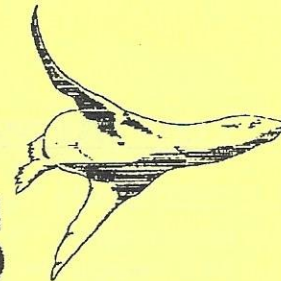


THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OPINION...

As most of you are aware, oil rigs *Eureka*, *Elly* and *Ellen* have been closed to diving for nearly a year. Recently, owners Aera Energy, reluctantly agreed to have divers back in the vicinity of their rigs (platforms). They requested a strict but simple protocol for sport diving activities. We dived *Eureka* on 11 August '02 using and abiding by the Aera Energy protocol with no problems. Apparently not all charter boats and/or divers are following the requirements as stated by Aero Energy below:

Subject: Diving Aera Energy's Rigs

In reference to the below notice, over the past weeks Aera Energy LLC's Beta operations at platforms Ellen, Elly and Eureka has experienced a number of incidences where dive boats and divers have either failed to notify our Control Room regarding planned dive activities, or have failed to honor our requests to stay clear of certain areas where marine operations were taking place. In each of these cases, these actions have placed both divers and Aera personnel at increased risk. Due to these events, Aera wishes to again advise the diving community of our strong preference that diving activities not take place in the vicinity of the platforms and, if continued disregard persists for any aspects of our prior communication, or compromises the safety of our operations, Aera will take further steps to limit or prevent future diving activity in the area.

Aera respectfully requests that this notice be forwarded to other dive businesses that may be active in the area and that may not have received our previous notice. Thank you.

Terry Enders
Land Representative - Coastal Asset
Aera Energy LLC
661/665-5515
e-mail: tenders@aeraenergy.com

I personally see no reason to ignore Aera Energy's reasonable requests and, based on the above, continued disregard of the requests will result in a full legalized ban on diving Aera Energy's rigs. I hope our dive community associates don't screw up oil rig diving "to make a point". These are unique dives and I'd like to continue diving there, as I believe would most of our members. PASS THIS ON!! (Protocol is inside this Newsletter)

A.P.



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING: KELLY BRACKEN

See page 5 for write up.

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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

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

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)
☐ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$36.00 (to 6/30/03)

(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

BUGZILLA – THE ANNUAL EVENT

1/2 OCT 2002 (Tues/Wed)

SAN NICOLAS and/or SANTA ROSA

PEACE

Members \$210

All inclusive & limited load (24)!!

Boarding: 7:00 PM (9/30)

Non-Members \$225

PROMPT!! → Departure: 12:01 AM(10/1)

Our first two-day Lobster grabbing dive of the much-anticipated season, begins on Tuesday, October 1st. We will venture out on the *Peace* dive boat out from Ventura with an aim for Talcott Shoals and/or San Nicolas, in search of Bugzilla. The boat will leave Midnight Monday night and you can board around 7 PM.

Tuesday, beginning at 7 AM we will have a full day of Lobster grabbing without the competition of the lobsterman's traps. They begin trapping on Wednesday. There will be a night dive for those that still want more after a full day of diving. Wednesday, we will take in four more dives, beginning at Talcott or Brocaway Reefs, if the seas permit. The last two dives may be around Santa Cruz to extend the diving day since it is a long haul back from Talcott to Ventura.

This may be your last lobster season of diving in a MLPA free zone! Act Now, Dive Early, Dive Often. Go out and get the real thing and leave the imitation crabmeat back on the shelves.

Secure your bragging rights early with this exciting trip. This is your best opportunity and least competitive for the season. Contact Curt Billings at 909 945-3461 or curt@diver.net to secure one of the few remaining spots, and the bunk of your choice. The trip is full as of this writing – wait list only.

TAKE IT TO THE BANK

25/26 OCT. 2002 (Fri/Sat)

CORTES & TANNER BANKS

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$225

All inclusive and limited load!!

