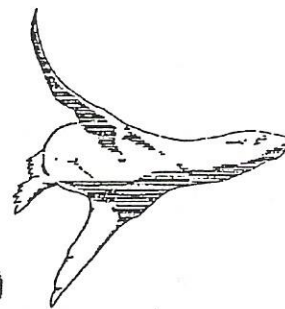




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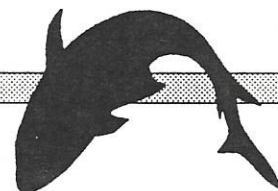
The big news for this month is that The Sea Divers and American Diving in Lomita have formed an association which we collectively believe will benefit both the store and our dive club as well as divers from both. Store customers and graduating divers are being invited and encouraged to partake in club activities and potentially join the club.

We have provided the store with flyers on our club activities; history of the club; club membership applications; a large photo-montage and a binder with other pertinent club data for store customer personnel. Steve DeNapoli is planning to attend our 5 April 1994 General Meeting to discuss services the store offers, including discounts on equipment, trips, etc.

American Diving has supported club activities in the past and has been particularly generous with donations to our 1st and 2nd Annual King Harbor Clean-Up events in 1993 and 1994 respectively. The store is at 1901 Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita. See inside for additional information.

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SHARK DIVING A LA "GOLDEN DOUBLOON"



Our entertainment for our 1 March 1994 General Meeting will be a presentation by Greg Elliott of the GOLDEN DOUBLOON. Shark diving is performed usually at Avalon Banks with three divers descending in the shark cage on Hooka gear for about 20 minutes. The cycle continues each 20 minutes for the limited load of 12 divers.

Greg will give us the presentation and then answer any questions. The Sea Divers have chartered the GOLDEN DOUBLOON for our shark dive on 17 June 1994 (Friday). Be there at Petrelli's and get all the scoop. Sign-ups for the dive will begin at the General Meeting. Hope to see you at Petrelli's on Tuesday, 1 March!

Michael Borden
Program Chair

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 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 Nelson's Landing at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl, across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza).

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 _____
Do you want your name on a dive buddy list? [] YES [] NO
Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin _____
[] SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$12.00 (to 6/30/94) (Annual dues are \$24 single;
[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (to 6/30/94) \$36 family)

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

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

SEAFOOD COMBINATION!

13 MARCH (Sunday)

SANTA BARBARA

WILD WAVE

MEMBERS \$70

(ALL INCLUSIVE)

NON-MEMBERS \$80

(AIR, FOOD SNACKS, BEVERAGES)

NEW MEMBERS \$35

Boarding: 7:00 PM

Departure: 2:00 AM

The March dive is on the WILD WAVE to Santa Barbara and with lobster season not yet closed and abalone season open -- throw in a few scallops and fish -- and bingo -- a Seafood Combination for the price of a single dive!!

The WILD WAVE will depart from Cabrillo Marina around 2:00 AM on the 13th for an early AM arrival at the Island. Won't hurt to bring along your new chem-lights and dive light(s), just in case.

Aside from LOBSTER and ABALONE, 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 got the best of diving. Some of the LARGER FISH inhabit the environs -- so you spear hungry types will not be disappointed.

The trip is suitable for all skill levels and should provide some great diving!!! At \$70 all inclusive (air and food -- including our typical steak barbeque!), it's a REAL steal. A call to (310) 370-1657 will sign you up. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! Bunks will be preassigned on a FIRST PAY/SPACE AVAILABLE basis.



!! DIVE BOAT BONUS - IT'S WHALE WATCHING SEASON !!

