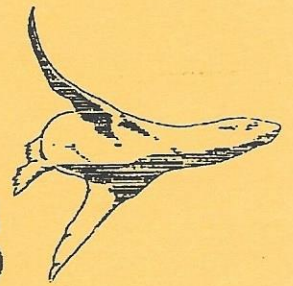




# THE SEA DIVERS



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK...

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp is almost upon us. As you know we started real late this year, for a variety of reasons, but we are hoping for a great turn-out from our diving community. AES Redondo Beach Generating Station is our major sponsor this year and once more we will be celebrating in the Whaling Wall area. Hopefully Mr. Weather will cooperate as in the previous six years.

Regarding our dive boat schedule for 1999 dates and destinations for both the Peace and the Great Escape are confirmed. Prices are also confirmed for the Peace and we anticipate little or no change in Great Escape prices. Note that our boats are full for the rest of this year and are already filling for next year. Club members do receive first choice, especially if you pay in advance!

A.P



## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING PETER LANDECKER DIVES BAJA

From July 14-18, 1998, Peter Landecker and six other Sea Divers in a group of 18 visited La Paz, Baja, Mexico and stayed at La Concha Resort. They did 3 dives per day and each morning, were picked up from the resort's dock by the *Rio Rita*, the old dive boat that used to be located in San Pedro. Dive sites visited included Los Isolates ("The Colony") north of the tip of Isla Espiritu Santo, Sunanne Reef, El Bajo ("Marisla Seamount"), San Rafaelito, Cervalvo Island, La Reyna ("The Queen"), La Reynita ("The Little Queen"), and the wreck of the *Salvatierra*. The *Rio Rita* is 50 feet long and is a large, slow, stable vessel with an accommodating crew. The group filled it completely. The trip was arranged by Dalia Sosa at Los Angeles International Travel Centre through Baja Expeditions.

Peter will show excerpts from an above and below water video made of the trip. Exciting moments include repeatedly massaging a large male sea lion and observing as many as 30 large hammerhead sharks at a time. Peter and some of his 6 fellow Sea Diver trip participants will also verbally share experiences.

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 6th 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 \$18.00 (to 6/30/99) (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/  
[ ] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$27.00 (to 6/30/99) \$36 family and are prorated quarterly for  
NEW members)

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

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## THE BEST OF OFFSHORE REEFS

30/31 OCT 1998 (FRI/SAT)

CORTES & TANNER BANKS

*GREAT ESCAPE*

Members \$195

(All inclusive !!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (10/29)

Non-Members \$210

Departure: 10:00 PM (10/29)

More World Class diving for us all! This year we have added Tanner Bank to our October two day, which as in the past four years, will also go to Cortes Bank.

Both Banks are near the Mexican border and both are typically deep dives, especially Tanner Bank. They are 70 to 80 miles SSW of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Landing and about 35 to 40 miles SW of China Point on San Clemente Island and roughly west of San Diego. As exposed dive spots they are not dived as much as other Southern California areas. Depths at Tanner are 80 to 100 feet plateaus with spectacular drop-offs, Cortes has similar plateaus, but rises to within 20 or 30 feet of the surface in one localized area.

Tanner Bank is known for its large red, pink, and purple hydrocoral formations, large fish, especially rockfish and cabezon. Schools of tuna, yellowtail and other species are not uncommon. This is definitely one of the most spectacular and unusual dives in Southern California. The club has not dived Tanner in many years, so now is your opportunity.

Cortes Bank is closer to the Mexican border and offers additional excellent diving. In addition to the large variety of fish, Cortes is home to a good sized lobster population, many of which can be found inside the wreck of the *Abalonia*. Much less of a plateau than Tanner, it provides a greater variety of walls, crevices, plateaus, and shallower depths.

Photo and video oriented divers will not be disappointed with the dive location, especially Tanner Bank. Just cruising out there adds to the two days, especially if the sun graces us with it's presence.

This dive is a strong intermediate to advance dive due to the full exposure of both Banks to the ocean. However, relative beginners can make the dives, assuming ocean conditions relative to waves, surge and current are within the individual's capabilities. San Clemente will be our fallback, which is typically suitable for all skill levels. Consult the divemaster if in doubt about your capability verses observed conditions.

These are really outstanding dive areas. Chances to dive here are limited but we've been very successful in the past few years at Cortes. For reservations call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail [curt@diver.net](mailto:curt@diver.net). Great diving!!

