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FROM AN EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION...

Although we have included Registration Forms in at least three Newsletters and made them available at the General Meetings, club member sign-ups for the 7th Redondo Beach King Harbor Underwater CleanUp remains "soft". I would like to urge all of you to seriously consider supporting this highly worthwhile event with as a diver, a surface support person of if time does not allow, a \$20 donation. We have donated \$30,000 to the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber from this event and hope to maintain our track record. Thanks to those already supporting us either as organizers or participants.



MAY GENERAL MEETING The One, The Only, The Infamous – DON MUELLER

There is a reunion of old Sea Divers from the 70's and 80's to be held in October of this year (90's Sea Divers are of course included). This presentation will set the stage for the October festivities. We will have people coming from all over the world to this event. The presentation will include some old videos of old Sea Divers doing crazy things. Also a slide show of some of our boat dives and parties from the 70's will be shown. If you are planning to attend the big reunion, you should attend this so you won't suffer too much culture shock when you see these old guys and gals in action.

About the speaker: Don joined the TRW Sea Divers in about 1976 and rose to the rank of Vice President. He didn't make President because he was judged unfit for such an exalted position. The fear was that we would end up having an impeachment trial and the resulting constitutional crisis would be too much for the club. Don has been diving once or twice a week since those days and continues to do so. He is currently Vice Commodore of the Port Royal Yacht Club (the locale of the reunion) and probably won't make Commodore for the same reasons.

The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 4th starting at 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne.

RUBES By Leigh Rubin





"I've heard they're not too bad once you get past their rubbery skin."

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7/8 MAY 1999 (Fri/Sat)

SAN MIGUEL (Includes Everything! – Limited Load)

PEACE

Boarding: 7:00 PM (5/6)

Departure: 1:00 AM (5/7)

Members \$180

Non-Members \$195

The first two day of 1999 promises to be one of our better trips on the *Peace*. We have the whole boat and have a limited the load of twenty eight divers.

The planned itinerary 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/or scallop areas. We will loop around the south side of Santa Rosa picking off dives as we progress westward towards San Miguel.

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 around the west or the east side of the island for one or more dives before overnighting in Cuyler Harbor.

Second day, weather permitting we would hope to tackle Richardson's Rock, Boomerang 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 San Miguel either at Harris Point or in Simonton Cove..

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, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail at curt@diver.net for early sign-up and bunk assignment as you pay in full!! DON'T WAIT, the trip is full with a wait list formed. Wait lists DO erode!

DIVER'S CHOICE – SHALLOW TO DEEP

5 June 1999 (Sat)	SAN CLEMENTE - 9 Fathom	GREAT ESCAPE		
Members \$85	Reef and 4 ½ Fathom Spot	Boarding: 8:00 PM (6/4)		
Non-Members \$95	(All Inclusive, Limited Load!)	Departure: 1:00 AM (6/5)		

New Members \$57

This single day dive on the *Great Escape* will take us to Nine Fathom Reef for our first dive. This is an outstanding dive area with red and purple coral, rich red, orange, and purple gargonians, and a variety of game fish that inhabit the mini-canyons and reefs. A few scallops are available for the determined. Great spot for photography. Depths are in the 60-120 foot range and visibility is typically great.

Following the Nine Fathom Reef dive we will head along the backside to the Four-and-a-Half Fathom Spot. This is also an excellent dive area with vertical walls and deep canyons to explore. Once again a good spearfishing area and great for photography or just looking. We'll then pick off a couple of dives on the backside working back towards Castle Rock. The backside of San Clemente has some of the most varied diving environs around and the June trip is always popular. Sign up early by contacting Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail at curt@diver.net for sign-up and stateroom or bunk assignment. As of this writing there are 15 spots left. Remember LIMITED LOAD!



