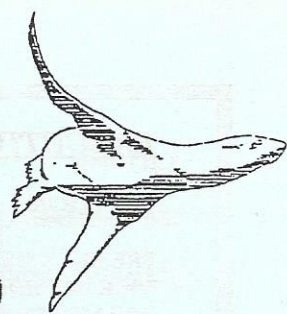




THE SEA DIVERS



FROM THE EXECUTIVE AT YEAR END

We began the year seeing the impact of our Southern California economic woes -- particularly in the aerospace industry of which many of belong (or belonged) to. Financially we were "hanging on" and we had seen our membership erode some 20% or so. We close out the year on one positive note -- we are still around!!

Our year was actually quite successful. We succeeded with ALL of our boat charters and pulled of all of our beach dives with the exception of the Pumpkin Carving Contest which was the Sunday following our Cortes Bank two-day! Membership has remained essentially steady and our treasury is about where it was a year ago which is OK, but not "flush" by any stretch of the imagination. The Executive Committee and others have worked very hard this year to make a few extra bucks where we could and to save on our operating expenses whenever practical. 1994 will be just as difficult as the world around us continues to struggle. The whole diving community is "hanging on" -- just look at the OPEN BOAT listings on the dive boat calendars!!

As you will see from the report in this newsletter the 2nd Annual Clean-up at King Harbor was another huge success -- this event alone took a tremendous amount of energy from our clean-up committee and the Execs. My thanks to all who participated; without your support we would be nowhere!!

In summary, we're alive and well and have a full schedule fo events for 1994. Stick with us and give us your full support -- that's the best "Thank You" the Executive Committee receives. DIVE! DIVE! DIVE! -- the water is nice this year!

AP

**JOIN US AT PETRELLI'S ON TUESDAY, 4 JANUARY 1994 FOR OUR FIRST
MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR.**

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

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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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THERE ARE BIG ONES ON THE BACKSIDE

8 JANUARY (Saturday)

SAN CLEMENTE (BACKSIDE)/CASTLE ROCK

ENCORE

MEMBERS \$75

(INCLUDES GALLEY AND AIR))

NON-MEMBERS \$85

Boarding: 8:00 PM

Departure: 1:00 AM

LOBSTER season continues with our first single day dive in 1994 on the ENCORE (a change from CHARISMA) out of 22nd Street Landing. Our dive plan is to head down the backside of SAN CLEMENTE into the BUG condominiums and see if we can persuade some of them onto the boat for the cruise home later. We know there are many bugs in the area and at least a few of the large variety; Dan P and Kathy D can attest to that!! The infamous 3-3/16 syndrome has produced at least one year's crop of now legal BUGS (right?!).

The diving is typically extremely pleasant with a wide variation of underwater topography and depths from 0 to 80 feet. Some of the reefs support purple hydrocoral and other forms of sea life providing excellent opportunities for PHOTOGRAPHY. Visibility is usually good to excellent due to the volcanic nature of the ocean bed and is typically higher in the winter months. Kelp beds and the reef structures provide a home for a variety of FISH and SCALLOPS.

Our final dive of the day will be in the CASTLE ROCK area which will provide an excellent "top off" for the day with the area's really beautiful reefs and marine life.

This dive is suitable for all skill levels (ocean conditions permitting); last year the diving at SAN CLEMENTE was outstanding. Call for early sign-up at (310) 370-1657. Kathi (McNally) will take your call. DON'T MISS THIS GREAT DIVE ON A BIG BOAT!!

Just About a Perfect Day

Our first bug dive of 1993 was our Friday affair 8 October 1993. With anticipation of a smooth run to San Nicolas, the "Wild Wave" with John P. as skipper, left Cabrillo Marina at 12:15 a.m. The ocean was almost flat with just an occasional swell of note and we arrived at the island just after 6:00 a.m. - dark! John P. elected to cruise around the West End, which can't be dived too often, thus delaying our first dive until about 7:00 a.m. - light! The first spot anchored us in about 80 feet of 80 to 100 foot visibility, clear, 64°F water about two miles off the island - not bad! A few bugs of legal age were sighted but were generally in oversized holes deep enough to thwart even the longest reach. Nice dive spot though with big calicos and sheephead just hanging around.

As we did last year, we then did a drift dive for a second attempt. This dive was on "the freeway" (a large spectacular flat freeway wide - and more -area). Again conditions were almost perfect with water to about 65 feet in depth. John D. pulled out a nice 5 pounder from an old rusty boiler. We then moved in close for our second drift dive. The water was warmer, dirtier and somewhat surgy with nary a bug to be seen. On the third dive we got in our major swim of the day!! Not too much drifting here.

