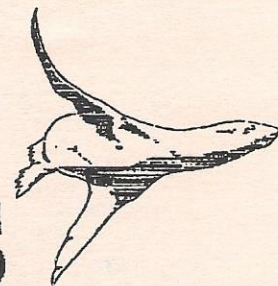


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DILEMMA...

Late last year we had some difficulty filling a series of two-day dives. We revamped the 2001 schedule to space the same series of two-day dives somewhat further apart. So far this year we are not quite consistently filling our monthly charters. As a result we are taking a mid-year look at our dive boat schedule with a view to hopefully strengthen club member interest in our remaining 2001 schedule. Any and all inputs are welcome. The date for an Executive Meeting on the subject has been elusive and as of this writing is still TBD. We do have inputs from several members and those inputs will be factored into the Executive discussions, whenever they occur.

One other note, I need to assess interest in the Bouillabaisse Bash, so please, call and or e-mail to let me know if you plan to attend. The date is Sunday 10 June '01, details inside this newsletter.

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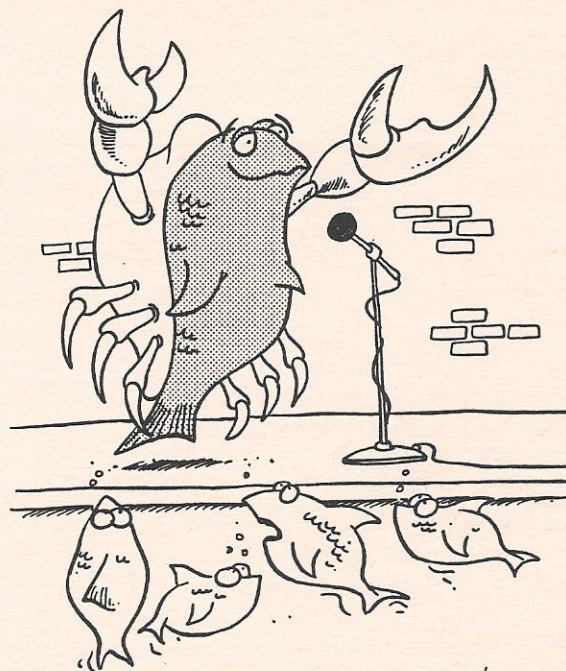


JUNE GENERAL MEETING HERB MILLER - BUBBLES AND THE OLDER DIVER

Herb Miller of the California Wreck Divers will discuss some of the latest discoveries on gas bubbles relation to the risk of getting DCI. While this lecture is directed to those divers who are middle aged and older, it is information that every diver should be aware of. Herb presents in an easy to understand discussion format.

Herb is the Vice President of the California Wreck Divers. He is 65 years old and has been diving for over 20 years. He is an inactive instructor for both PADI and NAUI and is certified up to tri-mix diving. He has dove wrecks all over the world including the *Atocha*.

Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday 5 June at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM. Stop on by to hear what should be a very spirited and interesting discussion on Bubbles and the Older Diver.



WAISGLASS/COULTHART

**"There's nothing worse than
bad imitation crab."**

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JUST DIFFERENT DIVING

2 June 2001 (Sat)

OIL RIGS

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$85

EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN

Boarding: 6:00 AM (6/1)

Non-Members \$95

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Departure: 7:00 AM (6/2)

New Members \$57

Now one of the club's favorite dives we are again taking one of our charter boats, the *Great Escape*, to dive oil rigs off the Huntington Beach area. Last two years our oil rig dives were outstanding/spectacular.

We will leave 22nd street at 7:00 AM prompt and head out to *Eureka*, the furthest and deepest of the oil rigs. Once in place (live boat!) the first of several groups of divers will enter the water to explore the below surface rig structure and the attendant sea life. In particular scallops will be of significant interest to the game takers. Video and photography opportunities should be excellent and quite different from the normal reef diving. It is imperative that all divers watch their depth and bottom times as this rig is in extremely deep water and although the legs are a good reference in what would otherwise be a blue water situation, it's easy to lose track. As divers surface, they should group up with other surfaced divers, such that the boat can pick up a group at a time, not individual divers. Please watch the divemaster's signals as last year there were several long swims back to the boat that could have been avoided.

We'll repeat the same process on *Elly/Ellen* a double rig, that provides a slightly different perspective. We anticipate making two dives on *Eureka* and two dives on *Elly/Ellen*.

