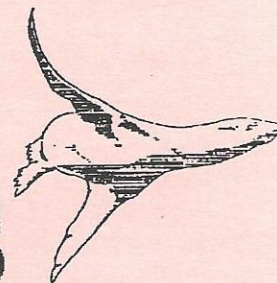


THE SEA DIVERS



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING II...

As stated in last month's Executive write-up we were continuing to review options on the *Peace* charters which are overfilling our half of the boat. We've solved that little problem! We now have the whole boat for all of our *Peace* charters. The May trip remains on 7/8 Fri/Sat, the September trip moves two weeks to 24/25 Fri/Sat, and the November trip moves one week to 4/5 (December) Sat/Sun and away from the Thanksgiving weekend. Price remains the same at \$180 for the two days.

Continuing some of the same thoughts to the *Great Escape* we are chartering the whole boat for all of our trips in 1999. Hopefully no more split charter problems! One final note, we are going to limit all of our signups to 28 divers only against 32 full load on *Peace* and 36 full load on *Great Escape*. We believe this will resonate with all our members and make for a great year of boat diving in 1999.

We have also re-introduced our other planned activities on page 4 of this newsletter. We'll add to this as the year progresses. Happy New Year and great diving.

A.P



JANUARY GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED !!!

Since we didn't have a scheduled club dive in December, AND we have no Program for January, AND we still don't have a Program Chairperson, AND everyone will be just recuperating from the holidays...the **January General Meeting has been cancelled.**

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 2nd starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne.

AVALON UNDERWATER CLEAN-UP FEBRUARY 20

The 1999 Underwater Clean-Up of Avalon Bay takes place on Saturday, February 20. This is the 19th year of this popular annual event. The trash found in the bay is collected over the two hour period, then sorted and recycled by volunteers. An awards presentation will follow at Wrigley Plaza Stage in town. There will be a large number of prizes given away and awards given out for exemplary trash and stories.

The proceeds from the Underwater Clean-Up will benefit the Catalina Conservancy Divers and Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. **Advanced registration is required. Registration will not be allowed the day of the event.**

There is a registration fee of \$25 which includes an air fill, door prize ticket, and commemorative T-shirt.

See page 5 of this newsletter for a registration form. For further information, contact Diana or Tina at Catalina Scuba Luv at (310) 510-2350 or e-mail prneptune@aol.com. The Sea Divers are looking for a lead diver/organizer for this event.

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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:

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

BUGS AND A WHOLE BOAT

7 February 1999 (Sun)

SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$85

(All inclusive and uncrowded!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (2/6)

Non-Members \$95

Departure: 2:00 AM (2/7)

New Members \$43

The first dive of our much revamped 1999 program is to Santa Barbara Island and Sutil Island. Again this lobster season Santa Barbara has proven to be one of the best spots in Southern California waters for legal size bugs. We continue our excellent relationship with the *Great Escape* and hope to have a great trip, especially with our whole boat limited load scenario.

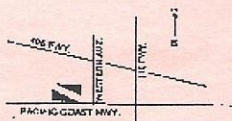
As most of you experienced divers know, Santa Barbara diving provides the very best in underwater topography, marine life, and generally high visibility. Sea lions abound and are always ready to "play". Black sea bass have been sighted on numerous occasions as have relatively large rays. The reefs are ideal for photography or just looking. Typically we will circumnavigate this relatively small island to pick off four or five choice spots, including one or two in the environs of Sutil Island.

For the game takers there are a variety of fish, scallops, and lobster as mentioned above. Diving conditions in February are usually pleasant and typically the ocean is cooperative. This dive is suitable for all skill levels. Beginners should check with the divemaster to ascertain the specifics of each dive. *Great Escape* is one of the largest dive boat in the L.A. area and provides an extremely comfortable diving platform. The "verandah" (a.k.a. sun deck) also provides for sun and relaxation on the ride home. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849, or e-mail at curt@diver.net to sign up for this all inclusive limited load trip on a great boat to one of the best islands. You may pre-select your stateroom / bunk on receipt of full payment. CALL NOW!

FREE TWO DAY BOAT TRIP!!!

