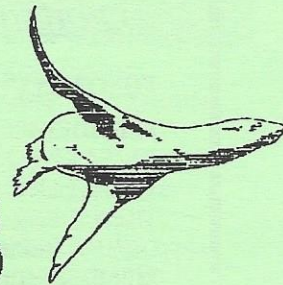


THE SEA DIVERS



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING...

We held our November Executive Meeting as planned on the 16th. After working through our agenda, we returned to the "Executives for 1996" item. I was anticipating that some of our 1995 Execs would either want off the committee or at least try another position. NOT SO!! Everyone agreed, without persuasion, to continue into 1996. Believe me this is good - this particular "mix" has worked well, with each committee member clearly stating their position in the way we run the club. Allowing for the fact that there's no way we can all please all the members all of the time, this past year has been one of our better years for some time. The club membership is growing slowly as is our treasury, but there is still more effort required to keep things moving in a positive direction. This Executive can and will do that. However, the club statutes state that the President, Vice-President, and the Treasurer are elected officials, and all others are appointees. Inside the newsletter you'll find a page to allow anyone to volunteer or nominate for any of the Executive positions. We will honor any bona-fide nominations/volunteers. New blood is always welcome. In the meantime, the Exec will continue as is.

I would like to specifically thank two of our 1995 Execs. Sharon Hale for really sorting out most of the treasury related issues that were hanging over us, and Kathy Kalohi for an excellent job keeping our dive boat reservations neat and tidy. This is not to imply that our other Exec's were slackers or losers, au contraire - thanks a lot for all the efforts. See you in 1996.

A.P

DECEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

BAJA CALIFORNIA FROM THE AIR!

See over 40 years of history on Baja California from the air! Roger Keeney has been flying small planes since the 1950s and taking pictures of Baja for those many years. Roger is 85 years young and has a wealth of stories and information. His most recent exploits were in a Cessna 180. Of particular interest are the photos of the east coast - Sea of Cortez - and the Colorado River Delta area. This slide presentation on one of the more interesting dive areas of the west, presented by a seasoned veteran should be one of our marquee presentations for 1995. Be there and share the experience at Petrelli's on 5 December 1995.

PROGRAM PROBLEMS

As many of you may or may not know, this year has been a continual struggle and always a last minute undertaking to come up with the monthly entertainment. Why? You may ask. The reason is that there has been no one occupying the Program Chair position. We are DESPERATELY in need of a volunteer for this position! If you would like to help out by either volunteering for the position or providing us (in advance!) with programs and the month(s) you'd like to present...PLEASE let us know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

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PROGRAM CHAIR	open			
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WRITING FOR THE SEA DIVERS NEWSLETTER

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter or you have an idea to improve it, please write to Editor Kathy Dacey, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, or call me at the above numbers. I am always in need of Lessons Learned articles and new graphics or cartoons. Inputs should be typed, but can be handwritten (not responsible for errors caused by illegible handwriting). Inputs may also be given to me via floppy media in any of the major word processing program formats. Permission is given to reproduce in whole or in part. Please credit the author and/or The Sea Divers Newsletter.

GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7:00 PM the first Tuesday of every month. A no-host social half-hour precedes the meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and a feature presentation follows the business portion of the meeting. The meetings are held at 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 7:00 PM on Thursday the week following the General Meeting at 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 \$18.00 (to 6/30/96)
[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$27.00 (to 6/30/96)
(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/\$36 family and are prorated quarterly for new members)

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

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

WESTWARD HO! HO! HO!

8/9 DEC 1995 (Fri/Sat)

CHANNEL ISLANDS → WEST

PEACE

Members \$180

Boarding: 7:00 PM (12/7)

Non-Members \$195

Departure: 1:00 AM (12/8)

The final Sea Diver charter for 1995 is on the *Peace* out of Ventura Marina. The dive calendar has listed the dive for Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands, however should the weather cooperate as it did in our September *Peace* two-day, we will head as far west as we can. Although not noted as the greatest lobster spot in the world, San Miguel offers some of the best diving around. The pinnacles are spectacular and offer many opportunities for scallops, fish, and excellent photography. With lobsters in mind we will take any opportunity to make Talcott Shoals off Santa Rosa Island which is noted for bugs. For the game takers this trip should provide many opportunities, for the photo/video/looky-loo divers here are some of the best opportunities.

As this is our pre-holiday season dive, we will add to the charter with a few extra goodies and amusing (hopefully) awards at no expense spared! The food fare on *Peace* is always outstanding and plentiful. The first day will provide heavy duty diving for those so inclined with up to 6 to 8 dives possible. The second day will be more leisurely with 3 or 4 dives anticipated. Dive spots will include areas suitable for relative beginners and hopefully some more advanced spots covering the full range of diver desires.

