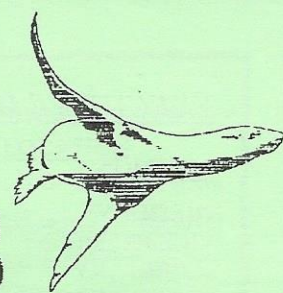


# THE SEA DIVERS



*IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE ANNUAL...

An Executive Meeting was held on 13 November '02 to discuss actions for 2003 and to revamp our Executive Committee.

Two major changes were agreed to:

- 1) There will be no General Meetings after the 4 March '03 meeting. This decision was made primarily because our membership base is spread out and not typically local. As a result our meetings are and have been sparsely attended.
- 2) The December '02 Newsletter will be the last hard copy version. Beginning with the January '03 edition the Newsletter will be in electronic format only in place on the web site [www.seadivers.org](http://www.seadivers.org) with email links to Members along with any messages for Members eyes only.

The Executive Committee for 2003 is as follows:

President: Allen Parker

Vice-President: Peter Landecker

Treasurer: Allen Parker

Webmaster: Chris Grossman

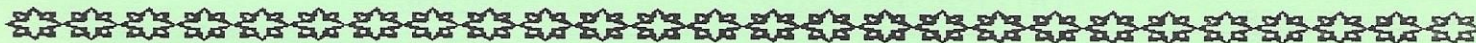
Boat Dive Reservationist: Skylor Piper

We are not filling the remaining Executive positions as realistically they were non-functional, or are no longer required.

All of the above are fairly major changes and as such may need review after several months especially the Newsletter effect. We will be mailing out an information card that you can put on your refrigerator, or where ever, with all pertinent 2003 Club Information.

I agreed to continue as President and Treasurer on a "month to month" basis but eventually we need someone to step up to that plate!! Comments and assessments on how this works, as we go along are strongly encouraged. The changes are effective as of 1 January '03.

A.P.



## **DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING: DALE SHECKLER – STUPID UNDERWATER ANIMAL TRICKS**

See page 5 for write up.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

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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)	(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/ \$36 family and are <b>prorated quarterly for NEW members</b> )	
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$36.00 (to 6/30/03)		

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)

NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLANDS

*PEACE*

Members \$200

Everything Included!

Boarding: 7:00 PM (12/6)

Non-Members \$215

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 there are a few spots left. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461. Fax at (909) 477-2746 or e-mail at [curt@diver.net](mailto:curt@diver.net). GREAT DIVE!

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## MORE BUG DIVING!

1 February 2002 (Sat)

SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE

*GREAT ESCAPE*

Members \$115

(All inclusive & limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (1/31)

Non-Members \$125

PROMPT!➔

Departure: 1:00 AM (2/1)

New Members \$77

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 Skylor (Piper) at (714) 377-8044, Fax at (949) 361-7411, email [sklyor@diver.net](mailto:sklyor@diver.net) or for email reservations: [reservations@seadivers.org](mailto:reservations@seadivers.org). 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.



## LOBSTER SEASON ENDS

8 March 2003 (Sat)

SAN NICOLAS

*GREAT ESCAPE*

Members \$120

(Includes everything  
with limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (3/7)

Non-Members \$130

PROMPT!➔ Departure: 11:00 PM (3/7)

New Members \$80

The lobster season, once more, is drawing to a close. This limited load charter is on *Great Escape* out of Long Beach Sportfishing. 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 and this season the Club has done well. 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 unsure of dive conditions, check with the divemaster before making a deep or potentially difficult dive. Call Sklyor (Piper) at (714) 377-8044, Fax at (949) 361-7411, email sklyor@diver.net or for email reservations: reservations@seadivers.org 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!!

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## APRIL AT SANTA BARBARA

5 April 2003 (Sat)

SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL

*GREAT ESCAPE*

Members \$110

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (4/4)

Non-Members \$120

Departure: 2:00 AM (4/5)

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 Sklyor (Piper) at (714) 377-8044, Fax at (949) 361-7411, email sklyor@diver.net or for email reservations: reservations@seadivers.org 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!!



## CHANNEL ISLANDS NO-TAKE RESERVE

Per the chart on page 6 the California Fish and Game Commission has approved a plan that creates a series of reserves off the California coast. The plan will protect just under 25% of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The plan takes effect on 1 January 2003.

Noted protected areas include Richardson's Rock, Harris Point/Prince Island and Adam Cove at San Miguel, South Point to Cluster Point and both sides of Carrington Point at Santa Rosa, Gull Island area, Cavern Point and Scorpion Anchorage at Santa Cruz and most of the north side of Anacapa. Visit [http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/channel\\_islands/ci\\_finalmap.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/channel_islands/ci_finalmap.html) for more information and a color chart (easier to read!).

## SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

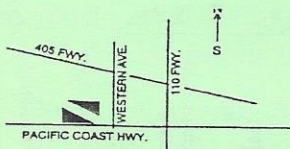
Peter Landecker our Program Chairperson Extraordinaire, has consistently enticed a wide variety of interesting speakers for our General Meetings. The upcoming meetings are no exception. C'mon down and check them out!

**December 3:** Dale Scheckler – Stupid Underwater Animal Tricks.

**January 7:** General Meeting **Cancelled.**

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

**March 4:** Dave Nesheim – California Diving



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## DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING DALE SHECKLER – STUPID UNDERWATER ANIMAL TRICKS

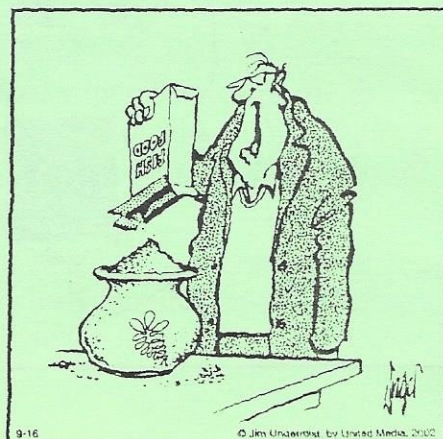
California native Dale Scheckler has been an active diver for nearly 30 years. He has been a professional diver since 1977; first as a marine biological specimen collector, then as a commercial oil field diver and as Editor of California Diving News.

Dale has logged thousands of dives in his lifetime including underwater work in South America, the Gulf of Mexico, Persian Gulf, Africa, Caribbean, Bahamas, Sea of Cortez, and, of course, California. He has authored and co-authored with his wife, Kim, several diving related books including The Diving and Snorkeling Guide to the Channel Islands, Southern California's Best Beach Dives and Successful Underwater Hunting and Gathering - California Edition.

Dale is also the producer of the annual diving Southern California SCUBA Show convention.

Dale's presentations will be on "Stupid Underwater Animal Tricks". Dale notes that California marine animals often have predictable behavior that can be played upon for fun, study, observation and even posing for photography. You can get fish to model their best side, nudibranchs will stand on end, and abalone will dance. He will discuss proper (and improper) ways to approach, entice and interact with octopus, sea lions, rays, moray eels and more. You will learn how to safely handle scorpionfish and large crabs. In the future you'll be able to amaze your dive buddy on your next dive by getting animals to do what you want them to do, when you want them to do it!

Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday 3 December at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM.

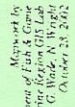


"Don't overfeed the fish, nag, nag, nag."



# Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas

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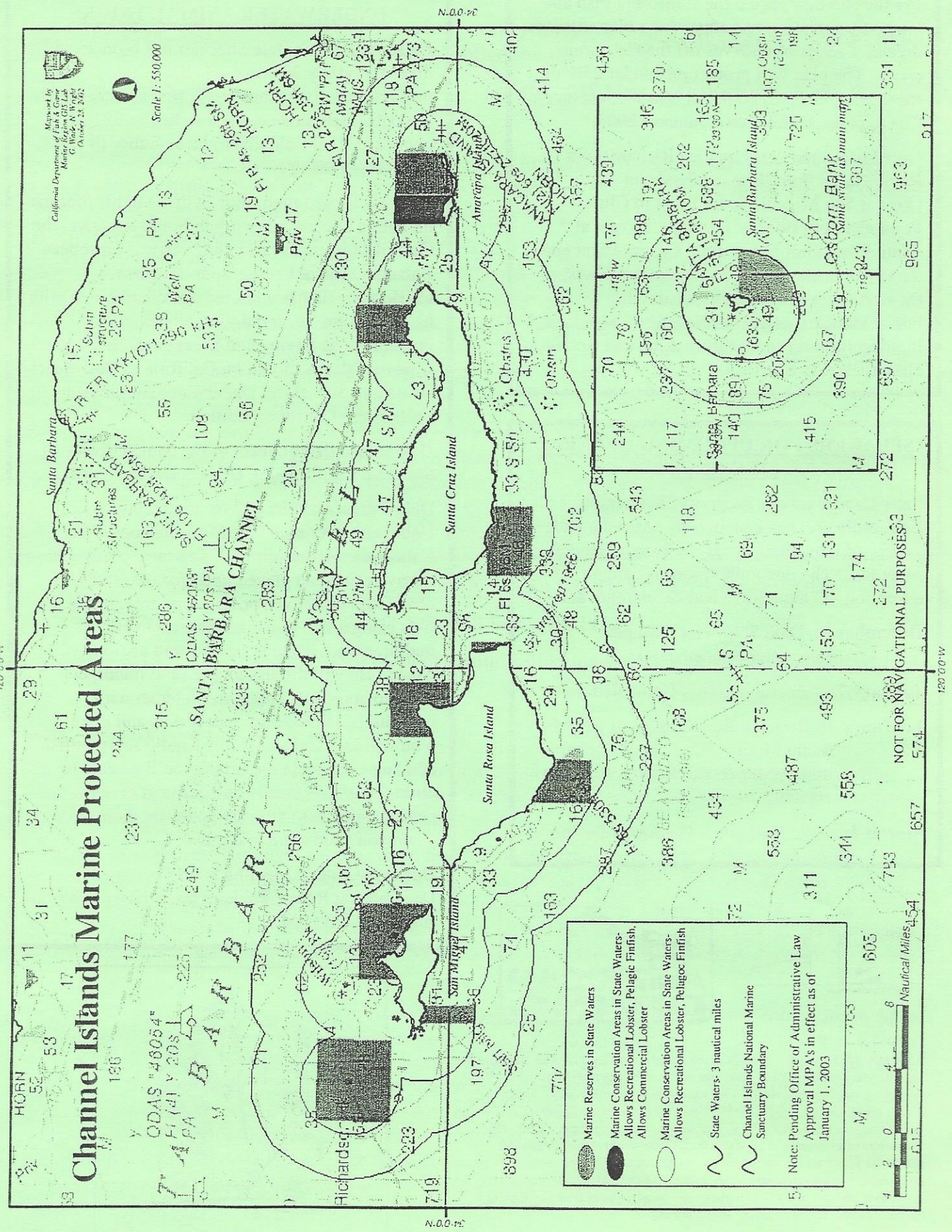