Boarding: 8:00 PM (10/24)

Non-Members \$240

Departure: 10:00 PM (10/24)

World Class diving for us all to Tanner Bank and Cortes Bank, both on one trip on *Great Escape*!!

Both Banks are near the Mexican border and are typically deep dives, especially Tanner Bank. They are 70 to 80 miles SSW of Long Beach and about 35 to 40 miles SW of China Point on San Clemente Island and roughly west of San Diego. As exposed dive spots, they are not dived as much as other Southern California areas.

Tanner Bank is a deep 100 feet plus plateau and is known for its large red, pink, and purple hydrocoral formations, large fish, especially rockfish and cabezon. Schools of tuna, yellowtail and other species are not uncommon. This is definitely one of the most spectacular and unusual dives in Southern California. The club had not dived Tanner in many years, until last year when conditions were perfect!

Cortes Bank is closer to the Mexican border and offers excellent diving. In addition to the large variety of fish, Cortes is home to a substantial lobster population, many of which can be found inside the wreck of the *Abalonia*. Much less of a plateau than Tanner, it provides a greater variety of walls, crevices, plateaus, and some shallower depths at 30 feet or so. We made five dives at Cortes last year.

Photo and video oriented divers will not be disappointed with the dive locations, especially Tanner Bank. Just cruising out there adds to the two days, especially if the Sun graces us with it's presence.

This dive is a strong intermediate to advance dive due to the full exposure of both Banks to the ocean. However, relative beginners can make the dives, assuming ocean conditions relative to waves, surge and current are within the individual's capabilities. San Clemente will be our fallback, which is typically suitable for all skill levels. Consult the divemaster if in doubt about your capability versus observed conditions.

These are really outstanding dive areas. Chances to dive here are limited. For sign-ups call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2746 or e-mail at curt@diver.net. GREAT WORLD CLASS DIVING!

ALL KINDS OF CONDITIONS

Our September two-day on the *Peace* was beset with a variety of very unusual weather and ocean conditions. The remnants of a tropical storm off Baja and a major southerly loop of the jet stream brought warm and humid weather to Southern California. In addition the storm generated 6-8 foot swells were coming from the South.

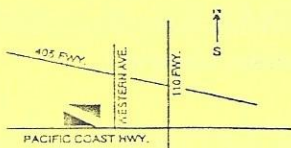
We left the dock a little after 1:00 AM and headed for Scorpion Anchorage on the North-East tip of Santa Cruz Island, where we anchored for several hours. At dawn, an attempt further North and West proved too rough and we looped around finishing up at the North side of Anacapa!! To say the least the weather was weird, with strong winds from the Northwest whipping up white caps and rain approaching. Also currents were running high off both ends of the island. We tucked in at about mid-island over White Rock Reef. Diving was fair to good with depths to 100 feet, 62°F temperature and 30 to 35 feet visibility. We then moved to the South side where the southerly swells were finally subsiding. We anchored at Parallel Reefs in about 80 feet of water. Much calmer than dive one as we were sheltered by the island but the water temperature dropped about 10°F and visibility dropped to 25 feet. The third and last dive at Anacapa was just inside the West End on the North side. Nice dive! Visibility at about 30 feet, slight current, depths to 50 feet on the inside and 62°F temperature.

Eric B. decided to plough back to Scorpion Anchorage. Some waves pretty much came over the boat but we finally made it. We made two dives at Scorpion trying to figure out what next. Scorpion was calm, no current on the inside, windy, depths to 50 feet and 30 feet visibility in 62°F water. We overnighted on the South side of Santa Cruz at Albert Arch.