ECONOMIC DIVING AT ITS BEST

9 APRIL 1994 (Saturday)

SHIP ROCK/CATALINA (FRONT)

CHARISMA

MEMBERS \$65 *

PRICES ARE ALL INCLUSIVE OF

NON-MEMBERS \$75 *

AIR, FOOD, SNACKS AND BEVERAGES

NEW MEMBERS \$33 *

Boarding: 5:00 AM *

Departure: 6:00 AM *

CHARISMA will take us from 22nd Street to SHIP ROCK and other pinnacles and reefs on the front side of CATALINA. SHIP ROCK guards the approach to ISTHMUS COVE and aside from two shallow ledges astride the spine drops steeply to the sand close to 120 feet. Current can be a factor diving the pinnacle and is responsible for the typically high visibility in the area. The rock attracts a tremendous variety of sea life from the gorgonia fans and the deeper octocorals to yellowtail and other predator fish to large angel sharks in the sand. One of the best dives around for VIDEO, PHOTOGRAPHY or just looking. BIRD ROCK just to the SSE of SHIP ROCK provides an opportunity to dive the north flat face which contains a vertical 60 foot wall and adjacent up to 90 foot deep kelp forests. Another excellent dive. These area both spectacular dives and as choice of depth can be planned into your dives, they can typically be dived by all skill levels. High current, etc., obviously increases the skill level requirements.

Following the SHIP ROCK/BIRD ROCK dive we will proceed to at least two or three other shallower pinnacles or other Isthmus reef structures and or the West End. Although not as abundant as on the other islands, SCALLOPS, FISH and ABALONE are available to the persistent gameperson. Pretty, too!!

As is now typical of all Sea Divers charters, the trip includes air, food, snacks, beverages, and possibly an award or two to keep things interesting on board! Call Kathi (McNally) at (310) 370-1657 for immediate signup. COME ALONG -- CHECK OUT OUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICES AGAINST ANYONE!!!

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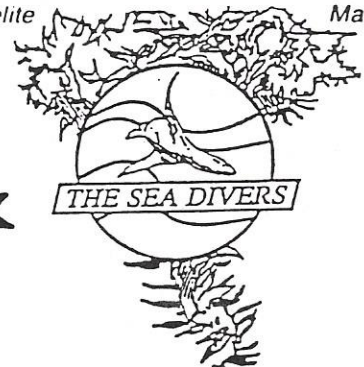
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GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNCIL OF DIVERS
CHANNEL ISLANDS COUNCIL OF DIVERS

September 11, 1993

Dear Club President/Dive Boat Skipper/Owner:

This letter is a report to you and your associates on the latest information pertaining to the black abalone withering foot syndrome (WS). Most everyone is aware of this problem which has been depleting the populations of black abalone since approximately 1985. Most recently all commercial and recreational harvest of this species has been halted by passage of a regulation by the State of California's Fish and Game Commission during their June meeting. This restriction will last for at least two years and will most likely be extended at a subsequent hearing. Currently a bill has been introduced to cease all commercial harvest of black abalone until 1997, but at this date it is unknown as to the fate of that legislation.

On August 28th, the Fish and Game Ad Hoc Abalone Advisory Committee met in Santa Barbara to review this situation along with other matters affecting the total abalone populations. Unfortunately the news has not improved. As a matter of fact, it appears the problem is becoming worse. The causative agent still is unknown with reports coming in that withering syndrome (WS) has been spotted moving into the central California coastal area as well as crossing over to other species. Affected red abalone have been noted at various locations around San Miguel Island.

The Department of Fish and Game just completed its first scientific cruise on its new research vessel this August, and is planning to have more surveys assessing abalone stocks with emphasis on the red populations. The news definately is not good at this time but every effort is being made, not only by the Department of Fish and Game, but by the National Park Service to get to the bottom of this problem. Six papers on WS will soon be published in science journals which have worldwide distribution and may help focus investigation on the problem.

As has been requested the past few years, during abalone season please keep abalone out of the circulating water holding tank and place them under wet burlap sacks or something similar. Since it isn't known whether or not WS is water borne, it is important to take this precaution in order to curtail its spread. Also, a form is enclosed which the F&G would like to have copied and distributed in quantity in assisting them to more closely monitor the extent and spread of this problem with all species. Please make your best effort to assist with this survey. WS is a serious problem for all of us and a collective effort is needed to arrive at a solution.