Bunks will be pre-assigned on a first paid basis. Call Kathy (Kaholi) at (310) 719-1816 for sign-up, and if we received payment before 10 November 1995 you got 20 bucks off the member price. Great deal, great trip. DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Although we are only 'on the hook' for half the boat, it looks like we have the whole boat, so it should be REAL COMFORTABLE making these two days potentially outstanding.

CHARISMA COMES FIRST IN 1996

Note that due to the revamping of our 1996 dive boat schedule, precipitated by *Atlantis* not rolling over our dates, our next dive is on *Charisma* on 4 February 1996. We are scheduled for the backside of San Clemente Island once more primarily in search of bugs. Photo/video ops are anticipated around this varied island. SIGN UP SOON! Member price (all inclusive) is \$80 - just like last year .



1995 UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST RESULTS

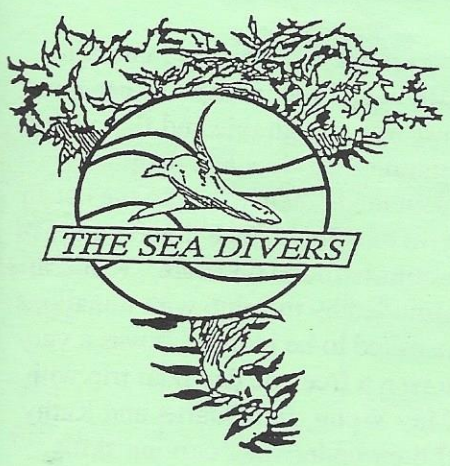
After a few years of non-participation the Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest turned out to be a success. Six divers, one non-diver (guess who?) and four pumpkins came out for the event. The conditions at White Point couldn't have been better. The surf was at high tide and flat, which is a must for any underwater pumpkin carver. The divers began the day by planning their dive and then proceeded with the horrifying ritual of disemboweling their pumpkins. They then made their way into the ocean to finish them off. Visibility was 20 to 30 feet, very rare if you have ever dove White Point. The divers returned to shore with their carved out pumpkins and then began to decorate them with objects found on shore. While this was going on, chef JT started up the BBQ, grilling hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the club with donations from the divers. KK and JK befriended a group of fellow divers and they were asked to be judges. It was a very tough decision to make the final choice. Congratulations to Joe Kaholi!!* He won a free one day boat trip with *The Sea Divers*. A special thanks to all the other contestants: Mike Borden, May Wong, Jim Duarte, and Kathy Kalohi (she held the pumpkin for Joe) for supporting the club and showing off their underwater carving skills. Also a thank you to John Tadlock for taking care of the BBQ duties. Hope to see you all again next year.

*Editor's Note: Wait a minute...is this the same JK that befriended the divers that later became the judges?!?!?

THE SEA DIVERS 1996 EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>OTHER 1996</u> <u>NOMINEE /</u> <u>VOLUNTEER</u>
PRESIDENT*	Allen Parker	Allen Parker	_____
VICE-PRESIDENT*	Kathy Dacey	Kathy Dacey	_____
TREASURER*	Sharon Hale	Sharon Hale	_____
SECRETARY	Michael Borden	Michael Borden	_____
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	Carolyn Routledge	Carolyn Routledge	_____
DIVING OFFICER	John Mowrey	John Mowrey	_____
BOAT DIVE CHAIR	John Tadlock	John Tadlock	_____
BEACH DIVE CHAIR	(OPEN)		_____
BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST	Kathy Kaholi	Kathy Kaholi	_____
PROGRAM CHAIR	(OPEN)		_____
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Kathy Dacey	Kathy Dacey	_____
HOSPITALITY CHAIR	Kathleen Bennett	Kathleen Bennett	_____
LONG RANGE PLANNING	(OPEN)		_____
GLACD REPRESENTATIVE	Phil Bergeron	Phil Bergeron	_____
KING HARBOR CLEAN-UP	Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook	_____

* Elected Official



It is time to get our 1996 Executive Committee in place for 1996. Essentially, all of the 1995 Committee has volunteered to continue into 1996. However, should anyone wish to volunteer or nominate (with nominee's agreement) someone for any of the Executive positions, please write the name on this sheet (or facsimile thereof) adjacent to the position and mail to the address below no later than 12 December 1995.

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AT LEAST WE MADE SAN NICOLAS

Atlantis anchored off the West End of San Nicolas Island at about 6:15 a.m. dark. The usual "Where's the chem light?" or "It doesn't work" routines were prevalent. However, most of us made a "night" dive as our first dive. Conditions were not the greatest with significant surge even at 45 feet. The bottom was essentially flat with a few small ledges. Visibility was no better than 20 feet but the water temperature was a surprising 59°F. About 20 minutes of dark back and forth in fairly plentiful kelp was enough for most of us!!