Saturday, at about dawn, we began a run to Gull Island. The air temperature had dropped 30°F (!!!) but the sun was rising into totally clear skies, a major change from Friday's tropical overcast. We anchored to the West of Gull, which apart from the incessant wind was a nice spot. The water temperature was 53°F (!?!), depths to 75 feet, 50 feet visibility, no current and thick kelp. We then moved maybe 250-350 yards to the South side of Gull. Unbelievable difference, with a raging current from East to West. The boat also hung weird on the anchor, with the wind overpowering the current causing the anchor line to pull way to the East (starboard) at almost 45° and away from the bow gate. Most of us decided that this would be no fun at all and elected to sit this one out. Of those that went in ALL had problems swimming to the anchor line. Some made it through shear energy, some using kelp that had wrapped around the anchor line, one using a hastily rigged current line (a.k.a. "Peter's Cheater Line") and one didn't!! All in all it was quite entertaining for the rest of us. Through a variety of techniques all returned safely to the boat, with comments and mini-stories regarding the severity of the current.

Time for some less challenging conditions, so we moved to Albert Anchorage and subsequently to a cove just North of San Pedro Point on the East side. Both dives were in calm, 63°F water, depths to 50 feet or so, visibility at about 30 feet, no current, warm sun and comfortable for all! The run back started out fairly rough with a slow calming as we worked East towards Ventura Marina, where we docked a little after 5:00 PM.

Under the weird circumstances the *Peace* and it's crew did a great job. Food was excellent and varied and all in all we enjoyed the trip despite not making the San Miguel Pinnacles!



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 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.

PEACE TWO-DAY QUOTES...

"You must be a loser if your winery goes bankrupt."

"The issue was whether I would be here to enjoy."

"It's mind over matter..."

"...If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

"How long does it take to drive to San Francisco?..."

"...About an hour by air."

"I wouldn't want to be a star."

"Still remember when we were buddies once!"

"Let's begin with the drugs."

"Can't make up his mind this morning."

"We're here at Anacapa. We left at 1:00 AM but ...we're here...At this dive spot we can search for the elusive brittle star."

"Well dammit, we're going to have fun anyway!"

"Swells from the south, wind chop from the north, and high current. Perfect."

"Looks like I'm going to miss this gate..."

"...Don't worry you've got all day to miss gates."

"We need a motivational dive to get this group going..."

"...You mean brittle stars don't cut it?"

"It was cold, top to bottom."

"The island over there is California."

"I need a motivational dive."

"I was going to chew on you for getting my dive gear wet, but after that run you kept it dry."

"I've gotten little ones this big."

"It's not the size of the shell, it's the size of the meat."

"I'm more deck oriented than a 'Galley Girl'."

"How deep did you get in there?"

"Those guys take pride abusing themselves."

"It's not vinegar but it's not entirely wine."

"Does the asshole come with Velcro?"

"It's a VERY dry Reisling."

"Watch the wine while we are rolling."

"You could always have an 'Allen Day'."

"This is San Migull Island."

"If you would let me finish."

"Yes, dear..."

"...love of my life, my little meadow muffin."

"A dive not for the faint of heart!!"

"Man, that was quite the ripping current, didn't stray too far from the anchor."

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING **KELLY BRACKEN**

Kelly Bracken is an advanced amateur Photographer. She fell in love with the activity when she was 17 and hasn't stopped shooting since. Kelly minored in Photography at Cal State Long Beach and continued her education with additional units at Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara. She specialized in fine art, nature and travel photography until 1986 when she was introduced to scuba diving in the Sea of Cortez. Kelly's portfolio was subsequently expanded to include underwater images along with her topside collections.

Kelly has received awards both internationally and domestically, has been published in Pacific Diver and Skin Diver magazines and has traveled and photographed both with Brooks Institute and wildlife photographer Tom Campbell. Her travels have included the cold water diving of our Pacific coast from Vancouver to the Coronado Island including our local Channel islands. Kelly has also experienced warm water diving in areas ranging from Jamaica and Grand Cayman, to Honduras, Hawaii, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Kelly will be focusing her discussion on California Diving. She's entitled her presentation "California Classics". She did a very interesting presentation for us last year on Indonesia and Malaysia and we're sure this will be equally interesting.

Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday 1 October at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM.. So stop on by to hear and see Kelly's discussion and photos.

