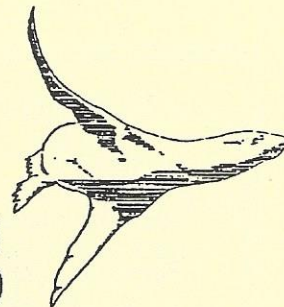




THE SEA DIVERS



EXECUTIVE COMMENTS



The King Harbor Second Annual Clean-Up has been devouring significant amounts of our precious time, so we cheated a little! Instead of trying to issue a second part to our October "first part" flyer, we've rolled everything in to the November newsletter as our "Clean-Up Special Edition." Collector's item, no doubt!

Sign-ups started out slow for the clean-up but came in fast and furious just at the 14th deadline. Once more we have great support, both from the local community in donations and prizes, and the local divers and surface volunteers who signed up for the event -- as of writing more than 250. Confirmation packages are out and the last few details are being worked.

Our 1994 dive boat charters are all confirmed and we have set the dates for our beach dive program. We anticipate another great year of diving and socializing in 1994 leading up to our 30th Anniversary in February 1995. Remember we still have dives planned for the remainder of 1993 -- be there!!

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THE SEA DIVERS NO-SO-ANNUAL U/W PHOTO COMPETITION

Primary entertainment of our 2 November 1993 General Meeting at Petrelli's will feature a slide show of photos taken on our PEACE two-day in September. The 30 minute or so show will culminate with the announcement of the winning photos and associated awards in five categories: marine life, diver, macro, special, best of show. This "multi-media" presentation by the one and only Steve Kavanaugh promises to be one of the highlight entertainments of 1993. Contestants should be there and so should you! Pre-meeting activities at 6:30 PM; formal meeting at 7:00 PM; entertainment at 7:45 PM (or so!).

See you at Petrelli's, Tuesday, 2 November.



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If you would like to write an article for the newsletter or you have an idea to improve it, please write to Editor Kathi McNally, 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). Permission is given to reproduce in whole or part. Please give credit to 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 Petrelli's Bar & Grill, 230 North Aviation Blvd., Manhattan Beach - (310) 372-2772. Exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Inglewood Blvd., turn left on Inglewood, right on Manhattan Beach Blvd., and left at Aviation. Look for London Towne Flower shop at the corner of Aviation and 2nd Street on the east side of Aviation. There is a parking lot behind the flower shop, street parking, and overflow parking to the north.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Held at 6:30 PM on Thursday the week following the General Meeting at the Shibaraku Restaurant at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl, across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza).

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CORTES BANK OCTOBER 2-DAY !

29-30 OCTOBER (FRI/SAT)

CORTES BANK
SAN CLEMENTE (BACKSIDE)

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$165

NON-MEMBERS \$180

(ALL INCLUSIVE)

Boarding: 7:00 PM

Departure: 12:01 AM

CORTES BANK is a great LOBSTER area and can provide some of the very best diving in Southern California. We are on WILD WAVE and we should be anchored by about 7:00 AM for our first dive.

CORTES BANK is located about 80 miles SSW of Cabrillo Marina and about 40 miles SW of China Point on San Clemente Island and is almost directly west of San Diego. As it is an exposed dive spot, the BANK has not been dived as much as some of the closer in areas. Diving depths range from 20 to 120 feet providing generally excellent game taking possibilities. LOBSTER in particular have been abundant and the various reefs making up the BANK are home to many species of good sized FISH. PHOTO and VIDEO buffs will not be disappointed. Our "fallback" and our "overnight" will be on the backside of SAN CLEMENTE Island which also has great dive spots, especially on the backside. In fact, we netted as many BUGS as at CORTES two years ago!

This dive is generally considered an intermediate to advanced dive due to CORTES BANK's full exposure to the ocean. However, relative beginners can make the dives, assuming that ocean conditions relative to surge and/or current are within acceptable limits. SAN CLEMENTE is suitable for all skill levels. acceptable limits. The Sea Divers divemasters should be consulted on your dive plan and/or experience.

This is an outstanding dive area and as was the case the last two years, the charter is filling early. Call Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657 for sign-up. Boarding will begin at 7:00 PM on the 28th of October for a prompt midnight departure from 22nd Street. We plan some additional goodies for this trip and anticipate a great steak dinner Friday evening, etc., etc. DON'T MISS THIS ONE ESPECIALLY AT THIS GREAT PRICE!!!!!! BUNKS WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, SO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS IN NOW!!!

SANTA BARBARA TIME

20 NOVEMBER (Saturday)

SANTA BARBARA

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$70

NON-MEMBERS \$80

(INCLUDES EVERYTHING!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM

Departure: 2:00 AM

November is typically a comfortable month for diving and we nearly always make SANTA BARBARA. Although the clocks will have fallen back from summer time, we hope to make an early AM night dive. Dive lights and new chem lights are a must.

Aside from LOBSTER, SANTA BARBARA offers just about every element for diving. The multiplicity of reefs, walls, arches and canyons provide superior opportunities for PHOTOGRAPHY and VIDEO. Add to that the extensive variety of sea life and typically great visibility and you've already got the best of diving. Some of the larger FISH inhabit the environs -- so you spear hungry types will not be disappointed if the LOBSTER don't bite!

