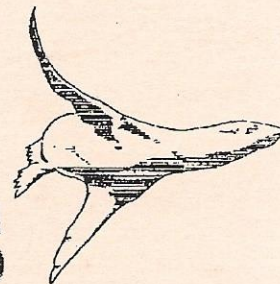


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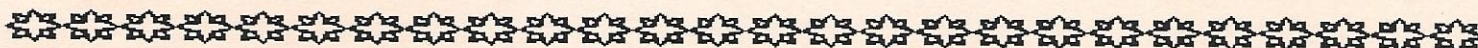
Looking ahead at our 2002 Boat Dive Schedule, we have a great set of dives planned, on two of the best boats in the area. Our hope is to repeat the success of our 2001 schedule and keep our Club active and financially stable. Some of the dives are repeats of previous years, i.e. don't mess with success, others are new combinations and/or more recent additions. We sincerely hope you like the plan and as a result support the Club throughout the year. And "Who Are The Sea Divers?" Our web page lead in describes us well:

A Southern California SCUBA Diving Club - est. 1965

The Sea Divers are a non-profit recreational SCUBA diving club based in in Southern California. We schedule 12+ boat dives a year on two of the best SoCal dive boats, the Great Escape and Peace dive boats. We offer these dive trips at a great price with extra value. Our boat dives include food and air fills, almost always make a minimum of 4 dives, are limited to 28 SCUBA divers, and we reserve bunks/staterooms for our members. Also, we dive advanced locations for the experienced diver that offer the best hunting and photographic opportunities found in Southern California and possibly the world. See our trip schedule below for more details.

The only thing I would change here is to add the word "advanced" in front of SCUBA on the first line. Let's have a great and safe year of diving.

A.P.



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

JOE KALOHI EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT FREE DIVING

Our next General Meeting will feature The Sea Divers very own - Joe Kalohi and his presentation on Everything You Want to Know About Free Diving. Joe is presently working as a Technical Support Engineer at Raytheon Systems performing computer aided design work. He's been scuba diving since 1980 and started freediving in 1996 because of back problems carrying scuba tanks.

Joe is the Records Chairman of the International Underwater Spearfishing Association, a records organization that tracks spearfishing records around the world. It was started 50 years ago by Ralph Davis here in California. Joe will be showing people some types of spearfishing equipment California freedivers use to get the larger fish off of the California coast, primarily the yellowtail and white seabass. In addition, he'll show a video about the 'White Seabass Project' started by Terry Maas, author of *Bluewater Hunting* and *Freediving*.

Our next Sea Diver General meeting will be on Tuesday 5 February 2001 at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM. So c'mon down, see your Sea Diver brethren and stick around for what promises to be an interesting discussion on the pithy nuances of free diving.

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2002 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE	BOAT	LOCATION
02-1	SAT	2 FEB	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	\$115	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-2	SAT	9 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$120	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-3	SAT	6 APR	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$110	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-C14	WED	1 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 2002/ CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-4	FRI/SAT	10/11 MAY	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-5	SAT	1 JUNE	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-6	SAT	22 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / LITTLE FARNSWORTH / ITALIAN GARDENS	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-7	FRI/SAT	19/20 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-8	SUN	11 AUG	USS MOODY WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-9	FRI/SAT	6/7 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-10	TUES/WE D	1/2 OCT	SAN NICOLAS / SANTA ROSA	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-11	FRI/SAT	25/26 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-12	SAT/SUN	7/8 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$200	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. Free Diver price is 75% of full price. Bubblewatchers price is 50% of full price. Dive 02-C14 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives except 02-C14 and 02-10 are limited load of 28 divers. Dive 02-10 (a.k.a. Bugzilla) is a limited load of 24 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

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) 477-2746

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

LOBSTER SEASON FINALE

9 March 2002 (Sat)

SAN NICOLAS

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$120

(Includes everything
with limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (3/8)

Non-Members \$130

PROMPT! →

Departure: 11:00 PM (3/8)

New Members \$80

The lobster season, once more, is drawing to a close. This limited load charter is on *Great Escape* out of 22nd Street, San Pedro. We will arrive at San Nicolas just after first light and although not early enough for a full night dive it will be dark down there so be sure to bring a good light and a backup. We have made San Nicolas on most attempts on the *Great Escape*.