TENTATIVE 2003 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

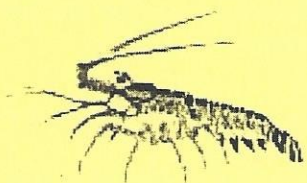
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03-1	SAT	1 FEB	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-2	SAT	8 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-3	SAT	5 APR	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-C15	WED	(TBD) MAY	CHAMBER DAY 2002/ CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-4	FRI/SAT	9/10 MAY	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
03-5	SAT	31 MAY	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-6	SAT	21 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / LITTLE FARNSWORTH / ITALIAN GARDENS	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-7	FRI/SAT	18/19 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-8	SUN	10 AUG	USS MOODY WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-9	FRI/SAT	5/6 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
03-10	TUES/WED	30 SEPT / 1 OCT	SAN NICOLAS / SANTA ROSA	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
03-11	FRI/SAT	24/25 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	TBA	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-12	SAT/SUN	6/7 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA

Notes: *Great Escape* dates are confirmed rollovers from 2002. Prices are "To Be Announced".

Peace dates are confirmed as are prices

The Ten Commandments of Boat Diving or How to Win Friends and Influence Other Divers (Anonymous)

1. Purchase the biggest gear bag you can find, so that you can take up at least as much boat space as two other divers. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the space you can get.
2. Board the boat at least an hour before published boarding time. That way, you can grab the biggest double bunk for yourself. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the space you can get.
3. When you stow your gear, take at least two divers' spaces, and make sure that your gear extends out of the storage area so as to hinder any movement on the deck. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the space you can get.
4. Prove that you're an old hand by ignoring the morning briefing. Don't worry, if you miss anything you can ask the Divemaster when you are standing at the exit gate. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the service you can get.
5. During the day, keep your gear spread out as much as possible, so that no one can sit in front of your gear. If you want to sit down, sit in front of someone else's gear (you can always find some "neatnik" who keeps his space tidy.) After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the space you can get.
6. When you sit down wearing your tank, don't worry about some other guy's mask or computer. They are built to take rough handling. Besides, if they are concerned about their gear, they shouldn't leave it unprotected. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve to take all the space you can get.
7. If you sit out a dive, go stand at the exit gate so you can watch other divers' techniques, and chat with them as they prepare to jump in. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the consideration you can get.
8. At roll call after dives, always make the Divemaster shout your name (or number) at least three times. That way, everyone will get to know who you are. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the personal service you can get.
9. All Dive Boat cooks and "Galley Gals" like to be teased and kidded. Ask for things they don't have, or ask for things that are right in front of you. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all the service you can get.
10. You're probably paying good money for the trip, don't get suckered into tipping the crew. They probably make more money than you do, and they have a better job than you do, too. After all, you're paying good money for the trip, so you deserve all you can get.



Subject: Beta diving protocol

Mr. Kurtis:

Aera Energy LLC (Aera) recognizes the time and energy you have put into trying to work out a mutually satisfactory protocol for allowing divers to dive in the vicinity of Aera's platforms Ellen, Elly and Eureka located off Long Beach in federal waters. While we appreciate your efforts in this matter, Aera's utmost concern is the fact that there is currently a Security Alert on the West Coast in force as directed by the FBI. Due to this alert, for security and safety concerns Aera believes the best solution is to not have any diving activity in the area. However, should you or your own company proceed with such activities, Aera would appreciate it if you and your company would take the following steps:

- 1) Aera's platform Control Room (714/969-3511) will appreciate being notified 24 - 72 hours in advance when a dive is to occur in the vicinity of Aera's platforms. Please provide all information regarding the number of divers, the specific location of the dives, the days and times the dives are to take place, and any other information that may be helpful in monitoring the dives.
- 2) Aera's facilities are posted as NO TRESPASSING and we expect all divers to stay off of all portions of the physical platform structures, both above and below the water line. Aera considers the harvesting of shellfish from the platform structures by recreational personnel to be a trespassing violation.
- 3) All divers should be advised that they are diving at their sole risk.
- 4) Given Aera's position regarding diving in the vicinity of our platforms, Aera will not participate in the ad-hoc committee you have proposed for reviewing dive procedures. In the future, I request that you please contact me at the below phone or e-mail address as the Aera focal point for any further issues regarding these matters.