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## SOME OF THE BEST FOR LAST

28/29 NOV 1998 (SAT/SUN)

SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA

*PEACE*

Members \$180

(Everything included!!)

Boarding: 7:00 PM (11/27)

Non-Members \$195\*

Departure: 12:01 AM (11/28)

The final charter for 1998 is on the *Peace* out of Ventura Marina. As always we plan to head west as far as Mr. Weather will allow. May was bad, September was great so we'll be 2 for 3 or 1 for 3 after this trip.

Although not noted as the greatest lobster spot in the world, San Miguel offers some of the best diving around. The pinnacles are always spectacular and offer many opportunities for scallops, fish, and excellent photography or video. 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 excellent opportunities, for the photo/video/looky-loo divers, there are some of the best opportunities.

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 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 and capabilities.

At the time of this writing the boat is full with a wait list. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at [curt@diver.net](mailto:curt@diver.net). The September wait list pretty much evaporated! Other spots may also be available depending on the other half boat sign-up. LAST club chance for a great trip in 1998!!

## PRETTY MUCH AS PLANNED AT SAN MIGUEL

Whenever we plan a charter to the outer islands, San Miguel in particular, we always know that the weather and ocean conditions play a major part in success or not. With Mr. Nino fading but still screwing things up (i.e. in May to the Channel Islands) we were hoping for the best ...

We left the Ventura Marina about 50 minutes late due to last minute compressor repairs on *Peace*. Early AM we were off the south side of a hazy, but NOT windy San Miguel with the sun just rising over Santa Rosa. We made it! The first dive spot selected just west of Cardwell Point was pre-empted by a kelp harvester with a known record of running through a dive area. Nice! We settled on The Bluffs, far enough away for reasonable safety. Depths to 90 feet, with a slight plankton bloom keeping visibility to 30 or 35 feet, no current, calm, and high 50's water temperature. Nice area with a few scallops for those interested.

We followed this with two dives in Adam's Cove near the west end of the island. First dive in closer to the beach then the second. Visibility dropped 10 feet and there was more surge from the swells still on the outside. Fish were the order here. We poked our bow out into the swells and decided later would be better! Back east to Tyler Bight and then to Crook Point. Conditions were much the same as the first dive but it was obvious that the outside swells were dying down.

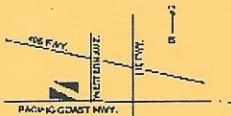
We ran to Cuyler's on the north side of the island for our final dive, night dive (no-one interested) and our comfortable overnight anchorage. The pork cutlets were great, maintaining the outstanding service and food typical of the *Peace*. The ownership change is transparent to the divers.

Saturday 6:00 AM we pulled anchor and headed northwest into the middle of nowhere, looking for Boomerang Reef. A 30 to 40 minute Loran/GPS/depth finder search finally located the U-shaped razorback. Spectacular dive with a huge variety of sea life including large scallops. Depths to 150 plus with one small pinnacle at about 60 feet. The pinnacle was home for one huge Mola-Mola. Getting on the boat was a little sporty especially with bags of scallops or camera equipment.

Off to Richardson's Rock where the swells were much more active. Some of the larger swells were almost breaking over the shallower reefs, making for a quite intimidating anchorage. Throw in a little chop and getting off the surface ASAP was very desirable. Once into dive mode it was relatively comfortable with the usual large scallops and fish for the game takers. As always a nice nice dive. Return to the swim step was best made from immediately below rather than any kind of surface swim.

The final dive was back in Lover's Cove which was a short dive for most. The sun was in and out, unlike the very warm first day, and finally it succumbed to a heavy solid overcast.

One booby of note. John D., for whatever strange reason on the Richardson's Rock dive, attached himself via a 10 foot line to the anchor chain in order to hang-off for a few minute safety stop. The plan was seriously flawed, as John found out when a large swell came through and essentially jerked him out of the water. Nice going John. So we made San Miguel, two major advanced dive pinnacles and covered most of our plan. Great stuff.

