

THE SEA DIVERS



IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOATS...

We charter two boats for our eight island plus dive schedule. The *Great Escape* and the *Peace*. These boats have much in common. They are owned and skippered by two outstanding individuals, Bill Magee on *Peace* and Tim Burke on *Great Escape*. Both are willing to work closely with us (and others) to find a mutual "win-win" situation in these continuing difficult times in SCUBA-World. Both have helped us through lean sign-ups and on occasion we have helped out by oversigning "our half". Both boats are well maintained, friendly crews, excellent service, very good to outstanding food, try to take us where WE want to go and fit our style. Point of all this, just that sometimes we probably take "our" boats for granted and do not fully appreciate the efforts that go into making *Peace* and *Great Escape* the outstanding operations that they are. JOIN US SOON!!

A.P



APRIL ENTERTAINMENT

PETER LANDECKER - ADVENTURES IN MALPELO AND GORGONA, COLUMBIA

Malpelo is a large barren rock off the Pacific coast of Colombia. A very hard to get to rock! It took Peter 3 days to get there! He flew to Cali via Miami (with an unplanned sidetrip to Bogota). The following morning he took a bus over 3 mountain passes to the port city of Buenaventura. He then boarded a liveaboard which took 2 nights and a day to get to Malpelo.

What did he see at Malpelo? On one dive, he simultaneously saw a school of 6 hammerheads (plus occasional stragglers) followed by a group of 12 dolphins. On another dive he saw three different types of morays, and petted morays and a white tip shark in a hole. He caught enough lobsters to feed the entire boat. There were incredible caves, cuts, arches, holes, currents, and schools of fish as far as the eye could see. He also visited Gorgona, another island, beautifully green, that used to be a prison and is now a Colombia National Park. On one night dive there he used 10 turtles as underwater personal propulsion vehicles and touched beautiful 3 foot long parrotfish, and saw a pair of giant spotted morays mating on another.

Peter logged 27 dives in 7 days of diving (11 days on the boat) including a celebration for his 1000th. The water temperature was 83°F at Malpelo and 78°F at Gorgona. The visibility was typically 80-100 feet at Malpelo and 40 feet at Gorgona. The trip lasted 13 days and cost about \$2500 for everything.

Peter will relate his experiences with a video and slides to illustrate his "adventure of a lifetime". The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7th starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne.

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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 Kathy Dacey, c/o The Sea Divers, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, or call me at the above numbers. I am always in need of Lessons Learned articles and new graphics or cartoons. Inputs should be typed, but can be handwritten (not responsible for errors caused by illegible handwriting). Inputs may also be given to me via floppy media in any of the major word processing program formats or e-mailed to me at kathy.dacey@trw.com. Permission is given to reproduce in whole or in part. Please credit the author and/or The Sea Divers Newsletter.

GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7:00 PM the first Tuesday of every month. A no-host social half-hour precedes the meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and a feature presentation follows the business portion of the meeting. The meetings are held at Round Table Pizza, 4330 Redondo Beach Blvd., (one block east of Hawthorne Blvd. in Ralphs/Savon Center) Torrance, California (310) 371-8009.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Held at 7:00 PM on Thursday as required on the week following the General Meeting at Roberto Al Mare at King Harbor (at the corner of Harbor and Beryl), across from the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. (See calendar on back page, President calls meetings as needed).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____
ADDITIONAL NAME (FAMILY MEMBERSHIP) _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE (____) _____
EMPLOYER _____
CERT NUMBER _____ TYPE [PADI, NAUI, ETC.] _____
CERT DATE _____ LACC ADP _____ DATE _____
(or equivalent)
NUMBER OF DIVES LOGGED _____ DATE OF LAST DIVE _____

Do you want your name on a dive buddy list? [] YES [] NO

Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin _____

[] SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$12.00 (to 6/30/98)
[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (to 6/30/98)

(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

CATALINA VARIETY

11 APRIL 1998 (Saturday)

SHIP ROCK / BLUE CAVERN /
BIRD ROCK

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$70*

(All inclusive!)

Boarding: 5:00 AM* (4/11)

Non-Members \$80*

PROMPT !! →→

Departure: 6:00 AM* (4/11)

New Members \$47*

The *Great Escape* will take us from 22nd Street to Ship Rock and other pinnacles and reefs in the Isthmus area 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 octorals to yellowtail and the predator fish to large angel sharks in the sand. One of the best dives around for video, photography, or just looking.