This trip is suitable for all levels of experience and we should make 4 to 5 dives. Beginners and the less experienced intermediate divers should be aware that ocean conditions can be difficult in the event of high currents or surface wave action. Call Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657 for signup. Bunks will be preassigned on a first come, first PAID basis. The dive is about half full as of late October, so don't delay!! We'll have our early FULL dinner, typical Sea Diver/WILD WAVE style. DON'T HOLD BACK, SANTA BARBARA BUGS AND FUN RIGHT HERE!!! Boarding begins at 7:00 PM on the 19th for a 2:00 AM departure.

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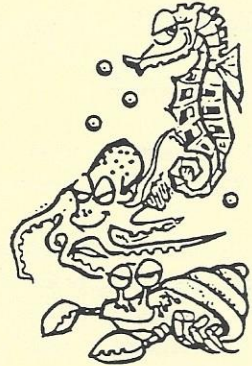
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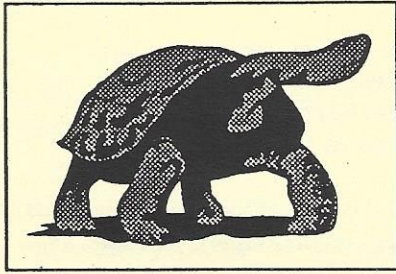
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1993-94 BEACH DIVE SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>FEATURE</u>	<u>KEY CONTACT</u>
SUN	31 OCT	WHITE POINT	PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST	KATHLEEN BENNETT
FRI-MON	25-28 FEB (?)	AVALON HARBOR	CLEAN-UP, PARTY, ETC., ETC.	KATHI McNALLY
SUN	12 JUNE	VETERAN'S PARK	REFRESHER, BOUILLABAISE, POTLUCK	ALLEN PARKER
FRI-MON	1-4 JULY	JADE COVE	JADE, CAMPOUT, ETC.	CATHY GALE
SAT	27 AUG	SHAW'S COVE, LAGUNA	BEACH PARTY, POTLUCK	JIM MONROE
SUN	23 OCT	REDONDO BEACH	KING HARBOR CLEAN-UP, ETC.	DAVID SERENA
SUN	30 OCT	WHITE POINT	PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST	KATHLEEN BENNETT



Dear Krabby

Dear Krabby,

What's the difference between an anemone and a nudibranch?

Amateur Biologist

Dear AB,

Just the spelling. Nobody else can tell the difference.

Dear Krabby,

What's the best thing to have close at hand in an emergency out-of-air situation?

Gasper

Dear Gagger,

The surface.

Dear Krabby,

What is a "rip tide"?

Surfin' Sam

Dear S²,

It is a conglomeration of underwater terrain, currents and tidal conditions such that when combined conspire to rip the bathing suit off of any unsuspecting sea nymph that ventures into their presence.

Dear Krabby,

What's the best way to enter the water for a dive during high surf conditions?

Gale Wind

Dear Blowhard,
From a boat.

Dear Krabby,

I'm having a underwater themed dinner party and plan on serving lettuce coral as a salad. Do you have any suggestions as to other vegetables that I could use to spruce it up a bit?

Hostess with the Mostest

Dear HoMie,

How about sea cucumbers? You could also fry up some sea slugs for appetizers. With enough batter on them your guests would probably think they're "calamari". (Note to the uninitiated: "Calamari" is a high dollar word meaning over-processed, overcooked, heavily battered and deep-fried octopus. This word is frequently used in seafood restaurants to justify charging you an exorbitant price for what could easily be a piece of shoe leather.)

Dear Krabby,

I'm a terrible navigator. Could you give me any useful tips to help me end up closer to the boat after every dive?