Our primary targets on this trip are bugs and there still are a few biggies out there. Perseverance is the key, as all great bug warriors will tell you. For those of us that are not so lucky, fast enough, or skilled at the lobster stakes, scallops are an alternative and fish provide yet another alternative with many different species to spear. Although not the prettiest underwater environment, San Nicolas can provide excellent opportunities for video or photography.

Diving around San Nicolas is suitable for all skill levels with ocean cooperation. If not sure of dive conditions, check with the divemaster before making a deep or potentially difficult dive. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail curt@diver.net for sign-ups and additional information. Bunks and staterooms will be pre-assigned on a first pay/space available basis. SAN NICOLAS IT IS...DON'T WAIT, LIMITED LOAD and the last chance for bugs this season! Please note the boat departs at 11:00 PM prompt on Friday evening, don't be late!!

APRIL AT SANTA BARBARA

6 April 2002 (Sat)

SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$110

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (4/5)

Non-Members \$120

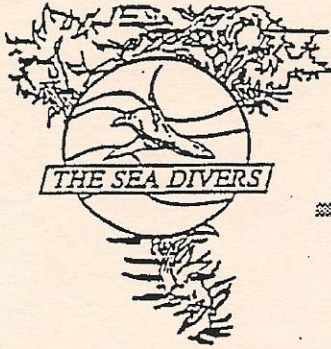
Departure: 2:00 AM (4/6)

New Members \$74

The third dive of our 2002 program is to Santa Barbara Island and Sutil Island and should provide some great diving. We continue our excellent relationship with the *Great Escape* and hope to have an excellent trip for all, especially with our limited load scenario.

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. Typically, we will circumnavigate this relatively small island to pick off four or five choice spots, including one or two in the environs of Sutil Island.

For the game takers there are a variety of fish and scallops as mentioned above. Diving conditions in April are usually pleasant and typically the ocean is cooperative. This dive is suitable for all skill levels. Relative beginners should check with the divemaster to ascertain the specifics of each dive. *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 ride 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. SIGN-UP NOW, IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY!!



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DIVE BOAT POLICY

A club member may make a reservation on an upcoming scheduled dive as follows:

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- 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.
- c) For two day dives, divers holding unconfirmed reservations will be called 4 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 21 days prior to the dive to be confirmed.
- 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.
- e) Pre-assignment of bunks will be made on a first paid basis for selected dives.
- f) Executive Officers and club members who annually support at least one third of Sea Diver charters may pay on the boat but must get prior approval from the Dive Boat Reservationist or the Club President.

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 Boat Reservationist will assist in this process, but is not responsible to provide paying alternates. When confirmation is received by the Dive Boat Reservationist that a canceling diver is being replaced by another qualified diver, the replacement diver is then fully responsible for the cost of the dive.

Only Sea Diver club members and members of other "associate" clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to three months before a scheduled boat dive.

Partial refunds from single day boats which do not make the advertised dive location will be passed on to club members who request them within two weeks of the dive.

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JOINT DIVE WITH CALIFORNIA WRECK DIVERS

As shown on our Sea Diver Activities we have a joint dive with the Wreck Divers on the *Lois Ann* to the wreck of the *USS Hogan* on Saturday 21 September '02. There will be three dives, departure 8:00 AM and return approximately 5:00 PM. Food and air are included for \$86. Nitrox is available at an extra charge. Reservations can be made by email or phone to the following: Mike Reinboth (310) 370-3411 or mreinboth@adelphia.net. Make payment out to California Wreck Divers Inc and mail to Mike Reinboth, Dive Coordinator, P.O. Box 105711, Marina Del Rey, CA 90291. or by using PayPal on the Wreck Divers web site: www.cawreckdivers.org.

Their cancellation policy is:

- Full or partial payment guarantees your spot
- Full payment is due 2 weeks before the charter
- No refunds after that date unless your spot is sold

Load is limited to 16 divers, so if you are interested sign up early. Please note this is an advanced dive with depths up to 120 feet.

3,500 Scuba Diving Valves Recalled

Safety: The San Diego manufacturer reacts to reports that the overpressure devices can stick open, posing a drowning threat.

From Associated Press

A San Diego company is recalling 3,500 of its overpressure valves that are used with scuba diving equipment sold nationwide because the valve can stick open, creating a potential drowning

hazard.