Again, due to security and safety concerns, we hope you understand our position in this matter.

Terry Enders
Land Representative - Coastal Asset
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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!

November 5: Dave Nesheim – California Diving

December 3: Dale Scheckler – Stupid Underwater Animal Tricks.

February 4: Brendan Reed, Biologist with the Santa Monica BayKeeper - Local underwater research and restoration efforts.

**List of Offices Where the August
2002 Version
of the Nearshore Fishery
Management Plan can be Viewed**

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GRAY DAVIS, Governor



August 19, 2002

To All Parties Interested in California's Nearshore Fishery

The August 2002 version of the proposed *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan* has been completed. Two new sections have been added to this version of the proposed *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan*. These two new sections are Section IV, entitled "NFMP Comments and Response to Comments," and Section V, entitled "Clarification and Corrections." Sections I, II and III remain the same as in the May 9, 2002 version of the proposed *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan* except as noted in Section V.

Section IV contains the public comments received on the *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan* from May 9, 2002 through June 29, 2002. Over 500 comments were received on the May 9, 2002 version of the proposed NFMP. The Department, on behalf of the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), prepared written responses to all these public comments submitted to the Commission regarding the proposed *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan*. Section IV has been issued as a separate covered document. The Commission will consider all comments on the proposed *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan*, and is scheduled to adopt the plan at its August 29, 2002 meeting in Oakland.

Section V contains clarifications and corrections that were identified by Department staff or addressed in public comments. The Initial Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action and the proposed regulatory language in Section III of the May 9, 2002 version of the *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan* has been deleted. The revised Initial Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action and the proposed regulatory language has been added to Section V. Technical and non-substantiative corrections were also made to the table of contents, list of tables, list of figures, and acknowledgments within Section I.

The August 2002 version of the proposed *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan* will be available at Department of Fish and Game offices (please see the enclosed list of locations and contact information). I appreciate your interest in and concern for California's nearshore resources.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wolf
Patricia Wolf
Regional Manager, Marine Region

Enclosure: List of Department of Fish and Game locations where the August 2002 *Nearshore Fishery Management Plan* is available for review

2002 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

<u>DIVE</u>	<u>DAY(S)</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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: <i>EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN</i>	\$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	<i>USS MOODY WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA</i>	\$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

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

October 1
October 1-2
October 25-26

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Boat Dive – *BUGZILLA* – San Nicolas and/or Santa Rosa - *Peace*
Boat Dive – Cortes and Tanner Banks – *Great Escape*

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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November 5
November 12 or 13 or 14

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Executive Meeting – 7 PM – San Franciscan Restaurant, Torrance

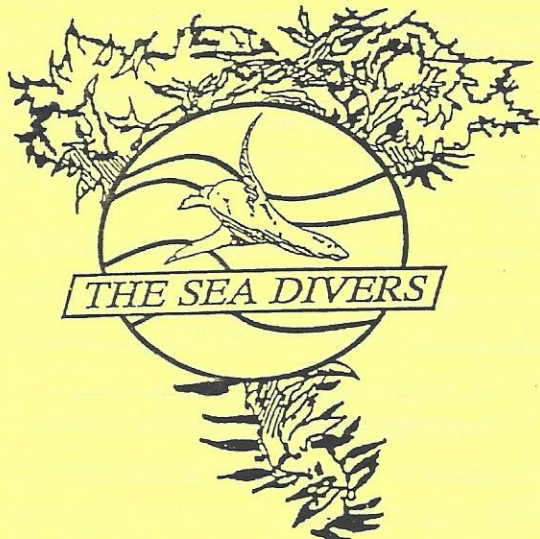
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