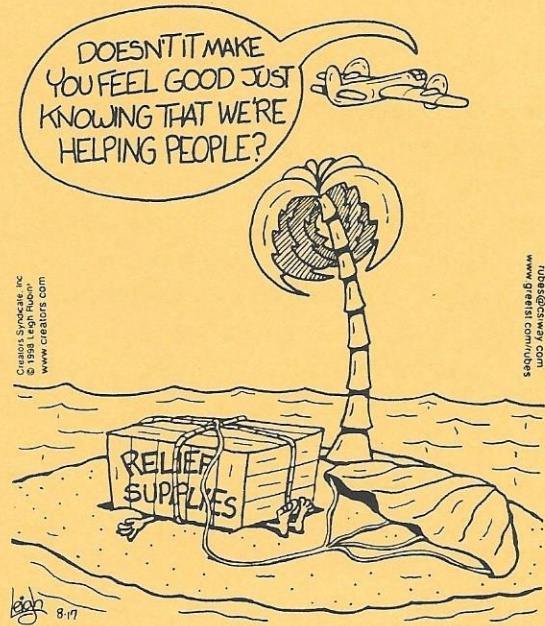


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## QUOTES FROM OUT WEST...

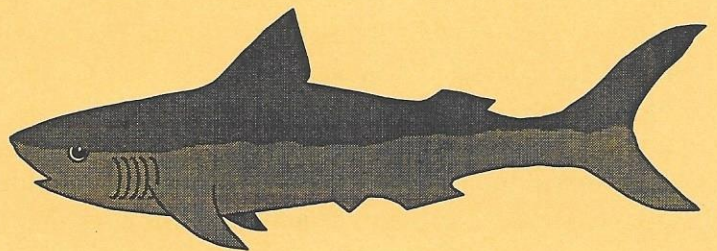
**RUBES** By Leigh Rubin

- "I was peaking probably about the time you were born."
- "The *Vision*? He's probably making his big plans to move to his second spot of the day."
- "Spilled my beer falling asleep."
- "I hate a 24 hour clock. You have to add or subtract to get the real time."
- "I'm going to stand up and watch, this could be entertaining."
- "Start your stopwatch...."
- "...What was that?! Three, four minutes of bottom time?"
- "'Bronze God'?! More like 'Alabaster Prince'."
- "Took care of cold, you'll now bitch about too hot."
- "Sometimes you have to whistle faster. You know your own body."
- "Go to Cuyler's. There's only two or three maybes for the night dive."
- "I like you but you're stupid..."
- "...I know, I know."
- "Oh wow! Oh aah! This is smooth!"
- "After you drink that don't light anything."
- "He never used to talk so much before he owned the boat..."
- "...He was just catching his breath – apparently."
- "Jimmy Buffet?!? No way. It sucks. It doesn't say 'music'."
- "So you're just a leech. Is that what I'm hearing?"
- "Just answer for 26, 27, 28, and 29."
- "You can't drink and dive, the ice floats out of your glass."
- "Mr. Pinnacles is held together by his wet suit."
- "I think I hurt myself that last dive."
- "Never go home unannounced, it can screw up a good marriage."
- "He flew right out of the water. I knew I didn't want to get too close to him."



### JUST 25 YEARS AGO...

The club President was John Satterfield, Vice President Steve Maloney, Secretary Donna Mirka and Treasurer Joe Scaffidi. The club was over eight years old and had over two hundred members. Club meetings were at Lococo's in Manhattan Beach. Dive boats chartered in 1973 included *Truth* (the original), *Blue Sea*, *Westerly*, *Retreat*, *Toronado* and *Mr. C*. Dues for TRW employees were \$4 and for non-employees \$5. Our beach dive program listed one per month with several weekend campouts. All in all we had a large and very active club.

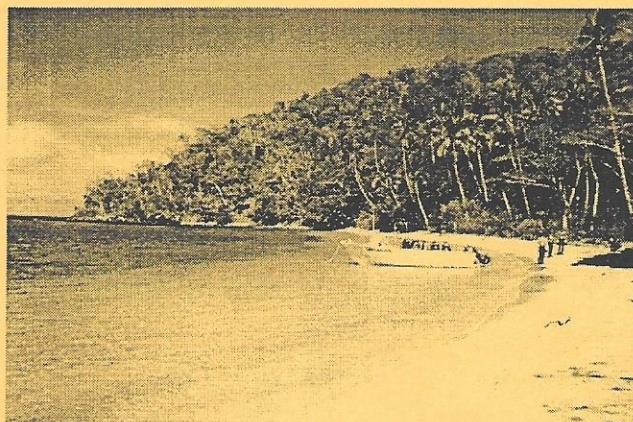


## A TRIP TO FIJI

One of the few advantages of a birthday with a zero in it is that one tends to get nicer presents! Mine this year was way above nice, almost unbelievable, a twelve day trip to Fiji courtesy of Kathy D. One of the conditions was that Kathy went along, which was NO problem at all!!!

