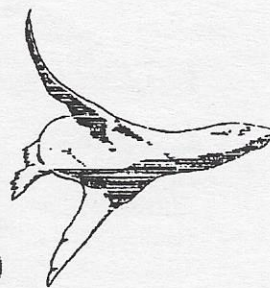


# THE SEA DIVERS



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBER...

About one third of the operating expenses for the USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber comes from contributions. Two major local events are approaching, both of which provide significant cash contributions to the chamber. The first will occur on Wednesday 3 May '00, this is Chamber Day 2000 which is the largest single contributing event. The second is the 8th King Harbor Underwater CleanUp which will occur on Sunday 11 June '00 and has typically been the second highest contributing event. Two other events also contribute, the Avalon Harbor Cleanup, which this year was postponed from 26 February '00 to Saturday 1 April '00, and the Northern Boat's Chamber Day which is usually held in the third quarter of the year. Links to these events are on our web page ([www.seadivers.org](http://www.seadivers.org)) and flyers for both Chamber Day 2000 and the 8th King Harbor Underwater CleanUp are in this newsletter.

Aside from a lesson in chamber accounting, the point of all this is that I'm appealing to each of you to support one or two of these events, as you never know when you or a friend might need the chamber. I know some of you already contribute in other ways, as I do and as The Sea Divers do as a club including being the organizing body for the King Harbor event. **SUPPORT YOUR CHAMBER!!!**

A.P.

## APRIL ENTERTAINMENT

### PHIL BERGERON - LOCAL WRECK DIVING

The next General Meeting will feature our very own Phil Bergeron talking about local wrecks. Phil has been a member of The Sea Divers since 1979. He joined the California Wreck Divers in 1989 and twice served as their President. Phil is a consistent winner of Rare Find/Best Display in California Wreck Diver's annual competition. He is well known for his interest and knowledge of the local wrecks and is also currently serving as Shipwreck Director for the Underwater Society of America. Phil will be showing some transparencies of local wrecks that are recent discoveries and guarantees an interesting talk for wreck divers and non-wreck divers alike.

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 4th starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne.

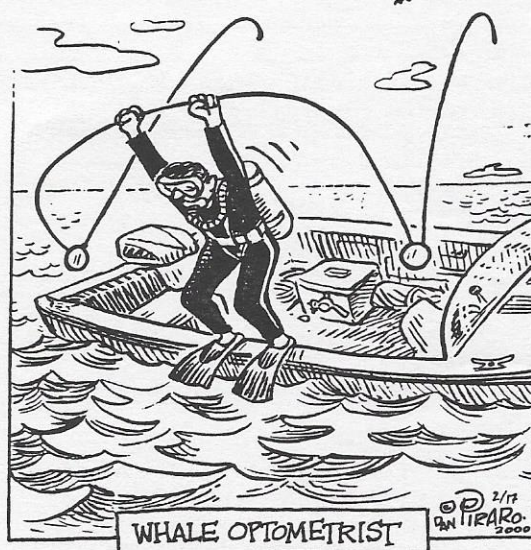
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### WRITING FOR THE SEA DIVERS NEWSLETTER

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



### SPRING AT CLEMENTE

8 April 2000 (Sat)

SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE

*GREAT ESCAPE*

Members \$90

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (4/7)

Non-Members \$100

Departure: 1:00 AM (4/8)

New Members \$60

This single day springtime dive on the *Great Escape* will take us to the backside of San Clemente Island. We will run to Seal Cove or perhaps Lost Point to begin our diving. As the day progresses we'll work our way back North and West diving at the Four-and-a-Half Fathom spot finishing up in the Castle Rock area. All of the areas on the backside typically have excellent reef structures with a multiplicity of growth and sea life. The walls and canyons are second to none in the local area and provide some of the most varied diving environs. Depths will range from 40 to over 100 feet with water temperature anticipated to be around 60°F.