Lost in the Deep

Dear Loser,

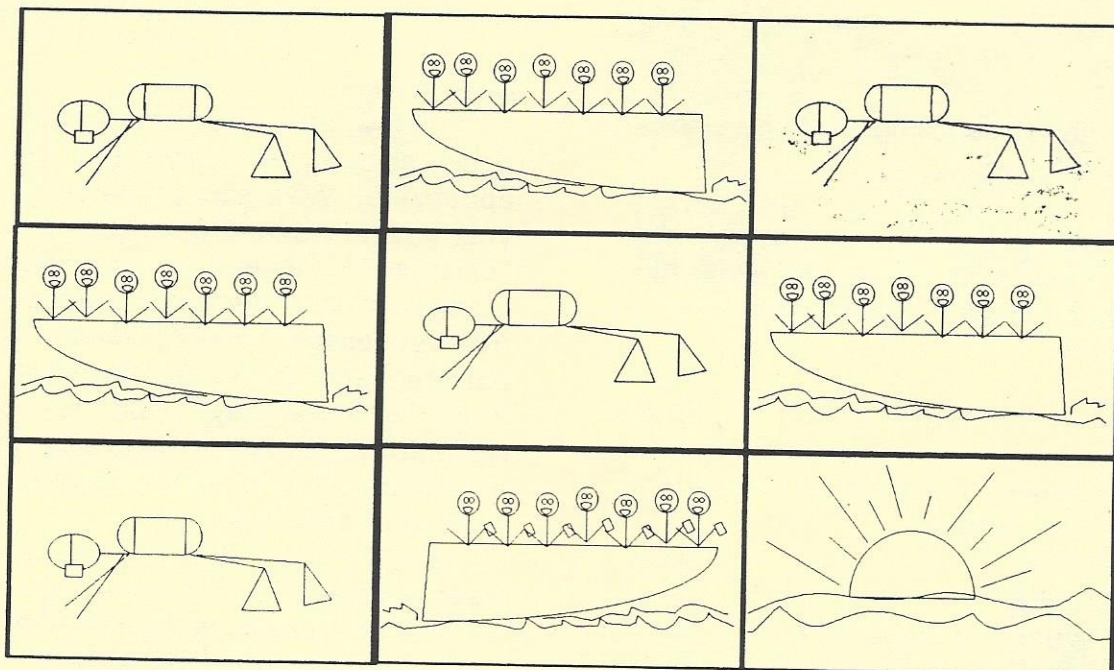
I suggest you begin the dive by descending the anchor line. During the remainder of the dive always keep the anchor line within sight. When you finish the dive just go back up the anchor line...the boat is usually very close by.

Send your questions to "Dear Krabby", C/O The Sea Divers, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

To Begg or Not to Begg....

Ah...that's the question we attempted to answer in the early morning hours of Saturday, August 21st. Mickey, as captain danced across the rock-n-rollin' Pacific to provide us with one of those patented Wild Wave rides we all know and love so much. Needless to say, with the ocean being uncooperative, Begg was out of the question. We did however, manage to arrive safe and somewhat sound on the west end of San Nicolas Island.

A recent exhaustive and strictly scientific survey which consisted primarily of asking a couple of the other club executives, revealed that very few members actually read their newsletters thoroughly. Oh sure, a couple of you glance at "Dear Krabby", the inevitable quotes or the list of upcoming dives but it is a very small group that actually read these articles discussing the dive trips or other club business. Now at this point the select few of you that actually read the newsletter are anticipating some Pulitzer Prize type of detailed reporting on each and every one of the dives that day at San Nick. Just this once, for the majority who either through apathy or illiteracy find reading actual printed words too burdensome I have prepared the write up of the San Nick dive in comic book form. It went something like this:



-KD

SHARK ENCOUNTER PHOTOGRAPHS

Several members have called to ask about copies of photographs taken of the Great White shark sighting on the 23-24 July 1993 CHARISMA trip. I have viewed approximately thirty photographs which fall into three main groups: 1) full length shots of the shark severely distorted by surface waves; 2) longer range shots showing some of the shark (i.e., fins, etc.); and 3) remains of the victim sea lion. None in my mind provide the kind of single photograph we've been asked for. If anyone out there has one we haven't seen or believes my assesment is not accurate, please contact either Kathi or myself at (310) 370-1657.

AP

LESSONS LEARNED:

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO GO BACK IN THE WATER

. . . John Bohannon

I submitted an article to Skin Diver back in 1990 on how I managed to get a "bends" hit on a beach dive. After that incident, I resolved to clean up my act and be a more conservative diver. I have done a lot of diving since then and I now have over 1200 dives logged compared to the 200+ I had back in 1980. I also moved into what is now being called Technical Diving in 1985 when I began cavern and cave diving (after the proper training). I completed my Full Cave training in 1987 and since have done some advanced wreck diving and a good deal of deep diving. I'm not trying to brag, just pointing out that experience and stupidity are not mutually exclusive.

It's now July 1993 and I am going to Catalina Island for a nice, relaxing day of diving on the front side of the island aboard my favorite boat. I plan to try to harvest some rock scallops for a dinner I am hosting for an old friend. I have brought my doubles because I may get a chance to dive Ship Rock and there are a few scattered large scallops there, but they are below 100 feet. I am planning a decompression dive and having done at least ten in that location before, I have two Skinny Dippers with me as well as a Uwatec computer. On all my previous dives here, I have used just my Skinny Dippers and I have a great deal of confidence in them. I am aware that the algorithm in the Uwatec is more conservative than the one in the Dipper for a single deep dive; however, I plan to use the Dippers as my primary computer because I have been to 215' here with no problems. I am using independent regulators on each tank, a full gauge console on each regulator, three computers, two BCs with power inflators and I carry a set of tables in my BC pocket just in case. When I dive doubles I alternate air sources every 1000 PSI and I start up when I have 1000 PSI left in each tank or a 15' ceiling indicated on the computer, whichever comes first.

I luck out. Ship Rock is our first dive. The seas are flat and there is very little current. I gear up and proceed to the stern for the dive briefings. My entry and descent to 128' are uneventful and I begin to search for the elusive and wily rock scallop. Visibility is poor, maybe 30' at best, and I am not having a great deal of luck. I work the 110' to 125' range for about 10 minutes and then move up the wall and work the 90' to 100' range for a while. After about 10 to 15 more minutes at this level, I move up to the 80' to 90' range and continue my search. When I am down to 1000 PSI in each tank, I am three sallops short of my limit, but it is time to ascend. I begin a very slow ascent up the wall hoping to find some additional game. When I depart the 80' level, I note that the ceiling on my Dipper is 14'. No problem, the dive is going as planned except for the game.