Diving Unlimited International Inc. has received two reports of the valves sticking open, although no injuries have been reported, according to an announcement Wednesday by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The valves are used with a buoyancy control system, which comes in jacket and wing models.

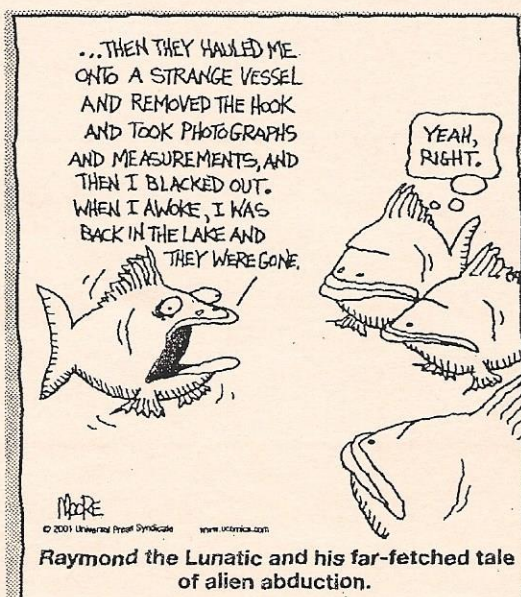
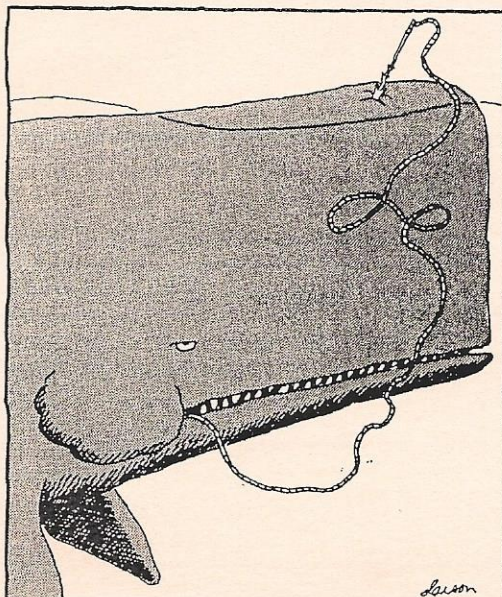
The jacket models have the DUI logo on the pocket, epaulette and weight pockets.

On the wing model, the company logo is printed on the epau-

lette and weight pockets.

Both models have the letters "DUI" printed on the permanent hang tags of the Buoyancy Control System. The systems were sold by DUI dealers from November 1997 through November 2001, for about \$590.

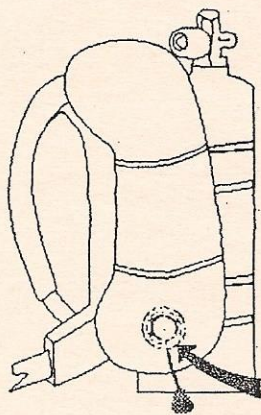
The safety commission advised consumers to stop using the valves immediately and contact the dealer for a free replacement. Consumers can contact DUI at 1 (800) 325-8439, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or e-mail the company at CustomerService@DUI-Online.com.



OMS BCS Safety Recall

An important product safety recall has been issued for specific OMS buoyancy control system overpressure valves (OPV). In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, OMS BC's with the following serial numbers are being recalled: OM1200000 - OM1200085, OM0101000 - OM0101229, OM0201000 - OM0201269, OM0301000 - OM0301159, OM0401085 - OM0401319, OM0501110 - OM0501509, OM0601125 - OM0601351. The serial number is located on the WARNING LABEL.

Molding variations in one component of the overpressure valve (OPV) used in the OMS Buoyancy Control Systems (BCS) could, in rare instances, prevent the OPV from sealing properly creating a potential drowning hazard. While this variation is not present in every OPV, we feel it may be difficult to determine in the field which OPVs are suspect. Please return the BCS overpressure valve to an authorized dealer for a free replacement OPV.



Wings Style

placement OPV.

Suspect overpressure valves may have a RED pull. New replacement OPV will have a BLACK pull.

If you require more information, call 845-457-1617.

