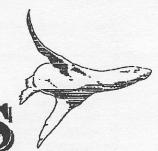


# THE SEA DIVERS



### IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE THOUGHTS...

As you are all aware the Club holds it's General Meetings the first Tuesday of each month (holidays sometimes excepted). A no-host half hour or so precedes a short business portion of typically 15 minutes, followed by a featured speaker. Peter Landecker, our Program Chair, has done an outstanding job of finding excellent speakers on a wide variety of diving related subjects. Unfortunately, support for the General Meeting is only fair. Usually we have about 15 to 20 members in attendance. In order to try to persuade more of you to attend we have listed inside this Newsletter upcoming speakers so that perhaps you will see a speaker/subject which will spark you to attend one or more of our upcoming General Meetings. A little more support would make our speakers more appreciated and directly thank Peter L. for his efforts.

A.P.

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# APRIL GENERAL MEETING PETER PEHL – LONG BEACH AQUARIUM DIVING PROGRAMS

Peter Pehl is the Aquarium of the Pacific's Diving Safety Officer. He is responsible for overseeing the Aquarium's Dive Team of over 100 volunteer divers. The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach is a non-profit organization dedicated to instilling a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean and its inhabitants. To assist their staff in accomplishing this mission, they rely upon their volunteer divers to help maintain the exhibits, care for the animals, and perform underwater presentations for the visiting public.

To become a volunteer diver at the Aquarium of the Pacific, a person must be rescue certified, have logged a minimum of 50 open ocean dives, and submit a volunteer application. The Aquarium Diving Safety Officer reviews all applications to ensure the eligibility of the applicant and invites the qualified prospective volunteer to divers to an interview and diving skills checkout. Applicants that demonstrate that they meet the needs of the Aquarium are invited to become members of the Aquarium of the Pacific Volunteer Divers.

Peter has been a certified diver since May 1970. He is a graduate of U.S. Navy Second Class, First Class, and Saturation Deep-sea Diving Schools. During his twenty-three years of Naval Service, he participated in many diving operations, which included underwater ship repair, aircraft and ship salvage, special warfare and submarine support, and recompression chamber treatments. He also served on detached duty from the United States Navy with the British Royal Navy, in the capacity of Inspector of Diving for the RN. Upon his retirement from the US Navy in 1992 he was the Officer in Charge of the Naval School of Deep Diving Systems in San Diego, California. From August 1993 to December 1997, he was employed by the University of Southern California as the Diving Safety Officer and Waterfront Manager at the Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies.

Peter is a member of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences, Association of Diving Contractors, Historical Diving Society. He is a certified instructor with the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, the National Association of Underwater Instructors, the American Red Cross, the American Safety and Health Institute, and the Diver's Alert Network. Peter holds a U.S. Coast Guard Masters license for 200-ton motor vessels, including towing craft.

Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday 3 April at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM. Stop on by to hear Peter's fascinating discussion.

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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

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EMPLOYER				
CERT NUMBER	TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.]			
CERT DATE	LACC ADP(or equivalent)	DATE		
NUMBER OF DIVES LOGGED	DATE OF LAST DIVE			
E-MAIL ADDRESS				
Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin_				
[ ] SINGLE MEMBERSHIP [ ] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$12.00 (to 6/30/01) \$18.00 (to 6/30/01)	(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

### BACKSIDE BEAUTY

7 April 2001 (Sat)

SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$105

(All inclusive & limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (4/6)

Non-Members \$115

PROMPT!→

Departure: 1:00 AM (4/7)

New Members \$70

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 9909) 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. DON'T WAIT!...SIGN UP NOW!...A few spots remain.

### TIME FOR PEACE!

11/12 May 2001 (Fri/Sat)

SAN MIGUEL

PEACE

Members \$200

(Includes everything & limited load!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (5/10)

Departure: 12:01 AM (5/11)

Non-Members \$215

Our first two-day charter for the year is on the *Peace* to San Miguel Island. As is typical for our *Peace* two day dives we plan to head way west to San Miguel with possible 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 very 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 with a night dive for those still interested. The second day will be more leisurely with 3 or 4 dives anticipated. Dive spots will include areas suitable for intermediate divers and hopefully some more advanced spots covering the full range of diver desires and capabilities.

At the time of this writing the boat is near full with a potential wait list forming. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at curt@diver.net. FIRST club chance for a great two-day trip this the real millennium!

