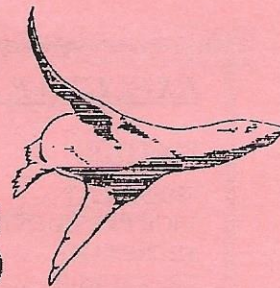


THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE ROLLER COASTER...

Quite the ride!! Like most other SCUBA related elements the Club finds itself on a real roller coaster ride over the past two or three years. Nineteen-Ninety-Nine was an exceptional "up year", 2000 was a strange "down year" especially on the *Peace*, 2001 was an "up year" and 2002 is so far an "up and down year". After having notable difficulties filling our *Peace* two-day, being marginal on the early June *Great Escape* single-day, we find ourselves with a boat-and-a-half of requests for the late June *Great Escape* single-day, only two spots left on July two-day and another potential problem with the August single-day both on *Great Escape*. What is going on??? Damned if I know! The variables are wide: boat, destination, price, competing charters/events, weather, individual discretionary funds, etc. My leaning is to destinations as the May *Peace* two-day was to COLD water, the early June *Great Escape* single-day was NOT to the Oil Rigs and the August dive is a DEEP WRECK dive on the *Moody*. So far we are doing "OK" in 2002 but if any of you can add data to this year's, albeit minor, roller coaster ride, I'm open to inputs. ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE 1 JULY '02.

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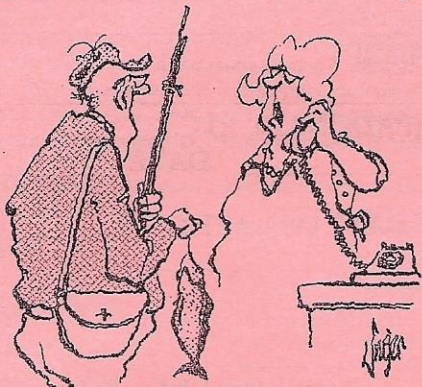


JULY GENERAL MEETING

CANCELLED

Due to the nearness of the July 4th holiday, the General Meeting for July 2002 has been cancelled.

Our next General Meeting feature Mike Brennan discussing "Shooting Big Animals (with a camera)" and will be held on Tuesday 6 August 2002 at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM.



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"You left your wallet at the fish shop!"

NEW DIRECTIONS TO THE GREAT ESCAPE

The *Great Escape* has moved to Long Beach Sportfishing, Berth 55, 555 Pico Ave., Long Beach, CA

Directions to the *Great Escape* at Berth 55, Pier C, Long Beach are as follows:

- Take the 710 Freeway south
- Exit at the Pico off ramp, turn right
- Pass the traffic signal
- Turn right into the first driveway past the traffic signal into the parking lot
- Park in the short term (20 minute) parking
- Unload your gear onto the boat
- Move your car to the long term parking labeled "Sportfishing Parking"

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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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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____

ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE (____) _____

EMPLOYER _____

CERT NUMBER _____ TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.] _____

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 6/30/03)

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

Members \$225

Includes Everything & Limited Load!

Boarding: 8:00 PM (7/18)

Non-Members \$240

PROMPT!! → Departure: 11:00 PM(7/18)

Our second two-day dive of 2002 is a great southern outer island cruise and dive on the *Great Escape* 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 120 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 scallops especially on the deeper ledges. It's fairly easy to limit out at the one-day limit of 10. Photographers 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. This is a World class dive

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, 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 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.

THE TRIP IS NEAR FULL as of this writing. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail at curt@diver.net for sign-up and stateroom or bunk selection with full payment.

***Note: The *Great Escape* has moved to Long Beach Sport Fishing. See directions on page 1 of this Newsletter.**

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: (1) Full or partial payment guarantees your spot, (2) Full payment is due 2 weeks before the charter, (3) 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. **THIS DIVE IS FULL, WAIT LIST ONLY**

NICE RECOVERY!

A late call still had the Oil Rigs closed to diving so we went to Plan B for our 1 June '02 *Great Escape* charter. The first dive was on the wreck of the *Olympic* in calm and no current conditions. As it was still relatively early it was dark at 90 plus feet. Visibility was OK at about 20 feet. The *Olympic* continues to disintegrate, yet it is still a great dive especially for the photographers. Temperature varied from near 60°F at the surface to about 55°F at depth. Nice dive.