All in all this continues to be something different. As of this writing the boat is full, with a wait list forming, but remember wait lists do erode. As is typical of all Sea Diver charters, the trip includes air, food, snacks, and beverages and has a limited load of 28 divers. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at curt@diver.net for wait list information. You may overnight on the boat, let Curt know if that is your desire.

DEEP AND SOME OTHER STUFF

23 June 2001 (Sat)

OSBORNE BANK / SANTA BARBARA

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$100

Boarding: 8:00 PM (6/22)

Non-Members \$110

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Departure: 2:00 AM (6/23)

New Members \$67

We have dived Osborne Bank only once before in 2000. 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. This IS an advanced dive.

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.

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 STILL HAS OPEN SPOTS.

THE WORKS!

The *Peace* arrived at Richardson's Rock, after a smooth run out from Ventura, under a heavy overcast but essentially calm ocean conditions. Some swells were noticeable but not significant to diving. Visibility was between 25 and 40 feet depending on depth. Temperature was 50°F, just at the borderline cold mark. Needless to say scallops were the primary take along with some nice photo ops.

We then moved to Wilson Rock, where apart from a strong surface current and improved visibility, had similar conditions and take to Richardson's. Following Wilson Rock three dives were made in the area of Castle Rock. Oil Spring was first, which provided large fish for spearfishing in the canyons. Next was in the Castle Rock foul area, surprisingly 2° to 3°F colder including into the below 50°F area. Finally we dove an area north of Castle Rock. Most of our dives, to this point, offered depths from 40 or 50 feet to 'deep'! The next to last dive, on the first day was in Westcott Shoal and the final dive at Lover's Cover in Cuyler Harbor. Nice day of diving netting two major pinnacles, calm seas, scallops, and large fish albeit under overcast skies.

After overnighting in Cuyler we headed off to Boomerang. Always a great dive, conditions were ideal. There was a slight current and minimal surge. Water temperature was a surprising 53°F. Depths to whatever! The second dive was on a "new" spot in the Wilson Rock foul area. Nice! Water temperature was up to 54°F! Finally we decided on one more pinnacle, rather than two dives shallow. Egg Rock or Skyscraper? Egg Rock it was, completing a near sweep of the major pinnacles in the two days.

The sun was now out and hot. Made for a real nice warm, calm ride home. The *Peace* crew did it's usual great job, with outstanding support and excellent food. There were no significant boobies, so none awarded. Great trip with pretty much "the works" on major pinnacles.

MAY QUOTES

"It was dark, poor visibility, and surgy..."

"...but my heater kept me warm..."

"...If I'd cone, it would have been dark, poor viz, and cold!"

"Did you get a temperature reading other than 'cold'?"

"Ah!...The Landecker Leap!"

"If you don't gain 4 pounds on this boat you didn't eat."

"If I sit out another dive I'm done for the day."

"That's now called 'Doing a Delaney'."

"It was so big it broke the line."

"How long are we going to stay here?..."

"...Until everyone's back."

"Oh, Peter's got a big one."

"Hey Scott, is this baby powder or what?"

"Not tonight dear, my arthritis is acting up."

"You're Marketing. What's to like?"

"Something that's really small in the cold water and doesn't have a bone in it."

"If your pores are open they're pores, if they're not, they're zits."

"How does the Queen Trigger Fish prevent their eyeliner from running?"

"I've already played with it today."

"Chris's fish pierced the end of Chris's finger..."

"...It's his shutter finger, maybe we can get some rest from the photo ops."

"This really doesn't suck."

"Back already, you must have done a bounce dive..."

"...No, quick like a bunny, in, grab, and out!"

SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

7/3 No meeting (Holiday)

8/7 Lee McMillion of the LAPD on the underwater SWAT unit operations

9/4 No meeting (Holiday)

10/2 Dalia Sosa, Advantages of Nitrox



Date Change! **BOUILLABAISSE EXTRAORDINAIRE**
SUNDAY ~~20 MAY '01~~ 10 JUNE '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!**

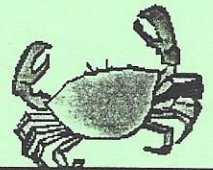
Crusty bread will be provided but bring your own beverages, other accompaniments, and a potluck if you are not into bouillabaisse!

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

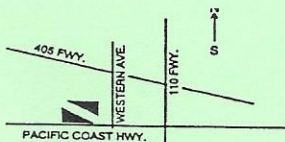
THIS PARTICULAR EVENT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS - HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE - DON'T FORGET THE SEAFOOD!

