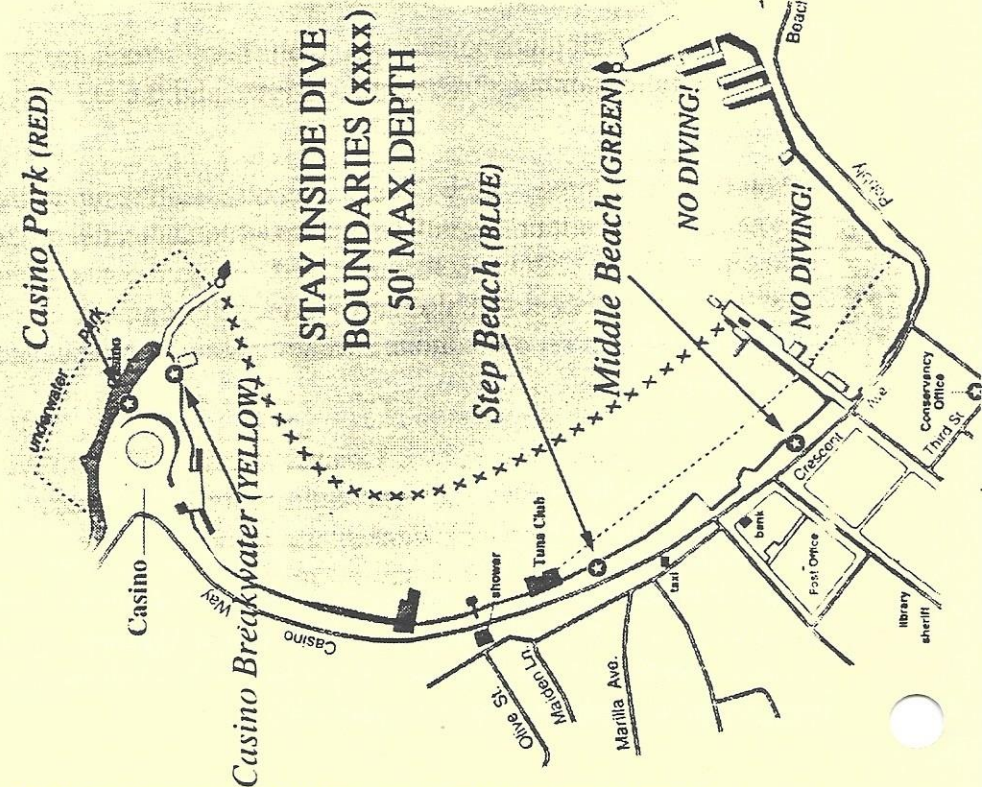
Payment Method (circle one method)  
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 (make checks payable to Catalina Conservancy Divers)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name & Address (if different from registrant) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Certification Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
 C-Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Dive Site (circle one site)  
 Casino Park - Casino Breakwater - Step Beach - Middle Beach



return this side to: CCD/UCC P.O. BOX 91501 Los Angeles, CA 90009-1501



## AN EARLY XMAS PRESENT

The last dive of the year is typically on the *Peace* as far west as we can go. This year 'can go' was all the way to San Miguel Island arriving at Judith Rock just after dawn on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. Surface conditions were less than pleasant, however, as an unusual southeast swell combined with a northwest swell and wind chop made for a rather ugly scene. As it turned out this was to be the worst we had to deal with.

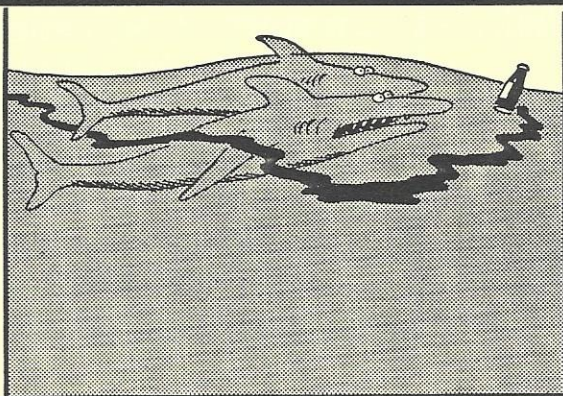
All of our dives, on the first day, were between Point Bennett to the west and Crook Point towards the east. Diving conditions varied little below the surface with 30 to 40 feet visibility, 55°F temperature, some surge and depths from over 100 feet to about 40 feet. As stated above, surface conditions improved dramatically as the day went by. In summary, we dived Judith Rock area, Adams Cove, Wychoff Ledge, Crook Point and two dives between Wychoff and Judith Rock for six dives in all. Not bad at all. We overnighted near Tyler Bight, very comfortably.

Sunday early AM found us on flat calm water cruising to the Wilson Rock area. The site picked, known as Skyscraper due to one slender pinnacle rising some 30 to 40 feet above the basic reef structure, turned out to be rather more challenging than perceived from surface conditions. The dive was spectacular with depths on the reef from 70 to 130 feet with further drop offs to many feet. Typical heavy growth with difficult to spot scallops. On or near one of the walls some surge was noticeable, between the walls surge was very strong and challenging with 40 to 50 feet motion and up currents and down currents to boot. Most computers signaled excessive ascent rates!! Visibility was at least 60 feet and temperature again the mid-50's. Back on the boat surge was the major topic of discussion. Armed with below water data, one could observe the large swells coming through, we were all lulled by the calm appearance of the surface.

