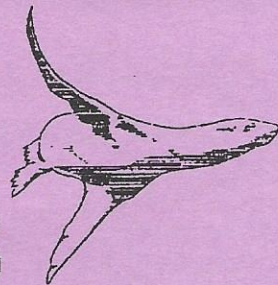


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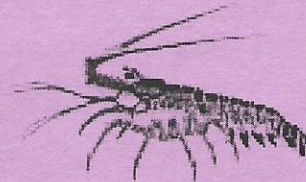
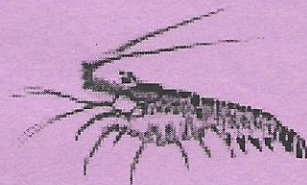
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING...

All Members are invited to attend our Annual Executive Meeting on Wednesday, 13 November 2002 at the San Franciscan Restaurant in Torrance at 7:00 PM.

This is an extremely important meeting as Kathy D. and I, as announced in the April 2002 Newsletter will be relinquishing our Club Executive positions as of 31 December 2002. The Agenda is as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW	OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS	ON-GOING BUSINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall Club Status• Boat Dive Issues• Prices for 2003• Joint dive in '03 with CA Wreck Divers• Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice-President – Kathy D.• Treasurer – Allen P.• Secretary – TBD• Membership – Kathy D.• Boat Dive Chair – John T.• Boat Dive Reservationist – Curt B.• Beach Dive Chair – Bill G.• Diving Officer – John M.• Newsletter Editor – Kathy D.• Program Chair – Peter L.• Legislative Info Chair – Phil B.• Hospitality Chair – Kathy K.• Webmaster – Curt B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23rd Avalon Harbor Clean-Up• Other



Following the Agenda we will discuss filling the open Executive positions for 2003.

A.P.



NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING: JOHN MOORE – MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT

See page 6 for write up.

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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

OUT WEST ONCE MORE

7/8 Dec 2001 (Sat/Sun)

Members \$200

Non-Members \$215

NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLANDS

Everything Included!

PEACE

Boarding: 7:00 PM (12/6)

Departure: 12:01 AM (12/7)

Once more our final charter for the year in on the *Peace* to the Northern Channel Islands, as always weather permitting. The last three years the weather was good so hopefully this year will be the same or better. Our plan is to head for either San Miguel or Santa Rosa on the first day and be at San Miguel the second day, until about 1:00 PM.

With lobsters in mind we will take any opportunity to make Talcott Shoals, off Santa Rosa Island, which IS noted for bugs. For the game takers this trip should provide excellent opportunities, for the photo/video/looky-loo divers, there are some of the best opportunities. Although not noted as the greatest lobster spot in the world, San Miguel offers some of the best diving around. The pinnacles are always spectacular and offer many opportunities for scallops, fish, and excellent photography or video.

The food fare on the *Peace* is always excellent and plentiful. The first day will provide heavy duty diving, for those so inclined, with up to 6 dives possible plus a night dive. The second day will provide for 3 or 4 dives. Dive spots will include bug areas and areas suitable for intermediate divers and hopefully some more advanced pinnacle spots covering the full range of diver desires and capabilities.

At the time of this writing the boat is near full. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2746 or e-mail at curt@diver.net. GREAT DIVE!

DISCOUNT BUG DIVING!*

1 February 2002 (Sun)

Members \$TBA*

Non-Members \$TBA*

New Members \$TBA*

SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE

(All inclusive & limited load!)

PROMPT!→

GREAT ESCAPE

Boarding: 8:00 PM (1/31)

Departure: 1:00 AM (2/1)

This single day bug season dive on the *Great Escape* will take us to the backside of San Clemente Island. We will run to Seal Cove or perhaps Lost Point to begin our diving. As the day progresses we'll work our way back North and West diving at the Four-and-a-Half fathom spot finishing up in the Castle Rock area. All of the areas on the backside typically have excellent reef structures with a multiplicity of growth, sea life, and bugs. The walls and canyons are second to none in the local area and provide some of the most varied diving environs. Depths will range from 40 to over 100 feet with water temperature anticipated to be around 60°F, making for great lobster hunting conditions.

The dive is suitable for all levels of skill, ocean conditions permitting. The backside does see it's fair share of swells and potentially rough water but this time of year should provide a good chance of success. Looky-loos and/or photographers will not be disappointed with the environs of San Clemente, and for the game takers, lobster, scallops and a goodly variety of fish are available. It will also be interesting to see if the Pink and Green abalone are showing any sign of recovery. Hopefully the sun will grace us with a nice warm day.

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.

* Prices as of this writing are TBA (To Be Announced). We anticipate no change or a small increase only. Payments before 1 January '03 will be at '02 rates.