We cruised all the way back to the middle of the north side of the island into the Alpha Area. Again we did the drift routine. The dive was 40 feet to shallow with rock outcroppings housing a goodly number of lobster colonies. Unfortunately, most of the inhabitants were under legal size. A few however were not, but difficult to nab. Visibility was not good at less than 20 feet. The fifth and final dive was in 50 feet of clear water much like the first two dives. Visibility was 50 to 60 feet and the reefs yielded about 18 lobster, most to the crew!! We left the island real late at after 2:00 p.m. anticipating an 8:00 p.m. docking at Cabrillo. The steaks, etc. were great as was the rest of the galley-fair. The crew under John P. did a super job and were out of their way to please, just adding immensely to the nicest weather day we could hope for. Certainly beat working!!

Boobies were not too apparent, nor was a monster potential award winning bug on board. There was one monster potential award winning booby - but it occurred in a different time frame...maybe someday it will be told?!?! (Typist's note...inquiring minds WANT to know!!)

A perfect day.

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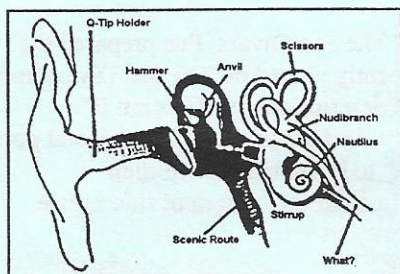
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1993-94 BEACH DIVE SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>FEATURE</u>	<u>KEY CONTACT</u>
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,

My spouse and I are expecting a baby soon. My question is, is it OK to dive while pregnant?

Prenatal Ponderer

Dear P²,

In case you didn't notice the name of the column is "Dear Krabby" not "Dr. Krabby" but, I'll take a shot at it anyway 'cuz if you don't know who I really am you can't sue me.

I'm absolutely positive that it's safe for you to dive during the pregnancy; your wife, on the other hand, might want to think about it a little more and get a real medical opinion.

Dear Krabby,

Why are some movements of the ocean called "swells"? I don't think they're swell at all, as a matter of fact they can make a boat ride quite uncomfortable.

Turnin' Green

Dear Churnin',

They're called "swells" because they occasionally make the contents of some peoples stomachs swell to such an extent that they have to be expelled in a particularly unattractive manner.

Dear Krabby,

Why do lobsters swim backwards?
Wrong Way

Dear W²,

Because they don't care where they're going, they want to see where YOU'RE going.

Dear Krabby,

I thought a tank was a tank was a tank, but no. I recently noticed that my buddy's tank sinks and yet mine floats. Why is that?

Archimedes

Dear Archie,

Did you ever notice that if you drop a nail in the water it sinks? Well, that's what your buddy's tank is made from...a giant hollowed out nail. And did you ever notice when you drop a beer can in the water (although I don't advocate littering in this manner) that it floats? Your tank is made from flattened out beer cans that have been connected and formed to make a bigger cylinder. You can usually tell the beer can tanks from the nail tanks because the beer can ones have been painted to hide all of the different beer manufacturers labels and the nail tanks are the same color as a nail.

Dear Krabby,

What is an angel shark?

Mensa Man

Dear M²,

It and your name are both examples of oxymorons.

Dear Krabby,

What's an electric ray?

M² Again

Dear Ox,

Redundant.

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

The Sea Divers Visit Santa Barbara Pop Quiz

To test your knowledge of the Island of Santa Barbara and the members of The Sea Divers, I've prepared the following quiz. "Column A" in the first portion of the quiz, lists the 5 dive sites recently visited by The Sea Divers and The Wild Wave on the 20th of November. These need to be matched with the brief descriptions in "Column B".

Since this trip had more than it's fair share of "boobies" (i.e. stupid acts, not the lactating type) the second portion of the test was prepared with the list of potential "boobie" candidates in "Column A" to be matched with their indiscretions in "Column B". The correct answers to both halves of the quiz are printed at the bottom of this article.

COLUMN A

1. Underwater Arches
2. Webster's Point
3. East side of Shag Rock
4. Under the Light
5. Sea Lion Rookery

COLUMN B

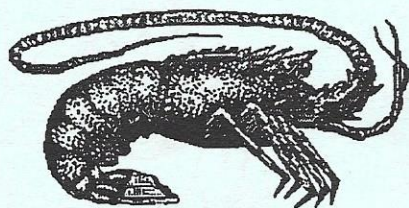
- A. Shallow, 15 foot visibility, very heavy kelp, bugs deep inside kelp; north side of island
- B. No arches to be found, 40 feet visibility, no bugs, northwestern area of island
- C. Two dozen juveniles acted as a greeting committee, 3-4 dozen "friends" to play with during the dive, shallow water
- D. Good lobster terrain, 50 foot ledge with drop-off to 90+ feet, 62° water temp.
- E. Bugs under ledges, heavy kelp, 20 foot visibility, school of yellowtail sighted.