The dive is suitable for all levels of skill, ocean conditions permitting. The backside does see it's fair share of swells and potentially rough water but this time of year should provide a good chance of success. Looky-loos and/or photographers will not be disappointed, with the environs of San Clemente, and for the game takers, scallops and a goodly variety of fish are available. It will also be interesting to see if the Pink and Green abalone are showing any sign of recovery. Hopefully the sun will grace us with a nice warm spring day.

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. This trip filled faster than most but as of this writing there were still a few spots left. DON'T WAIT!

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### PEACE IS WESTBOUND

12/13 May 2000 (Fri/Sat)

SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA

*PEACE*

Members \$185

(Includes everything & limited load!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (5/11)

Non-Members \$200

Departure: 12:01 AM (5/12)

Our first two-day charter for the year is on the *Peace* to San Miguel and Santa Rosa Islands. Last year's May trip was severely weathered out but as we seem to alternate good and not so good years we are due for good weather this year.

As is typical for our *Peace* two day dives we plan to head way West to San Miguel with dives at Santa Rosa on the way our and/or the way back. The pinnacles are always spectacular and club favorites. Over the past few years we have been successful at Richardson's Rock, Boomerang, Wilson Rock, Castle Rock, Egg Rock and Little Wilson. Weather permitting several of the pinnacles will feature on this charter.

Other great spots will include a selection on San Miguel from Bennett Point, Judith Rock, Tyler Bight, Wychoff Ledge, Simonton Cove and Harris Point. Potential spots at Santa Rosa will include South Point, Ford Point, Bechers Bay area and Talcott Shoal. As always we can tailor the choices based on weather and diver desires.

All of the areas should provide great opportunities for scallops and a variety of fish for the game takers and the very best for photography and/or video.

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 full with a wait list forming. Note however, that wait lists tend to evaporate! Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at curt@diver.net. FIRST club chance for a great two-day trip this millennium!



## SAN NICOLAS TRIP REPORT (UNABRIDGED VERSION)

Friday morning, the swell model was double scale and reporting 9+ in the outer waters. The rains had finally stopped. The WAM forecast showed the Saturday swell to subside a bit and then to increase for the next day. It looked marginal that we would make Nic for our planned Saturday dive. Time is running out with the close of the lobster season just a week and a half away. We need some luck and a good determined boat captain to make it happen.

I got a number of calls from divers that were indecisive about going. Everybody is a weatherman this week and they are all asking me for my prediction. I say, I think it is 50/50 but I think we will make it to Nic. We did it last year on the *Great Escape* under similar conditions. That evening when I get to the boat we still have some open spots left. The swell model is laying down and it is now single scale. Apparently, this was a missed opportunity for some staying home to mow their lawns.

At the dock the *Westerly* diveboat is loading up with the Douglas dive club group. They are also going to Nic. The Sea Divers are going to Nic on the *Great Escape*. Will both boats make it to Nic or somewhere else?

The *Great Escape* departs promptly at 11pm. Immediately out of the harbor, the lumpy seas forewarn of a pending disappointment. It is a long ride to Nic and there are other islands on the way to tuck into if the conditions get worse. While resting in the bunk or stateroom you can judge by the running time, and the direction of the swells hitting the boat, if the boat changes course or stops short. It was a long lumpy night and the swells kept coming from the same direction until about 4 or so hours into the crossing. Then, the swells began to rock the boat more off the starboard side. A change of course? Maybe, or maybe we're heading to San Clemente, the island of the shorts. Oh gads! A deep sleep is near impossible with the constant rocking and occasional creek and thump that is heard and felt as the 80' boat slides up a swell and settles down into the next trough. I will find out soon enough where we end up. I would prefer Santa Barbara Island for a fall back over San Clemente - I have never been disappointed with the bugs at Barbara. The boat keeps motoring well past 4 hours, so we must be going to Clemente or Nic, but not Barbara.

