

THE SEA DIVERS

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE...

As you may already have heard, the 8th Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp scheduled for 11 June '00 has been cancelled. We were unfortunately forced into the decision as a result of extremely slow signups. Only two weeks before the event, and one week before registration was to end, we had only 18 sign-ups (1 donation, 2 surface workers and 15 divers). We are not sure why but we will do a post mortem in order to try to understand the issues. Last year, after we moved the event from October to May, sign-ups dropped 20 to 25% and extrapolating this year would indicate at least another 25 to 35% drop off. With potentially less than 100 divers the event does not "hang together". My sincere thanks to the CleanUp Committee, the folks who did sign-up and to AES for their continuing excellent support.

A.P.

JUNE ENTERTAINMENT PETER LANDECKER – ADVENTURES IN THE GALAPAGOS

Our very own world renowned traveler Peter Landecker will present June's Program on his Galapagos Adventures. Peter has logged over 1100 dives and almost 1000 underwater hours in 27 countries since 1975, with most of his dives in Southern California. Previews of a few of his Galapagos images can be found from http://www.netword.com/landecker.

What did he see diving in the Galapagos? On one dive near Darwin's Arch, he saw hundreds of scalloped hammerhead sharks (tens as close as a few feet away) and about 100 Galapagos sharks, followed by a group of about 100 dolphins (zipping by only a few feet away). On another dive he saw 1000 barracuda, turtles, white tipped sharks and very friendly sea lions. There were incredible cuts, holes, currents, and schools of fish as far as the eye could see. Peter logged 12 dives in 5 days of diving (7 days on the 90 foot long dive boat *Reina Silva*) with 14.2 hours of bottom time. The water temperature was 66-75 °F. The visibility was in the range 40-80 feet.

Land excursions on the Galapagos Islands were fascinating! There were sea lions (with babies checking him out and sniffing his feet), blue footed boobies (some only inches away), marine iguanas, Galapagos penguins, and a Galapagos hawk. Peter saw 500 pound Galapagos tortoises at Darwin Station as well as mating in the wild. The volcanic landscape was awesome!

Peter also spend 4 nights in Quito and took land excursions to very interesting country crafts markets, museums and churches.

This trip in January 2000 lasted 12 days and cost about \$3700 for everything, during which time he crossed the equator at least 8 times! There was one revolution (and change of government) during this trip. Peter will relate his experiences with a video and slides to illustrate his "adventure of a lifetime".

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 6th 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 a South Bay Restaurant. (See calendar on back page, President calls meetings as needed).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SIGNATURE NAME ADDRESS ZIP CODE CITY HOME PHONE () WORK PHONE (ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) PHONE () EMERGENCY CONTACT_____ EMPLOYER TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.] **CERT NUMBER** LACC ADP DATE CERT DATE (or equivalent) DATE OF LAST DIVE NUMBER OF DIVES LOGGED [] YES [] NO Do you want your name on a dive buddy list? beach/boat/skin_ Type of diving preferred:

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

1 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

| FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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

(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/

\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for

NEW members)

\$24.00 (to 6/30/01)

\$36.00 (to 6/30/01)

DEEP AND EXCELLENT DIVING

24 June 2000 (Sat)

OSBORNE BANK / SANTA BARBARA

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$90

Boarding: 8:00 PM (6/23)

Non-Members \$100

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Departure: 2:00 AM (6/24)

New Members \$60

I don't believe as a Club, we have dived Osborne Bank before. Osborne is a deep advanced dive, with the basic plateau at approximately 130 feet. Surrounding the plateau are depths that go way beyond normal sport diving limits, so extreme care in depth control is required. Nitrogen narcosis is likely to occur, to some degree, on this dive. The plateau itself is essentially flat and provides an environment somewhat different than the more typical reefs in the area. We strongly recommend no spear fishing unless you are extremely comfortable at these depths. Distractions can be dangerous.

Following the Osborne Bank dive we will move to Santa Barbara Island for the rest of our diving. 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 three or four choice spots, including one or two in the environs of Sutil Island. This is excellent diving.