I make my decompression stops well below the ceiling indicated on the computer so when I reach 30' I stop and wait until the ceiling on the computer says 10'. At that point I ascend slowly to 15' and remain there until the ceiling goes to 2' and then I go to 10' to wait for the computer to clear. When the Dipper clears, I have 56 minutes total dive time and 250 PSI remaining in each tank. I never even look at the Uwatec computer; I dive with these computers in combination so often that I know that it is still requiring me to stay at 10'. I am concerned that if I take an additional 5 or 10 minutes as a safety stop I might be causing others on the boat to wait for me. Not wanting to delay the dive day, I go to the surface and kick about 30 yards to the swim step. I would have delayed them a lot less if I had taken the safety stop.

I am back on the boat, have broken down and stowed my gear and am rigging a tank for the next dive when all hell breaks loose inside my head. I have severe disorientation and vertigo. I feel as if I am leaning 60 degrees to the right and 20 degrees back and everything seems to be blurry and spinning. I brace myself between the bulkhead and the rail and manage to get to the rear of the boat and call to Paul, the second skipper for help. When he reaches me I know I will be taken care of and allow myself to collapse on the engine hatch cover. In what seems an instant I am breathing pure O2 and being stripped out of my wet suit. Baywatch has been called and the Chamber alerted just as quickly.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to the crew of the Westerly and the L.A. County Baywatch team for doing all the right things and getting me the best emergency care anyone could hope for. I was in the decompression chamber at Catalina within 45 minutes. The volunteer crew at the Chamber was equally professional and caring and they also have my deepest gratitude.

After an 8-1/2 hour chamber ride, I am able to walk with assistance or by leaning on something solid. The doctor and I are flown by helicopter to County USC Medical Center where I am admitted and again receive excellent care. By the afternoon of the following day, I am able to walk unassisted but with a continuing balancing problem that leaves me looking like a drunk trying to walk a straight line. The diagnosis is an inner ear vestibular "bends hit." I am released from the hospital and continue to improve slowly. I have scheduled follow-up examinations but at the time of this writing I still don't know if I'll ever be able to dive again.

So what did I learn?? Well, nothing I didn't already know, but this sure drove the point home. If you are going to do a deep or long duration dive that puts you close to the limits of your computer or the tables:

1. TAKE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE MINUTE SAFETY STOP AT 10 OR 15 FEET; IF YOU HAVE THE AIR, TAKE 10 MINUTES
2. IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE 2 DIFFERENT BRANDS OF COMPUTERS WITH YOU, LOOK AT BOTH OF THEM AND GO WITH THE MOST CONSERVATIVE ONE!

... AND OFF TO SAN MIGUEL WE GO!!

A check of past newsletters shows that the last time we made San Miguel on the PEACE was September 1991. Needless to say, our hopes were high for success on the September 1993 trip as 1) we're due, and 2) the weather looked great!! We left the dock with an almost full load of Sea Divers in the early AM of Friday. By dawn we were immediately south of Gull Island heading into the Santa Cruz Channel and towards Santa Rosa. We anchored in Johnson's Lee at about 7:30 AM with divers hitting the water about 7:40 AM. This first dive was to 70 feet with good visibility at 40-50 feet, a slight but noticeable current and 65 degree water. The spot yielded several just legal red abalone and a few good shots for the underwater photo competition participants.

For dive two we moved about 3/4 mile east into 50 feet of almost identical water to dive one. Several really nice reefs were in the area dotting a few more red abs and a smattering of scallops. Great for photophiles also. After looping aroundwest to South Point, we eventually settled at a spot another mile east of the second dive. Water conditions deteriorated with visibility down to 20-25 feet, as was the case with the fourth dive just east of dive number two.

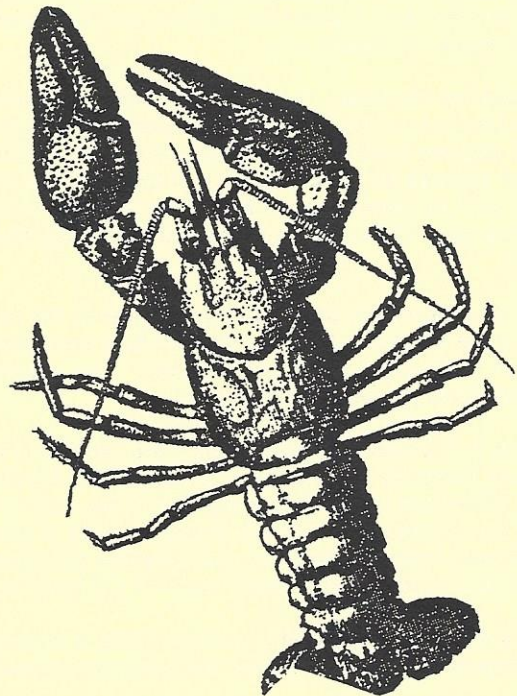
By now we were into the early to mid-afternoon period having rested for lunch. The consensus was to take a peak at the crossing to San Miguel. The difference between east of South Point and west of South Point was incredible. Calm to very windy with huge swells and chop. We ran maybe one mile before turning around and heading back to the relative calm just inside South Point.