Air New Zealand has one non-stop to Fiji from LAX on Saturdays and one return non-stop Thursdays, so Kathy built the trip around those flights. We left LAX at 11:30 PM Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and arrived in Nadi (pronounced 'Nan-dee') on the large island of Viti Levu about 5:30 AM Monday. We had about a three plus hour layover, before a one hour very bumpy flight to Taveuni, the third largest island. Taveuni's airport at Matei is a grass strip with a 30 foot by 30 foot terminal and the main road around about three quarters of the coastline is dirt. The courtesy vehicle from Maravu Plantation is a four wheel drive Toyota Land Cruiser which, like all other island vehicles constantly looks like it was just driven across Africa. We were staying at Maravu for eight days which included five days of diving with AquaVentures. After a welcome drink of coconut milk (we had something stronger in mind) and a description of the Plantation and it's services we were escorted to our bure (small thatched cottage). The bure had all the necessities of civilized life, shower, fridge, patio, etc. and turned out to be very comfortable and secluded. Breakfast, lunch, and especially dinner were outstanding with gourmet international style dishes. The owner is German and most of the staff Fijian – a very well run operation.

The first two days the weather was somewhat unsettled with moderate to high winds and a significant amount of afternoon rain – the first in many months. Our diving was Tuesday through Saturday all in the mornings except for Friday. A typical day was breakfast at 7:15 AM, diving from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM (including run to and from dive sites), lunch, then sun and pool duty, before pre-dinner cocktails and dinner. Didn't suck!! Fiji diving in the Somosomo Strait, especially in the Rainbow Reef area on the south east tip of Vanua Levu, provides over one thousand varieties of hard and soft corals to view. Colors just about cover the full range of possibilities, with a couple of surprises thrown in. Every spot/reef has a name and after awhile some began to run together in the memory bank, with four notable exceptions. We did both anchored and drift diving. One twist to the drift diving is that the boat re-anchors down current which is OK if you know this, the first time we overshot by 200 yards!!! Nasty swim back. Most spots have permanent anchorage's, but few of the boats use them as they are not buoyed at the surface and are difficult to hook into without someone in the water! Spots that ran together included "Small White Wall", "Rainbow Passage", "End of Rainbow", "Jack's Place", "The Corner", and "Sam's Place" but all were covered with a wide range of corals and sea life.



Dive boat *Unplugged* at a typical surface interval spot between dives

The four dive spots that were the most memorable included "The Ledge" which was a pinnacle rising from over 120 feet to within 20 feet of the surface. We spiraled down and then slowly circled back up. The actual ledge was a flat plateau at about 40 to 50 feet featuring, amongst other things, several lion fish. The next spot was "The Yellow Grotto" which featured a 10 foot diameter tunnel about 25 feet long sloping down at an angle of about 45 degrees. The inside was covered in a bright yellow soft coral which spread a few feet outside the lower exit of the tunnel. The only known place this species exists in the area. Next was "The Zoo", a vertical wall going down forever with a tremendous amount of sea life including reef sharks and grouper-like fish. Finally, "The Great White Wall" a known world class dive. We began the dive from the top of the reef at about 35 feet, swam down through a large tunnel exiting at about 55 feet and turning left onto the wall, which is covered with various species of white and near white coral. Absolutely spectacular. The coral ranges from about 60 feet to about 140 feet. This was our deepest dive at 134 feet although we had several others over 100 feet. Diving over we still had five days left.

On the Sunday we signed up for a six plus mile trek from Lavena, the end of the island's main dirt drag on the east coast, to Wainibau falls. The Maravu Plantation had to squeeze eight of us into their Land Cruiser for the ride to Lavena and then we began trekking along a winding trail immediately adjacent to the sand which turned from white to black as we headed south-east. Three river crossings were involved, one pretty much dry, one with enough rocks above water level to stay dry and one with a hand rope that was up to thigh deep in places. We turned inland into a rain forest and more hilly terrain with rough steep steps both up and down. Hot! Humid! We finally reached our lunch destination, sitting on large round boulders at the edge of the small but fast moving river emanating from the two falls which were only partially visible.