Yes, you read it right folks. The Sea Divers are giving away an absolutely free – no cost to you, two day dive trip on one of our upcoming 1999 charters. I know you're thinking, "This is too good to be true. How can they GIVE away a two day trip?? There must be a catch." Well, you're wrong. It's true and we can afford to give away a two day trip because financially we're doing MUCH better than we ever have in the past....and....um....OK, there is one little catch. To become the lucky recipient of this once in a lifetime offer you have to volunteer to be The Sea Diver's Program Chairperson for 1999. As the Program Chair, you will be required to come up with speakers, videos, or whatever constitutes the program for each of the General Meetings in 1999. (We TOLD you we were in desperate need of a Program Chair. See how low we've sunk? We're resorting to bribes!) The good news is we're not having the January General Meeting as it occurs right after most people are getting back from vacation...so you only have to come up with 11 programs for 1999!

Call any of the Execs to volunteer for the Program Chair and reserve your two day trip for 1999.



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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

Clint Eastwood was not on board our *Peace* November two day, but the trip sure invoked use of one of his spaghetti western titles. Weatherwise things turned bad on Friday, south winds on the outer islands, swells from the northwest meeting swells from the southwest and a rain front coming through on Saturday. We left the dock about 3:00 AM, late to allow for some smoothing of the 'road' out. After bumping, rock and rolling, and smooth at times we anchored near the gap at the east end of Anacapa! Talk about the scenic route out. It took three and a half hours plus for a normally less than two hours run. Don't ask!

Anyhow, it was pretty much north side of Anacapa all day one for five dives. Conditions varied little from dive to dive with depths from 50 to 90 feet, visibility 40 to 60 feet, 58°F temperature, wind chop, and the ever-present current from noticeable to strong.

Bugs there were, with a take of about three dozen for the day, most just legal with a few two to five pounders thrown in. It blew, it rained, it basically sucked as a day. Diving was in the OK to good category. We made a run to Santa Cruz and it poured big time until we anchored about one mile southwest of Yellow Banks. For the relatively few who braved this dive there were slim pickings. Visibility was way down, less good for the photo and video-philas. Otherwise it was much the same as Anacapa.

Valley Arch was the choice for overnight, with no night divers. The anchorage was very comfortable with little boat motion. Sunday dawn was spectacular with obviously much improved weather likely for the day. Anchors pulled, we headed west, not very far, as the wind was still up and the southwest swells were still with us. We retreated to a spot about one and half miles west of Sandstone Point. This was a very ugly dive spot with lots of sand and small infrequent rock 'piles' here and there. Even the hardened bub hunters were unimpressed. The current was up and multi-directional causing several divers to miss the boat, the current line and almost the next point on the island. For the remainder of a great weather day we putzed around between the dive one spot and Smuggler's Cove just north of Yellow Banks. Once upon a time this was a great dive area but that's a whole other generation's story. Personally, I think it sucks, but we had no choice. Some bugs were found raising the two-day boat total to fifty plus – not bad, considering.

The two and a half hour run back was warm, calm, and uneventful. Food fare was excellent, as was the attentiveness of the whole crew. The ownership change is truly transparent with a few noticeable improvements thrown in. The 5:00 PM arrival back at the dock was much appreciated, as it was Sunday at the end of the Thanksgiving holiday. Surprisingly, traffic was light. The Good – lots of bugs and the Sunday weather, the Bad – Saturday's weather, and the Ugly – dive one on Sunday.

SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sat	20 Feb '99	19 th Avalon Harbor Clean Up, Avalon, Catalina
Sun	23 May '99	7 th Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp
Sun	20 June '99	Bouillabaisse Extraordinaire, Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach
Fri-Sun	25-27 June '99	SCUBA '99, Queen Mary, Long Beach
Sun	20 Sept '99	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations

Registration Form - 19th Annual Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup

Please send in a form for each participant -- (Make as many copies as necessary.) Mail completed registration forms with check payable to CCD and send to: CCD C/O Scuba Luv, P. O. B. 2009, Avalon, CA. 90704 . By return mail you will receive: Baggage transportation tickets & dive assignment. **RETURN BY JANUARY 30, 1999**

Name _____ Buddy name: _____ Club/Store Affiliation: _____

Address : _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____ (work) _____ email: _____ Cert #: _____ Agency: _____

Tee Shirt Size: (Please circle size) : M L XL XXL Buddy needed: ____ (Write Yes or No)

*** **NO SIGN UPS ON THE DATE OF THE EVENT. CLEAN-UP GOES ON/ RAIN OR SHINE !**

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY ON THIS FORM ! BRING YOUR CERTIFICATION CARD TO CATALINA !