Our clubs plan was to hit Nic in the predawn, on first arrival, to grab a few nocturnal bugs out walking around. So I get up about 5am while the boat is still motoring and check the horizon. Nic! What a pleasant surprise.

The wind is blowing a bit making a nice dicey chop of the sea on the surface. So Capt. Tim heads west along the south shore for some wind protection by island. With the added distance we lose the predawn advantage. No problem, it is a beautiful day, the sun is just breaking the horizon, and it appears we are the ONLY dive boat at Nic! Capt Tim says the wind was howling at Santa Barbara so what the hell let's go to Nic. I think, Damn, I like this boat.

Terry May and Mike Kane are divemastering this trip. The pre-dive instructions are concise and to the point. They are expert divemasters and it is a privilege to be diving under their watch. If you are experienced and want to dive a backpack or solo, they can spot you out of a crowd no questions, no oppressive rules. If you are less experienced and need some help with your gear, they are observant and ready to help. It is nice to know that if someone in the club should forget to put their fins on before jumping off or some other lame trick we have all done at one time or another they can bail your butt out of the situation. If this happens to you remember to tip heavily at the end of the trip.

For San Nic trips, our club limits the gate times to 30 minutes, to ensure 4 dives. At the dive spot the frenzy begins. The first dive begins like a fire drill for most. However, others are going to start the day a little more leisurely by beginning with the second dive. For me I am one of the firsts in with my wife Doris in hot pursuit. We strategically planned to go deep. The vis good, probably 35', but who's paying attention to that. In a few minutes we find 3 bugs nestled together. The first one and easiest to get appears to be short. I grab it and gauge it just to be sure. I unlatch my bag for the rest, a bit anxious I guess. The shorty is tossed into the current and swims away. The other two bugs that are disturbed by the commotion are hunkering down. Doris has moved to the opposite side of the tunnel they are in to grab at any backdoor escapees. Her light is drawing their attention and they turn towards her. One bug decides to turn and walks to my direction right into my hands. Grabbed, gauged, and bagged. The next one has disappeared. Doris points to her left with a motion of her light. Ah ha, I see it, I reach in and tickle it's tail, it actually turns its tail more towards me and backs right into my hands, go figure. Grabbed, gauged, and bagged. The water temp is in the mid to low 50's, we are not cold yet so we scout around some more at 80' and then head to the boat.



## SAN NICOLAS TRIP REPORT (continued)

Back on the boat Rhonda is cooking. What a dream. Rhonda cooked for years on the *Atlantis* and the smell of hot chocolate chip cookies at the end of the dive day is a memory many of us will never forget. She cooked for a short while on the *Great Escape* in its first year but left to work other boats. Well, sheeeee's baaaaack! The breakfast she serves has her special touches on it that makes it a great meal.

After a short move to a secret spot at Dutch Harbor, they are all secret, right, well we hit the water again. This time Doris stays topside to warm her hands that are paralyzed from the cold water. I am off and soon find a bug in a flat crevice. I spotted the bug from the side and she can go anywhere to escape, it doesn't look good. I will give it a minute or two for the catch before I resume the search for another. I move to face the lobster tucked in her lair. Oh, the nasty urchins have done me a favor and blocked the sides to her escapes. How nice, I lunge in with both hands and make the steal. That is three and I love this game. I spent some more time at 60-70' but nothing was producing so I headed back to the boat. A lot of times, divers in their rush to get away from the boat overlook the obvious, under the boat.

Before heading to the surface I scout out around the boat and find a nice group of bugs sitting in a crevice under the stern at 40'. I look up and watch as some divers are climbing up on the swim step. Back in the crevice there is one bug bigger than the rest in this group of 3 and I reach for her. Silly girl must have been sleeping 'cause it was too easy. I fumble with latch on my bag as I open it. The one bug that is inside has its tail pointed out the opening ready to bolt. The water is numbing my hands and I struggle a bit to shove the latest addition into the bag without losing the first bug. Got 'em both in, I leave the rest for someone else and head topside for some sun.