### **SAN NICOLAS BUST**

The weather forecast the week before our planned 10 March charter to San Nicolas was typically inaccurate and highly varied. Friday (9<sup>th</sup>) was not a bad day but became breezy then downright windy in the afternoon. The weather forecast was hastily changed to gale force winds, through the night, and Tim B., rightfully so, cancelled our trip. We would not have made San Nicolas or anywhere else that night!! Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> was an amazingly nice day, though cool but the ocean remained sloppy until the afternoon. Ah well, so ended lobster season.

# SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

- 5/1 Dr. Matt Berry of Kaiser Permanente on Marine Toxicology or Fitness to Dive
- 6/5 Herb Miller of the California Wreck
  Divers on DCS and how the older diver can
  minimize risk
- 7/3 No meeting (Holiday)
- 8/7 Lee McMillion of the LAPD on the underwater SWAT unit operations
- 9/4 No meeting (Holiday)

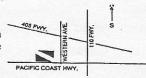
### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Four small camera cases: 2 Ikelite (\$50 and \$15), 1 Pelican (\$10), 1 Haliburton (\$70--has new foam). Also, one Ikelite Ai strobe in perfect condition, good for macro (\$75).

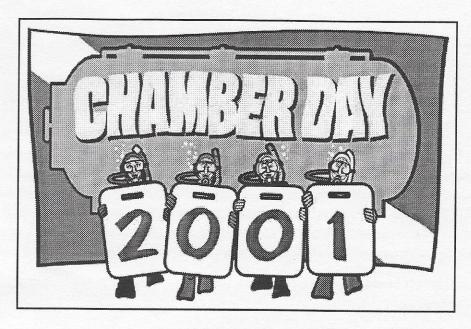
Am I asking too much? Make me an offer! Contact Bonnie Cardone at (310) 641-7908; e-mail bjcardone@hotmail.com.

SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES						
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	Event				
Wed	2 May '01	Chamber Day 2001, Chamber Evening @ Long Beach Aquarium				
Sun	20 May '01	Bouillabaisse / Pot Luck, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach				
Sat	15 Sept '01	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations				
Sun	21 Oct '01	8 <sup>th</sup> King Harbor Underwater CleanUp				
Sat	29 Sept '01	Yukon dive, Lois Ann, San Diego (Joint with Wreck Divers)				
Sun	21 Oct '01	8 <sup>th</sup> King Harbor Underwater CleanUp				
Sat	4 Nov '01	Sea Diver Reunion, Port Royal Yacht Club, Redondo Beach				

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







### **CHAMBER DAY 2001**

Chamber Day (http://www.chamberday.org) is an annual fundraising event that supports the operation of the Catalina Hyberbaric Chamber. This Chamber is instrumental in saving the lives of divers who experience decompression sickness or embolisms from diving. This year, Chamber Day and Chamber Evening festivities will be held on May 2nd. The fundraiser not only helps with a very important service, it's great fun for divers and their families!

Chamber Day (May 2) works this way: Donate \$75 or more and receive an entire day dive trip on a participating Southern California dive boat. Two dives that day at Catalina are included along with an educational stop at the Catalina Chamber. With this donation, you also receive a commemorative T-Shirt and 5 complimentary raffle tickets.

Chamber Evening (May 2) includes the following: A \$75 donation entitles you to an evening of food, fish and fun at The Aquarium of the Pacific. This event is held on Wednesday, May 2, from 7:00 PM until 11 PM. The Aquarium exhibits alone are well worth the donation, especially the 350,000 gallon tropical reef exhibit. Dinner and drinks are included.

Raffle ticket winners will be drawn at this event. Each Chamber Evening ticket purchased includes five free raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are on sale now. Winners will be announced at the end of the Chamber Evening dinner. Merchandise worth over \$10,000 will be awarded as raffle prizes and include regulators, computers and more.

Because the services and merchandise for the events are donated, all proceeds from both Chamber Day and Chamber Evening are used to maintain and operate the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. Of course, additional donations are welcome. Special recognition from the Chamber is given based on the level of individual donations. Donations can be sent by e-mail to info@chamberday.org or by calling Reef Seekers Dive Co. (the coordinating store) at 310-652-4990. Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted.

Many divers, diving organizations and dive shops work together to make this event both fun and successful. Last year the event raised \$75,000 for the Chamber. This year's organizers are hoping to do even better.