COLUMN A

6. Kathy D.
7. Dan P.
8. Michael B.
9. Kathleen B.
10. Jim M.
11. Fred S.
12. Teresa B.
13. Mickey P.
14. Jelly B.
15. Faisal H.

COLUMN B

- F. Flooded light
- G. Left gloves at home
- H. Broken snorkel keeper; flooded light; AWOL check
- I. \$55 ticket for unloading in "No Parking" zone; went to 90 feet on fourth dive, claimed to fill bag full of bugs found in a cave but only returned with one "squeaker" (obviously, narcosis/hallucinations had set in)
- J. Left bar-b-que grill at Cabrillo landing
- K. Locked skipper in the engine room
- L. Broken fin strap; wrong-way navigation resulted in Olympic swim back to boat; proclaimed knife lost after 2nd dive but, found it on bench (it was never put on!)
- M. Brought two left handed gloves.
- N. Flooded light, AWOL check.
- O. \$55 ticket for unloading in a "No Parking" zone.



GREAT - Even at \$30,000 per Pound

Our two day to Cortes Banks was spectacular! "Wild Wave" left Cabrillo Marina just before midnight and arrived in the Cortes area a little after 7:30 a.m.

The first dive was in 70 feet of 100 foot visibility; calm; no current; 64°F water - no kidding - and within 5 minutes I had my first bug (EVER!) . Calculation suggests that as a one pounder or so it cost me \$30,000 a pound. Bugs were not plentiful however, as was to be the case for most of the trip. The second and third dives were in similar conditions with 60 foot depth on the second and 50 feet on the third. A few bugs were bagged in each case. The third dive also provided some divers with a nice viewing of a large sea turtle. The fourth dive was on the "high spot" adjacent to the wreck of the "Abalonia". Although the water was somewhat surgy, visibility was still a good 30 to 40 feet. Nice fish in this area.

Our run back to overnight at San Clemente was just beautiful with a flat ocean enhanced by virtually clear skies and warm sun. We anchored in real close at Eel Point, about mid-way along the backside of the island. The fifth dive of the first day was made at the anchorage in about 40 feet of calm, clear water as a night dive. Seven divers made the dive, believing in the nocturnal lobster feeding theory. All the kids were out but mom and dad were nowhere to be seen!!

ANSWERS: 1) B, 2) E, 3) A, 4) D, 5) C, 6) L, 7) I, 8) O, 9) F, 10) K, 11) H, 12) N, 13) J, 14) M, 15) G

Barbecued dinner - steak, chicken and some fish was served - and eventually we all retired for a long lazy night's sleep. Engines were fired up at first light and we cruised north and west around the point out to the "four and a half fathom" spot, which is a rocky reef with small canyons interlacing. There were bugs everywhere! ALL little guys! The water was typically about 50 feet deep; 64°F; 60-70 feet of visibility; calm - great spot.

We moved a fair distance to the second dive spot inside West Cove near the northwest tip of the island. Nice, nice diving with conditions similar to dive one. Dan P. pulled out a nine and a half pounder from a small cave returning to the boat with stories of a larger but and similar others to be had in the caves. For the third dive, at the same spot, I headed off solo to the anticipated spot - none obvious. The Dan P. led group groped around amid huge clouds of bubbles but grandpa and friends were AWOL. Kathy D. however, did bag a nice five pounder.

The fourth and final dive was just west of Castle Rock and the surrounding reef structure. Nice dive but surprising little game of any kind in the area. A fifth dive was viable for those with bottom time and/or energy left for such an attempt. We pulled anchor and arrived back under nice calm and warm conditions arriving back at Cabrillo around 5:30 p.m.

We awarded two boobie prizes. Six were in contention:

Peter L. - jumping in with air turned off.

Roger S. - putting on a tank with no first or second stage.

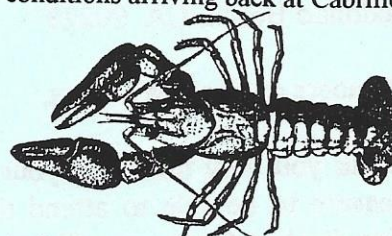
Mike B. - bringing up two short bugs.

Dan P. - lost Mike B's game bag, gage and lobster.

Hap K. - bringing up eight shorts.