For the game takes there are a variety of fish and scallops. Diving conditions in June are usually pleasant and typically the ocean is cooperative. *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 way 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, THE TRIP IS NEAR FULL.

JULY 3RD - 4TH DIVE TRIP

Annual July 4th two-day dive trip on the *Westerly* is open for bookings. The 2000 trip will be on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 - 4. The price this year is \$200 per person. This price includes food and air fills. You must make reservations and pay in advance. Please contact cruise director listed below:

Gary York home phone: 310-324-8583 work phone: 310-364-5821 home email: glyork@earthlink.net

This trip takes a maximum of 15 divers, so everyone has room to move about. The *Westerly* leaves from 22nd St. Landing, San Pedro. Target destination is always Pyramid Cove at San Clemente Island and all good surrounding areas. We try to find a nice variety to suit everyone – photographers, hunters, and sightseers. This is always wonderful trip – the diving is good to fantastic, the crew entertaining and we are never hungry! You are welcome to bring other food goodies to share. If you have any questions, please call or email.

Editors note: This is not a Sea Diver sponsored trip but is an annual event that was recommended by several current members.

JUST TEN 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 Wong's and Executive Meetings at Baxter's. The boat dive was on the Encore to Farnsworth Banks at \$59 all inclusive. Our beach dive was the (then) Annual Jade Cove Campout and Dive, which was a four night, five day affair. The Club was planning a dive trip to Cabo San Lucas, which as it turned out was a party hardy trip due to hurricanes Trudy and Vance!! The Princess Louise had just capsized at Southwest Marine in San Pedro, a saga that was to continue for months to come.

WORLD CLASS PINNACLE DIVING

21/22 JULY 2000 (Fri/Sat)

BEGG ROCK / SAN NICOLAS / SANTA BARBARA

Members \$195

(INCLUDES EVERYTHING AND LIMITED LOAD!!)

GREAT ESCAPE

Boarding: 8:00 PM (7/21)

Non-Members \$210

PROMPT!! → Departure: 11:00 PM(7/21)

Our second two-day dive of 2000 is a great southern outer island cruise and dive to the very best spots. This Friday/Saturday affair has been the making of really outstanding trips in past years.

Begg Rock is a group of pinnacles which rise about 15 feet above the water and then plunge in the most spectacular fashion to over 100 feet with rolling ledges from 30 feet to 60 feet. The rock is located about 7 miles north of San Nicolas Island, and is noted for its huge plate-sized scallops on the deeper ledges (easy to limit out at the one-day limit of 10). Photophiles and video buffs will be well served. Relative beginners should note that Begg Rock is fully exposed to the ocean, but on good days may be dived by all skill levels after appropriate pre-dive consultation with the divemaster and a properly planned dive, with your buddy.

San Nicolas, the outer most of the southern four islands, is noted for its relative remoteness and typically large size fish. Ocean temperatures should be up around 60°F, making diving pleasant. Large fish, such as Calico Bass, Sheephead, etc., can be found in the kelp beds and reefs. We will overnight at San Nicolas, probably in Dutch Harbor, with full dinner, socialize with good friends, and enjoy a typically great evening just relaxing. The following day we will either head to Begg Rock for our second attempt, or cruise to Santa Barbara Island, which is the smallest prettiest island and has a little of everything. The spectacular underwater arches, walls, reefs, sea lions, and other sea life are great for photography and video and visibility is usually exceptional. Again large fish surround the area, including the occasional black sea bass (these are for viewing only!!!).

The trip is full, but waitlists DO erode. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or email at curt@diver.net for wait list information. HOPE YOU'RE ON BOARD!!

BOUILLABAISSE AFTERMATH

Although I say it myself, two of the best pots of bouillabaisse in recent memory!

