

# THE SEA DIVERS

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#### FROM THE EXECUTIVE ISSUES...

During the past several years, we have gone from a monthly, to an "as required" to a once or twice per year format for our Executive Meetings. As the Club has recently developed several issues requiring review, I plan to hold an "as required" Executive Meeting on 7:00 PM Thursday 10 August '00, at The San Franciscan Resturant, 2250 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance (310-325-5231). Issues requiring resolution include:

- 1. Diving beyond normal accepted sport (132 feet) / no-decompression diving.
- 2. Use of Nitrox or Trimix on boats, not so equipped.
- 3. Extremely low or out of air scenarios.
- 4. Update to the Club Waiver.
- 5. Dive boat schedule / pricing strategy for 2001.
- 6. Other.

If any member has an input / opinion on any of the above, please call or e-mail any Exec or write to the P.O. Box. Presently Items 1) thru 4) above are not adequately addressed in the Club Policies.

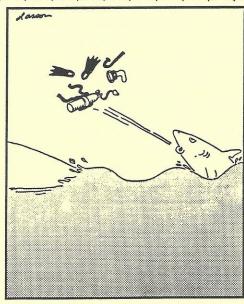
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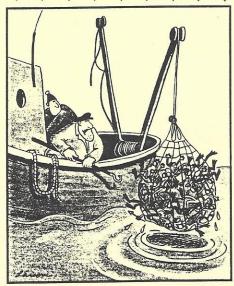
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#### JULY GENERAL MEETING

#### CANCELLED!!!!!

The next Sea Diver
General Meeting will be
held on Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>
starting at 7:00 PM at
Round Table Pizza in
Hawthorne. Bonnie
Cardone will present a
comprehensive look at
Bonaire, above and
below the water.





"I'm not sure, Al, but we sure got into a mess of 'em."

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

POSITION	NAME	DAY PHONE	EVENING PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL
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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 CITY ZIP CODE\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_WORK PHONE ( ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) EMERGENCY CONTACT\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_ EMPLOYER TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.] CERT NUMBER CERT DATE\_\_\_\_\_ LACC ADP\_ DATE\_\_\_\_ (or equivalent) NUMBER OF DIVES LOGGED\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF LAST DIVE\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin ] SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$24.00 (to 6/30/01) (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/ 1 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$36.00 (to 6/30/01) \$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

#### WORLD CLASS PINNACLE DIVING

21/22 JULY 2000 (Fri/Sat)

BEGG ROCK / SAN NICOLAS / SANTA BARBARA

**GREAT ESCAPE** 

Members \$195

(INCLUDES EVERYTHING AND LIMITED LOAD!!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (7/20)

Non-Members \$210

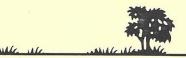
PROMPT!! → Departure: 11:00 PM( 7/20)

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 e-mail at curt@diver.net for wait list information. HOPE YOU'RE ON BOARD!!





	SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES							
Day	Date	Event						
Sat	15 July '00	Sinking of the Yukon, San Diego						
Sat	16 Sept '00	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations						
Sun?	22 Oct '01 ?	8 <sup>th</sup> King Harbor CleanUp (TBD – rescheduled from 11 June '00) ?						
Sat	24 Feb '01	21st Avalon Harbor CleanUp, Catalina						
Wed	2 May '01	Chamber Day 2001, Chamber Evening @ Long Beach Aquarium						
Sun	20 May '01	Bouillabaisse / Pot Luck, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach						

#### NEAR PERFECT CONDITIONS

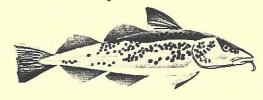
The ocean was flat calm, perfect for oil rig diving. Under typical early AM overcast, the first wave of divers entered the waters adjacent to oil rig *Eureka* at about 8:30 AM. Visibility was good at 30 – 40 feet down to about 80 feet depth, at which point a bloom reduced visibility to 20 - 25 feet. Below 120 feet or so clear set in but so did dark. Several divers went below 150 feet with attendant minor deco stops on the way back. *Eureka* is in over 800 feet of water – "no" bottom. The marine growth on these oil rigs is incredible and to a great extent remains undisturbed except for the scallop population which is still very plentiful. Water temperature was in the mid-60's, higher at the surface lower at depth with a noticeable thermocline at about 85 feet. We made two dives on *Eureka* before moving to the *Elly/Ellen* double, by which time the sun was out and hot.