The second spot was at about mid-point in the Navy Alpha area. Ugly, ugly, ugly. This was virtually zero visibility. Kathy D. and I hit the bottom (literally), gave unmentionable hand gestures to each other and resurfaced. Other divers apparently did not believe us and repeated the experience. A few soldiered on for short somewhat ridiculous dives!! Further east we proceeded settling on the "hot spot" in the Alpha area. THEY were there, but not easy due to deep ledges, surge, visibility, and the now developing "this is enough" syndrome. Water temperature had increased to 60°F and there was no current. The last desperation spot was just north of the east end. Topography was a la spot number one and the surge ugly. Visibility was a poor 20 feet or so.

No this was not one of the better San Nic trips. The swells were to 12 feet but long periods. This made for a comfortable boat ride but poor diving conditions. There was no wind for once and there was no current. There were three or four bugs nabbed, a few nice fish and zero scallops. Photography was out. During our first move from dive one to dive two the starboard engine spun off the cooling water impeller. However, courageous and capable Captain Joel I. fixed same with no further problems. A single engine run back from San Nicolas would have taken about ten hours - a total capper for Friday the 13th at San Nicolas!!

AMERICAN DIVING is a full service scuba diving facility. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff has been committed to excellence in customer service for more than 10 years. Our education department offers quality diving courses sponsored by NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors), an internationally recognized diver training organization. Our instructors offer courses at all levels from Openwater I through Assistant Instructor, plus a variety of Specialty Courses are available either at a group rate or by private instruction. We also offer local and international dive travel and can assist you in planning your adventures from day trips to the local islands to your wildest diving fantasy

WAY TO GO SANTA BARBARA

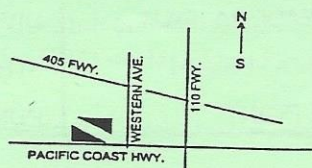
We are into November, the 12th to be exact, on our way via *Atlantis* to Santa Barbara Island. Seas are calm, stars are bright, forecast is good. We anchored directly east of Sutil Island on a high spot not divable very often. Nice reef with walls to sand at 110 feet or so. With 60 feet of visibility, albeit a little dark still, and 59°F water the only negative was a fairly strong current more noticeable at depth than on the surface. Bugs were available with three or so on the boat after the dive.

Dive two was northwest of Webster Point again in potentially deep water. The current had dropped and bright was more abundant making for a really nice dive. Conditions were much the same as dive one. Bugs again were available with a take again at three or so. We moved almost directly east close to one mile to the third spot. Depth was less at 50 feet or so. This turned out to be a real nice scallop spot which most divers missed! We didn't, gathering close to a two person limit of 20, including some 5 or 6" across.

Joel I. picked a somewhat surprising spot for the fourth dive between Shag Rock and Webster Point in fairly close. On diving, it did not look like a good lobster spot or anything else good. Large square rock formations were in most cases almost devoid of marine life, but there were a significant number of bugs to play with. Their condos were nice and in most cases had security from divers but it was fun trying! Water was very comfortable at 62°F with no significant current or swells.

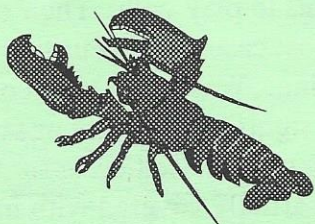
Diving over we settled in for the run home. The sun was partially covered with mist, but following such a nice day of diving it didn't seem to matter. Most dozed in the bunk room. No major boobies, although Delaney did manage to ruin a pair of perfectly good gloves on a moray's mouth*. His hand will heal - the gloves may be 'gonners'. Nice, nice trip.

*(Editor's Note: We wanted to give the booby to the moray but he was unavailable.)



FRIDAY THE 13TH QUOTES...

- “I left the chem-lights in the car.”
- “I left the chem-lights on the dresser.”
- “If that was supposed to be ‘The Garden Spot’ you missed.”
- “Surge. Dark. Flat bottom. Thick kelp. - Great dive.”
- “Half my electronics bellied up - that’s why I have a back-up.”
- “Go east - go east.”
- “He’s dragging 40 feet of kelp.”
- “Where the hell is the sun?”
- “The Captain down in the engine room with a lot of tools is not a good sign.”
- “He’s got it. It’s running.”
- “Great. Exactly zero visibility.”
- “Scraping the bottom of the barrel for fish pictures. Same fish in left hand. Same fish in right hand.”
- “It’s not moisture, it’s not the battery, it’s broke!”
- “Is this where the party is?”
- “There’s Santa Barbara, right where we left it.”
- “Well done Ace!”
- “People go to motel rooms to do some really strange things.”