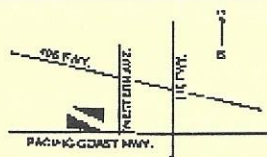
The second dive, second day, was again a deep pinnacle dive on Egg Rock. With much less surge this was an easier dive. Depths to well over 120 feet but there was much to see and do at depths below 70 feet. Scallops once more. The final two dives were in bug territory at Talcott Shoal. The really determined found over a dozen legals including a couple of 5 or 6 pounders. We made two dives about 200 yards apart.

We left for home late and thus did not arrive at Ventura Marina until 7:00 PM. *Peace* and it's crew did the usual outstanding job and the second day of diving is as good as it gets in early December at San Miguel. The first day was very acceptable. All in all a nice early Xmas present.

Boobies we had. Peter L. for falling flat on his face on the boat just before the first dive. Dave G. for attempting to dive without his weight belt. Both received past King Harbor CleanUp t-shirts. T-shirt awards for any kind of boat dive "entertainment" will be a feature of our year 2000 boat dives.



"What the—? Ketchup? We followed a ketchup trail for three miles?"



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## DECEMBER QUOTES...

"I'm going to the prom and I'm forty years old."  
"We've been here awhile."  
"Are you diving or just holding court?..."  
"...Holding court!"  
"He's writing quotes already!"  
"Rock and serious roll!"  
"I had enough stress, time for a nap..."  
"...Do you want one of us to take your computer diving?"  
"You were right, not a great spot."  
"I'm all slippery!"  
"The Opal Eye should all start running."  
"Hey Dave, put in a lot of bottom time, you're diving for the both of us."  
"There's actually a diver going in the water."  
"You know when you close your eyes and the sun is in your face you see red? When you did it with the flag flickering, it's kind of psychedelic."  
"My oh my. You're all dressed up for the evening. Are you a guest at the Captain's table?"  
"If you're joystick is not working, you're flying the wrong airplane!"  
"Was www.naked.com an accident?"  
"Put that thing away."  
"Anything from Grossman takes 15 minutes."  
"Sounds like a good movie."  
"Dexter does it different."  
"The bugs are always where you weren't."  
"Don't tell him, he could win the booby prize for the day."  
"Gus went to 170 feet – still surgey."  
"Do you have a 'Booby of the Year'?..."  
"... Yes..."  
"...Delaney must be in the running most years."  
"I saw Delaney and thought I must be much deeper than I was. I checked and it was only 100 feet."  
"It's Mister Nap!"

## JUST TWELVE YEARS AGO...

Greg Hindman was President, Kathi McNally Treasurer, and Sandi Anderson Secretary. General Meetings were held at Adam's Rib in Torrance. Our boat dive was to the backside of San Clemente on the *Bold Contender* out of Ports O'Call Berth 79 at \$49 non-inclusive. We were planning to support the 7<sup>th</sup> Avalon Underwater Clean-Up (as we are for the 20<sup>th</sup>!) and had several other 'beach' dives planned for the year. Dues were \$10 for TRW employees and \$20 for non-TRW employees.

## 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 per shirt if shipping within the US is required).

**PAST:** King Harbor Underwater CleanUp T-shirts

1999 (7<sup>th</sup>) – XXL, L, M, S (Grey)

1997 (6<sup>th</sup>) – XL, L (Purple)

1996 (5<sup>th</sup>) – L (Slate Blue)

1995 (4<sup>th</sup>) – XL (Black)

1993 (2<sup>nd</sup>) – XL (Cream)

One - \$7.00

Two - \$12.00

Three - \$15.00

Any combination!



## 2000 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
00-1	SUN	6 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$90	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-2	SAT	11 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-3	SAT	8 APR	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	\$90	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-C12	WED	3 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 12 / CATALINA	\$70	(Various)	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-4	FRI/SAT	12/13 MAY	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-5	SAT	3 JUNE	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLYELLEN	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-6	SAT	24 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / CATALINA WEST END	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-7	FRI/SAT	21/22 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-8	SUN	13 AUG	OLYMPIC WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-9	FRI/SAT	22/23 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$185	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-10	TUES/WED	10/11 OCT	TALCOTT SHOALS	\$165	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
00-11	FRI/SAT	27/28 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-12	SAT/SUN	2/3 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$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 two-thirds of member price. Dive 00-C12 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives except 00-C12 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

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

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Redondo Beach, CA 90278



## CALENDAR

FEBRUARY						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29				

February 1  
February 6  
February 12  
February 25-27

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Boat Dive – Santa Barbara / Sutil Island – *GREAT ESCAPE*  
The Sea Divers 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Beach Dive – 20<sup>th</sup> Avalon Underwater Cleanup – Avalon Harbor, Catalina

MARCH						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

March 7  
March 11

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Boat Dive – San Nicolas – *GREAT ESCAPE*

## IN THIS ISSUE!!!!

- Empty Tank Surcharge!!!
- 20<sup>th</sup> Avalon Cleanup!!!
- Diving in December!!!
- ...and MORE!!

**JANUARY GENERAL  
MEETING was  
CANCELLED**

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