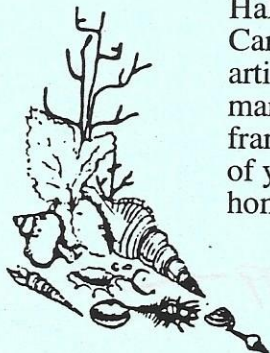
Pete K. - lost light; broke fin strap; lost top of virgin spear gun (twice!); dropped drink; spilled drink; cut himself; separated toe nail; out-lobstered by A.P.; brought bananas onto a boat (which probably explains all of the above).

Pete K. won - a shoe-in!! Hap K. received a runner up award and an explanation of game regulations. Great trip - lots of nice diving! The crew did an excellent job, especially considering the new compressor went kaput!



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December 17, 1993

Members of The Sea Divers
Attn: Allen Parker, President
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Members of The Sea Divers,

Thank you very much for your support of the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber program. It was a pleasure to be able to attend the Clean-up this year. The donation of \$5,000 generated by the King Harbor Clean-up will go far in helping us to continue serving the diving community. The Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber relies extensively on organizational contributions such as yours and individual contributions through the United Way, TRW's ECHO, and other programs. The generosity of The Sea Divers members with the Clean-up, Chamber Day participation, and the donations they generated, is greatly appreciated.

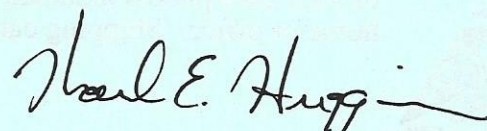
The Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber has served the diving community since 1974, when Los Angeles County contracted with USC to provide stand-by hyperbaric treatment capability for the region's diving casualties. These casualties include decompression sickness (the bends), air embolisms, and *hyper-acute diving casualties* (divers who are, or have been in, cardio/respiratory arrest as a result of a diving accident). Over the past 18 years the chamber, and its volunteer crew, has been utilized in nearly 700 treatments of diving casualties.

Another mission of the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber is education. Week long courses on Emergency Diving Accident Management and Emergency Response Diving are offered each year, as well as weekend seminars dealing with aspects of diver education and safety. These programs help to raise the awareness of the diving community, and hopefully reduce the need for our emergency services.

The contributions that we receive from individuals and organizations such as yours help insure that the Chamber has sufficient funds to continue its operation for, and service to, you - the diving community.

Thank you for your support in helping the entire diving community.

Sincerely,



Karl E. Huggins
Program Manager

"THE PRODIGAL RETURNS"

AS YOU ALL KNOW, I PROBABLY MADE A SLIGHT MARK ON SEA DIVER FUN HISTORY THE FIRST TIME I WENT TO CABO SAN LUCAS WITH THEM. ANY OF YOU THAT WERE AT THE MEETING SAW THE PICTURES WITH ME AND THE HORNS AND THE GREAT BIG IN-MEXICO SMILE AFTER A FEW OF THOSE SHOTS OF TEQUILLA. IT COULD HAVE BEEN SAID THE CONDITION I FOUND MYSELF IN WAS A RESULT OF TIREDNESS FROM DIVING TOO MUCH, BUT SINCE THE STORM PREVENTED US FROM GETTING TO THE SECOND DIVE, I CAN'T SAY I WAS OVERTAXED.

BASICALLY, I ENJOYED OUR FIRST TRIP. THE DIVING WAS SURPRISINGLY GOOD, THE CLIMATE PLEASANT AND OF COURSE CABO IN ITSELF IS A NICE PLACE TO PARTY OR GO SHOPPING. I KNEW, WITH OR WITHOUT SEA DIVERS THAT I'D HAVE TO RETURN IF ONLY TO DO THAT DIVE THAT I MISSED WHEN THEY CLOSED THE HARBOR WITH THE BIG STORM ON THE HORIZON.

YES, THE PRODIGAL DID RETURN, BUT THIS TIME THE SEAS WERE RELATIVELY CALM. NOT SO CALM THEY WERE EASY, BUT THEY WERE CALMER THAN THE LAST TIME.

I HAD ALREADY SET UP A DIVE WITH SOME DIVE SHOP WHO HAD SENT ME A COLORFUL BROCHURE. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS CONFIRM.