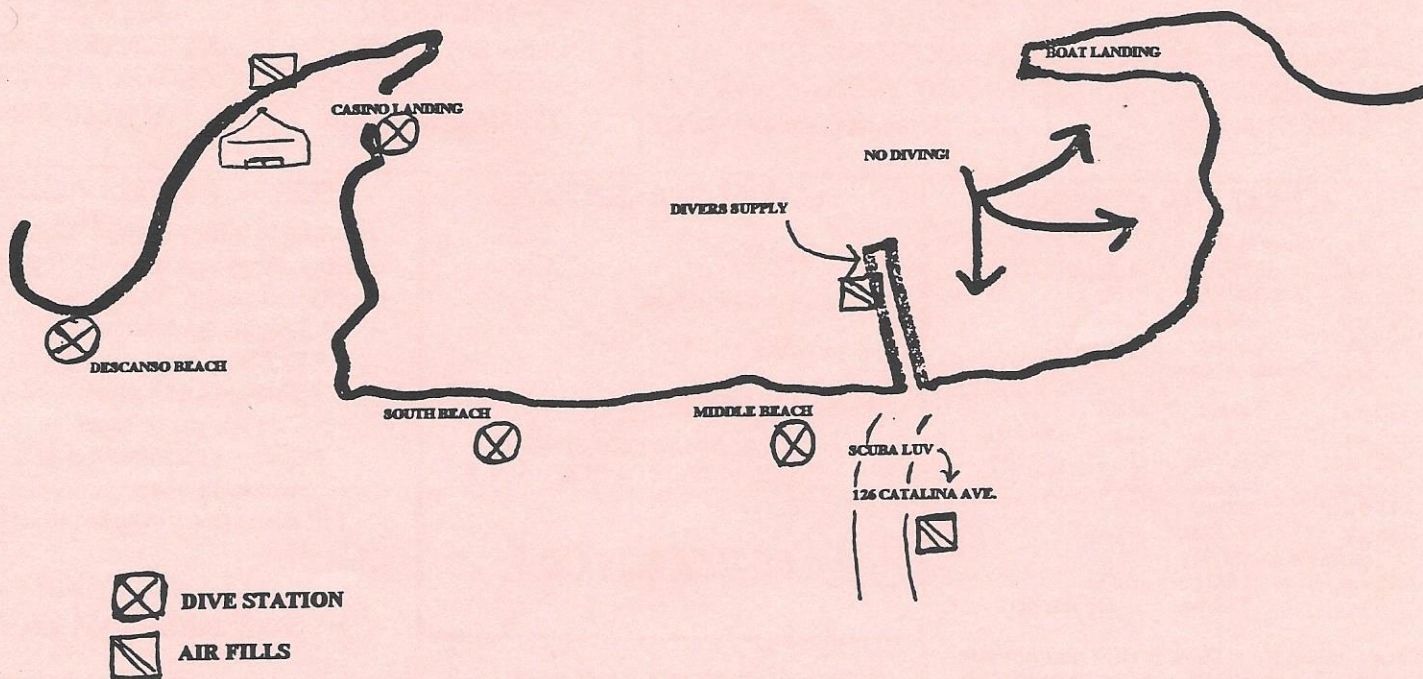
FEES: Diving Participant each..... \$25.00 Non-Diving Volunteer.....No Fee (Only first 20 will be needed)

Please make check payable to : CCD or sign below with your credit card # : _____
credit card # Expires

Signature _____

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR ENTRY IN THE SAME ENVELOPE AS YOUR BUDDY IF POSSIBLE!