We are diving our schedule as planned. Capt. Tim asks if we want to stay put and do a longer gate time for dives 3 and 4, or move. We respond, "We want to move for dive 4." We want to cover as much fresh territory as possible.

After a short move the third dive was jinxed for me. I got tangled up in the air whip in my exit from the boat and lost sight of Doris on her way down. I followed some bubbles only to find Delaney rising to the surface. We surface together and he in no way looks like Doris, I was quite disappointed. Delaney lost his game bag and the crew tossed him another. As it turned out, Doris was still below, she found a game bag and was bringing it to the surface while I was on the surface looking for her. I looked on the surface for a while and then dove. We passed liked elevators moving in opposite directions and did the rest of our dives separately. No bugs were seen. It was jinxed I tell you.

We moved east to dive spot 4. Doris is now on the *Great Escape* verandah soaking in the warm sun on a beautiful clear day. I headed below the surface and scanned the 50-60' range. It was barren to the south, but I went looking for a rock outcropping or two. After a few minutes I found some rocks but the bugs were gone. I followed some ridges north that turned into broken sandstone plates. After a while I spotted two bugs together, half exposed from the overhang of a rock plate. With a swoop with both hands the two are grabbed before they can move. One is placed under my arm and one I hold in my hand. Because of the cold water I grope with my free hand at opening the bag. Delaney shows ups like a vulture looking for scraps and I latch on tight to my catch. He offers assistance and I reluctantly release the one under my arm to him, this is a short term loan only. We gauge and bag my catch and we are off in our own directions in search for more. I am feeling content and the warmth of the sun is becoming more important to me as I search for another bug. After a few bugless moments I head back to the boat.

Topside, Rhonda is laying out the lunch feast. Without divulging all of her secrets at one sitting let's just say the side dish of Miso soup she has prepared has everybody going back for thirds. After lunch, a hot shower, and stowing the gear I head for the verandah. Grab a chair, prop the feet on the rail, and pop the cork off an '95 Edgewood Petite Sarah. The smooth velvety aroma portends to a nice afternoon of sun worship and conversation.

In a little while deckhand Hollywood says Capt. Tim is cutting the corners to get us back early. We analyze this for awhile and question why he would not always take the most direct route. Then we figure, ah Hollywood, he is just working the crowd. Capt. Tim spots a whale for us and later while passing the west end of Catalina some porpoise do acrobatic jumps in the wake. One jumps 10' in the air. It was one of those marvelously clear winter days where you could see Nic, Clemente, Barbara, Catalina, PV and the snow capped Mt Baldy/Mt. Wilson mountains at one sitting. Back at the dock, a little after 6 PM, too bad the day had come to an end. Next month, we hope for more fun, a dive to the backside of San Clemente, is our intended run.

Curt Billings



### SAN NICOLAS SUMMARY

Elsewhere in the Newsletter is Curt B's San Nicolas Trip Report. Great to have someone else write a dive trip report other than me. Thanks Curt.

In summary, four dives, depths to 85 feet to shallow, mostly calm, some surface chop in the wind, visibility 20 to 30 feet, temperatures 56°F to 58°F and a number of bugs and scallops. It was sunny all day, with over a hundred miles of air visibility. It don't get much better than this!

We made two booby awards, the first (7<sup>th</sup> KHUCU t-shirt) to Michael Kane (divemaster and reputed tech diver extraordinaire – he looked pretty ordinary to us!) for reading his depth (46 feet) as a 46°F temperature. I guess those new fangled computers ARE pretty complicated. This feat will make Michael as the designated *Great Escape* crew target for future newsletters replacing the previously much maligned but now humbled Terry. The second booby (Club's new T-shirt) went to Mark Griffith for jumping in, dry suit and all with no fins. Great going guys! One other amusing note several folks including one of the deck hands thought we were at Northwest Harbor, San Clemente others were convinced we were at Santa Barbara Island. What confused everyone was the ride, when it got better for whatever reason, they all thought we turned. Great trip by skipper/owner Tim and the whole crew.