Our next dive will be in the Blue Cavern area just to the east of the entry to Isthmus Cove. The vertical wall is quite spectacular and includes several caverns. Depth is a factor and as this is the second dive divers should use caution for their depth and bottom dive profiles. Current can also be a factor, which also accounts for the usually high visibility. Fish are the primary target for the game takers, but there are excellent opportunities for video and photography. The next dive will be on the underwater extensions to Bird Rock just to the south-south east of Ship Rock provide 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 are all spectacular dives and choice of depth must be planned into your dives. They can typically be dived by all skill levels. High current, a feature typical of this time of year, obviously increases the skill level requirements.

Following the planned dives we will scope out the bottom time scenario and pick off a dive or two in shallower water, probably in the Middle Quarry area. Call Curt (Billings) at 909-945-3461 for sign-up. Overnighting on the boat is available for an additional \$5, let Curt know what your desires are. NICE DAY TRIP!!

***Overnights on-board available for \$5.00/person. There will be no preassigned bunks.**

PEACE TWO DAY ALREADY!!

8/9 MAY 1998 (Fri/Sat)

SAN MIGUEL

PEACE

Members \$180

(Includes Everything!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (5/7)

Non-Members \$195

Departure: 1:00 AM (5/8)

The planned itinerary for this our first two-day of 1997 will take us out to San Miguel Island -- as always, weather permitting. Our first dive spot will be towards the west of Santa Rosa Island in good fish and scallop areas. We will loop around either the north or south side of Santa Rosa depending on ocean conditions picking off dives either on the northwest tip (fish and scallops) or the southwest tip (mostly fish).

We then plan to cross the San Miguel Passage onto the south side of San Miguel diving Crook Point, Wychoff Ledge, and Tyler Bight which are all great spots for photography. We will then circle back around the east side of the island for one or more dives before overnighting in Cuyler Harbor.

Weather permitting we would hope to tackle Richardson's Rock and/or Wilson Rock or, failing that, we will probably dive the lee side of Prince Island. Then we'll begin the run back to the mainland stopping for dives along the north side of Santa Rosa, possibly at Talcott Shoal.

This two-day will provide excellent opportunities for game (fish and scallops) and all kinds of photogenic sea life. Overall there will be dives for all skill levels, although, the major pinnacles are considered to be strong intermediate to advanced dives in all but near perfect conditions.

The *Peace* is a great boat just to be on -- diving or not!! Call Curt (Billings) at 909-945-3461 for early sign-up and bunk assignment as you pay in full!! We have a minimum of half the boat (port side) and this will fill early based on last year's *Peace* dives. Other spots may be available depending on the other half boat sign-ups. DON'T WAIT!! Don't forget the hot tub -- nice!!

EL NIÑOED!

After being weathered out in February from a storm broken boat and bad weather courtesy of El Niño we were hoping for better in March. The week preceding the planned trip to San Nicolas was warm and calm. A "small" front was due through late Thursday, but it dawdled in coming 12 to 18 hours late and much much more severe. Major stuff! Loading gear onto the boat in heavy rain sucks.

We left the dock as planned, just after 11:00 PM, on the belief that "it's better further out". We went smooth to fairly bumpy and 2:30 AM saw us heading south on the backside of Catalina!! Early light we were running along the front side of San Clemente heading for the calm of Pyramid Cove many miles away from San Nicolas. With the boat near full we were ready to hit the water before the crowd. The first dive spot was just outside The Boilers in Pyramid Cove, in calm, light current (into the cove), 57°F, 50 or so feet visibility water. The vertical walls contained many cracks with many, many, small bugs. Even at 80 plus feet we only saw undersized "teenagers". We presume bugs mate early in life as there were no moms, pops, or other larger family members to be seen!! Nice dive though, especially having not been in the water since late November. The variable clouds were slowly dissipating and, although still early, warmth was coming on.

The second dive, in almost identical water conditions, was in the west area of the cove. Here reefs dotted a sandy bottom at about 50 feet. Less of them, but the same small bugs. One halibut was found in the sand. A short run back around Pyramid Head saw us looking for Steve's Pinnacle (or Reef). We finally hooked the top and 30 divers hit the water within a few minutes causing a minor traffic jam around this very nice pinnacle. Bubbles everywhere. Sea life disappeared, wouldn't you?! The tip of the reef is at about 25 feet dropping to about 140 feet on the outside. Water temperature was at 59°F, quite comfortable for March.