Elly was the first choice with conditions much the same as Eureka but with less visibility. Growth is not as spectacular as on Eureka but still impressive. Scallops may actually be slightly larger overall. The final dive was on Ellen but by now the wind was up creating surface chop and more difficulties for maneuvering the live boat. We were back at the dock before 4:00 PM.

We made two "Michael H. Kane Tech Diver Extraordinaire" Awards. The first to Erik S. who allowed his tank to do a double gainer off the bench onto the deck destroying his inflator hose. The second to Chris C. who did much the same thing, with no apparent damage, but who recovered quickly and thought he was home free. Somebody snitched!! Each got a CleanUp t-shirt. The *Great Escape* did a nice job throughout, great all around team, and with near perfect conditions. Great stuff.

#### RIG QUOTES...

- "Michael Kane's the Boss. You have to talk to him."
- "How do you tell the temperature by counting the knots?"
- "If you need a high pressure hose and you only have a low pressure spare, Delaney has an adapter to make it fit."
- "I have three projects: Delaney, Grossman, and Greenberg. Greenberg's the worst!"
- "Why do it the easy way?"
- "You need a full bar on this boat to really get the tips up."
- "There's one still out..."
- "...How come there's two waving?...
- "... The count has to be correct before we leave."
- "Naked dead bird for lunch."
- "Did you go inside the rig?..."
- "...No..."
- "...C'mon, you've got to penetrate."
- "When the water is this blue, I almost enjoy being on top as underneath."
- "Don't rush, I'm parked almost in Long Beach."



#### JUNE QUOTES...

- "He's the guy with the most patches, so they put him in charge."
- "Feces en rocas."
- "In other clubs you just get a newsletter, in this club you get shit."
- "They'll be stale by tomorrow..."
- "...B.S. they're stale now."
- "Do you really want to put all your eggs in the Delaney basket?"
- "Now there's a fine collection of asses."
- "Do you mean Huggies or Depends?..."
- "...Depends on how long you've been waiting."
- "I've got the beers, dear..."
- "...I guess there's divers and there's divers."
- "He's not a rocket scientist, he's a radiation expert..."
- "...Good, later when the sun comes out I'll ask him what SPF to use."
- "There's a photo op..."
- "...Is he dead?"
- "Do you guys have any vacation plans?..."
- "...No, I'm on the shit list for not planning one..."
- "...Oops, sorry."
- "Do you have any vacation plans?..."
- "...Wrong question, thanks!!"

#### JUST PER PLAN

The Club's (to my knowledge) first charter to Osborne Bank went pretty much per plan. After some last minute issues with a second skipper for *Great Escape* we arrived at Osborne at around 6:30 AM under overcast skies but with a flat calm ocean. After anchoring, John D. was to make a scout dive to make sure we were close to the edge of the Osborne plateau. After a false start against a noticeable current, John's cup floated to the surface indicating we were there. Divers were sent off in buddy teams every two minutes or so. This did not quite solve the C.F. Factor, as the anchor line became "clogged". On descending we reached about 150 feet before realizing that the 130 foot plateau was somewhat off and up to the right. Visibility was excellent at about 50 feet with aslight current. It was dark and deep but the temperature was a comfortable 61°F at depth. Not much game but nice standings of purple coral. The anchor and the bottom were around 170 feet. After much hanging-off/decompression all returned to the boat safe and sound.

We moved into Santa Barbara Island anchoring on the outside of Sutil. Great dive spot with deep straight walled canyons and depths to over 100 feet. There was a 10° - 15°F thermocline at around 100 feet. Visibility was 50 to 60 feet with no current. There was a slight surge on the reef top which was around 45 feet in depth. Temperature was a mild 63°F.

The third dive was off Arch Point. Very disappointing as the brittle stars had pretty much taken over what once was a great dive area. Visibility again was in the 50 to 60 feet region. The final and fourth dive was about 150 yards off the west side of the island in 45 to 50 feet of water. Although not much to see, visibility was over 75 feet. Nice final dive.

Diving over we began the four plus hour run back to San Pedro. Aside from a "cat and mouse" with a large freighter the run was smooth and uneventful.

MHKTDE Awards were made. The first to Tammy L. for losing a fin and apparently swimming in a circular motion and the second to John G. Sr. for losing a significant portion of a brand new high power light system. The ever present John D. received The One The Only Ever (to date) Sea Diver Lifetime Achievement Award which was a "Diving for Dummies" book complete with a PADI Open Water CD!!