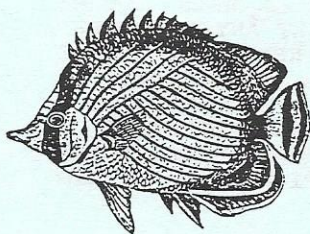
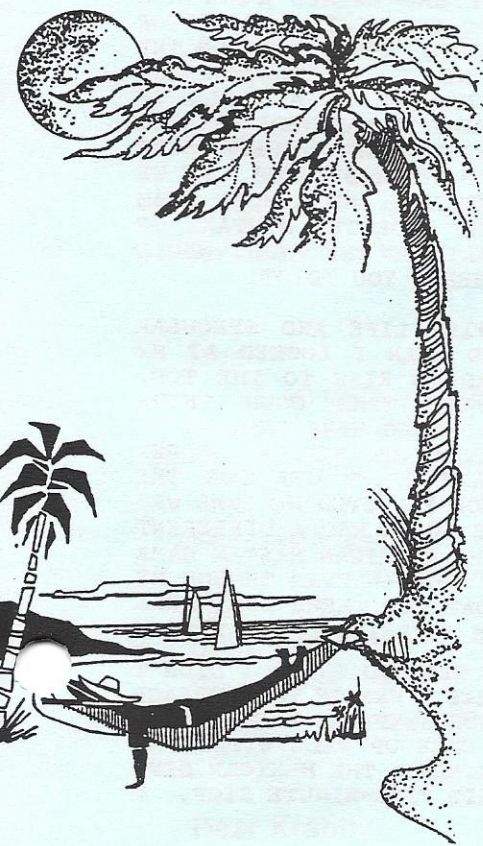
IT WAS EXCITING. MY BROTHER AND I, LIVING IN DIFFERENT STATES AFTER WE WERE BOTH CERTIFIED, HAD NEVER DOVE TOGETHER BEFORE AND WE WERE BOTH LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. MY BROTHER HAD BORROWED SOME EXCELLENT SCUBA GEAR FROM ONE OF HIS FELLOW PILOTS, SO HE WAS WELL PREPARED FOR OUR ADVENTURE. BUT FIRST WE HAD TO RELIVE THE EVENT I HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED -- THE GIGGLING MARLIN, SOME DANCING, SOME HANGING UPSIDE DOWN AND SOME REAL LIMITED DRINKING -- MY BUDDIES BEING TWO GIRLFRIENDS, A HUSBAND AND A BROTHER, WERE INSTRUCTED I COULD ONLY HAVE TWO DRINKS. I DID DO SOME GREAT DANCING. MANY OF THE FEMALES IN THE PLACE THIS TIME -- SOME BEING 10'S GRACED THE TOP OF THE BAR WITH THEIR FELINE MOVES IN SYNC TO THE RYTHM AS GREAT TUNES FLOWED ACROSS THE LOUD SPEAKER. PLACE HADN'T CHANGED MUCH, I THOUGHT AND I ENJOYED IT AS THOROUGHLY AS USUAL. I DID PUT MY SQUID ROE VISIT OFF TO ANOTHER NIGHT, SINCE MY DIVE SHOP ADVENTURE WOULD BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. IN TOWN WHERE I WAS NOT STAYING.

THE HARBOR ARRIVAL WAS AN EVENT. WE WERE JUST IN TIME TO SEE ALL THE FISHING BOATS GO OUT FOR ONE OF THEIR LAST DAYS IN THE CONTEST. AN ENDLESS STREAM OF CRAFTS OF ALL SIZES AND SHAPES MADE THEIR WAY TOWARD THE BREAKWATERS AND MOVED OFF TOWARD THEIR POSITIONS IN THE CONTEST. THE DAY WAS GORGEOUS, THE SEA FLAT AND IT WAS WARM WITH A TINY BREEZE, JUST RIGHT FOR THE SAND WARMERS. BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT LUXURY THAT DAY.

WE WERE TOLD THE CABO PULMO DIVE SITE WAS A WAYS OUT OF TOWN, ABOUT 2 1/2 HOURS, AND AS WE PROCEEDED ALONG IN OUR VAN, WE TOOK IN THE GREENERY AND HAD A FREE TOUR OF WHAT CABO IS REALLY LIKE. IT'S REAL PRETTY, I'LL SAY THAT. I COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE DIVING WAS LIKE.

WE HIT THE BEACH, MOVED UP TO A SHANTY-TYPE DIVE ESTABLISHMENT WITH A FEW FLIPPERS AND MASKS HANGING ON WALLS AND PICKED UP OUR DIVE MASTER -- OR MADE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN. IT WAS ONLY A FEW STEPS FROM THERE TO THE SMALL BOAT. OF COURSE, THERE WAS NO DOCK OR LAUNCHING AREA. THE WAVES SEEMED MODERATE, SO WE WERE ABLE TO EASILY BOARD AND SET OFF FOR OUR DIVE DESTINATION AFTER PUSHING THE BOAT INTO THE WATER MANUALLY.

OUR MEXICAN MASTER DID CHANGE THE TERMS OF THE DIVE AND TOLD US DUE TO CONDITIONS THAT OUR 65 FOOT DIVE HAD BEEN CHANGED TO 100 FEET IF THAT WAS AL RIGHT BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS. MY BROTHER AGREED HE WOULD TRY IT AND SEEMED TO HAVE NO QUALMS SO WE PROCEEDED TO THE RECOMMENDED AREA. OF COURSE, HE HADN'T BEEN DIVING IN SEVERAL YEARS, BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO AN EASY SPOT -- BETTER THAN THAT 120 FEET WRECK THEY WERE DOING IN TOWN. OR SO I THOUGHT.