We anchored in about 50 feet of 20-30 foot visibility water which was also a little surgy. The area had some nice reefs which yielded several red abs and some nice scallops. By now most of the gametakers had a limit of abalone and a partial limit of scallops. The photophiles were also well into their rolls of film. We moved back into Johnson's Lee anchoring for the last two dives -- number six in daylight and number seven a night dive at about 8:30 PM. Neither dive yielded much other than "time in water."

A little after 5:00 AM Saturday, PEACE engines were fired up to make another run at the still elusive San Miguel. Rounding South Point it was immediately obvious that the ocean had laid down significantly in the preceding 12-14 hours. In fact, rough did not set in until we cleared the protection of Sandy Point on the northwest tip of Santa Rosa. By the time we anchored in 45 feet of water north of Cardwell Point, San Miguel, the wind was blowing hard and the day was dark and gloomy.

Visibility was a whole 3-5'; the boat was swinging all over the place; the surface was full of wind-blown spray and flapping kelp and the sun was nowhere to be seen -- other than that, it was a perfect spot with abalone everywhere I was first in and first out with a whole 8 minutes of bottom time, but with two nice juicy red abalone. Bingo! Now for the scallops. Surprisingly, Mike R and company decided to head into the slop with Cuyler Harbor and Prince Island as our destination. We wanted San Miguel and we got San Miguel!! We finally tucked in REAL close on the lee side of Prince Island. Diving was surprisingly pleasant with 30-50 foot visibility -- dependent on depth and how far individuals went around the island. Swells and current were minimal and water temperature in the mid-60's at shallower depths. Deep it got cold!! Scallops and photography were the order. The determined of us limited on scallops by making two dives. Total dives for the two days was 10 for the hardy!! We pulled anchor at about 12:30 PM to begin the lengthy 5-1/2 hour run back to Ventura. The trip started out rolly and overcast but soon calmed down under clear skies. Nice!!

The food, as always, was outstanding with more than any human could consume. The hot tub got a nice workout as did the VCR! Boobies we had: Peter L for ladelling breakfast gravy like soup; Kathy D for flooding her competition film on the very first dive; Steve G for losing his camera (it was recovered); and Nick (the deck hand) for blowing out TWO tank burst discs giving "hot fills." Nick won. Altogether two days of varied diving and we made San Miguel. Photo competition results will be announced, along with a slide presentation of above and below water activities at the 2 November 1993 General Meeting at Petrelli's. See you all there!



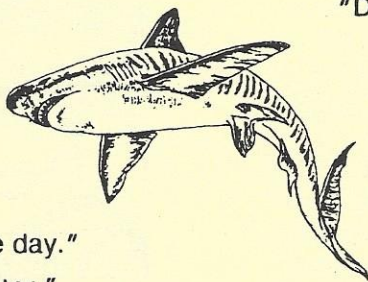
TWO DAY'S WORTH . . .

Thursday PM . . .

- "You're a piece of work, Dacey."
- "Delaney's the only guy I know who gets frequent flyer miles going to the Chamber."
- "P.C.O.D. - Now I like that."
- "A hot date. Are your hands restless?"
- "All this liberal stuff has screwed it all up."
- "Did you have a rental car to drop off?"
- "Seeing as how Peter just joined us, how about splitting the bill FIVE ways?"

Friday AM . . . to Friday PM

- "You've got two choices: quit diving or don't put your feet up!"
- "I know HOW to buddy dive."
- "Flooded everything - great start to the day."
- "Anything new for me has got to be better."
- "At my age I've tried just about everything."
- "Radar ears . . . !"
- "I may get bent, but I don't get broke."
- "I couldn't leave it alone so I really screwed it up."
- "Well that really sucked."
- "Would she lead you astray? . . Naw!!"
- "You can turn around now and have 'em bitch now, or you can turn around in 30 minutes and have 'em bitch in 30 minutes!"
- "You could always blend it."
- "Those two are the buddy pair from the home!"
- "God, how much more cow is he putting on that grill?"
- "We're both single tonight."
- "Doesn't anyone rip up your notes?"
- "Excuse my fingers."
- "First time it's ever done that."
- "Here's a lady peddling her candies."
- "A cook with an attitude."
- "Looks like a major bubble bomb dropped."



. . . Saturday!

- "Well, we're here."
- "You wanted San Miguel, you got San Miguel!"
- "No! No! It's gravy, not soup!!!"
- "It was like looking for lost treasure."
- "Balmy, oh, balmy."
- "Best free trip I've ever had."
- "We heard this uproar in the galley and thought maybe he lost his lunch in there."
- "Well that's attractive!"
- "Did I ever tell you about my pneumatic ab iron?"



WILD WAVE QUOTES . . .