To donate time or services, reserve boat time for Chamber Day, purchase tickets for Chamber Evening, purchase raffle tickets, make a donation, or obtain more details about the events and how you can help, call: 310-652-4990 (Reef Seekers Dive Co.) or visit the dedicated website @ http://www.chamberday.org today!



### BOUILLABAISSE EXTRAORDINAIRE SUNDAY 20 MAY '01 VETERAN'S PARK, REDONDO BEACH

Grande Master Chef Parker aided by La Petite Fleur Dacey, will be stirring up a warm and filling pot of bouillabaisse that is guaranteed to satisfy the most discriminating diver. "Le Chef' asks all who plan to partake of this tasty concoction to BRING SEAFOOD, CAUGHT OR BOUGHT, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE POT. Seafood contributions are added to the base mix and typically include: shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels, lobster, a variety of fish, oysters, crab, abalone, "calamari" or whatever other seafood you can think of! All seafood should be UNCOOKED!

Crusty bread will be provided but bring your own beverages, other accompaniments, and a potluck if you are not into bouillabaisse!

The approximate schedule is as follows:

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Prepare Bouillabaisse 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Appetizers & such

1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Eat and socialize

THIS PARTICULAR EVENT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS - HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE - DON'T FORGET THE SEAFOOD!

Please RSVP to Allen Parker 310 813-2955 or allen parker@trw.com – so we can get a head count prior to the event.



### **NEW FISH & GAME REGULATION CHANGES AFFECT SPORT DIVERS**

There are many new changes to the DFG regs for 2001. Actually, there are too many to cover here, and I'd probably need my lawyer to interpret them! But there are some items that will affect all divers who shoot fish.

The regulations detail several new marine Management Areas that affect the take of many fish, especially rockfish and lingcod. The important changes for divers are:

- Sheephead: the daily limit was reduced from 10 to 5 fish; there is now a 12 inch size minimum; although it appears that these can still be filleted on the boat, no fillet size is specified. I would make sure you have good size fillets if carving your fish on the boat; and don't forget to leave that patch of skin on.
- Cabezon: a new 15 inch minimum size is imposed; these cannot be filleted on the boat anymore.
- Sculpin: 10 inch minimum size.
- Lingcod: 26 inch minimum size.

There are a great many changes this year, and I recommend everyone who shoots fish go out and get a copy of the Regulations Booklet. Try your local bait shop or Harbor Patrol office. Supplements are already planned for May and June. Stay informed!

-Phil Bergeron

### 2001 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

	DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	<u>DESTINATION</u>	DDIOF			
	01-1	SUN	4 FEB		PRICE.	BOAT	LOCATION	
				SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-2	SAT	10 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$110	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-3	SAT	7 APR	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	\$105	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-C13	3 WED	2 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 2001/ CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-4	FRI/SAT	11/12 MAY	SAN MIGUEL	\$200	PEACE		
	01-5	SAT	2 JUNE	OII BICS: FUDERA FLUMENT			VENTURA MARINA	
	04.0			OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-6	SAT	23 JUNE	OSBORNE BANK / SANTA BARBARA	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-7	FRI/SAT	20/21 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$215		22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-8	SUN	12 AUG	PALAWAN / AVALON / DOMINATOR	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE		
				WRECKS	φου	GREAT ESCAPE	22" STREET	
	01-9	FRI/SAT	7/8 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA	
	01-10	TUES/WED	2/3 OCT	SAN NICOLAS / SANTA ROSA			VENTURA MARINA	
	01-11	FRI/SAT	26/27 OCT		\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA	
			26/27 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$215	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
	01-12	SAT/SUN	1/2 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$200	PEACE		
*Prices are all inclusive (it food and house) 11								

<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 01-C13 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives except 01-C13 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:

- Unconfirmed reservations may be made for any boat dive at any time. To confirm a reservation, payment in full must be received.
- For single day dives, divers holding an unconfirmed reservation will be called 3 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 15 days prior to the dive to be confirmed. Dive boat deposits will be considered as payment in full.
- 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.
- 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) [ 1 COST OF DIVE \$ **MEMBER** [ ]YES INO 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: THE SEA DIVERS P.O. Box 2415

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

### CALENDAR

APRIL							
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April 3	General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
April 7	Boat Dive – Backside, San Clemente Island – GREAT ESCAPE

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May 1	General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
May 2	Chamber Day 2001, Chamber Evening @ Long Beach Aquarium
May 11-12	Boat Dive – San Miguel Island – PEACE
May 20	Bouillabaisse / Pot Luck, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach

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