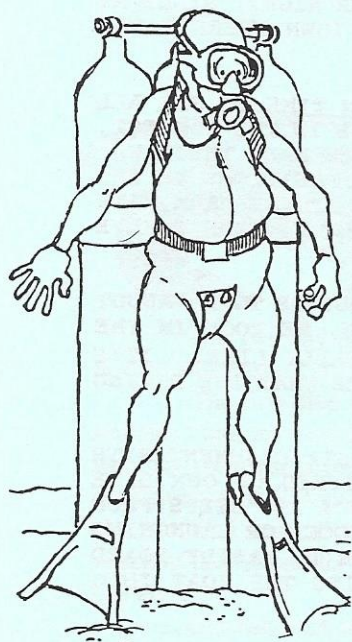
"I'm sure there's a regulator here somewhere."

WE WERE DRIFT DIVING, AND I FELT CONFIDENT THE BOAT HANDLER WHO WAS ALSO ALONG WITH US WAS COMPETENT. NOTHING LIKE DOING A DRIFT DIVE AND FINDING YOU'RE TRYING TO STAY OUT FROM UNDERNEATH THE BOAT. HE SEEMED REAL GREAT THOUGH, SO WE MADE OUR FIRST APPROACH AND ENTERED THE WATER.

IT WASN'T A REAL TOUGH ENTRY, BUT MY RIGHT EAR WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT THE SURGE. I WENT DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE AND STILL HAD TROUBLE CLEARING, A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO ME. MY BRO SEEMED FINE AND COMFORTABLE WITH HIS RATHER WELL-FITTING BC AND NEWISH REGULATOR AND IMMEDIATELY SWAM WITH OUR MEXICAN DIVE GUIDE COMPLETELY ON THE BOTTOM. IT LOOKED LIKE WE GOT HIS WEIGHTS RIGHT. NO FLOUNDERING AROUND THERE. I DID CLEAR AND JOINED EVERYONE IN A WORLD OF LAVENDAR -- SHELVES AND SHELVES OF IT. I THINK IT WAS HERE WE ALSO SAW THE GIGUNDO GROUPER, SCHOOL OF AT LEAST EIGHT, THEIR SIZE ANYONE'S GUESS. THEY WERE SMALLER THAN ME, BUT NOT BY MUCH. AS WE WENT ALONG ONE OF THEM WAS NOT PAYING ATTENTION AND ALMOST SWAM DIRECTLY INTO THE AMERICAN DIVE MASTER, WHO MADE THE MISTAKE OF BLOWING OUT HIS AIR AT THE WRONG TIME, STARTLING THE FISH, WHOSE EXPRESSION SEEMED TO SAY, WHAT AM I DOING HERE, YOU IDIOT.

ALL AND ALL, GREAT DIVE WITH PLENTIFUL FISH LIFE AND SPECULAR SCENERY. HOWEVER, I WAS NOT REAL PLEASED WHEN I LOOKED AT MY COMPUTER AND DECIDED TO INFORM THEM WE HAD TO RISE TO THE TOP. THEY SEEMED TO BE WILLING TO SPEND MORE TIME DOWN THERE EFFORTLESSLY SWIMMING ALONG WHEN I KNEW MY TABLES WERE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE RED ZONE, AND I KNEW MY BROTHER WAS DEEPER THAN I. WE HAD JOKED ABOUT KNOCKING EACH OTHER OFF FOR THE INSURANCE, BUT THIS WAS RIDICULOUS, AND I NOW INSISTED WE COME UP. I COULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD IF THE MEXICAN DIVE GUIDE HAD A DIFFERENT COMPUTER, BUT HE HAD THE EXACT SAME ONE. THE AMERICAN MASTER CAME UP AND SUBTLELY ASKED WHY WE HADN'T DONE A STOP -- EVEN THOUGH HE HAD NOT HUNG OUT A ROPE AND THERE WAS A BOAT OUT THERE SOMEWHERE AND A CURRENT. I ALSO HAVE A GREAT AVERSION TO BEING LOST AT SEA.

I TOLD HIM THAT HE HADN'T MENTIONED HE HAD PLANNED ONE. I DIDN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN THAT, AND FELT HAPPY THAT I WAS ON THE SURFACE IN THE BOAT. I DESCRIBED TO MY BROTHER BENDS SYMPTOMS EVEN THOUGH HE APPEARED TO HAVE NONE. EVEN THOUGH I CAME UP WELL WITHIN MY LIMIT, HE WAS DEEPER SO I DID HAVE SOME CONCERN. THE MEXICAN DIVE MASTER HAD SURFACED ON THE LINE EVEN WITH HIS FIVE-MINUTE STOP. I DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA.