- "Twenty people, no clothes, in a Pontiac . . . the possibilities are mind boggling."
- "Her cleavage was longer than my legs."
- "Stealth dicks . . . grand canyon."
- "Love at first bop."
- "I like that one."
- "Sheepshead . . . hillbillies with fangs."
- "The directions say to take one or two, but go ahead and take a whole handful."
- "I go both ways but I stay on one side of the street."
- "That's Begg Rock at extreme low tide."
- "You have to think like an abalone."
- "As a woman, that should be easy to do, parts of me look like an abalone."
- "If you're gonna screw the other guys you might as well sleep down in the bunk room."
- "I've had worse dives."
- "Is that how you judge your restaurants?"

JUST ANOTHER TYPICAL SEA DIVER EPISODE!!

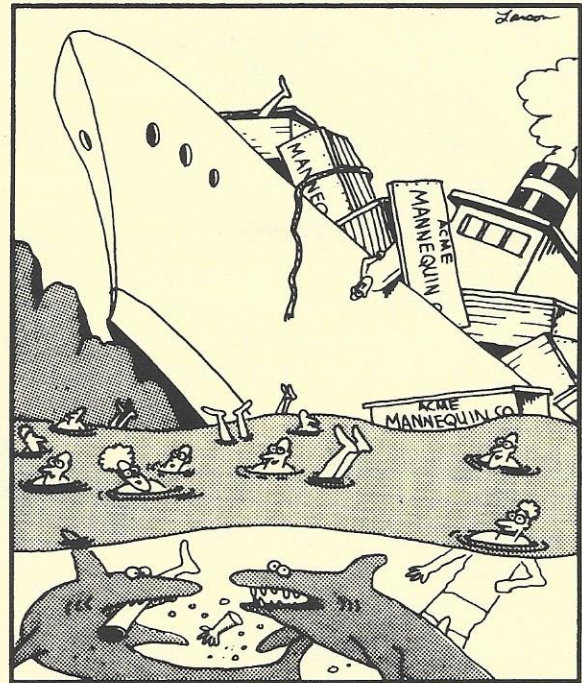
Due to conflicting schedules for Phil B -- the leader (!?) of this affair -- the small boat dive was moved forward from 25 to 18 September 1993. Four boats and about 10 to 12 divers participated. The boats were Phil B's SHELL GAME; Don M's LUCY SUE; Carl B's HOT SPOT, and AP/KLMs' CELERITY.

The power boats were already anchored near the wreck of the AVALON off Palos Verdes by the time we anchored in CELERITY -- the only sail boat -- at about 10:45 AM. The weather was just perfect -- no wind, hot sun, some swells, and a great day ahead.

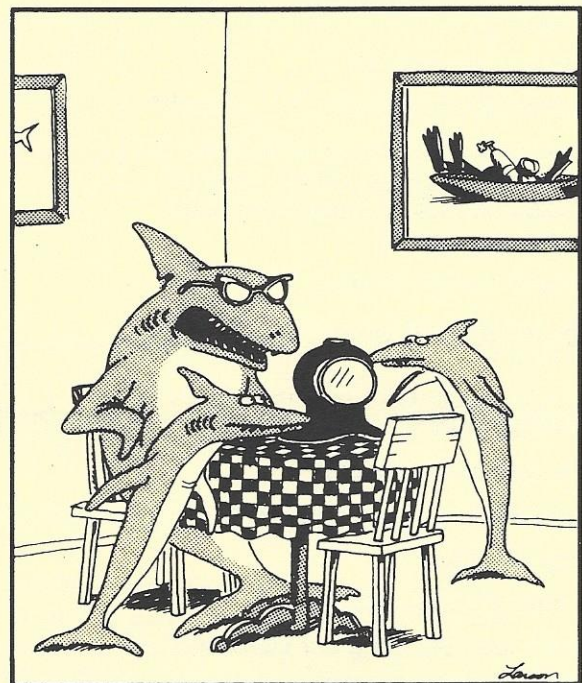
So what happened then? Well, first off, Phil B's small current line kept insisting on floating back and forth under our boat -- even after we tried to shear it off when we anchored!!? Then Ms. Dacey Ms-read her compass, surfacing 500 yards down current!!? As she was "my diver" I had to haul up 100 feet of line, chain and anchor MANUALLY, while avoiding Phil's current line yet again and coping with sickening swells and the night before's excesses!!? Picking up Ms. Dacey completed, we motored slowly past the others over to Rocky Point, where we turned off the engine; raised the main; lashed down the tiller; broke out the bagels and cream cheese, etc., and settled down with a Bloody Mary apiece. And there we remained just flip-flopping about going nowhere on a beautiful day for the next three plus hours. Great stuff!!?

Meanwhile back at the dive sites things went along smoothly through essentially two dives apiece until departure time. Details are not clear, but it appears that Don M's boat -- accidentally in gear -- hit the rear of Phil B's boat, customizing the rear rail assembly while adding a "partial kill" notch to the bow of Don M's boat??! Also, Don M's anchor AND Carl B's anchor would not budge so Peter L (Mr. Rebreather) dove in to loosen off both.