We then cruised to Ship Rock where conditions were great. There was a slight East to West current and the surface was near flat. Visibility was about 50 feet and temperature 58°F at the surface and 54°F at depth. Maximum depth was just over 100 feet unless you did a "Delaney" at close to 200 feet!!!

The final spot was on Isthmus Reef near the 50 feet wall. Always a nice dive. Conditions were near perfect with no current, calm surface and 50 plus feet visibility. Temperature was in the high 50's. For those so inclined two dives were possible on this spot. We left the island about 2:15 PM and arrived back at the dock just before 5:00 PM after a real nice day of diving. The Sun was warm but the breeze was cool. The *Great Escape* did a really nice job and I believed everyone enjoyed Plan B! No boobies.

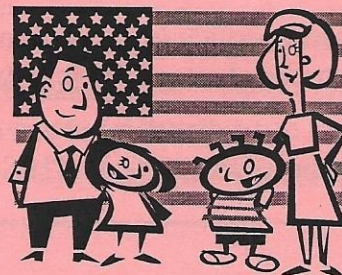
DAVE MELSON

Asked why the *Great Escape* U.S. flag was at half mast on our 1 June '02 charter, Tim replied "Dave died." Dave Melson was the Second Skipper on the *Great Escape* for many of our dives over the past several years. Not known for his charismatic style, he was never the less an interesting character once one had a conversation started. He certainly knew boats inside out and backwards and made a great "Second". Dave died on 12 May '02 at the age of 76 after a battle with a degenerative muscle disease. He will be missed.

NICE DAY, NOT PER PLAN

Plowing toward the West End of Catalina became rougher and rougher, with things beginning to fly around in the *Great Escape* galley for our late June single-day to Catalina. The decision was made about halfway, to fall back to Little Farnsworth in lieu of Farnsworth Banks for our first dive. As we approached Little Farnsworth it was seen that a fishing six-pac was on the pinnacle and "doing well". They were not ready to move! Zero for two!! We motored around the East End to Church Rock. Surprisingly, the water was not it's usual green, although from the boat it looked surgy. Turned out to be a real nice dive with visibility at about 50 feet, surge was not significant and there was no current. Water temperature was in the low to mid-60's and depths to about 50 feet.

Looping back around the East End, we found Little Farnsworth open. The pinnacle begins at about 70 feet and drops to about 115 feet. Visibility was near 50 feet, no current and calm seas. Temperature at the surface was in the low 60's dropping about 6°-8°F at depth. Nice dive but it seemed like near half the divers hung around the 70-80 foot level making for a too-many divers scenario. It was deserted deep!! For our third and fourth dives we anchored at Italian Gardens to view the local Black Sea Bass. Several were sighted although not everyone lucked out. Conditions were much the same as Little Farnsworth without the thermocline. The cruise back was nice under a hot sun. We gave a boobie to Jim G. for allowing his buddy's loaned tank to perform a spectacular double gainer onto the deck breaking off the tank valve!! There were three other potentials but they paled in comparison! The *Great Escape* and crew did a real nice job. It was an enjoyable day despite the failure of Plan A!



EARLY JUNE QUOTES...

"Can I touch it?..."

"...Yes, but don't drool."

"Found it first time. GPS is a wonderful thing."

"My ear is still singing a song."

"Am I being insulted and don't know it?..."

"...Not by me."

"Remember meek mild mannered Kathy Kalohi the shell collector?"

"What were you guys doing way over there?..."

"...We are just discussing that. Is it 0° or 180°?"

"We're on a collision course with one of two container ships."

"Parker has had the longest middle age crisis of anyone I've known..."

"...Yeah, he and several others."

"Quite the scenic area."

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!

July 2: Holiday week - no meeting

August 6: Mike Brennen - Shooting Big Animals (with a camera)

September 3: Peter Landecker - Recent Diving in Thailand

October 1: Dr. Randy Harwood will present a movie he made about diving the Galapagos

December 3: Dale Scheckler - Stupid Underwater Animal Tricks.

Future ? Brendan Reed, biologist with the Santa Monica BayKeeper will talk about local underwater research and restoration efforts.

LATE JUNE QUOTES...

"The East Side? That's the side closest to the shore."

"Who's the other one?..."