AVALON HARBOR MAP WITH LEGEND:



AVALON HARBOR UNDERWATER CLEANUP SCHEDULE:

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|--------------|--|
| 11:00 am | MANDATORY ORIENTATION- WRIGLEY STAGE |
| 11:30 - 1:30 | DIVING! ONE TANK ONLY AND ONLY AT YOUR ASSIGNED SITE |
| 1:30 - 3:00 | LUNCH BREAK |
| 3:00 PM | AWARDS CEREMONY! DOOR PRIZES! RAFFLES! FREE GIFTS!
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8:45 am	10:00 am	Daily
10:15 am	11:30 am	Daily
12:30 pm	1:45 pm	Daily
4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Daily
7:45 pm	9:00 pm	Friday
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THANKSGIVING QUOTES...

"All that for Anacapa?"

"So who was in charge of weather....?"

"...Must have been McGuire, his other excuse was flimsy."

"Looks nasty, I'm going for a 10 foot bunk dive."

"Just like the last spot without Brittle Stars."

"We're working on our '99 tan very slowly."

"All kind of sand, nice swim, found the reef with ten divers on it and one bug."

"That's a good specimen you've got."

"Where to now squire...?"

"...I don't know, I don't know."

"Bruce Willis triumphs again."

"This is very ugly weather, very ugly!"

"Your piece of meat is a lot better than mine."

"Did you flash him, and I missed something?"

"You've never had this before."

"I'm so full I feel pregnant and I'm a male."

"This is a fine '99 Chardonnay."

"Can we watch a real video?"

"I can sleep anywhere."

"It's a Blue Ring Top Snail..."

".... Yeah, right."

"If you're looking for pretty, this ain't it."

"Lot's of sand, small rock piles, ugly, but it can be good for bugs."

"My son and Allen corrupted me."

"You sho' have purdy lips."

"They're all testing their whistles now."

"You saw Brittle Stars?!? Really?!?"

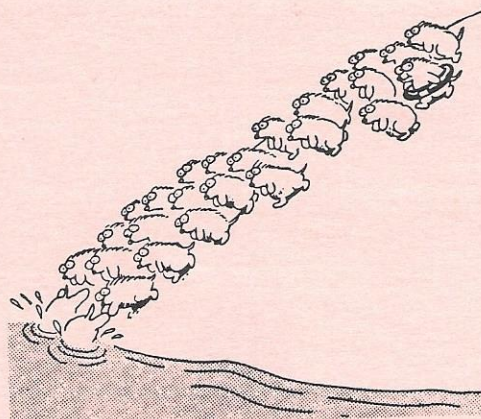
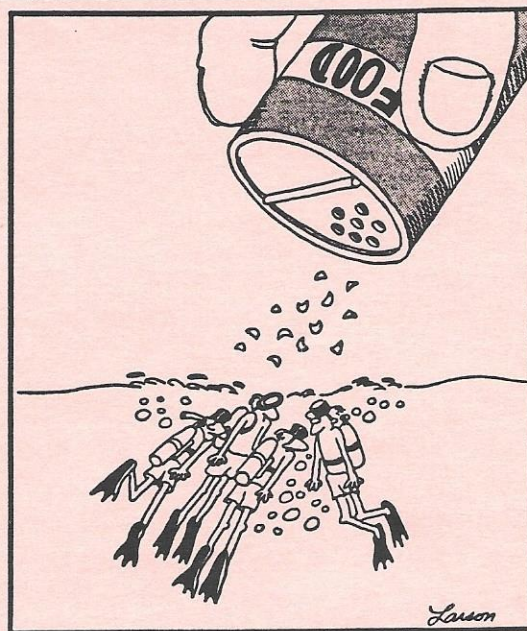
"If it takes that many people to measure it, it's probably not legal."

"Long body, short tail."

"Glad to see you have the uncommon decency not to be watching that trash."

JUST NINE YEARS AGO...

Allen Parker was President, Kathi McNally Treasurer, and Cathy Gale Secretary. General Meetings were at Poncho and Wong's and Executive Meetings at Baxter's. Our boat dive was to Santa Barbara on the Charisma at \$64 all-inclusive. We chartered Bold Contender, Wild Wave, Charisma, (all gone or renamed) Peace and Encore. There was to be a Xmas party at Cathy Gale and Robin Grant's house near Marina Del Rey and we were busy thanking all those that supported the 13th Halloween Bash. Party Time! This was our first month as The Sea Divers no longer part of TRW SEA (Spacepark Employee's Association).