We had about twenty folks come out and join in the festivities, which got seriously underway about 12:30 PM. With about \$50 worth of saffron leading the spice charge, the broth was very tasty. Complimented by, in the shell large, medium and small clams, head on and head off shrimp, medium sized green lip mussels, scallops, ling-cod and sheephead, crab claws and an unbelievable amount of in shell halves and out of shell chunks of lobster, bouillabaisse success was a shoe-in!!! We had just over half of one pot left after triple zip-lock bagging take home extras. The half pot was served as appetizer / soup at Petrelli's the following evening.

Curt B. helped out by serving abalone appetizers just before the main attraction. Sharon H. contributed some delicious homemade crusty bread to complement the soup. Non-seafood eaters had a variety of grilled sausages, etc. to feast on. Two and a half pounds of carne asada was untouched in the cooler. Too much food but GOOD. Following the bouillabaisse about ten folks retreated to The Crow's Nest at Tony's on The Pier for "after dinner" cocktails. All in all a great day out. Thanks for the support.

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



IT WAS COLD!!!

The Club two-day trip on the *Peace* is always in the coldest water of the year. This year was no exception! After a somewhat bumpy ride, we anchored about mid-point of the south side of Santa Cruz Island around 2:30 AM. After dawn we motored to Morse Point on the south-west tip of Santa Cruz. Water temperature in the low 50's °F and poor visibility, due to plankton blooms, were to plague the first day's diving of six dives total. We also had some wind and surface chop to contend with. Best dive of the six was the second dive at Gull Island, where there was no current, only a slight surface chop and visibility to about 35 feet. The remaining four dives were on the north side of Santa Cruz tucked into a succession of weather and surge protected coves which all tended to "look the same". In order they were: West Grotto, Quail Rock, Fern Grotto, and an un-named cove west of Pelican Bay. Not the greatest of diving but the best we could do. The day was beautiful with warm clear sunny skies but with wind whenever not tucked in.

With a promise of better ocean conditions for Saturday, we were still optimistic for San Miguel. Skipper / owner Eric B. came through, running along the north side of Santa Cruz, down the Santa Cruz Channel, along the south side of Santa Rosa, then north to the south side of San Miguel. Lots of chop and some surge with flapping kelp. Clear skies forecast another bright sunny day. We made for dives on a tight schedule. Wyckoff Ledge, Judith Rock, Tyler Bight and a spot halfway between Tyler Bight and Wyckoff Ledge. Water temperature was between 46°F and 49°F. COLD! Visibility was typically in the 30-35 feet region. Apart from the cold water it was good diving, with depths to 100 feet plus in most cases. Diving done we made a late start back to Ventura arriving at the dock close to 7:00 PM. All in all considering the conditions, we did pretty good.

Awards we had. Prime "Michael Kane Tech Diver Extraordinaire" (formerly "booby") prize went to Kathleen T. for dropping her tank fair and square on her dive computer destroying the liquid crystal, and for making a less than graceful deck entry. Back up MKTDE prize went to Scott R. for leaving his dry suit out overnight and allowing it to fill with sea water. The ballsy award went to Ms. Terry S. who not only was the only individual to make all four of the frigid San Miguel dives but she did it in a wet suit.

Given the weather conditions, the *Peace* did the best they could and as always the food was excellent and the crew very helpful and outgoing. Nice cold trip.





		SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES
Day	<u>Date</u>	Event
Wed	3 May '00	Chamber Evening, Long Beach Aquarium
Sun	21 May '00	Bouillabaisse/Pot Luck, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach
Sat / Sun	3 / 4 June '00	SCUBA Show 2000, Long Beach Convention Center
Sat	15 July '00	Sinking of the Yukon, San Diego
Sat	16 Sept '00	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations

ROCKS, RIPS, AND REEFS 3R's Program - 2000

The Greater Los Angeles Council of Divers (GLACD) and the Los Angeles County Underwater Instructor's Association (LACUIA) have joined forces to produce an entire series of courses designed to safely introduce divers to popular, local dive sites.

Conducted by certified Scuba Instructors, the Rocks, Rips, and Reefs course includes a short educational seminar covering safe beach diving skills, certain aspects of the local marine environment, and other valuable site-specific information. The seminar is followed by an in-water demonstration and practice session that includes a skin diving tour of the actual dive site.