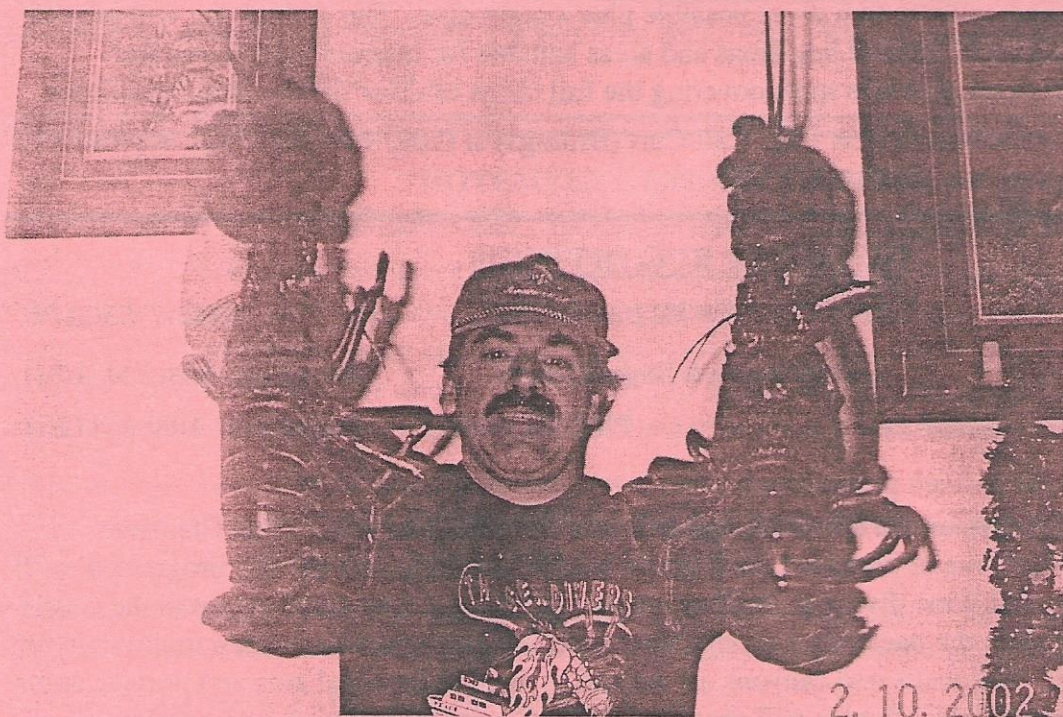
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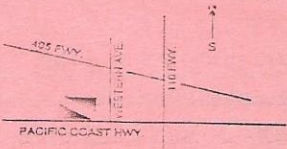
The seas were rough on the trip out. Mother nature was doing her best to hide the mighty beast again. Captain Eric of the *Peace* rode the pounding waves all thru the night, and in the AM, we were all amazed that we actually made it out to Talcott Shoals. The first 3 dives were near Brockway Point. Visibility ranged from 35-45 feet with some current. The next 3 dives were at Talcott with less visibility (15-25 feet). It didn't take the group too long to find some of Bugzilla's relatives. The biggest bug of the trip came on board after our first dive. It weighed in at 8.1 lbs. Jack Dietzen grabbed the trophy. Jack is an avid abalone hunter from Northern CA. Several other distant relatives, between 4 & 6 lbs. came topside but the elusive Bugzilla was not to be found at Santa Rosa Island. The weather held for us enough to get in 6 dives in the North Western portion of Santa Rosa. We anchored in Forney's Cove at Santa Cruz for the night & a final dive of the first day.

Our search for the beast continued on the second day to the South side of Santa Cruz. The 1st two dives of the second day were near Gull Island. The visibility was good but surge in the shallows where only shorts were seen. Several urchin spines found their way to penetrate the wet suit material of hunters brave enough to battle the shallows. We continued to the East side of Santa Cruz to the Yellow Banks area for the last two dives of the trip. Visibility exceeded 35 feet and most divers brought up multiple bugs.

As usual the crew of the *Peace* provided us with good service and food to make the trip well worth taking two mid weekdays off from work.

The beginning of the trip proved to be the closest we came to seeing the Godzilla of Bugs. So be warned...the Beast still lives.





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CORTEZ QUOTES...

- "Are you Hunt and Horney?..."
- "...I'm Horney..."
- "...Thanks for sharing."
- "Oh! Wow! Look how small it is!"
- "Is Parker working too hard or ...?"
- "...Ha!!"
- "Where's Delaney?..."
- "...He called me and said 'I hab a hed code'."
- "It's what all fashionable Nordic homosexuals wear."
- "I don't think I brought enough alcohol for two days so I may have to do some diving."
- "Get in and rape and pillage!..."
- "...I'm not too big on the pillaging part but the raping sounds good."
- "We should name this 'Dead Steel Grotto'."
- "I declared it a dead trap and set all the lobsters free."
- "You can't go there with a wife or a husband."
- "They still have the 50-cent thing in Cambodia."
- "I've never seen you dive this much..."
- "...Parker must slow you down."
- "They're going to throw everyone out of sync!"
- "I just heard a good one on the radio. The Coast Guard was chewing out the Navy for using Channel 16 for their exercises!"
- "I've completed the cycle of life – I started out in diapers and I'm in them again."