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



SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wed	2 May '01	Chamber Day 2001, Chamber Evening @ Long Beach Aquarium
Sun	10 June '01	Bouillabaisse / Pot Luck, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach
Sat	15 Sept '01	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations
Sat	29 Sept '01	<i>Yukon</i> dive, <i>Lois Ann</i> , San Diego (Joint with Wreck Divers)
Sun	21 Oct '01	8 th King Harbor Underwater CleanUp
Sat	4 Nov '01	Sea Diver Reunion, Port Royal Yacht Club, Redondo Beach



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Cal Fish & Game

Summary

By Dick Shrewsbury

For 2001, the California Department of Fish and Game has come up with some rather confusing variations on traditional (?) ocean fishing regulations. To compound the confusion, there are some federally controlled ocean areas that are governed by Federal regulations which are different than California's.

This article is a general summary, and will cover the latest California rules, obtained from the up-to-date web site:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov>

This listing has been trimmed down to include only those more common game fish in the Northern Channel Islands. Please refer to the web site or to your charter boat skippers for detailed and latest information

First and foremost: it is illegal in California waters to hunt for, take or possess **Garibaldi, Great (Black) Sea Bass, or White Sharks**. (Well, I'll leave them alone if they leave me alone.)

During the months of January and February, 2001, and from 36 degrees (Lopez Point) and south to the Mexican border, no take or possession is allowed for **all rockfish** and **lingcod** (legislation is pending that could close lingcod for longer periods.)

Once we get past the above closures, there is a limit of 20 finfish per (licensed) person per day, with no more than 10 fish of any one species. Exceptions: **Bocaccio, 3 fish; Cowcod, 1 fish; Canary rockfish, 3 fish; Lingcod, 2 fish; White seabass, 3 fish; California halibut, 5 fish; Pacific halibut, 1 fish** (can you tell the difference between California and Pacific halibut when they're half buried in the sand? I'm told by the experts that you won't see Pacifics south of Monterey.

Rock Scallops are limited to 10 per day.

Size limits: **Barracuda 28"; White Seabass 28"; Lingcod 26"; Yellowtail 24"; Bonito 24" or 5 lbs.; Cabezon 14", Kelp/Rock Greenling 12"; California Scorpionfish (Sculpin) 10"; Kelp Bass, Barred Sand Bass and Striped Sand Bass 12" (8 ½" alternate length); Bocaccio, 10"; other rockfish, no minimum size.** Note that there are some exceptions to the above, which are rather detailed. If you stick to the above limits, you're safe.

Fillet minimum sizes (note that some fish have fillet size limits where there is no fish length limit!): **Kelp bass, sand bass, spotted bass, ocean whitefish: 6 ½" with one square inch of attached skin; Barracuda: 17" fillet, with 1" skin; Lingcod: 18" fillet, with 1" skin; White sea bass: 19" fillet, with 1" skin; Yellowtail: 17" fillet, 1" skin; California halibut: 16 ¾ " fillet, all skin attached; Bocaccio: 5" fillet, 1" skin; Rockfish: 6 ½" fillet, all skin attached.**

Note that the following fish may not be filleted aboard a boat: **Cabezon, Kelp/Rock Greenling, salmon; steelhead; striped bass; sturgeon; California Halibut north of Pt. Arena and all other halibut/flatfish anywhere!**

Scuba or Skin Divers can't use spearfishing gear to take **gulf grouper, broomtail grouper, trout, salmon, striped bass, or broadbill, in addition to those species otherwise prohibited.**

Abalone: in our part of California, just look at them and pray that we live long enough to see an open season on them some day.

Spiny Lobster (the only kind there are in our area, except for those clawed critters which are sometimes flown in live from Maine, and smuggled under water, to be brought up by some character trying to be funny). Open season runs from the Saturday preceding the first Wednesday in October (September 29, 2001), through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March (March 21, 2001!). Limit of seven per day, measuring 3 ¼" in a straight line on the mid-line of the back from the rear edge of the eye socket to the rear edge of the body shell (carapace.)

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June 2
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June 23

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General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Bouillabaisse / Pot Luck, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach
Boat Dive – Osborne Bank / Santa Barbara Island – *GREAT ESCAPE*

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July 3
July 20-21

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza - **CANCELLED**
Boat Dive – Begg Rock / San Nic / Santa Barbara – *GREAT ESCAPE*

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