Topics and skills covered in the course include:

- safe entry and exit skills
- identifying, anticipating, and navigating hidden obstacles in the surf zone
- how to use the ocean's natural wave motion to your advantage
- how to read the ocean's surface
- using tide tables to plan a dive
- choosing appropriate entry and exit points
- how to find cool stuff at each location

Participants are required to wear a full wetsuit. mask, snorkel, and fins. A weight belt with no more than half of the normal diving weight is optional. Tanks and regulators are not allowed during the program, but may be brought along if you plan to make a dive after the class is over. After completing the in-water practice, we finish the session with a noon time Bar-B-Que, so bring along a picnic lunch and plan on socializing afterwards.

SCUBA certification is not required in order to participate in the 3R's courses!

Call GLACD (310) 379-5681

www.glacd.org

2000 Schedule

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May 20th	Leo Carillo 625/G6*
June 17th	Cabrillo Beach 854/C2*
July 15th**	Reef Point 920/B7*
August 12th	Point Dume 667/D4*
September 9th	Marineland 822/H5*
October 14th	White Point 853/H1*

^{*}Approximate Thomas Guide Page/Grid location of the event

MAY QUOTES...

- "This is my last boat!"
- "You think you're not messed up, but you are."
- "Look who showed."
- "It's manure, smells like shit!"
- "Once they get to 25 years old they have an opinion."
- "Don't steal more chain than you can swim with."
- "Last time I dived this boat it was at Cisco's Landing."
- "Santa Cruz..."
- "... We made it THAT far?"
- "Look at it this way, we only have to make one dive 'cuz they all look the same."
- "Forms we have!"
- "Don't have to worry about the Booby Prize, Delaney is on the boat."
- "Look at Dave, the fashion palette..."
- "...It doesn't have to look good, it just has to perform."
- "May two-day. Cold. Wet. Cold."
- "I don't do cave."
- "The club does not have a senior citizen discount, otherwise we'd go broke."
- "We need to move, the flies have found us."
- "Eric used to go deeper in the cave when Bill owned the boat."
- "I can't swim but I can paddle my ass all over the ocean."
- "She didn't have any physical problems, she was just heavy and incompetent."
- "There's a couple little holes I'd like to poke deeper into."
- "Plankton bloom, great for the ecology, sucks for diving."
- "What did you see this time?...
- "...Plankton."
- "So, was it dark green or light green diving?"
- "Nice shirt..."
- "...My mother bought it."
- "I think we should let that wine breathe for a few minutes before we drink it..."
- "...I think in a paper cup it doesn't matter."
- "Here's to a crappy day of diving and a good day of B.S.ing."
- "A warm beer is better than no beer."
- "I'll see your chair and raise you one."
- "Smells good. Tastes like shit."
- "Where's Delaney when you want to make fun of him?"
- "You can either get a wind burn or a sun tan."

2000 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

	DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
1	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	GREAT ESCAPE	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 / SANTA BARBARA	\$90	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	\$80	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND 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 ND 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

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e-mail: curt@diver.net

Please make checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS and mail to: $\it THE SEA DIVERS$

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Boat Dive - Oil Rigs: Eureka, Elly/Ellen - GREAT ESCAPE
General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Boat Dive - Osborne Bank / Santa Barbara - GREAT ESCAPE

JULY							
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July 4 July 21-22 General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza - *CANCELLED*Boat Dive - Begg Rock / San Nicolas - *GREAT ESCAPE*

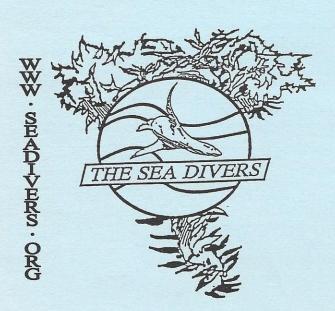
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July 4th General Meeting Cancelled!!

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ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE AS OF 1 JULY!