We cruised back into the harbor at about 3:45 PM after sailing part way and motoring the rest. SHELL GAME and LUCY SUE were rafted up opposite the Portofino. We elected to take CELERITY into the dock and to join the others via rubber duck. We "provisioned up" the duck and headed for the raft up. Surprise! SHELL GAME and LUCY SUE were already heading in. Apparently Don M's thrust at a MAJOR party had failed -- although wasn't that Don M standing with bicycle in hand at 9:00 AM Sunday at the corner of Beryl and North Harbor!!? Back on CELERITY we did our own thing finally closing up after barbeque, etc., at about 9:00 PM. Just another typical Sea Diver day . . . !!?



"What is this? ... Some kind of cruel hoax?"



"C'mon, c'mon! You two quit circling the table and just sit down!"



THE SEA DIVERS 6TH ANNUAL UNDERWATER
PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST & POTLUCK

SUNDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1993

Test your underwater dexterity at the 6th (in recent times) Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest being held on Sunday, 31 October, at White Point (Issei Cove). The fun will begin at 10:00 AM and all entries must be on display for judging by 1:00 PM. The grand prize for the winning pumpkin is a single-day trip on an upcoming Sea Diver boat trip. In order to help the club treasury, an entry fee of \$5.00 will be requested.

A potluck will follow the contest. The Sea Divers will provide snacks, hot dogs and drinks. Family and friends are welcome. Please plan to bring a potluck dish of your choice to add to the post-diving activities. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Bennett at (310) 648-7077 (work). In order to plan refreshments for the event, please let Kathleen know if you'll be attending and how many will be in your group.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, 30 OCTOBER 1993

7:30 PM UNTIL ???



LIVE MUSIC
CASH & PRIZES
DOOR PRIZES



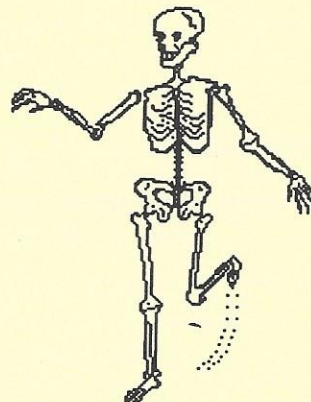
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FREE BUFFET

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230 N. AVIATION
MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266
(310) 372-2772



THE SEA DIVERS
1ST ANNUAL AUCTION

***** DATE CHANGED TO 7 DECEMBER 1993 *****

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS;
WE NEED YOUR BID!

HERE IS YOUR BIG OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE CLUB TREASURY!

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE 7 DECEMBER 1993 GENERAL MEETING

CONTACT: CARL BARTOSCH (219-0022), AUTIONEER OR THE SEA DIVERS

What is the AUCTION? It is where YOU donate a service or an item, someone bids on it and pays for it and THE SEA DIVERS get the proceeds.

What kind of service can I offer? The following is a SAMPLE list of items or services which can be donated; your imagination is the only limiting factor.

1 HR MASSAGE FOR A LADY (MAN)
4 HOURS LANDSCAPING
8 HOURS OF BABYSITTING
BEACH BADMINTONSET
BLOOD CHEMISTRY PANEL
BOTA BAG
BROWNIES (not the girl type)
CAMPFIRE CORN POPPER
CAMPING TRIP
CAR SURVIVAL KIT
CATALINA LUNCH
COMEDY MAGIC CLUB
COMPLETE TAX RETURN
DAY FISHING TRIP
DAY SAILING
DAY SCUBA DIVING TRIP
DINNER AT A RESTAURANT

DINNER AT YOUR HOME
DODGER GAME TICKETS
FLASHLIGHT SET
FRISBEE
GOLF LESSONS
GOURMET DINNER
HAND WAX OF A CLEAN CAR
HOLLYWOOD BOWL CONCERT
ITALIAN DINNER FOR 3-4 PERSONS
MANICURE/PEDICURE
MOONLIGHT DINNER FOR A LADY (MAN)
PICNIC DINNER
POTTED PLANTS
SKIING LESSONS
TECH ASSISTANCE FOR COMPUTERS
WEEKEND LODGING AT BIG BEAR
WEEKEND LODGING IN MAMMOTH
ETC., ETC., ETC.

LIST AUCTION ITEM(S) ON THE FORM BELOW AND FORWARD TO THE SEA DIVERS. WE WILL PUBLISH THE LIST IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER AND HAVE THE AUCTION AT THE 5 OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING. THE REST WILL BE HISTORY.