By now the sun was quite warm and several divers decided to sun instead of dive. Dive four was about one quarter mile north west of Steve's Reef. Depths to 45 feet, no current and not much else!! A nice but not spectacular day of diving over we left at just after 1:30 PM. Rock and roll was the order of the day for the run back except for a brief period in the lee of southeast Catalina. We docked back at 22nd Street about 7:20 PM. There were no boobies of note on this trip, but El Niño unfortunately did it's thing!

SAN CLEMENICOLAS TRIP QUOTES...

"All that sand in your booties could really screw up your panty hose."

"Too many bodies on one reef."

"I wondered why you were rearranging the ecosystem."

"Afterburn, a LOT of afterburn."

"Don't get your cheeks in that gap, it'll nip you to death."

"I see you've made an executive decision - sun!"

"It's only a matter of time before you spill something."

"Harrison Ford to the rescue - That's new!"

"More Brits!"

"Watch out for the stop sign you always miss."

CATALINA CHAMBER DAY - MAY 6th

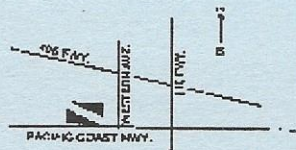
Reservations for the 10th Annual Catalina Chamber Day Dive should be made with:

Reef Seekers Dive Company
8612 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
(310) 652-4990

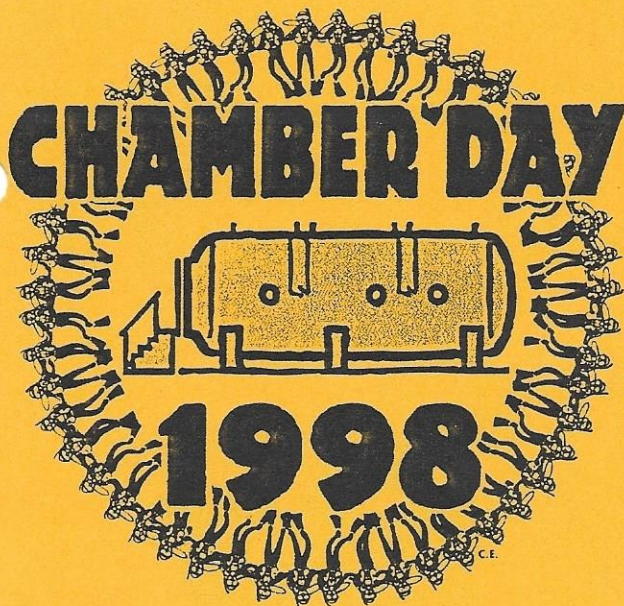
Monday thru Saturday hours: 10 AM - 7 PM
Closed Sunday

Anyone that works at the store can take the reservation. Bill Wright is the most knowledgeable about the program.

The cost is \$70 and is not refundable. Payments should be made to the Reef Seekers at the above address. According to Bill Wright the *Great Escape* will depart at 6 AM on Wednesday May 6th.



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 30 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.



**BENEFITTING THE USC
CATALINA HYPERBARIC CHAMBER**

May 6, 1998

Greater Los Angeles Council of Divers
(GLACD)

P.O. Box 3885

Beverly Hills, CA 90212-0885

<http://glacd.org>

March 16, 1998

TO: Southern California Dive Clubs

FROM: Dale Sheckler, Publicity Chair for Chamber Day 1998

REGARDING: Your participation and involvement in supporting Chamber Day '98

Dear Dive Clubs:

We all know how important hyperbaric chambers are in treating victims in the unlikely event of a diving accident. In Southern California, the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber is that safety net.

A few years ago the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber's very existence was threatened by budget cuts. Members of the diving community stepped forward to fill the budget gap that may have eliminated the chamber. The chamber continues to rely heavily on private contributions and fund-raisers, the largest of which is the annual Chamber Day event. Without a successful Chamber Day event, the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber could face closure, putting diving accident victims in a very serious predicament.