Yours for better diving,

LOCKY BROWN
Ad Hoc Committee Member

Abalone Withering Syndrome Incidence

Withering syndrome (WS) is an affliction of abalone where the foot muscle is withered (unusually small), discolored, and soft. Abalone suffering WS may be weak and only loosely attached to the bottom. It is known to occur in black abalone, but other species may be affected. If you find an abalone suspected to have WS please notify the the Department of Fish and Game at the address below. Please fill in this form, and if possible, include a photograph of the abalone. Include a measurable device (ruler or coin) in the photo. Thank you for your assistance.

Where found: _____
(Include general location, landmarks, etc., and bottom type and depth of water)

Date: _____ Vessel: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

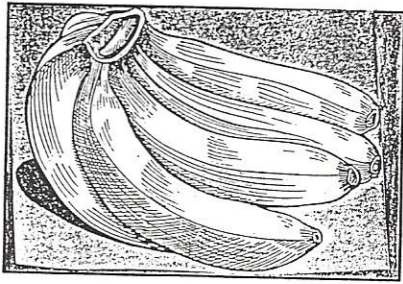
Phone: (_____) _____

Species (black, red, green, pink, white, etc.)	Length	How Collected (diving, shore picking, etc.)	Photo Included
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Comments:

Please return completed form to:

NEARSHORE INVERTEBRATES
California Department of Fish and Game
330 Golden Shore, Suite 50
Long Beach, CA 90802



Dear Krabby

Dear Krabby,

Lately I've been heckled a lot because I like to eat bananas and I frequently bring them on the dive boats. I've been told by the superstitious crew that bananas are bad luck on boats. Have you ever heard of this and does it have any basis in fact?

Serotonin Sam

Dear S²,

Although discounted as an "old wives tale" or silly superstition, there have in fact been many occurrences throughout history which tend to prove that bananas are bad luck on boats. The two easiest examples that come to mind are the *Santa Maria* and the *Titanic*. It has been discovered that not only did Columbus's crew inadvertently bring a supply of the notorious fruit aboard his ship which caused him to land in the wrong country BUT, the *Titanic* also had a huge overabundance of bananas, some of which were found to be completely preserved in the iceberg that sunk the ship. What most people don't realize is that bananas are not only bad luck on boats but are in fact bad luck for any non-ambulatory mode of transportation. They are invariably found at the sight of every plane wreck either as fruit, in muffins, bread or fruit drinks. I personally think the commercial carriers should screen their passengers for the innocuous looking fruit instead of concentrating so heavily on explosives and weaponry.

Dear Krabby,

I was recently certified as a genuine, wetsuit wearing, card carrying SCUBA diver (and proud of it too!). The reason I became a diver is so I can catch LOTS and LOTS of lobsters so I can throw a big lobsterbake party and impress my friends. How long do you think it will take me to get proficient at "bug" hunting?

Open WaterKenobie

Dear Obie Wan,

Well, if I was you I wouldn't rush to throw away all of you McDonald's Filet-O-Fish coupons yet...as that may be the closest you get to seafood in awhile. I selected an experienced diver entirely at random and asked him how long he had been diving and how long it took him to catch his first bug. This guy has been diving fairly regularly for twelve (count 'em, TWELVE) years and it wasn't until this year that he finally caught his first keeper (a.k.a. "squeaker"). It's a good thing he didn't go in with your attitude or he and all of his friends would have starved to death by now.

Dear Krabby,

What would happen to me if I was diving in the water over the epicenter of an earthquake when it hit?

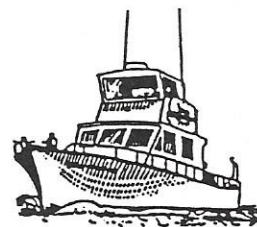
Tremblin' Tim

Dear T²,

One of two things would happen, either you would become a world class body surfer or turn into a sky diver.