A.P.

### JUST 20 YEARS AGO...

The President was Betty Trenberth, Vice President Don Mueller, Treasurer Walt Musser and Secretary Kathy Wood. Our General Meetings were held at Lococo's and the April Executive Meeting at Steve Maloney's house in Redondo Beach. There were two boat dives, Santa Barbara on the Charisma at \$32 non-inclusive and Farnsworth Bank on the Westerly at \$27 non-inclusive. The beach dive was at Pearl Street Redondo, followed by the bouillabaisse bash. Club activities also included a beginning SCUBA class, a photography class, a safety seminar and a kelp-monitoring program. Abalone season (remember that?) had just opened and a full identification matrix was in the newsletter.

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### THE QUOTES OF MARCH...

"Can I use you for a reference?..."

"...Sure...but for what?"

"Tell us a story John."

"Zeros are tough to remember."

"I had a swordfish burrito – 4 bucks – Incredible!"

"I've got to be drunk to do this right."

"You signed in on the bunk list."

"It was only 46°F..."

"...No, we got 57°F..."

"...Oh, I was reading my depth."

"Delaney's a real piece of work."

"Can't have two New Yorkers together at one time."

Belgium Bear – 9% - Knock your socks off."

"Wine in one hand, beer in the other, what to do?"

"Oops, almost had a top blowout."

"So small he should get the marksmanship award."

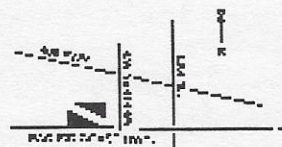
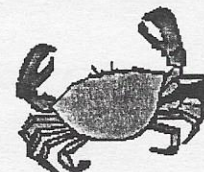
"Wow! If I drink this I'll be staying in San Pedro tonight..."

"...Yeah, on the boat."

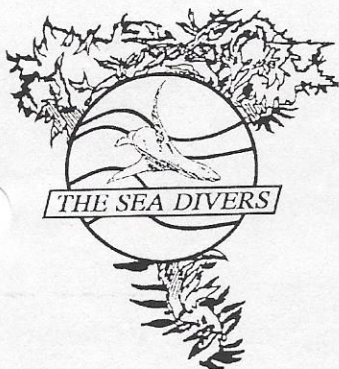
"When you go to the bathroom and sit on the throne and watch the sunset, you know you've arrived."

"He's cutting corners on the way back to arrive back sooner."

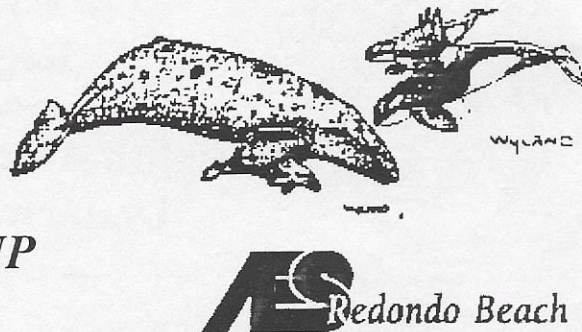
"On our boats, you screw up, you get an award, such a deal!"