We need your assistance in promoting Chamber Day 1998. Look over the materials enclosed. Please post the notice prominently at your next meeting and make the event a topic of discussion. Why not participate as group? Make copies of the flyers and hand them out. Put the event on your calendar of events in your newsletter or mailings. If you need electronic camera ready art, you can extract it from the internet at <http://glacd.org>.

The event is simple. Dive charter boats from the area donate their time and resources. Participants pay \$70 for a day of diving Catalina which includes a tour of the hyperbaric chamber. All proceeds go to benefit the chamber. Booking the boats this year is Reef Seekers Dive Co. in Beverly Hills. Have interested parties to call (310) 652-4990 to book a spot on a Chamber Day boat. Thank you for your help.

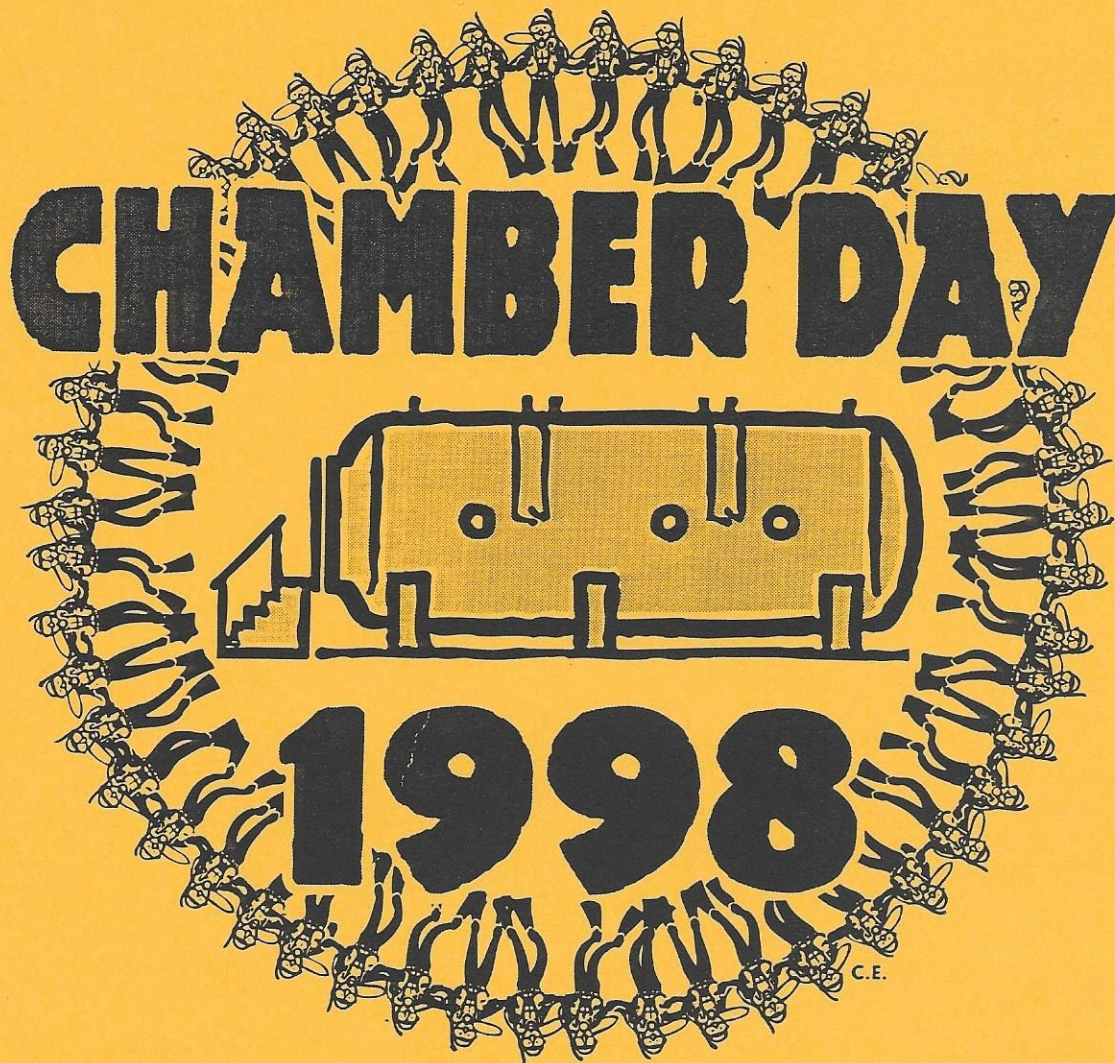
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Sheckler", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale Sheckler
Publicity Chair

One of your most important diving safety features is a good hyperbaric chamber ...