ANYWAY, THE SECOND DIVE MADE AFTER MUCH BEACH TIME, WAS AS SPECTACULAR AS THE FIRST, THIS TIME ON AN EXTRA GORGEOUS REEF. IT WAS A LITTLE ROCKY GETTING DOWN THERE, SINCE THE CURRENT HAD PICKED UP. ALTHOUGH I WAS TOLD TO GO IN ON THE ANCHOR LINE AGAIN, WHEN I REACHED IT, THE FRONT OF THE BOAT HAD LIFTED ITSELF UP WAY OUT OF THE WATER AND WAS LURCHING, LEAVING THE TOP PIECE OF THE ANCHOR LINE OUT OF MY GRASP. THE PORTION NEAR ME WAS UNACCESSIBLE BECAUSE HAD I HELD ONTO IT, THE BOAT WOULD HAVE HIT ME IN THE HEAD. I DID MAKE A RUN FOR IT UNDERNEATH, BUT THE WEIGHT OF THE OTHER DIVERS CLINGING ONTO IT PULLED IT OUT OF MY REACH. I HELD OUT MY HAND FOR THE AMERICAN DIVE MASTER TO GRAB AND PULL ME ON IT, BUT HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. YOU SURE HAVE TO SWIM HARD, WHEN YOU'RE INAPPROPRIATELY WEARING SUMMER FLIPPER WEAR, TO GET ANYPLACE, BUT SINCE I WASN'T ABLE TO GET HELP, I PERSISTED AND REACHED THE LINE BEFORE BEING SWEEPED OFF.

THIS TIME, I KEPT A HAWKEYE ON MY GAUGES, BUT THE REEF SURPRISED US AND ENDED WAY BEFORE WE WERE OUT OF TIME SO THERE WAS NO CHOICE BUT TO SURFACE. THE BOAT, A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY, PICKED US UP AND SHUTTLED US BACK TO SHORE.

ALL IN ALL, I WAS PLEASED AS PUNCH WITH OUR ADVENTURE, BUT MORE TIRED THAN EXPECTED. I FELT EXPECTANT EYES UPON ME. I LOOKED BACK AT MY BROTHER, WHO LOOKED KNOWINGLY AT ME AND WINKED. I KNEW WHAT WAS ON HIS MIND: MAYBE JUST MAYBE WE HAD JUST ENOUGH STAMINA LEFT FOR A GIGGLING LAST DANCE.

DEE LAWRENCE

Quotes, Quotes and More Quotes

Santa Barbara Trip...

"I figure since most of the quotes are mine, I'll just make them up now."
"Where's the head?"
"I'M the head!"
"We were talking about the Bobbitt case."
"We're there only guys up here?"
"Yes."
"So, I guess you were all against it."
"Bobbitt-mania sweeps the country!"
"I don't think he'd function right with THREE of them!"
"If you start twitching on the way home, we'll just stop at the Isthmus and drop you off."
"There I was, blitzed on the lawn furniture and I dropped my pants!"

San Nicolas Trip...

...At John T's...

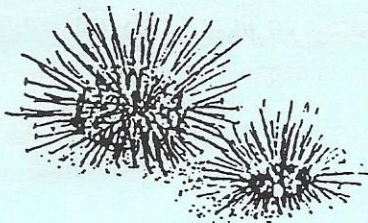
"October's a tough month"
"We saw your act in La Paz - Remember?"
"It doesn't suck, it really sucks!"
"That's one of those perfumed jobs"
"You order the 16 and I'll order the 32"
"Doesn't she realize we're already 'Hall of Foamers'?"
"I don't want to be accused of drinking your beer"
"Get a room! Get a room!"
"Well, that's me suitably pigged out for the night"
"There's no light in here, I can't hear you!"
"Just in case, I've got the champagne on ice"

...Diving.....

"I think I got the trots on Dacey's cookies"
"Where ARE we going?"
"Peter can breathe at this depth of 2 to 3 hours"
"Let's try Alpha, see if they chase us off"
"The compressor's fixed REAL good - I got almost 2800"
"Nice, nice, nice. Best diving this week"
"...looked like a freeway to me"

...and Post Diving.....

"There's a lot of getting old around"
"If I didn't think I'd get killed I'd jump right on her"
"I don't date single women"
"I'll take a practice nap"
"I'm going to get some quality snoring in tonight - with no one to listen - maybe I should turn on the recorder"
"Actually, I wasn't expecting guests in the head"



Cortes/Clemente Trip...