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER (____) _____

ITEM(S) DONATED _____

MAIL TO:

THE SEA DIVERS
P.O. BOX 2415
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278

1993-94 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE *	BOAT	LOCATION
93-11	FRI/SAT	29/30 OCT	CORTES BANK/SAN CLEMENTE (BACK)	\$165	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
92-12	SAT	20 NOV	SANTA BARBARA	\$70	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
92-13	FRI/SAT	10/11 DEC	SANTA ROSA/SANTA CRUZ	\$175	PEACE	VENTURA
94-1	SAT	8 JAN	CASTLE ROCK/SANCLEMENTE (BACK)	\$75	ENCORE	22ND STREET
94-2	SAT	12 FEB	SAN NICOLAS	\$75	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
94-3	SUN	13 MAR	SANTA BARBARA	\$70	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
94-4	SAT	9 APR	SHIP ROCK/CATALINA (WEST END)	\$65	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
94-5	FRI/SAT	13/14 MAY	SAN MIGUEL/SANTA CRUZ CHANNEL	\$175	PEACE	VENTURA
94-CS	WED	18 MAY (??)	CHAMBER DAY 6/CATALINA (FRONT)	\$59 **	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
94-6	SAT	4 JUN	PYRAMID COVE/SAN CLEMENTE (FRONT)	\$75	ENCORE	22ND STREET
94-7	FRI/SAT	22/23 JUL	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC/SANTA BARBARA	\$175	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
94-8	SAT	20 AUG	BEGG ROCK	\$80	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
94-9	FRI/SAT	9/10 SEP	SAN MIGUEL	\$175	PEACE	VENTURA
94-SB	SAT	18 SEP	PALOS VERDES	\$10 **	SMALL BOATS	KING HARBOR
94-10	SAT	7 OCT	SAN NICOLAS	\$75	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
94-11	FRI/SAT	28/29 OCT	CORTES BANK/SAN CLEMENTE (BACK)	\$165	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
94-12	SAT	12 NOV	SANTA BARBARA	\$70	WILD WAVE	CABRILLO MARINA
94-13	FRI/SAT	9/10 DEC	SANTA ROSA/SANTA CRUZ/ANACAPA	\$175	PEACE	VENTURA

* Prices are all inclusive (air, food and beverages). Non-members add \$10 for single day and \$15 for two-day dives.
 ** Does not include air, food and beverages!

Wild Wave - Cabrillo Marina

South on Harbor freeway, left on Gaffey, left on 22nd Street, right on Via Cabrillo Marina and follow all the way to the end, turning off the mini-traffic circle onto Whaler's Walk and go to far end of parking lot. Boat is at the end of the walkway at Berth 31.

Charisma/Encore - 22nd Street Landing

South on Harbor freeway, left on Gaffey, left on 22nd Street, down the hill and park in designated areas.

Peace - Ventura Marina

North on Ventura freeway to Victoria Ave. in Ventura. Turn left onto Victoria and continue to Olivas Park Drive. Turn right and continue all the way down toward the beach and across Harbor Drive; go to the left on to Spinnaker Drive. Look for Milano's Italian Restaurant and turn right into the parking area. If you get to the end of Spinnaker, turn around and take the second left. Park adjacent to the berth (Slip #20) to unload, then park overnight in the last row adjacent to Spinnaker Drive.

DIVE BOAT POLICY

A club member may, but is not required to, have a boat deposit on file with the club. A club member may make a reservation on an upcoming dive as follows:

- A) Unconfirmed reservations may be made for any boat dive at any time. To confirm a reservation, payment in full must be received.
- B) For single day dives, divers holding an unconfirmed reservation will be called 3 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 15 days prior to the dive to be confirmed. Dive boat deposits will be considered as payment in full.
- C) For two day dives, divers holding unconfirmed reservations will be called 5 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 30 days prior to the dive to be confirmed. Dive boat deposits may be used as part of the payment in full.
- D) If payment in full is not received by the deadline, the diver may be replaced by a wait listed diver who has paid in full.

Any reservation may be cancelled two weeks prior to a dive with a full refund. Cancellations will not be accepted within two weeks prior to the dive unless a diver holding a reservation can sell or transfer their reservation to another qualified diver. The dive reservationist will assist in this process, but is not responsible for providing paying alternates. When confirmation is received by the dive boat reservationist that a cancelling diver is being replaced by another qualified diver, the replacement diver is then fully responsible for the cost of the dive.

If a diver has a deposit on file with the club and uses that deposit to secure a reservation on a boat dive, he may not use that deposit to secure additional dives until he has paid the club for the first dive. Two years after a diver has ceased to be a member of the club, his unclaimed dive boat deposit will be forfeited to the club. Only Sea Diver club members and members of other selected clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to one month before a scheduled boat dive. Partial refunds from 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 make checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS and mail to:

THE SEA DIVERS
 P.O. Box 2415
 Redondo Beach, CA 90278
 (213) 370-1657

* Please include date of last dive for each diver.

OCTOBER 1993

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October 5
October 8
October 14
October 24
October 29/30
October 30
October 31

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Boat Dive, San Nicolas - WILD WAVE
Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Shibaraku Restaurant
King Harbor Clean-Up
Boat Dive, Cortes Banks - WILD WAVE
Petrelli's Halloween Party - 7:30 PM
Beach Dive, Pumpkin Carving - White Point

NOVEMBER 1993

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November 2
November 11
November 20

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Shibaraku Restaurant
Boat Dive, Santa Barbara - WILD WAVE

DECEMBER 1993

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December 7
December 10/11
December 16
December/January
(TBD)

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Boat Dive, Santa Rosa/Santa Cruz - PEACE
Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Shibaraku Restaurant
Holiday Party - TBD

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