REGULATOR OR SNORKEL?

Tom Millington

A recent fatality which occurred in our Channel Islands brings to mind the controversy over whether you should enter the water from a boat with your snorkel or your regulator in your mouth.

In the recent incident, the diver is believed to have jumped into the water from a local dive boat with the regulator in her mouth. She then switched to snorkel, and started swimming to the bow of the boat. During the swim, she rolled over and sank to the bottom. In spite of rescue efforts, she was pronounced dead at a local hospital. This is the report that I have received from several witnesses... what precisely happened is still under investigation. The coroner's report was that the death was secondary to asphyxia, and was attributed to drowning. This is the most common cause of death on coroner's reports, and many, if not most, of the drownings are secondary to air embolism.

Why would entering the water with regulator in mouth be a risk for embolization? Don't all training agencies now use this as a standard of practice? Indeed, most dive boat divemasters will throw a fit if they see you trying to do an entry with your snorkel in place!

The problem is that an ascent from 3.5 feet of seawater to the surface has been demonstrated to be able to cause the air expanding in the lungs to rupture into the circulation, the surrounding tissues or the pleural space. [Physiology and Medicine of Diving, Bennett and Elliott, Third Edition, Best Publishing Co., Pg. 469]. Each year there will be case reports in our diving medicine journals of victims who embolized in swimming pool training sessions, and presented to hospitals with an original diagnosis of stroke (usually young divers). Only after precious time is wasted evaluating why such a young person would have a stroke, is it realized that the problem is diving related, and the victim is referred to a chamber for proper treatment.

When entering the water from a boat with a regulator in mouth, it is quite possible to submerge more than 4 feet under the surface, especially if the entry is from a significant height, or the swells raise the boat as the dive enters. If the giant stride isn't quite right, you can end up 3.5 feet below the surface or deeper.

Add to this scenario that you have been standing on the boat waiting for your chance to enter the water for several minutes or longer. You may very well be hot and sweating after this period of time. If you have on a drysuit you probably are hot. Then you jump into water which is only 58 or 59 degrees. By reflex, you may hold your breath for a second or two due to the sudden exposure to cold water. You also probably have some air in your BC. This may be all that's needed to cause an air embolism if your depth was over 3.5 feet.

If you had your snorkel in your mouth, you don't have to worry about this. All of us who were trained back in the '70's or early '80's are still using snorkel entries, in spite of disparaging remarks from divemasters (in most locations of the world).

There is a time for entries with regulators, such as a current dive, when you enter with your BC deflated and descend immediately so as not to be carried off by the current. Otherwise, I feel that the safest entry is with your snorkel, although you will get an argument from your training agencies.

You need to make up your mind on this one. Just make sure your dive insurance is paid up.



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>
99-1	SUN	7 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-2	SAT	13 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$90	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-3	SAT	10 APR	FARNSWORTH /CATALINA PINNACLES	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-C11	WED	5 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 11 / CATALINA	\$70*	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND 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 ½ FATHOM SPOT	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-6	SAT	26 JUNE	TBD OIL RIG	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-7**	FRI/SAT	23/24 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-8	SUN	15 AUG	PALAWAN WRECK & PALOS VERDES	\$70	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-9	FRI/SAT	24/25 SEPT	RICHARDSON'S/CASTLE/WILSON ROCKS	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-10	WED	13 OCT	TALCOTT SHOALS	\$75	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
99-11**	FRI/SAT	29/30 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
99-12	SAT/SUN	4/5 DEC	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.

**Limited load of 28 divers.

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

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THE SEA DIVERS

P.O. Box 2415

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

CALENDAR

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January 5

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza - **CANCELLED**

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February 2

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

February 7

Boat Dive – Santa Barbara & Sutil Islands - *GREAT ESCAPE*

February 20

Beach Dive – 19th Annual Avalon Harbor Clean-Up - Catalina

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