In order to reach the falls and the 120 foot diameter 'pool' below we had to swim upcurrent about 100 yards. The resulting views were quite spectacular. One fall was about 70 to 80 feet high and a vertical free drop from the ledge, the other was maybe 40 feet high and more of a plume, cascading over a rounded rock formation. Fijian teenagers were riding the plume much like some of our water theme parks provide for in the USA. What the hell, if they can do it so can we!! Kathy went first, climbed up the 40 feet or so of rock face adjacent to the plume, dropped into the water and rode down. We have an excellent photo to show for it. Other than surfacing with excess water in the sinus passages, the ride was successful. Well hell, if Kathy can do it so can I!!

I swam across, from my photo-op position and gave the camera to Kathy for my ride. I began the climb but worked my way slowly to the left and away from the plume. When I got about three-quarters of the way up I ran out of hand holds. Wrong route!! One of the Fijian teenagers leaned over, gave me his hand and pulled me to safety. I went to make the final step and suddenly I'm no longer in charge of my immediate destiny. The trip down was not unpleasant, even allowing for the several unplanned contacts with dry rock. I hit the water on the very edge of the plume boil. Check - no major injuries, except those tending to long term psychological. Other injuries included a nice contusion with attendant 4 inch diameter "lump" on my left hip, a nice skin removal on my right shin and a chunk out of the right big toe. Other aches and pains developed later!! Kathy missed the photo-op of a lifetime. Apparently she went into wide eyed brain fade!!

The trek back was uneventful until we arrived back at Maravu where a much agitated (German) owner greeted us with "Ve haf not vater!" Translated: shower in the pool. Water was restored that evening and the owner provided free Body Odor drinks at the bar. Nice touch. We were serenaded by the staff twice on Sunday evening and again on our departure Monday morning. Since this was unusual we summized that we had broken the eight day record at the bar!

The flight back to Nadi was smoother than a week earlier and less busy. We took a taxi for the 50 or so minute ride to Shangri-La's Fijian Resort on it's own island (Yanuca Island). Big place, a major change of pace from Maravu Plantation. With over 400 rooms, five restaurants and bars, a huge pool and a smaller cousin, water sports, etc. it was your typical high end International resort. The vast majority of residents were from New Zealand or Australia. We were very much "loners" from the USA. Our three or so days comprised of breakfast with champagne (Australian Hardy's - excellent value for the price) on our balcony, overlooking the pool and the ocean, sun bathing on the beach, flopping either into the ocean or into the pool to cool off, drinking beer or wine, and then choosing one of the restaurants for dinner. The gourmet restaurant was excellent. We did venture off the island to a very down to earth local Fijian eatery Tomlu's which was outstanding and very cheap.

Thursday evening we began our trip back to the USA and reality. Although very different we enjoyed both Maravu and the Fijian. We would recommend both depending on your personal desires. The Fijians are the friendliest people I've had the pleasure to be around.

Our Air New Zealand flight left Nadi about 30 minutes late at midnight Thursday. We were to fly 10 hours or so and arrive at LAX about 3:00 PM Thursday afternoon, the dateline thing in reverse. Thursday seemed like it was three days long. Great, great trip thanks to Kathy D. and her personal travel agent Kathleen Tadlock. Many thanks, but it does put me squarely "on the spot", as Kathy has a birthday with a zero in it next year!!!

**A SOMEWHAT INTERESTING  
FLIGHT HOME**

On our flight home from Nadi, Fiji, we had been airborne for about 40 minutes, Kathy D. was asleep, as were many others, and I was in the twilight pre-sleep stage. An announcement was made, over the cabin intercom, for any advanced divers on board to identify themselves. Half asleep, I figured someone else would be available. Not so. Soon a second more urgent sounding announcement was made. I reluctantly raised my arm. The chief flight attendant hustled me over to a German couple, the male half of which had tingling in his fingers, hands, and toes. Obviously a diver with early signs of DCS.

His story was one of several days of repetitive two tank diving including a single dive 13 hours earlier to 45 meters, about 146 feet! I probed for other symptoms of which he stated he had none. Now "the skipper" wants to talk to me on the flight deck. New experience, never been on a 747 flight deck in flight (at night). Lights everywhere. Crew of three all New Zealanders, female co-pilot are asking me, whether we should go back, wait and see and where are recompression chambers in the South Pacific. Suva, i.e. back to Fiji is the closest! My recommendation was to give him oxygen, wait a few minutes, monitor, and keep the cabin pressure as high as possible.