Be sure it's there should you need it!



**BENEFITTING THE USC
CATALINA HYPERBARIC CHAMBER**

May 6, 1998

Hyperbaric Chambers — you will probably never need one, but as a diver, you know how important they are — just in case. The Catalina Island Hyperbaric Chamber is operated on a nonprofit basis to provide that important safety net for Southern California divers. A large portion of the funding needed to keep this chamber operational comes from this annual event. Participants will get a day of diving and a tour of the chamber. Local dive charter boats donate their time and resources so that all the proceeds from the event go to benefit the Catalina Island Hyperbaric Chamber. Call today to book your spot for a day of fun, diving, and support of an important diving resource.

(310) 652-4990

THE GALAPAGOS TRIP

PART IV - THE LAST FEW DAYS AND LONESOME GEORGE

Tuesday evening of our fifth day on the Aggressor was our last dinner on board, as dinner the final evening was to be ashore in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island. In the early AM of Wednesday we cruised between Baltra and Santa Cruz Islands to another long extinct volcano called Gordon's Rock. We arrived in choppy seas at about 7:00 AM. The Aggressor II was already there with a partial load of divers and non-divers. Gordon's Rock was in two parts with a large semi-circle on one side and a smaller quarter circle or so on the other. Inside the crater depths were to about 120 feet, on the outside "deep"! The dive plan was to enter at one end of the quarter circle and, with rocks-on-the-left, follow the inside rim around until reaching the gap between the two segments, then follow the underwater pinnacles (also part of the rim) until finding the beginning of the other side semi-circle. Current was to be an anticipated factor in the gaps. The first dive went as planned until the second pinnacle in the gap. At this point, our current was non-existent and we swam to the outer side of the semi-circle portion of the rocks. With now rocks-on-the-right we had a vertical wall to deep blue and the further we swam around the rock the worse the surface conditions became. Return to the Zodiacs was somewhat sporty. The dive netted sightings of Scalloped Hammerheads, White Tip Reef Sharks, Sea Turtles and other varieties of fish. Nice dive. Dive two had the same basic plan except we began on the outside of the quarter circle then swam around into the inside, then followed dive one. Most of us held up short of the really sloppy water for return to the Zodiacs. Same sightings with a Lobster thrown in!

Pete K. left the boat, heading for initial consultation with an eye specialist in Guayaquil. The rest of us took a shore trip on Playa Island, a small flat island over populated with Marine Iguana, Land Iguana and a sterile cross breed Iguana, along with Sea Lions, Seals etc. We then cruised around Santa Cruz Island to Puerto Ayora harbor for our shore trip to the Charles Darwin Research Center (CDRC). After our short Zodiac run to the quay we were transported to the CDRC in a mini-bus then walked to the main information and display areas. There was a fair amount of interpretive data, but the most intriguing exhibit was that featuring the Giant Tortoise including Lonesome George. Lonesome George apparently was the last living Giant Tortoise on Pinta Island. Efforts to mate George with the nearest island females (two!), from the north end of Isabela, have failed. Ah well! There are five or six other Giant Tortoise that have been returned from zoos around the world, including San Diego, but they cannot be repatriated as no one knows which island they were taken from.

After a couple of beers in town at Kathy's Bar and Restaurant we returned to the boat, then later went back to town for a good solid evening meal at the Four Lanterns. Early on the last day aboard the Aggressor we cruised back to Cristobal where, after leaving the boat, we were the first tour visitors at the new Interpretive Center, which was about 95% complete. This was followed by several stops at local beer halls and a lobster lunch at a real "down to earth" restaurant.

We left Cristobal about one hour late for our flight on San SEATA airlines to Quito, the capital of Ecuador. The 10,000 foot altitude is noticeable, but not uncomfortable, especially for one night. The hotel (Alameda Real) was excellent especially for the price. Next day, the tenth day overall, we left on our now not-so-favorite airline for our flight back to Miami. The plane was exceptionally clean, the services impeccable, the flight smooth, no baggage issues, left exactly on time, arrived early and all in all was outstanding. Guess what? We were all asked to fill out a questionnaire on the quality of that flight ONLY!!