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 you adventures from day trips to the local islands to your wildest diving fantasy

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	UNDERWAL	TER CLEANUP	
ACTIVITY:	Redondo Beach, K	ing Harbor Underwater CleanUp	
DATE:	Sunday, 23 May 1	999	
TIME:	9:00 AM to 4:00 P	M (Diving 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM)	
LOCATION:	Six areas encompa	assing all main basins of King Harbor	
REGISTRATION:	Divers and Surface May 1999 by send	e Support Personnel <u>must register</u> by 15 ing a \$20.00 check or money order	
	<u>made payable to</u> :	The Sea Divers P.O. Box 2415 Redondo Beach, CA 90278	
WHAT YOU GET:	harbor, enjoy cama	to continue the clean up of a major local traderie and have lunch at the AES Whaling Wall. ve a ** <i>Commemorative Wyland T-shirt</i> **	
TYPICAL AWARDS:	Diver Awards	Largest, Heaviest, Smallest, Most Unusual, Most Amusing, Classic/Antique Bottle, Mos Valuable, Special A, B and C	t
	Surface Awards	Energetic, Team Spirit, Leadership, Special	
DOOR PRIZES:	Registration automat prizes are donated by	ically entitles you to one door prize drawing ticket. Door various sponsors and will include a major trip for two.	
PROCEEDS GO TO:	Catalina Hyperbaric	Chamber	
INFORMATION:	Call Allen Parker, Cl Day/Evening (310) Sea Diver Web Page		
This major event	is organized by The Sea I	Divers (Est. 1965). Previous sponsors included:	
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AES Redondo Beach Generating Station (formally known as Southern California Edison)

	American Diving	GTE	Redondo Beach Unified School District
	Adventures in Diving	Harbor & Pier Association	Sea d' Sea
	Aero-California	Just-Add-Water Sports	Sea Safaris
	Air New Zealand	King Harbor Marina	South Bay Hospital
	Baxter	Manhattan Beach Aquatics	Sport Chalet
	Beach Cities SCUBA	Merle Norman Cosmetics	Sports Center at King Harbor
	Billani Jewelry and Gems	Pacifica T-shirts	The Daily Breeze
-	Browning-Ferris Industries	PADI Project Aware Foundation	TRW
	Cafe Piccolo	Portofino Marina	United States Army Reserves
5	Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber	Port Royal Marina	United States Navy Reserves
	Chevron - El Segundo	Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce	Waste Management
	Dive 'N Surf	Redondo Beach Marina	Wyland Studios

	h Registration at be received by 15 May 1999)* al King Harbor Underwa	
Name:		
Home Address:		
Day Phone:()	Evening Phone:()
Check one of the following: Dive	r: Surface Support: _	Donation Only:
Do not leave any blank spaces! If you were re	VIDE THE FOLLOWING I ecently certified and have not yet rece er your Social Security Number	
Certification Agency:	Certification Date:	
Certification Number:	Social Security Nu	mber:
Emergency Contact Name: We will be diving in six areas. If and/or support buddy please inc	you wish to dive with or s	upport a group
Group/Club Affiliation:		
Buddy:		
Did you participate in this event pr	eviously' Yes	No
How did you hear about the event?	Flyer/Registration Form Media/Advertisements	
We cannot guarantee T-shirt sizes	however your preference w	ill help us place the orders.
Circle Preferre	d T-shirt Size: S M L	XL XXL
* If you registered for the 18 October 1998	event you do not need to re-registe	er unless

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you have moved and/or wish to revise any other information you previously submitted

1999 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

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DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
99-1	SUN	7 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
9-2	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	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN, EDITH	\$75	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	\$75	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. All dives except 99-C11 are 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

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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

DESTINATION

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 -mail: curt@diver.net	Please make checks payable to THE SEA DIVERS and mail to: <i>THE SEA DIVERS</i> P.O. Box 2415 Redondo Beach, CA 90278

CALENDAR '

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May 23

June 1 June 10 June 13 June 26 Boat Dive – Chamber Day 11, Catalina Boat Dive – San Miguel - *PEACE* KH CleanUp Meeting – 6:30 PM – AES Conference Room KH CleanUp Meeting – 6:30 PM – AES Conference Room Beach Dive – Redondo Beach – 7th King Harbor Underwater CleanUp

General Meeting – 7 PM – Round Table Pizza
Executive Meeting – 7 PM – Roberto Al Mare
Beach Dive / Bouillabaisse: – 8 AM – Veteran's Park, Redondo Beach
Boat Dive – Farnsworth Banks & Catalina Pinnacles - *GREAT ESCAPE*

IN THIS ISSUE!!!!!

- Upcoming Dives!!
- Don Mueller Returns!!!
- Bouillabiasse Moved to June 13th!!

The next full newsletter will be the KH CLEANUP EDITION. (to be published in Mid-May)

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