- Marine Reserves in State Waters
- Marine Conservation Areas in State Waters-  
Allows Recreational Lobster, Pelagic Finfish,  
Allows Commercial Lobster
- Marine Conservation Areas in State Waters-  
Allows Recreational Lobster, Pelagic Finfish
- State Waters: 3 nautical miles
- Channel Islands National Marine  
Sanctuary Boundary

Note: Pending Office of Administrative Law  
Approval MPA's in effect as of  
January 1, 2003



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## 2003 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE	BOAT	LOCATION
03-1	SAT	1 FEB	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	\$115	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-2	SAT	8 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-3	SAT	5 APR	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$110	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-C15	WED	7 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	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-6	SAT	21 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / LITTLE FARNSWORTH / ITALIAN GARDENS	\$105	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-7	FRI/SAT	18/19 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-8	SUN	10 AUG	USS MOODY WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA	\$95	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	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	LB SPORTFISHING
03-12	SAT/SUN	6/7 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$210	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 03-C15 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives except 03-C15 and 03-10 are limited load of 28 divers. Dive 03-10 (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.

## 2003 BOAT DIVE RESERVATION INFORMATION

### BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST:

Skylor Piper

Phone: (714) 377-8044,

Fax: (949) 361-7411

email: [skylor@diver.net](mailto:skylor@diver.net)

mail reservations/information:

[reservations@seadivers.org](mailto:reservations@seadivers.org)

Please make checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS and mail to:

**THE SEA DIVERS**

**P.O. Box 2415**

**Redondo Beach, CA 90278**

Please reference the dive number, dive date, and/or dive location on each check.



## CALENDAR

DECEMBER						
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				

December 3  
December 7-8

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Boat Dive – Northern Channel Islands - *Peace*

JANUARY						
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January 7

General Meeting - CANCELLED

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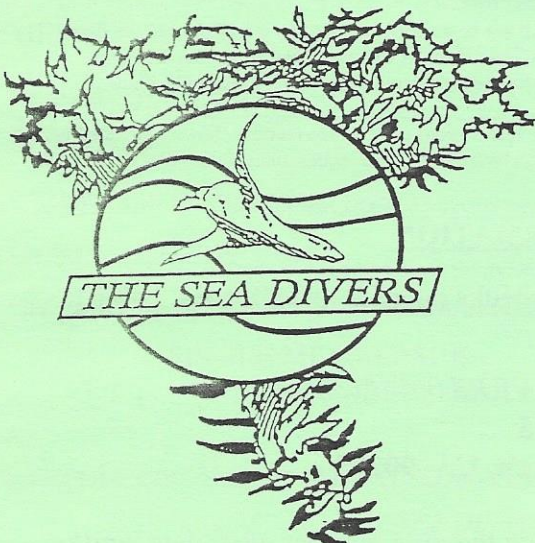
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- Upcoming Speakers!!!
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