"...The one who signed the check."

"Rock 'n Roll!"

"It's the knob on your regulator where you turn the air on..."

"...There's no knob on the regulator to turn on the air. How long have you been diving anyway?"

"Hey Gus, your O-ring is trying to escape."

"This is great. You never see vis like this here."

"The *C-Bass* saw six sea bass here this morning...damn, say that fast."

"You can make two short dives or two long dives, no one long dive...Did I say that right?"

"Where do you think this bone is from?..."

"...It's a T-bone from a Cowfish."

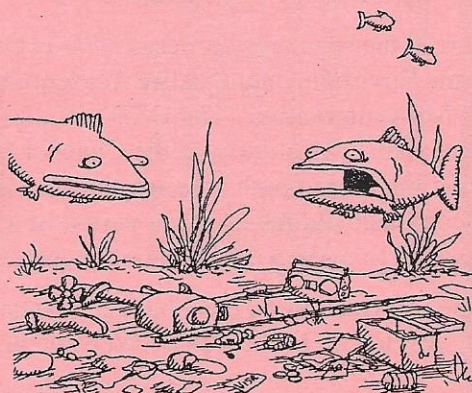
"The galley's clean, the brownies are done, we don't need him anymore."

"The whole idea of the first dive discount is to suck new members into the club."

"I want you to be my witness, I do throw something away once in awhile."

"Peter, I hate to tell you but your T-shirt is on backwards..."

"...How would I know? It doesn't say 'tits here'."



"So I figured, hey, as long as I'm stealing his bait, I might as well go all the way."

CHANNEL ISLANDS MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

by John Ugoretz, Senior Marine Biologist

In 1998, the California Fish and Game Commission received a proposal to create marine reserves, or no-take zones, around the northern Channel Islands. This proposal suggested closing 20 percent of the shoreline outward to one nautical mile to all fishing. The proposal led to nearly one year of public discussion of the issue in the Commission forum. In response to the proposal and the need for an open constituent-based process, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) developed a joint federal and state partnership to consider the establishment of marine reserves in the Sanctuary. The Commission endorsed this process at its March 4, 1999 meeting. The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, an advisory body to the sanctuary manager, created a stakeholder based community group called the Marine Reserves Working Group (MRWG) in July, 1999. This constituent panel was comprised of 17 members representing state and federal agencies, conservation interests, consumptive recreational and commercial groups, the public at large, and the California Sea Grant Extension July 1999 and June 2001 to discuss issues surrounding the potential establishment of new MPAs and to try to come to a consensus on a recommendation on marine reserves around the Channel Islands.

While the MRWG did not reach consensus on a specific recommendation for the spatial placement of marine protected areas (MPA), they did agree on a mission statement, problem statement, goals and objectives. The MRWG's goals stated the following:

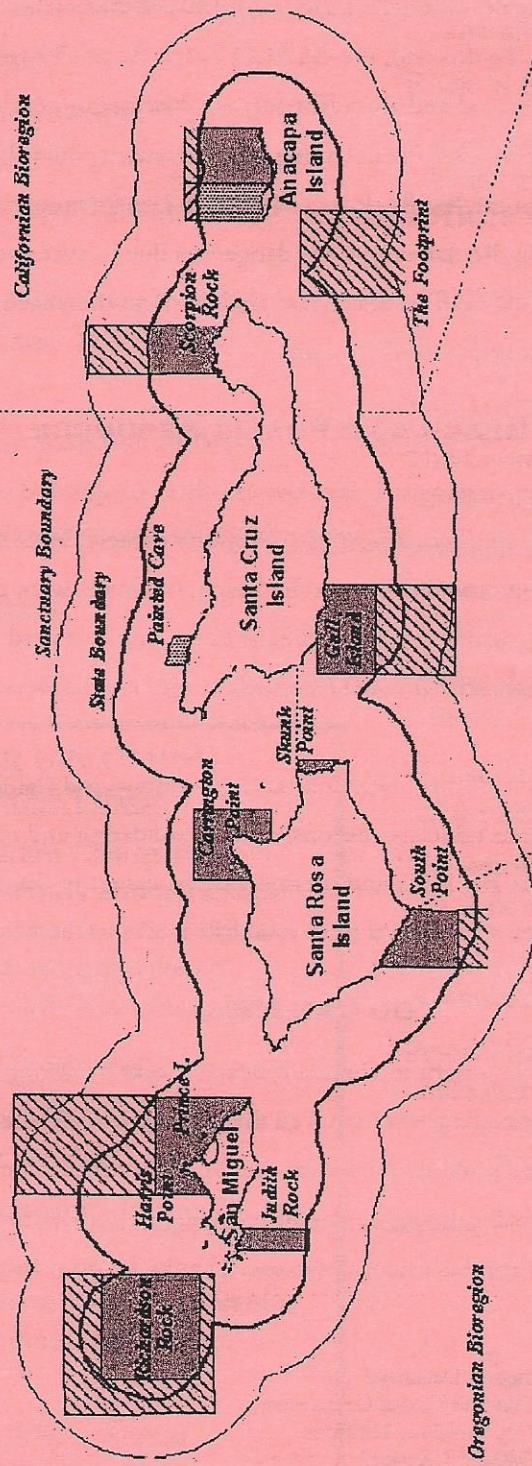
- Ecosystem Biodiversity Goal: To protect representative and unique marine habitats, ecological processes, and populations of interest.
- Socio-Economic Goal: To maintain long-term socio-economic viability while minimizing short-term socio-economic losses to all users and dependent parties.
- Sustainable Fisheries Goal: To achieve sustainable fisheries by integrating marine reserves into fisheries management.
- Natural and Cultural Heritage Goal: To maintain areas for visitor, spiritual, and recreational opportunities, which include cultural and ecological features and their associated values.
- Education Goal: To foster stewardship of the marine environment by providing educational opportunities to increase awareness and encourage responsible use of resources.

The information and recommendations developed in the MRWG process led to a DFG recommendation for MPAs in the region. This recommendation, along with a range of alternatives, was presented to the Commission in August 2001. The Commission requested that DFG develop proposed regulations for the range of alternatives and an environmental document describing the potential impacts of each. The alternatives range from about 12 percent of state waters within the Sanctuary, to more than 30 percent of state waters within the Sanctuary. A no-project alternative (which would leave the existing regulations in place), and an alternative to defer decision to the MLPA process are also included.

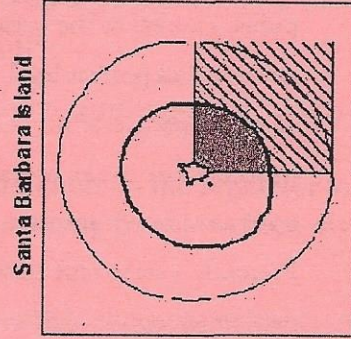
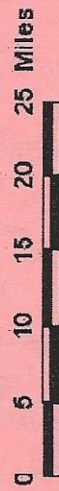
As a part of the regulatory process DFG is also preparing a Draft Environmental Document (DED) to meet California Environmental Quality Act requirements. This document details the potential environmental impacts of each MPA alternative. The DED includes information on potential impacts to both the natural environment and the human environment in the Channel Islands area. The human environment includes potential socio-economic impacts to both consumptive and non-consumptive user groups. The DED will be available for written public comment and review for a period of 45 days once it is submitted to the Commission. The Commission is not expected to make a decision on the matter before their Aug. 2 meeting in San Luis Obispo.

For more information on the Channel Islands MPA process, including descriptions and maps of the MPA alternatives, log on to the DFG's Web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/channel_islands/index.html.

Proposed Project for Marine Protected Areas
in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary



- Phase One: State Waters
- Marine Reserves in State Waters
 - Marine Conservation Areas in State Waters
- Phase Two: Federal Waters
- Marine Reserves in Sanctuary Waters
 - Marine Conservation Areas in Sanctuary Waters



The GLACD's Beach Access Program

LEGAL, PHYSICAL AND ABUNDANT ACCESS

The Greater Los Angeles Council of Divers (GLACD) is dedicated to work for the public's access to the ocean. To this end, the GLACD Beach Access Program exists to develop and protect legal, physical and abundant access to the ocean beaches that belong to all of the people of the State of California. Among other locations, the GLACD is working to secure safe beach access in the Big Rock area of Malibu. Long a favorite spot for divers, traditional beach access at Big Rock has become dangerous due to surf and storm erosion. Presently a steep cliff exists between Pacific Coast Highway and the beach, making pedestrian ingress and egress to the beach unsafe.