To cut a long story short, I was back and forth every ten minutes, until our diver no longer had any symptoms. I was up on the flight deck three maybe four times advising the crew. After my last trip upstairs, I was returning to my seat and Kathy woke up...

"Where have you been?"

"Up on the flight deck talking to 'the skipper' and the flight crew."

"Right!!"

A.P.

**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY  
COMMISSION (CPSC), FIRMS  
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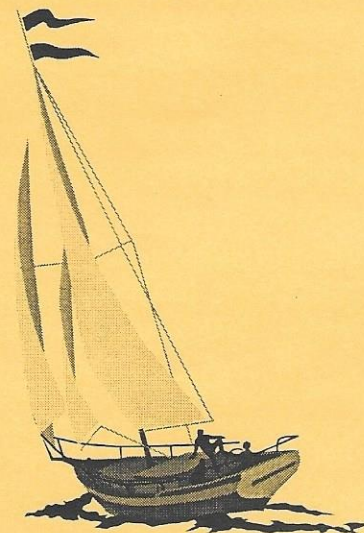
The following product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with CPSC. For more information about recalls, visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

**PRODUCT:** Underwater Flash Units - Nikon Inc., of Melville, N.Y., is recalling about 29,900 Nikonos Speedlight Model SB-103 amphibious high-performance electronic flash unit bodies. Dive retailers sold these Nikonos SB-103 Speedlights between November 1984 and October 1994 for about \$350.

**PROBLEM:** Gas buildup within the unit can cause the front lens and flash tube unit, along with the rubberized ring holding them in place, to propel off the front of the Speedlight.

**INJURIES/INCIDENTS:** Nikon has received one report of the lens propelling from the Speedlight flash. No injuries were reported. Nikon also is aware of 12 other incidents which occurred outside the United States, but no injuries have been reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should immediately stop using the Nikonos SB-103 Speedlight. Nikon will replace the model SB-103 body with a Nikonos SB-105 Speedlight body free of charge. For more information, contact Nikon at (800) 645-6687 between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m PDT Monday through Friday.





## 1998 AND 1999 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

<u>DIVE</u>	<u>DAY(S)</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>PRICE*</u>	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
98-9	FRI/SAT	30/31 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
98-10	SAT/SUN	28/29 NOV	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-1	SUN	7 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-2	SAT	13 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-3	SAT	10 APR	FARNSWORTH / CATALINA PINNACLES	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-C11	WED	5 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 11 / CATALINA	\$65*	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-4	FRI/SAT	7/8 MAY	SAN MIGUEL	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-5	SAT	5 JUNE	SAN CLEMENTE - 9 FATHOM REEF & 4 1/2 FATHOM SPOT	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-6	SAT	26 JUNE	TBD OIL RIG	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-7	FRI/SAT	23/24 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$190	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-8	SUN	15 AUG	PALAWAN WRECK & PALOS VERDES	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-9	FRI/SAT	10/11 SEPT	RICHARDSON'S/CASTLE/WILSON ROCKS	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-10	FRI/SAT	29/30 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-11	SAT/SUN	27/28 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 99-C11 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**

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

October 6  
 October 18  
 October 30 - 31

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp  
 Boat Dive – Cortes and Tanner Banks - *GREAT ESCAPE*

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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November 3  
 November 12  
 November 27-28

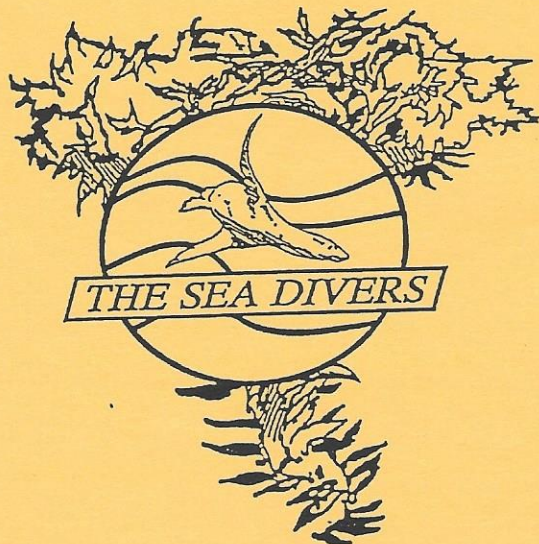
General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
 Executive Meeting – 7 PM – Roberto Al Mare's  
 Boat Dive – San Miguel / Santa Rosa - *PEACE*

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