ATLANTIS SANTA BARBARA QUOTES...

- “Got to watch rolling out of the top bunk. It’s three stories high.”
- “Neat and tidy. The first two words that spring to mind describing Delaney.”
- “If you’d quit poking him in the face I might have got him.”
- “Just short.”
- “I suppose I’d better get some electronics.”
- “First dive in awhile it worked right.”
- “You mean you still dive one of those?”
- “A Bend-O-Matic.”
- “This suit has boobs. I’m not used to that.”
- “Now you’ve got mine, go get yours.”
- “Impressive, _____ ing impressive.”
- “You could sell that in any dive store for big bucks.”
- “It has a big tail, must be a female.”
- “Males have small heads.”
- “I’ve had that a long time.”
- “All that was left was a little pile of antennas and legs.”
- “Some people like it but I think it’s kind of mushy.”
- “Do I have a crack?”
- “Be sure and stop at the store and get some TV dinners, they don’t feed you at the chamber.”
- “I left the quotes on the boat. It’s a bitch when you get old.”

1996 BEACH DIVE SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>FEATURE</u>	<u>KEY CONTACT</u>
FRI-MON	23-26 FEB	AVALON HARBOR	CLEAN-UP, PARTY, ETC., ETC.	(TBD)
SUN	23 JUNE	VETERAN'S PARK	REFRESHER, BOUILLABAISSE, POTLUCK	ALLEN PARKER
SAT	10 AUG	SHAW'S COVE, LAGUNA	BEACH PARTY, POTLUCK	JIM MONROE
FRI-MON	11-14 OCT	LA BUFADORA, BAJA	DIVING, SUN AND FUN	KATHY KALOHI
SUN	20 OCT	REDONDO BEACH	5TH KING HARBOR CLEAN-UP	NANCY COOK
SUN	27 OCT	WHITE POINT	PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST	KATHLEEN BENNETT

1995 /1996 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
95-12	FRI/SAT	8/9 DEC	SANTA CRUZ/ANACAPA	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
96-1	SUN	4 FEB	SAN CLEMENTE (BACKSIDE)	\$80	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
96-2	SUN	10 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$85	ATLANTIS	CABRILLO MARINA
96-3	SAT	13 APR	CATALINA PINNACLES	\$65	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
96-C8	WED	? MAY	CHAMBER DAY 8 / CATALINA	\$60*	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
96-4	FRI/SAT	10/11 MAY	SAN MIGUEL/SANTA ROSA	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
96-5	SAT	1 JUNE	SANTA BARBARA	\$80	ENCORE	22ND STREET
96-6	FRI/SAT	26/27 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NICOLAS	\$180	CHARISMA	22ND STREET
96-SB	SUN	18 AUG	PALOS VERDES	\$20*	(Small Boats)	KING HARBOR
96-7	FRI/SAT	6/7 SEPT	RICHARDSON/WILSON ROCK	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
96-8	FRI	11 OCT	SAN NICOLAS	\$85	ATLANTIS	CABRILLO MARINA
96-9	SAT/SUN	2/3 NOV	CORTES BANK	\$195	ENCORE	22ND STREET
96-10	FRI/SAT	6/7 DEC	SAN MIGUEL PASSAGE/SANTA ROSA	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA

*Prices are all inclusive (air, food, and beverages). Non-members add \$10 for single day and \$15 for two-day dives.
Dives 96-C8 and 96-SB do not include air, food, and beverages.

Atlantis - 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 onto Spinnaker Drive. Look for Milano's Italian Restaurant and turn right into the parking area. If you get to the end of Spinnaker, turn around and take the second left. Park adjacent to the berth (Slip #20) to unload, then park overnight in the last row adjacent to Spinnaker Drive.

DIVE BOAT POLICY

A club member may, 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 club members of The Sea Divers and members of other selected clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to one month before a scheduled boat dive. Partial refunds from single day boats which do not make the advertised dive location will be passed on to members who request them.

BOAT DIVE RESERVATION FORM

DIVE DATE: _____ DESTINATION: _____

NAME OF DIVER(S): _____

PHONE (DAY): [] _____ (EVE) [] _____ COST OF DIVE \$ _____

MEMBER [] YES [] NO DATE OF LAST DIVE* : _____

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* Please include date of last dive for each diver.

CALENDAR

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December 5
December 8/9
December 14

General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Boat Dive: Santa Cruz/Anacapa - *PEACE*
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing

JANUARY '96						
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January 2
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General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing

FEBRUARY '96						
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February 4
February 6
February 15
February 23-26

Boat Dive: San Clemente - *CHARISMA*
General Meeting - 7 PM - Petrelli's
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Nelson's Landing
Beach Dive: Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup

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