...Thursday PM...

"Now there's a quote I can use - it's new"
"Well, what did you offer her?"
"Not yet - The wife's still there with the hose"
"He's a pig, ignore him"
"I guess I've let off my 'Clean-Up' steam"

...First day at Cortes...

"The compressor caught fire first thing this morning"
"We must be in the Twilight Zone, Allen gets a bug, Paul gets a yellowtail on SCUBA with a pole spear and we made Cortes"
"NOW what can you brag about?"
"\$30,000 a pound -WOW!"
"You should have let him put it on without the second stage"
"Was that a boobie candidate?"
"I'm having a Parker-type day"
"Hey! Breathe more slowly so we can catch up with this compressor"
"Pete, you look like your going to pick up trash with that spear gun"
"You can call it what you want but I prefer to call it my girlfriend"
"What a day I'm losing gear like 'Ed' and catching bugs like Parker"
"UGH - that cabezon just ralphed up an octopus"
"He was SO surprised"
"HE was surprised, what about us?"
"The banana curse lives"
"You've got a lock on the boobie baby"
"The boys from the home are still out"
"The good news is he has a pound and a half of lobster, the bad news is he has eight of them"

...Second Day at San Clemente...

"It's a new day - no bananas"
"Whoever is in charge of weather is doing a great job"
"Mom and Dad lobster should be sued for child abandonment"
"I came over the top of this ledge and there was this giant underwater C.F."
"The banana curse lives"
"What mine weighs is not important"
"So will I finally see my name in the newsletter?"
"My worst weekend for game"

...and Riding Home...

"The sun is wherever it is"
"Well, that answers that"
"So much for calm - here comes the wind"
"How come we have less crap to take off the boat than we put on?"

The Sea Diver's Not-So-Annual U/W Photo Competition - Winners and Prizes

The following photographs were judged by the staff of AB Sea Photo to be the winners of the Sea Diver's Not-So-Annual Underwater Photo Competition. The results of the competition were shown in a multi-projector presentation at the November general meeting .

Category	Place	Subject	Photographer	Prize/Award	Value	Source of Prize
Marine Life	First	Fish Face	Jonathan Gordon	11 x 14 Print (any slide)	\$25	AB Sea Photo
	Second	Bat Ray	Dave Gunning	Certificate	*	The Sea Divers
	Third	Anemones	Dave Gunning	Certificate	*	The Sea Divers
The Diver	First	Diver and Sea Hare	Steve Gale	8 x 10 Print (any slide)	\$15	AB Sea Photo
	Second	Diver and Starfish	Kathi Kalohi	Certificate	*	The Sea Divers
	Third	Diver in Kelp	Art Hill	Certificate	*	The Sea Divers
Macro/Close-up	First	Juvenile Sculpin	Dave Nesheim	16 x 20 Print (any slide)	\$45	AB Sea Photo
	Second	Nudibranch-Phidiana Hiltoni	Dave Nesheim	Certificate	*	The Sea Divers
	Third	Nudibranch	Dave Gunning	Certificate	*	The Sea Divers
Most Interesting	First & Only	Seascape	Vann Parker	11 x 14 Print (this slide only)	\$25	AB Sea Photo
Best of Show	First & Only	Nudibranch-Pugnacious on Kelp	Jonathan Gordon	One-day boat trip, 11 x 14 "gallery" print (this slide only) **	\$75, \$75+	The Sea Divers, AB Sea Photo

* Honor and admiration, but no bucks

** 11 x 14 Cibachrome print to be matted, framed and displayed in AB Sea's Ocean Gallery. Photographer to receive a \$25 commission on all future sales of this print

I hope everyone enjoyed the competition and the presentation at the November meeting. Cibachrome prints awarded as prizes in each category were provided by Allen Broder at AB Sea Photo (310) 645-8992. As a suggestion, whether you competed and won a prize or not, be sure and stop by AB Sea Photo and thank Allen for his support. While you're there, be sure to have him show you his new Ocean Gallery and Bookstore. He has a great collection of books, videos, and prints by the top underwater photographers. My thanks to all the participants, AB Sea Photo, and the Sea Divers executive committee for helping to make this not-so-annual event a success.

Steve Kavanaugh

1994 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE *	BOAT	LOCATION
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.
Dives 94-CS and 94-SB do 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.

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January 4
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General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Boat Dive, Castle Rock/San Clemente (back) - ENCORE
Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Shibaraku Restaurant

FEBRUARY 1994

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February 1
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February 25-28

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Shibaraku Restaurant
Boat Dive, San Nicolas - WILD WAVE
Beach Dive, 14th Avalon Harbor Clean-up

MARCH 1994

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March 1
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March 13

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

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