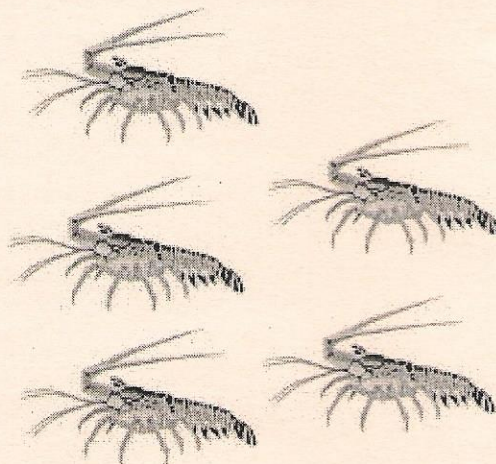
SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

Peter Landecker our Program Chairperson Extraordinaire, has consistently enticed a wide variety of interesting speakers for our General Meetings. The upcoming meetings are no exception. C'mon down and check them out!

Feb. 5: Joe Kalohi - All You Need To Know About Free Diving

Mar. 5: Jim Harlan - Uncommon Adventures

Apr. 2: Peter Landecker - Cenote Diving



SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sat	23 Feb '02	22 nd Avalon Harbor Cleanup, Avalon
Wed	1 May '02	Chamber Day 2002, Chamber Eve at Aquarium of the Pacific
Sat	14 Sept '02	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations
Sat	21 Sept '02	USS Hogan dive, Lois Ann, San Diego (Joint with Wreck Divers)

Yearly/Daily Abalone Sport Take Limits Reduced

Contact: Steve Martarano, DFG Information Officer, (916) 804-1714-cell, or (916) 654-5866 or the DFG Public Affairs Office, (916) 653-6420

LONG BEACH — Citing evidence that without a take limit reduction the current abalone fishery may not be sustainable for future generations to enjoy, the California Fish and Game Commission on Friday approved new sportfishing regulations that will reduce recreational bag limits on abalone to 3 per day, 24 per year.

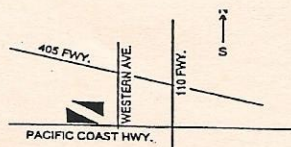
The decision came after hearing public comments at Commission meetings in San Diego, Redding and Long Beach. The new bag limits will take effect during the 2002-2003 abalone sport season, which runs each year from April 1 to June 30, and then from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30, only in ocean waters north of San Francisco Bay. North coast red abalone can only be taken by sport divers for personal consumption. The previous bag limit was four per day, 100 per year.

Though current abalone stocks along the north coast appear strong, the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) abalone team recommended the limits should be lowered for the following reasons:

- Evidence of poor recruitment — There are currently reduced levels of the 1-to-6-year-old abalone, which were abundant 14 years ago, to replace those currently being fished. Abalone grow very slowly — about 11 years to reach the sport legal size of 7 inches in the shell.
- Increased fishing pressure — Overall abalone fishing has increased about 27 percent since southern waters were closed in 1997.
- Evidence of localized depletion — High use areas in Mendocino and Sonoma counties such as Moat Creek, Salt Point, and Van Damme show evidence of being depleted. Abalone divers have had to travel further north to get abalone when compared to the 1989-1994 period.
- Increased poaching — As the black market value of abalone increases, so has poaching. Despite heightened efforts by DFG's Special Operations Unit, sophisticated groups of divers, wholesalers, buyers and delivery transporters continue to operate throughout the Bay area and north coast.
- Loss of deep water refuge populations — Deep water populations that in the past acted as a refuge from free divers have declined since 1992. Reasons include increased poaching, El Nino-related loss of food, and competition with a strong year class of deep water sea urchin.

"This was a big step. We requested that the Commission take a proactive approach to ensure abalone stocks remain sustainable for the future," said Senior Marine Biologist Kon Karpov, DFG's abalone team leader. "While it's true that on the surface north coast abalone seems to be plentiful, something needed to be done to look out for the long-term prospects of the fishery. Our Cadillac looks like it's in mint condition, but the tank is running low and we have a long way to go to the next fill-up. When conditions improve, future generations will be thanking us that there is a bounty left to share."

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 your adventures from day trips to the local islands to your wildest diving fantasy.



!!!NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE!!!