For KD and I the trip was not quite over as we were to spend four days in Key West with her parents. On departure day we arrived at Key West Airport to find that American had changed the flight time from 12 Noon to 11:30 AM and we barely made it onto the plane - shades of LAX at the beginning of this trip!! Not only that, there was only one empty seat for the two of us. Fortunately a "dead heading" American employee gave up her seat so we could make the flight to Miami and catch the Miami to LAX flight that afternoon. Our bags actually made it with us to LAX, all's well that ends well.

On a postscript note, we fired off a letter to American Airlines regarding the fiascoes on our outbound trip (Part I - January 1998 Issue). We received a letter of apology and a voucher each for \$200. We would gladly have paid the \$200 each, if we could, to have avoided the whole Miami and baggage caper!

THE END

A.P.

TALES FROM THE PHILLIPINES - THE MIGHTY SPEARPRO

John Iwaniec (Spearpro@aol.com)

Well, here it is another rainy night in LA and for sure there won't be any good diving here for another two weeks, so I figured I'd pass on a rather funny experience I had in the Phillipines one day after a rather uneventful dive.

As I mentioned, the dive wasn't real good and all I had for my efforts was this small stringer of rabbit fish, although good eating it surely wasn't any fifty pound impressive Uluu. This particular dive location was in the middle of the jungle at a place called Nabasan Pier. Now Nabasan was an ammunition pier in the middle of one of the most incredible jungles on the island of Louzan. There were wild critters all over the place and what transpired next was at very best a new spearfishing record "well of sorts".

I got to my car and had changed my clothes and was just leaving the parking lot after checking out with the Marine sentries and the tower guards with their M-16's, when something off the side of the road caught my attention. There in the tall grass was a circle of rock apes, a rather large type of monkey that looked for the most part like Baboons. This was rather unusual to see them in a circle like this so I pulled to the side of the road to see what they were all gazing at. There in the middle of the circle was this very large monitor lizard about five feet long with his head sticking up and wearily watching the monkees who appeared to have been contemplating a change of diet. As I pulled a little closer to the monkees, they decided that the car and I were a bit too imposing and moved back into the jungle. Once the monkees moved, Mr. Lizard decided the diversion was a good time to make his escape and proceeded to run across the road in front of me, straight into a cornered part of a chain link fence. "Wow!" says I. Monitors are supposed to be great eating and I had tasted some adobo made out of one before and it was truly delicious, so hey, I'll get him.

I got out of the car and figured that I would just jump on him when I quickly remembered that getting bit by one of these things could be really bad news, so I thought a moment and then of course I remembered that ole tick licker, my trusty speargun was in the back of the car. Yeah, that's it I'll shoot him and take him home to Mama. So I get out the ole gun, a very large two bander and walk up to Mr. Lizard with one band cocked to the back notch. By now my lizard realizes something is up and is no longer panicking to get through the chain linked fence and turns my way. I knew, or thought I knew that the best place to shoot him would be right behind the neck just like a fish, right? Wrong! What happened next was totally unexpected.

As soon as that spear struck that lizard he leapt up in the air on his hind feet and charged me. "Holy shit!" says I, this wasn't how things were supposed to go. I started running away but the thing was incredibly fast, so fast that I panicked and threw the gun down and took off as fast as could for the car, all 6'5" of me.

By this time unbeknown to me the guards in the tower were watching this whole evolution and were howling. All I could think of was to get away from this damn thing and ran around the car. Well, that was a good move cause the cable to the shaft caught under the tire and stopped him, that is, stopped him from any forward motion. But he was leaping up in the air hissing like one hell of a pissed off lizard, throwing blood all over the car, defecating, pissing and throwing up the most god awful slimy stinky stuff you can imagine, all over the side of my station wagon. Ughhh! Truly embarrassed by this whole thing and wanting to gain back some of my lost pride I had to figure out how to subdue this dang thing. I got back to the drivers side of the car and managed to get ahold of my weight belt, still shaking from this whole affair, I quietly got out and climbed up on the roof and carefully peered over to the other side where Mr. Lizard had finally calmed down a bit. I moved closer to the edge and made the best shot I could right between the eyes. Wow!. Great shot, knocked his ass out! Feeling somewhat more confident I jumped down and gave him a couple more good shots just for good measure, "got 'im". Now what to do with the dang thing? No way was I going to put him in the car with all that nasty stuff all over the place so figured I'd just tie him off to the roof. I tied him up real good, threw my gun in the back widow rolled it up and off for home I went.