THE BEACH AS A PUBLIC RESOURCE

Local homeowners have purposely blocked or otherwise ignored pedestrian easements at Big Rock. [See *LA Times*, 12/30/01] Property owners, in exchange for the privilege to build or remodel homes near or on the beach, originally were required to grant pedestrian access easements, many of which still exist in the public record. *Over the years, owners have encroached on these easements and denied the public its right to enjoy the beach as a public resource.*

We believe that the California State Coastal Conservancy and California Coastal Commission should fulfill their fiduciary responsibility by validating and enforcing the public's access to the beach at Big Rock and other areas. To date, the Conservancy has essentially ignored and stonewalled efforts to re-establish access to the beach at Big Rock.

YOU CAN HELP

You can help secure the public's right to abundant beach access by writing, e-mailing and telephoning the California Coastal Conservancy. Tell them that you want the Conservancy to insure the public's beach access and to work with the GLACD's recommendations. When you contact them, please e-mail gelpi@glacd.org or cgelpi@aol.com so the Council can gauge your valuable support for this important cause. Thanks for your help in getting us a place at the table.

Contact: Melanie Denninger
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Oakland, CA 94612
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GRAY DAVIS, Governor



June 5, 2002

Dear Recreational Nearshore Fishery Participants and Interested Parties:

In May 2002, the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) adopted regulations which provide authority to the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to close either or both recreational or commercial sectors of the sheephead, greenling and cabezon fisheries when their allowable harvest levels are projected to be reached. Upon projected attainment of any sport allocation, the Department shall notify the Commission and the public of an upcoming closure via Department news releases and/or notification letters at least 10 days in advance of the specified date.

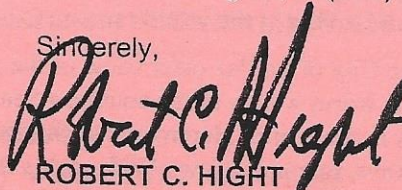
This letter is to inform you that effective 12:00 am Monday, July 1, 2002, the sport fishery for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* (including kelp and rock greenling) will be closed for 2002 or until further notice, pursuant to Section 52.10, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

Based on projections from recent recreational catch estimates derived from the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS), the sport allocation of 26,403 pounds of greenling for calendar year 2002 will be taken by the closure date. The prohibition on the landing of these species will be in effect throughout the State of California.

Based on MRFSS calculations, the Department estimates that approximately 10,600 pounds of greenling were landed by sport anglers in California during the months of January and February 2002. This is a significant increase from estimates of catch in those months from previous years. As greenling landings historically increase through the spring and summer, the Department is estimating that the recreational allocation will be reached in full or exceeded by the specified closure date.

Should catches fall substantially below the defined allowable harvest levels, the Department may evaluate the potential of re-opening the greenling fishery for a specified time later in the year. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia Wolf, Regional Manager of the Department's Marine Region, at (562) 342-7108.

Sincerely,


ROBERT C. HIGHT
Director

LAUPS ANNOUNCES 40th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The 40th Annual International Underwater Photographic Competition, sponsored by the Los Angeles Underwater Photographic Society, is underway. Entries are being accepted in 10 print, slide and video categories. The rules for digital entries have been completely revised and expanded offering exciting new opportunities. The deadline for entry is September 28, 2002. One of the oldest and largest contests of its kind, last year's competition received entries from contestants representing 15 countries and 25 states.

This contest is only possible due to the generosity of our sponsors. Invaluable support has been provided by the Los Angeles Natural History Museum, Weldon Color Labs, Thermostatic Industries (TMO) and Art by Rogest. Best of show and first place awards have included liveaboard and land-based vacations from sponsors such as Milne Bay Charters, Aquasports, Nai'a Cruises Fiji, Big Blue Explorer, Bilikiki Cruises Ltd., Fantasea Divers, Mike Ball Diving, Undersea Hunter, Exotic Caye Beach Resort, Clavella Adventures, Optiquatics, Ed Robinson's Diving Adventures and Nautilus Explorer. Additional prizes are awarded to 4th place in each category and have included a valuable array of SCUBA and photo equipment donated from key sponsors including Sea&Sea, TMO, Pelican Products, American Diving, Dacor, Dive N Surf, Darkroom, SubAquatic Camera Repair, Submersible Systems, Ultralight, Pelican, Zeagle Ikelite, Diving Unlimited Int., Backscatter, Ocean.com, Ron T. Karlsson, Discovery Video, Pauls Photo, Stan Waterman, *Peace Dive Boat*, *Spectre Dive Boat* and Visiting Catalina.com.