The *Great Escape* did a great job all around with excellent crew support and making all the spots just per plan, with a nice sunny day to boot.

#### JUST 19 YEARS AGO...

The President was Betty Trenberth, Vice-President Bob Revius, Treasurer Cathy Mueller and Secretary Don Andree. There were two boat dives, the *Peace* to Wilson Rock at \$36 non-inclusive and the *Westerly* to Catalina at \$23 non-inclusive. The beach dive was a Pismo Beach Campout over the 4 July weekend. Gabby Gastropod was on vacation in the Bahamas, a photo contest was just beginning, new club t-shirts had just arrived, a Fitness Testing Program was underway and there was a Basic Open Water Certification program just starting. Lots of stuff going on in a very active Club. General Meetings were at Lococo's and the Executive Meeting at Don Andree's house. Club Membership stood at 170.

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



#### DIVE BOAT NEWS

- The *Great Escape* suffered extensive damage to the port side rudder, prop, drive shaft, strut and bottom when it struck a rock, at full speed, in the channel between Santa Barbara Island and Sutil, Sunday 4 June the day after our Oil Rig dive. The boat was in the yard for \_\_\_\_\_. The damage was somewhat worse than that suffered in July '95, also at Santa Barbara, on a Sea Diver two day trip on the then *Charisma*. Damage in that case was also on the port side, with minor prop damage to the starboard side. On that occasion we returned home on the slightly vibrating starboard only. Observing the recent damage, (see www.diveboat.com/dave\_finds\_hard\_water/) it was definitely another starboard return run!!
- Will L. reported that the infamous *Wild Wave* is residing in Santa Cruz Harbor as a fishing boat. *Wild Wave* was one of a kind as was skipper Mickey Pittman and later Joel Ingram. Wild, wild times on a boat appropriately named!! If you go to www.scurfslanding.com and then click on Shamrock Charters you'll find *Wild Wave* listed as one of the boats, and if you click on *Wild Wave*, you'll get a picture of it. Looks bright and shiny and is listed as a NEW boat!!!
- Over the next two months or so we will be planning our 2001 boat dive schedule. We are anticipating roll-over dates as follows:

Great Escape – 4 February, 10 March, 7 April, 2 June, 23 June, 20-21 July, 12 August, 26-27 October

Peace - 11-12 May, 21-22 September, 9-10 October, 1-2 December

Destinations will be similar to this year. Inputs are encouraged from Club Members.

• Michael H. Kane is chartering the *Great Escape* for two dives later this year to donate all profits to the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber:

Sunday 17 September '00 – Osborne Bank

Saturday 2 December '00 – Matterhorn

Needless to say these are both advanced dives. Call (310) 284-3212 for more information and/or sign-up.



Hornblower Cruises & Events

## Sink the Yukon Adventure Cruise

Saturday, July 15, 2000
Boarding: 6:45 a.m.

Cruise: 7:15 a.m.

Sinking: 9:00 a.m.\*

Return to Dock: approx. 11:30 a.m.\* Sink Location: 1.8 miles off Mission Beach Ship's Location: 1066 N. Harbor Drive

\$30.00 per person \*\*\*

For more information or reservations, call 619-686-8715 The Lord Hornblower, the I51-foot, 3-deck high yacht is your viewing platform for this ocean adventure.

The Lord Hornblower is also the largest private charter yacht available in Southern California.

View the Yukon sinking in luxury and comfort. We are also proud to offer a variety of delicious breakfast and lunch treats that can be purchased aboard. No host refreshment bar.

\*Times Subject to Change. Reservations Required.

\*\* 10% of the proceeds of all ticket sales will be donated back to San Diego Oceans Foundation.

For more information about Project Yukon, call San Diego Oceans Foundation at
619-523-1903 or email at sdoceans@sdoceans.org.

#### 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-C1	2 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
8-00	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

<sup>\*</sup>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

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

#### **BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST:**

Curt Billings

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July 4 July 6 July 21-22 General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza - *CANCELLED*KH CleanUp Post Mortem - 6:30 PM - AES Conference Room
Boat Dive - Begg Rock / San Nicolas - *GREAT ESCAPE* 

AUGUST							
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August 1 August 10 August 13

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Location: San Franciscan, Torrance

Boat Dive - Olympic Wreck / Oil Rig Eureka - GREAT ESCAPE

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July 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Cancelled!!

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ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE AS OF 1 JULY!