Fish and Game Commission Extends Preparation of Draft Nearshore Fishery Management Plan

At its 2 November 2001 meeting in Redding, the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) decided to extend the nearshore fishery management plan (NFMP) adoption period by eight months. The Commission did not adopt or reject the NFMP at its 7 December 2001 meeting as stated in the original NFMP schedule. This extension will provide time to consider public comments and suggestions from an independent scientific review panel and integrate them into the revised draft NFMP. The NFMP will be rewritten so that it is easier to read and understand. This extension will also allow for further public comment and more time to read and understand the NFMP.

The extended adoption schedule is proposed as follows:

- Public comment period will begin at the 4-5 April 2002 Commission meeting in Long Beach.
- Two special public hearings will be scheduled in May
- Adoption is scheduled for the 1-2 August 2002 Commission meeting in San Luis Obispo.

For further updates to the NFMP process or a list of scheduled Commission meetings, consult the Fish and Game website at www.dfg.ca.gov. A current version of the Draft NFMP can be found at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/nfmp.

For more information, please contact Maura Leos at (831) 649-2829 or mleos@dfg.ca.gov.

VOLUNTEER SCUBA DIVERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH IN CUBA

Salty Dog Adventures www.sdadive.com, an educational & adventure travel company, has complied with all the criteria required by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the U.S. Treasury Department, for a General License to perform research in Cuba. The expeditions will be utilizing the REEF Fish Survey Project developed by the REEF Foundation (REEF) www.reef.org, which is a public charity under Section 501 c(3), 509 a(1), and 170 b(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Volunteer divers will have to pay their own expenses, however, in most cases those expenses will be TAX DEDUCTIBLE including air! All divers must also pass a Reef Fish I.D. quiz after a seminar that will be given on the trip over to Cuba. Base of operations will be from a live-aboard boat www.oceanus.com.mx out of Cancun and there are several week long Saturday departure expeditions available throughout 2002. Dive Centers and/or Clubs with 12 paid research divers will get 1 berth FREE (air is additional). Individuals or smaller groups can certainly be added with other research divers. All divers MUST participate in the research in order to qualify for the OFAC License.

Certification level is unimportant as long as you are comfortable diving several days from a boat. Diving conditions include water temps in the low 80's, visibility range from 80 to 100+, currents mild to none and depths from 20 to 120 max.

Prices for the expeditions are as follows (air is additional):

\$1795 Includes Accommodations, food, diving and ALL beverages

\$179 10% Tax

\$100 Cuban Marine Park Fee

\$15 Visa

\$95 Optional Land Tour (We will be bringing donated medical supplies, personal toiletries, etc. for a hospital, home for unwed mothers and an orphanage)

Travel Protection Insurance is Highly Recommended and can be provided by SALTY DOG ADVENTURES

For more information, contact Rib Bolton at: 636.677.7504, 636.677.1875 Fax, email Capt.Rib@sdadive.com , or snail mail: 1508 Paradise Valley, High Ridge, Mo 63049-1425

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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC CELEBRATES FIRST ANNUAL DIVERS' DAY

CERTIFIED DIVERS ENJOY FREE AQUARIUM ADMISSION ON MARCH 17, 2002

WHAT: The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate its first annual Divers' Day featuring free admission for certified divers, booths from various marine and dive related organizations, live equipment demonstrations and more. To enjoy free admission, divers must present valid proof of certification with photo I.D., and the public may also enjoy this event with regular admission.

The California Classic Equipment Divers will feature antique diving equipment and will perform demonstration dives of the US Navy MK V hardhat diving rig. The Historical Diving Society, the Catalina Chamber, California Diving News and a host of other organizations will feature displays and booths underneath the Aquarium's 88-foot blue whale model in the Great Hall of the Pacific.

In addition to all of the Divers' Day festivities, guests can enjoy:

Pacific Galleries: The Aquarium will take visitors on a journey through the Pacific Ocean, the largest and most diverse body of water, to meet over 12,000 ocean animals representing more than 550 species. Guests will explore three galleries featuring 18 major habitats and 31 exhibits focusing on the waters of Southern California/Baja, Tropical Pacific and Northern Pacific. On their journey, they will encounter seals, sea lions, sea otters, sharks and more.

Lorikeet Forest Exhibit: The fun continues as guests encounter Lorikeet Forest, the Aquarium's new 5,200 sq. ft. walkthrough aviary filled with dozens of brightly colored lorikeet birds. These friendly birds will land on your arm, shoulders and even head to get a sip of nectar from your hand-held nectar cup.