Entry forms, rules, information and a sponsor list are available from the Web site at http://www.laups.org/contest_02.htm or from the booth at the Los Angeles SCUBA SHOW 2002. Additional information can be obtained by e-mail to info@laups.org.

CALL FOR ENTRIES - THE MONTEREY SHOOTOUT - AUGUST 10TH, 2002

The Monterey Shootout is now accepting underwater video entries for review and consideration. The selected videos will be shown at The Monterey Shootout 2002 Evening Film Festival.

The Film Festival, held at The Monterey Bay Aquarium, has become a showcase for new and emerging videographers in California. Selected videographers will be on stage to introduce their work.

If you would like to submit an entry for consideration please follow the guidelines listed below.

- 1) Format – miniDV
- 2) Length - 2 minutes
- 3) Soundtrack – music
- 4) Subject - Underwater (conservation minded)
- 5) Bio about the Videographer - 2 paragraph maximum
- 6) Contact Name, address, phone and email

Please mail your entries by July 15th to Richard Todd - 17675 Riverbend Road – Salinas, CA 93908 831.455.2000. or drop them off, in person, at Backscatter - 32 Cannery Row -Monterey, CA 93940 - 831.645.1082.

All entrants will be notified by July 25th if their work will be showcased.

Gayle Todd

Visit our Events

The Monterey Shootout & The Digital Shootout at www.theshootout.org

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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	LB SPORTFISHING
02-6	SAT	22 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / LITTLE FARNSWORTH / ITALIAN GARDENS	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
02-7	FRI/SAT	19/20 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
02-8	SUN	11 AUG	USS MOODY WRECK / CATALINA / ITALIAN GARDENS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
02-9	FRI/SAT	6/7 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-10	TUES/WED	1/2 OCT	SAN NICOLAS / SANTA ROSA	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-11	FRI/SAT	25/26 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
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 - Long Beach Sportfishing, Berth 55

South on 710 freeway, exit at Pico off ramp, thru light, right at first driveway past traffic signal. Park in "Sportfishing Parking" after unloading car.

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 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.
- 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 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.

Only club members of The Sea Divers and members of other selected clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to one month before a scheduled boat dive. Partial refunds from single day boats which do not make the advertised dive location will be passed on to members who request them within two weeks of the dive.

BOAT DIVE RESERVATION FORM

DIVE DATE: _____ DESTINATION: _____

NAME OF DIVER(S): _____

PHONE (DAY): [] _____ (EVE) [] _____ COST OF DIVE \$ _____

MEMBER [] YES [] NO DATE OF LAST DIVE* : _____

* Please include date of last dive for each diver

BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST:

Curt Billings
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

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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July 2
July 19-20

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

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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August 6
August 11

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Boat Dive – *USS Moody Wreck / Catalina / Italian Gardens - Great Escape*

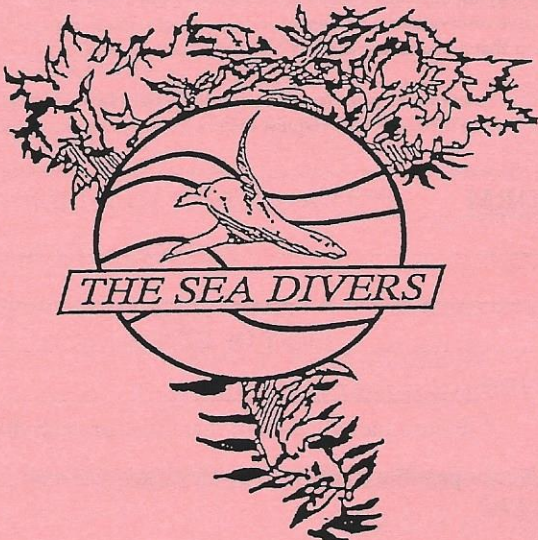
Inside:

- Plan B at Catalina
- New Fishing Regs
- Photography News
- ...and more!!

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