# **EIGHTH ANNUAL KING HARBOR UNDERWATER CLEANUP**



- ACTIVITY:** Redondo Beach, King Harbor Underwater CleanUp
- DATE:** Sunday, 11 June 2000
- TIME:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Diving 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM)
- LOCATION:** Six areas encompassing all main basins of King Harbor
- REGISTRATION:** Divers and Surface Support Personnel must register by **3 June 2000** by sending a \$20.00 check or money order made payable to: **The Sea Divers**  
P.O. Box 2415  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
- WHAT YOU GET:** A great opportunity to continue the clean-up of a major local harbor, enjoy camaraderie and have lunch at the AES Whaling Wall. You will also receive a\*\* *Commemorative Wyland T-shirt* \*\*
- TYPICAL AWARDS:**
- |                       |                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Diver Awards</u>   | Largest, Heaviest, Smallest, Most Unusual, Most Amusing, Classic/Antique Bottle, Most Valuable, Special A, B and C |
| <u>Surface Awards</u> | Energetic, Team Spirit, Leadership, Special                                                                        |
- DOOR PRIZES:** Registration automatically entitles you to one door prize drawing ticket. Door prizes will include a major trip for two.
- PROCEEDS GO TO:** Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber
- INFORMATION:** Call Allen Parker, CleanUp Chairman  
Day/Evening (310) 813-2955  
Sea Diver Web Page: [www.seadivers.org](http://www.seadivers.org)

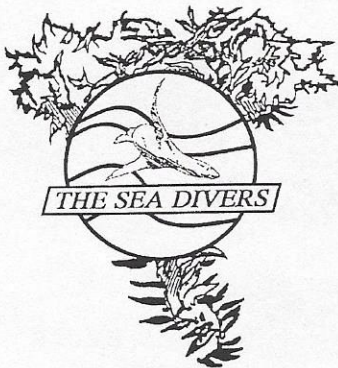
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**Registration**  
(Must be received by 3 June 2000)  
**Eighth Annual King Harbor  
Underwater CleanUp**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following: Diver: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Support: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\*DIVERS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\***

**Do not leave any blank spaces!** If you were recently certified and have not yet received your Certification Number  
- enter your Social Security Number.

Certification Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**We will be diving in six areas. If you wish to dive with or support a group and/or a specific buddy please indicate group and/or buddy below.**

Group/Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

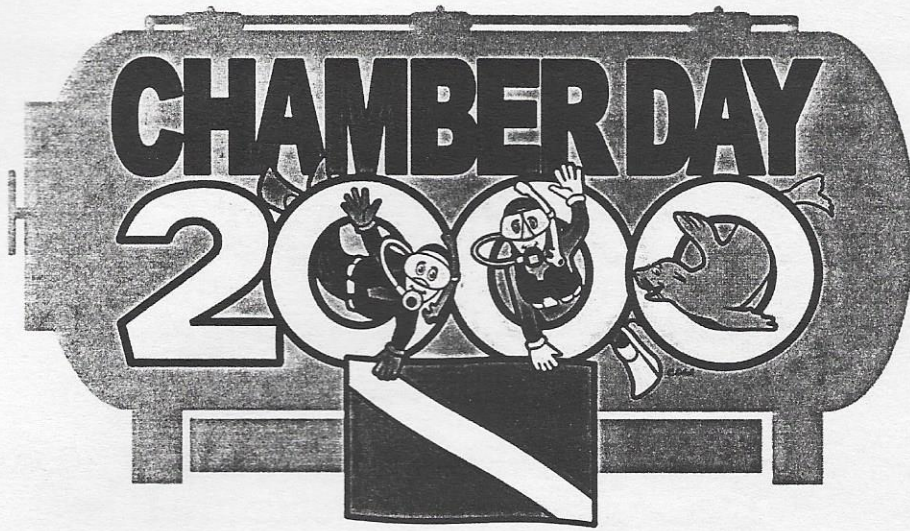
Buddy: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in this event previously? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the event?    Flyer/Registration Form \_\_\_\_    Buddy/Friend \_\_\_\_  
Media/Advertisements \_\_\_\_    Club \_\_\_\_

We cannot guarantee T-shirt sizes however your preference will help us place the orders.





### CHAMBER DAY 2000

The annual Chamber Day event is Wednesday, May 3 this year – the 12<sup>th</sup> annual. This year also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber.

This event is successful due to massive support from the dive community, including the dive boats and crews (donating their time and fuel), dives shops and clubs (promoting the event and getting their divers involved), manufacturers (donating raffle items), individuals who volunteer their time to serve as divemasters for Chamber Day or chamber techs for volunteer year-round at our Chamber, and the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific (whose generous donation makes Chamber Evening a reality). Quite simply, Chamber Day is one day when everyone in the SoCal diving community pitches in for a worthy cause.