Jellies: Phantoms of the Deep: *Jellies: Phantoms of the Deep* is back by popular demand through December 31, 2002, and guests will enjoy learning about sea jellies—mysterious creatures with no heart, brain or eyes. Exhibit features more than one dozen species of sea jelly.

Weedy Sea Dragon Exhibit Visitors have the opportunity to see weedy sea dragons, which are native to Australia and resemble the plants found in their local waters. The Aquarium of the Pacific is the first aquarium in the world to successfully breed these delicate creatures.

Presentations: The Aquarium offers daily presentations including Seal and Sea Lion, Sea Otter and underwater dive presentations in the ARCO Tropical Reef exhibit and Blue Cavern Habitat. The Honda Theater also features educational films on sharks, sea jellies and other denizens of the deep.

Ocean Experience-Whale Watching (boat tour): The Aquarium of the Pacific's Ocean Experience boat tour is embarking on a new journey—the search and study of whales. Guests will join our experts for a 90-minute hands-on marine science excursion through the Long Beach Harbor aboard the research vessel *Conqueror* to take part in the search for migrating gray whales. Offered weekends at 1 p.m. (weather and migration patterns permitting, call for availability). Cost for the Ocean Experience is \$36.95 Adult (12+) and \$26.95 Child (3-11) and includes admission to the Aquarium.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours: Aquarium of the Pacific guests have the opportunity to dive deeper into the Aquarium by embarking on a Behind-the-Scenes journey. Adventurers will learn the secrets of the aquarium trade, meet new sea animal babies in their special behind-the-scenes holding aquariums and even have the opportunity to touch and feed some animals. Offered daily, \$15 per person (must be at least 7 years of age).

WHEN: Sunday, March 17, 2002

WHERE: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

CONTACT: Cecile Fisher/Marilyn Padilla, Aquarium of the Pacific, (562) 951-1676/(562) 951-1684

AQUARIUM: Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (except Dec. 25 and during the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach April 12-14), the Aquarium of the Pacific is a non-profit education and conservation organization. Admission to the Aquarium is \$16.95 Adult (12+), \$13.95 Senior (60+) and \$9.95 Child (3-11).

PUBLIC INFO: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

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02-3	SAT	6 APR	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$110	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-C14	WED	1 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 2002/ CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-4	FRI/SAT	10/11 MAY	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-5	SAT	1 JUNE	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-6	SAT	22 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / LITTLE FARNSWORTH / ITALIAN GARDENS	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-7	FRI/SAT	19/20 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-8	SUN	11 AUG	USS MOODY WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-9	FRI/SAT	6/7 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-10	TUES/WE D	1/2 OCT	SAN NICOLAS / SANTA ROSA	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-11	FRI/SAT	25/26 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-12	SAT/SUN	7/8 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$200	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. Free Diver price is 75% of full price. Bubblewatchers price is 50% of full price. Dive 02-C14 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives except 02-C14 and 02-10 are limited load of 28 divers. Dive 02-10 (a.k.a. Bugzilla) is a limited load of 24 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

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) 477-2746

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

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February 2

Boat Dive – San Clemente Backside – *GREAT ESCAPE*

February 5

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

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Boat Dive – San Nicolas – *GREAT ESCAPE*

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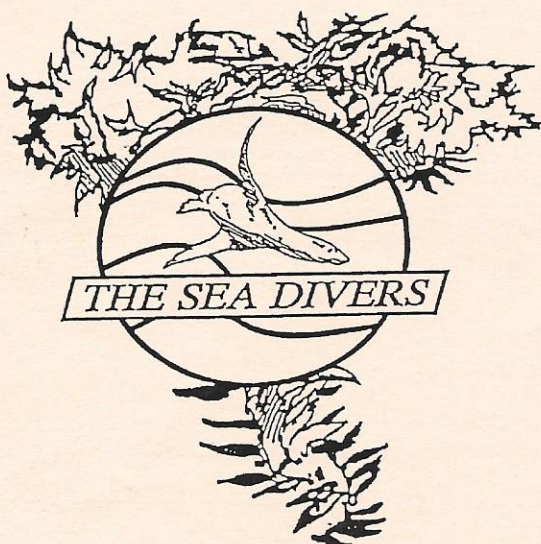
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