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

WEATHERED OUT FOR FEBRUARY DIVE



Our charter on the "Wild Wave" to San Nicolas island on 12 February 1994 was canceled late Friday afternoon due to high winds and high seas - fall back was likely to be Catalina with a long shot at Santa Barbara. Saturday was a beautiful day but the visibility was likely poor after the high seas. Ah well! - sign-up for March!!!

JUST EIGHT YEARS AGO.....

Beach Bum Burt's our General Meeting place was about to close - (later grenaded and rebuilt into the Cheesecake Factory) - and we were about to move to Adam's Rib on "restaurant row" in Torrance. Our March boat dive was on the "Wild Wave" to San Nicolas at \$53 non-inclusive for the single day. The beach dive was our Underwater Easter Egg Hunt at White Point - bring the kiddies. Interestingly American Diving (then A.I.D.) had donated \$172 in prizes. Apparently we are coming full circle with the store!

The club President was Robin Where-Are-You-Now Grant; Vice-President Greg Where-Are-You-Now Hindman; Treasurer John Where-Are-You-Now Mosher and Secretary Kathy Used-To-Be Adams (now Kalohi!). Thus far twenty new members had joined the club since 1 January 1986. We need that now, which is one of our hopes from our America Diving relationship.

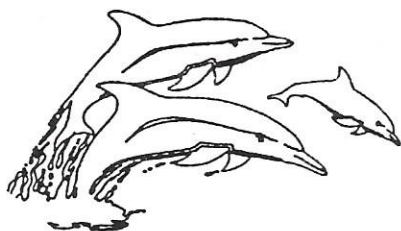
UNDERWATER '94

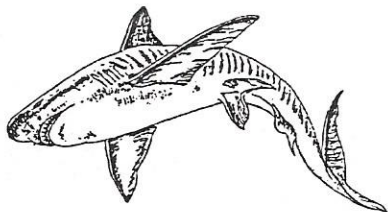
The Channel Islands Underwater Photographic Society will be presenting its 9th annual underwater film show, Underwater '94 on Saturday April 16, 1994. Jean-Michel Cousteau will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. There will be a number of underwater cinematographers and photographers presenting their work.

"Underwater '94" will be held at the Oxnard Civic Auditorium, 800 Hobson Way, in Oxnard. Tickets will be \$12 and can be purchased by mail. Send a Self Addressed stamped envelope and appropriate money in a check to CIUPS, P.O. Box 6922, Oxnard, Ca. 93031. For information please call (805) 984-7759.

BAJA TRIP UPDATE

We have some early prices for the planned Labor Day 7-8 day trip to Baja. The prices are a little higher than we had hoped. We are continuing to work details and may switch to another week so as to avoid the higher Labor Day weekend prices. Stay tuned





1994 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE *	BOAT	LOCATION
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-SD	FRI	17 JUN	SHARK DIVE/AVALON BANKS	\$100	GOLDEN DOUBLOON	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	17 SEP	PALOS VERDES	\$10	SMALL BOATS	KING HARBOR
94-10	FRI	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, 94-SD 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:

- Unconfirmed reservations may be made for any boat dive at any time. To confirm a reservation, payment in full must be received.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

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Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(213) 370-1657

* Please include date of last dive for each diver.

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 - Nelson's Landing
Boat Dive, Santa Barbara - WILD WAVE

APRIL 1994

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April 5
April 9
April 14

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Boat Dive, Ship Rock/Catalina (front) - CHARISMA
Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Nelson's Landing

MAY 1994

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May 3
May 12
May 13-14
May 18 (?)

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Executive Meeting - 7:00 PM - Nelson's Landing
Boat Dive, San Miguel/Santa Cruz Channel - PEACE
Chamber Day 6/Catalina (front) - WILD WAVE

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