The trip home was real uneventful, and I couldn't wait to show Liz what I had brought home for dinner. I jumped out of the car and called her outside. My wife Liz is the real cautious type and wearily came out but left the front door open just in case, cause daddy has brought home some strange stuff and she could tell by my voice that I really had something...well...unusual. I ran out in front and quickly untied the beast and just as I lifted him off the roof he sprang back to life, doing everything in his power to slide up the shaft at me. Holy shit, here we go again! I screamed, she screamed, and we both ran for the door. Mr. Lizard, free and nasty as ever was scrambling up the sidewalk spear in tow. To make matters worse my wife laid into me with a towel and kept screaming all sorts of indignities at me, as if things weren't bad enough already. I finally had to sneak around the house get the weight belt and a garbage can lid for defense and beat the poor thing silly again. By now he was such a mess I decided to take him down to the Indian village and give him to the locals. Not knowing what had transpired, they thought I was truly a great hunter and bestowed much praise and thanks to me for such a wonderful feast and dinner. I couldn't dare tell them all the death wishes my dear wife had made to me if I "even thought" I was going to bring that thing in the house.

By the way he was around 25 pounds. Anyone know what the standing record is for jungle monitors??

1998 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
98-1	SUN	8 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-2	SAT	14 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-3	SAT	11 APR	SHIP ROCK/BLUE CAVERN/BIRD ROCK	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-C10	WED	6 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 10 / CATALINA	\$65*	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-4	FRI/SAT	8/9 MAY	SAN MIGUEL	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
98-5	SAT	6 JUNE	SAN CLEMENTE - 9 FATHOM REEF & 4 1/2 FATHOM SPOT	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-6	FRI/SAT	24/25 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SANTA BARBARA/FARNSWORTH BANKS	\$190	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-7	SUN	16 AUG	OLYMPIC & AVALON WRECKS & PALOS VERDES	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-8	FRI/SAT	11/12 SEPT	RICHARDSON'S/CASTLE/WILSON ROCKS	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
98-9	FRI/SAT/	30/31 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
98-10	SAT/SUN	28/29 NOV	SAN MIGUEL / 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. New members allowed one single day dive at approximately two-thirds of member price.
Dive 98-C10 does not include air, food, and beverages.

Great Escape - 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 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 include date of last dive for each diver

BOAT DIVE RESERVATIONIST:

Curt Billings

Phone: (909) 945-3461, Fax: (909) 477-2849

e-mail: curt@diver.net.

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

THE SEA DIVERS

P.O. Box 2415

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

CALENDAR

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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April 7
April 11

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Boat Dive: Ship/Bird Rocks & Blue Cavern - *GREAT ESCAPE*

MAY						
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May 5
May 6
May 8/9
May 14

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza
Boat Dive - Catalina - Chamber Day 10
Boat Dive - San Miguel - *PEACE*
Executive Meeting - 7 PM - Roberto Al Mare

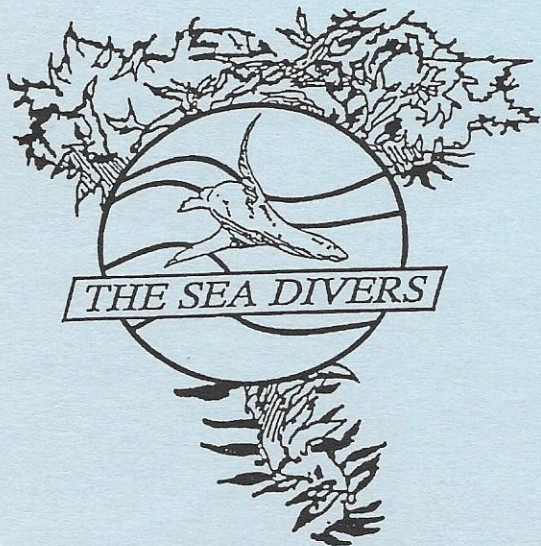
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