BUGS 'R US

Conditions were looking great for our scheduled 2-day to Tanner and Cortez banks – and great they were. They were so good that a decision was made to skip Tanner and opt for maximizing our time at Cortez, which would hopefully aid in maximizing our lobster catch.

We arrived at Cortez in the early AM after an amazingly smooth run out on the *Great Escape*. The first dive was at the first light at 9 Fathom Reef. The early risers were well rewarded with exactly ½ of all the lobsters caught that day coming up during that dive. A total of 52 'keepers' were brought on board. The conditions WERE worth writing home about with sunny skies, 62°F water temperature, 80+ feet of visibility, 90+ foot depths and no current. Definitely a World Class dive. The conditions and plethora of bugs, including a 6.1 pounder caught by Kathy D. caused lobster fever to spread throughout the boat.

We did a short move and carried on – the conditions were much the same as dive one. The water temperature was a consistent 62°F everywhere we dove. The visibility was the best on the first two dives and reduced to 60 foot and then to about 40 foot on some of the later dives. We dove areas that ranged to 120+ feet and others near the wreck of the *Abalonia* that were in shallow. Conditions were even nice enough to allow a couple of daring souls to enter the *Abalonia* for a few more bugs.

Gary M. would have won the big Bug pool...had we had one, for bringing back one that was somewhere in the 10 ½ - 11 lb. range. Gary had the requisite photos taken of him and his prize catch and then released the big bull to maintain the gene pool.

All in all 7 dives, including a night dive were done at Cortez. Although it rained for a short while in the afternoon, it didn't dampen the hunter's spirits. A total of 104 lobsters were caught and we still had another day of diving to go!

Tim B. stayed at Cortez until 10 PM. Then he fired up the engines and headed towards Santa Barbara Island. In the early dawn, it was a partially cloudy day with the sun frequently breaking out.

We did 4 dives at Santa Barbara including both sides of Sutil, Webster Point and the final spot halfway between the Seal Rookery and the Arch. Although the underwater scenery was, for the most part, fairly bland, another 62 bugs were brought on board. The Sea Divers ended up with a grand total of 166 for the weekend.

A booby prize was awarded to Faisal H. for losing his fin on the third dive. Since he was diving a new dry suit with big booties (thus difficult to find fins that would fit), and everyone else continued to dive, he had to sit out most of the dives. There were a couple runners up that did the un-bungied tank double-gainer routine. One even broke part of the 1st stage handle off. The name of that individual however, remains classified for National Security reasons.

Tim B. and the *Great Escape* crew did a great job both with the boat and the plentiful and flavorful food fare. It was an extremely pleasant outing and a good time was had by all.

TENTATIVE 2003 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>
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

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING JOHN MOORE – MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT

John H. Moore is one of the two diver representatives in the Los Angeles to San Diego Regional Working Group for the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). On 23 October 2002 the Governor and the California Fish and Game Commission made an announcement to formally create the largest network of marine reserves off the West Coast. The decision sets aside 132 square nautical miles (175 square miles) within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary into 12 separate areas where fishing is not allowed.

The marine reserves extend around portions of state waters surrounding the five islands that form the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary off the coast of Santa Barbara: Anacapa, Santa Cruz, San Miguel, Santa Rosa and Santa Barbara Islands.

The alternative adopted by the Fish and Game Commission also includes a recreational-only fishing zone off Santa Cruz Island and an area with limited commercial and recreational fishing off Anacapa Island.

At our November General Meeting, John will talk about the new MLPA implementation and how it will affect us as recreational divers. Please stop in with all your questions and join us at the next General Meeting is on Tuesday 5 November at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM.

SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

Peter Lundecker 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!

December 3: Dale Scheckler – Stupid Underwater Animal Tricks.

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

Future (TBD): Dave Nesheim – California Diving

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 / OIL RIG EUREKA	\$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

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER						
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November 5
November 13

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

DECEMBER						
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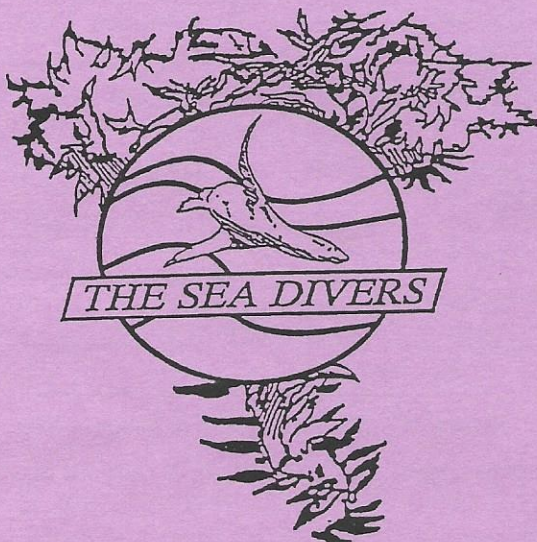
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Boat Dive - Northern Channel Islands - *Peace*

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- **Bugs 'R Us!!!**
- **Upcoming Exec Meeting!!!**
- **...and more!!**

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