The reason we do all this is to raise funds to ensure the continued operation of the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. Although the Chamber gets some funding from L.A. County, they must still raise an enormous part of their budget on their own. Chamber Day represents the largest single outside source of funding for the Chamber.

As you (hopefully) know, hyperbaric chambers are the only way to treat decompression illness or embolisms that may result from diving. And because our chamber is located on Catalina, it's easily accessible from any of the other islands or even from shoreline beaches. And even though diving accidents are not an everyday occurrence, when one happens, the availability of a convenient hyperbaric chamber, any day of the week, any time of the day, all year round, can literally mean the difference between life and death, or the difference between being paralyzed for life or leading a normal life. Simply put, if our Catalina Chamber were forced to close, or trim back operations, a safety net for all divers would disappear.

That's why your support of this event is so critical. In 1999, through Chamber Day, Chamber Evening, the Michael Kane \$10K Challenge, and the daytime and evening raffles, we managed to raise \$67,018 for our Chamber. And this year, we'd like to do even better.



# *CHAMBER DAY 2000 - MAY 3rd*

## *7AM - 5PM*

Fund-raising event for the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber

2 dives at Catalina

Walking tour of the Chamber

Demos by rescue personnel

Commemorative t-shirt

Many raffle prizes to be won

Lots of fun for a good cause



# *CHAMBER EVENING - MAY 3rd*

## *7:30 - 11:00PM*

The Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific  
invites you for an evening  
of food, fish, and fund-raising for the Chamber.

Private exploration of the Aquarium  
Catered sit-down dinner in the Great Hall of the Pacific

Still more raffle prizes to be won

Perfect event for a non-diving spouse or friend

*Chamber Day - \$70 per diver*

*Chamber Evening - \$75 per person*

*Both events - \$125 per person*

*SIGN UP @ (310) 652-4990*



# San Diego Oceans Foundation Project Yukon PUSH-THE-BUTTON Contest

Sinking: ~~Saturday, May 6, 2000~~

Rescheduled for 15 July '00

## How to Enter....

- Complete the form below
- Attach your \$25.00 donation (check, money order or credit card)
- Return to Project Yukon
- Receipt will be issued upon request.

Enter Now!  
**SINK THE  
YUKON!**

## Your Entry....

- Enrolls you in the Push-the-Button Drawing
- Grand Prize Winner receives....
  - Round-trip air & 3 nights accommodations,
  - Entrance into celebration festivities, and
  - Be the only one to "Sink-The-Yukon" and attain a place in history
- Drawing of 10+ other gifts and prizes
- \$25.00 Tax Deductible donation helps....
  - Support a world-class diving destination
  - Create growth of underwater environments



## Push-the-Button Official Entry Form

Return to: SDOF - Project Yukon • P.O. Box 90672 • San Diego, CA • 92169-2672  
Fax: 619-523-1979 • Email: yukon@cts.com • Website: <http://www.hmcs-yukon.org>  
(Copy this form for multiple entries)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Night phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of payment: (check one):

☐ Check enclosed. Make check payable to : SDOF's Project Yukon

☐ Credit Card (circle one): Visa Mastercard

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This Entry is supplied by Our Official Contest Sponsor:

### PUSH-THE-BUTTON Official Rules

1. To Enter: Properly complete and submit a Push The Button Official Entry Form along with check or credit card information for entry fee. All entries must be received by 1:00 p.m. P.S.T. on April 12th, 2000, with as many entries per person allowed. 2. Prize: One expenses paid Trip to San Diego, California on May 4, 2000 (approximate value \$2500.00). Other fees and expenses are responsibility of Winner. 3. Purchase of ticket required. 4. Winner: (a) will be determined in a random drawing conducted April 12, 2000 by independent judges whose decisions are final in all matters, (b) will be notified by certified mail or in person (but Winner need not be present at drawing). 5. Prize not transferable, and no substitutes or cash equivalents available. Winner will be required to sign Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability and Publicity Release which must be completed and received by judges no later than ten (10) days after receipt by Winner. Noncompliance with Official Rules will result in prize forfeiture, and a new Winner will be selected. 6. Neither sponsor, San Diego Oceans Foundation (1875 Quivara Way, Suite C-5, San Diego, CA 92169-2672), nor judges are responsible for lost, late, illegible, misdirected mutilated or incomplete entries. Mechanically reproduced entries will be accepted as long as all above rules are followed. Entries are property of sponsor and cannot be inspected or returned. Employees and affiliates of sponsor, its advertising and promotional agencies and immediate families of each are ineligible. Sweepstakes void where prohibited by law. 7. Without additional compensation, Winner (a) irrevocably consents to the taking of videos and photographs of Winner and (b) to the use of such videos and photographs and the Winner's name for advertising, publicity and promotion. 8. To obtain name of Winner, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope after April 12, 2000 and prior to May 15, 2000 to Project Yukon, San Diego Oceans Foundation at sponsor's address.



# The famous *SCUBA Show* is growing to leviathan proportions.

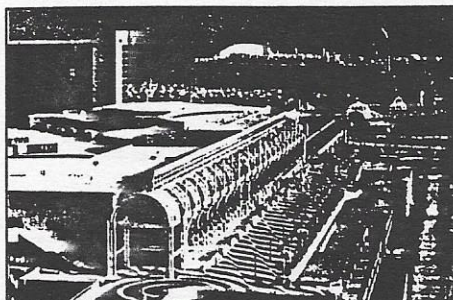
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# SCUBA SHOW 2000

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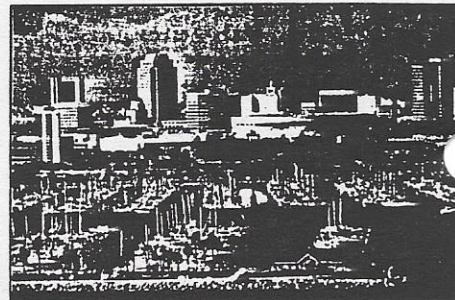
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## 2000 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

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	GREAT ESCAPE	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, ELLY/ELLEN	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
00-6	SAT	24 JUNE	OSBORNE BANK / SANTA BARBARA	\$90	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:

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## CALENDAR

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April 1  
April 4  
April 8  
April 13

Beach Dive – 20<sup>th</sup> Avalon Underwater Cleanup – Avalon Harbor, Catalina  
General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Boat Dive – San Clemente Backside – *GREAT ESCAPE*  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual KHUCU Meeting – 6:30 PM – AES Conference Room

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May 9  
May 12-13  
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Boat Dive – San Miguel / Santa Rosa – *PEACE*  
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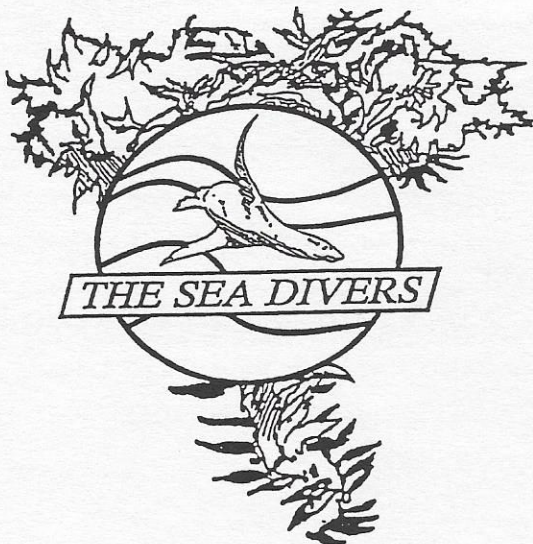
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